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The City Council
Niagara Falls, New York

RE: Modification of project approved on November 27, 2017 that provided funding for Connect & Protect Niagara Mobile App initiative

Council Members:

During the City Council meeting on November 27, 2017 the City Council approved funding in the amount of \$2,500.00 for an initiative developed by Councilman Scott and Niagara University to create a mobile app for smart phone utilization that will promote and enhance resident awareness of various programs and services that are available in the area.

During the creation of this mobile app initiative, it became apparent to those working on the project that other similar types of projects already existed or were in development. Accordingly, the promoters of this initiative looked for another project to address certain disconnects in information availability. The result was an idea to create the "Niagara Answers" website which will promote resident and visitor awareness and involvement and ensure equal opportunity and services to provide an easy approach for residents and visitors to find City information and services. This "Niagara Answers" website will be designed to offer an easy approach for residents and visitors to search for City information and services and will connect the City of Niagara Falls. Attached hereto is a copy of the new proposal developed by Councilman Scott and Niagara University and will be utilized by the University for expenses incurred in the creation of this new project. There is no request for additional funding from the City for this initiative as the \$2,500.00 previously provided by the City for the Mobile App initiative continues to be held in escrow by Niagara University and will be utilized by the University for expenses incurred in the creation of this new project. It is also requested that the date for completion of this project be extended to December 31, 2019.

Will the Council approve this change in the initiative and authorize the Mayor to execute an agreement provided the same is in form and content acceptable to the Corporation Counsel?

Respectfully submitted,

PAUL A. DYSTER
Mayor

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