

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF OLYMPIA, WASHINGTON, AUTHORIZING PURCHASE OF A CONSERVATION EASEMENT OVER REAL ESTATE OWNED BY THE OLYMPIA COALITION FOR ECOSYSTEM PRESERVATION, AND TO PURCHASE SAID EASEMENT FOR THE CITY OF OLYMPIA

WHEREAS, the Olympia Coalition for Ecosystem Preservation (OCEP) owns and manages two adjacent forested parcels totaling approximately 4.5 acres above West Bay Drive in the City of Olympia, Thurston County, Washington, Tax Parcel Nos. 67400003600 and 09030002001 (the OCEP Parcels) ; and

WHEREAS, there is an active Pacific Great Blue Heron rookery on one of the OCEP Parcels; and

WHEREAS, in order to provide an increased buffer to the rookery and to provide a potential future trail connection from the neighborhood down to West Bay Drive, the City has recently purchased two adjacent parcels as Open Space; and

WHEREAS, to ensure the preservation of the OCEP Parcels in perpetuity for the benefit of Olympia's residents, City staff recommends the purchase of a conservation easement over the OCEP parcels; and

WHEREAS, a conservation easement will enhance and protect the property which is part of a larger conservation area and wildlife corridor which has been an established nesting grounds for the Pacific Great Blue Heron (*Ardea Herodias fannini*) and will prevent any use of the conservation property that will impair or interfere with the protected conservation values in perpetuity; and

WHEREAS, the purchase price of the Conservation Easement shall be Sixty Thousand Dollars and No/Cents (\$60,000.00) U.S.; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has determined it to be in the best interests of the City of Olympia to purchase a conservation easement across the OCEP Parcels for preservation of the parcels in perpetuity;

NOW, THEREFORE, THE OLYMPIA CITY COUNCIL DOES HEREBY RESOLVE as follows:

1. The City shall purchase a conservation easement over the OCEP Parcels on or before July 31, 2017, for the total sum of Sixty Thousand and No/Cents (\$60,000.00) U.S., payable at time of closing.

2. The City Manager is directed and authorized to execute all documents necessary for the City's purchase of the above-referenced conservation easement over the OCP Parcels, and to purchase the same for the City of Olympia on or before July 31, 2017, and to make any minor modifications to said documents that are consistent with the intent of the authority conferred herein, including authority to correct any scrivener's errors in said documents.

PASSED BY THE OLYMPIA CITY COUNCIL this _____ day of June, 2017.

MAYOR

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



CITY ATTORNEY