

**CITY OF COLUMBIA, ILLINOIS
ORDINANCE NO. 3553**

**AN ORDINANCE DECLARING POLICE CHIEF JERALD PAUL'S ACTIVE DUTY
FIREARM AS SURPLUS PROPERTY AND PROVIDING THE FIREARM AS A GIFT
TO CHIEF PAUL IN RECOGNITION OF HIS OUTSTANDING DEDICATION TO
SERVICE AND LONGTIME COMMITMENT TO SAFETY IN THE CITY OF
COLUMBIA**

WHEREAS, the City of Columbia ("City"), Monroe and St. Clair Counties, Illinois is a duly created, organized and validly existing municipality of the State of Illinois under the 1970 Illinois Constitution and the laws of the State of Illinois, including particularly the Illinois Municipal Code, and all laws amendatory thereof and supplementary thereto; and

WHEREAS, Police Chief Jerald Paul has served the City of Columbia as a law enforcement officer for 26 years; and

WHEREAS, the City desires to recognize Chief Paul for his outstanding dedication to service and longtime committee to the safety of the community for the past 26 years; and

WHEREAS, Section 11-76-4 of the Illinois Municipal Code (65 ILCS 5/11-76-4) authorizes the City to transfer personal property owned by the City when the Corporate Authorities believe that the property is no longer necessary or useful to, or for the best interests of the City; and

WHEREAS, the City currently owns a Glock 22 firearm, with the serial number BECV261 ("Property"), used by Chief Paul during his tenure as a Police Officer of the City; and

WHEREAS, as a result of Chief Paul's retirement, the Property is no longer necessary or useful to, or for the best interests of, the City; and

WHEREAS, the Corporate Authorities desire to declare the Property to be surplus property and gift the Property as a token of gratitude to Chief Paul for his longtime service with the City of Columbia.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED, by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Columbia, as follows:

Section 1. The preceding recitations in the upper part of this Ordinance are realleged, restated and adopted as paragraph one ("1") of this Ordinance.

Section 2. The Property, no longer necessary or useful to the City, shall be declared surplus property.

Section 3. That the Corporate Authorities authorize the City to gift the Property to Police Chief Jerald Paul for his longtime dedication to protecting and serving the City of Columbia.

Section 4. The City Administrator shall ensure the transfer of Property from the City to Chief Paul is done in accordance with applicable law.

Section 5. This Ordinance shall take full force and effect immediately upon passage by the Corporate Authorities.

PASSED by the City Council and **APPROVED** by the Mayor of the City of Columbia, Illinois and deposited and filed in the office of the City Clerk on the 4th day of January, 2021, the vote being taken by ayes and noes and entered upon the legislative record as follows:

AYES: Aldermen Ebersohl, Agne, Niemietz, Roessler, Huch, Holtkamp, Martens, and Riddle.

NOES: None.

ABSTENTIONS: None.

ABSENT: None.

APPROVED:



KEVIN B. HUTCHINSON, Mayor

ATTEST:



WESLEY J. HOEFFKEN, City Clerk

(SEAL)