

CITY OF WILLIAMSPORT, PA RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION # 9052

DATE 7-9-20

TITLE

AGREEMENT FOR ECONOMIC ANALYTICS SERVICES BETWEEN THE CITY OF WILLIAMSPORT AND THE KAPOOR COMPANY

WHEREAS, the City of Williamsport (the "City") is involved in negotiations with the International Association of Firefighters Local 736 (the "Firefighters") for a collective bargaining agreement (the "CBA") that expired December 31, 2019; and

WHEREAS, the City and the Firefighters have not been able collectively negotiate terms of a new CBA; and

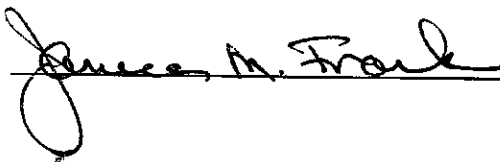
WHEREAS, the City and the Firefighters have reached an impasse in the negotiations and will head to Act 111 Interest Arbitration to resolve the impasse; and

WHEREAS, Special Labor Counsel has recommended the City engage an economic expert to assist with defending the City's position.

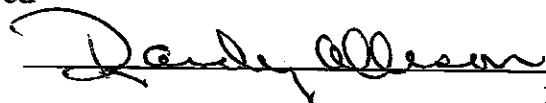
NOW THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Williamsport that the Mayor and City Controller are authorized to enter into an agreement with The Kapoor Company to provide professional quantitative and analytical services in support of labor negotiations and Act 111 Interest Arbitration.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED these services will be utilized on an as needed basis, as determined by the City Administration in conjunction with Special Labor Counsel, in an amount not to exceed \$16,500.

Approved



City Clerk



President



CITY OF WILLIAMSPORT

OFFICE OF FINANCE & BUDGET

MEMORANDUM

TO: Members, Williamsport City Council

FROM: Joseph Pawlak, Interim Finance Director

RE: Resolution to approve an economic analytics service agreement with The Kapoor Company

DATE: June 30, 2020

Attached for your review and consideration is a resolution to enter into an agreement with The Kapoor Company for economic analytics services. This proposal is being brought forward at the recommendation of Labor Counsel who is defending the City's interest in the Act 111 Interest Arbitration with the International Association of Firefighters Local 736.

Labor Counsel strongly suggests and recommends the participation of The Kapoor Company to present the economic condition that the union's requests and decades of negotiated items will have on the City's future, especially during these uncertain times. In addition to assisting with the Fire Interest Arbitration, the Mayor firmly believes that we can use the information assembled to provide Council with information regarding the City's economic future resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic.

With the timing of the Firefighter's Interest Arbitration and the FOP collective bargaining agreement negotiations forthcoming, the Administration believes moving forward with these services is a responsible decision. We are recommending that the funding for this agreement be transferred from the Legislative Contingency (1100 79540) account to the Hearings & Litigation (1400 79030) account.

Please feel free to contact Mayor Slaughter or myself with any questions.