

Resolution No. 2009-006

Adopted: February 17, 2009

Approving Transfer of Real Property to the Municipality of Anchorage

WHEREAS, the Alaska Railroad Corporation (ARRC) is the owner of two separate parcels of land on Government Hill that are proposed for a land swap with the Municipality of Anchorage; and

WHEREAS. one of the parcels, shown on the attached Exhibit A as ARRC Parcel 1, is not contiguous with other ARRC property and does not currently produce lease revenue; all improvements were previously removed from the parcel to expedite the Municipality's movement of gravel from a nearby site to the Port of Anchorage; the parcel presents a physical and legal obstruction to safe and efficient access to the Municipality's Government Hill Elementary School; and

WHEREAS, the second parcel, covered under a long-term lease and shown on the attached Exhibit A as ARRC Parcel 2, is surrounded by municipally owned or controlled property known as the Hollywood Vista site: the site is currently being redeveloped into a residential subdivision after years of planning by the Government Hill community and the Municipality of Anchorage, and ARRC's parcel will be incorporated into the redevelopment; and

WHEREAS, the Municipality would like to acquire the ARRC Parcel 2 in order to more efficiently develop the entire site, allowing the ARRC parcel to be subdivided as part of the overall development which would otherwise be restricted in its use; and

WHEREAS, the Municipality has offered to transfer the land shown on Exhibit A as MOA Parcel 1, which is more desirably located for ARRC use or development, in exchange for both ARRC parcels; and

WHEREAS, the ARRC and municipal properties proposed for exchange have been independently appraised and valued at \$602,800 and \$645,000, respectively; the Municipality has indicated it expects no additional consideration for its slightly higher valued property; and

WHEREAS, ARRC management recommends approval of this land exchange because the corporation will acquire property of equivalent or greater value that will increase the development potential of a central business district site or could potentially be incorporated in the development ARRC's existing Ship Creek land

holdings, which would increase the value of ARRC's property that surrounds MOA Parcel 1; and

WHEREAS, both ARRC Board approval and legislative approval are required for conveyance of the corporation's entire interest in land under AS 42.40.120(c)(14) and AS 42.40.285(1), respectively.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors has reviewed the proposed transaction and approves the conveyance of Parcels A and B as shown on Exhibit A to the Municipality of Anchorage in exchange for conveyance of MOA Parcel 1 as shown on Exhibit A; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, the President and CEO or his designee is authorized to negotiate such other conditions of transfer and take such other steps as he deems are appropriate and in the best interests of the corporation, including but not limited to seeking legislative approval of the conveyance of the corporation's entire interest in land as required by law.

This is to certify that I am the Secretary of the Board of Directors of the Alaska Railroad Corporation, and the above Resolution No. 2009-006 is a true and correct copy of the resolution adopted by the Alaska Railroad Corporation's Board of Directors at its regular meeting on February 17, 2009.

Date

James B. Blasingame Board Secretary

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