## RESOLUTION APPROVING MODIFICATION TO A PREVIOUSLY APPROVED ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT LOAN TO WINSTON-SALEM BUSINESS, INC. (WSBI) FOR CONSTRUCTION OF A SPECULATIVE BUILDING

WHEREAS, in January 2015, the Mayor and City Council approved a \$2,500,000 economic development loan to Winston-Salem Business, Inc. (WSBI) to help construct a speculative building in the Union Cross Business Park (UCBP); and

**WHEREAS**, the building was projected to be approximately 50,000-60,000 square feet and once sold, the City funds would be repaid to the economic development loan fund to be used for future economic development purposes; and

WHEREAS, a previously undetected environmental issue is making construction on the original site in the UCBP virtually cost prohibitive; yet a shortage of speculative building space continues to be an issue for the community; and

**WHEREAS,** WSBI has identified a development partner to construct a 140,000 square foot speculative building in the Union Cross Industrial Center (UCIC) with an estimated value of approximately \$6,500,000; and

WHEREAS, to move forward with construction of this speculative building, WSBI is requesting permission to move the approved location for the previously approved loan to the UCIC; and

WHEREAS, all other terms of the 2015 loan approval would remain unchanged including the City would be in first lien position and loan would be repaid when the building is sold; and

**WHEREAS**, given the public benefit created by this project, the City of Winston-Salem is interested in assisting WSBI with the construction of this speculative building.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that after a duly advertised public hearing, that the Mayor and City Council of the City of Winston-Salem hereby approve the modification,

as described herein, to the economic development loan, previously approved on January 20, 2015, pursuant to G.S. 158-7.1(a).