Town Council
Regular Meeting
Agenda Item 8.b.

Agenda Item: **Resolution 26-G-45 to accept a generous donation of a vehicle from Leidos, Inc.**

Meeting Date: July 28, 2026

Category: Consent

Prepared by: Steve Pihonak, Chief of Police

Description:
This is a request to adopt a resolution authorizing the Town of Herndon to accept a donation from Leidos, Inc. Leidos will donate a 1969 modified Ford van, previously used as an ice cream truck for corporate events, to the Town of Herndon. The vehicle will be utilized by the Herndon Police Department for community events, youth outreach, and other Town-sponsored activities.

Background/Timing Impact:

Leidos Inc. reached out to the Town of Herndon Police Department (HPD) and offered to donate a 1969 modified Ford van that has been used as an ice cream truck for corporate events. The company no longer has a need for the vehicle and wishes to transfer it to the Town at no cost.

HPD would like the Town to accept this donation. The plan is to repurpose the vehicle for community engagement. The truck would be used at Town events, neighborhood visits, youth outreach programs, and other community-focused initiatives. Its purpose is to strengthen relationships with children and families in Herndon by providing a fun, approachable, and memorable way for officers to interact with residents.

The vehicle will be wrapped with HPD branding, outfitted with appropriate safety lighting, and maintained by the Town of Herndon. The truck will not be used for enforcement activity. Its sole function will be community engagement and public outreach.

Accepting this donation supports the Town's ongoing efforts to enhance positive police-community interactions, expand youth engagement opportunities, and increase the Police Department's presence at public events in a friendly, non-enforcement capacity.

The HPD is continually seeking new and innovative ways to engage with the community, and the opportunity to acquire this truck comes at an ideal moment. As we expand our presence at Town events and strengthen youth outreach initiatives, this

donation provides a timely and meaningful enhancement to our community engagement efforts.

Strategic Focus Area:
Thriving Community

Fiscal Impact:
Leidos Inc. has committed to donating this vehicle to the Town of Herndon at no cost. The truck may require cosmetic updates to reflect Town and Police Department branding, as well as potential mechanical work to ensure it is fully serviceable for community use. HPD intends to utilize funds available through the shared asset forfeiture accounts to offset these expenses and minimize any fiscal impact to the Town.

Legal Impact:

This item is submitted in accordance with established policy requirements.

Staff Recommendation/Next Steps:
Staff recommends approval as presented.

Attachments:
1. Resolution (Proposed)
2. Attachment 1, Leidos Photo
3. Attachment 2, Leidos Photo
4. Attachment 3, Leidos Photo