

## City Council – Action Request Form

**Date:** June 14, 2021

**To:** Mayor, Mayor Pro Tempore, and Members of the City Council

**From:** Damon Dequenne, Assistant City Manager  
 Catrina Thompson, Chief of Police

**Council Action Requested:**

Resolution Approving an Intergovernmental Agreement between the City of Winston-Salem on behalf of the Winston-Salem Police Department and the Federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (“ATF”) to allow the Winston-Salem Police Department to participate in the ATF's Explosives/Accelerant Detection Canine Program

**Strategic Focus Area:** Safe and Secure Community

**Strategic Objective:** No

**Strategic Plan Action Item:** No

**Key Work Item:** No



**Summary of Information:**

The Federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives ("ATF") has offered to provide a bomb detection K9 to the Winston-Salem Police Department. ATF is providing the K9 free of charge and with ongoing free training provided by that agency. The only requirements of the Police Department would be that the department: (1) provide for the housing and upkeep of the K9; and (2) assist ATF if that agency so requests by bringing the K9 to a local site where a bomb sniff is needed. It is estimated that the annual upkeep of the K9 (to include food, vaccinations, veterinarian visits and equipment) would be approximately \$1,550.00.

The K9 will be assigned to GCRU, the WSPD's Gun Crime Reduction Unit. ATF callouts are expected to be minimal, with the goal of the ATF and WSPD that most of the K9's time will be working in the field locating firearms and spent shell casings.

**Committee Action:**

<b>Committee</b>	Finance 6/14/21 Public Safety 6/14/21	<b>Action</b>	Approval
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<b>For</b>	Unanimous	<b>Against</b>	
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**Remarks:**

Pursuant to North Carolina General Statutes § 160A-17.1 and §160A-460, the WSPD is requesting approval of an Intergovernmental Agreement between the City and ATF for participation by the WSPD in the ATF's Explosives/Accelerant Detection Canine Program. (the "Program"). The initial term of the Agreement would be five (5) years, with renewal possible for additional five (5) year periods so long as the parties agree to continue WSPD's participation in the Program and a suitable K9 is available to the WSPD under the Program.

Ownership of any K9 provided to the WSPD under the Program will remain with ATF until ATF determines that ownership should be transferred to an individual, which is generally the K9's handler. In the event of such a transfer, the K9 handler would enter into an agreement with ATF as to his or her responsibilities regarding the K9; the City would have no responsibility, obligations or liability as to the K9 once a transfer is made.

The WSPD is requesting approval of the Intergovernmental Agreement for participation in the Program and is requesting that the City Manager be authorized to execute any ancillary documentation necessary to carry out the purposes of the Program during the term of the Agreement, and to execute any amendments to the Agreement which may become necessary.