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July 24, 2023

The City Council Niagara Falls, New York

Re: Agreement with Niagara Falls City School District (School Resource Officers)

Council Members:

Over the last several years, the City has assigned police officers to serve as School Resource Officers at Niagara Falls High School, Gaskill and LaSalle Prep Schools and at the elementary schools. As this has proven to be a very positive initiative for the School District as well as the City, it is proposed that this arrangement continue for the 2023-24 academic year.

It is requested that the agreement with the School District which provides for the deployment of School Resource Officers be renewed for the 2023-24 school year. The term of the agreement will commence on July 1, 2023, and terminate on June 30, 2024. Five (5) officers will be deployed from July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2024 (two at the high school, one at each prep school, and one rotating at the elementary schools). The School District will reimburse the City for the total cost of salary and benefits for the police officers, which totals approximately \$528,640.02, together with any cost adjustments incurred by the City pursuant to collective bargaining agreements.

Will the Council so approve and authorize the Mayor to execute an agreement satisfactory to the office of the Corporation Counsel in both form and content?

Submitted by:

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