City Council - Action Request Form

Date: August 12, 2024

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

From: Aaron King, Assistant City Manager

Shantell McClam, Neighborhood Services Director

Council Action Requested:

Resolution Authorizing Entering into a One-Year Month-to-Month Lease Agreement with Forsyth County for Office Space for the Community Entry System

Strategic Focus Area: Livable Neighborhoods

Strategic Objective: Expand Housing Assistance Programs

Strategic Plan Action Item: No

Key Work Item: No



Summary of Information:

The City of Winston Salem serves as the collaborative applicant for the Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Continuum of Care (CoC). The Coordinated Entry System (CES) that is part of the CoC will no longer be operated by the United Way of Forsyth County effective September 1, 2024. The CES is the triage and assessment point for homeless services and is required by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for each CoC system. Consisting of participating staff from Bethesda Center for the Homeless, Family Services, and the Dream Center, CES staff will offer in-person triage services while phone assessments and referrals will be handled by 211. The Neighborhood Services Department is requesting a one-year lease agreement with Forsyth County for office space located at the Department of Social Services, 741 Highland Avenue, for \$256.67 per month with an annual agreement amount of \$3,080.04. The accompanying resolution authorizes the City Manager to negotiate and execute the lease with Forsyth County.

Committee Action:			
Committee	Committee of the Whole 08/12/24	Action	Approval by CD/H/GG
For	Unanimous	Against	
Remarks:		-	