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The City Council
Niagara Falls, New York

RE: Implementation of "Phase II" of IT Strategic Plan

Council Members:

Over the last year, the City has developed an IT Strategic Plan in an effort to improve our information technology capabilities. Phase I of the Strategic Plan included an assessment of our existing IT infrastructure environment, a network rebuild, directory cleanup, firewall implementation, discovery and stabilization of system backups, staff analysis and development of modernization strategies for the City. This process has laid the foundation for our next step, which is Phase II of the Strategic IT Plan.

Phase II of the Plan will require the services of Avero Advisors ("Avero"), the consultant that assisted the City through the first phase of the project. Avero's continued work on Phase II, including network engineering, optimizing storage, file structure, cybersecurity consulting and contingency, is estimated at a cost of \$1,034,697.40.

The project will also require \$408,400.00 for hardware upgrades, which will include 260 new Windows Workstations and wireless devices. Additionally, \$255,827.00 is required for product costs for additional backup storage, switches, zoom room, batteries and software, bringing the entire total to \$1,698,924.40. 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 office of the Corporation Counsel?

Respectfully submitted,

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Mayor

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