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CITY COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA ITEM REPORT

DATE: January 14, 2026

SUBMITTED BY: Jeremy Giddens, Police

ITEM TYPE: Miscellaneous

AGENDA SECTION: CONSENT AGENDA

SUBJECT: Drone Replacement Program Financial Assistance Agreement with the Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE)

SUGGESTED ACTION: Approval

Is this item Quasi-Judicial?

No

Does this item require a public hearing?

No

EXPLANATION:

The Bradenton Police Department was approved during the second round of funding to purchase three additional drones for deployment within the department. This grant will allow the Bradenton Police Department to deploy five drones, with one dedicated to tactical use.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

This program expands our current drone program and adds 3 additional drones. This program does not add additional personnel, and the grant covers initial start-up and operational costs. Future costs are estimated at approx. \$5,500.00/unit and will be a part of department operating costs.

ATTORNEY REVIEW/RECOMMENDATION:

Police Legal Advisor reviewed.

SUGGESTED MOTION:

Motion to approve the Drone Replacement Program Financial Assistance Agreement and authorize the Mayor to execute any future agreements for the Drone Replacement Program Financial Assistance with the FDLE.

ATTACHMENTS:

Drone Replacement Program Financial Assistance Agreement