RESOLUTION NO. 12-2022 AWARD OF A FAIR AND OPEN CONTRACT ROBERT J. HOLDEN, ESQUIRE, LLC **BOROUGH PUBLIC DEFENDER**

Councilmember Keeler introduced and offered the following Resolution for its adoption; seconded by Councilmember Birdsall:

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 2B:24-3 there exists a need to appoint a qualified individual to serve as Public Defender in the Borough of Sea Bright; and

WHEREAS, a request for proposals for Borough Public Defender was posted and advertised in the Asbury Park Press to be received on December 10, 2021; and,

WHEREAS, while the Local Public Contracts Law N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5 (1)(a) does not require competitive bidding for such professional services, the Borough nevertheless advertised pursuant to the fair and open process (N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.5); and

WHEREAS, one proposal for Public Defender was received and evaluated by the Governing Body with due consideration as to qualifications, experience, compensation and other factors and criteria; and

WHEREAS, the proposal received from Robert J. Holden, Esquire, LLC is being considered for the term of one year commencing January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022 at the rate of \$300.00 per assignment; and

CERTIFICATION OF FUNDS

I, Michael J. Bascom, Chief Financial Officer, hereby certify that based on the amount of funds expended in the prior year for these services, it is estimated that the total 2022 appropriation for this contract will be \$5,000.00, said amount subject to unforeseen decreases or increases in litigation. Funds will be provided for in the 2022 Temporary Budget and in the Budget for the year 2022, when finally adopted, in the appropriation entitled Public Defender #2-01-43-495-111.

MICHAEL J. BASCOM, CFO

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Borough Council of the Borough of Sea Bright, County of Monmouth, State of New Jersey, does hereby award a professional service contract to Robert J. Holden, Esquire, LLC to serve as Borough Public Defender for one year commencing January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022 pursuant to the rates and term set forth in the submitted proposal; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Borough Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute an agreement for the provision of such professional service, a copy of which shall be maintained by the Borough Clerk; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Borough Clerk is hereby authorized to advertise this award of contract according to law in the local newspaper and is further authorized to forward a certified copy of this resolution to the following:

Robert J. Holden, Esq. 1.

Finance Manager 2.

Certified Court Administrator

Roll Call:

Birdsall, Bieber, Yes Yes

Booker, Catalano,

Yes

Yes

Keeler. Yes

Lamia Yes

January 8, 2022

CERTIFICATION

I, Christine Pfeiffer, Borough Clerk do hereby certify that the foregoing is a Resolution adopted by the Borough Council of the Borough of Sea Bright, County of Monmouth, State of New Jersey, at a Council meeting held on January 8, 2022.

Christine Pfeiffer, Borough Clerk