

RESOLUTION

No. 22-271

JUL 07 2022

Date of Adoption

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ADAM E. CRUZ - BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR

Approved as to Form and Legality

Wesley Bridges, Esq., CITY ATTORNEY

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A CONTRACT WITH THE LAW OFFICE OF WEINER LAW GROUP, LLP. TO PROVIDE PROFESSIONAL LEGAL SERVICES REGARDING GENERAL MUNICIPAL LITIGATION AND OTHER LEGAL MATTERS THROUGH A FAIR AND OPEN PROCESS IN ACCORDANCE WITH N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.5 ET SEQ. FOR A PERIOD OF ONE (1) YEAR FROM JANUARY 1, 2022, TO DECEMBER 31, 2022, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$60,000.00 – RFP2022-16

WHEREAS, the City of Trenton has a continued need for professional legal services in regarding General Municipal Litigation and other legal matters for the City of Trenton, Department of Law; and

WHEREAS, the Purchasing Agent has determined and certified in writing that the value of the contract will not exceed \$60,000.00; and

WHEREAS, request for proposals were advertised on the City website and fourteen (14) proposals were received and opened in the City Purchasing Office at 11:00 AM on May 10, 2022, and

WHEREAS, the evaluation committee has reviewed the proposals submitted and has recommended that a contract be awarded to Weiner Law Group, LLP., in an amount not to exceed \$60,000.00 and structured at the hourly rates as follow, \$175.00 for Partners, \$135.00 for Associate Attorneys and \$85.00 for Paralegals; and

WHEREAS, funds in an amount not to exceed \$60,000.00 have been certified to be available contingent upon temporary or final adoption of the CY22 Budget in Account No. 2-01- -35-3500-290 from January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Trenton, as follows:

1. The Mayor is hereby authorized to execute a contract in an amount not to exceed \$60,000.00 with Weiner Law Group, LLP., 629 Parsippany, New Jersey 07054 to provide professional legal services regarding General Municipal litigation and other matters for the City of Trenton.
2. This contract is awarded through a fair and open process as a “Professional Service” in accordance with N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.5 et seq. and in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a) of the Local Public Contracts Law because the contract is for a service performed by a person(s) authorized by law to practice a recognized profession that is regulated by law.
3. A notice of this action shall be printed once in the official newspaper for the City of Trenton and the Resolution and contract shall remain on file in the City Clerk’s Office.

	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent		Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent		Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
CALDWELL WILSON	✓				RODRIGUEZ					MCBRIDE	✓			
HARRISON	✓				VAUGHN		✓							
MUSCHAL	✓				WILKINS	✓								

This Resolution was adopted at a Meeting of the City Council of the City of Trenton on

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Kathy McBride
President of Council

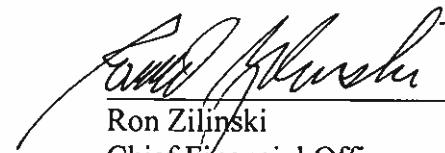
City Clerk

CITY OF TRENTON
DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE

CERTIFICATION OF AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS

I, Ron Zilinski, Chief Financial Officer for the City of Trenton, do hereby certify, to the best of my knowledge and belief that there now exists adequate funds to award a contract to Weiner Law Group, LLP., to provide Professional Legal Services regarding General Municipal litigation and other legal matters for the City of Trenton for a period of one year in an amount not to exceed \$60,000.00. Such funds for said services shall be available in Law Department's CY2022 Budget, Account Number 2-01- -35-3500-290 contingent upon adoption of the CY2022 temporary or final budget.

Date: 6/08/22

Ron Zilinski 6/08/22
Ron Zilinski
Chief Financial Officer

Account Number: 2-02- -35-3500-290 - \$60,000.00





**CITY OF TRENTON
DEPARTMENT OF LAW
MEMORANDUM**



DATE: June 27, 2022

TO: Adam E. Cruz, Business Administrator

FROM: Wes Bridges, Esq. – Director of Law



RE: Authorization of an Extension of a Contract – Weiner Law Group, LLP

The resolution at hand aims to extend a contract for services to Weiner Law Group, LLP for CY22.

Historically, Weiner Law Group has provided professional legal services for the City of Trenton in a reputable manner.

The firm was assigned to two (2) companion matters in FY21 that consist of mitigating conflictual circumstances. As such, it was in the best interest of the City of Trenton to utilize outside counsel to prevent any possibility of bias improprieties.

As such, the Department of Law has been able to facilitate funding to provide payment of services by way of the extension of a contract for seventeen-thousand, five hundred dollars.

Each of the matters have reached a pivotal point within the civil litigation process that will require multiple instances of deposition, negotiation, arbitration, and settlement conferencing tasking. This activity will more than double the required performance provided by the firm and its attorneys.

As such, the Department of Law respectfully requests authorization to extend a contract to cover the services for Calendar Year 2022 in an amount not to exceed \$60,000.00.