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RESOLUTION APPROVING FOUR LONG-TERM LEASE AGREEMENTS BETWEEN THE CITY OF WINSTON-SALEM (AND FORSYTH COUNTY) AND THE WINSTON-SALEM/FORSYTH COUNTY UTILITY COMMISSION FOR SPACE ON THE JOINTLY OWNED CITY-COUNTY RADIO TOWERS LOCATED OFF OF FAIRLAWN DRIVE, SALEM ROAD, SHALLOWFORD ROAD, AND PALMER LANE

WHEREAS, in November 2000, the citizens of Winston-Salem approved an \$11.5 million bond referendum to fund the City of Winston-Salem's share of the cost of a new joint City-County 800 MHz public safety radio system; and

WHEREAS, in June 2002, the City and County approved an inter-local cooperation agreement that provided for the joint installation, operation, and maintenance of the system; and

WHEREAS, under the agreement, the County's Interagency Communications Department oversees the operation and maintenance of the system; and

WHEREAS, under the City/County Cooperative Governmental Services Funding Agreement, the net expenses for operating and maintaining the jointly-owned property of the system are divided equally between the City and County after taking into account federal and state grants and any income generated by the system, such as the lease of space on the radio towers; and

WHEREAS, The City of Winston-Salem and Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Utilities (WSFC Utilities) have requested to lease space on the radio towers located at Fairlawn Drive, Salem Road, Shallowford Road, and Palmer Lane for 20 years with a lease amount of \$5,000 per location for the first year with subsequent annual increases in the same amount as the Consumer Price Index during the preceding lease year, paid to Forsyth County for each tower; and

WHEREAS, the terms of the proposed leases have been advertised for the requisite 30-day period; and

WHEREAS, the Forsyth County Board of Commissioners will vote on the four new leases in February of 2022.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Winston-Salem that the Mayor and City Council hereby approve the leases between the City of Winston-Salem (and WSFC Utilities) and Forsyth County as requested.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and City Council authorize the City Manager to execute this agreement on behalf of the City, with the City Attorney's approval as to form and legality.