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## RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE DONATION OF NEW EASEMENTS FOR THE RAIL WITH TRAIL GREENWAY PROJECT AND THE ABANDONMENT OF FORMER EASEMENTS BACK TO WAKE FOREST INNOVATION QUARTER

**WHEREAS,** in 2014, Wake Forest Innovation Quarter (WFIQ) developed plans to construct a greenway trail from Martin Luther King, Jr., Drive south to Fogle Street; and

WHEREAS, this trail is an important component of WFIQ's development project and provides tenants and residents access to parking facilities, enhances the aesthetics of WFIQ by creating an urban-friendly streetscape environment, and provides access for pedestrians and bicyclists; and

WHEREAS, this trail was identified in the Winston-Salem Greenway Plan and will ultimately provide for a connection to the Salem Creek Greenway on the south and an opportunity to extend the greenway system north of Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive to 25th Street using the same inactive rail line that this project will use; and

WHEREAS, due to new sidewalk improvements and safety enhancements, the City and WFIQ desire to relocate the pedestrian path of travel under the Holdings Greenway Easement in the area immediately south of Third Street as described in the attached Exhibit A; and

**WHEREAS,** to accomplish this, WFIQ will donate new easements to the City as described in the attached Exhibits B and C, and the City will abandon old easements to WFIQ as described in the attached Exhibit D.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and the City Council of the City of Winston-Salem, upon the recommendation of the Community Development/Housing/General Government Committee, that the donation of the greenway easements described in

Winston-Salem City Council
APPROVED
September 20, 2021

Exhibits B and C are hereby accepted from WFIQ for the Rail With Trail Greenway Project, and the greenway easements described in Exhibit D are abandoned back to WFIQ for the Rail With Trail Greenway Project.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the appropriate City officials are hereby authorized to take the necessary action and to execute instruments required to complete the acceptance of the donation and abandonment of the easements herein set forth.