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**RESOLUTION APPROVING A CONTRACT WITH NWN CORPORATION FOR THE  
PURCHASE OF NETWORK AND SECURITY EQUIPMENT**

**WHEREAS**, the Information Systems Department manages two Internet Service Provider (ISP) data circuits which connect the City's data centers to the internet; and

**WHEREAS**, each of these data circuits are connected to specialized network and security equipment that provide connectivity failover and redundancy between the data centers, high-speed internet communications to City departments and facilities, and active protection from external cybersecurity threat; and

**WHEREAS**, in consideration of the growing demand for secure and reliable high-speed internet communications by the City's enterprise systems and departmental business applications, a third ISP data circuit is recommended; and

**WHEREAS**, additional network and security equipment will be installed to ensure reliable and secure connectivity to this data circuit, which will provide supplementary internet bandwidth and redundancy to facilities on the City's enterprise network; and

**WHEREAS**, this configuration will reduce the potential for negative impact to core business communication on the enterprise network by allowing the segmentation of internet traffic from high-demand public events at facilities such as The Benton, Carolina Classic Fairgrounds, and Bowman Gray Stadium; and

**WHEREAS**, using specifications provided by Information Systems staff, the Purchasing Department advertised an Invitation for Bid for the additional network and security equipment; and

**WHEREAS**, NWN Corporation was the only respondent and submitted a bid in the amount of \$156,175.43; and

**WHEREAS**, approval is requested to purchase the equipment from NWN Corporation at a price of \$156,175.43; and

**WHEREAS**, the Information Systems Department's approved FY21-22 budget includes leasing funds allocated specifically to cover the cost of this purchase.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Mayor and City Council of the City of Winston-Salem authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with NWN Corporation for the purchase of network and security equipment in the amount of \$156,175.43.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the City Manager is hereby authorized to execute the contract on behalf of the City.