

RESOLUTION 1279

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GIG HARBOR, WASHINGTON, AUTHORIZING THE SUBMITTAL OF A CONSERVATION FUTURES GRANT APPLICATION TO PIERCE COUNTY

WHEREAS, the City of Gig Harbor has identified parcel number 021061081 along Burnham Drive and located north of the Phase II conservation properties, as a parcel of uniquely archeologic, ecological and historic landmark value; and

WHEREAS, properties along Harborview Drive and Burnham Drive within the North Creek watershed are at significant risk of land clearing and housing development; and

WHEREAS, the sale and development of the property could result in the loss of trees among a limited forested area and damage to North Creek; and

WHEREAS, the City of Gig Harbor is working with the Great Peninsula Conservancy, the Gig Harbor Land Conservation Fund and the wider community to secure additional resources to fund the acquisition, management, and interpretation of this parcel and surrounding properties of significant natural and cultural heritage; and

WHEREAS, the owners of the parcel are interested in selling this parcel to the city for public ownership and access, contingent on an appraisal, price negotiations, environmental review of the property, and a funding request for Pierce County Conservation Futures funding; and

WHEREAS, the City of Gig Harbor is an eligible agency to receive properties acquired with a Pierce County Conservation Futures Grant. The acquired property would be included in the city's parks open space inventory and maintained in its natural state as a conservation, historical, and cultural preserve with low impact trail access; and

WHEREAS, the City of Gig Harbor has the ability to receive, own, and maintain this property with public trails, and scenic viewpoints along a trail corridor in conservation, due to the anticipated low level of required maintenance; and

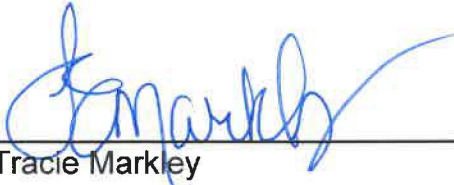
WHEREAS, Pierce County Conservation Futures Grants require a minimum 10% matching funds of the estimated purchase price from the recipient; which is proposed to be funded by the Gig Harbor Land Conservation Fund, at no cost to the city;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Gig Harbor:

Section 1. The mayor is authorized to allow Great Peninsula Conservancy to submit a Conservation Futures Grant application to Pierce County. The mayor is authorized to sign an affidavit on behalf of the city as the Receiving Agency, acknowledging that the city will accept the property interest acquired and protect and steward the conservation features of the parcel in perpetuity.

Section 2. If the grant is awarded and the sale of the parcel is executed, the city hereby accepts property into its parks inventory. Any development of the property will be authorized and budgeted by future council action.

ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Gig Harbor at a regular meeting thereof, held this 22nd day of May, 2023.



Tracie Markley
Mayor

Attest:



Joshua Stecker, CMC
City Clerk