

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-R-96

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTH MIAMI, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE RETIREMENT AND DONATION OF POLICE MOUNTED PATROL HORSE LEXUS TO LEXUS OF NORTH MIAMI, INC.; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE AND ALL OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, the City of North Miami Police Department's Mounted Patrol Horse, "Lexus," a ten-year-old Percheron that has honorably served the citizens of the City of North Miami ("City") for one (1) year; and

WHEREAS, Police Horse Lexus sustained an injury that resulted in a change in his temperament, rendering him unable to complete the Police Mounted Patrol School; and

WHEREAS, Police Horse Lexus has become skittish and nervous around the general public, making him no longer suitable for police work; and

WHEREAS, the City desires to donate Police Horse Lexus to Lexus of North Miami, Inc., a Florida Profit Corporation; and

WHEREAS, Lexus of North Miami has expressed a desire to adopt Police Horse Lexus and accept all responsibility, financial obligations, and liability associated with the acceptance of this donation; and

WHEREAS, due to its developed temperamental behavior, Police Horse Lexus has reached the end of his service career with the North Miami Police Department and is hereby deemed surplus property of the City; and

WHEREAS, donation of Police Horse Lexus to Lexus of North Miami, Inc., serves a public purpose and renders a public service because this donation under these circumstances provides a humane and dignified retirement for a service animal that has served the citizens of the City honorably; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council find it is in the best interest of the City and its residents to retire and donate Police Horse Lexus and hereby authorize the Interim City Manager to execute a Waiver of Liability and Hold Harmless Agreement with Lexus of North Miami, Inc., for this purpose.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT DULY RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTH MIAMI, FLORIDA:

Section 1. **Authority of the Interim City Manager.** The Mayor and City Council of the City of North Miami, Florida, hereby authorize the Interim City Manager to retire and donate Police Horse Lexus and execute a Waiver of Liability and Hold Harmless Agreement with Lexus of North Miami, Inc., substantially in the form attached hereto as "Exhibit 1."

Section 2. **Effective Date.** This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by a 5 - 0 vote of the Mayor and City Council of the City of North Miami, Florida, this 22nd day of April, 2025.


ALIX DESULME, ED.D.
MAYOR

ATTEST:


VANESSA JOSEPH, ESQ.
CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM
AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:


JEFF P. H. CAZEAU, ESQ.
CITY ATTORNEY

SPONSORED BY: CITY ADMINISTRATION

Moved by: Charles

Seconded by: Desulme

Vote:

Mayor Alix Desulme, Ed.D.

X (Yes) _____ (No)

Vice-Mayor Kassandra Timothe, MPA

X (Yes) _____ (No)

Councilman Kevin A. Burns

X (Yes) _____ (No)

Councilwoman Mary Estimé-Irvin

X (Yes) _____ (No)

Councilman Pierre Frantz Charles, M.Ed.

X (Yes) _____ (No)