

**OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER
LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS**

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS COMMUNICATION
APRIL 1, 2025 AGENDA**

Subject:	Action Required:	Approved By:
<p>To authorize a contract with Unmanned Vehicle Technologies, Inc., to purchase six (6) Anzu Robotics Raptor T Drones and related equipment for the Little Rock Police Department.</p> <p>Submitted By:</p> <p>Little Rock Police Department</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Ordinance √ Resolution</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Susan Altrui Acting City Manager</p>
<p>SYNOPSIS</p> <p>FISCAL IMPACT</p> <p>RECOMMENDATION</p> <p>BACKGROUND</p>	<p>A resolution to authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with Unmanned Vehicle Technologies, Inc. (“UVT”), for the purchase of 6 Anzu Robotics Raptor T drones, including related equipment, software, support and product protection plan for LRPD use to develop a patrol-based drone response team and Secure Operations with Aerial Response (SOAR) Program.</p> <p>Funds for this purchase are through Sourcewell Contract No. 011223-UNM for \$59,024.78, including applicable taxes and fees, which will be paid from Arkansas Public Safety Equipment Grant FY-2025 Account No. 270529-60200-G52DS41.</p> <p>Approval of the resolution.</p> <p>LRPD was awarded an Arkansas Public Safety Equipment Grant - FY 2025, for development of a patrol-based drone response program. The approved grant budget includes funding to purchase six (6) Anzu Robotics Raptor T drones and required equipment and software. The pilot SOAR program will equip one LRPD Field Services Patrol</p>	

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Divisions with 6 small portable drones capable of being carried inside a standard patrol vehicle. Drones will be available for check out by properly licensed LRPD Drone Operators. LRPD's SOAR drones can be deployed for aerial "overwatch" to provide responding officers with real time information during incidents, allowing for rapid development of action plans and incident de-escalation.