

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF WINSTON-SALEM TO LEASE PARK  
LAND TO SUPPORT A NEW DOWNTOWN AMPHITHEATER**

**WHEREAS**, an ownership group has approached City management about the potential lease of City-owned park land in the downtown area to support a proposed amphitheater within the vacant lot bound by Fifth, Sixth, Marshall, and Spruce Streets between the Benton Convention Center and First Baptist Church; and

**WHEREAS**, the park land starts on Sixth Street and runs north on Marshall Street, as noted on the attached maps; and

**WHEREAS**, the requested area, which encompasses approximately one acre, is needed for staging back-of-the-house functions to include dressing rooms, restrooms, and other production requirements. The parcels being requested include: 6835-18-0014, 6835-18-0054, 6835-18-0120, 6835-18-0106, 6835-18-9264, 6835-18-0214, and a portion of 6835-08-9447 (Numbers 10 and 11); and

**WHEREAS**, the proposed 5,000-seat amphitheater would be located between Fifth and Sixth Streets to the south and north and Marshall and Spruce Streets to the east and west; and

**WHEREAS**, the ownership group and the president/general manager for this project have been working with City Transportation, Police, and Fire officials on a draft plan to close certain downtown streets during events; and

**WHEREAS**, the ownership group has proposed a five-year lease, with the opportunity for a two-year extension, at an annual rate of \$12; and

**WHEREAS**, as part of a lease agreement, the ownership group would be responsible for the following, including the cost: temporary structures for the back-of-house staging area, landscaping, fencing of the combined parcels, and maintenance of the combined parcels.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Mayor and City Council of the City of Winston-Salem hereby authorize the negotiation of a five-year lease agreement, with the opportunity for a two-year extension, with the amphitheater ownership group for the park land parcels identified in this resolution and on the attached map at an annual rate of \$12.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the City Manager and City Clerk are authorized to execute the lease agreement, with the City Attorney approving as to form and legality.