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RESOLUTION APPROVING CONTRACT WITH NWN CORPORATION FOR A CISCO CYBER SECURITY ENTERPRISE AGREEMENT

WHEREAS, the Cisco platform provides core network infrastructure services to all City owned facilities; and

WHEREAS, the City has made significant investments in multiple Cisco cyber security solutions over the past several years to protect that network infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, staff recommends consolidating the licensing and support services for those investments into a single Enterprise Agreement that provides 24 x 7 support, flexible license management, predictable budgeting, immediate access to new versions of security products when released at no additional cost, and reduced pricing based on volume and multi-year purchases; and

WHEREAS, the Information Systems Department, working in conjunction with the Purchasing Department, advertised an Invitation for Bid (IFB) for the purpose of establishing a five year Cyber Security Enterprise Agreement with Cisco Inc. that is to be billed and paid annually; and

WHEREAS, with consideration of the vendor's proposed cost for services and industry experience, NWN Corporation (NWN), with corporate offices in Waltham, MA and a local office in Greensboro, NC, is the recommended vendor; and

WHEREAS, approval is requested to enter into a new Enterprise Agreement with Cisco Inc. to be managed and administered by NWN Corporation for five years from March 1, 2021

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through February 28, 2026 at a total cost of \$303,191.00 to be billed annually at a cost of \$60,638.20; and

WHEREAS, it is further requested that authorization be provided to expand the agreement to include new licensing, equipment, and maintenance adjustments as required, subject to approved funding through the annual budget process.

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 a Cyber Security Enterprise Agreement for a total cost of \$303,191.00.

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