

MUNICIPAL COUNCIL
RE-ORGANIZATION MEETING

Monday, January 1, 2018

12:00 pm

1. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance.
2. Roll Call
3. Adequate Notice of this meeting as required by the Open Public Meetings Act of 1975, has been provided by a Special Notice sent to The Home News Tribune, The Sentinel, and The Star Ledger on December 9, 2017 and posted in the Main Lobby of the Municipal Complex on the same date.
4. **NOMINATIONS** - Position of President for Council for 2018
5. **OATH OF OFFICE TO BE ADMINISTERED** - President of Council
6. **STATEMENT** - President of Council
7. **NOMINATIONS** - Position of Vice President of Council for 2018
8. **OATH OF OFFICE TO BE ADMINISTERED** - Vice President of Council
9. **STATEMENT** - Vice President of Council
10. **PROPOSED RESOLUTIONS:**
Copies of these Resolutions are available for review only and are posted in the Council Chambers. Anyone desiring a copy may contact the Township Clerk after the meeting.

Consent Agenda:

R.001-012018 Resolution authorizing the adoption of a Cash Management Plan for 2018
R.002-012018 Official Newspapers for Publication of Legal Notices
R.003-012018 Resolution awards a Professional Services Contract to McManimon, Scotland & Baumann, LLC and designates William W. Northgrave, Esq. of the firm to represent the Township of Edison as Township Attorney.
11. **ORAL PETITIONS AND REMARKS**
12. **ADJOURNMENT**

RESOLUTION R.001-012018

**AUTHORIZING THE ADOPTION OF A CASH MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR THE
TOWNSHIP OF EDISON**

WHEREAS, Chapter 148 of the Public Laws of 1997 requires the Governing Body to adopt an annual Cash Management Plan; and

WHEREAS, the following banks are authorized depositories for Municipal Funds consistent with the Governmental Unit Depository Protection Act and may be used by the Chief Financial Officer for the deposit of Township funds:

TD Bank – North Edison, NJ
Bank of New York/Chase, National Community Division, Edison, NJ
Capital One Bank/North Fork Bank, Edison, NJ
Provident Bank, Edison, NJ
PNC Bank, Edison, NJ
Bank of America, Edison, NJ
Columbia Savings Bank, Edison, NJ
Metuchen Savings Bank, Metuchen, NJ
Ocean First Bank, Monroe, NJ
Valley National Bank, So. Plainfield, NJ
Investor’s Savings Bank, Edison, NJ
State of New Jersey, Cash Management Fund
U.S. Bank, Morristown, NJ
Fulton Bank of NJ, Edison, NJ
Unity Bank, Edison, NJ
Indus American Bank, Iselin, NJ
J.P. Morgan Chase Bank

,and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer is directed to use this cash management plan as a guide in depositing and investing the funds of the Township of Edison, and

WHEREAS, the following investments are permitted for use by the Chief Financial Officer:

1. Interest bearing bank accounts and certificates of deposit in authorized banks for deposit of local unit funds.

2. Government money market mutual funds that comply with N.J.S.A. 40A:5-15.1 (e).
3. Any federal agency or instrumentality obligation authorized by Congress that matures within 397 days from the date of purchase, and has a fixed rate of interest not dependent on any index or external factors.
4. Bonds or other obligations of the local unit or school district of which the local unit is a part.
5. Any other obligations with maturities not exceeding 397 days, as permitted by the Division of Investments of the Department of the Treasury for investment by local units.
6. Local government investment pools which comply with N.J.S.A. 40A:5-15.1 (e) and conditions set by the Division of Local Government Services.
7. New Jersey State Cash Management Fund.
8. Repurchase agreements of fully collateralized securities, which comply with N.J.S.A. 40A:5-15 (a).

,and

WHEREAS, the priority of investment policies shall be, in order of descending importance: security, liquidity, and yield with funds managed to meet the Township of Edison's cash flow needs.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED by the Council of the Township of Edison, Middlesex County, New Jersey that the foregoing shall serve as the cash management plan of the Township of Edison for the year **2018**.

RESOLUTION R.002-012018

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Municipal Council of the Township of Edison that the following are hereby designated as the official newspapers of Edison Township for the purpose of publication of all legal notices, to the extent permitted by law, and to the extent each publication complies with the legal requirements for official newspapers for municipalities:

The Home News Tribune, Neptune, New Jersey

The Star Ledger, Newark, New Jersey

The Sentinel, Freehold, New Jersey

RESOLUTION R.003-012018

EXPLANATION: This Resolution awards a Professional Services Contract to McManimon, Scotland & Baumann, LLC and designates William W. Northgrave, Esq. of the firm to represent the Township of Edison as Township Attorney.

WHEREAS, the Municipal Council (“**Municipal Council**”) of the Township of Edison (“**Township**”) has determined that it is in its best interests and those of Township residents to engage qualified legal counsel, and the Township is authorized pursuant to the Local Public Contracts Law, *N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq.* (“**Local Contracts Law**”) to contract for “professional services” as it may require; and

WHEREAS, McManimon, Scotland & Baumann, LLC (“**Counsel**”) has an excellent reputation in the area of municipal government, including, but not limited to, the areas of public finance, redevelopment, environmental law, and more particularly local unit general counsel services, and has extensive legal staff and resources and the multi-disciplinary practice necessary to handle any matter in the municipal arena and any other unanticipated legal issue which may arise from time to time in the Township; and

WHEREAS, William W. Northgrave, Esq., a partner at Counsel, has an excellent reputation in the area of municipal government, has practiced law for many years, has knowledge of the Township and has available supporting attorney staff at and through Counsel; and

WHEREAS, for these reasons the Mayor and the Municipal Council recommend William W. Northgrave, Esq. for the position of Township Attorney and seek to enter a contract for legal services with Counsel for 2018 (“**Services Contract**,” as attached hereto as Exhibit A) to provide for same; and

WHEREAS, the Local Contracts Law, more specifically *N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5*, allows for the awarding of a contract for “professional services” without public advertising for bids; and

WHEREAS, prior to the execution of the Services Contract, William W. Northgrave, Esq. will have completed and submitted a Business Entity Disclosure Certification, which certifies that no individual with a ten percent (10.0%) interest or larger in Counsel has made any reportable contributions to a political or candidate committee in the Municipal Council in the previous year, and that the Services Contract will prohibit an individual with a ten percent (10.0%) interest or larger in Counsel from making any reportable contributions through the term of the Services Contract, pursuant to *N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4, et seq.*; and

WHEREAS, the Services Contract is not awarded through a “fair and open process” pursuant to *N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4, et seq.*; and

WHEREAS, compensation for local unit general counsel services included under the Services Contract shall be rendered at the flat rate of \$35,000.00, payable in twelve (12) monthly installments at the first Municipal Council meeting of each month, and shall include advising the Municipal Council; preparing routine resolutions and ordinances; rendering opinions; attending Municipal Council meetings and other matters as defined and delineated by Sections 2-71.2 thru 2.71.7 of the Township Code and the Services Contract; and

WHEREAS, compensation for the professional services outside of the scope of local unit general services, including, but not limited to, matters relating to the Local Redevelopment and Housing Law, *N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-1 et seq.*; litigation; and bond and note financing, shall be billed at the blended hourly rate of \$190 for attorneys, or other rates as provided in the Services Contract; and

WHEREAS, the Local Contracts Law requires that contracts awarded without competitive bid be authorized by resolution of the municipal governing body and that notice of the award of such contract be publicly advertised.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Municipal Council of the Township of Edison, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey, as follows:

1. The Mayor and Township Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute the Services Contract with Counsel, whereby William W. Northgrave, Esq. shall represent the Township as Township Attorney.
2. The Services Contract is awarded without competitive bidding as a “professional service” under the provisions of the Local Contracts Law, more specifically *N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5*, because the services in question are of a specialized, technical and professional nature.
3. A certificate showing the availability of funds for the Services Contract authorized hereby has been provided by the Chief Financial Officer of the Township and is made a part hereof indicating that the appropriation for the within expenditure is charged to the applicable accounts and is contingent upon the adoption of a temporary and/or permanent budget for the 2018 calendar year.
4. No payments in excess of the “not-to-exceed” amount of \$290,000.00 will be approved, unless such services/expenditures are negotiated and agreed upon in advance of service delivery.
5. Any modification to the Services Contract shall be in writing and signed by both parties, and upon obtaining said signatures shall immediately become a part of the contract.
6. The Mayor of the Township may, upon ten (10) days written notice, and without cause, terminate the Services Contract.
7. The Services Contract shall, for all purposes, be deemed a New Jersey contract and any provisions of the Services Contract shall be governed and interpreted according to the laws of the State of New Jersey.
8. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Municipal Council of the Township of Edison that a copy of this Resolution shall be published in the official newspaper within 10 days of its passage, as required by law, and shall be on file and available for public inspection in the office of the Edison Township Municipal Clerk, Edison Township Municipal Building, 100 Municipal Boulevard, Edison, New Jersey 08817.

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that, contingent upon the adoption of a temporary and/or permanent budget for the 2018 calendar year, funds in the amount of \$290,000.00 are available in Account No: 8-01-20-0155-001-027

Nicholas C. Fargo
Chief Financial Officer

