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## RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ACQUISITION OF PROPERTY AT 1640 BETHANIA-RURAL HALL ROAD FOR AN ADDITION TO LONG CREEK PARK

**WHEREAS,** in September, 2018, the Recreation and Parks Department presented the Long Creek Park Master Plan, which recognized that different types of access to the park would be desirable in the future for both vehicles and pedestrians; and

WHEREAS, property has become available which could serve as an additional access point to Long Creek Park; and

**WHEREAS,** the lot is identified as 1640 Bethania-Rural Hall Road, Tax PIN 6819-03-3135, and it contains 1.51 acres; and

**WHEREAS,** the property is owned by The Conservation Fund, 1655 North Fort Myer Drive, Suite 1300, Arlington, VA 22209; and

**WHEREAS,** the tax value is \$21,600, the appraised value is \$24,925, and the owner has agreed to a negotiated purchase price of \$23,000; and

WHEREAS, an additional \$6,250 is required for costs to be incurred in the closing; and WHEREAS, this acquisition would provide an opportunity for additional access at Long Creek Park; and

**WHEREAS,** the Recreation and Parks Director and Recreation and Parks Commission are supportive of the acquisition.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Mayor and City Council of the City of Winston-Salem, upon the recommendation of the Finance Committee, hereby authorize acquisition of property at 1640 Bethania-Rural Hall Road, further identified as Tax PIN 6819-03-3135, from The Conservation Fund for the sum of \$23,000, and additional costs of \$6,250 for items, such as boundary surveys, environmental reports, appraisals, taxes and legal fees, as well

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as other closing costs which may arise, and that the appropriate City officials are authorized to take the necessary steps to effectuate the acquisition of the property, including a purchase contract, which shall be in a form approved by the City Attorney.