**This Frontier Services Agreement** ("FSA") is effective as of June 1, 2017, by and between Frontier Communications of America, Inc. on behalf of itself and its affiliates which provide Equipment and Services identified in the Schedules ("Frontier"), and City of North Port, whose primary address is 4970 City Hall Blvd, North Port FL 34286 ("Customer").

## 1. Provision of Services and Equipment

a. Frontier will provide and the Customer agrees to pay for the communications, installation and maintenance services (collectively "Service"), and/or purchase or lease equipment ("Equipment"), described in this FSA and Schedules executed by Customer.

b. Customer acknowledges that certain Services may be governed by tariff or price schedule filed with the Federal Communications Commission and/or the state public utilities commission. In the event of any inconsistencies between this FSA and an applicable tariff, the tariff shall control except with respect to pricing, early termination charges or cancellation charges for which this FSA shall control.

c. Frontier will provide, maintain and repair the Frontier owned facilities and equipment used to provide the Services ("Frontier('s) Network"), up to and including the point at which Frontier's Network is made available for interconnection to Customer's premises equipment or inside wiring. Customer shall provide Frontier reasonable access to Customer's premises during normal business hours for the purpose of installing, inspecting, testing, rearranging, repairing or removing any Frontier Network components, including obtaining approvals, permits or licenses from third parties as necessary. Customer will cooperate in good faith and provide all reasonable information and authorizations required by Frontier for the purpose of installing Services and/or Equipment, performing routine network grooming, maintenance, upgrades, and addressing emergencies, including but not limited to design layout records of any Customer or third party network elements to be connected to the Services and Letters of Agency allowing Frontier to act on the Customer's behalf related to the Services and auxiliary third party services.

d. Only authorized agents and representatives of Frontier may perform maintenance work with respect to Frontier's Network. Any repair, alteration, configuration or servicing of Frontier's Network, Services or Equipment by Customer or third parties without the written consent of Frontier is a material breach of this FSA and cause for termination at Frontier's option.

e. If Frontier is unable to commence performance hereunder due to circumstances within Customer's control, any related costs incurred by Frontier, including but not limited to travel at normal rate and overtime labor rate expenses, will be reimbursed by Customer. Customer will reimburse Frontier for all costs incurred for installation, maintenance and repair if: (i) Frontier's Network is altered, maintained or repaired by any party other than Frontier, without Frontier' prior written consent, (ii) the malfunction of the Service or Equipment is the result of mishandling, abuse, misuse, improper operation, improper storage, or improper installation by anyone other than Frontier (including use in conjunction with equipment electrically or mechanically incompatible); or (iii) if the problem originated from a source unrelated to Frontier's Network.

f. Customer will provide (i) suitable building facilities (including but not limited to space, circuitry, power, backup power, and surge protectors) for the installation, operation, and maintenance of Frontier's Network in accordance with manufacturer's documentation and Frontier's installation standards, more fully described in the applicable Schedule; and (ii) a well-lighted and safe working area that complies with all local safety standards and regulations.

g. The Services or Equipment may be connected with the services or facilities of other carriers. Frontier may, when authorized by Customer and as may be agreed to by Frontier, act as Customer's agent for ordering facilities provided by other carriers to allow such connection of Customer's locations to Frontier's Network or to the network of an underlying carrier or service.

h. Customer is responsible for all charges billed by other carriers or third parties. Frontier shall not be responsible for the installation, operation, repair or maintenance or performance of equipment, facilities, software or service not provided directly by Frontier. Customer is responsible to provide equipment compatible with the Service or Equipment and Frontier's Network, and any wiring required to extend a communications termination and/or demarcation at the Customer premises. Customer will provide suitable building facilities for the provision of Services in accordance with local codes, including but not limited to ducting, conduit, structural borings, etc. for cable and conductors in floors, ceilings and walls; electrical service with suitable terminals and power surge protection devices; and metallic grounds with sufficient slack in the equipment room, installed in conformity with the National Electrical Code and local codes, and Frontier's installation standards.

i. Customer is solely responsible for the selection, implementation and maintenance of security features for protection against unauthorized or fraudulent use of the Services and Equipment. Customer is solely responsible for ensuring that all of Customer's data are adequately secured, documented and backed-up at all times. Frontier and its contractors are not responsible or liable for data loss for any reason.

j. Frontier will manage the Frontier Network in Frontier's sole discretion, and reserves the right to substitute, change or rearrange any equipment or facilities used in delivering Services or provisioning the Equipment. Frontier will endeavor to provide reasonable notice prior to any scheduled maintenance, planned enhancements or upgrades, which may result in a degradation or disruption in Service. Frontier reserves the right to suspend Service for emergency maintenance to Frontier's Network without notice to Customer. Customer shall designate a primary contact for receipt of such notice.

k. Customer represents and warrants that its use of the Service and Equipment will comply and conform with all applicable federal, state and local laws, administrative and regulatory requirements and any other authorities having jurisdiction over the subject matter of this FSA and Customer will be responsible for applying for, obtaining and maintaining all registrations and certifications which may be required by such authorities with respect to such use.

l. Except as expressly identified in a Schedule, Customer and its employees shall be the only permitted end-user of the Services and leased Equipment. Customer shall not resell or bundle the Services or leased Equipment, nor permit any third party to access the Services or leased Equipment in exchange for compensation of any kind.

## 2. Term

The term of this FSA will commence as of the date identified in the introductory paragraph above or the date the FSA is executed by both Parties, whichever is later (the "Effective Date") and will continue through the Service Term with respect to any Service or Equipment provided pursuant to this FSA. Customer will purchase the Services, or lease Equipment, identified in each Schedule for the period of time stated in the Schedule (the "Service Term"). Unless otherwise stated in the Schedule, the Service Term and billing for the Service, will begin upon the earlier of (i) Customer's use of the applicable Service(s) or Equipment or (ii) five (5) days following Frontier's installation of such Service(s) or Equipment, and such date is deemed the commencement of the applicable Service Term. If neither party provides the other with written notice of its intent to terminate a Service at least sixty (60) days prior to expiration, the Service Term of each Service will automatically renew for additional one-year periods, subject to the terms and conditions of this FSA and at the then applicable one-year term rate, excluding promotional rates. If the parties agree to negotiated renewal

terms, such terms will not be effective unless and until documented in writing and executed by both parties.

**3. Payment**

a. Customer shall pay all charges set forth in the Schedules and in applicable tariffs during the Service Term. Frontier will invoice Customer any non-recurring charges ("NRC"), monthly recurring charges ("MRC"), and usage based charges.

b. In addition to the applicable charges set forth in the tariffs and Schedules, Customer shall pay all applicable federal, state or local sales, use, privilege, gross receipts, utility, value added, excise or other taxes (excluding taxes based on Frontier's net income), or any charges in lieu thereof, and any applicable surcharges or fees, whether government mandated or Frontier initiated including but not limited to Primary Interexchange Carrier Charge, Federal Pre-Subscribed Line Charge, Carrier Cost Recovery Surcharge, E-911, and Universal Service and Local Number Portability, in the amounts applicable at the time of billing. Customer shall also be responsible for third party charges and penalties incurred as a result of Customer's use of the Services or Equipment.

c. All payments shall be due within thirty (30) days of the invoice date. If in the event of Customer's failure to pay, Frontier may exercise any rights available at law and in equity. The parties agree to resolve any dispute(s) arising from any invoice pursuant to Florida Statutes Section 218.76. For the purpose of computing partial month charges, a month will consist of thirty (30) calendar days. Frontier reserves the right to immediately suspend or terminate any or all Services or the installation or lease of any or all Equipment if Customer is overdue more than ninety (90) days for payments that have not been disputed in good faith.

d. Non Appropriations Provision: The parties acknowledge and agree that the obligations of Customer to fulfill financial obligations of any kind pursuant to any and all provisions of this Agreement, or any subsequent agreement entered into pursuant to this Agreement or referenced herein to which Customer is a party, are and shall remain subject to the provisions of the Fiscal Non-Funding Act, Florida Statutes Section 166.241, regardless of whether a particular obligation has been expressly so conditioned. Customer agrees to exercise all lawful and available authority to satisfy any financial obligations of Customer that may arise under this Agreement; however, since funds are appropriated annually by the City Commission on a fiscal year basis, and since funds have not yet been appropriated for the undertakings contemplated herein, Customer's legal liability for the payment of any costs shall not arise unless and until appropriations for such costs are approved for the applicable fiscal year by the City Commission (nor shall such liability arise if, a request for such appropriations is excluded from the budget approved by the City Commission). During the term of this Agreement, the City Manager or other appropriate official shall for each fiscal period include in the budget application submitted to the City Commission the amount necessary to fund Customer's obligations hereunder for such fiscal period. Notwithstanding the foregoing, no officer, employee, director, member or other natural person or agent of Customer shall have any personal liability in connection with the breach of the provisions of this Section or in the event of a default by Customer under this Section. This Agreement shall not constitute an indebtedness of Customer nor shall it constitute an obligation for which Customer is obligated to levy or pledge any form of taxation or for which Customer has levied or pledged any form of taxation.

**4. Cancellation and Early Termination Charges**

a. If Customer cancels any Service or Equipment prior to delivery of any Equipment or installation of the Service or Equipment, Customer shall pay a cancellation charge equal to the NRC and one (1) month of MRC for the Service, plus the total costs and expenditures of Frontier in connection with establishing the Service prior to Frontier's receipt of notice of cancellation, including but not limited to any Equipment restocking fees.

b. Following installation, Customer may terminate a Service or Equipment by providing at least thirty (30) days prior written notice to Frontier. All unpaid amounts shall be due in accordance with the Local Government Prompt Payment Act at Florida Statues Sections 218.70, et seq. In addition, and unless otherwise specifically provided in the applicable Schedule, if any Service or Equipment is terminated by Customer for any reason other than breach by Frontier or by Frontier due to Customer's breach or Customer's non-allocation, then Customer shall pay Frontier a termination charge equal to the applicable MRC and all related taxes and surcharges multiplied by the number of months remaining in the Service Term. Partial months shall be prorated.

c. Customer agrees that Frontier's damages in the event of early termination will be difficult or impossible to ascertain, and that the charges identified in this Section are intended, therefore, to establish liquidated damages in the event of termination and are not intended as a penalty.

**5. Limitation of Liability and Warranty Provisions**

a. The liability of Frontier and its affiliates related to this FSA or the Service or Equipment provided under this FSA, shall in no event exceed the limitations of liability set forth in the applicable tariffs, or regulatory rule or order. If there is no applicable tariff, regulatory rule or order, the total amount paid for the applicable Service or Equipment during the prior 12 months. In cases of an Outage, Frontier's liability shall be limited to 1/720 of the MRC for each hour after Frontier is notified of the Outage. An "Outage" is an interruption in Service or use of the Equipment caused by a failure of Frontier's Network, excluding degradation or disruption due to planned or emergency maintenance or an event outside Frontier's direct control. Notwithstanding the above, Frontier will not be liable to Customer for interruptions in Services or Equipment caused by failure of hardware or software, failure of communications services, power outages, or other interruptions not within the complete control of Frontier. In addition, there will be no credits, reductions or set-offs against charges for Services or Equipment, or for interruptions of Services or Equipment, except as expressly set forth herein.

b. IN NO EVENT WILL FRONTIER OR ITS AFFILIATES BE LIABLE FOR ANY LOST PROFITS OR BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES, OR FOR ANY OTHER SPECIAL, INCIDENTAL, INDIRECT, EXEMPLARY, PUNITIVE OR CONSEQUENTIAL DAMAGES, EVEN IF ADVISED OF THE POSSIBILITY THEREOF. FRONTIER AND ITS AFFILIATES SHALL NOT BE LIABLE FOR ANY LOSS, LOSS OF USE, COST, CLAIM OR EXPENSE EXPERIENCED OR INCURRED BY CUSTOMER OR THIRD PARTIES RESULTING FROM THE USE OF THE SERVICES OR EQUIPMENT PROVIDED HEREUNDER, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO DAMAGE, LOSS OR LOSS OF USE OF CUSTOMER DATA OR FRAUD BY THIRD PARTIES.

c. Frontier warrants that Frontier's Network will be maintained in good working order. If any Service does not function substantially in accordance with applicable Service specifications as a result of Frontier's failure to maintain Frontier's Network (excluding degradation related to the acts or omissions of Customer or anyone using the Services, a force majeure event, or scheduled maintenance), Frontier's sole obligation is to repair the affected Service at Frontier's expense. THE FOREGOING WARRANTY IS IN LIEU OF ALL OTHER WARRANTIES, EXPRESS OR IMPLIED, AND FRONTIER DISCLAIMS ALL OTHER WARRANTIES WITH RESPECT TO FRONTIER'S NETWORK, SERVICES OR EQUIPMENT PROVIDED PURSANT TO THESE TERMS INCLUDING, WITHOUT LIMITATION, ANY WARRANTY OF NON-INFRINGEMENT, MERCHANTABILITY OR FITNESS FOR ANY PARTICULAR PURPOSE OR FUNCTION. FRONTIER DOES NOT WARRANT THAT THE SERVICES OR EQUIPMENT OR ACCESS OR OPERATION OF THE SERVICES OR EQUIPMENT WILL MEET CUSTOMER'S NEEDS, OR WILL BE UNINTERRUPTED, ERROR-FREE, OR SECURE.

d. This FSA shall not be construed as granting a license with respect to any patent, copyright, trade name, trademark, service mark, trade secret or any other intellectual property, now or hereafter owned, controlled or licensable by Frontier. Customer agrees that Frontier has not made, and that there does not exist, any warranty, express or implied, that the use by Customer of Frontier's Services and/or the Equipment provided under this FSA will not give rise to a claim of

infringement, misuse, or misappropriation of any intellectual property right.

e. Customer agrees that the Services and Equipment, and Frontier's performance hereunder are subject to the terms, conditions and restrictions contained in any applicable agreements (including software or other intellectual property license agreements) between Frontier and Frontier's vendors.

f. Per Florida Statutes Section 95.11, no action, regardless of form, arising out of this FSA or the Schedules may be brought more than five (5) years after the cause of action has arisen or charges have been billed whichever is earlier. The parties hereby waive the right to invoke any different limitation on the bringing of actions provided under applicable law.

**6. Indemnification**

To the extent provided by law, Customer shall indemnify, defend and hold Frontier and its affiliates, and their respective directors, officers, employees, successors, assigns and agents, harmless from and against any and all claims, loss, damage, cost or expense (including reasonable attorneys' fees) to the extent arising out or relating to any claim, action or proceeding brought by any third party based upon: (i) Customer's breach of this FSA; (ii) Customer's negligence or willful misconduct in the performance of its obligations under this FSA; (iii) Customer's use of the Equipment or Services, including but not limited to the content of communications transmitted thereby; (iv) any infringement of intellectual property or misappropriation of any patent, copyright, trademark, trade secret or other proprietary right arising from Customer's or any other person's use of the Equipment or Services, any combination of the Equipment or Services with other products or services not provided by Frontier, or any modification of the Equipment or Services by anyone other than Frontier; (v) any bodily injury (including illness or death) or property damage caused by Customer or anyone within its control. The obligations under this Section 6 are independent of any other obligation under this FSA.

**7. Confidentiality**

a. To the extent allowable by law, both parties agree that all terms and conditions set forth in this FSA shall be considered confidential, and that details of the terms of this FSA, shall not be disclosed to third parties, other than affiliates, employees, agents or contractors who have a need to know such information in the scope of their employment or engagement, without the prior written consent of the other party, unless required by law.

b. To the extent allowable by law, Customer and Frontier may disclose to each other information that is confidential in nature. In order to receive confidential treatment, all such information (hereafter "Information") shall be either (i) clearly marked as confidential if written, or clearly identified as confidential if oral or (ii) reasonably understood by the recipient, based on the nature of the Information or the circumstances of disclosure, to be confidential or proprietary to the discloser. Except as required by law or regulation, Customer and Frontier agree not to disclose any Information to any third party and to keep Information in a secure place available only to employees, affiliates, contractors or agents who are subject to obligations of confidentiality no less restrictive than those set forth herein, and who need to know the Information for purposes of the business dealing between Customer and Frontier, and to use Information only in connection with such business dealings. This Section is enforceable by injunction.

c. To the extent allowable by law, information will lose its confidential status if obtained legitimately from a third party without restriction or upon the expiration of five (5) years from delivery of each item of Information. Information shall remain the property of the disclosing party and shall be returned to such party on request or upon termination of the business dealing between Customer and Frontier.

d. {This Section intentionally omitted.}

**8. Breach**

a. Breach by Customer: If Customer fails to make any payment when due and such failure continues for ninety (90) days after the invoice date, or Customer fails to comply with any other term or condition of this FSA or any Schedule and such failure continues for thirty (30) days after notice, then Frontier may either suspend the applicable Schedule (or any portion thereof) until the breach is remedied, terminate the applicable Schedule (or any portion thereof), or terminate this FSA and all Schedules. Notwithstanding the foregoing, Frontier may immediately suspend Services and, after giving notice to Customer with an opportunity to respond appropriate to the circumstances and Customer's failure to respond, Frontier may terminate any or all Services, retrieve Frontier Network elements from the service location and Equipment for which title has not transferred to Customer, in the following circumstances: (i) in the event of unauthorized, unlawful or improper use or abuse of the Frontier Network or Service; (ii) if, in the reasonable judgment of Frontier, Customer's use of the Frontier Network or Service has or will damage or have an adverse effect on Frontier's Network, its personnel, property or service; (iii) such action is necessary to meet the exigencies of an emergency; or (iv) a court or other governmental authority having jurisdiction issues an order prohibiting Frontier from furnishing the Equipment or Services to Customer.

b. Breach by Frontier: If Frontier has not remedied any breach within thirty (30) days after Frontier's receipt of written notice from Customer of such breach (providing reasonable detail), Customer may terminate the Service which is the subject of such breach. This is Customer's exclusive remedy for a breach by Frontier.

**9. Force Majeure**

In no event will Frontier or its affiliates be liable for any delay in performance directly or indirectly caused by events beyond their control, including, but not limited to: acts or omissions of Customer, its agents, employees or contractors; acts of God; acts of the public enemy; acts of the United States, a state or other political subdivision; fire, floods or other natural disasters; accidents; wars; terrorism; cyber security events; labor disputes or shortages; and inability to obtain material, power, equipment or transportation.

**10. Assignment**

This FSA may not be assigned by either party without the other party's prior written consent, which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld or delayed, except that Frontier may assign this FSA to any successor to the business of Frontier by merger, consolidation or sale of assets or to any corporation controlling, controlled by or under common control with Frontier; provided that, such assignee has the financial, operational, technical and other necessary capabilities and resources to accomplish any and all obligations under this Agreement in a manner comparable to the expected performance of Frontier. Frontier may subcontract portions of the work to be performed hereunder to provision the Services or Equipment; in any event Frontier remains fully obligated to Customer for Frontier's performance and other obligations hereunder.

**11. Work Site Conditions**

a. If asbestos, or material containing asbestos, or any other hazardous or toxic materials are discovered during work pursuant to this FSA, Frontier will suspend its work for a reasonable period of time to permit Customer to engage a qualified firm to remove and dispose of the asbestos or other toxic or hazardous materials from the site. Such suspension may result in an equitable adjustment to the charges identified in the related Schedule, based on any increase in costs incurred by Frontier.

b. Customer agrees to release, indemnify, defend and hold harmless Frontier from and against any damages, losses, claims, demands or lawsuits arising out of or relating to the presence, removal or disposal of asbestos or any other hazardous or toxic material from the Customer's premises or location where Services or Equipment will be installed.

**12. Title and Risk of Loss**

a. Risk of loss or damage for Frontier Network elements installed at a Customer designated service location shall pass to Customer at time of delivery to Customer.

b. Any Frontier Network elements or Equipment installed at Customer's premises or location where Services or Equipment will be installed (which is leased or for which title has not transferred to Customer) remain the personal property of Frontier or Frontier's assignee, notwithstanding that it may be or become attached to or embedded in realty, and upon termination of this FSA or any Schedule (in whole or in part), all Frontier property shall be returned to Frontier in the same condition as installed, normal wear and tear excepted. Customer will not tamper with, remove or conceal any Frontier identifying plates, tags or labels. In the event Frontier property is not returned to Frontier in accordance with this Section, Customer will be billed for and pay to Frontier an amount equal to the retail value of the Frontier property, except to the extent such failure is caused by the negligence or willful misconduct of Frontier or its agents.

**13. Competition**

Customer recognizes the availability of competitive alternatives for receiving the Services and Equipment provided under this FSA, and has freely elected to enter into this FSA in order to receive the benefits it offers.

**14. Government Regulation**

To the extent that any Service(s) provided hereunder are subject to the jurisdiction of the Federal Communications Commission ("FCC") or any state public utilities commission or other regulatory agency, this FSA shall at all times be subject to changes, modifications, orders and rulings by the FCC and/or state public utilities commission or other regulatory agency. Frontier reserves the right to suspend, modify or terminate any Service without liability where any statute, regulation and/or ruling, including modifications thereto, by any regulatory agency (including the FCC), legislative body or court of competent jurisdiction, (i) prohibits, restricts or otherwise prevents Frontier from furnishing such Service, or (ii) has a material negative impact on Frontier's performance hereunder or the benefits provided by this FSA. If provision of any Service pursuant to this FSA is subject to advance approval of the FCC and/or any state public utilities commission, this FSA shall not become effective with respect to such Service until after receipt by Frontier of written notice of such approval.

**15. Governing Law**

This FSA shall be governed by and construed according to the laws of the State in which Services or Equipment are being provided hereunder without regard to its conflicts of laws provisions. Any related litigation may be brought in any State or Federal courts of competent jurisdiction within such State and county. Customer and Frontier consent to personal jurisdiction in such courts.

**16. No Waiver**

If either party fails, at any time, to enforce any right or remedy available to it under this FSA, that failure shall not be construed to be a waiver of the right or remedy with respect to any other breach or failure by the other party.

**17. Severability**

A declaration by any court, or other binding legal source, that any provision of this FSA or any Schedule is illegal and void, will not affect the legality and enforceability of any other provisions of this FSA, unless the provisions are mutually dependent.

**18. Notice**

All notices provided pursuant to this FSA will be in writing and delivered by registered or certified US Mail, postage prepaid, or by commercial overnight delivery service, and shall be deemed delivered either on the date of return receipt acknowledgment (in the case of certified US Mail), or on the next day after the sending of the notice if sent overnight mail, to the address of the party designated to receive such notice.

**19. Independent Relationship**

Each party understands and agrees that it and its personnel are not employees of the other party, and that each party is an independent contractor hereunder for all purposes and at all times.

**20. Dispute Resolution**

Except as otherwise specifically provided in or permitted by this FSA, all disputes arising in connection with this FSA shall first be resolved through good faith negotiation. If, after negotiating in good faith for a period of ninety (90) calendar days or any agreed further period, the parties are unable to resolve the dispute, then each party may seek resolution by exercising any rights or remedies available at law or in equity. Customer and Frontier agree that each may only bring claims against the other in an individual capacity and not as a plaintiff or class member in any purported class, representative, or private attorney general proceeding.

**21. Authorization and Entire Agreement**

Each party represents that the person executing this FSA is authorized to enter into this FSA on its behalf. This FSA and any Schedules executed by the parties constitute the entire agreement between the parties pertaining to the subject matter herein and supersedes all prior oral and written proposals, correspondence and memoranda with respect thereto. This FSA may not be modified, amended or supplemented except by written agreement signed by an authorized representative of each party. Notwithstanding anything otherwise stated, a Customer purchase order document (whether signed by one or both parties) shall be construed solely as evidence of Customer's internal business processes, and the terms and conditions contained thereon shall be void and of no effect or application toward this FSA.

| Frontier Communications of America, Inc. | | City of North Port | |
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| *Frontier's Signature:* Robert M. Fox | | *Customer's Signature:* | |
| Printed Name: | Robert M. Fox | Printed Name: | Peter D. Lear, CPA, CGMA |
| Title: | Regional Sales Manager | Title: | Interim City Manager |

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| **Date:** | 5-1-17 | | **Date:** | |
| **Contractual Notice:** | Frontier Communications<br>111 Field Street<br>Rochester, NY 14620<br>Attn: Legal Department | | **Contractual Notice:** | City of North Port<br>4970 City Hall Blvd.<br>North Port, Florida 34286<br>Attn: Jeff Kasson |

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| **Attest:** |
| **Patsy C. Adkins, City Clerk, MMC** |
| **Approved as to Form and Correctness:** |
| **Mark Moriarty, City Attorney** |
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