

RESOLUTION No. 3 5 6 4 3

Direct Portland Parks & Recreation and Office of Finance and Administration to proceed with the steps necessary to acquire the OMSI building in Washington Park and relocate the Children's Museum to that site (Resolution)

WHEREAS, the current Children's Museum building at Lair Hill Park is overcrowded and does not comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act, nor with current seismic safety standards, and

WHEREAS, the Oregon Museum of Science and Industry (OMSI) currently owns a building on land leased in Washington Park adjacent to a light rail station, parking, and two other complementary institutions, the Metro Washington Park Zoo and the World Forestry Center, and

WHEREAS, the Rotary Club desires to mount a major fund-raising campaign in behalf of the relocation of the Children's Museum to the former OMSI site in Washington Park, in cooperation with Portland Parks & Recreation and the Friends of the Children's Museum, and

WHEREAS, OMSI has agreed to sell its Washington Park building to the City for \$2 6 million, of which \$2 0 million would be an up-front payment and the remaining \$600,000 would be paid over time, subject to the approval of the current lienholder (the State of Oregon Department of Energy), and

WHEREAS, the Council has allocated \$600,000 of the \$2 0 million up-front payment from 1997-98 discretionary General Fund discretionary resources, leaving \$1 4 million to be debt-financed, and

WHEREAS, OMSI will accept the remaining \$600,000 in annual \$200,000 increments over the next three years, without interest, and

WHEREAS, acquiring the property, arranging the financing and fund-raising, and relocating the Children's Museum will require a variety of follow-up actions from the City, with staff preparation by Portland Parks & Recreation and the Office of Finance and Administration and, in several cases, formal ordinances for the City Council, and

WHEREAS, it is in the City's interest to proceed with those steps expeditiously,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Portland, a municipal corporation in the State of Oregon, that

- 1 Portland Parks & Recreation and the Office of Finance and Administration are directed to proceed with the steps necessary to acquire the OMSI building in Washington Park for \$2 6 million and relocate the Children's Museum to that site, including the preparation of any formal actions by the City Council toward that goal. These steps include but are not limited to
 - a Preparing a formal agreement with OMSI, with appropriate approval from the State of Oregon Department of Energy, in order to terminate the existing lease and assume ownership of the building in Washington Park,
 - b Developing and formalizing a fund-raising agreement with the Rotary Club, in cooperation with the Friends of the Children's Museum,
 - c Issuing \$1 4 million in acquisition debt over five years, and including discretionary resources within the General Fund financial plan sufficient to service that debt,
 - d Including \$600,000 toward the purchase in the 1997-98 General Fund budget,
 - e Including in the Portland Parks & Recreation Capital Improvement Program (CIP) \$200,000 per year for the next three years from the General Fund capital set-aside, beginning in 1998-99,
 - f Taking OMSI's place as a member of the Parking Lot Management Committee at Washington Park, and cooperating with Metro and the World Forestry Center in the management of the shared parking,
 - g Exploring appropriate long-term uses for the current Children's Museum building at Lair Hill Park,
 - h Exploring interim uses for the Washington Park building for the period during the fund-raising campaign,
 - i Exploring appropriate long-term uses for the space in the Washington Park building not needed for the Children's Museum,
 - j Seeking any appropriate sources of funding for the renovation of the museum, whether through donations, parking revenues, leasing, or other sources that might be available, and
 - k Pursuing any further architectural design or engineering consultation needed in order to make appropriate decisions about either the Washington Park building or the Lair Hill Park building

ADOPTED by the Council, SEP 17 1997
 Commissioner Francesconi
 Charles Jordan gw\omsires wpd
 September 17, 1997

BARBARA CLARK
 Auditor of the City of Portland
 By *Britta Olson*
 Deputy

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Commissioner Francesconi	Barbara Clark Auditor of the City of Portland	
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Affairs	By <u>Carol Kerphur</u> Deputy	
Finance and Administration	For Meeting of _____	
Safety	ACTION TAKEN	
Utilities <u>sf/hgt</u>		
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BUREAU APPROVAL		
Bureau Parks & Recreation		
Prepared by Date 09/11/97 Gordon Wilson		
Budget Impact Review X Completed Not Required		
Bureau Head Charles Jordan, Director <u>Charles Jordan</u>		

AGENDA		FOUR FIFTHS AGENDA	COMMISSIONERS VOTED AS FOLLOWS		
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Consent	Regular X	Blumenauer	Francesconi Blumenauer	✓	
NOTED BY		Hales	Hales	✓	
City Attorney		Kafoury	Kafoury	✓	
City Auditor		Lindberg	Sten Lindberg		
City Engineer		Katz	Katz	✓	