



RESOLUTION 2019-016

AUTHORIZING AND SUPPORTING THE SUBMITTAL OF A BUSINESS OREGON INTEGRATED PLANNING GRANT FOR ADDITIONAL PLANNING ON THE TANNERY SITE

WHEREAS, the former Frontier Leather Co. was in operation from 1947 to 1988 and left behind contamination which remains today; and

WHEREAS, the original site was comprised of six lots, three of which have been cleaned up and developed by private development with the remaining three lots referred to as "The Tannery site"; and

WHEREAS, the Tannery Site is vacant and owned by Washington County, who is interested in selling the property to the City for public benefit; and

WHEREAS, the City is interested in acquiring the property to help facilitate clean-up and re-use and is also interested in this site as a potential location for a new Public Works facility; and

WHEREAS, prior to acquiring the property, the City wanted to understand the contamination and potential clean-up costs and liability that would come with acquiring it; and

WHEREAS, the City applied for and was awarded a grant from the United States Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Brownfields Program to assess and prepare a plan to clean up the Tannery site; and

WHEREAS, the site assessment work, conducted between 2015 and 2018, resulted in a clearer understanding of the contamination of the site, a preferred clean-up alternative and identification of potential costs; and

WHEREAS, the City now wants to develop a specific vision for re-development of the property to better identify potential funding mechanisms for clean-up and to more clearly identify how the clean-up could occur on the property in accordance with that vision prior to making a final determination as to whether to acquire the property; and

WHEREAS, Business Oregon has a grant opportunity for planning on Brownfield sites and has invited the City of Sherwood to submit an application; and

WHEREAS, the City Council would like to continue to explore the opportunities associated with development of this property through the submittal of this grant request and understands that a 20 percent grant match would be required, estimated at approximately \$5000.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY OF SHERWOOD RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The City Council supports and encourages the submittal of a grant application to Business Oregon for the planning and visioning of the Tannery Site with the intent of furthering the work to ultimately clean up and develop the site.

Section 2. This Resolution shall be effective upon its approval and adoption.

Duly passed by the City Council this 5th day of March, 2019.



Keith Mays, Mayor

Attest:



Sylvia Murphy, MMC, City Recorder