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**RESOLUTION RATIFYING CONTINUATION OF A TEMPORARY COVID-19
SHELTER FOR PERSONS WHO ARE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS AND
MEDICALLY FRAGILE, AND FUNDING NOT TO EXCEED \$95,199 PER MONTH TO
SUPPORT THE OPERATION THEREOF**

WHEREAS, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), in response to the COVID-19 virus pandemic, issued guidelines to mitigate spread of the virus, including social distancing; and

WHEREAS, the CDC recommends that medically vulnerable persons, or those with underlying health conditions, are isolated and physically removed from congregate settings to minimize risk of exposure to the virus; and

WHEREAS, on April 27, 2020 the City established a temporary shelter to isolate and support medically vulnerable persons experiencing homelessness to mitigate their risk of contracting the virus for a period of 90 days; and

WHEREAS, on September 21, 2020 the Mayor and City Council ratified the action the Mayor and City Council informally approved on August 20, 2020 to continue operation and support of a temporary shelter to isolate and support medically fragile persons through March 31, 2021 as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, Bethesda Center for the Homeless, the operator of the temporary shelter for medically fragile persons, projects that the remaining guests will transition to permanent housing by May 31, 2021, necessitating continued operation and support through that date; and

WHEREAS, City with Dwellings: A Community First Initiative (“City with Dwellings”) has operated a hotel-based temporary winter shelter geared toward individuals who may suffer

from mental illness or addiction since December 1, 2020, which is scheduled to close March 31, 2021; and

WHEREAS, City with Dwellings has requested \$12,367 to support operation of the winter shelter through April 14, 2021 when the shelter will close; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to have extension agreements with Bethesda Center for the Homeless, City with Dwellings, and the City's other vendors providing infrastructure support to the shelters.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and City Council of the City of Winston-Salem, hereby ratify the action that the Mayor and City Council informally approved on March 30, 2021, authorizing the City Manager to execute agreements, not to exceed \$95,199 per month for continued operation of and infrastructure support for a temporary shelter for the medically fragile and a winter shelter as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.