## RESOLUTION No. 37283

Declare support for Peregrine Sports LLC's proposal to expand Providence Park (Resolution)

WHEREAS, the City owns the stadium located at SW 18th Avenue and SW Morrison Street, now named Providence Park, which currently has a seating capacity of approximately 21,000; and

WHEREAS, in 2010, after Major League Soccer awarded Portland an expansion franchise, the City and Peregrine Sports LLC, entered into formal agreements for the redevelopment of the stadium to a soccer venue that meets Major League Soccer standards and for the ongoing operation of the stadium; and

WHEREAS, Peregrine Sports completed the stadium conversion project and has been successfully operating the stadium since 2011; and

WHEREAS, Providence Park is the home stadium for the Major League Soccer Portland Timbers and the National Women's Soccer League (NWSL) Portland Thorns; and

WHEREAS, Peregrine Sports has a waiting list of approximately 13,000 fans who want Portland Timbers season tickets; and

WHEREAS, to address the unmet demand for tickets and to keep the stadium and franchise competitive as MLS expands, Peregrine Sports proposes an addition to the stadium to increase capacity by approximately 4,000 seats, including club seats, general seats, and group areas; and

WHEREAS, Peregrine Sports proposes to pay all costs to design and construct the expansion, estimated at \$50 million; and

WHEREAS, Peregrine Sports seeks a ten (10) year exemption from their obligation under the current operating agreement to pay ticket revenue to the City for the expansion area seats; and

WHEREAS, Peregrine Sports proposes the stadium expansion will extend into the public right of way along SW 18<sup>th</sup> Avenue and create an arcaded sidewalk area, such expansion being a Major Encroachment in the right or way; and

WHEREAS, Peregrine Sports proposes to begin construction of the expansion in the fall of 2017 and to build the expansion between the 2017/2018 and 2018/2019 MLS and NWSL seasons; and

WHEREAS, the proposed stadium expansion will generate economic benefit to the City through the generation of event-related economic activity, national and international media exposure, and permanent jobs.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Portland City Council affirms its support for Peregrine Sports LLC's proposed expansion of the City-owned stadium; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of Portland will pursue negotiations with Peregrine Sports LLC to develop formal agreements allowing design and construction of the expansion to proceed and for the ongoing operation of the stadium; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Council directs appropriate bureaus to work on the proposed expansion with Peregrine Sports and their representatives cooperatively and consistent with City processes and procedures.

Adopted by the Council: MAY 1 0 2017

Mayor Ted Wheeler Prepared by: Susan Hartnett Date Prepared: April 27, 2017 Mary Hull Caballero Auditor of the City of Portland By

Deputy

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INTRODUCED BY Commissioner/Auditor: Mayor Ted Wheeler	CLERK USE: DATE FILED MAY 0 2 2017		
COMMISSIONER APPROVAL	Mary Hull Caballero		
	Auditor of the City of Portland		
Mayor—Finance & Administration – Wheeler	D I		
Position 1/Utilities - Fritz	By:		
Position 2/Works - Fish	Deputy		
Position 3/Affairs - Saltzman			
Position 4/Safety - Eudaly	ACTION TAKEN:		
BUREAU APPROVAL			
Bureau: OMF			
Bureau Head: Tom Rinehart			
Drepared by: Super Hartnett			
Prepared by: Susan Hartnett Date Prepared: April 27, 2017			
Impact Statement			
Completed Amends Budget			
Portland Policy Document			
If "Yes" requires City Policy paragraph stated in document.			
Yes 🗆 No 🖾			
City Auditor Office Approval: required for Code Ordinances			
<b>City Attorney Approval:</b> required for contract, code. easement, franchise, charter, Comp Plan			
Council Meeting Date May 10, 2017			

FOUR-FIFTHS AGENDA	COMMISSIONERS VOTED		
		YEAS	NAYS
1. Fritz	1. Fritz	$\checkmark$	
2. Fish	<mark>2.</mark> Fish	$\checkmark$	
3. Saltzman	3. Saltzman	$\checkmark$	
4. Eudaly	4. Eudaly	$\checkmark$	
Wheeler	Wheeler	$\checkmark$	
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