RESOLUTION AWARDING PURCHASE ORDER FOR PARATRANSIT BUSES FOR THE WINSTON-SALEM TRANSIT AUTHORITY

WHEREAS, the Winston-Salem Transit Authority (WSTA) has the need to purchase four (4) Paratransit Buses; and

WHEREAS, after proper advertisement, bids were received and publicly opened by the City/County Purchasing Department at 10:00 a.m. on October 26th, 2022, the following bid was received:

Creative Bus Sales Inc. Charlotte, N.C. \$857,656

WHEREAS, is the recommendation of the Finance Committee that a purchase order be awarded to Creative Bus Sales, the only bidder to submit a bid for the Paratransit Buses for a unit cost of \$214,414, for a total cost of \$857,656 for four (4) buses.

WHEREAS, terms of the bid reserved the right for the City to purchase up to nine (9) new Paratransit buses at a cost of \$214,414 each, with the option to adjust pricing per the Producer Price Index for Truck and Bus Bodies, Series No. 1413 for purchases made following the initial purchase order. Making the total possible award \$1,929,726 if five (5) additional buses are purchased; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Winston-Salem, that a purchase order is hereby awarded to Creative Bus Sales Inc. for four (4) Paratransit Buses per specifications at a cost of \$214,414 each for a total cost of \$857,656, the company's offer, and the City's purchase order will constitute the contract. **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the award of this purchase order constitutes a preliminary determination as to the qualifications of the bidder. The City is not legally bound to perform the purchase order until it is duly executed.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that funds have been previously appropriated and available to cover the cost of this purchase in the following accounts: 627910, 627908 and 627903 for FY2022-23. Any additional purchases would be subject to future budget appropriations.