CITY OF CAMDEN REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY RESOLUTION SUMMARY

Finance

Resolution No.: 02-22-24C

Resolution Title:

Resolution Authorizing a Professional Services Agreement with Brown & Connery LLP to Provide General Counsel Legal Services for the Year 2024 for an Amount Not to Exceed \$100,000.00

Project Summary:

- CRA requires General Counsel Legal Services to assist the Agency during the course of its routine operations and is in need of these legal services for 2024.
- Brown & Connery, LLP responded to the Agency's solicitation for legal counsel services by submitting a qualifications proposal. CRA evaluated the firm's qualifications proposal and recommends a professional service agreement be entered into with Brown & Connery, LLP to provide the required General Counsel Legal Services at the hourly rates contained within their proposal.

Purpose of Resolution:

To authorize a professional services agreement

Award Process:

A RFQ was solicited and advertised in the Courier-Post and posted on the Agency's website, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A 11-5 ((1) (a)(i))

Cost Not to Exceed: \$100,000.00

Funding Source:

Project and Program Budgets and Operations

Total Project Cost:

N/A

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WHEREAS, the City of Camden Redevelopment Agency (CRA) is charged with the duty of redevelopment throughout the City of Camden; and

WHEREAS, CRA requires General Counsel Legal Services to assist the Agency in the course of its routine operations, redevelopment transactions and projects; and

WHEREAS, CRA solicited for legal services by advertising in the Courier-Post and posting on the Agency's website a Request for Proposals, pursuant to the 'fair and open' competitive process established by N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 et seq.; and

WHEREAS, the firm of Brown & Connery LLP, with its principal offices located at 6 North Broad Street, Woodbury, New Jersey 08096 submitted a qualifications proposal by the February 20, 2024 deadline and has been deemed qualified to provide the required General Counsel Legal Services for the year 2024; and

WHEREAS, CRA desires to execute a professional services agreement pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A 11-5 ((1) (a)(i)) with the firm of Brown & Connery, LLP to provide General Counsel Legal Services at the hourly rates submitted in their proposal with a contract expiration date of February 28, 2025.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the governing body of the City of Camden Redevelopment Agency that the Interim Executive Director, a duly authorized representative of the Agency, is hereby authorized to enter into a one-year professional services agreement with the firm of Brown & Connery, LLP to provide General Counsel Legal Services at a cost not to exceed \$100,000.00 at the hourly rates set forth in the proposal submitted by the firm.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Interim Executive Director, or her designee, is hereby authorized and directed to takes all actions, and execute all documents necessary to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

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ON MOTION OF: Maria Sharma

SECONDED BY: Gilbert Harden, Sr.

COMMISSIONER	AYES	NAYS	ABSTENTIONS
Christopher Collins	x		
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Maria Sharma	X		

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ATTEST:

Olivette Simpson Interim Executive Director

The above has been reviewed and approved as to form.

Mark **I**. Asselta

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