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The City Council  
Niagara Falls, New York

**RE: Agreement to Purchase Hardware/Software/Web Services  
(Axon Enterprises, Inc. - Redaction Assistant Software and Technology)**

Council Members:

Since 2020, the City has seen a significant increase in the amount of Freedom of Information Law (“FOIL”) requests relating to the patrol activities of the Niagara Falls Police Department (“NFPD”). These requests often seek video imagery captured by the body cameras worn by NFPD officers. To adequately respond to FOIL requests for body camera footage, both the Police Department and the Law Department must review the images and make redactions of information that is not subject to FOIL. This is often extremely time-consuming as it requires the pixelation or blurring of the video images contained in the footage.

In the interest of efficiency, it is proposed that the City secure a license from Axon Enterprises, Inc., (“Axon”) for redaction assistant software and technology to assist in the FOIL response process. In December 2021, the City Council approved an agreement with Axon, the world leader in Tasers, Body Worn Cameras, and storage, to provide body camera technology and cloud-based evidence storage for the NFPD.

Under the proposed agreement, Axon will provide the integrated system of hardware, software, cloud-based storage, and related services for four years at a cost of \$57,420.00 over the length of the agreement. Funding for this project 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 an agreement satisfactory to the Corporation Counsel in both form and content?

Respectfully submitted,

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