



## RESOLUTION 2007-077

### A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF SHERWOOD, TO DECLARE INTENTION TO PROCURE TAX LOTS 2S129D000600 AND 2S128C000400 (FORMER TANNERY SITE PARCELS)

**WHEREAS**, the properties identified on Washington County Tax Assessor's Map as Tax Lots 2S129D000600 and 2S128C000400 are part of the former Frontier Leather Tannery Site on SW Oregon Street; and

**WHEREAS**, the Department of Environmental Quality commissioned a study of the two properties in 2004 which found environmental degradation, including high levels of chromium, on both properties and environmental remediation on both of these properties is in the best interest of all Sherwood residents and would also enhance visual interest along SW Oregon Street, a main entrance to Sherwood's Old Town; and

**WHEREAS**, the Washington County Tax Collections Division has not received payment of property taxes for either parcel and will begin foreclosure proceedings in the fall of 2007; and

**WHEREAS**, development of the property will help ensure clean up is achieved, however it is unlikely a private developer will be willing to incur the costs required to clean the property up to DEQ standards; and

**WHEREAS**, there are unique opportunities on this site for the City to partner with other agencies to aid in the clean up of the site and the construction of trails and wildlife viewing opportunities in the less developable parts of the site; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Sherwood Public Works Department is looking to acquire a large piece of property for a new public works yard to accommodate the equipment, vehicles and offices needed to support the growing city and this location may be ideal; and

### NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

**Section 1.** The City of Sherwood hereby declares an intent to acquire the two properties to perform environmental remediation, construct a public works yard and partner with other agencies to enhance wildlife viewing and recreation opportunities at the site.


**Section 2.** The City proposes to pay the taxes owed on the two properties to Washington County, as well as any administrative expenses that are incurred from the sale of the property to the City.

**Section 3.** The City Council respectfully requests the County sell the property to the City of Sherwood upon completion of the foreclosure process.

**Duly passed by the City Council this 18<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2007.**

  
Keith S. Mays, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Sylvia Murphy, City Recorder