RESOLU	JTION NO.	

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF OLYMPIA, WASHINGTON, TRANSFERRING PRIMARY MANAGEMENT AND CONTROL OF CERTAIN CITY-OWNED PROPERTIES FROM THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT TO THE OLYMPIA PARKS, ARTS, AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT AND OUTLINING A COOPERATIVE PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT FOR PROPERTY MANAGEMENT BETWEEN SAID DEPARTMENTS

WHEREAS, the City of Olympia has acquired multiple properties for utility purposes, such as stormwater management, water quality protection, habitat restoration and enhancement, and groundwater protection; and

WHEREAS, the properties are known as Black Lake Meadows, Taylor Wetlands, Indian Creek, and Yauger Wetland (the Properties); and

WHEREAS, the Properties are currently managed and controlled by the City's Public Works Water Resources, Stormwater/Wastewater Operations (the Utility); and

WHEREAS, the Olympia Parks, Arts and Recreation Department (OPARD) has established open space and recreation level of service goals to meet the needs of Olympia's growing community; and

WHEREAS, the Utility desires to enter into an agreement to transfer primary management and control of the Properties to OPARD; and

WHEREAS, OPARD has agreed to accept primary management and control of the Properties; and

WHEREAS, cooperative partnership between the two departments on property and habitat management is cost effective and adds value to Olympia residents by accomplishing multiple goals; and

WHEREAS, adding the Properties to the City's Park inventory will expand approximately 98 acres of public open space and recreation opportunities for Olympia residents; and

WHEREAS, the Properties will continue to be managed in a manner consistent with Public Works' goals to protect, enhance, and restore aquatic habitat functions provided by wetlands, streams, lakes, marine shorelines, and riparian areas; and groundwater quality is protected to ensure clean drinking water for present and future generations and to avoid the need for expensive replacement or treatment facilities; and

WHEREAS, the Utility and OPARD will continue to collaborate on habitat restoration and enhancement consistent with the Charter for Habitat Enhancement Efforts on Parks-Managed Properties; and

WHEREAS, the Utility will continue to operate and maintain the utility functions and habitat on the properties and OPARD will manage public access and recreation functions; and

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

- 1. Effective immediately, the primary management and control of properties owned by the City of Olympia and known as Black Lake Meadows, Taylor Wetlands, Indian Creek, and Yauger Wetland (as shown in Exhibit A attached hereto) are hereby transferred to the City's Parks inventory.
- 2. The City Council hereby directs the Directors of the Public Works and Olympia Parks, Arts and Recreation Departments to develop a memorandum of understanding that outlines a shared management and operation plan for the City-owned Properties consistent with this Resolution.

PASSED BY THE OLYMPIA CITY COUNCIL this	day of	2021.	
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