

CITY AND BOROUGH OF SITKA

RESOLUTION NO. 2018-22

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF SITKA AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATOR TO PROCURE A LETTER OF COMMITMENT FROM THE STATE OF ALASKA FOR THE ACQUISITION OF PARCEL 1-9208-000 FOR A NEW SITKA SEAPLANE BASE FACILITY ON JAPONSKI ISLAND ELIGIBLE FOR AN AIRPORT IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM GRANT from THE FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION (FAA)

WHEREAS, the current Sitka seaplane base was originally constructed by the State of Alaska and transferred to CBS and provides the only non-private seaplane access in Sitka; and

WHEREAS, the current Sitka seaplane base was recently condemned and then reopened with a 5-year remaining service life after a major emergency repair was required due to significant structural failures; and

WHEREAS, the Assembly has now declared the Sitka Seaplane Base Project as a community Legislative Priority for the last three years and has completed a detailed siting study to determine the preferred location of a new seaplane base in Sitka; and

WHEREAS, the preferred Sitka seaplane base location is on Japonski Island at the end of Seward Street, parcel # 1-9208-000 and is owned by the State of Alaska; and

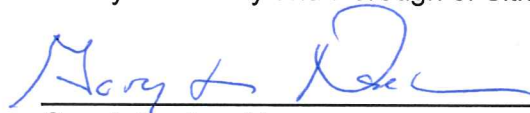
WHEREAS, this location and project is critical to the safety of seaplanes in the area including access to support tourism, fishing, search and rescue, health care and much more; and

WHEREAS, the Economic Impact Study conducted in 2016 predicts significant positive economic impacts to Sitka and is projected to stimulate commercial activity, tourism, and positive job creation; and

WHEREAS, to move the project forward, the CBS is requesting a letter of commitment from the State of Alaska to convey the critical property needed to support this vitally important project which is eligible for up to 100% Federal Funding.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Assembly of the City and Borough of Sitka, Alaska, hereby authorizes the Administrator to procure a letter of commitment from the State of Alaska for the acquisition of Parcel #1-9208-000 for a new Sitka Seaplane Base facility on Japonski Island eligible for an Airport Improvement Program grant from the Federal Aviation Administration.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED by the Assembly of the City and Borough of Sitka, Alaska on this 9th day of October, 2018.



Gary L Paxton, Mayor

ATTEST:



Sara Peterson, MMC
Municipal Clerk

1st and final reading 10/9/18

Sponsor: Administrator