RESOLUTION REJECTING ALL BIDS SUBMITTED FOR THE MAY 15, 2014 BID OPENING AND THE SEPTEMBER 11, 2014 BID OPENING FOR THE ROCK CREEK FORCE MAIN PROJECT

WHEREAS, on May 15, 2014, the City of Greensboro opened bids from contractors seeking to construct the City's Rock Creek Force Main;

WHEREAS, after re-solicitation of bids, on September 11, 2014, the City of Greensboro opened a second set of bids from contractors seeking to construct the City's Rock Creek Force Main;

WHEREAS, a force main is a pressurized pipe system that is typically part of Lift Station (also called a pumping station) that pumps the sewage uphill through the force main to a sewage treatment facility;

WHEREAS, after opening the bids, the Water Resources Department considered the overall timing of the Rock Creek Force Main Project and the Stewart Mill Road Lift Station and Force Main Project;

WHEREAS, the Stewart Mill Road Lift Station and Force Main Project is scheduled to be advertised at the end of July 2015, and the estimated 540 days of construction time it would take to build the Stewart Mill Road Lift Station is more than enough time to build the Rock Creek Force Main simultaneously;

WHEREAS, the Water Resources Department determined that it could obtain cost savings by constructing both projects simultaneously;

WHEREAS, the Water Resources Department determined that the construction of the Rock Creek Force Main and the Stewart Mill Road Force Main will be very similar, and the City could obtain a lower cost by having one firm construct both projects;

WHEREAS, the Water Resources Department also determined that the Rock Creek Force Main could not be used until the Stewart Mill Road Lift Station was constructed, so constructing the Rock Creek Force Main along with the Stewart Mill Road Lift Station would allow the City to defer a significant capital expense until such time that the asset could be used immediately when it was completed;

WHEREAS, the Water Resources Department also determined that it had the flexibility to utilize the old force main until the construction of the Stewart Mill Road Lift Station and Force Main are complete;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GREENSBORO:

It is in the best interests of the City of Greensboro that all bids opened on May 15, 2014 and September 11, 2014 for the Rock Creek Force Main Project are rejected for the reasons outlined above.