



Takoma Park City Council Meeting – April 25, 2022 Agenda Item 2

Budget Work Session

Police K-9 Program and License Plate Readers

Recommended Council Action

Receive the presentation.

Context with Key Issues

At the work session, staff will provide an overview of the Takoma Park Police K-9 program and the License Plate Reader (LPR) program.

Retired Montgomery County Police K-9 supervisor, Sgt. Mary Davis, will provide an overview of police K-9 programs, training, and different disciplines of police dogs. Sgt. Davis has over 20 years of experience with K-9 units and is considered an expert in the field.

Detective Sergeant Keith Johnson from the Maryland Coordination and Analysis Center will also attend the work session. He will be speaking on License Plate Readers.

Council Priority

A Livable Community for All
Engaged, Responsive & Service-oriented Government

Environmental Considerations

None

Fiscal Considerations

Cost of the programs; K-9 (\$10,000 annually)/LPR's (\$15,000 annually)

Racial Equity Considerations

The Task Force on Reimagining Public Safety addressed racial equity considerations for policing in its report. Over the next few months, a number of follow up work sessions will be scheduled to continue those discussions.

Attachments and Links

K-9 Program:

- Chief DeVaul's Memo to Council (April 7, 2022)
- Chief DeVaul's Memo regarding Successful K-9 Deployments
- Letter from Adam Braskich June 9, 2021
- Canine Related Case Law
- Takoma Park Police General Orders – K-9 Procedures

License Plate Reader Program:

- Maryland Statutes regarding License Plate Readers
- Takoma Park LPR Program

