



RESOLUTION 21-133

Resolution Authorizing a Professional Services Agreement with Decotiis, Fitzpatrick, Cole & Giblin, LLP in an Amount Not to Exceed \$25,000.00 for Professional Legal Services (Special Redevelopment Counsel to Princeton Planning Board)

WHEREAS, Princeton wishes to retain the services of special legal counsel to provide professional legal services to Princeton and the Princeton Planning Board with respect to the North Harrison Street redevelopment area and such other matters or work as may be assigned from time to time; and

WHEREAS, DeCotiis, Fitzpatrick, Cole & Giblin (“CONSULTANT”) has agreed to provide the sought-after services to Princeton in accordance with the rates set forth in CONSULTANT’s proposal dated March 26, 2021, a copy of which is on file in the office of the Princeton Clerk, for an estimated not-to-exceed cost of twenty five thousand dollars (\$25,000); and

WHEREAS, Princeton has a need to acquire these services without a “fair and open process” as defined by P.L. 2004, c.19, the “Local Unit Pay-to-Play Law” and in connection therewith, CONSULTANT has 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 term of the agreement shall be for one year from the date on which it is executed; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has certified that sufficient funds are available to pay for said services; 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 CONSULTANT, to provide legal services to Princeton as described in the preamble to this resolution, at the rates set forth on pages 2-3 of CONSULTANT's proposal dated March 26, 2021 and for a not-to-exceed cost of \$25,000.
2. The agreement is awarded without competitive bidding as a professional services agreement as authorized under N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a)(i).
3. The agreement shall terminate one year from the date of its execution or when the above-referenced services are no longer needed, whichever shall first occur.
4. A copy of this resolution, the Pay-to-Play Forms and the agreement shall be kept on file in the Office of the Clerk.
5. A notice of this action shall be published in Princeton's official newspaper as required by law.
6. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

Councilperson	Absent	Present	1 st	2 nd	Yea	Nay	Abstain	Disqualified
Mr. Cohen		X			X			
Ms. Fraga		X			X			
Ms. Niedergang		X			X			
Ms. Pirone Lambros		X			X			
Ms. Sacks		X	X		X			
Mr. Williamson		X		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 April 12, 2021.



Delores A. Williams, Municipal Clerk

ATTACHMENTS:

- DeCotiis PSA (Legal Services - Special Redev Atty for PB) (PDF)