



City of Galveston

FLEET FACILITIES STAFF REPORT

January 15, 2018

Brian Maxwell, City Manager
Honorable Mayor and City Council Members

Subject: Consider for the approval allowing the Sanderson family to purchase the GPD duty weapon of the late Officer Christopher Sanderson for the fair market value of \$375 which is allowed by statute 614.051 on the Texas Local Government code, and has been approved by the Police Chief.

I. Background

- A. Officer Christopher Sanderson was a twelve year veteran of the Galveston Police Department who lost his battle with cancer in March of 2017.
- B. The Sanderson family has been a large part of the Galveston Police Department for decades with four members being peace officers for the organization.
- C. The Texas Government Code allows for a duty weapon to be purchased by an individual under these circumstances.
- D. The weapon is a Glock Model 22, 40 caliber, Generation 4 semi-automatic pistol and includes three LE magazines. Serial number #VYV052.
- E. Items are valued at \$375 (Kevin Mach - dealer).

II. Current Situation

The City Council will have to approve allowing the Sanderson family to purchase the GPD duty weapon of the late Officer Christopher Sanderson for the fair market value of \$375 which is allowed by statute 614.051 on the Texas Local Government code, and has been approved by the Police Chief.

III. Alternatives in order of priority

- A. City Council approves the request.
 - 1. Cost - no cost to the city
 - 2. Timing - as soon as possible
 - 3. Divisional Improvements - N/A
- B. City Council does not approve the request.





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2. Timing - N/A
3. Divisional Improvements - N/A

IV. Recommendation

Concur in Alternative A and approve allowing the Sanderson family to purchase the GPD duty weapon of the late Officer Christopher Sanderson for the fair market value of \$375 which is allowed by statute 614.051 on the Texas Local Government code, and has been approved by the Police Chief.

V. Fiscal Impact Report

Requested by	David Smith Executive Director
Cost	None
Funding Source	N/A
Savings Estimation	N/A

VI. Environmental Impact

N/A

Respectfully Submitted,

David Smith
Executive Director



comply with open records requests and could also encourage governmental bodies to provide more public information on their websites, resulting in more information being readily available to the public. To achieve these purposes, HB 685 allows a political subdivision of the state to refer open records requestors to a specific location (i.e., URL) on the political subdivision's website in response to the request if the requested information is identifiable and readily available on that website.

Statute: 614.051, *Purchase of Firearm by Honorably Retired PO*

Effective Date: 09/01/2015

Legislation: HB 2135

House Bill 2135 amends the Government Code and Local Government Code to make statutory provisions relating to the purchase of an honorably retired or deceased peace officer's firearm from a governmental entity.³⁰ An individual may purchase only one firearm from a governmental entity under this section. The LE agency sets the sale price for the weapon, which can't be more than the fair-market value for the firearm.

Statute: 614.127, *Lost or Stolen Cards*

Effective Date: 09/01/2015

Legislation: HB 1417

House Bill 1417 amends the Government Code to require a law enforcement agency that issues an identification card to a peace officer, reserve law enforcement officer, or honorably retired peace officer to issue a duplicate card if the officer submits an affidavit stating that the card is lost or stolen.

Statute: 615.022, *Payment to Survivors*

Effective Date: 09/01/2015

Legislation: HB 1278

HB 1278 amends §615.022 of the Government Code to increase the financial assistance paid to the survivors of certain law enforcement officers, firefighters, and other public safety employees killed in the line of duty from \$250,000 to \$500,000.

NEW Statute: 661.207, *Donation of Sick Leave*

Effective Date: 09/01/2015

Legislation: HB 1771

This new statute is specific to employees of state agencies. HB 1771 amends Chapter 661 of the Government Code by adding §661.207, which allows for the donation of sick leave by state employees. This bill allows a state employee to donate accrued sick leave to another employee of the same state agency (e.g., OAG-to-OAG, TCOLE-to-TCOLE, DPS-to-DPS, TDCJ-to-TDCJ, etc.) who has exhausted the employee's sick leave, including any time the individual may be eligible to withdraw from a sick leave pool.

³⁰ HB 2135 amends Government Code §614.0505, *Definitions*, to clarify that "governmental entity" means "a state agency, a county, a municipality, or a joint board for which the constituent agencies are populous home-rule municipalities."