

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF COATESVILLE AUTHORIZING PROFESSIONAL SERVICES FOR VERIZON CABLE FRANCHISE RENEWAL

WHEREAS, the City is a “local franchising authority” in accordance with Title VI of the Communications Act and is authorized to grant one or more non-exclusive cable franchises to operate a cable system within the City; and

WHEREAS, the City has entered into cable franchise agreements with Comcast of Pennsylvania, LLC (“Comcast”) and Verizon Pennsylvania, Inc. (“Verizon”); and

WHEREAS, the City’s franchise agreement with Verizon expired on September 10, 2022 and both the City and Verizon desire to renew the franchise in order to provide legal protections and other benefits to the City and to reinstate Verizon’s right to offer cable services in the City; and

WHEREAS, the Cohen Law Group submitted a proposal dated November 30, 2023 (“Proposal”) to the City and other eligible municipalities in Chester County, known as the Chester County Consortium, to conduct a franchise fee audit of Verizon and to negotiate a franchise renewal agreement with Verizon; and

WHEREAS, the Proposal includes the benefits of the project, scope of services, professional background of the Cohen Law Group and cost of services on a flat fee basis; to date, 23 municipalities in Chester County have joined the Consortium for this project.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Coatesville does hereby approve the Proposal submitted by the Cohen Law Group and authorizes the City Manager to execute the engagement letter for the project.


APPROVED this 13th day of May, 2024.

ATTEST:

CITY OF COATESVILLE



James Logan
City Manager



Linda Lavender Norris
President of City Council