

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-557

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH ROBERT J. PINIZZOTTO, ESQUIRE, HAMMONTON, NEW JERSEY FOR LEGAL INVESTIGATIONS FOR THE CITY OF VINELAND LEGAL DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Vineland recognizes the issues that may arise regarding treatment of City Employees by other employees and staff and the need to assure that a fair and impartial investigation into allegations made by City employees is completed and recommendations, if any, be presented to the Administration for appropriate action; and

WHEREAS, the City of Vineland has a need to acquire such professional legal services to assist the City in performing the appropriate legal investigations in accordance with City Policy and Procedures as a Non-Fair and Open Contract pursuant to NJSA 19:44A-20.5; and

WHEREAS, the Law Firm Robert J. Pinizzotto, Esquire, Hammonton, New Jersey is a law firm that has performed legal investigations and has served as prosecutor for several municipalities, including the City of Vineland with years of experience and has submitted a proposal indicating they will perform such legal investigations as are necessary by the Director of Law at the hourly rate of \$135.00 plus expenses as will be more fully set forth in a Professional Services Agreement which is fair and reasonable; and

WHEREAS, the Law Firm of Robert J. Pinizzotto, Esquire has or shall complete and submit a Business Entity Disclosure Certification for Non-Fair And Open Contract which certifies that the firm has not made any reportable contributions to a political or candidate committee in the City of Vineland in the previous one year and that the contract will prohibit the Law Office of Robert J. Pinizzotto, Esquire from making any reportable contributions through the term of the contract or its extension to a political or candidate committee in the City of Vineland; and

WHEREAS, the availability of funds for said Professional Services Contract to be awarded have been certified by the City Comptroller; 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 Robert J. Pinizzotto, Esquire, Hammonton, New Jersey for Professional Services for Legal Investigative Services for the Legal Department of the City of Vineland for specified services, plus reimbursable expenses, for a contract not to exceed one year beginning January 1, 2018.

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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