

# RESOLUTION

No. 22-273

JUL 07 2022

Date of Adoption

Approved as to Form and Legality

Wesley Bridges, Esq., CITY ATTORNEY

Factual content certified by

ADAM E. CRUZ BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR

Councilman/woman Marge Caldwell-Wilson presents the following Resolution:

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A PROFESSIONAL LEGAL SERVICES CONTRACT TO CONNIE BENTLEY MCGHEE ESQ., THROUGH A FAIR AND OPEN PROCESS IN ACCORDANCE WITH N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.5 ET SEQ., TO PROVIDE PROSECUTORIAL SERVICES FOR THE PERIOD COVERING JULY 1, 2022, TO DECEMBER 31, 2022, IN TRENTON MUNICIPAL COURT IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$32,500.00 - RFP2022-17**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Trenton has a need for municipal prosecutorial services with regards to matters concerning Trenton Municipal Court; and

**WHEREAS**, request for proposals were advertised on the City website and one (1) proposal was received and opened in the City Purchasing Office at 11:00 AM on May 11, 2022; and

**WHEREAS**, the proposal of Connie Bentley McGhee, Esq., was reviewed by the evaluation committee and recommended that a contract be awarded at a rate of \$215.00 per regular session and an additional \$300 per session for preparation per day. (video court prep sessions must be at least two (2) hours or longer); and

**WHEREAS**, the total contract amount not to exceed \$32,500.00 will cover the period of July 1, 2022, through December 31, 2022; and

**WHEREAS**, funds in an amount not to exceed \$32,500.00 have been certified to be available contingent upon the adoption of the temporary or final CY22 Budget in Account No. 2-01-35-3500-291.

**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 with Connie Bentley McGhee, Esq. in an amount not to exceed \$32,500.00 to provide municipal prosecutorial services.
2. This contract is awarded through a fair and open process as a "Professional Service" in accordance with N.J.S.A. 19:44 A-20.5 et seq. and in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:1 I-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

JUL 07 2022

Kathy M. Brule  
President of Council

City Clerk

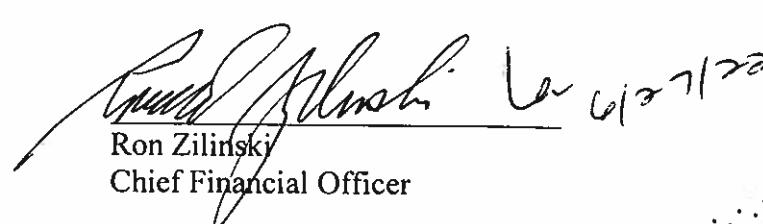
**CITY OF TRENTON**  
**DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE**

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**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 Cristina L. Vazquez, Esq. to provide Prosecutorial Services regarding matters concerning Trenton Municipal Court for a period of one year in an amount not to exceed \$32,500.00. Such funds for said services shall be available in Law Department's CY22 Budget, Account Number 2-01- -35-3500-291 contingent upon adoption of the CY22 temporary or final budget.

Date: 6/28/22

  
Ron Zilinski  
Chief Financial Officer

Account Number: 2-02- -35-3500-291 - \$32,500.00



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**CITY OF TRENTON  
DEPARTMENT OF LAW  
MEMORANDUM**



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**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 –  
Connie Bentley McGhee, Esq. & Cristina L Vazquez, Esq.  
for Assistant Municipal Prosecutors



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The resolutions at hand aim to extend a contract to two Assistant Municipal Prosecutors to provide services for the Trenton Municipal Court.

In previous endeavors, this office has requested an increase in funding for an Assistant Municipal Prosecutor to cover the overflow. At the point of request, we diligently outlined the need for additional Assistant Municipal Prosecutors and the intent to increase court session to address the existing overflow from the unfortunate decline in tasking due to COVID.

The Department of Law extended a public Request for Proposals. Of the responses received, the review committee has determined that Connie Bentley McGhee, Esq. and Cristina L. Vazquez, Esq. both present the ability to task in a prosecutorial capacity to assist with moving our Municipal Court process forward..