



BOROUGH OF HIGHLANDS  
COUNTY OF MONMOUTH

## RESOLUTION 16-168

### RESOLUTION AWARDING PROFESSIONAL LEGAL SERVICES CONTRACT TO THE LAW FIRM OF GLUCK WALRATH, LLP.

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Highlands is in need of professional legal services for the purpose of representing the Borough with regard to the Fair Housing Act and the Council of Affordable Housing (COAH) regulations; and

**WHEREAS**, such professional legal services can only be provided by licensed professionals and the firm of Gluck Walrath, LLP, 428 River View Plaza, Trenton, NJ 08611 is so recognized; and

**WHEREAS**, this contract is to be awarded for an amount not to exceed \$2,500 at an hourly rate of \$175 per hour as stated in the proposal dated August 4, 2016; and

**WHEREAS**, Gluck Walrath, LLP has completed and submitted a Business Entity Disclosure Certification which certifies that Gluck Walrath, LLP has not made any reportable contributions to a political or candidate committee in the Borough of Highlands in the previous one year and that the contract will prohibit Gluck Walrath, LLP from making any reportable contributions through the term of the contract; and

**WHEREAS**, Gluck Walrath, LLP 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 11-1A et. seq. requires that notice with respect to contracts for professional services awarded without competitive bids must be publicly advertised; and

**WHEREAS**, certification of availability of funds is hereby provided by the Chief Financial Officer of the Borough of Highlands.

I hereby certify funds are available as follows:

Patrick DeBlasio, Chief Financial Officer

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the governing body of the Borough of Highlands as follows:

1. Gluck Walrath, LLP is hereby retained to provide professional legal services as described above for an amount not to exceed \$2,500 plus reimbursable expenses.
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. The Mayor and Borough Administrator are hereby authorized to sign said contract.
3. A copy of the resolution as well as a copy of the contract shall be place on file with the Borough Clerk of the Borough of Highlands.
4. The Clerk is hereby directed to publish notice of this award as required by law.

|  | INTRODUCED | SECONDED | AYE | NAY | ABSTAIN | ABSENT |
|--|------------|----------|-----|-----|---------|--------|
| BROULLON                               |            | X        | X   |     |         |        |
| CARD                                   |            |          | X   |     |         |        |
| D'ARRIGO                               |            |          | X   |     |         |        |
| WELLS                                  |            |          |     |     |         | X      |
| NOLAN                                  | X          |          | X   |     |         |        |
|  |            |          |     |     |         |        |
|  |            |          |     |     |         |        |
| ON CONSENT AGENDA: YES <u>  X  </u> NO |            |          |     |     |         |        |

I, Dwayne M, Harris, Acting Municipal Clerk of the Borough of Highlands, in the County of Monmouth, State of New Jersey, hereby certify this to be a true copy of the action of the Governing Body, at its Regular Meeting, held August 17, 2016. WITNESS my hand this 24th day of August 2016.



Dwayne M. Harris, RMC  
Acting Municipal Clerk