

RESOLUTION NO. 04-2012

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MILWAUKIE, OREGON, ACCEPTING RECOMMENDATIONS FROM PHASE ONE OF THE MINOR LEAGUE BASEBALL FEASIBILITY STUDY AND DIRECTING STAFF TO UNDERTAKE ACTIVITIES COMPRISING A SECOND FEASIBILITY PHASE.

WHEREAS, the City Council adopted resolution 46-2011 establishing the goal to explore the opportunity of attracting minor league baseball to Milwaukie for economic development purposes; and

WHEREAS, the City Council adopted resolution 89-2011, enabling a team of development advisors to assist the city with studying project feasibility; and

WHEREAS, in Phase One, completed over the past several months, members of the public, City staff and City Councilors, along with the advisors, focused on establishing opportunities for public involvement, gathering questions from community members, and examining the proposed site for the ballpark use; and

WHEREAS, Phase One participants raised many questions and concerns including alternative uses for the facility, noise and light impacts on the adjacent neighborhood, fiscal and taxpayer impacts in Milwaukie, traffic impacts, and the effect the project would have on the local economy; and

WHEREAS, information necessary to satisfy many of these questions and concerns has not yet been compiled, analyzed or sufficiently studied; and

WHEREAS, the advisors assembled for the project have concluded, based on Phase One studies, that the proposed site will support a Class A Minor League Ballpark, and that there is significant interest in the project from the public that has participated thus far; and

WHEREAS, negotiations with ODOT regarding city acquisition of the proposed site are ongoing and will be effected by the council's decision to proceed to Phase Two; and

WHEREAS, the objectives of Phase One, as presented to the Council at its business meeting on October 4, 2011, have been achieved; and

WHEREAS, Phase One expenditures are in line with the budget presented to the Council at its business meeting on October 4, 2011;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Milwaukie accepts the findings from Phase One of the minor league baseball feasibility study and authorizes proceeding to a second feasibility phase to include the following elements:

- 1) Development of a conceptual design for the facility, in enough detail to provide a complete program of uses and a fully loaded cost estimate.

- 2) Based on the cost estimate, completion of an Economic Impact Analysis to gauge the project's effect on the local economy, including, among other things, budgetary impacts on the City of Milwaukie.
- 3) Creation of a Citizen Task Force, charged with:
 - a. Advising the Council on a preferred option related to the facility's orientation
 - b. Advising the Council on a preferred slate of facility (or site) uses that would complement the minor league baseball schedule and provide amenities for Milwaukie and the surrounding region
 - c. Advising the Council on a scope of work and budget related to the Economic Impact Analysis
 - d. Advising the Council on a Good Neighbor Agreement bullet point list that would ensure compatibility between the operation of the facility and surrounding industrial and residential neighbors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that staff continue to pursue acquisition of the ODOT site and take actions necessary to provide the Council with options for securing the site for the proposed facility; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that staff notify the Northwest League as to the City Councils' interest in attracting a Northwest League team and request that the league grant permission to one or more Northwest League teams to explore relocation to the City of Milwaukie; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that findings and costs from the second phase of the feasibility study shall be presented to the Council in April 2012.

Introduced and adopted by the City Council on 1/9/12.


This resolution is effective on 1/9/12.



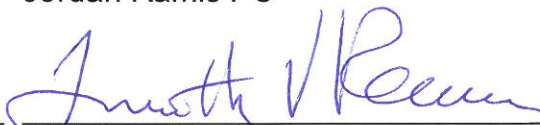
Jeremy Ferguson, Mayor

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Pat DuVal, City Recorder



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