

RESOLUTION NO. 717

A RESOLUTION DECLARING THE CITY OF STAYTON'S SUPPORT OF THE TRUST FOR PUBLIC LAND'S ACQUISITION OF THE RIVERFRONT PROPERTY, AND THE CITY OF STAYTON'S WILLINGNESS TO ACQUIRE AND ASSUME MANAGEMENT OF THE RIVERFRONT PROPERTY.

WHEREAS, certain property commonly referred to as the Riverfront Property, consisting of approximately 57 acres, lies between the south Stayton City limits and the North Santiam River and contains areas that are perfectly situated for a public park and contain preserved natural plant, animal and bird habitat and other open space qualities;

WHEREAS, the North Santiam River has been recognized as important habitat for federally threatened and endangered salmonid species;

WHEREAS, many Stayton residents have long believed it desirable that the Riverfront Property would be worthy of public ownership for the common good;

WHEREAS, the City of Stayton desires to secure riverfront recreational opportunities for its citizens access;

WHEREAS, the Stayton City Council has declared as one of its established Council goals the public acquisition of the Riverfront Property;

WHEREAS, the Trust for Public Land (TPL) is a nationwide organization that assists communities, public agencies and non-profit groups in acquiring and protecting open space for public use;

WHEREAS, TPL has and is facilitating the tentative purchase of the Riverfront Property subject to obtaining adequate funding to meet the negotiated purchase price;

WHEREAS, TPL has committed to cooperate with the City of Stayton to seek adequate funding to purchase the Riverfront Property through a combination of grants from various government agencies, foundations or other sources in such a manner that the City is not obligated to provide funding for said purchase unless it chooses to do so voluntarily; and,

WHEREAS, TPL has encouraged the City of Stayton to consider acquiring and assuming management of the Riverfront Property upon the completion of TPL's purchase of the property.

NOW THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED that:

a. The City of Stayton declares its support of the Trust for Public Land's (TPL) acquisition of the Riverfront Property in the interest of the public; and

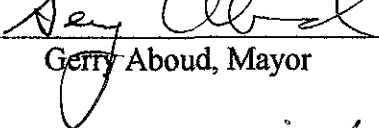
b. In the event of TPL's facilitating the successful acquisition of the Riverfront Property, the City of Stayton declares its willingness to acquire from TPL, and assume management of, the Riverfront Property on terms that are fair and equitable to both TPL and the City and which fall within the constraints of the City's fiscal and personnel resources; such terms to be developed between the City and TPL prior to the City assuming such title and management responsibility.

This Resolution shall become effective upon the adoption by the Stayton City Council on September 16, 2002.

ADOPTED BY THE STAYTON CITY COUNCIL this 16th day of September, 2002.

CITY OF STAYTON

Signed September 17, 2002

By: 
Gerry Aboud, Mayor

Signed: Sept. 17, 2002

ATTEST: 
Chris Childs, City Administrator

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


David A. Rhoten, City Attorney