

Resolution Authorizing the Chief of Police to  
Transfer Firearm to Mrs. Tricia Patti, Wife of Late-DPD Officer Michael Patti

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WHEREAS, Corporal Michael Patti served in the Detroit Police Department from February 22, 1993, through February 1, 2024.

WHEREAS, Corporal Michael Patti died active and, therefore, did not have the opportunity to make application for a full service retirement.

WHEREAS, Corporal Michael Patti had been issued DPD Firearm No. DPD0036, Serial Number NER7950.

WHEREAS, Corporal Michael Patti's widow, Mrs. Tricia Patti, has requested Corporal Michael Patti's firearm.

WHEREAS, Sec. 4-112 of the 2012 Charter of the City of Detroit, provides that "the City may not sell or in any way dispose of any property without the approval by resolution of the City Council."

WHEREAS, on February 6, 2024, the Detroit City Council approved the Master Agreement between the City of Detroit and the Detroit Police Officers Association (2022-2027), and in doing so provided that—

All Employees shall be provided at no charge with their department-issued service weapon upon full-service retirement. An Employee will have no more than thirty (30) days after separation to make such request to the Chief of Police. The Department may refuse to give Employees their weapon for good cause shown. Good cause will be established where an Employee has pending criminal charges or has been convicted of a crime, is subject to departmental investigations, or psychological restrictions. Employees who are involuntarily discharged will not receive a service weapon.

WHEREAS, Corporal Michael Patti's widow is not an employee of the Detroit Police Department.

WHEREAS, at the time of his death, Corporal Michael Patti had not requested retirement nor made an application for his firearm upon his retirement.

WHEREAS, the Chief of Police may not have the authority to grant Mrs. Patti's request for her late-husband's firearm due to the contractual language contained in the Collective Bargaining Agreement.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT—

RESOLVED, that the Chief of Police is hereby authorized to take all necessary and proper steps to transfer Corporal Michael Patti's firearm (DPD Firearm No. DPD0036, Serial Number NER7950) to Mrs. Tricia Patti.

RESOLVED, that the Chief of Police shall ensure that all legally required procedures are followed with respect to the transfer of this firearm.