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Executive Council of the Central Council
TLINGIT & HAIDA INDIAN TRIBES OF ALASKA

Resolution EC 21-54

Title: Ratification of Purchase of Developed Real Property on Anka Street

WHEREAS, the Central Council of Tlingit & Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska (Tlingit & Haida) is a federally recognized tribe with more than 32,000 citizens; and

WHEREAS, under Article X of the Tlingit & Haida Constitution, the Executive Council is the governing body of Tlingit & Haida when the Tribal Assembly is not in session; and

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WHEREAS, on March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization characterized COVID-19, also referred to as the coronavirus, as a pandemic; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, the President of the United States issued a proclamation declaring a national emergency concerning the COVID-19 outbreak; and

WHEREAS, on March 24, 2020, in EC Res. 20-12: Declaration of a State of Emergency Related to COVID-19 Pandemic, Tlingit & Haida declared a State of Emergency for and on behalf of the Tribe and its communities, related to the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, also in EC 20-12, Tlingit & Haida activated a Tlingit & Haida emergency response plan and directed the assets and personnel to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the Tribe, its citizens, employees, and neighboring general public; and

WHEREAS, the pandemic continues as of the date of this resolution; and

WHEREAS, on September 22, 2021, the Governor of Alaska activated crisis standards of care for the entire State; and

WHEREAS, as of the date of this resolution the State of Alaska is in the top five states based on COVID-19 cases per 100,000 people, and in recent weeks had the highest rate of cases in the United States, and at one point had the highest rate of recent mortalities; and

WHEREAS, Tlingit & Haida has a vehicle fleet of over 50 vehicles, the majority of which are located in Juneau, where the majority of tribal government employees work; and

WHEREAS, Tlingit & Haida has continued to provide essential governmental services to its citizens and communities throughout the pandemic, services which respond to the COVID-19 pandemic by providing citizens and communities with Personal Protective Equipment, financial support due to pandemic related job loss, child welfare services and court services such as protective orders which respond to the documented increase in-home crime perpetration, and such services continue to require the use of Tribal vehicles; and

WHEREAS, Tlingit & Haida has consistently taken action to protect, employees, clients and communities from the spread of COVID-19, instituting universal masking in Tribal offices, mandating the COVID-19 vaccine for Tribal employees, and requiring work-from-home when circumstances warranted; and

WHEREAS, Tlingit & Haida desired to ensure its governmental vehicles are not a source of transmission of COVID-19 and has located a facility from which its Juneau vehicle fleet can be managed for the safety of employees and clients, including both sanitization services and basic vehicle maintenance; and

WHEREAS, vehicles sanitization between use will decrease the likelihood of COVID-19 transmission, as will the provision of basic vehicle maintenance, when Juneau COVID-19 outbreaks have included automotive service providers and when by providing basic maintenance directly Tlingit & Haida can control the risk of transmission with its stringent mitigation measures such as universal masking and the vaccine mandate for Tribal employees who will provide such services; and

WHEREAS, the 1721 and 1725 Anka Street properties are centrally located in Juneau and centrally located from existing Tribal property, include adequate space for vehicle storage of Tlingit & Haida's significant vehicle fleet, allow for sanitization to occur indoors, a necessary requirement in a climate which receives over 222 days of precipitation a year, and includes a specialized drain for oil separation located on property with over six inches of asphalt, necessary to protect the nearby salmon producing stream, a significant food source for Tlingit & Haida citizens and families; and

WHEREAS, property for lease or sale in Juneau is limited by several factors, (1) Juneau is a landlocked city, only accessible by plane or boat; (2) Juneau is surrounded by the Tongass National Forest and there is only limited private land available for development, because a significant proportion of local land is owned by the federal government (a common factor in Alaska), is owned by the State of Alaska and local governments, or is owned by Alaska Native Corporations; (3) there are additional limitations on development even on private property, because Juneau is in an archipelago full of waterways, avalanche zones, anadromous salmon producing streams, wetlands, and protected species such as bald eagles; and

WHEREAS, as in many other places across the country, the pandemic impacted the real estate market and resulted in substantially fewer properties being on the market and a systematic review of properties listed for lease did not result in available options for Tlingit & Haida to pursue, in fact, there were no other options for purchase could accommodate the Tlingit & Haida vehicle fleet, allow for service indoors with de minimis renovations to address COVID-19 safety and accommodate basic vehicle maintenance without costly renovations; and

WHEREAS, for all these reasons the Executive Council, in Executive Session, previously authorized the purchase of 1721 and 1725 Anka Street properties in order to continue to respond to the coronavirus pandemic;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Executive Council of the Central Council of Tlingit & Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska hereby ratifies the purchase of developed real property located at 1721 and 1725 Anka Street, Juneau, Alaska 99801 to provide fleet management services required by the COVID-19 pandemic for Tlingit & Haida vehicles.

ADOPTED this 21st day of October 2021, by the Executive Council of the Central Council of Tlingit & Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska, by a vote of 5 yeas, 0 nays, 0 abstentions and 1 absence.

CERTIFY



President Richard J. Peterson

ATTEST



Tribal Secretary Ralph Wolfe