



MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and Members of the City Council

FROM: Rich Olson, City Manager
Eddie M. Buffaloe, Jr., Chief of Police

SUBJECT: Awarding of Gun and Badge to Retiree Deputy Chief John D. Young, Jr.

DATE: November 20, 2017

BACKGROUND:

Effective January 1, 2018, Deputy Chief John D. Young, Jr. will be retiring from the Elizabeth City Police Department. Deputy Chief Young has 30 years of consecutive law enforcement service with the Elizabeth City Police Department; and it has been customary to award law enforcement retirees with their service weapons and badges in appreciation of their years of service with the City of Elizabeth City. Staff is recommending that the established protocol be followed by awarding service weapon and badge to Retired Deputy Chief John D. Young, Jr.

ANALYSIS:

North Carolina General Statute 20-187.2 allows badges and service side arms to be awarded to law enforcement officers upon their retirement. NCGS 20-187.2(a) states: "Surviving spouses, or in the event such members die unsurvived by a spouse, surviving children of members of North Carolina State, city and county law enforcement agencies killed in the line of duty or who are members of such agencies at the time of their deaths, and retiring members of such agencies shall receive upon request and at no cost to them, the badge worn or carried by such deceased or retiring members. The governing body of a law enforcement agency may, in its discretion, also award to a retiring member or surviving relative as provided therein, upon request, the service side arm of such deceased or retiring members, at a price determined by such governing body, upon securing a permit as required by G.S. 14-402 et seq. or 14-409.1 et seq., or without such permit provided the weapon shall have been rendered incapable of being fired. Governing body shall mean for county and local alcohol beverage control officers, the county or local board of alcoholic control; for all other law-enforcement officers with jurisdiction limited to a municipality or town, the city or town council; for all other law-enforcement officers with

countywide jurisdiction, the board of county commissioners; for all State law-enforcement officers, the head of the department.”

The required weapon permit has been obtained from the Sheriff Randy Cartwright of the Pasquotank County Sheriff’s Office and a copy of the permit has been provided. The service weapon is a Glock 17 model; serial number YLN764.

RECOMMENDATION:

By motion, adopt the attached resolution awarding to Deputy Chief John D. Young, Jr. his service weapon and badge in conjunction with his retirement effective January 1, 2018.



**RESOLUTION #11-01
AWARDING BADGE AND SERVICE SIDARM
TO RETIRING POLICE OFFICERS**

WHEREAS, G.S. 20-187.2 provides that retiring members of municipal law enforcement agencies may receive, at the time of their retirement, the badge worn or carried by them during their service with the municipality; and

WHEREAS, G.S. 20-187.2 further provides that the governing body of the municipal law enforcement agency may, in its discretion, award to a retiring member the service sidearm of such retiring member; and

WHEREAS, Deputy Chief John D. Young, Jr. served as a member of the Elizabeth City Police Department for a period of 30 years and will retire from the City of Elizabeth City on January 1, 2018; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Elizabeth City, North Carolina that the badge and service weapon worn and/or carried by Deputy Chief John D. Young, Jr. be awarded to him on the occasion of his retirement.

ADOPTED this 27th day of November 2017.

Joseph W. Peel
Mayor

April D. Onley
Interim City Clerk