

RESOLUTION NO. 2024- 171

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE TRANSFER AND ASSIGNMENT OF A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH THE LAW FIRM OF WILENTZ, GOLDMAN & SPITZER, P.A. TO THE KEEFE LAW FIRM, REDBANK, NEW JERSEY TO LITIGATE CLAIMS AGAINST MANUFACTURERS OF PFAS FOR CHEMICAL CONTAMINATION IN THE CITY.

WHEREAS, on July 28, 2023, the City Council of the City of Vineland adopted Resolution 2023-269 approving the execution of a Professional Services Agreement with the Law Firm of Wilentz, Goldman & Spitzer, P.A. (Wilentz) for the litigation of PFAS claims against the manufacturers thereof; and

WHEREAS, the attorneys and staff specifically representing the City have recently separated from the Law Firm and created a new firm known as the Keefe law Firm, Red Bank, New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, Stephen Sullivan, Jr. of the Keefe Law firm has indicated that the Keefe Law Firm would continue the representation of the City based upon the same Professional Services Agreement entered into with Wilentz so long as the City wished to do so; and

WHEREAS, the Solicitor for the City has recommended the Council approve the transfer and assignment of the Wilentz Professional Services Agreement to the Keefe Law Firm so as to have the same team of professionals continue the litigation on behalf of the City.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Vineland hereby approves the transfer and assignment of the Professional Services Agreement entered into with the Law Firm of Wilentz, Goldman & Spitzer, P.A. to the Keefe Law Firm, 125 Half Mile Road, Floor 1, Suite 100, Red Bank, New Jersey 07701.

Adopted:

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President of Council

ATTEST:

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City Clerk