

Legislation Text

File #: 20-0907, Version: 1

Dept./ Agency: Finance Action: () Ratifying (X) Authorizing () Amending Purpose: Stipulation of Settlements for Tax Appeals List of Property: (Tax Payer/Address/Block/Lot/Ward/Assmnt./Year/Refund Amount) Firemens Building, LLC/17/7/8-12 Park Place/Central/\$11,381,100/2020/ -\$405,217.22 Additional Information: Total tax refund to be apply as credit: \$405,217.22 Invitation: Corporation Counsel, October 6, 2020

WHEREAS, there are now pending before the Tax Court of New Jersey direct appeals challenging real property assessments and actions to review judgments of the Essex County Board of Taxation with regard to properties listed on the attached Schedule A, August 2020 Credits (2); and

**WHEREAS,** the City of Newark (the "City") retained the law firm of Decotiis, FitzPatrick & Cole, LLP (Outside Counsel), to represent the interests of the City in these actions; and

WHEREAS, after a review of the appraisals of both the City and the taxpayer and an analysis of prior County Board and Tax Court actions as they affect these properties, and after careful consideration of these facts, it is the opinion of the Tax Assessor and the Corporation Counsel, and/or his designee, upon recommendation of the firm Decotiis, FitzPatrick & Cole, LLP (Outside Counsel), that these settlements are in the best interest of the City of Newark.

## NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEWARK, NEW JERSEY, THAT:

1. The Corporation Counsel and/or his designee, Decotiis, FitzPatrick & Cole, LLP (Outside Counsel), are authorized to enter into and execute a Stipulation of Settlement with regard to certain properties as set forth in Schedule A, August 2020 Credits (2), after receipt of all documents deemed appropriate.

2. The City Clerk shall serve a copy of this resolution upon the Tax Assessor, Corporation Counsel and the Director of the Department of Finance.

## <u>STATEMENT</u>

Resolution authorizing the Corporation Counsel, and/or his designee, the law firm Decotiis, FitzPatrick & Cole, LLP (Outside Counsel), to execute a Stipulation of Settlement with regard to Tax

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Appeals on certain properties set forth in Schedule A, August 2020 Credits (2).