Resolution No. R-06-2021

Adopted: April 12, 2021

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF KENSINGTON AUTHORIZING AND RATIFYING A CONTRACT WITH SCOTT M. WATSON LIGHTING CONSULTANT, INC. TO PROVIDE CONSULTING AND SERVICES TO THE TOWN IN PEPCO RATE CASE 9655 AND TO PROVIDE CONSULTING AND SERVICES TO THE TOWN TO ASSESS THE TOWN'S PRESENT SYSTEM OF STREET LIGHTING AND RECOMMEND IMPROVEMENTS THERETO, TAKING INTO CONSIDERATION PEPCO'S PROPOSED LED UPGRADE PROPOSAL.

Whereas, it is in the public interest for the Mayor and Council to ensure that street lighting in the Town is adequate and efficient, that that the charges for electric service are reasonable and that any plan for replacement of the lights will provide service that is at least equivalent to current service in terms of price appearance, output, glare shielding, color temperature, and distribution; and

Whereas, the Potomac Electric Power Company ("PEPCO") has filed a multi-year rate case in Case No. 9655 before the Maryland Public Service Commission ("rate case"), proposing to replace existing service with LED replacement lights; and

Whereas, the Mayor and Council have determined to become a party in the said Pepco's rate case to protect the interest of the Town and its residents; and

Whereas, the Mayor and Council wish to authorize and ratify a contract for the retention of Scott M. Watson Lighting Consultant, Inc., to provide consulting and services to the Town in the rate case, on the terms and conditions as set out in attached Exhibit A; and

Whereas, the Mayor and Council wish to authorize and ratify a contract for the retention of Scott M. Watson Lighting Consultant, Inc., to provide consulting and services to the Town to assess the Town's present system of street lighting and recommend improvements thereto, taking into consideration PEPCO's recent LED upgrade proposal

Whereas, the Mayor and Council may, pursuant to Section 2-405 of the Town Code, approve a contract for professional services by an extra-majority vote.

Now Therefore Be It Resolved by the Mayor and Council of Town of Kensington that a contract for consulting, answering of data requests and testimony services in Case No. 9655 before the Maryland Public Service Commission, and to assess the Town's present system of street lighting and recommend improvements to the street lighting system, taking into consideration PEPCO's recent LED upgrade proposal, in substantially the form attached, be and

it is hereby approved and ratified. ADOPTED by the Town Council of Kensington, Maryland at the regular public meeting assembled on the 12th day of April, 2021.

**EFFECTIVE** the 12th day of April, 2021.

ATTEST:

TOWN OF KENSINGTON, MARYLAND

Susan C. Engels, Clerk – Treasurer