

RESOLUTION

No. 22-272

JUL 07 2022

Date of Adoption

Factual content certified by

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 RUDERMAN & ROTH, LLC., 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 THE PERIOD COVERING JUNE 1, 2022, TO DECEMBER 31, 2022, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$30,000.00 – 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 \$30,000.00; 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 Ruderman & Roth, LLC., in an amount not to exceed \$30,000.00 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 \$30,000.00 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 June 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 \$30,000.00 with Ruderman & Roth, LLC., 150 Morris Avenue, Ste. 303, Springfield, NJ 07081 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

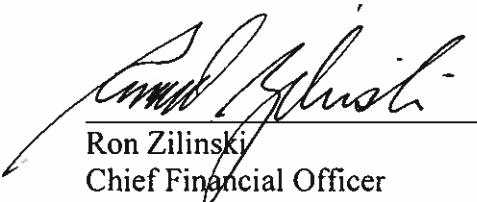
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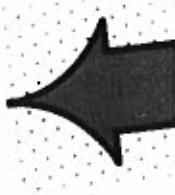
CITY OF TRENTON
DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE

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 Ruderman & Roth, LLC., 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 \$30,000.00. 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: 6/28/22


Ron Zilinski
Chief Financial Officer



Account Number: 2-02- -35-3500-290 - \$30,000.00



**CITY OF TRENTON
DEPARTMENT OF LAW
MEMORANDUM**



DATE: June 27, 2022

TO: Adam E. Cruz, Business Administrator

FROM: Wes Bridges, Esq. – Director of Law *WJ*

RE: Authorization of an Extension of a Contract – Ruderman & Roth, LLC

The resolution at hand aims to extend a contract for services to Ruderman & Roth, LLC for CY22.

Ruderman & Roth, LLC was assigned to defend a matter which consists of allegations against an Administrative Official and includes employee relation discrepancies. As such, it was determined that the matter be assigned to an outside counsel firm to prevent the existence of any improprieties.

This matter is within the discovery period and could cause irreputable harm in the event that its defense assignment is changed.

With any and all litigation, the goal is to always bring the matter to a sound resolution. Ruderman & Roth, LLP have been working diligently to succeed at achieving this goal.

The extension of a contract for thirty thousand dollars would cover funding for the firms' efforts to resolve this matter equitably and respectfully.