1 CITY OF HOMER 2 HOMER, ALASKA City Manager 3 4 **RESOLUTION 20-006** 5 6 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF HOMER, ALASKA 7 AUTHORIZING THE CITY TO ACCEPT A LAND TRANSFER FROM THE 8 NATURE CONSERVANCY FOR A 2.62 ACRE PARCEL ON THE 9 WESTERN SIDE OF THE HOMER SPIT, ALSO KNOWN AS KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH PARCEL ID NUMBER 18103007, AND 10 AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO NEGOTIATE AND EXECUTE 11 THE APPROPRIATE DOCUMENTS. 12 13 WHEREAS, In 2001, Mayor Cushing requested The Nature Conservancy (TNC) acquire 14 the 2.62 acre parcel located on the western side of the Homer Spit as part of City Council's 15 longstanding goal and the City's Capital Improvement Program; and 16 17 WHEREAS, The Capital Improvement Program stated the intent of this acquisition was 18 "to preserve the natural ecosystem and protect future ecotourism activities that are emerging 19 as a major industry in Homer" with the specific benefit of protecting the natural habitat of 20 waterfowl and other wetland dependent species; and 21 22 WHEREAS, The 2.62 acre parcel, also known as T 6S R 13W SEC 35 SEWARD MERIDIAN HM 23 THAT PORTION OF GOVT LOT 3 LYING SOUTHWEST OF THE HOMER SPIT RD or Kenai Peninsula 24 Borough Parcel ID number 18103007, is adjacent to over one mile of City property used by the 25 26 community as public beach and zoned Open Space Rec; and 27 WHEREAS, By accepting this parcel, the City agrees to be bound by the terms of the 28 original grant agreement held between the US Fish and Wildlife Service and The Nature 29 Conservancy under Agreement Number 98210-0-G702; and 30 31 WHEREAS, The North American Wetlands Conservation Fund funds TNC used to 32 purchase the property require the parcel to be held in perpetuity as conservation land; and 33 34 WHEREAS, TNC is ready to transfer the parcel at no cost to the City, aside from recording 35 and title report fees, through a special warranty deed, which has been approved by the City 36 Attorney per HCC 18.06.020 (a); and 37 38 WHEREAS, The City Manager has furnished Council with a title report regarding the 39 parcel per HCC 18.06.020 (b). 40 41

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of Homer, Alaska, authorizes

the City to accept the land transfer from The Nature Conservancy for a 2.62 acre parcel on the

western side of the Homer Spit, also known as Kenai Peninsula Borough Parcel ID number

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18103007, to be held in perpetuity as conservation land and authorizes the City Manager to 45 negotiate execute the appropriate documents. 46 47 PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Homer City Council this 13th day of January, 2020. 48 49 CITY OF HOMER 50 51 52 KEN CASTNER, MAYOR 53 54 ATTEST: 55 56 57 MELISSA JACOBSEN, MMC, CITY CLERK 58 59 Fiscal Note: Acct. No. 100.0130.5210, \$300, in FY19. 60