



Legislation Text

File #: 2008-0105, **Version:** 1

Clerk 02/13/2008

AN ORDINANCE authorizing King County's sale of King County-owned,
unimproved property, located adjacent to the city of Kent, within council district

7.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:

SECTION 1. Findings:

A. King County's department of natural resources and parks, water and land resource division ("WLRD") is conditionally surplussing an unimproved fifteen-acre parcel known as the Mullen Slough natural area ("Mullen Slough"), for the purpose of aiding the city of Kent ("Kent") in spending funds from an expiring State grant that would enable Kent to purchase a parcel for a city habitat restoration project.

B. Mullen Slough assessor's parcel number 232204-9028 is located adjacent to Kent on the north side of Kent-Des Moines road south and was acquired by WLRD in August of 2006 with conservation futures tax funds.

C. Independent of and prior to this county purchase, Kent received a state grant to acquire property for its own city habitat restoration site. Unable to secure an originally-targeted parcel, and with Kent's grant approaching expiration, WLRD and Kent have mutually identified Mullen Slough as an excellent candidate.

D. Mullen Slough is just outside city boundaries but proximate enough to Kent to warrant a city habitat restoration project, and Kent would welcome such opportunity.

E. WLRD will reserve a river protection easement, and Kent will steward this natural area consistent with its original funding source requirements.

F. The purchase price is two hundred ninety thousand dollars.

G. As Kent's grant expires March 15, 2008, expedited approval of this sale and authorization for the executive to execute the purchase and sale agreement between Kent and the county is requested.

H. Pursuant to K.C.C. 4.56.100, the facilities management division determined that Mullen Slough does not meet the criteria for affordable housing.

I. Notices were circulated to other county departments regarding the county's plan to surplus and sell the property. None of the agencies expressed interest.

J. Pursuant to K.C.C. 4.56.100, in February 2008, the county's facilities management division declared Mullen Slough surplus to the county's present and foreseeable needs.

K. Pursuant to K.C.C. 4.56.080, the council must approve sale of county-owned real property. The proposed ordinance authorizes the executive to execute the purchase and sale agreement attached hereto as Attachment B to this ordinance.

SECTION 2. The King County council, having determined that the land described in Attachment A to this ordinance is surplus to the needs of the county, and having determined that sale of the Mullen Slough is in the best interest of the public, does hereby authorize the King County executive to enter into the purchase and sale agreement, substantially in the form attached, and to execute the necessary documents to deliver Mullen Slough to Kent.

10 days, not more than 25 days prior, area paper

Display/news release