CITY OF SHERWOOD, OREGON

ORDINANCE NO. 659

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ACQUISITION OF LANDS OF ROBERT COWGER AND ELNORA COWGER, HUSBAND AND WIFE, FOR PARK PURPOSES AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY ATTORNEY TO PROSECUTE CONDEMNATION PROCEEDINGS IF NECESSARY TO OBTAIN SAID LANDS.

THE CITY OF SHERWOOD ORDAINS AS FOLLOWS:

- Section 1. The City Council of the City of Sherwood finds that it is necessary to the public health, welfare and safety to further develop and expand the city park system and that the land of Robert Cowger and Elnora Cowger, more particularly described as Lot 5, Gleneagle, Washington County, Oregon, is necessary to expand and provide access to existing city park property hereinabove dedicated to the City. The Council further finds that negotiations have been attempted by representatives of the City with the present owners thereof for the purchase of said land, but the owners have failed and refused to respond to proposals advanced by representatives of the City or to convey said lands to the City on the terms authorized.
- Section 2. In the event the owners of said property continue to refuse to convey said property to the City for the compensation tendered by the City, the City Attorney is hereby authorized and directed to institute condemnation proceedings by filing an action under the general statutes of the State of Oregon for the appropriation of said land against the owner or owners and all parties having or claiming any right, title and interest in and to said land. Said land authorized to be condemned by the City being described as follows: Lot 5, Gleneagle, Washington County, Oregon.
- Section 3. The City Attorney be, and he is hereby authorized and directed in connection with said condemnation proceedings to prosecute same to final judgment with all due diligence, and he is hereby further authorized to take all steps necessary in connection therewith and to incur such reasonable expenses as may be found necessary in the prosecution of said action, such expenses to be submitted for audit by the City Council as and when incurred.
- Section 4. Inasmuch as it is necessary for the preservation of the public health, peace and safety of the City of Sherwood that immediate action be taken to obtain and appropriate said land in order that same may be available for public purposes without unnecessary delay, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its passage by the Council and its approval by the Mayor.

PASSED: By the Council, by unanimous vote of all Council members present, after being read by caption three times, this 12th day of March, 1975.

Polly Blankenbaker, Recorder

APPROVED: By the Mayor, this 12th day of March, 1975.

Jack Harper, Mayor