

Resolution No. \_\_\_\_-18

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ACQUISITION OF APPROXIMATELY 40 ACRES OF REAL PROPERTY OWNED BY JUSTIN WATKINS AND MELISSA WATKINS FOR THE PURPOSE OF PUBLIC OPEN SPACE AND TRAILS AS AN EXTENSION OF CHEYENNE MOUNTAIN STATE PARK

WHEREAS, the City of Colorado Springs ("City") Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Department has through its Trails, Open Space and Parks Program ("TOPS"), identified a parcel of land adjacent to Cheyenne Mountain State Park as an important asset for preservation; and

WHEREAS, the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Department has negotiated the acquisition of a parcel of land adjacent to Cheyenne Mountain State Park, comprised of approximately 40.00 acres, known as TSN 75000-00-228 (the "Property"), legally described on Exhibit 1 and depicted on Exhibit 2, which is currently owned by Justin Watkins and Melissa Watkins, (the "Sellers"); and

WHEREAS, the current Colorado Springs Park System Master Plan identifies the Property as an Open Space Candidate Area and critical link for the Cheyenne Mountain Heritage Trail; and

WHEREAS, on March 7, 2018 the TOPS Working Committee, through the City's TOPS Program, voted unanimously to support the acquisition of the Property; and

WHEREAS, on March 8, 2018, the City Parks and Recreation Advisory Board voted unanimously to support the acquisition of the Property as an extension of Cheyenne Mountain State Park; and

WHEREAS, the acquisition of the Property includes unique natural and recreational resources including mature forest, wildlife habitat and unique geologic formations; and

WHEREAS, the acquisition of the Property is in the public interest, provides additional open space and is needed for the future Cheyenne Mountain Heritage Trail; and

WHEREAS, the City has obtained an appraisal for the Property that supports the purchase price of \$156,000; and,

WHEREAS, funding will be required for the acquisition of the Property in the amount of up to \$156,000 from the Trails, Open Space and Parks (TOPS) Open Space Category as authorized by the City Code of the City of Colorado Springs, § 4.6.101, *et seq.* and § 4.6.201, *et seq.*

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLORADO SPRINGS:**

Section 1. City Council finds the acquisition of the Property for open space purposes to be in the best interests of the citizens of Colorado Springs.

Section 2. Pursuant to the City of Colorado Springs Procedural Manual for the Acquisition and Disposition of Real Property Interests ("Real Estate Manual"), Section 4.1, City Council authorizes the acquisition of the Property for a purchase price of \$156,000.

Section 3. The City of Colorado Springs Real Estate Manager and the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Director are authorized to execute any and all documents necessary to complete the acquisition, in accord and compliance with the Real Estate Manual.

Section 4. This Resolution shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its adoption.

DATED at Colorado Springs, Colorado, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2018.

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Council President

ATTEST:

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Sarah B. Johnson, City Clerk

Exhibit 1:Legal Description  
El Paso County Tax Schedule Number 75000-00-228

THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER, SECTION 26,  
TOWNSHIP 15 SOUTH, RANGE 67 WEST OF THE 6<sup>TH</sup> P.M., ELPASO COUNTY,  
STATE OF COLORADO.

Exhibit 2: Parcel Map

