ORDINANCE No. 133483

An Ordinance authorizing continuance of negotiations for the purchase of Lots, 1, 2, 3 and 4, Block One, Portland Park Blocks, City of Portland, Oregon, authorizing the City Attorney to commence condemnation proceedings for said land, if necessary, and to incur expenses in connection therewith not to exceed \$2,500, authorizing the drawing and delivery of warrants, transferring \$2,500 within the General Fund, and declaring an emergency.

The City of Portland ordains:

Section 1. The Council finds that it is necessary and expedient to provide additional land for park purposes within the central business district of the City in order to provide additional space for relaxation and recreation by persons working, shopping and living in or about the central business district; that in connection therewith the City has heretofore established a system of twenty Park Blocks through southwest and northwest Portland; that additional Park Blocks for the heretofore stated purpose should be made available to the public between S.W. Taylor Street and W. Burnside Street; that Park Block One, City of Portland is a substantially undeveloped parcel of land in an area of high density development; that said block is physically in line with the existing Park Blocks and if made available for park purposes would provide needed space for recreation and relaxation by persons working, shop-ping and residing in said area; that, if acquired, one level of underground parking could be provided without interference with the proposed park use; that there exists a high demand for parking in said area which demand will increase in the future; that the provision of parking in the central business district is a public purpose for which land should be provided and the proposed Park Block One, City of Portland, Oregon, is an ideal location for such parking; that the acquisition of said property is necessary for public purposes as heretofore stated; that the City Attorney's office has negotiated with the owners thereof for its purchase, but has been unable to reach an agreement as to the purchase price to be paid; that the City Attorney should be authorized and directed to commence condemnation proceedings to acquire said property for the stated public purpose; that it is the recommendation of the City Attorney that arrangements be made to obtain outside counsel to prosecute the condemnation action; that there should be transferred within the General Fund for expenses of condemnation the sum of \$2,500; now, therefore, the City Attorney hereby is authorized and directed to commence and to prosecute to completion condemnation proceedings of the acquisition of Lots 1, 2, 3 and 4, Park Blocks One, City of

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Portland, Oregon, against the owners and any other party claiming an interest therein.

- Section 2. The City Attorney is hereby authorized to incur such expenses as may be necessary in the prosecution of this action, not to exceed the sum of \$2,500, such expense to be paid from and charged to the appropriation Downtown Park Project Advances (3960.).
- Section 3. There is hereby transferred within the General Fund from General Operating Contingencies (5190) to Downtown Park Project Advances (3960.) the sum of \$2,500.
- Section 4. Inasmuch as this ordinance is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health, peace and safety of the City of Portland in this: In order that the land described for acquisition in Section 1 hereof may be made available for the stated purpose without undue delay, therefore, an emergency hereby is declared to exist and this ordinance shall be in force and effect from and after its passage by the Council.

Passed by the Council, QCT 1 3 1971

Mayor of the City of Portland

Attest:

Commissioner Ivancie 10/8/71 DCJ:at Page 1

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Date October 8, 1971

Finance and / Administration Affairs NOTED BY THE COMMISSIONER

Works Safety Utilities

City Attorney

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By

Auditor of the CITY OF PORTLAND GEORGE YERKOVICH

Deputy