

RESOLUTION NO. -20

**A RESOLUTION
ACCEPTING THE PROPOSAL OF
VOLKERT, INC. FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES RELATED
TO THE CITY'S NFWF GRANT-FUNDED
BON SECOUR / OYSTER BAY WETLAND ACQUISITION PROJECT
IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$110,000.00;
AND AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO
EXECUTE AND ATTEST, RESPECTIVELY,
A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT**

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 has been 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.

WHEREAS, The City will manage the property for passive recreational opportunities for the public, and will support environmental education programs in the area. This proposal will begin environmental restoration work as part of the implementation of the Habitat Management Plan.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GULF SHORES, ALABAMA, WHILE IN REGULAR SESSION ON AUGUST 24, 2020, as follows:

Section 1. That the proposal from Volkert, Inc. for professional services related to the NFWF Grant for the acquisition and conservation of 836 acres of natural wetlands around the confluence of the Bon Secour River and Oyster Bay in an amount not to exceed \$110,000.00 be and the same is hereby accepted, authorized and outlined in the Scope of Work and/or as specified for additional services.

Section 2. That the Mayor and City Clerk be and they are hereby authorized and directed to execute and attest, respectively, Professional Services Contract between the City of Gulf Shores and Volkert, Inc. for services related to the acquisition and conservation of 836 acres of natural wetlands around the confluence of the Bon Secour River and Oyster Bay; and in substantially the form presented to Council this date; and

Section 3. That costs for this phase of restoration work (\$110,000) has been budgeted for FY 2020, and will be reimbursable and booked as a receivable from NFWF per auditor's recommendation.

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

ADOPTED this 10th day of February, 2020.

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. -20(prepared by City Clerk), which Resolution was duly and legally adopted at a regular meeting of the City Council on August 24, 2020.

City Clerk