

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE A CONTRACT WITH DATA NETWORK SOLUTIONS, INC. FOR TWO NETWORK ATTACHED STORAGE SYSTEMS

WHEREAS, in 2019 the Information Technology Department installed two Network Attached Storage (NAS) systems in the City's primary and secondary data centers; and

WHEREAS, these systems include storage controllers and multiple disk arrays that are used for storing, protecting, and delivering the essential data for enterprise applications and departmental business systems; and

WHEREAS, the NAS systems have exceeded six years of service and are approaching end-of-life status, after which they will no longer receive critical vendor support, including security updates, hardware replacement services, and upgrades; and

WHEREAS, unsupported data storage infrastructure introduces operational and cybersecurity risks; and

WHEREAS, upgrading these aging systems is necessary to ensure the continued reliability and security of the City's technology environment; and

WHEREAS, implementing a modern NAS platform will provide several key benefits, which include redundancy, high availability, and disaster recovery; and

WHEREAS, implementing a new NAS platform provides improved speed and performance, greater scalability, enhanced integration with cloud-based business systems, increased alignment with cybersecurity standards, and six years of engineering support; and

WHEREAS, the NAS equipment will be purchased by leveraging the North Carolina Department of Information Technology (NC DIT) state contract, ensuring competitive pricing and compliance with state and local procurement requirements; and

WHEREAS, Data Network Solutions, Inc. was awarded the state contract and is the recommended vendor for this purchase; and

WHEREAS, the total cost of this equipment is \$852,463.74 and includes six years of warranty service, technical support, and updates; and

WHEREAS, funding for this purchase was planned for and allocated in the FY25-26 Information Technology Department's operating budget.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and City Council of the City of Winston-Salem authorize the City Manager to enter into an agreement with Data Network Solutions, Inc. for two Network Attached Storage Systems for a cost of \$852,463.74.

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