Submitted by:

Chair of the Assembly at the

Request of the Mayor

Prepared by:

Dept. of Law

For reading:

September 28, 2010

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 ANCHORAGE, ALASKA
AO 2010-71

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING CONVEYANCE OF CONSERVATION EASEMENTS ON THE CAMPBELL CREEK ESTUARY PROPERTY FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE STATE OF ALASKA AND THE GREAT LAND TRUST, INC.

WHEREAS, Great Land Trust, Inc. ("GLT") and members of the Kyzer Group and the McManamin family entered an Option Agreement, granting GLT the option to purchase approximately fifty-five acres of land located at the estuary of Campbell Creek, and anticipates entering a similar Option Agreement with members of the McManamin family for an adjoining five acres, for a total combined parcel of approximately 60 acres, more particularly described and depicted in the Assembly Memorandum (the "Property"); and

WHEREAS, GLT plans to donate the Property to the Municipality, at no cost to the Municipality, provided the Municipality grants conservation easements to GLT and to the State of Alaska (a contributor to GLT's purchase price for the Property); now, therefore,

THE ANCHORAGE ASSEMBLY ORDAINS:

<u>Section 1.</u> The conveyance of two conservation easements on the Property, one for the benefit of The Great Land Trust, Inc., and the other for the benefit of the State of Alaska, upon the material terms and conditions set forth in the Assembly Memorandum and upon such other terms reasonably determined by the Mayor to be within the best interests of the Municipality, is hereby approved.

<u>Section 2.</u> In accordance with Anchorage Municipal Code section 25.30.040B., the Assembly finds the conveyance of two conservation easements on the Property to GLT and the State of Alaska allows the use of the Property for a public purpose beneficial to the municipality.

<u>Section 3.</u> This ordinance shall be effective immediately upon passage and approval by the Assembly.

Chair of the Assembly

ATTEST:

Municipal Clerk

MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE Summary of Economic Effects -- General Government

AO Number: 2010-71

Title: An Ordinance Approving Conveyance of Conservation Easements on the

Campbell Creek Estuary Property for the Benefit of the State of Alaska and

the Great Land Trust, Inc.

Sponsor:

Mayor

Preparing Agency: Department of Law

Others Impacted:

CHANGES IN EXPENDITURES AND REVENUES:				(In Thousands of Dollars)						
	FY10		FY11		FY12		FY13		FY14	
Operating Expenditures 1000 Personal Services 2000 Non-Labor 3900 Contributions 4000 Debt Service										
TOTAL DIRECT COSTS:	\$	-	\$		\$	-	\$	-	\$	
Add: 6000 Charges from Others Less: 7000 Charges to Others										
FUNCTION COST:	\$	-	\$	-	\$		\$		\$	
REVENUES:								-		
CAPITAL:										
POSITIONS: FT/PT and Temp										

PUBLIC SECTOR ECONOMIC EFFECTS:

Removes 60 acre parcel from tax rolls. 2009 taxes on the two properties were approximately \$73,500 and \$69,000 for 2010. Encumbers municipal property with perpetual conservation easements, limiting the future uses and potential revenue generation of the property.

PRIVATE SECTOR ECONOMIC EFFECTS:

None.

Prepared by: Dennis Wheeler Telephone: 343-4545

MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE ASSEMBLY MEMORANDUM

No. AM 527-2010

Meeting Date: September 28, 2010

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From: MAYOR

Subject: AN ORDINANCE APPROVING CONVEYANCE OF CONSERVATION EASEMENTS ON THE CAMPBELL CREEK ESTUARY PROPERTY FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE STATE OF

ALASKA AND GREAT LAND TRUST, INC.

The Great Land Trust, Inc. ("GLT") entered an Option Agreement with members of the Kyzer Group and the McManamin family (collectively, the "Sellers") granting GLT the option to purchase approximately fifty-five acres of land located at the estuary of Campbell Creek, and it anticipates entering a similar Option Agreement with members of the McManamin family for an adjoining five acres; the combined parcel (the "Property") totals approximately 60 acres. The Property is described in **Exhibit A** attached hereto and depicted on the map attached as **Exhibit B**.

The purchase price does not exceed the appraised market value of \$6.15 million, provided by GLT from various sources, including:

- U. S. Fish & Wildlife Service National Coastal Wetlands Conservation Grant (NCWCG) Program
- National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Coastal and Estuarine Land Conservation Program (CELCP)
- State of Alaska Coastal Impact Assistance Program (CIAP)
- U. S. Army Corps of Engineers Port of Anchorage Mitigation Funds
- National Fish and Wildlife Foundation.

GLT agreed to assign its rights under the Option Agreement to the Municipality at no cost to the Municipality, PROVIDED the Municipality grants conservation easements on the Property to GLT and the State of Alaska (recipient of NCWCG funds). At the closing of the purchase and sale transaction:

1. GLT and its funding partners pay the entire purchase price and its share of closing costs into escrow for delivery to Sellers;

- 2. Sellers convey title to the Property to the Municipality by warranty deed (together with title insurance), SUBJECT TO driveway, access and utility easements for the benefit of neighboring properties; and
- 3. The Municipality conveys the two conservations easements, one to the State of Alaska and the other to GLT.

The purpose of the conservation easements is to preserve and protect the conservation values of the Property in perpetuity, including wetlands, wildlife habitat, open space and significant natural features. The easements provide for varying levels of uses within each of three areas as shown on Exhibit B: a Resource Protection Area (to be essentially preserved in an undisturbed state); a Restricted Use Area (with limited improvement to support natural habitats and other conservation values); and Limited Development Areas (allowing, *inter alia*, parking for access to the Property). The Municipality, as owner of the Property, will have obligations to maintain and repair any improvements, enforce the terms and conditions of the conservation easements and otherwise "preserve and protect" the conservation values of the Property.

GLT has further agreed to provide certain services and establish funds totaling \$1,000,000 to offset the Municipality's costs of owning the Property and performing those easement obligations:

- 1. GLT will, at its cost, demolish and remove all homes, sheds and other improvements and clean any substantial debris from the Property within twelve months following closing, all to the satisfaction of the Municipality.
- 2. GLT will establish and hold the following funds:
 - a. A Conservation Easement Endowment Fund with a contribution (within one year after closing) of \$100,000 to be used by GLT to annually inspect the Property and otherwise enforce the terms and conditions of the conservation easement.
 - b. A Long Term Management Fund with a contribution (within one year after closing) of \$150,000 which may be used by the Municipality and GLT (with the prior written approval of the Municipality) to preserve and protect the conservation values of the Property.
 - c. A Campbell Creek Estuary Operating Fund with contributions (over a five-year period) totaling \$750,000 (including up to \$200,000 of in-kind contributions). These funds may be used by the Municipality and GLT (with the prior written approval of the Municipality) to engage in a planning process for the Property, prepare a development plan, construct improvements and maintain the Property.

Closing of the transaction, including delivery of a warranty deed to the Property and delivery of the conservation easements, is scheduled for November 30, 2010. Normally, the Assembly approves any acquisition of property by the Municipality,

however this Property is being acquired by donation to the Municipality without cost to the Municipality and, accordingly, does not require Assembly approval. See Anchorage Municipal Code (AMC) section 25.20.020 A.6. The conveyance of the conservations easements, however, does require approval of the Assembly by ordinance, see AMC section 25.30.020. In addition, the conveyance of an interest in municipal land to the state or a non-profit organization for less than fair market value requires the Assembly to find the disposal will allow the use of the land for a public purpose beneficial to the municipality. See AMC section 25.30.040 B.

 THE ADMINISTRATION RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF AN ORDINANCE APPROVING CONVEYANCE OF CONSERVATION EASEMENTS ON THE CAMPBELL CREEK ESTUARY PROPERTY FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE STATE OF ALASKA AND GREAT LAND TRUST, INC.

Prepared by: Dept. of Law

Approved by: John H. Rodda, Director,

Parks & Recreation Department
Concur: William Mehner, Executive Director

Heritage Land Bank

22 Concur: Dennis A. Wheeler, Municipal Attorney
23 Concur: George J. Vakalis, Municipal Manager

24 Respectfully submitted: Daniel A. Sullivan, Mayor

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MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE **ASSEMBLY MEMORANDUM**

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Exhibit A

All of that certain real estate situated west of Campbell Lake and adjacent to Turnagain Arm in Anchorage, Alaska, more particularly described as follows:

All of Government Lots One (1) and Two (2), Section 15, Township 12 North, Range 4 West, Seward Meridian, according to the official Bureau of Land Management Survey, in the Anchorage Recording District, Third Judicial District, State of Alaska, EXCEPT that portion of said Government Lot Two (2) lying within the West half of the West half of the Southeast quarter of the Northwest quarter of said Section 15. as conveyed by Deed recorded May 9, 1952 in Deed Book 72 at Page 30, ALSO, SAVING AND EXCEPTING therefrom the East half of the Southeast quarter of Government Lot One (1) of said Section 15, as conveyed by Deed recorded September 23, 1964 in Deed Book 288 at Page 229, Anchorage Recording District, Third Judicial District. State of Alaska.

Conservation Easement Use Areas Great Land Trust Campbell Creek Estuary

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LAND TRUST, INC.

Initiating Dept: Legal

Date Prepared: 9/24/10 1:30 PM

AgendaSection: Ordinances and Resolutions for Introduction

Meeting Date: 9/28/10
Public Hearing Date: 10/26/10

Clerk_Admin_SubWorkflow	9/28/10 1:54 PM		Joy Maglaqui	Public	009424
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MuniManager_SubWorkflow	9/28/10 1:53 PM	Checkin	Joy Maglaqui	Public	009424
Finance_SubWorkflow	9/27/10 11:00 AM	Approve	Lucinda Mahoney	Public	009424
Finance_SubWorkflow	9/27/10 8:34 AM	Checkin	Nina Pruitt	Public	009424
Finance_SubWorkflow	9/27/10 8:28 AM	Checkin	Nina Pruitt	Public	009424
OMB_SubWorkflow	9/24/10 2:47 PM	Approve	Cheryl Frasca	Public	009424
Legal_SubWorkflow	9/24/10 1:37 PM	Approve	Dennis Wheeler	Public	009424
AllOrdinanceWorkflow	9/24/10 1:33 PM	Checkin	Joy Maglaqui	Public	009424

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