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Attachments: 1. Att A – Urban Migratory Bird Treaty, 2. Summary and Fiscal Note, 3. Affidavit of Publication

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CITY OF SEATTLE

RESOLUTION _____

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WHEREAS, in 2015, the United States Fish and Wildlife Service invited The City of Seattle to participate in the Urban Conservation Treaty for Migratory Birds Program; and

WHEREAS, the City of Seattle has already established itself as a bird friendly city and meets all of the necessary qualifications put forth by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife for entering the Urban Conservation

Treaty for Migratory Birds Program.

WHEREAS, Seattle sits along the Pacific Flyway, a major north-south bird migration route; and

WHEREAS, the cities of Portland, Oregon, and San Francisco, California, have become Urban Bird Treaty
Cities in the Pacific Flyway; and

WHEREAS, Seattle is home to at least 109 bird species that are either known to breed or likely to breed within
City limits; 18 of which are identified as threatened, sensitive, or species of concern by various
agencies; and

WHEREAS, the Urban Conservation Treaty for Migratory Birds Program maintains a grant-making role,
providing financial support for the work of cities in the Program; and

WHEREAS, The City of Seattle supports protection, restoration, and enhancement of urban/suburban habitats
for birds through its Land Use Code and ordinances; and

WHEREAS, The City of Seattle is exploring ways of incorporating environmental education about migratory
birds in the design of park structures such as play areas; and

WHEREAS, The City of Seattle is incorporating bird-friendly practices and nesting structures such as osprey
platforms in developed landscapes, natural areas, Urban Forest Restoration operations, and maintenance
programs; and

WHEREAS, The City of Seattle and its partners in the Urban Forest Restoration Program manage invasive
species to protect and benefit birds, while restoring bird habitat in the urban forest and other natural
areas; and

WHEREAS, The City of Seattle monitors and reduces potential hazards to migratory birds across the Cascade
Mountains where hydroelectric dams, watersheds, and transmission lines are present; and

WHEREAS, The City of Seattle and its environmental education partners provide educational programming to
increase awareness of migratory birds and engage community in monitoring and advocating for birds
and their habitats; and

WHEREAS, The City of Seattle delivers and fosters community and youth environmental education programs and environmental learning centers in the Cedar River Watershed and Seattle Parks, and through program partnerships with Seattle Audubon Society, Audubon Washington at Seward Park, and Magnuson Nature Programs; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SEATTLE, THE MAYOR CONCURRING, THAT:

Section 1. The City of Seattle will seek opportunities to advance bird-friendly design and operational management practices through future planning efforts as applicable.

Section 2. The future City plans and programs will increase awareness of the value of migratory birds, promote habitat enhancement, provide safe viewing opportunities for birds, improve bird safety, and recognize the benefits of urban birds in the landscape.

Section 3. The City of Seattle and its partners will work with the community to promote awareness of bird-friendly design and management practices across the City in residential and commercial properties.

Section 4. The City of Seattle and its partners will develop a City Bird Agenda with community support to promote, identify, and guide future plans, programs, and policies for the benefit of birds and other urban wildlife.

Section 5. The Mayor is requested to execute a partnership agreement with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, substantially in the form attached as Attachment A to this Resolution.

Adopted by the City Council the _____ day of _____, 2016, and signed by me in open session in authentication of its adoption this _____ day of _____, 2016.

President _____ of the City Council

The Mayor concurred the _____ day of _____, 2016.

Edward B. Murray, Mayor

Filed by me this _____ day of _____, 2016.

Monica Martinez Simmons, City Clerk

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Attachments:

Attachment A - Urban Migratory Bird Treaty