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**FORESTPARK**

# City Council Agenda Item

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**Subject:** Council Discussion and Approval - Drones

**Submitted By:** Brandon L. Criss, Chief of Police

**Date Submitted:** January 30, 2024

**Work Session Date:** February 5, 2024

**Council Meeting Date:** February 5, 2024

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**Background/History:**

Drones have proven to be valuable assets in enhancing police operations and bolstering public safety. Their ability to offer real-time surveillance, collect vital evidence, and access inaccessible areas makes them invaluable tools in combating crime.

Drone as First Responder (DFR) boast numerous advantages, including decreased response time and heightened safety for both law enforcement officers and communities. When a 911 call is received, a trained police officer can deploy a drone to the emergency site while patrol cars are en route, ensuring swift and efficient response even before officers arrive on the scene.

The Justice Forfeiture Account will be utilized to cover the annual cost of \$80,000 for the three-year contract.

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**\$80,000 annually (x3 years)**  
**Cost: \$ \$240,000 Total contract value**

**Budgeted for:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Yes**  **No**

**Financial Impact:** With approval, the purchase will be funded from the Justice Forfeiture Account.

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**Action Requested from Council:**

Discussion and Vote