

RESOLUTION NO. 15-12

A RESOLUTION OF THE OREGON CITY COMMISSION SUPPORTING THE METRO COMMUNITY PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT GRANT APPLICATION FOR THE WILLAMETTE FALLS DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITY STUDY & REFINED MASTER PLAN WITH FALLS LEGACY LLC AND CLACKAMAS COUNTY

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, a key component of the adopted Master Plan is the Riverwalk, an esplanade which will provide the public access that is greatly desired and needed in order to catalyze the rest of the site for redevelopment; and

WHEREAS, while the Riverwalk remains the key catalytic development project and is currently moving forward with schematic design, Oregon City recognizes that the complexity of the former industrial site requires a more holistic development strategy; and

WHEREAS, there is now an opportunity to maximize public investments at Willamette Falls. As schematic design for the Riverwalk begins, Falls Legacy LLC has expressed interest in planning and determining the feasibility of developing the remainder of the site; and

WHEREAS, there is a major need to not just coordinate, but leverage public and private efforts, especially relating to infrastructure and development readiness. A Development Opportunity Study & Refined Master Plan with Falls Legacy LLC is one of the best ways to manage, integrate and leverage work on site; and

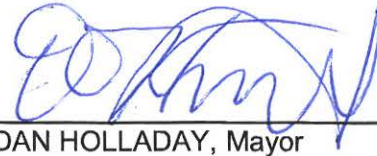
WHEREAS, the proposed Willamette Falls Development Opportunity Study & Refined Master Plan is an exceptional example of the guiding principles of the Metro Community Planning and Development Grant program; and

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 a minimum of \$25,000 to the Willamette Falls Development Opportunity Study & Refined Master Plan; and

NOW, THEREFORE, OREGON CITY RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

1. The City strongly supports the Metro Community Planning and Development Grants application for funding a portion of the Willamette Falls Joint Development 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 15th day of April 2015.

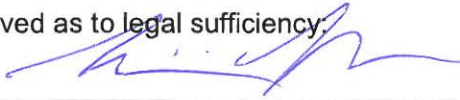


DAN HOLLADAY, Mayor

Attested to this 15th day of April 2015:


Kattie Riggs, City Recorder

Approved as to legal sufficiency:


City Attorney