

BEFORE THE METRO COUNCIL

FOR THE PURPOSE OF AUTHORIZING THE	)	RESOLUTION NO. 18-4881
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER TO APPROVE	)	Introduced by Chief Operating Officer
THE EXCHANGE OF METRO OWNED LAND	)	Martha Bennett in concurrence with
ON GOVERNMENT ISLAND FOR PORT OF	)	Council President Tom Hughes
PORTLAND OWNED LAND IN SMITH AND		
BYBEE WETLANDS		

WHEREAS, on July 23, 1992, via Resolution No. 92-1637 (“For the Purpose of Considering Adoption of the Metropolitan Greenspaces Master Plan”), the Metro Council adopted the Metropolitan Greenspaces Master Plan which identified a desired system of natural areas interconnected with greenways and trails, including the Smith and Bybee Wetlands area;

WHEREAS, in May 1995, the voters of the Metro region approved ballot measure 26-26, authorizing Metro to issue \$135.6 million for bonds for Open Spaces, Parks and Streams to help implement the vision in the Greenspaces Master Plan (the “1995 Bond Measure”);

WHEREAS, Metro is the manager of most of the nearly 2,000 acres that make up Smith and Bybee Wetlands;

WHEREAS, on May 30, 2013, the City of Portland approved a Comprehensive Natural Resource Management Plan for Smith and Bybee Wetlands designed to protect and enhance the area as an environmental and recreational resource for the region, and Metro manages the area consistent with this plan;

WHEREAS, The Port of Portland owns and desires to transfer to Metro approximately 280 acres of real property in the Smith and Bybee Wetlands Management Area depicted on the attached Exhibit A, for Metro to manage consistent with the 2013 Comprehensive Natural Resource Management Plan;

WHEREAS, in exchange, Metro desires to transfer ownership of approximately 200 acres of real property on Government Island in the Columbia River depicted on the attached Exhibit A-1, which Metro acquired with funds from the 1995 Bond Measure, to the Port of Portland, in order to add to the 2,000 acres of land already managed by the Port on Government Island for the benefit of fish and wildlife habitat; now therefore:

BE IT RESOLVED:

1. That the Metro Council has determined that the public interest will be furthered by exchanging Metro’s approximately 200 acres of land on Government Island for approximately 280 acres of land owned by the Port at Smith and Bybee Wetlands; and

2. That the Metro Council authorizes and directs the Chief Operating Officer to take all actions necessary, included execution of land exchange agreements and deeds, on terms approved by the Office of Metro Attorney, to accomplish the land exchange with the Port in a manner consistent with and in furtherance of this Resolution.

Adopted by the Metro Council this \_\_\_\_\_ day of June 2018.

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Tom Hughes, Council President

Approved as to Form:

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Alison R. Kean, Metro Attorney