

CITY OF DILLINGHAM, ALASKA

RESOLUTION NO. 2016-17

A RESOLUTION OF THE DILLINGHAM CITY COUNCIL APPROVING U.S. FISH AND WILDLIFE'S PROPOSAL TO MAKE THE CARLSON HOUSE PROPERTY THE SITE OF A NEW U.S. FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE TOGIAK NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE HEADQUARTERS

WHEREAS, the Carlson House Advisory Committee (Committee) met between April 2015 and February 2016 for the purpose of making a recommendation to the Council for the use of the Carlson property and house; and

WHEREAS, as part of the public process the City advertised to the community to provide ideas as to what they felt the property and house could be used for; and

WHEREAS, the Committee received eight ideas from the community for the use of the property; and

WHEREAS, the committee narrowed the ideas down to three proposals that met the charitable organization limitation in the deed to the City, as follows: 1) American Legion Post 442 and Veteran's Park; 2) Restore Building and Grounds for Historic Preservation; and 3) a Site for Additional Office Space for Togiak National Wildlife Refuge; and

WHEREAS, the committee requested a presentation on the three proposals; and

WHEREAS, at the February 25, 2016, Committee meeting the Committee reviewed a letter from U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service - Togiak National Wildlife Refuge stating they would be able to accommodate part of a veterans park as well as preserve some of the building along with their renovations of the property; and

WHEREAS, the American Legion Post 422 also provided a letter to the Committee withdrawing their request for the property as they wanted more acreage than this property had for a future cemetery; and

WHEREAS, the Committee also heard from the party interested in historical preservation of the property and house; and

WHEREAS, after discussing the various ideas the Committee is recommending that the City provide the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service - Togiak National Wildlife Refuge the opportunity to lease the property and building; and

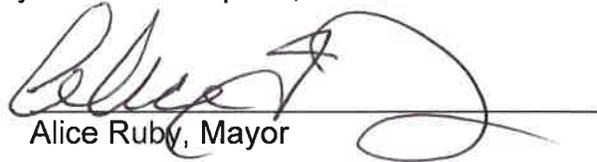
WHEREAS, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service - Togiak National Wildlife Refuge proposal included building an office building, exploring the possibility of preserving the main cabin of the Carlson house to be maintained for a public visitation center with

historical information of the community in the cabin, accommodate a Veteran's Memorial on the property and work with adjacent property owners for adequate parking; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Dillingham City Council concurs with the Carlson House Committee's recommendation is to provide lease of the Carlson House and property to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service - Togiak National Wildlife Refuge with the following stipulations:

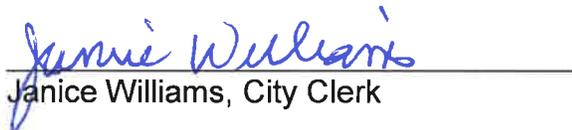
1. The property be conveyed through a long term lease agreement;
2. U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service - Togiak National Wildlife Refuge will have until the end of 2016 to present a plan to the City for taking possession of the property; and
3. The plan will be worked out with the City Manager and presented to the City Council for approval.

PASSED and ADOPTED by the Dillingham City Council on April 7, 2016.


Alice Ruby, Mayor

ATTEST:

[SEAL]


Janice Williams, City Clerk

City of Dillingham Information Memorandum

Agenda of: April 7, 2016

Attachment to:

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Subject:

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City Manager: Recommend Approval

Signature: Rose Doera

Fiscal Note: Yes No

Funds Available: Yes No

Other Attachments:

- None

Summary Statement:

A committee of four individuals that included a council member, staff and two residents of Dillingham has been meeting since early in 2015 to bring forth a recommendation to the Dillingham City Council as to what should be done with the Carlson Property and House. The property was put in Trust to the City in 1997 and has sat idle since that time. The house is in poor shape and needs some major renovation in order to bring it habitable.

The committee put out a public notice asking for ideas from people in the community for what could be done with the property. There were nine suggestions received, of which two were combined to make eight:

- A. Donate building and land to American Legion Post 442 - Landscape a Memorial Park;
- B. Have UAF Building Program Renovate for Hospice Care;
- C. Restore Building and Grounds for Historic Preservation;
- D. Destroy Building and use Land for Veteran's Memorial Park;
- E. Site for Additional Office Building for Togiak Nat'l Wildlife Refuge;
- F. Sunday School Rooms or Youth Building for Moravian Church;
- G. Remove Building and Create Botanical Garden on the Property;
- H. Sell the Property as a Bed and Breakfast and
- I. Chamber of Commerce Office

The committee narrowed the suggestions to A, C, D & E and combined A & D as one suggestion. Presentations were requested of the three parties. After the presentations

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Summary Statement continued:

were provided the Committee had their last meeting on February 25, 2016 to finalize the recommendation. At the February meeting another letter, dated 1/27/16 was presented from U.S. Fish & Wildlife further explaining their plans for the property and also the American Legion provided a letter withdrawing their proposal.

The Committee felt that the letter from U.S. Fish & Wildlife presenting a plan for the property encompassed a portion of each of the proposals that was being considered and was the most economical proposal for recommendation.

Route to	Department Head	Date
	Finance Director	
X	City Clerk	4/8/16