

CITY OF VINELAND, NJ

RESOLUTION NO. 2023- 323

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN THE LAW FIRM OF BROWN AND CONNERY, LLP, HADDONFIELD, NEW JERSEY, FOR LABOR AND PERSONNEL MATTERS.

WHEREAS, the City of Vineland has several ongoing and potential labor and/or personnel matters for which legal representation for the City and or its Officers and employees is or will become necessary; and

WHEREAS, the Law firm of Brown and Connery, Haddonfield, New Jersey is an experienced firm in the representation of municipalities in such matters and has and continues to represent the City in certain law suits involving municipal employees and has experience with the representation of the Officers and employees of the City in labor and personnel matters; and

WHEREAS, Brown and Connery, LLP has submitted a proposal to represent the City in labor and personnel matters at a rate of \$160.00 per hour for partners of the Law Firm and \$140.00 per hour for associates, for the period beginning July 12, 2023 through January 31, 2024; and

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contract Law (N.J.S.A. 40 A: 11 – 1, et seq.) requires that the Resolution authorizing the award of contract for Professional Services without competitive bidding and the contract itself must be available for public inspection.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Vineland as follows:

1. That the Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute a Non-Fair and Open Agreement pursuant to N.J.S.A. 19:44A – 20.5 with the Law Firm of Brown and Connery, LLP, Haddonfield, New Jersey for labor and personnel matters at an hourly rate of \$160.00 per hour for partners and \$140.00 per hour for associates on an as needed basis, for the period beginning July 12, 2023 through January 31, 2024.
2. That this Professional Services Agreement is awarded without competitive bidding in accordance with NJSA 40 A: 11 – 5 (1)(a) of the Local Public Contracts Law because said services to be rendered or performed require knowledge of an advanced type in a field of learning acquired by a prolonged formal course of specialized instruction distinguished from general academic instruction or apprenticeship and training.
3. That the Business Disclosure Entity Certification, the Political Contribution Disclosure Form and the Determination of Value be placed on file with the Resolution.
4. That a notice of this action shall be printed once in the Daily Journal.

Adopted:

President of Council

ATTEST:

City Clerk