

RESOLUTION NO. 2023- 413

A RESOLUTION RATIFYING AND CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF STEPHEN BARSE, ESQ. AS ASSOCIATE SOLICITOR IN ACCORDANCE WITH CHAPTER 84, SECTION 84-7 B OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF VINELAND.

WHEREAS, as a result of the retirement of Michael Benson, Esq. a vacancy exists within the Department of Law;

WHEREAS, Stephen Barse has represented the City of Vineland for many years as an independent contractor in labor matters among other categories of municipal law and is well familiar with the practice of municipal law and has expressed an interest in providing legal representation to the City as part of the Department of Law; and

WHEREAS, and the City Solicitor has recommended the vacant position within the Department of Law be filled by Stephen Barse, Esq. as a full-time employee commencing August 28, 2023; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Anthony Fanucci has recommended Mr. Barse be employed as a full time Associate Solicitor at the same salary as that of Michael Benson, Esq., subject to the consent of City Council; and

WHEREAS, City Council finds Mr. Barse is well qualified for the position, having represented the City for many years.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Vineland that the appointment of Stephen Barse, Esq. to the position of Associate Solicitor for the City of Vineland is hereby ratified and confirmed with a salary equal to that of Michael Benson, Esq. at the time of his retirement in accordance with the compensation schedule adopted in the Classified/Unclassified Positions and Applicable Salary Ranges in the Civil Service in the City of Vineland and to receive all of the benefits as a full time employee of the City.

Adopted:

President of Council

ATTEST:

City Clerk



ANTHONY R. FANUCCI
MAYOR

August 21, 2023

Memo: Position of Associate Solicitor
Stephen Barse, Esq.

Dear Council President Dr. Arthur and Members of City Council.

As everyone is aware, Michael Benson, Esq. has retired as an Associate Solicitor for the City of Vineland, leaving a vacancy in the Department of Law. The Director has recommended the City employ Mr. Stephen Barse, Esq. to fill the position left vacant by Mr. Benson at the same salary as that of Mr. Benson at the time of his retirement. I am happy to make this recommendation to Council.

Mr. Barse has represented the City as a member of the firm of Gruccio, Pepper for many years and has experience representing municipalities and government agencies including Borough of Avalon and Ocean City Library Board of Directors. As such, he is able to begin immediately.

Kindly accept this letter as my appointment of Stephen Barse, Esq. as Associate Solicitor for the City of Vineland effective August 28, 2023 subject to Council's ratification and confirmation of the same. His salary will be the same as that of Michael Benson.

Respectfully,

Anthony R. Fanucci,
Mayor City of Vineland

cc. S. Baldosaro, CFO
K. Petrosky, CMC