

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
WINSTON-SALEM, NORTH CAROLINA MAKING CERTAIN
STATEMENTS OF FACT CONCERNING PROPOSED BOND
ISSUES**

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Winston-Salem, North Carolina (the “*City Council*”) is considering the issuance of bonds of the City of Winston-Salem, North Carolina (the “*City*”) which shall be for the following purposes and in the following maximum amounts:

\$3,250,000 of bonds to pay the capital costs of improving, repairing, resurfacing, and replacing certain streets and bridges located in the City, and providing related landscaping, lighting and traffic controls, signals and markers (the “*Streets and Sidewalks Projects*”);

\$1,760,000 of bonds to pay the capital costs of renovating and improving certain parks and recreational facilities, including, among other things, golf courses, park bridges, and playgrounds throughout the City (the “*Parks and Recreation Projects*”);

\$985,000 of bonds to provide funds to pay the capital costs of renovating and improving certain public safety facilities, including, among other things, fire station facilities (the “*Public Safety Projects*”); and

\$2,900,000 of bonds to provide funds to pay the capital costs of acquiring, constructing, renovating, and improving certain public facilities, including, among other things, renovations and improvements to City Yard, City Hall, and the Bryce A. Stuart Building, and the placement of solar panels on various City facilities (the “*Public Facilities Improvements Projects*” and together with the Streets and Sidewalks Projects, the Parks and Recreation Projects, and the Public Safety Projects, the “*Projects*”).

WHEREAS, certain findings of fact by the City Council must be presented to enable the Local Government Commission of the State of North Carolina to make certain determinations as set forth in Article 4 of Chapter 159 of the General Statutes, Section 52.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and the City Council, meeting in open session on the 20th day of February, 2023, have made the following factual findings in regard to this matter:

Section 1. ***Facts Regarding Necessity of Proposed Financing.*** The proposed bonds are necessary and expedient to pay the capital costs of the Projects.

Section 2. ***Facts Supporting the Amount of Bonds Proposed.*** The sums estimated for these bonds are adequate and not excessive for the proposed purpose.

Section 3. ***Past Debt Management Policies.*** The City’s debt management procedures and policies are good and have been carried out in compliance with law. The City employs a full-time Chief Financial Officer to oversee compliance with applicable laws relating to debt management. The City Council requires annual audits of City finances. In connection with these audits, compliance with laws is reviewed. The City is not in default in any of its debt service obligations. The City Attorney’s office reviews all debt-related documents for compliance with laws.

Section 4. ***Past Budgetary and Fiscal Management Policies.*** The City’s budgetary and fiscal management policies have been carried out in compliance with laws. The City Council closely reviews annual budgets before final approval of budget ordinances. Budget amendments changing a function total or between functions are presented to City Council

at regular City Council meetings. The Chief Financial Officer presents financial information to the City Council which shows budget to actual comparisons annually and otherwise as the City Manager deems necessary or as a member of the City Council may request.

Section 5. *Retirement of Debt.* The increase in taxes, if any, necessary to service the proposed debt will not be excessive.

Section 6. *Marketing of Bonds.* The proposed bonds can be marketed at reasonable rates of interest.

Section 7. *Financing Team.* The City Manager and the Chief Financial Officer, with advice from the City Attorney, are hereby authorized and directed to (1) retain Parker Poe Adams & Bernstein LLP, as bond counsel, and (2) retain First Tryon Advisors, as financial advisor. The City Manager and the Chief Financial Officer are authorized to retain and approve the services of other professionals that they deem necessary related to the issuance of the proposed bonds. The filing of an application by the Chief Financial Officer with the Commission for its approval of the proposed bonds is hereby ratified and confirmed.

Section 8. *Estimated Interest.* The assumptions used by the Chief Financial Officer in preparing the statement of disclosure to be filed with the City Clerk pursuant to Section 159-55.1(a) of the General Statutes of North Carolina are reasonable.

Section 9. *Effective Date.* This Resolution will take effect immediately on its adoption.