Resolution for Ithaca Area Wastewater Treatment Facility (IAWWTF) – Capital Improvement Plan Project

WHEREAS, the IAWWTF is a 38 year old, technically complex, and environmentally important facility that is jointly owned by the City of Ithaca, the Town of Ithaca, and the Town of Dryden, and

WHEREAS, the IAWWTF has both short and long term capital needs to help maintain compliance, meet energy goals, and provide adequate planning for necessary repairs, opportunities for better efficiency, and a look toward the future, and

WHEREAS, plant staff and the Special Joint Committee (SJC) are desirous in developing a proper Capital Improvement Plan Project (CIPP) to assist in planning, budgeting, and the procurement of potential infrastructure related grants and low interest loans afforded to municipalities, and

WHEREAS, a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) was made to regional consulting firms and four responses were submitted, and

WHEREAS, plant staff interviewed and evaluated presentations from each candidate, and

WHEREAS, at its February 14, 2024 meeting, staff and the Special Joint Committee (SJC) recommended to its municipal boards the approval of Barton & Loguidice, D.P.C., 443 Electronics Parkway, Liverpool, NY, as the consultant of choice to prepare the CIPP, and

WHEREAS, on February 21, 2024, B&L provided an Engineering Agreement proposal of services which included an estimated project cost of \$300,000, with anticipated 50% funding through a NYSERDA Flextech grant, and anticipated local cost match of 50%, and

WHEREAS, staff endorses the funding of a project amount not to exceed Three Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$300,000) with anticipated 50% cost match, in the interests of better plant operational efficiency, and longevity; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the City of Ithaca approves its share of of the CIPP in the amount of One Hundred Seventy One Thousand, Four Hundred and Twenty Dollars (\$171,420.00), and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the total funds necessary for said project be derived from the following sources as determined by the City Controller: 100% through capital reserves - Account J-1, with an anticipated return to capital reserves using a 50% match through NYSERDA Flextech funding.