

Introduced by: Council Member Pruhs
Council Member Rogers
Date: October 10, 2016

RESOLUTION NO. 4763

**A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING RELOCATION OF THE WETLANDS
CONSERVATION TRACT IN THE NORTHSIDE BUSINESS PARK
SUBDIVISION, SECOND ADDITION.**

WHEREAS, in 2013 Northside Business Investors, a local limited partnership, subdivided commercial property north of the Johansen Expressway, creating the Northside Business Park Second Addition; and

WHEREAS, as part of the subdivision approval process, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers issued a permit requiring that a parcel of land be set aside for mitigation of wetland loss, said land known as Tract A which contains 9.66 acres; and

WHEREAS, Tract A has been the subject of numerous police calls, responding to physical and sexual assaults and illegal activities, considered by the Fairbanks Police Department to be a serious public safety issue; and

WHEREAS, wooded areas of Tract A have become a chronic encampment for vagrants and homeless individuals, due in part to concealment and easy access from an adjoining public bike path and existing trails; and

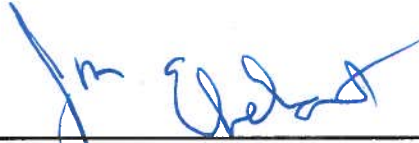
WHEREAS, the property owners are not allowed to clear the land for safety purposes due to the Corps of Engineers' permit restrictions; and

WHEREAS, the property owners are seeking to modify the permit such that the conservation tract be relocated in like-kind to the northwest corner of the Northside Business Park and would seek to donate the relocated tract to the State of Alaska Department of Natural Resources as an addition to the wildlife refuge adjoining to the north, all as shown on attached "Exhibit A"; and

WHEREAS, the proposed new location will not have access from trails or bike paths, and the former conservation tract could be cleaned of trash and cleared for visibility and improved safety.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Fairbanks City Council supports the proposed modification of the Corps of Engineers' permit to allow relocation of the conservation tract, supports transfer of the new tract to the Department of Natural Resources or other appropriate entity, and urges approval of the modification and land transfer.

PASSED and APPROVED this 10th day of October 2016.




John Eberhart, Mayor

AYES: Gatewood, Rogers, Pruhs, Matherly, Huntington, Cleworth
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None
APPROVED: October 10, 2016

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



D. Darvielle Spicer, CMC, City Clerk



Paul Ewers, City Attorney

