

**Columbus Consolidated Government
Council Meeting Agenda Item**

TO:	Mayor and Councilors
AGENDA SUBJECT:	Drones for the Police Department
INITIATED BY:	Finance Department

It is requested that Council approve the purchase of drones, to include Drone as First Responder (DFR) 2.0 system, including hardware, software, and services, from Flock Group, Inc./dba Flock Safety (Atlanta, GA). The purchase will be made via a Three-year agreement, per the following terms: Year One – no cost with an option to cancel the contract during year one; Year Two - \$600,000 and Year Three - \$600,000 for a total of \$1,200,000.00 during the course of the Three-year agreement. In the event the Police Department orders additional units after the initial Three-year agreement; funds will be budgeted in the appropriate fiscal year(s).

The drones are part of the Flock Safety Platform, which includes the following items:

Item	Quantity	Description
Flock Aerodome DFR - M4TD + Dock 3	6	Drone as First Responder (DFR) 2.0 system, including hardware, software, and services. Hardware includes M4D series drone, camera, batteries, and contact-charging Dock 3. Software includes remote piloting, air traffic awareness, spectator view, mobile app, flight logging, mission reporting, and community engagement dashboard. Services include FAA regulatory services, SOP development, training, and ongoing support.
Flock911 for Aerodome	1	Flock911 enables users to access live 911 calls directly within the FlockOS™ software, delivering real-time situational context that ensures faster, safer, and more efficient responses to calls for service.
Flock Aerodome DFR - Radar	2	Drone as First Responder (DFR) 2.0 detect and avoid capabilities for operations up to 400 ft according to agreed-upon UASFM altitudes. Includes FAA regulatory services and installation.

The Drone platform will provide the Police Department with rapid aerial visibility for faster police response, improved situational awareness, and safer outcomes.

Per Resolution #142-21, Council approved an annual contract with Flock Group/dba Flock Safety to provide an Automatic License Plate Recognition (ALPR) Security Camera System. The purchase of the Drone platform will work in conjunction with the existing camera

system. Consequently, the vendor is deemed the only known source for this purchase per the Procurement Ordinance, Article #3-114.

If the Police Department proceeds with the agreement after the first year, funds for years two and three will be budgeted in the appropriate fiscal years.

In the event the Police Department orders additional units after the initial three-year agreement; funds will be budgeted in the appropriate fiscal year(s).

A RESOLUTION

NO. _____

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF DRONES, TO INCLUDE DRONE AS FIRST RESPONDER (DFR) 2.0 SYSTEM, INCLUDING HARDWARE, SOFTWARE, AND SERVICES, FROM FLOCK GROUP, INC./DBA FLOCK SAFETY (ATLANTA, GA). THE PURCHASE WILL BE MADE VIA A THREE-YEAR AGREEMENT, PER THE FOLLOWING TERMS: YEAR ONE – NO COST WITH AN OPTION TO CANCEL THE CONTRACT DURING YEAR ONE; YEAR TWO - \$600,000 AND YEAR THREE - \$600,000 FOR A TOTAL OF \$1,200,000.00 DURING THE COURSE OF THE THREE-YEAR AGREEMENT. IN THE EVENT THE POLICE DEPARTMENT ORDERS ADDITIONAL UNITS AFTER THE INITIAL THREE-YEAR AGREEMENT; FUNDS WILL BE BUDGETED IN THE APPROPRIATE FISCAL YEAR(S).

WHEREAS, the drones are part of the Flock Safety Platform, which includes the following items:

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NOW, THEREFORE, THE COUNCIL OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA, HEREBY RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

That the Mayor and/or his designee is hereby authorized to purchase drones, to include Drone as First Responder (DFR) 2.0 system, including hardware, software, and services, from Flock Group, Inc./dba Flock Safety (Atlanta, GA). The purchase will be made via a Three-year agreement, per the following terms: Year One – no cost with an option to cancel the contract during year one; Year Two - \$600,000 and Year Three - \$600,000 for a total of \$1,200,000.00 during the course of the Three-year agreement.

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Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia, held the ____day of _____, 2025 and adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of _____members of said Council.

Councilor Allen	voting _____
Councilor Anker	voting _____
Councilor Chambers	voting _____
Councilor Cogle	voting _____
Councilor Crabb	voting _____
Councilor Davis	voting _____
Councilor Garrett	voting _____
Councilor Hickey	voting _____
Councilor Huff	voting _____
Councilor Tucker	voting _____

Lindsey G. McLemore, Clerk of Council

B.H. “Skip” Henderson III, Mayor