

Minutes of the Work Session held August 2, 2010 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mayor Rogers and Council Members

Jim McDonald, Vice Mayor
Jim Buster
Stephanie Karlin

ABSENCE EXCUSED

Frank Scott
Charles Vierhout
Ken Weise

ALSO PRESENT

Charlie McClendon, City Manager
David Fitzhugh, Assistant City Manager
Rogene Hill, Assistant City Manager
Lt. Mike Sgrillo, Avondale Police Department
Andrew McGuire, City Attorney
Carmen Martinez, City Clerk

1) ROLL CALL BY THE CITY CLERK

2) UPDATE ON NEW POLICE CANINE UNIT

An update regarding the City's new Police Canine Unit and introduction of Officer Sinohui and Ringo.

Charlie McClendon, City Manager, indicated that thanks to the City Council's funding contribution, the City has been able to double the size of its K-9 Unit and introduced Lt. Mike Sgrillo to present this item.

Lt Mike Sgrillo reviewed the specifics of this items as more specifically described in the Council report commenting that the canine team has become instrumental to patrol operations. Lt. Sgrillo introduced Officer Sinohui and Ringo, the newest additions to the Avondale Police Department.

In response to a question from Council Member Vierhout, Lt. Sgrillo indicated that ballistic vests for the two police dogs have been purchased through a grant and are expected to arrive soon. Council Member Vierhout asked what is the career life of a police dog. Office Sinohui indicated that it averages between six to eight years due to the strenuous training and work they perform.

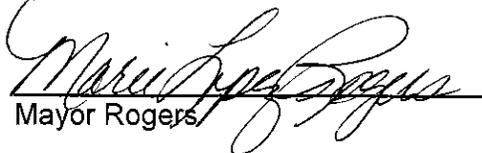
In response to a question from Council Member Karlin, Officer Sinohui indicated that Ringo was imported from the Netherlands and added that the majority of police dogs come from Europe.

Council Member Weise commended Council Member Scott for bringing the issue of a need to add to the City's K-9 unit to the Council's attention. In response to a question from Council Member Weise, Officer Sinohui indicated that Ringo lives with his family and his children are slowly becoming more comfortable with him. He added that Ringo will continue to live with the family once he is no longer fulfilling his current role.

Council Member Scott indicated he has been waiting for a long time to have two teams in the K-9 unit and indicated that K-9 teams make a big contribution to police operations on the street.

3) ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 6:11 p.m.


Mayor Rogers


Carmen Martinez, CMC
City Clerk

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing minutes are a true and correct copy of the minutes of the Work Session of the Council of the City of Avondale held on the 2nd day of August 2010. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that the quorum was present.


City Clerk