



Board Meeting Agenda Abstract

Monday, March 9, 2026

Location:

Agenda Item

Presentation and Resolution - Law Enforcement Retirement - Police Canine Dash - (Smith) - Item 4.A

Item Explanation

The purpose of this agenda item is to consider adopting a resolution awarding ownership of canine Dash to Corporal Matthew Jeslis upon Dash's retirement from the Town of Fuquay-Varina.

Staff Comments

Effective March 9, 2026, police canine Dash will retire from the Fuquay-Varina Police Department after more than 8 1/2 years of honorable and distinguished service to the police department and community. In accordance with North Carolina General Statute 17F-21, and with the approval of the Local Governing Body, Corporal Matthew Jeslis is eligible to receive canine Dash upon the dog's retirement from public service.

The statute allows that, upon determination that a service animal is no longer fit or needed for public service, the State or local government may transfer ownership of the animal to the officer or employee who had normal custody and control during the animal's service, at a price and under terms deemed appropriate by the governing body. Corporal Jeslis meets these requirements and has formally requested that canine Dash be entrusted to his care following the dog's retirement.

Canine Dash, a full-blooded German Shepherd born on September 3, 2016, has served with distinction throughout his career.

The action requested this evening is to approve the Resolution awarding ownership of canine Dash to Corporal Jeslis upon Dash's retirement from the Town of Fuquay-Varina, as recommended.

Fiscal Note

Yes

\$1.00 has been paid to the Town in exchange for police canine Dash in accordance with North Carolina General Statute 17F-21.

Recommendation

MOTION TO: Adopt the Resolution awarding ownership of canine Dash to Corporal Matthew Jeslis upon Dash's retirement from the Town of Fuquay-Varina, as presented and recommended.

ATTACHMENTS

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