#### **RESOLUTION #15-31**

## RESOLUTION APPOINTING LABOR COUNSEL FOR THE CITY OF WOODBURY

WHEREAS, there exists a need for the appointment of a Labor Attorney for the City of Woodbury for the year 2015; and

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law (N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq.) requires that the resolution authorizing the award of contracts for "Professional Services" without competitive bids must be publicly advertised.

WHEREAS, this appointment and/or contract was advertised and is hereby awarded pursuant to a fair and open process in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 et seq., with the award of the contract and/or the appointment being in the best interest and the most advantageous to the City of Woodbury considering all factors.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Woodbury that BROWN AND CONNERY, LLP represented by CHRISTINE O'HEARN, ESQ is hereby appointed Labor Attorney for the City of Woodbury, commencing January 1, 2015 for a term of one (1) year terminating on December 31, 2015; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a contract be entered into with the above appointee and such contract be awarded without competitive bidding as a "Professional Service" under the provisions of the Local Public Contracts Law because the aforesaid agreement encompasses professional services recognized, licensed and regulated by law, and is of a nature where it is not possible to obtain competitive bids and is hereby awarded under a fair and open process pursuant to N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 et seg.; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a notice of this resolution shall be published in the Gloucester County Times as required by law within ten (10) days of its passage.

ADOPTED at the regular meeting of the Mayor and City Council of the City of Woodbury held January 3, 2015.

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Ordinance/Resolution #\_\_

Mayor and Council of the City of Woodbury, on

#### CITY OF WOODBURY

# PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT

WHEREAS, Brown & Connery, LLP is a law firm practicing a recognized profession, which practice is regulated by law, and which practice includes the rendering of services as special counsel for labor and employment matters; and

WHEREAS, there exists a need for the services of special counsel for labor and employment matters and such other matters as designated by the City; and

**WHEREAS**, the Local Public Contracts Law (N.J.S.A. 49A:11-1 et seq.) permits the award of contracts for "professional services" without competitive bids.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, in consideration of the mutual covenants and conditions herein contained, and other good and valuable consideration the parties hereto agree as follows:

#### **SECTION ONE**

# **EMPLOYMENT**

The law firm of Brown & Connery, LLP is hereby engaged as special counsel for labor and employment matters and such other designated matters by the City from January 1, 2015 to December 31, 2015.

#### **SECTION TWO**

### **COMPENSATION**

Payment to Brown & Connery, LLP for legal services rendered to the City shall be as follows:

Attorneys - \$195/hour

Paralegals - \$95/hour

plus, out-of-pocket expenses such as duplicating, postage and long distance telephone expenses.

Brown & Connery, LLP shall submit itemized statements to the City on a monthly basis accompanied by an executed voucher for payment.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the City has caused this Agreement to be executed and its corporate seal to be hereunto affixed and attested by the Secretary and Brown & Connery, LLP has caused this Agreement to be executed by one of its partners.

ATTEST:

(Seal)

ATTEST/WITNESS

AMY J. McCAUSLAND NOTARY PUBLIC OF NEW JERSEY MY COMMISSION EXPIRES MAY 15, 2018 CITY OF WOODBURY

**BROWN & CONNERY, LLP** 

Christine P. O'Hearn, Partner