

**CITY COUNCIL**

**The City of Orange Township, New Jersey**

**DATE** January 16, 2024

**NUMBER** 33-2024

**TITLE:** A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SERVICES OF WILENTZ, GOLDMAN AND SPITZER, P.A. AS BOND COUNSEL FOR THE CITY OF ORANGE TOWNSHIP FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$60,000.00 FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2024

**WHEREAS**, there exists a need for the City of Orange Township to retain legal representation on behalf of City of Orange Township in connection with Bond matters; and,

**WHEREAS**, Resolution No. 20-2024, adopted on January 2, 2024, authorized Wilentz, Goldman and Spitzer, P.A., to represent the City of Orange Township; and

**WHEREAS**, this contract is being awarded as a "fair and open" contract under N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 et seq., and

**WHEREAS**, the Local Public Contracts Law N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq. authorizes the award of a contract for "Professional Services" without competitive bids, and that said contract itself must be available for public inspection as set forth herein; and

**WHEREAS**, the Chief Financial Officer of the City of Orange Township has prepared the necessary Certificate of Availability of Funds, a copy of which is attached hereto certifying that funds will be available for this purpose in Account No. 4-01-20-130-000-519, contingent upon Council approval and inclusion of said item in the Temporary Budget and adopted 2024 Budget, there will be sufficient funds to contract with Wilentz, Goldman and Spitzer, P.A..

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the City Council of the City of Orange Township, New Jersey, as follows:

1. The Mayor and the City Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute the attached Agreement, in an amount not to exceed \$60,000.00, with Wilentz, Goldman and Spitzer, P.A.
2. This contract is awarded without competitive bidding as a "Professional Service" in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(a) of the Local Public Contracts Law because the services in the field of law required are specialized, and require expertise in employment law generally.
3. That the Agreement herein and this resolution is contingent upon certification of funds and appropriate funding to render payment for the services provided herein.

**Adopted:** January 16, 2024

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**Joyce Lanier, Municipal Clerk**

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**Tency A. Eason, Council President**



**CITY COUNCIL****The City of Orange Township, New Jersey**DATE January 2, 2024NUMBER 20-2024

**TITLE: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A LIST OF FIRMS TO REPRESENT THE CITY OF ORANGE TOWNSHIP IN REGARD TO BOND MATTERS ON AN AS NEEDED BASIS FOR A PERIOD OF ONE (1) YEAR FROM JANUARY 1, 2024 THROUGH DECEMBER 1, 2024**

**WHEREAS**, on October 12, 2023, October 13, 2023 and November 22, 2023, the City of Orange Township published Requests for Qualifications with a deadline for qualifications to be submitted on December 7, 2023, to establish a pool of qualified counsels to provide legal representation to the City, in connection with Bond or similar obligations of the City of Orange Township including review of such procedures and the rendering of approving legal opinions acceptable to the financial community and/or challenges to governmental action, and such other areas of municipal law as may be required; and

**WHEREAS**, two (2) law firms have submitted resumes in response to the Request for Qualifications; and

**WHEREAS**, the Qualified Purchasing Agent evaluated the background and experience of each firm submitting responses to the City's Request for Qualifications; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Attorney Approves the law firms of:


1. Wilentz, Goldman & Spitzer  
90 Woodbridge Center Drive  
Suite 900 Box 10  
Woodbridge, New Jersey 07095
2. Law Office of Marco De Stefano, Esq., LLC  
2050 Emerson Avenue  
Union, New Jersey 07083

**WHEREAS**, said firms will only be selected to provide legal services on an as needed basis; and

**WHEREAS**, all recommended firms have agreed to provide legal services at an hourly rate of \$150.00 per hour; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Attorney has determined that the above referenced law firms are qualified to provide the legal services as set forth above.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the City Council of the City of Orange Township, that the Mayor is hereby authorized to enter into Agreements with said law firms for a one (1) year period running from January 1, 2024 to December 31, 2024.

  
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CITY ATTORNEY

Adopted: January 2, 2024

  
Joyce L. Lanier  
Municipal Clerk

  
Tency A. Eason  
Council President

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**RESOLUTION NO. 20-2024**

**ON CONSENT AGENDA**

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING – January 2, 2024**

**MOTION TO ADOPT: Summers-Johnson**

**SECOND: Montague, III**

**YEAS: Coley, Hilbert, Montague, III, Ross, Summers-Johnson & Council President Eason**

**NAYS: None**

**ABSTENTIONS: None**

**ABSENCES: Wooten**