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April 8, 2021

The City Council
Niagara Falls, New York

RE: Harriet Tubman Statue (Grant Administration)

Council Members:

In December of 2015, the City of Niagara Falls received notification that the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation & Historic Preservation was awarding a grant of \$201,725.00 for the Customhouse Harriet Tubman Plaza (HAS Dev – 154097), with a five year completion date. Under the previous administration, a resolution was presented to City Council that was inaccurate as to the size of the grant and the actual amount of matching funds required from the City regarding the Customhouse Harriet Tubman Plaza.

The grant was amended in 2017, with funding to be used for the design and placement of a statue honoring Harriet Tubman, with a City match of \$67,242.00.

In order to complete the project, this Administration has worked with the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation & Historic Preservation to have the grant extended to December, 2021. As the State has consented to the extension, an amendment of the underlying agreement and grant certifications is necessary. With regard to the \$67,242.00 in City matching funds, it is proposed that this amount be provided from previously approved Greenway grant funding, included in capital code H1519.

Will the City Council authorize the Mayor to execute an amendment to the contract and other certifications with the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation & Historic Preservation in order to move forward with this project?

Respectfully submitted,

Robert M. Restaino
Mayor

Funding Approval:

Daniel Morello, City Controller
City Council Meeting, April 14, 2021

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