

Introduced by: _____

Seconded by: _____

**CITY OF HOBOKEN
RESOLUTION NO. _____**

**RESOLUTION APPOINTING ANSELL ZARO GRIMM & AARON P.C.
SPECIAL LEGAL COUNSEL – REDEVELOPMENT**

WHEREAS, the City of Hoboken requires the services of Special Legal Counsel to handle redevelopment issues involving the City of Hoboken and has been retained prior (see attached resolution from August 7, 2007); and,

WHEREAS, in that role he has assisted in redevelopment matters for the administration developing a familiarity with certain matters that remain unresolved; and

WHEREAS, Ansell Zaro Grimm & Aaron P.C. (responsible attorney: Gordon Litwin, Esq.) is a widely recognized expert in the area of New Jersey redevelopment law; and,

WHEREAS, Ansell Zaro Grimm & Aaron P.C will be required to abide by the “pay-to-play” requirements of the Hoboken Public Contracting Reform Ordinance, #DR-154 (codified as §20A-11 et seq. of the Code of the City of Hoboken); and,

WHEREAS, said service is a professional service as defined by N.J.S.A. 40A:11-2(b) and as such, is exempt from public bidding requirements pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5; and,

WHEREAS, funds are available for this purpose.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED (a majority of the whole Council concurring) that a professional services contract be authorized in the amount not to exceed Twenty-Five Thousand (\$25,000.00) Dollars for the services of Gordon Litwin, Esq. of Ansell Zaro Grimm & Aaron P.C as Special Legal Counsel in redevelopment matters for the City of Hoboken; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this firm shall be paid as follows:

The Firm’s current fee schedule is as follows:

<u>Service</u>	<u>Fee</u>
Partners.....	\$275-\$47/hour
Associates.....	\$215-\$350/hour
Paralegals.....	\$95-110/hour

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the City Clerk shall publish this resolution as required by law and keep a copy of the resulting contract on file in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this resolution shall be provided to Mayor Dawn Zimmer for action in accordance therewith and to take any other actions necessary to complete and realize the intent and purpose of this resolution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution shall take effect immediately and terminate on June 30, 2010 at which time the term may be extended when the budget is adopted for a sum not to exceed the budgeted amount.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the Council of the City of Hoboken in the County of Hudson that:

A contract for Special Counsel for the City of Hoboken shall be prepared and executed with the following vendor:

**Ansell Zaro Grimm & Aaron P.C.
60 Park Place
Suite 1114
Newark, NJ 07102**

Such firm to be paid with a total amount not to exceed \$25,000.00.

Approved:

Judith L. Tripodi
Fiscal Control Officer

Approved as to form:

Michael B. Kates
Corporation Counsel

Date of Meeting: March 17, 2010