



## **COUNCIL WORK SESSION**

**Tuesday, October 1, 2024**

**6:30 p.m.**

**Coon Rapids City Center**

**Conference Room 1**

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### **Call to Order**

Pursuant to Minnesota Statute 13D.04, subd. 2, the City Council will meet in work session to discuss the following:

1. Introduction of Coon Rapids Police Wellness Dog to the City Council

### **Other Business**

### **Adjourn**



## **City Council Work Session**

**1.**

**Meeting Date:** 10/01/2024

**Subject:** Introduction of Coon Rapids Police Wellness Dog to the City Council

**From:** Bill Steiner, Chief of Police

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### **INTRODUCTION**

Captain Harmoning, Officer Ormston and Officer Giese will be at the Council work session to introduce the Coon Rapids Police Department Wellness Dog, Gizmo, to the City Council. Gizmo is a 3-year-old Black Labrador who was trained and donated to the Coon Rapids Police Department by Can-do Canines. Additional start-up costs were generously donated by the Coon Rapids Crime Prevention Association.

### **DISCUSSION**

The therapeutic value of dogs is well established and is being utilized in many settings, including with first responders. Gizmo is in the acclimation process at the police department and has begun to make his way around city hall and into the community. In addition to his services to the officers and support staff within the police department, Gizmo's duties will eventually be expanded into the community, where he will be utilized in response to incidents involving children or adults experiencing trauma or that have special needs.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

Staff will introduce Gizmo to the City Council.

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