



Stockton Borough Council
Resolution #24-30
Awarding Non-Fair and Open Contract – Special Counsel

WHEREAS, the Borough of Stockton seeks to appoint the law firm of Eckert Seamans Cherin & Mellott, LLC to assist the Borough with pending real estate transactions (with which it has been previously engaged prior to January 1, 2024) on an as-needed basis, and as a non-fair and open contract pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4; 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 the contract itself must be awarded for public inspection; and

WHEREAS, the term of this contract for this service is one year from January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024; and

WHEREAS, Eckert Seamans Cherin & Mellott, LLC and Michael R. Butler, Esq. will provide legal services as sought by the Borough of Stockton at the hourly compensation in the Agreement which is on file in the Municipal Clerk's Office; and

WHEREAS, Eckert Seamans Cherin & Mellott, LLC has completed and submitted a Business Entity Disclosure Certification which certifies that the firm has not made any reportable contributions to a political or candidate committee in the Borough of Stockton with the elected officials in the previous one year, and that the contract will prohibit the firm of Eckert Seamans Cherin & Mellott, LLC from making any reportable contributions through the term of the contract; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer, Diane McDaniel, has certified the availability of funds; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Stockton, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey that they do hereby provide advice and consent to the award of a professional services contract with Eckert Seamans Cherin & Mellott, LLC, consistent with the foregoing "Whereas" clauses, for a term of one year from January 1, 2024, through December 31, 2024.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Borough Council authorizes the Mayor and Municipal Clerk to enter into a contract with Eckert Seamans Cherin & Mellott, LLC as described herein to the satisfaction of the Borough Council; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the contract, resolution, and other pertinent documents shall remain on file in the office of the Municipal Clerk; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a notice of this action shall be printed once in the Borough's legal newspaper.

Certification:

I, Laurie A. Courter, Clerk of the Borough of Stockton, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey, do hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution is a true and exact copy of a Resolution adopted by the Borough Council of the Borough of Stockton on January 17, 2024.

Laurie A. Courter

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the corporate seal of the Borough this

14th day of _____ January _____, 2024

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