



## RESOLUTION 2005-055

### **A RESOLUTION SETTING OUT A DRAFT BALLOT TITLE FOR A MEASURE SEEKING VOTER APPROVAL OF WILLAMETTE RIVER WATER AS A SOURCE FOR CITY DRINKING WATER**

The City Council of the City of Sherwood finds:

- a. The City of Sherwood now gets its drinking water from wells.
- b. The City staff and City Council have studied additional water sources to meet the long-term drinking water needs for the City.
- c. Willamette River drinking water from the City of Wilsonville water system has been of high quality, and the cost of that water has been relatively stable over several years.
- d. City Charter Section 43 prohibits the use of Willamette River water as a source for City drinking water without voter approval.
- e. The City Council believes it is in the best interest of the City to submit to the voters a request for voter approval of Willamette River as a source of drinking water for the City.

### **THE CITY COUNCIL FOR THE CITY OF SHERWOOD RESOLVES:**

- Section 1.** The City of Sherwood, Washington County, Oregon calls an election to submit to City voters a measure to approve the Willamette River as a source of drinking water for the City.
- Section 2.** The Washington County Elections Department will conduct the election.
- Section 3.** The precincts for this election will include all of the territory within the boundaries of the City.
- Section 4.** The ballot title for this measure reads as follows:

**Caption:** ALLOWS SHERWOOD TO USE WILLAMETTE RIVER AS DRINKING WATER SOURCE

**Question:** Shall Sherwood be allowed to use treated Willamette River water as an optional source for drinking water?

**Summary:** If approved, this measure would allow Sherwood to use treated Willamette River water for drinking water.

In 2001, the Sherwood City Charter was amended by voters to require voter approval prior to the use of Willamette River water as City drinking water.

Currently, the City gets the majority of its drinking water from local wells. Those wells will soon not be able to supply the City's water needs. In 2004, the City Council hired outside water experts to examine all potential drinking water sources to meet the City's growing needs and come back to Council with a recommendation.

The consultants identified two sources for water as better than the other alternatives:

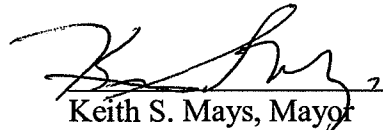
1. water purchased from the City of Portland; and
2. treated Willamette River water from the new Wilsonville plant.

Water from both sources meet or exceed federal and state water quality standards.

Preliminary financial analysis of both show that the long-term cost of water from the Wilsonville plant and Willamette River will be less costly for City ratepayers than water purchased from Portland.

- Section 5.** The city recorder is authorized to submit an impartial explanatory statement for the Washington County voters' pamphlet on behalf of the City.
- Section 6.** The city recorder will publish the ballot title as provided by state law.
- Section 7.** This resolution is effective upon its adoption by the city council.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 16th day of August, 2005

  
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Keith S. Mays, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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C. L. Wiley, City Recorder