

Mr. Nolan offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

**BOROUGH OF HIGHLANDS
COUNTY OF MONMOUTH**

R-08-26

**RESOLUTION AMENDING RESOLUTION 07-160
AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A NON-FAIR AND OPEN CONTRACT FOR
PROFESSIONAL LABOR RELATIONS COUNSEL AND OTHER SPECIAL
COUNSEL SERVICES
APRUZZESE, McDERMOTT, MASTRO & MURPHY**

WHEREAS, the Borough of Highlands adopted Resolution R-07-160 at a meeting held on September 5, 2007 awarding the above contract to Apruzzese, McDermott, Mastro & Murphy, 25 Independence Boulevard, P.O. Box 112, Liberty Corner, New Jersey 07938 for an amount not to exceed \$35,000 plus reimbursable expenses for professional labor relations counsel and other special counsel services; and

WHEREAS, ongoing labor negotiations and litigation necessitate that this contract be amended for an amount not to exceed an additional \$25,000 for professional labor relations counsel and other special counsel services for a total contract not to exceed \$60,000 plus reimbursable expenses; and

I hereby certify funds are available as follows:

Current Fund: Legal
Bond Ordinance O-98-11

Stephen Pfeffer, Chief Financial Officer

WHEREAS, the term of the contract has expired and the Governing Body desires to extend term of the contract for an additional six months until June 30, 2008; and

WHEREAS, the Borough's Chief Financial Officer has determined and certified in writing that the value of the contract will exceed \$17,500; and

WHEREAS, the firm of Apruzzese, McDermott, Mastro & Murphy has completed and submitted a Business Entity Disclosure Certification which certifies that Apruzzese, McDermott, Mastro & Murphy has not made any reportable contributions to a political candidate, local party committee or candidate committee in the Borough of Highlands in the previous year and that the contract will prohibit Apruzzese, McDermott, Mastro & Murphy from making any reportable contributions through the term of the contract; and

WHEREAS, the firm of Apruzzese, McDermott, Mastro & Murphy has completed and submitted
A Political Contribution Disclosure form in accordance with P.L. 2005, c.271; and

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et. seq. requires that notice with respect to contracts for professional services awarded without competitive bids must be publicly advertised;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Highlands as follows:

1. Apruzzese, McDermott, Mastro & Murphy are hereby retained to provide professional labor relations counsel and other special counsel services as described above for an additional six months until June 30, 2008 at an increased amount of \$25,000.
2. The contract is awarded without competitive bidding as a "Professional Service" in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a) because it is for services performed by persons authorized by law to practice a recognized profession.
3. A copy of the Resolution as well as the contract shall be placed on file with the Borough Clerk of the Borough of Highlands.
4. The Borough Clerk is hereby directed to publish notice of this award as required by law.

Seconded by Mrs. Burton and adopted on the following roll call vote:

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Mrs. Burton, Mr. Caizza, Mr. Urbanski, Mr. Nolan, Mayor Little

NAYES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

Date: January 23, 2008

NINA LIGHT FLANNERY
Borough Clerk

I, _____, Clerk/Deputy Clerk, do hereby certify this to be a true copy of the Resolution adopted by the Governing Body of the Borough of Highlands on January 23, 2008.