

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-_____

A Resolution authorizing the Mayor and Controller to execute a Contract for Services with Stag Liuzza, LLC and Florio Perrucci Steinhardt Cappelli & Tipton, LLC for legal representation in AFFF/PFAS litigation.

WHEREAS, the presence of aqueous film-forming foam (“AFFF”) / perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances (“PFAS”) chemicals, also known as “forever chemicals”, and the attendant health hazards of such chemicals, in municipal drinking water is of increasing concern throughout the Nation; and

WHEREAS, there are certain class action lawsuits pending against chemical manufacturers and distributors relating to AFFF/PFAS contamination, and the City is interested in participating in any recovery pools in such litigation, where appropriate; and

WHEREAS, monies obtained in any class action recoveries would assist the City in, among other things, safeguarding the City's water supply against AFFF/PFAS contamination; and

WHEREAS, the law firms of Stag Liuzza, LLC and Florio Perrucci Steinhardt Cappelli & Tipton, LLC (the “Law Firms”) offer expertise in AFFF/PFAS-related litigation; and

WHEREAS, the Law Firms are willing to offer their services in AFFF/PFAS litigation pursuant to the attached Contract for Legal Services; and

WHEREAS, the attached Contract for Legal Services is a contingent fee agreement, whereby the City only pays legal fees to the Law Firms in the event of a monetary recovery in the lawsuits; and

WHEREAS, the terms of the Contract for Legal Services are reasonable and it is in the best interest of the City to enter into said Contract.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Bethlehem that the Mayor and Controller are authorized to execute the attached Contract for Legal Services with Stag Liuzza, LLC and Florio Perrucci Steinhardt Cappelli & Tipton, LLC, which shall take effect according to the terms thereof.

Sponsored by

ADOPTED by Council this day of , 2025.

President of Council

ATTEST:

City Clerk