

RESOLUTION NO. 15-30

A RESOLUTION OF THE OREGON CITY COMMISSION SUPPORTING THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE GRANT APPLICATION FOR THE WILLAMETTE FALLS LEGACY PROJECT INFRASTRUCTURE FINANCE PLAN

WHEREAS, for the first time in 150 years, Oregonians have the opportunity to rediscover a cultural and scenic treasure. When the paper mill closed its doors, Oregon City, Clackamas County, Metro, the State of Oregon came together with four core values in mind: Public Access, Habitat Restoration, Economic Redevelopment and Historical and Cultural Interpretation. In 2013 and 2014 they launched and completed a highly successful public vision and Master Plan for how the site can be redeveloped; and

WHEREAS, Oregon City recognizes that the complexity of the former industrial site requires a more holistic development strategy; and

WHEREAS, there is a major need to not just coordinate, but leverage public and private efforts, especially relating to infrastructure and development readiness; and

WHEREAS, Falls Legacy LLC and Oregon City expect to complete a Development Opportunity Study in 2016/2017, which includes private development feasibility analysis and infrastructure planning on the site, through a Metro Community Planning and Development Grant; and

WHEREAS, there is a major need to develop an overall infrastructure finance plan for the site that evaluates funding sources and financing mechanisms at the federal, state, and local levels, and strategically identifies sources and uses for all infrastructure related to the Willamette Falls Legacy Project; and

WHEREAS, the City of Oregon City is currently investing significant staff and financial resources to understand this complex site and in order to make this project a reality has committed in-kind staff resources and funding towards the Community Planning and Development Grant and other contracts related to the Willamette Falls Legacy Project.

NOW, THEREFORE, OREGON CITY RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

1. The City strongly supports the Department of Land Conservation and Development grant application for funding a portion of an infrastructure finance plan.
2. The City authorizes the expenditure of funds from current and future approved budgets necessary to meet the terms and obligations of any grant awarded.

Approved and adopted at a regular meeting of the City Commission held on the 16th day of September 2015.

Dan Holladay, Mayor

Attested to this 16th day of September, 2015:

Approved as to legal sufficiency:

Kattie Riggs, City Recorder

City Attorney