

City of Newark

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Legislation Text

WHEREAS, the City of Newark (the "City") is involved in ongoing legal matters and therefore has a need to acquire Legal Services; and

WHEREAS, Legal Services are Professional Services, exempt from the requirement for public bidding, pursuant to the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a)(i); and

WHEREAS, the Department of Economic and Housing Development of the City caused to be published, on the City of Newark's website, a Notice of Request for Qualifications ("RFQ") for Special Counsel concerning Redevelopment and Land Use Matters on or about January 26, 2022; and

WHEREAS, the City received a total of four (4) proposals in response to its request by the RFQ due date on February 9, 2022; and

WHEREAS, Archer & Greiner, P.C., Riverview Plaza, 10 Highway 35, Red Bank, New Jersey 07701, submitted a proposal which was found, based upon price and other factors, to be in the best interest of the City to accept for the purpose of providing Legal Services concerning Redevelopment/Land Use Matters; and

WHEREAS, the City wishes to enter into a contract with Archer & Greiner, P.C., to provide Legal Services for Redevelopment/Land Use Matters in an amount not to exceed One Hundred Thousand Dollars and Zero Cents (\$100,000.00), for the period of March 12, 2022 through March 11, 2023; and

WHEREAS, Local Public Contracts Law (N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq.), requires that notice of the award of contracts for "Professional Services" without competitive bidding must be published in a

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local newspaper; and

WHEREAS, this contract is for an amount over \$17,750.00 and is being awarded as a Fair and Open Contract pursuant to N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.5 and is in compliance with the State Pay-to-Play and the City's Pay-to-Play Ordinance.

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

- 1. The Mayor and/or his designee, the Deputy Mayor/Director of the Department of Economic and Housing Development, are hereby authorized on behalf of the City of Newark, to enter into and execute a contract with Archer & Greiner, P.C., Riverview Plaza, 10 Highway 35, Red Bank, New Jersey 07701, to provide Legal Services concerning Redevelopment/Land Use Matters in an amount not to exceed One Hundred Thousand Dollars and Zero Cents (\$100,000.00), for the period of March 12, 2022 through March 11, 2023.
- 2. This Contract is ratified from March 12, 2022, to the date of adoption of this Resolution by the Municipal Council.
- 3. This Contract is being awarded pursuant to the Fair and Open Procedures of the State Pay-to-Play Law (N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.5) and the Local Public Contracts Law (N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a)(i)).
- 4. Attached hereto is a Certification of Funds from the Director of Finance, which states that:
 1) there are sufficient funds in the amount of One Hundred Thousand Dollars and Zero Cents (\$100,000.00), for the purpose set forth herein above; and 2) that the line appropriation of the Official Budget which shall be charged is:

Bus.Unit Account# Budget Ref.
NW026 32100 B2022

- 5. There shall be no advance payment pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:5-16.
- 6. The Deputy Mayor/Director of the Department of Economic and Housing Development shall file a copy of the executed Contract in the Office of the City Clerk and the same shall be made available for public inspection.
- 7. A notice of this action shall be published in the newspaper authorized by law to publish a legal advertisement and as required by law within ten (10) days of the adoption of this Resolution.
- 8. There shall be no amendment or change to this Resolution without the approval of Municipal Council.

<u>STATEMENT</u>

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