

**RESOLUTION AWARDING PURCHASE ORDER TO HIGHERGROUND, INC. dba HG TECHNOLOGIES, INC. FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF THE LIVE911 PLATFORM**

**WHEREAS**, Live911 is a software platform manufactured by HigherGround, Inc. dba HG Technologies, Inc.

**WHEREAS**, the Live911 platform enables first responders in the field, to monitor the location and audio of incoming 911 emergency calls, providing first responders with the most immediate and complete information of an ongoing emergency incident; and

**WHEREAS**, the Live911 platform complements the technology currently established in the Real-Time Crime Center and Drone as a First Responder to enhance the delivery of police services to the community as well as the safety of officers responding to emergency incidents; and

**WHEREAS**, G.S. 143-129(e) provides that formal bid procedures “shall not apply to purchases of apparatus, supplies, materials, or equipment when performance or price competition for a product is not available; when a needed product is available from only one source of supply; or when standardization or compatibility is the overriding consideration”; and

**WHEREAS**, HigherGround, Inc. Live911 currently holds Patent numbers 11,206,327 and 11,582,339 and no other company provides their technology; and

**WHEREAS**, HigherGround, Inc. is located in Thousand Oaks, California and has submitted a renewal agreement to provide its Live911 platform in the amount of \$114,000 for the service period of July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026; and

**WHEREAS**, it is recommended that a purchase order for purchase to renew the Live911 platform be awarded to HigherGround, Inc. in the total amount of \$114,000.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Winston-Salem that a purchase order for renewal of the Live911 platform is hereby awarded to HigherGround, Inc. in the total amount of \$114,000.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the award of this purchase order constitutes a preliminary determination as to the qualification of the bidder. The City is not legally bound to perform the purchase order until the order is duly executed by the City.