

City Council – Action Request Form

Date: May 11, 2020

To: Mayor, Mayor Pro Tempore, and Members of the City Council

From: Johnnie Taylor, Director of Operations
S. Kirk Bjorling, Real Estate Administrator

Council Action Requested:

Resolution Authorizing Acquisition of a Vacant Lot at 701 Salem Avenue for Construction of the City Yard Stormwater Retention Pond Expansion Project (East Ward)

Strategic Focus Area: Healthy Environment

Strategic Objective: Manage Water Quality and Quantity

Strategic Plan Action Item: No

Key Work Item: No



Summary of Information:

The City of Winston-Salem has partnered with the Wake Forest Innovation Quarter to implement regional stormwater controls within the downtown district of Winston-Salem. A main component of this redevelopment effort includes construction of the City Yard Stormwater Retention Pond. Once expanded, this retention wet pond will receive stormwater runoff from the Center of Design Innovation area as well as City Yard. During pond expansion activities, the City Yard property must be remediated for diesel fuel and coal combustion byproduct. Due to numerous physical constraints, the City Yard Stormwater Retention Pond needs to make the most of all available space in order to yield the greatest benefit for water quality enhancement and quantity attenuation. Thus, the proposed stormwater pond design extends to the adjacent property, Tax PIN 6835-42-6729, in order to maximize increased pollutant removal efficiency as well as providing side slope stability. The property is further described as 701 Salem Avenue and contains 1.21 acres. In addition, vehicular access is desired for maintaining an up-gradient drainage ditch, which will be released off-site stormwater runoff into the City Yard Retention Pond.

The vacant lot at 701 Salem Avenue is owned by the North Carolina Department of Transportation, and they have agreed to sell it for the appraised value of \$17,800. The Director of Field Operations, Keith Huff, is supportive of this purchase. The attached resolution authorizes staff to proceed with the acquisition as stated herein.

Committee Action:

Committee	Finance 5/11/2020	Action	Forwarded without Recommendation
For	Unanimous	Against	

Remarks: