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The City Council
Niagara Falls, New York

***RE: Approval of Purchase of Communications Equipment and Services
(Niagara Falls Police Department)***

Council Members:

In May 2022, the City Council approved an agenda item related to the purchase of public safety communications equipment from Motorola Solutions, Inc. All items for this project were initially acquired through a New York State Contract, however Motorola has been unable to supply the final pieces of equipment (Tactical GCAI PTT earpieces) due to supply chain issues. The City has waited a reasonable amount of time, but the vendor is unable to guarantee when or even if it will be able to supply this last item. As this equipment is a necessary component from a Public Safety standpoint and a continued delay is detrimental to the safety of police personnel and the public, it must be procured from another vendor, so long as the original order contract is amended to reflect same.

The Tactical GCAI PTT piece was originally budgeted with ARP funds at a total cost of \$3,744.00. The total dollar amount of the items in question falls below the bid threshold, so a bid is not required; item quotes will be sufficient. The City has received a quote from Power Products/Multiplier Industries, 2170 Brandon Trail, Alpharetta, GA 30004-8457, which can provide the items at a cost of \$4,812.50. The original purchase order will be closed, and the unused balance of \$3,744.00 can be applied toward the cost of items from the new vendor.

Funding for the \$1,068.50 difference in cost is available from American Rescue Plan Funds under the Treasury Guidance Expenditure Category 6.1, which is "Revenue Replacement for the Provision of Government Services."

Will the Council so approve and authorize the Mayor to execute any documents necessary to effectuate the same, provided that they are acceptable to the office of the Corporation Counsel?

Respectfully submitted,

Robert M. Restaino
Mayor

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