RESOLUTION APPROVING A CONTRACT WITH NWN CORPORATION FOR THE PURCHASE OF DATA CENTER EQUIPMENT

WHEREAS, the Information Systems Department manages a large application server farm within the City's two data centers; and

WHEREAS, each physical server has the capacity to support up to 20 of the City's enterprise and departmental business applications; and

WHEREAS, additional server capacity is needed to support the continued growth of critical applications and databases that run within the data centers; and

WHEREAS, the installation of new server equipment in each data center will provide additional capacity, enhanced redundancy between the data centers, and improved compatibility with modern application and database requirements; and

WHEREAS, using specifications provided by Information Systems staff, the Purchasing Department advertised an Invitation for Bid for the data center equipment; and

WHEREAS, responses were received from six vendors with the lowest quote provided by NWN Corporation; and

WHEREAS, approval is requested to purchase the data center equipment from NWN Corporation at a price of \$135,433.68; and

WHEREAS, the Information Systems Department's approved FY22-23 budget includes leasing funds allocated 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 equipment in the amount of \$135,433.68.

Winston-Salem City Council APPROVED February 20, 2023

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