

RESOLUTION No. **37294** As Amended

Accept the *Eastbank Crescent Riverfront Plan* as a guide for redevelopment of the Eastbank Crescent (Resolution)

WHEREAS, the *Willamette Greenway Plan* (Ordinance 160237) protects, conserves, maintains and enhances the scenic, natural, historical, economic and recreational qualities of lands along the Willamette River; and

WHEREAS, Resolution 35715, adopted July 29, 1998, and Resolution 35894, adopted July, 14, 2000, established the City of Portland' s long-term commitment toward Endangered Species Act fish recovery for threatened Lower Columbia River Steelhead, Chinook Salmon and Steelhead Trout; and

WHEREAS, Portland's climate future is expected to be characterized by hotter, drier summers with more high-heat days, and warmer winters with the potential for more intense rain events; and the City of Portland has adopted a Climate Action Plan (Resolution No. 37135) and a Climate Change Preparation Strategy (Resolution No. 37090) to reduce the risks and impacts from climate change, including urban heat and flooding, by increasing community and ecological resilience; and

WHEREAS, major improvements to the City's systems for managing wastewater and stormwater runoff made the Willamette River cleaner and safer for swimming; and

WHEREAS, the increasing number of bicyclists and pedestrians coming to and along the Willamette riverfront has created congestion and safety issues; and

WHEREAS, through the Central City 2035 Plan and River Plan/Central Reach, the City worked with property owners, city, state and federal agencies, non-profit organizations and interested parties to identify opportunities along the Willamette River to enhance fish and wildlife habitat, create active public spaces and improve public access to and into the river; and

WHEREAS, the Urban Design Concept for the Willamette River in the Central City, based on stakeholder recommendations from a 2013 Willamette River Central Reach Workshop and input from subsequent public events such as river walks, identified thirteen areas in the Central City with potential to achieve those goals; and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 37147, adopted on July 29, 2015, approved the Central City 2035 Southeast Quadrant Plan, which calls for establishing a southeast Willamette riverfront as a major attractor for visitors, residents and employees with parks, open space, and recreational opportunities and in-water and riverbank habitat improvements; and

WHEREAS, the Eastbank Crescent, located on the east bank of the Willamette River between the Hawthorne and Marquam bridges, was the first area selected for assessment and preliminary design to integrate these goals; and

WHEREAS, the City held a multiple agency and property owner charrette on the Eastbank Crescent area held in June 2015, to launch this planning effort; and

WHEREAS, the Bureau of Planning and Sustainability developed the Eastbank Crescent Riverfront Plan in partnership with the Bureau of Environmental Services, Parks and Recreation, the Portland Development Commission and other City bureaus and with assistance from consultants specializing in landscape design and river restoration; and

WHEREAS, there was a preliminary design charrette, stakeholder interviews, two stakeholder meetings, solicitation of online comments and a public open house to gather input from the property owners within the site, federal, state and local permitting agencies, boaters, swimmers, environmental interests, neighboring businesses and the general public; and

WHEREAS, Exhibit A, the *Eastbank Crescent Riverfront Plan*, February 2017, outlines a feasible redevelopment concept that would optimize restoration of significant fish and wildlife habitat and development of public recreation and access improvements to the Willamette River through public and private investments and partnerships.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council accept Exhibit A, the *Eastbank Crescent Riverfront Plan*, February 2017, as the guide to future redevelopment of the Eastbank Crescent; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Council directs staff to seek funds to coordinate with Oregon Museum of Science and Industry and other property owners and to develop a refined Eastbank Crescent riverfront concept that integrates habitat restoration with public recreation elements including facilities for non-motorized boaters and implements plan elements concurrently.

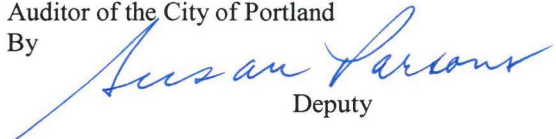
Adopted by the Council: JUN 07 2017

Commissioner Mayor Ted Wheeler
Prepared by: Debbie Bischoff
Date Prepared: 5/22/2017

Mary Hull Caballero

Auditor of the City of Portland

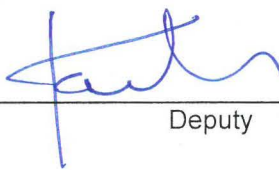
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INTRODUCED BY Commissioner/Auditor: Ted Wheeler	CLERK USE: DATE FILED <u>MAY 30 2017</u>
COMMISSIONER APPROVAL	Mary Hull Caballero Auditor of the City of Portland
Mayor—Finance & Administration – Wheeler <i>cc</i>	By:  Deputy
Position 1/Utilities - Fritz	
Position 2/Works - Fish	
Position 3/Affairs - Saltzman	
Position 4/Safety - Eudaly	
BUREAU APPROVAL	ACTION TAKEN:
Bureau: Planning and Sustainability Bureau Head: Susan Anderson <i>Michael Armstrong</i>	
Prepared by: Debbie Bischoff Date Prepared: May 22, 2017	
Impact Statement Completed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amends Budget <input type="checkbox"/>	
Portland Policy Document If "Yes" requires City Policy paragraph stated in document. Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
City Auditor Office Approval: required for Code Ordinances	
City Attorney Approval: required for contract, code, easement, franchise, charter, Comp Plan	
Council Meeting Date June 7, 2017	

AGENDA
TIME CERTAIN <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Start time: 2:00 pm
Total amount of time needed: 2 hours (for presentation, testimony and discussion)
CONSENT <input type="checkbox"/>
REGULAR <input type="checkbox"/> Total amount of time needed: _____ (for presentation, testimony and discussion)

FOUR-FIFTHS AGENDA	COMMISSIONERS VOTED AS FOLLOWS:	
	YEAS	NAYS
1. Fritz	1. Fritz <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
2. Fish	2. Fish <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
3. Saltzman	3. Saltzman <input type="checkbox"/>	
4. Eudaly	4. Eudaly <input type="checkbox"/>	
Wheeler	Wheeler <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	