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Memorandum

TO: MAYOR CASTNER AND HOMER CITY COUNCIL

FROM: PARKS, ART, RECREATION AND CULTURE ADVISORY COMMISSION

THRU: RENEE KRAUSE, MMC, DEPUTY CITY CLERK

DATE: SEPTEMBER 1, 2020

SUBJECT: BISHOP'S BEACH LAND PURCHASE

The PARC Advisory Commission was presented information at the regular meeting on August 20, 2020 regarding the opportunity to purchase an adjacent parcel, 0.13 acre (about 5,662 square foot), to Bishops Beach Park and US Fish and Wildlife land. This seller is interested in selling it to the City. The listed price is \$35,000. The current tax assessed value is \$17,400.

Following is an excerpt of the minutes from that meeting and recommendation made by the Commission:

A. Memorandum from Acting City Planner Engebretsen re: Bishop's Beach Land Purchase Opportunity

Chair Lewis introduced the item on the agenda by reading of the title.

Acting City Planner Engebretsen reviewed her staff report for the Commission.

Extensive discussion ensued between Acting City Planner Engebretsen and the Commission on the following:

- Location and zoning is in the Central Business District*
- Opportunity to add to parks land few and far between*
- Use of land reserves over the parks reserves since that funding source covers repairs and maintenance is preferred*
- Would be appropriate location for a new restroom*
- Recommendation could include a combination of the funding sources*
- Land Trust is interested in larger 5 acres or more plus habitat*
- Availability of additional land in this area*

HARRALD/ARCHIBALD MOVED THAT PARKS, ART, RECREATION AND CULTURE SUPPORTS THE PURCHASE OF THE ADJACENT PROPERTY AND RECOMMENDS CITY COUNCIL AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO NEGOTIATIONS TO PURCHASE THE PORTION OF LAND IDENTIFIED AS T 6S R 13W SEC 20

SEWARD MERIDIAN HM PTN GL 2 BEGIN S 1/16 CORNER SECS 19 & 20 & NW CORNER OF GL 2 TH S 89 DEG 57'30" E 1094.3 FT TO PT TH S 38 DEG 0' W 310 FT TO ROB TH 90 DEG W 75 FT TO CORNER 2 TH S 38 DEG W 75 FT TO CORNER 3 TH 90 DEG E 75 FT TO CORNER 4 TH N 38 DEG E 75 FT TO POB PARCEL #17714011 AND FURTHER RECOMMEND THAT THE PURCHASE PRICE NOT TO EXCEED \$35,000 AND FUNDING SHOULD COME FROM THE LAND RESERVES ACCOUNT.

There was a brief discussion on negotiating the price down from the \$35,000.

VOTE. NON-OBJECTION. UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

Motion carried.

Recommendation: City Council approve the request to purchase the parcel of land using funds from the Land Reserves Account, not to exceed \$35,000 and Authorize the City Manager to enter negotiations to purchase the land.