



Legislation Text

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CITY OF SEATTLE
ORDINANCE _____
COUNCIL BILL _____

AN ORDINANCE relating to the Department of Parks and Recreation; authorizing the acquisition of real property commonly known as 3650 34th Avenue South; and authorizing acceptance and recording of the deed for open space, park, and recreation purposes.

WHEREAS, the City Council created the Parks and Green Spaces Levy Citizens' Advisory Committee to ensure citizen participation in the development of a potential package of parks, open space, boulevards, trails, green infrastructure, and recreation projects, and a proposed set of options to fund the package by Resolution 31055; and

WHEREAS, the Parks and Green Spaces Levy Citizens' Advisory Committee, after being duly appointed and after spending many hours in open meetings and receiving public testimony and deliberating on the levy, voted by a strong majority to recommend that the City Council place a \$145,500,000 six-year levy proposal for park purposes before the voters of Seattle; and

WHEREAS, in response to this recommendation, the City Council passed Ordinance 122749, placing Proposition 2, the 2008 Parks and Green Spaces Levy, before the voters of Seattle; and

WHEREAS, the 2008 Parks and Green Spaces Levy was approved by Seattle voters on November 4, 2008; and

WHEREAS, Ordinance 122749 identifies the North Rainier Hub Urban Village for a potential neighborhood park acquisition; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Parks and Recreation considers the North Rainier Hub Urban Village as significantly underserved with quality open space, and the area is, therefore, a priority area for additional acquisition of parks and open space; and

WHEREAS, The City of Seattle (“City”) purchased the property located at 3640 35th Avenue South (“City-owned Property”) on December 29, 2011 from Southeast Effective Development, a Washington nonprofit corporation;

WHEREAS, the existing City-owned Property is small in size totaling only 6,480 square feet, but Southeast Effective Development has offered to sell its property located at 3650 34th Avenue South, as well as four additional vacant parcels, which are adjoining, or adjacent to, the City-owned Property which, if purchased by the Department of Parks and Recreation and added along with the City-owned Property, would create a sufficient size and space for a three-quarter-acre City park; and

WHEREAS, the City has determined that the purchase of the Southeast Effective Development’s adjacent properties will enhance the size of the new North Rainier Hub Urban Village neighborhood park and better meet the criteria to address open space needs established in Seattle’s Parks and Recreation 2006 Development Plan, and Seattle’s 2006 Open Space Gap Report Update, and the acquisition of the aforementioned adjoining and adjacent property is in the public’s best interest to acquire the same for open space, park, and recreation purposes; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF SEATTLE AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The Superintendent of Parks and Recreation (“Superintendent”), or the Superintendent’s designee, is authorized, on behalf of The City of Seattle, to acquire real property commonly known as 3650 34th Avenue South for a purchase price not to exceed \$1,250,000. The legal description of the real property (referred to hereafter as the “Property”) is as follows:

Lots 5 through 8 and Lots 13 through 16, inclusive, Block 44, C.D. Hillman’s Rainier Boulevard Garden Addition to the City of Seattle, according to the plat thereof recorded in Volume 12 of Plats, page 65, in King County, Washington.

Section 2. The Superintendent of Parks and Recreation, or the Superintendent’s designee, is authorized to execute all documents and legal instruments as he deems necessary or desirable to accomplish acquisition of the Property consistent with this ordinance. The Superintendent, or the Superintendent’s designee, is authorized

to accept the deed of the Property on behalf of the City by attaching his written acceptance thereof and by recording the same. By authorization of this ordinance, the Property shall be accepted and designated by the City for open space, park, and recreation purposes, and placed under the jurisdiction of the Department of Parks and Recreation.

Section 3. This ordinance shall take effect and be in force 30 days after its approval by the Mayor, but if not approved and returned by the Mayor within ten days after presentation, it shall take effect as provided by Seattle Municipal Code Section 1.04.020.

Passed by the City Council the ____ day of _____, 2015, and signed by me in open session in authentication of its passage this ____ day of _____, 2015.

President _____ of the City Council

Approved by me this ____ day of _____, 2015.

Edward B. Murray, Mayor

Filed by me this ____ day of _____, 2015.

Monica Martinez Simmons, City Clerk

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