

CITY COUNCIL**The City of Orange Township, New Jersey**DATE December 7, 2021

AMENDED

NUMBER 500-2021

TITLE: A RESOLUTION RESCINDING RESOLUTION 122-2021 AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES WITH HARWOOD LLOYD LLC TO PROVIDE CONFLICT COUNSEL SERVICES TO THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2021, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$25,000.00.

WHEREAS, the Municipal Council ("Municipal Council") of the City of Orange Township ("City") adopted Resolution No. 122-2021 on March 2, 2021, awarding Harwood Lloyd LLC ("Harwood Lloyd") a non-fair and open professional services contract to provide "Conflict Counsel" services to the Municipal Council in an amount not to exceed \$25,000.00 for CY 2021; and

WHEREAS, the attorney at Harwood Lloyd who was to be principally responsible for providing services pursuant to the contract was Christopher Martin, Esq.; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Martin subsequently left Harwood Lloyd to accept a position in the Office of the New Jersey Attorney General; and

WHEREAS, as a result, neither the Municipal Council, nor Harwood Lloyd, seek to pursue the contract authorized by Resolution 122-2021, rendering same moot; and

WHEREAS, the City of Orange Township and Dwayne D. Warren, in his official capacity as Mayor of the City of Orange Township, as Plaintiffs, commenced an action against, among other defendants, the Municipal Council, by filing a Complaint In Lieu Of Prerogative Writs in the Superior Court of New Jersey, Law Division, Essex County, which is pending under Docket No. ESX-L-003047-21 (the "Prerogative Writ Action"); and

WHEREAS, attorneys for the Mayor and for the Municipal Council have agreed that, upon rescission of Resolution 122-2021, the Prerogative Writ Action shall be moot and shall be voluntarily withdrawn with prejudice by Plaintiffs.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ORANGE TOWNSHIP that Resolution No. 122-2021, adopted on March 2, 2021, awarding Harwood Lloyd LLC a non-fair and open professional services contract to provide "Conflict Counsel" services to the Municipal Council in an amount not to exceed \$25,000.00 for CY 2021, be and is hereby rescinded in its entirety, and deemed to be without any force or effect.

Adopted: December 7, 2021

Joyce L. Lanier
City Clerk

Kerry J. Coley
Council President