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The City Council
Niagara Falls, New York

RE: Agreement to Implement IT Strategic Plan and Upgrades (Avero Advisors)

Council Members:

In an effort to improve the City's information technology capabilities, the City contracted with Avero Advisors ("Avero") earlier this year to provide an assessment of our current IT infrastructure environment, provide staff analysis, develop modernization strategies and to create an IT Strategic Plan for the City. In furtherance of the Strategic Plan, it is proposed that the City further contract with Avero to perform the services required to undertake the same.

The work to be performed by Avero will include, among other things, a network rebuild, Active Directory cleanup, firewall implementation, discovery and stabilization of system backups, oversight and project management maintenance, as well as ad-hoc IT support. The term of agreement will run through December 31, 2022. The cost for Avero's services, including necessary hardware and software, is \$344,760.00; funding is available from American Rescue Plan Funds utilizing the Treasury Guidance Expenditure Category 1, which is the "Responding to Public Health Emergency" category.

Will the Council so approve and authorize the Mayor to execute any documents necessary to implement the same, provided these documents are in form and content acceptable to the Corporation Counsel?

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT M. RESTAINO
Mayor

Funding Approval:

Daniel Morello, City Controller

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