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**RESOLUTION 21-6**

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**Resolution Authorizing a Professional Services Agreement with Trishka W. Cecil, Esq., as Municipal Attorney and Mason, Griffin & Pierson, P.C. as the Assistant Municipal Attorney for 2021, Not to Exceed \$152,400.00**

WHEREAS, the municipality of Princeton desires to retain the services of a Municipal Attorney and Assistant Municipal Attorney for purposes of legal services for 2021 on behalf of Princeton; and

WHEREAS, Trishka W. Cecil, Esq. and Mason, Griffin & Pierson, P.C. have provided a proposal to Princeton for purposes of performing the sought-after legal services for the not to exceed retainer amount of \$152,400.00 (\$12,700.00 per month) and term of the calendar year 2021; and

WHEREAS, Princeton has a need to acquire these services following the “fair and open process” as defined by P.L. 2004, c.19, the “Local Unit Pay-to-Play Law” and in connection therewith, Triska W. Cecil, Esq. and Mason, Griffin & Pierson, P.C. have completed and filed with Princeton the required Campaign Contributions Affidavit pursuant to N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.8, Certification Regarding Political Contributions pursuant to N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.26 and affidavit pursuant section 2-87 of the Princeton Code (collectively, the “Pay-to-Play Forms”); and

WHEREAS, the agreement shall be for an amount for routine retainer services of \$.00, as more specifically detailed in the Trishka W. Cecil, Esq. and Mason, Griffin & Pierson, P.C.’s proposal; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has certified that sufficient funds are available to pay for said services in account # 01-201-20-155-401 Legal Services & Costs - Other Expenses - General Service; and

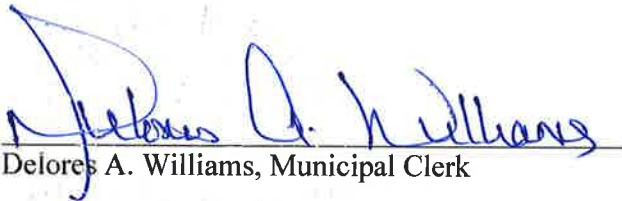
WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law, *N.J.S.A.* 40A:11-5(1)(a)(i), authorizes Princeton to award this agreement as a professional services agreement, without public bidding.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Municipality of Princeton, County of Mercer, State of New Jersey, as follows:

1. The Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute an agreement with Trishka W. Cecil, Esq. for the position of Municipal Attorney and Mason, Griffin & Pierson, P.C. as the Assistant Municipal Attorney, consistent with this Resolution and the above "Whereas" clauses.
2. The agreement is awarded following competitive bidding as a professional services agreement as authorized under *N.J.S.A.* 40A:11-4.5.
3. Trishka W. Cecil, Esq. and Mason, Griffin & Pierson, P.C. shall be paid a fee not to exceed \$152,400.00 (\$12,700.00 per month) as a retainer for routine services. The term of the agreement shall be for the Calendar Year 2021.
4. A copy of this Resolution, the Pay-to-Play Forms and the agreement shall be placed on file in the Office of the Clerk.
5. A notice of this action shall be published in the official newspaper as required by law.

Councilperson	Absent	Present	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Yea	Nay	Abstain	Disqualified
Mr. Cohen		X		X	X			
Ms. Fraga		X			X			
Ms. Niedergang		X	X		X			
Ms. Pirone Lambros		X			X			
Ms. Sacks		X			X			
Mr. Williamson		X			X			
Mayor Freda		X						

I, Delores A. Williams, Municipal Clerk of Princeton, do hereby certify that the above is a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Mayor and Council of Princeton at a meeting held January 4, 2021.



Delores A. Williams, Municipal Clerk

**ATTACHMENTS:**

- Agreement MGP (PDF)
- Memo MGP (PDF)