

RESOLUTION NO. M-2435

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF OLYMPIA, WASHINGTON,
AUTHORIZING PURCHASE OF A CONSERVATION EASEMENT OVER AND UPON REAL
PROPERTY 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) is the owner of certain real property located in the City of Olympia, Thurston County, Washington, located near Cooper Point RD NW and 20th Ave NW, consisting of one parcel of land totaling approximately 17.40 acres, more or less, Tax Parcel No. 7420-28-00000 (the OCEP Conservation Property); and

WHEREAS, the City of Olympia (City) has determined that the OCEP Conservation Property is suitable for conservation for wildlife habitat, a wildlife corridor, and its natural, scenic, ecological, educational, scientific, open space and passive recreational purposes, and having recently been logged, for replanting as a forested area, including restoration of the forest to include a wide range of activities, including replanting trees, understory shrubs and herbaceous plants, including soil amendments and removing invasive, non-native plants, maintaining trails, creating interpretative signs and other restoration-related actions, all for the benefit of present and future generations of Olympia's residents; and

WHEREAS, to ensure the preservation of the OCEP Conservation Property in perpetuity as a forest for the benefit of Olympia's residents, City staff recommends the purchase of a Conservation Easement over the OCEP Conservation Property; and

WHEREAS, it is the intent of the City and OCEP that a forest be replanted upon the OCEP Conservation Property, and to provide that wildlife habitat, natural, scenic, ecological, open space, educational and scientific values of the Conservation Property (the "Conservation Values") be preserved and maintained in perpetuity for future generations of Olympia residents; and

WHEREAS, the City and OCEP have negotiated terms and conditions for the City's purchase of a Conservation Easement over the OCEP Conservation Property; and

WHEREAS, the Olympia City Council hereby accepts terms, among others, to purchase a Conservation Easement across and upon the OCEP Conservation Property for preservation of the parcel in perpetuity as a forest for compensation in the sum of Two Hundred Twenty-Nine Thousand and Nine Hundred and Fifty-Six Dollars and No/Cents (\$229,956.00) U.S.;

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


1. The Olympia City Council hereby accepts the terms and conditions negotiated with the Olympia Coalition for Ecosystem Preservation to purchase a Conservation Easement over the OCEP Conservation Property for the total sum of Two Hundred Twenty-Nine Thousand and Nine Hundred and Fifty-Six Dollars and No/Cents (\$229,956.00) 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 OCEP Conservation Property, and to purchase the same for the City of Olympia, and to make any minor amendments or 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 9th day of May 2023.


MAYOR

ATTEST:


CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Mark Barber
CITY ATTORNEY