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## COMMITTEE MEMORANDUM

TO: Finance and Citywide Projects Committee

FROM: Jimmy Morales, City Manager

DATE: March 20, 2014

SUBJECT: **DISCUSSION REGARDING PROPOSAL TO PROVIDE RETIRED POLICE DOGS MEDICAL CARE**

### **STATUS UPDATE**

This matter was referred for discussion by Commissioner Jorge Exposito on October 16, 2013, to the Commission as Item 90. It had become known to the Commissioner that retired Miami Beach Police K9s retired are not receiving any medical care from the City of Miami Beach. The current practice is that the retired Police dogs remained under the care of their Police partners and the cost for all medical care after retirement was paid for by the individual officer and not the City of Miami Beach.

After conducting research, it has been determined that the average life expectancy of a retired police dog is about 3 years. The cost of medical care can be broken down as listed below:

Yearly Basic Vet Care and Meds: \$800.00

Yearly Food for the older dog: \$400.00

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Annual Approximate basic cost is \$1,200.00

One time Neutering Cost and retirement physical: 800.00

Private cremation: 260.00

The cap for any major event in a year should be 2500 dollars.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

The City of Miami Beach should fund the care of retired police K9s.

  
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