RESOLUTION NO. 797

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF STAYTON TO APPLY FOR A LOCAL GOVERNMENT [MATCHING] GRANT FROM THE OREGON PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT FOR THE ACQUISITION OF THE OREGON WATERSHED ENHANCEMENT BOARD'S (OWEB) CONSERVATION EASEMENT AT STAYTON RIVERFRONT PARK.

WHEREAS, the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department (State Parks) is accepting applications for the Local Government Grant Program;

WHEREAS, the City of Stayton desires to participate in this matching grant program to the greatest extent possible as a resource for acquiring the Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board's (OWEB) conservation easement valued at \$250,000;

WHEREAS, the Stayton City Council has authorized staff to apply for State Parks funds to "buy out" the OWEB interest so that the City can assure public access Stayton Riverfront Park and provide unique outdoor recreation activities which connect citizens to the North Santiam River, open space, and wildlife;

WHEREAS, the Stayton Riverfront Park property consists of 51 acres of undeveloped property with direct access to the North Santiam River and contains a considerable amount of unspoiled, primitive wildlife habitat; and,

WHEREAS, this grant application recognizes previous funding participation from Marion County, State Parks, the City of Stayton, and the former property owner as a match for this grant application.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Stayton, through its City Administrator, shall apply for a Local Government Grant from the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department for the matching funding to acquire OWEB's conservation easement on the Stayton Riverfront Park.

This Resolution shall become effective upon adoption by the Stayton City Council.

ADOPTED BY THE STAYTON CITY COUNCIL this 7th day of May, 2007

CITY OF STAYTON

Date: 05 15 , 2007

Virginia L. Honeywell

Date: 5/15 , 2007

Chris Childs, Administrator

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

David A. Rhoten, City Attorney