



Legislation Text

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SUBJECT/RECOMMENDATION:

Approve Equestrian Patrol Equine User Agreement among the City of Clearwater (City), Nancy Miller and Deborah Storey (owners) for the use of the two horses for a period of three years and authorize the appropriate officials to execute same. (consent)

SUMMARY:

City and owners previously entered into Agreements for the use of horses owned by Nancy Miller and Deborah Storey for the purpose of forming a Clearwater Police Department (CPD) Equestrian Patrol.

Examples of the Nancy Miller's costs in providing transportation of both horses to law-enforcement related activities connected with the CPD Equestrian Patrol are as follows:

- Heavy Duty Truck for towing a horse trailer - Approximate cost \$25,000.
- Truck Maintenance - Approximately \$1010 yearly (washing, vacuuming, oil changes, regular maintenance, tires, etc.).
- Horse Trailer - Approximate cost \$12,000.
- Trailer Maintenance - Approximately \$350 yearly (Replace mats, jack, wiring & light replacements, cleaning, shavings, etc.).
- Storage - Location where it will be accessible, safe and not in the way; and

Both horses will be boarded on real property owned by Nancy Miller.

Examples of the owners' yearly costs to maintain two horses are as follows:

- Vaccinations annually - (\$100 per horse X 2 times per horse X 2 horses) \$400.
- Ferrier annually - (About 9 times a year at \$35 a visit per horse) \$630.
- Feed, hay, supplements annually - \$4512.
- Grooming supplies, fly spray, hoof meds annually - \$720.
- De-worming annually - \$80

During the period that the CPD Equestrian Patrol has been in operation, the City has derived the following benefits from the below listed deployments:

- Uniformed patrol of areas that are not accessible by traditional methods due to inaccessibility to cruisers or officers on foot - narrow bridges, tall weeds, insects, snakes, etc.

- Public Relations/Outreach - The officers on horses are literally chased down by people to see the horses and touch them, take photos of/with them, etc. Many people that would not otherwise talk to a uniformed officer will approach the mounted riders to talk to them. This aids in public relations and to open communication with the residents in patrolled neighborhoods.
- Special Events - National Night Out, Christmas time patrols of mall, children's events, etc.
- Field Search Capabilities - Missing Person/Child in wooded settings.
- Mutual Aid - Other agencies needing mounted units.

This User Agreement will be for three years, beginning on August 18, 2017, and ending on August 18, 2020.

APPROPRIATION CODE AND AMOUNT:

Investigative Cost Recovery, 181-99329, \$3600.00

USE OF RESERVE FUNDS:

N/A