

CITY COUNCIL**The City of Orange Township, New Jersey**DATE January 16, 2024NUMBER 34-2024

TITLE: A RESOLUTION RETAINING ANTONELLI, KANTOR & RIVERA, LLC. AS SPECIAL COUNSEL WITH REGARD TO VARIOUS LEGAL MATTERS AND LITIGATION REGARDING THE CITY OF ORANGE TOWNSHIP IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$80,000.00 FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2024

WHEREAS, various items of litigation and legal issues have been brought up from time to time for the City of Orange to address including but not limited to issues of public sector labor law, personnel matters, local governance inquiries, and other municipal law matters; and

WHEREAS, In Resolution No. 19-2024, adopted on January 2, 2024, Antonelli, Kantor & Rivera, LLC is a law firm authorized to represent the City, its officers and employees; 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. requires that the resolution authorizing 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. 4-01-20-155-000-519, 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 Antonelli, Kantor & Rivera, LLC.

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

1. The Mayor is hereby authorized and directed to execute the attached Agreement, in an amount not to exceed one hundred thousand dollars \$80,000.00, with Antonelli, Kantor & Rivera, P.C., 354 Eisenhower Parkway, Ste. 1000, Livingston, New Jersey 07039.
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**

Joyce L. Lanier, City Clerk

Tency A. Eason, Council President
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CITY OF ORANGE TOWNSHIP
FINANCE DEPARTMENT

CERTIFICATION OF FUNDS
NEXT BUDGET

I, Nile Clements, Chief Financial Officer for the City of Orange Township, do hereby confirm that based on the Quote or RFP, RFQ, bid results or "extraordinary unspecifiable services" without competitive bids for 2024 service contract, and the resolution to be presented to the Council for approval, and 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:

Vendor Name: Antonelli Kantor Rivera LLC.
Address: 354 Eisenhower Parkway
Suite 1000

City: Livingston
State: New Jersey
Zip Code: 07039

Purpose: Special Counsel regarding various matters
Vendor ID: ANTON040

Temporary Budget: \$ 20,000.00
Fund: Current Fund
Line Description LAW - Professional Services
Account Numbers(s): CY'24 4-01-20-155-000-519

The remainder of: \$ 60,000.00
will be provided in
Fund: Current Fund
Line Description LAW - Professional Services
Account Numbers(s): CY'24 4-01-20-155-000-519

Purchase Order #: 24-00069

Amount not to exceed: \$ 80,000.00

Division Head

Date

Nile Clements

1/8/2024

Chief Financial Officer

Date

The City of Orange Township

Agreement for Legal Services

This Agreement entered into as of the _____ day of _____, 2024, and is effective as of January 1, 2024, between:

City of Orange Township,
29 North Day Street, Orange New Jersey 07050 (“City”)

and

Antonelli, Kantor & Rivera, P.C.
354 Eisenhower Parkway, Ste. 1000
Livingston, New Jersey 07039, (“Ramon E. Rivera, Esq.”)

Under the terms and conditions as follows:

- 1) The City desires to engage the services of Ramon Rivera, Esq. and his firm Antonelli, Kantor & Rivera, P.C. as it pertains to legal needs of the City from time to time.
- 2) Ramon E. Rivera, Esq. and his approve designees shall perform all services as requested by the City including but not limited to labor, employment, personnel and like matters. The City Attorney retains the sole discretion as to the assignment of work to Ramon E. Rivera, Esq.
- 3) Antonelli, Kantor & Rivera, P.C. shall be compensated by the City for all services rendered at a rate of \$150.00 per hour. Ramon E. Rivera, Esq. shall submit monthly invoices for services rendered. The monthly invoice shall be accompanied by a cover letter setting forth year to date billing.
- 4) Ramon E. Rivera, Esq. shall not be entitled to any other form of remuneration or benefit other than that identified herein.
- 5) Ramon E. Rivera, Esq. shall be required to provide monthly updates. Additional information may be requested by the City Attorney.
- 6) The performance of work under this contract may be terminated by the City whenever the City through its administration determines that the termination is necessary in the best interests of the City. Any such termination shall be

effected by delivery to Ramon E. Rivera, Esq. a Notice of Termination which specifies the date upon which the contract is terminated.

- 7) In the event the City does terminate this Agreement, Antonelli, Kantor & Rivera, P.C. shall be entitled to compensation to the date of the termination.
- 8) Antonelli, Kantor & Rivera, P.C. shall commence work upon the execution of this Agreement.
- 9) Ramon E. Rivera, Esq. shall maintain private malpractice insurance in the amount of at least \$1,000,000 and provide a copy of same to City.
- 10) This Agreement has an expiration date of December 31, 2024. Any extension of this Agreement must be done in writing and agreed to by the City and Antonelli, Kantor & Rivera, P.C.

In Witness Hereof, the City and Ramon E. Rivera, Esq. have executed this agreement the day and year first written above.

Attest:

ANTONELLI, KANTOR & RIVERA, P.C.

By: _____
Ramon E. Rivera, Esq.
A Member of the Firm

Attest:

THE CITY OF ORANGE TOWNSHIP

Joyce L. Lanier
Municipal Clerk

By: _____
Dwayne D. Warren, Mayor

Approved as to Form and Sufficiency

Gracia Robert Montilus, City Attorney

CITY COUNCIL**The City of Orange Township, New Jersey**DATE January 2, 2024NUMBER 19-2024

TITLE: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A LIST OF LAW FIRMS TO REPRESENT THE CITY OF ORANGE TOWNSHIP IN REGARDS TO LABOR MATTERS ON AN AS NEEDED BASIS FOR A PERIOD OF ONE (1) YEAR FROM JANUARY 1, 2024 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 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 labor, employment, personnel, contract matters and/or challenges to governmental action, and such other areas of municipal law as may be required; and

WHEREAS, eighth (8) law firms 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 recommends the law firms:

1. Ruderman & Roth, LLC
150 Morris Avenue, Ste. 303
Springfield, New Jersey 07081
2. Scarinci & Hollenbeck, LLC
1100 Valley Brook Avenue
P.O. Box 790
Lyndhurst, New Jersey 07071
3. ANTONELLI KANTOR & RIVERA
354 Eisenhower Parkway, Ste. 1000
Livingston, New Jersey 07039
4. Simmons Law, LLC.
1349 Lake Street
Plainfield, New Jersey 07060
5. Michael Armstrong & Associates, LLC
79 Mainbridge Lane
Willingboro, New Jersey 08046
6. PRB Attorneys at Law, LLC
One Gateway Center, Suite 2600
Newark, New Jersey 07012
7. Eric M. Bernstein & Associates, LLC
34 Mountain Blvd., Building A
Warren, New Jersey 07059

8. Law Office of Marco Di Stefano, Esq.
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 from January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024.

Adopted: **January 2, 2024**


Joyce L. Lahier
City Clerk


Tency A. Mason
Council President