

CITY COUNCIL

The City of Orange Township, New Jersey

DATE January 16, 2024

NUMBER 38-2024

TITLE: RESOLUTION RENEWING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH LAMB KRETZER, LLC, TO REPRESENT SERGEANT RENE WILSON IN THE MATTER, “KERI PAYNE, V. CITY OF ORANGE TOWNSHIP, ET AL” DOCKET NO. ESX-L-6850-22 IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$20,000.00 FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2024

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 9-2023, Lamb Kretzer, LLC, was, and remains a law firm authorized to represent Police Officer, Sergeant Rene Wilson; and

WHEREAS, The City awarded the contract to Lamb Kretzer, LLC under the “fair and open process” of the Pay to Play Law, N.J.S. A. 19-44A-20.4 et seq; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A 40A:11-15 limits the term of professional services contract to twelve (12) months; and

WHEREAS, the lawsuit is still ongoing and it is necessary to renew the contract for an additional twelve (12) month and to increase the contract amount by an additional \$20,000.00; and

WHEREAS, Lamb Kretzer, LLC agreed to provide these services at an hourly rate of \$150.00, including expenses; and

WHEREAS, the City awarded the contract to Lamb Kretzer, LLC under the “fair and open process” of the Pay-to-Play Law, N.J.S.A. 19-44A-20.4 et seq; and


WHEREAS, a certification of funds is not required because the payer of this agreement is the City’s insurance carrier, PEJIF.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Municipal Council of the City of Orange Township, authorizes extending the contract with Lamb Kretzer, LLC, 110B Meadowlands Parkway Ste. 201, Secaucus, N.J. 07094 until December 31, 2024, in an amount not to exceed \$20,000.00.

Adopted: January 16, 2024

Joyce Lanier
City Clerk

Tency A. Eason
Council President



**AMENDMENT TO CONTRACT
EXTENSION AGREEMENT**

THIS EXTENSION AGREEMENT is made this _____ day of _____, 2024 by and between the City of Orange Township, a municipal corporation of the State of New Jersey, having its principal office at 29 North Day Street, Orange, New Jersey 07050 (hereinafter referred to as "City") and Lamb Kretzer, LLC, 110B Meadowlands Parkway Ste. 201, Secaucus, N.J. 07094 (hereinafter referred to as "Counsel");

It is mutually understood and agreed by and between the undersigned contracting parties to amend the previously executed Agreement as follows:

This Agreement shall be binding on the heirs, successors, and assigns of each party hereto. The term of this Agreement shall be for a period of one (1) year from the date of this Agreement and Lamb Kretzer, LLC, shall continue to serve in all matters assigned to him/her as to this issue prior to the end of the term to their completion.

All other terms and conditions that are not hereby amended are to remain in full force and effect.

CITY OF ORANGE TOWNSHIP

By: _____
Dwayne D. Warren, Esq., Mayor

ATTEST:

Joyce Lanier, City Clerk

LAMB KRETZER, LLC

By: _____
George C. Roselle, Esq.

Approved as to form and sufficiency:

**Gracia Robert Montilus
City Attorney**

CITY COUNCIL

The City of Orange Township, New Jersey

DATE January 3, 2023

NUMBER 9-2023

TITLE:

AMENDED

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SERVICES OF LAMB KRETZER, LLC, TO REPRESENT SERGEANT RENE WILSON IN THE MATTER, "KERI PAYNE V. CITY OF ORANGE TOWNSHIP, ET AL." DOCKET NO. ESX-L-6850-22 IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$30,000.00 FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2023

WHEREAS, there exists a need for the City of Orange Township to retain legal representation on behalf of City of Orange Township and Christopher Hartwyk in connection with litigation, "Keri Payne v. City of Orange Township, et al."; and,

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 450- 2022, adopted on November 14, 2022, authorized Lamb Kretzer, LLC, to represent the City, its officers and employees; 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

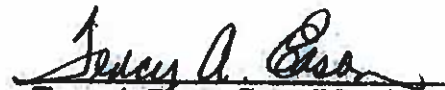
WHEREAS, a certification of funds is not required because the payer of this agreement is the City's insurance carrier, PEJIF.

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 \$30,000.00, with Lamb Kretzer, LLC, 110B Meadowlands Parkway, Ste. 201, Secaucus, N.J. 07094.
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 3, 2023


Joyce Lanier, Municipal Clerk


Tency A. Eason, Council President



RESOLUTION NO. 9-2023

ON CONSENT AGENDA

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING – January 3, 2023

MOTION TO ADOPT: Summers-Johnson

SECOND: Montague, III

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

NAYS: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

ABSENCES: None