PLANNING BOARD OF THE BOROUGH OF
ATLANTIC HIGHLANDS
RESOLUTION APPOINTING PLANNING CONSULTANT
FOR SPECIAL SERVICES

WHEREAS, the Planning Board of the Borough of Atlantic Highlands (hereinafter "Municipality") is a contracting unit pursuant to the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40:11-1 et seq.; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Municipal Land Use Law, N.J.S.A. 40:55D-24, the Planning Board may employ, or contract for, and fix the compensation of, experts and other staff and services as it may deem necessary for its use within the budget provided by the Governing Body for such purposes; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the provisions of the Borough Ordinance Development Regulations, Article III, Section 3.1.H, the Borough Council shall make provisions in its budget and appropriate funds for the expenses of the Planning Board and the Planning Board may employ or contract for the services of experts and other staff and services as it may deem necessary; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution 186-2019 the Governing Body of the Borough of Atlantic Highlands authorized and directed the Planning Board to conduct the necessary preliminary investigation to determine whether 55 South Avenue, Block 139, Lot 55 ("Study Area") qualifies as a Non-Condemnation Redevelopment Area pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-1 et seq.; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Board having determined that it is necessary and appropriate to retain the services of a Planning Consultant for the purpose of preparing the aforesaid documents for submission to the Borough Council for its consideration; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Board having determined that it can, within its current budgetary constraints, engage a Planning Consultant to accomplish the Preliminary Investigation Report; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Board having submitted a request for proposal to planning consulting firms, and having received proposals from Planning Consultants, and having reviewed and considered the proposals and the credentials and qualifications of all persons having submitted a proposal to provide the aforesaid services; and

WHEREAS, following the aforesaid review, the Planning Board has determined that Thomas Planning Associates possesses the necessary knowledge, experience and background to perform the aforesaid services; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Board having further found that the proposal for providing services of Thomas Planning Associates is competitive and reasonable; and

WHEREAS, an appointment to provide said services may be made without competitive bidding as a "professional service", pursuant to the provisions of the Local Public Contracts Law as the said person is authorized by law to practice and this profession is regulated by law and/or is exempt from N.J.S.A.
40A:11-1 et seq., which requires that the award of contract for "professional services" without competitive bidding must be publicly advertised; and

WHEREAS, under all of the circumstances presented, the Planning Board finds that Thomas Planning Associates has provided the most favorable proposal in the context of price and credentials and qualifications to perform the services;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Planning Board of the Borough of Atlantic Highlands on this 5th day of March, 2020 that Thomas Planning Associates be and is hereby appointed to perform the aforesaid services with respect to preliminary investigation to determine whether 55 South Avenue, Block 139, Lot 55 ("Study Area") qualifies as a Non-Condemnation Redevelopment Area pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-1 et seq..

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that notice be given by public advertisement that on the 5th day of March, 2020 the Board did appoint Thomas Planning Associates to serve in the aforesaid capacity to the Planning Board pursuant to the requirements of the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq.

OFFERED BY: Mr. McGoldrick

SECONDED BY: Mr. Sonnek-Schmelz

ROLL CALL:

YES: Mr. Boms, Mr. Hawley, Mr. Caccamo, Mr. McGoldrick, Mr. Neff, Mrs. Murray, Mr. Colangelo, Mr. Sonnek-Schmelz

NO: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Mr. Dougherty, Mr. Pepe

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Secretary, Planning Board
Borough of Atlantic Highlands

I hereby certify that the above is a true and exact copy of the Resolution passed by the Planning Board of the Borough of Atlantic Highlands at its meeting conducted on March 5, 2020

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Secretary, Planning Board
Borough of Atlantic Highlands