

**RESOLUTION AWARDING CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT FOR
HELEN NICHOLS PARK WALKING TRAIL**

WHEREAS, after proper advertisement and re-advertisement, bids were received and publicly opened by City/County Purchasing at 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, July 15, 2025, for construction of the Helen Nichols Park Walking Trail project, and Hodgins Construction Company (Greensboro, NC) submitted the only bid of \$1,069,550.

WHEREAS, Hodgins Construction Company, submitted M/WBE subcontracting goals less than those established for the project; thus, both the Internal M/WBE Committee and Citizen's Advisory Committee met to evaluate the bidder's good faith efforts. Both committees determined that Hodgins's good faith effort was more than sufficient; and

WHEREAS, since the bid exceeded the budget, staff entered negotiations with Hodgins Construction Company to bring the project within the available budget as allowed by N.C.G.S. 143-129(b). The original project scope included a concrete path on the west side of the park that would remove eighteen feet of the parking lot serving the tennis courts and extend the walking path with a heavily landscaped berm. This element has been removed to keep the project cost within budget.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Winston-Salem, upon approval by the Finance Committee, that the construction contract for the Helen Nichols Park Walking Trail project is hereby awarded to Hodgins Construction Company for the not-to-exceed total amount of \$992,000. The City Manager and City Clerk are authorized to execute the contract on behalf of the City, with contract and bond forms to be approved by the City Attorney and bid deposit retained until the successful bidder has provided satisfactory contract, performance and payment bonds.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Hodgin Construction Company will be required to subcontract, at a minimum, 0% with minority-owned businesses and 4.0% with women-owned businesses as indicated on the Affidavit “D” submitted by the company.

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 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.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that funds were appropriated in the Recreation and Parks Department’s FY 22-23 capital improvements budget to cover the cost of this contract.