

**Columbus Consolidated Government  
Council Meeting Agenda Item**

<b>TO:</b>	Mayor and Councilors
<b>AGENDA SUBJECT:</b>	Drones and Accessories for the Police Department - Sourcewell Cooperative Contract Purchase
<b>INITIATED BY:</b>	Finance Department

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It is requested that Council approve the purchase of drones and accessories from Unmanned Vehicle Technologies LLC (Fayetteville, AR), in the amount of \$35,148.52, for the Police Department. The purchase will be accomplished by Cooperative Purchase via Sourcewell Contract #011223-UNM.

The drones will provide visualization and gather data in high-intensity situations such as major traffic incidents, hostage or barricade situations etc... without risking officer safety. The Police Department will utilize the drones to further enhance their policing duties.

The purchase will be accomplished by Cooperative Purchase via Request for Proposal (RFP) #011223, initiated by Sourcewell, whereby Unmanned Vehicle Technologies, LLC was one of the successful vendors contracted to provide Unmanned and Remotely Operated Vehicle Systems with Related Technology and Services. The contract, which commenced March 28, 2023, is good through March 24, 2027. The contract available under Sourcewell has been awarded by virtue of a public competitive procurement process compliant with State and Federal statutes. Sourcewell is a State of Minnesota local government agency and service cooperative created under the laws of the State of Minnesota (Minnesota Statutes Section 123A.21) that offers cooperative procurement solutions to government entities. Participation is open to federal, state/province, and municipal governmental entities, higher education, K-12 education, tribal government, and other public entities located in the United States and Canada. The RFP process utilized by Sourcewell meets the requirements of the Procurement Ordinance; additionally, The Procurement Ordinance, Article 9-101, authorizes the use of cooperative purchasing.

Funds are budgeted in the FY24 Budget: 2021 Sales Tax Project Fund – 2021 SPLOST – 21 SPLOST Public Safety – Capital Expenditures/Over \$5,000 – Public Safety Vehicles/Equipment - Police; 0567 – 696 – 3111 – STPS – 7761 – 54151-20240.

**A RESOLUTION**

**NO. \_\_\_\_\_**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF DRONES AND ACCESSORIES FROM UNMANNED VEHICLE TECHNOLOGIES LLC (FAYETTEVILLE, AR) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$35,148.52 FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT. THE PURCHASE WILL BE ACCOMPLISHED BY COOPERATIVE PURCHASE VIA SOURCEWELL CONTRACT #011223-UNM.**

**WHEREAS**, the drones will provide visualization and gather data in high-intensity situations such as major traffic incidents, hostage or barricade situations etc... without risking officer safety. The Police Department will utilize the drones to further enhance their policing duties; and,

**WHEREAS**, the purchase will be accomplished by Cooperative Purchase via Request for Proposal (RFP) #011223, initiated by Sourcewell, whereby Unmanned Vehicle Technologies, LLC was one of the successful vendors contracted to provide Unmanned and Remotely Operated Vehicle Systems with Related Technology and Services. The contract, which commenced March 28, 2023, is good through March 24, 2027. The contract available under Sourcewell has been awarded by virtue of a public competitive procurement process compliant with State and Federal statutes. Sourcewell is a State of Minnesota local government agency and service cooperative created under the laws of the State of Minnesota (Minnesota Statutes Section 123A.21) that offers cooperative procurement solutions to government entities. Participation is open to federal, state/province, and municipal governmental entities, higher education, K-12 education, tribal government, and other public entities located in the United States and Canada. The RFP process utilized by Sourcewell meets the requirements of the Procurement Ordinance; additionally, The Procurement Ordinance, Article 9-101, authorizes the use of cooperative purchasing.

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

That the City Manager is hereby authorized to purchase drones and accessories from Unmanned Vehicle Technologies LLC (Fayetteville, AR) in the amount of \$35,148.52 for the Police Department. The purchase will be accomplished by Cooperative Purchase via Sourcewell Contract #011223-UNM. Funds are budgeted in the FY24 Budget: 2021 Sales Tax Project Fund – 2021 SPLOST – 21 SPLOST Public Safety – Capital Expenditures/Over \$5,000 – Public Safety Vehicles/Equipment - Police; 0567 – 696 – 3111 – STPS – 7761 – 54151-20240.

Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia, held the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2024 and adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of \_\_\_\_\_ members of said Council.

- Councilor Allen voting \_\_\_\_\_.
- Councilor Barnes voting \_\_\_\_\_.
- Councilor Begley voting \_\_\_\_\_.
- Councilor Cogle voting \_\_\_\_\_.
- Councilor Crabb voting \_\_\_\_\_.
- Councilor Davis voting \_\_\_\_\_.
- Councilor Garrett voting \_\_\_\_\_.

Councilor Huff voting \_\_\_\_\_.  
Councilor Thomas voting \_\_\_\_\_.  
Councilor Tucker voting \_\_\_\_\_.

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Sandra T. Davis, Clerk of Council

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B.H. "Skip" Henderson III, Mayor