

CITY OF NIAGARA FALLS, NEW YORK

TO: City Council
FROM: Mayor Robert M. Restaino
DATE: June 7, 2022
RE: **Third Party Legal Consultant Extension
Department of Community Development**

In June, 2020 the City Council approved hiring Richard Zucco, the retired Community Development legal counsel, as a third-party consultant to provide services to the Community Development Department. The rate of pay was \$175.00 per hour. The consultancy was extended for an additional year, and the term expires May 31.

Mr. Zucco has provided assistance in the preparation of grant agreements and council agenda items for the CD Department, as well as being available to review matters such as grantee eligibility and program compliance. Mr. Zucco is retired as an attorney, and has referred matters requiring legal advice to the Corporation Counsel.

It is proposed that the consultancy be extended for an additional year on the same terms and conditions, at the current rate, with up to \$10,000 of additional funds appropriated to cover this consultancy. This will allow the continuation of the arrangement which has been beneficial to the Community Development Department.

Will the Council vote to approve the proposal presented herein and to authorize the Mayor to execute any documents necessary to effectuate the same?

Respectfully submitted,

Robert M. Restaino, Mayor

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