

**RESOLUTION #267-2023**  
**AUTHORIZING APPOINTMENT OF LEGAL SERVICES FOR**  
**LITIGATION ISSUES**  
**BARKER, GELFAND, JAMES AND SARVAS, P.C.**

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Commissioners of the City of Margate City, County of Atlantic, State of New Jersey has determined it has a need for Legal Services to represent the City of Margate City for litigation issues and other employment related matters; and

**WHEREAS**, Michael Barker, Esquire of Barker, Gelfand, James and Sarvas, P.C., 210 New Road, Suite 12, Linwood, NJ 08221 has submitted a proposal dated September 26, 2023 and has demonstrated that he has the necessary experience and qualifications to perform the services for legal services for litigation issues; and

**WHEREAS**, this contract is awarded without competitive bidding because it is a Professional Services Contract and is an exception to the Local Public Contracts Law *N.J.S.A. 40:11A-5* (1) (a) (i); and

**WHEREAS**, the Chief Financial Officer has certified to the City Commissioners that there are sufficient funds available under Legal – Other Attorney Fees 4-01-20-155-255, in an amount not to exceed \$30,000.00. Amounts for future year is contingent upon sufficient funds being appropriated.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** the Board of Commissioners of the City of Margate City hereby authorizes to execute and the City Clerk to attest to a contract in an amount not to exceed \$30,000.00 between the City of Margate City and Michael Barker, Esquire of Barker, Gelfand, James and Sarvas, P.C., 210 New Road, Suite 12, Linwood, NJ 08221 for the performance of legal services for litigation issues for City of Margate City. Services shall be billed at the rate of \$200.00 per hour for attorneys and \$90.00 per hour for paralegals.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the certified copy of this resolution be forwarded to the following:

1. Lisa McLaughlin, Chief Financial Officer
2. Barker, Gelfand, James and Sarvas, P.C., 210 New Road, Suite 12, Linwood, NJ 08221

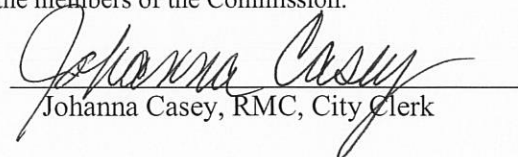
**ROLL CALL:**

NAME	MOTION	SECOND	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Collins		X	X			
Blumberg			X			
Horn	X		X			

DATE: November 16, 2023

**CERTIFICATION**

I, Johanna Casey, Clerk of Margate City, Atlantic County, do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted by the Commissioners of the City of Margate City at a meeting of said Commission held on November 16, 2023 and said resolution was adopted by not less than a two-thirds vote of the members of the Commission.

  
Johanna Casey, RMC, City Clerk