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RESOLUTION APPROVING A NEW LEASE AGREEMENT WITH W-S DASH, LLC TO PAY FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF ADMINISTRATION OFFICES AT TRUIST STADIUM

WHEREAS, in 2020, Major League Baseball took over leadership of all levels of professional baseball; and

WHEREAS, the vision that they have is for improved player development, which includes elevating and standardizing player facilities in all minor league ballparks across the country; and

WHEREAS, to address these standards, MLB issued updated facility standards in 2021 and a grading system to evaluate the compliance of each minor league ballpark. MLB hired the architectural firm of Ewing-Cole to prepare a facility assessment for Truist Stadium; and

WHEREAS, they identified several areas of non-compliance with the new facility standards; and

WHEREAS, in June 2022, the City Council awarded a contract to Walter Robbs Callahan & Pierce Architects, P.A. to design the upgrades required by MLB; and

WHEREAS, at that time, City staff shared with the Mayor and City Council that Winston-Salem Dash ownership had requested including construction of administration offices at Truist Stadium as part of the MLB upgrades project; and

WHEREAS, under a proposed lease agreement with the City, the Winston-Salem Dash would pay for the design, construction, and financing of the new administration offices.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and City Council of the City Council hereby authorize the City Manager and City Clerk to execute an agreement with W-S Dash, LLC to provide for the construction of administration offices at Truist Stadium as part of the MLB upgrades project, according to the general terms highlighted in Exhibit A.