

RESOLUTION NO. 13-10

A RESOLUTION OF THE OREGON CITY COMMISSION SUPPORTING THE METRO COMMUNITY PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT GRANT APPLICATION FOR THE WILLAMETTE FALLS VISIONING, MASTER PLANNING AND REZONING PROCESS

WHEREAS, after more than 100 years in paper manufacturing, the Blue Heron Paper Company closed and laid off 175 employees; and

WHEREAS, the 23-acre industrial site along the Willamette River, which includes nearly ½ mile of river frontage and the first five blocks of downtown Oregon City, represents Oregonians' best chance to rediscover a cultural and scenic treasure: Willamette Falls; and

WHEREAS, with a dynamic location and notable history, this former paper mill could someday serve as an economic engine, a waterfront destination, a unique habitat, a window into Oregon's past and a bold step into the future; and

WHEREAS, to help make the transformation of this site possible, Oregon City will lead a public visioning, master planning and rezoning process to shape the site in collaboration with Metro, the State of Oregon and Clackamas County to further refine and expand on four shared values: Public Access, Economic Development, Cultural and Historic Interpretation and Habitat Restoration; and

WHEREAS, the redevelopment of the site is an extraordinary task requiring the combined resources of multiple partners to achieve a successful result; and

WHEREAS, the City has prepared agreements with the Bankruptcy Trustee and Clackamas County to bring additional funds and technical expertise to the Willamette Falls Visioning, Master Planning and Rezoning Project; and


WHEREAS, the proposed Willamette Falls Visioning, Master Planning and Rezoning project is an exceptional example of the guiding principles of the Metro Community Planning and Development Grant program and an excellent opportunity for investment and redevelopment within a Regional Center; 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 \$100,000 to the Willamette Falls Visioning, Master Planning and Rezoning Project.

NOW, THEREFORE, OREGON CITY RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

1. The Oregon City Commission strongly supports the Metro Community Planning and Development Grant application for funding a portion of the Willamette Falls Visioning, Master Planning and Rezoning project.
2. The City has committed in-kind resources and a minimum of \$100,000 to the Willamette Falls Visioning, Master Planning and Rezoning Project.

Approved and adopted at a regular meeting of the City Commission held on the 3rd day of April 2013.



DOUG NEELEY, Mayor

Attested to this 3rd day of April 2013:



Nancy Ide, City Recorder

Approved as to legal sufficiency:



City Attorney