

**RESOLUTION AWARDING CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT FOR THE
LIBERTY AND MAIN STREETS TWO-WAY CONVERSION**

WHEREAS, the City of Winston-Salem commissioned the “Downtown Street Study” in 2015, to examine the viability, traffic impacts, and the costs of implementing improvements to the downtown street network to reflect the planned changes associated with the Business 40 reconstruction. The purpose of this project is to follow through on the results and recommendations from the Downtown Street Study to implement two-way traffic with appropriate traffic signal modifications and pavement markings on certain streets.

WHEREAS, after due advertisement and re-advertisement, bids were received and publicly opened by City/County Purchasing at 2:00 p.m., Wednesday, September 18, 2024, for the Main and Liberty Streets Two-Way Conversion project, and one bid was received from Sharpe Brothers, a Division of Vecellio & Grogan, Inc., in the estimated total amount of \$5,562,067.92; and

WHEREAS, this price exceeded the project budget, but N.C.G.S. 143-129(b) allows a local government to attempt to negotiate a price more in line with the available funds, and staff undertook such efforts, and the contractor has agree to reduce their bid price by \$144,619.80; and

WHEREAS, staff recommends that a construction contract for the Main and Liberty Streets Two-Way Conversion project, per bid specifications, be awarded to Sharpe Brothers, a Division of Vecellio & Grogan, Inc., the low bidder meeting specifications, in the negotiated, estimated total amount of \$5,417,448.12.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Winston-Salem, following approval by the Finance Committee, that the construction contract for the Main and Liberty Streets Two-Way Conversion is hereby awarded to Sharpe Brothers, a

Division of Vecellio & Grogan, Inc., the low bidder meeting specifications, in the negotiated estimated amount of \$5,417,448.12, and that the City Manager and City Clerk are authorized to execute the contract on behalf of the City, contract forms to be approved by the City Attorney, and bid deposit retained until the successful bidder has delivered satisfactory contract and performance and payment bonds.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the award of this contract constitutes a preliminary determination as to the qualifications of the bidder. The City is not legally bound to perform the contract until the contract is duly executed by the City. The bid deposit may be retained if the bidder fails to execute the contract or give satisfactory surety as required by N.C.G.S. 143-129.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Sharpe Brothers, a Division of Vecellio & Grogan, Inc., will be required to subcontract, at a minimum, 6.02% of this contract with minority owned businesses and 4.04% with women owned businesses as indicated on Affidavit "C" submitted by the contractor.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that funds have been previously appropriated by the 2018 G.O. Bonds and a Project Budget Ordinance for FY2024-25 to cover the cost of this contract.