

RESOLUTION NO. -19

**A RESOLUTION
ACCEPTING THE PROPOSAL OF WEEKS'S BAY FOUNDATION
IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$74,950.00
FOR WORK RELATED TO THE NFWF-FUNDED
BON SECOUR / OYSTER BAY WETLAND ACQUISITION PROJECT**

WHEREAS, the Vision 2025 Plan for Sustainability and the Strategic Plan 2015-2019 identify environmental stewardship as a Key Strategy and Priority, and the Plans also identify the conservation and protection of natural resources as a Core Value in prioritizing the allocation of City resources. The Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill in 2010 made clear the important connections between our regional economy and a healthy environment, and The National Fish and Wildlife Foundation's (NFWF) Gulf Environmental Benefit Fund was established in 2013 to fund projects benefiting the natural resources of the Gulf Coast that were impacted by the spill.

WHEREAS, the City was awarded a grant through NFWF for the acquisition and conservation of 836 acres of natural wetlands around the confluence of the Bon Secour River and Oyster Bay. Protection and preservation of this property will have significant impacts on water quality and habitat for local wildlife. The City will manage the property for passive recreational opportunities for the public, and will support environmental education programs in the area.

WHEREAS, this proposal will conduct due diligence work necessary to establish conservation easements on the properties that will protect the properties in perpetuity. This work shall include title work, Phase 1 ESA update, Baseline Documentation Report, Conservation Easement Deeds, legal review, closing costs, and stewardship and legal defense. The conservation easements will be developed in coordination with the City's Habitat Management Plan, currently being developed, to establish management strategies and public recreational use opportunities.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GULF SHORES, ALABAMA, WHILE IN REGULAR SESSION ON APRIL 22, 2019, as follows:

Section 1. That the proposal from the Week's Bay Foundation for the creation of two distinct conservation easements on the Leary and Erie Hall Meyer properties acquired by the City in 2017 as part of the NFWF-funded Bon Secour/Oyster Bay Wetland Acquisition Project, be and the same is hereby accepted, authorized and outlined in the Scope of Work and/or as specified for additional services; and

Section 2. That the Mayor and City Clerk be and they are hereby authorized and directed to execute and attest, respectively, a professional services agreement between the City of Gulf Shores and Week's Bay Foundation in substantially the form presented to Council this date; and

Section 3. That costs for creation and establishment of separate conservation easements for the Leary and Erie Hall Meyer properties (\$74,950.00) will be reimbursable and booked as a receivable, and will be 100% reimbursed through the NFWF Grant.

Section 4. That this Resolution shall become effective upon its adoption.

ADOPTED this 22nd day of April, 2019, 2018.

Robert Craft, Mayor

ATTEST:

Wanda Parris, MMC
City Clerk

C E R T I F I C A T E

I, Wanda Parris, MMC, City Clerk of the City of Gulf Shores, Alabama, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of Resolution No. - 19(prepared by City Clerk), which Resolution was duly and legally adopted at a regular meeting of the City Council on April 22, 2019.

City Clerk