CITY OF WHITTIER, ALASKA RESOLUTION 2025-014

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WHITTIER, ALASKA, APPROVING THE PURCHASE OF CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY FROM THE ALASKA RAILROAD CORPORATION IDENTIFIED AS AREAS OF INTEREST 1 THROUGH 5

WHEREAS, the City of Whittier may acquire real property by purchase or other lawful means as authorized under Whittier Municipal Code Chapter 3.36.010 and 3.36.020; and

WHEREAS, the Alaska Railroad Corporation (ARRC) owns multiple parcels of land within the municipal boundaries of Whittier, Alaska, identified as Areas of Interest (AOIs) 1 through 5; and

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2025, the Whittier City Council authorized the City Manager to submit a preliminary proposal to ARRC to purchase these parcels at their appraised fair market value; and

WHEREAS, the proposed acquisition includes the following properties, with appraised values totaling \$6,759,000:

- AOI 1 A 0.80-acre parcel located along Depot Road near the east end of Dock Access Road, legally described as a portion of Lot 1, Block 6, Plat 74-3, U.S. Survey No. 9008; appraised at \$157,000;
- AOI 2 A 39.1-acre parcel composed of a portion of Lot 8 of U.S. Survey No. 9008 (Plat filed October 12, 1995) and a portion of Parcel A of U.S. Survey No. 2559 (Plat filed December 14, 1994), located within Section 23, Township 8 North, Range 4 East, Seward Meridian; appraised at \$1,960,000;
- AOI 3 A 9.78-acre parcel consisting of Lots 9, 11, and 12, and a portion of Lot 8 of U.S. Survey No. 9008 (Plat filed October 12, 1995), located within Sections 13, 14, 23, and 24, Township 8 North, Range 4 East, Seward Meridian; appraised at \$2,811,000;
- AOI 4 A 21.94-acre parcel comprised of Lot 2, Lot 4, and a portion of Lot 8 of U.S. Survey No. 9008 (Plat filed October 12, 1995), located within Sections 14, 15, 22, and 23, Township 8 North, Range 4 East, Seward Meridian; appraised at \$1,051,000;
- AOI 5 A 16.27-acre parcel being a portion of Lot 1 of U.S. Survey No. 9008 (Plat filed October 12, 1995), located within Section 15, Township 8 North, Range 4 East, Seward Meridian; appraised at \$780,000;

WHEREAS, acquisition of these lands supports the City's long-term development goals and furthers its strategic interest in local land use planning and community growth; and

WHEREAS, per WMC 3.36.020, the City Council must approve all acquisitions of real property by resolution and authorize the City Manager to take necessary actions to complete the transaction;

NOW, THEREFORE, THE WHITTIER CITY COUNCIL HEREBY RESOLVES:

Section 1. The City of Whittier hereby approves the acquisition of the real properties described above as AOIs 1 through 5 from the Alaska Railroad Corporation for the total purchase price of \$6,759,000.

Section 2. The City Manager is authorized to negotiate, finalize, and execute any and all documents necessary to complete the purchase, including but not limited to obtaining title insurance, preparing conveyance instruments, and arranging for proper recording.

Section 3. Funding for this purchase will be appropriated via future resolution.

Section4. This resolution shall be effective immediately upon adoption.

PASSED AND APPROVED by a duly constituted quorum of the Whittier City Council on this 15th day of April, 2025.

Daniel Blair
Mayor

AYES: Macaltao, Shen, Pinguoch, Denmark, Blair

NOES: None

ABSENT: Wagner, Dickason

ABSTAIN: None

ATTEST:

Shelby Carlson

City Clerk

INCORT OF WHITTIER ALASKA

(City Seal)