

**TOWN OF NORTH BRENTWOOD**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2013-01**

**Introduced by: Councilmember Aaron Baynes**

**Seconded by: Councilmember Martha Cuffie**

**Date of Introduction: February 04, 2013**

**A Resolution to authorize the Mayor to enter into an agreement to engage the services of a consultant provided by the Gateway Community Development Corporation to assist the Town with the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development's ("DHCD's") Sustainable Communities Designation, and generally relating to the procurement of professional services and application for certain grant or assistance programs provided by the State of Maryland**

**WHEREAS**, the Council of the Town of North Brentwood (the "Council") previously approved Resolution No. 2011-10 on November 21, 2011, supporting participation in the Sustainable Maryland Certified Municipal Certification Program; and

**WHEREAS**, designated Maryland Sustainable Communities may apply for funding and technical assistance from numerous State agencies and funding sources including but not limited to the Neighborhood Business Works Program, Community Legacy Program, the Maryland Sustainable Communities Tax Credit Program, the Job Creation Tax Credit, the Sidewalk Retrofit Program, and assistance for Growth and Revitalization Planning Areas; and

**WHEREAS**, municipal governments are eligible to apply for designation as a Sustainable Community, and per the Sustainable Communities Act of 2010, the Sustainable Communities' interim designations expired on June 1, 2012; however, in the 2012 legislative session, HB 1327 was passed, which extended the interim Sustainable Communities designations until December 31, 2013 for all former Community Legacy Areas and Designated Neighborhoods; and

**WHEREAS**, in order to be eligible or continue to be eligible for said designation a local government must submit a Sustainable Community Action Plan, including a summary of initiatives and projects for the revitalization of Sustainable Community Areas according to local priorities pursuant to certain deadlines that will occur this calendar year; and

**WHEREAS**, the Council has authority pursuant to Section 602(18) of the Town Charter to accept gifts and grants of Federal or State funds from the Federal or State governments or any agency thereof, and to expend the same for any lawful public purpose, and

**WHEREAS**, the Council has further authority pursuant to Section 820 of the Town Charter to approve all purchases and contracts of the Town government that shall be made by the Mayor, with the approval of the Council; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town has received a proposal from the Gateway Community Development Corporation entitled "Gateway Community Development Corporation Sustainable Communities Grant Proposal for North Brentwood" dated January 7, 2013; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council finds that the deadlines for said application are fast approaching, that said application and Plan is in need of timely attention at a reasonable cost, and it is in the best interest of the Town to avoid a substantial loss of funding that would result if the Town loses or fails to obtain its designation, and to further promote the health, safety and welfare needs of the Town and its residents, by engaging the services of a consultant to supervise, coordinate and prepare on behalf of the Town a Sustainable Community Action Plan and application for timely submission to DHCD's Division of Neighborhood Revitalization as described in the above-referenced proposal.

NOW THEREFORE, the Council of the Town of North Brentwood does hereby resolve, authorize, approve and ratify the following:

**Section 1**

The Mayor, may engage the services of a consultant and enter into an agreement for the purposes described hereinabove and consistent with the terms of the "Gateway Community Development Corporation Sustainable Communities Grant Proposal for North Brentwood" dated January 7, 2013, which is attached hereto as Exhibit A and incorporated by reference herein, at a cost not to exceed \$5,000.00.

**Section 2**

The budget line item that is numbered and entitled "Public Works Manager/Code Enforcement" is designated and appropriated within the FY 2013 Budget to defray the expense of said engagement.

**Section 3**

The Mayor or her designee is hereby authorized to replace any prior appointee and to serve as the Town's agent for the Sustainable Maryland Certified Municipal Certification Program and is further authorized to complete the Municipal registration or any related documents necessary on behalf of the Town to carry out the intent and purposes of this Resolution.

**THIS RESOLUTION IS ADOPTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF NORTH BRENTWOOD THIS 04<sup>th</sup> DAY OF February, 2013 AND SHALL BE EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY UPON PASSAGE.**

Aye: 2  
Nay: 0  
Absent: 1  
Abstain: 0

ATTEST:



Petrella Robinson, Mayor

Date: February 04, 2013

*Gleason J. Draynham*  
Town Clerk

*February 4, 2013*