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The City Council
Niagara Falls, New York

RE: NYS Department of Transportation (“NYSDOT”) acquisition of approximately 400 square feet of City parkland for NYSDOT traffic signal upgrades at the corner of Walnut Avenue and Hyde Park Boulevard

Council Members:

NYSDOT has commenced a project to upgrade various traffic signals throughout Western New York including the traffic signal at Walnut Avenue and Hyde Park Boulevard. The City owned real estate in question that is affected is located on the north east corner of the intersection and is approximately 400 square feet in total. The attached correspondence from NYSDOT describes the project and attaches a map showing the location of the City owned real estate involved. (It should be noted that the attached letter describes this real estate as “Arthur V. Curcione Place” because of the signage located in the vicinity. It is actually City public parkland which is most likely part of Hyde Park.)

In any event, NYSDOT will be acquiring this small parcel through the eminent domain process. An appraisal is being conducted and the City will be paid for this small parcel of real estate.

Will the Council so approve and authorize the Mayor to execute any agreement or correspondence confirming that this small parcel of property is “de minimis” in nature and that the action undertaken by the NYSDOT will not adversely impact park activities?

Respectfully submitted,

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