



**City of Gig Harbor
City Council Meeting Agenda Bill**

Meeting Date: February 14, 2022

SUBJECT: Resolution 1233 Authorizing the Submittal of a Conservation Futures Grant Application to Pierce County

PURPOSE & RECOMMENDATION: The purpose of this agenda bill is to provide the City the opportunity to apply for and receive funding through the Pierce County Conservation Futures Opportunity Fund Program. The resolution indicates the support and leadership of the City regarding the wider community's conservation of this 5.15 acre parcel and commits to meeting the program minimum of 10% funding match.

SUGGESTED MOTION: Move to approve Resolution 1233.

SUBMITTED BY: Matthew F. Keough, Parks Manager

DEPARTMENT: Administration

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BACKGROUND INFORMATION: The subject parcel, under a Purchase and Sale agreement authorized by Council on January 24, 2022, is the adjacent property upland to the City's Donkey Creek Park. Overlooking the tx^waalqəl Estuary, the 5.15 acres borders Harborview Drive and a designated trail corridor. It is adjacent to the Phase 1 and Phase 2 of North Creek Conservation efforts which were previously allocated Conservation Futures funding, now pending closure of sale agreements. Together, the three phases of the North Creek Conservation Area, would conserve 40.52 acres within the North Creek watershed, in a critical area for historic landmarks and scenic viewpoints along a trail corridor.

DISCUSSION: The Opportunity Fund is for properties, such as this one, under threat of imminent development, and allows funding levels to be determined based on available resources. The City is an eligible recipient of Conservation Futures and will work with the community to provide sufficient funds to complete the intended purchase in May 2022.

FISCAL CONSIDERATION: No expenditure is required at this time. Upon approval of the grant, Council will be asked to consider options to allocate the matching portion of the grant.

BOARD/COMMISSION/COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: None.

ATTACHMENTS: Resolution 1233

REVIEWED BY:

- Mayor
- City Administrator
- City Attorney

- Finance Director
- Department Head

RESOLUTION 1233

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 0221061107 addressed as 4219 Harborview Drive and located north of Donkey Creek, as a parcel of uniquely archeologic 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 anticipated development of this property by its approved preliminary plat that allows a public road and 18 single family lots would result in degraded natural habitat, loss of trees among a limited forested area, and a dramatic change in the look of this corner of our downtown view basin; and

WHEREAS, the City of Gig Harbor is working with the Puyallup Tribe of Indians 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, and signed a purchase and sale agreement with the City, contingent on an appraisal, 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;

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

Section 1. The Mayor is authorized to submit a Conservation Futures Grant application to Pierce County property. 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. The City hereby certifies that it shall provide a matching share of project funding, which will be provided by a city budget appropriation.

Section 3. 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 14th day of February, 2022.

Tracie Markley
Mayor

Attest:

Joshua Stecker
City Clerk