

**CITY OF CORDOVA, ALASKA
RESOLUTION 04-16-16**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CORDOVA, ALASKA,
SUPPORTING NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN THE GREAT LAND TRUST, LORNA
STERN, AND THE CITY OF CORDOVA REGARDING PROPERTY DONATION TO THE
CITY OF CORDOVA SUBJECT TO A CONSERVATION EASEMENT HELD BY THE
GREAT LAND TRUST, AS WELL AS PERMITTING THE CITY TO CONDUCT DUE
DILIGENCE REGARDING THE PROPERTY TRANSFER**

WHEREAS, Great Land Trust presented a proposal to the Cordova City Council on February 17, 2016, regarding Lorna Stern's desire to donate her Shelter Cove Property (Property) to the City; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Stern desires the Property to be a community benefit and asset in perpetuity, while ensuring the Property remains free from development not otherwise agreed to by the parties; and

WHEREAS, to accomplish Ms. Stern's goals, she desires to convey the Property's title to the City and grant Great Land Trust a conservation easement on the Property; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Stern intends to donate the funds necessary for Great Land Trust to proceed with the Property transfer and to conduct annual Property monitoring; and

WHEREAS, the Property is adjacent to other City of Cordova lands; and

WHEREAS, the Property has significant conservation value including habitat for salmon, wildlife habitat, open space, and watershed conservation that provides public benefit; and

WHEREAS, additional due diligence is necessary for the City to make an informed decision about accepting the Property donation; and

WHEREAS, discussions between Lorna Stern, Great Land Trust, and the City of Cordova need to occur to draft a complete conservation easement; and

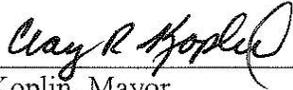
WHEREAS, in accordance with City Code Chapter 5.23 – ACQUISITION OF REAL PROPERTY, there needs to be a public hearing and resolution supporting the Property acquisition, which will be requested after due diligence and easement discussions are completed; and

WHEREAS, City support to enter into discussions with Lorna Stern and Great Land Trust and permission for the City to conduct its due diligence is requested, allowing the City to pursue, in good faith, the land acquisition without commitment until a future resolution is brought forth.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Cordova, Alaska, supports negotiations between the Great Land Trust, Lorna Stern, and the City of Cordova regarding property donation to the City of Cordova subject to a conservation easement held by the Great Land Trust, as well as permitting the city to conduct due diligence regarding the property transfer.

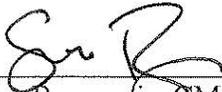
PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 6th DAY OF APRIL, 2016





Clay Koplin, Mayor

ATTEST:



Susan Bourgeois, CMC, City Clerk