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March 6, 2025

The Honorable Detroit City Council
ATTN: CITY CLERK OFFICE
Coleman A. Young Municipal Center
2 Woodward Ave., Suite 200
Detroit, Michigan 48226

***SUBJECT: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CHIEF OF POLICE TO
TRANSFER FIREARM TO RETIRED DETECTIVE KAREN
WILLIAMS***

Dear Council Members:

I am respectfully requesting approval of the attached resolution, authorizing me to transfer DPD Firearm No. DPD3160/Serial No. NFL0992 to retired Detective Karen Williams.

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 City Council.”

On February 6, 2024, the Detroit City Council approved the 2022-2027 Master Agreement between the City of Detroit and the Detroit Police Lieutenants and Sergeants Association. Article 34 of the Master Agreement provides 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.

On January 15, 2023, former Detective Williams made a request to then Chief James E. White to receive her department-issued firearm; specifically, a S&W 9mm with serial number NFL0992 and DPD number 3160. Subsequently, on February 7, 2023, former Detective Williams retired after 23 years of service, which was 2 years short of the



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full service retirement of 25 years. Pursuant to the Master Agreement, former Detective Williams did not meet the requirements to receive her department-issued firearm.

However, based upon facts specific to former Detective Williams, I am respectfully requesting that you approve the attached resolution to transfer a department-issued firearm to her.

If approved, the Department will ensure that the firearm is transferred in accordance with any legally required procedures governing the transfer of firearms.

Should you have further questions or concerns, please feel free to contact Second Deputy Chief Grant Ha, Office of the Legal Advisor, at (313) 596-2151, Monday through Friday, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. or by email at HaG@detroitmi.gov.

Sincerely,


TODD A. BETTISON
Chief of Police

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Resolution Authorizing the Chief of Police to
Transfer Firearm to Retired Detective Karen Williams

WHEREAS, Retired Detective Karen Williams served the Detroit Police Department from February 7, 2000 to February 7, 2023.

WHEREAS, on January 15, 2023, retired Detective Williams made a request to then Chief James E. White to receive her department-issued firearm; specifically, a S&W 9mm with serial number NFL0992 and DPD number 3160.

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WHEREAS, on February 7, 2023, former Detective Williams retired after 23 years of service, which was 2 years short of the full service retirement of 25 years.

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Master Agreement, retired Detective Williams did not meet the requirements to receive her department-issued firearm.

WHEREAS, it is the desire of Chief of Police Todd A. Bettison to grant retired Detective Williams' request for a firearm.

WHEREAS, the Master Agreement does not give Chief of Police Todd A. Bettison the authority to grant retired Detective Williams' request for a firearm.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT –

RESOLVED, that Chief of Police Todd A. Bettison is hereby authorized to take all necessary and proper steps to transfer DPD Firearm No. DPD3160/Serial No. NFL0992 to retired Detective Karen Williams.

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