

RESOLUTION NO. 48-2012

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MILWAUKIE, OREGON, FINALIZING PHASE THREE OF THE MINOR LEAGUE BASEBALL FEASIBILITY STUDY AND DIRECTING STAFF TO UNDERTAKE ACTIVITIES COMPRISING A FOURTH FEASIBILITY PHASE.

WHEREAS, the City Council adopted Resolution 46-2011 establishing the goal to explore the opportunity of attracting minor league baseball to Milwaukie for economic development purposes; and

WHEREAS, the City Council adopted Resolutions 89-2011, 04-2012, 07-2012 and 27-2012 advancing a multi-phased feasibility study to assess economic and other viability aspects of a proposed minor league facility on the ODOT maintenance yard site in the North Industrial district; and

WHEREAS, Resolution 27-2012 directed staff to secure a team commitment by July 31 and demonstrate progress with property owners impacted by the project as proposed; and

WHEREAS, discussions with the Northwest League ceased shortly after the Yakima Bears and City of Hillsboro reached agreement on an operating agreement in mid-June; and

WHEREAS, the West Coast League is a growing minor league presence in the Pacific Northwest and has indicated a strong interest in locating a team in Milwaukie; and

WHEREAS, potential investors in a West Coast League franchise for Milwaukie have been identified and could create an entity to negotiate development and operating agreements with the City related to ballpark construction and operations; and

WHEREAS, impacts to neighboring property owners have been addressed and may be entirely mitigated by downsizing the proposed facility to accommodate West Coast League baseball; and

WHEREAS, the City and ODOT have agreed on a target replacement site for the Milwaukie maintenance yard, and the city has commenced a process that could lead to acquisition of the replacement site in exchange for the proposed baseball site; and

WHEREAS, the objectives of Phase Three, as presented to the Council at its business meeting on May 15, 2012, have been partially achieved through demonstrable progress with neighboring property owners and the identification of a minor league operation that supports placing a future team in the City of Milwaukie; and

WHEREAS, Phase Three expenditures are in line with the budget presented to the Council at its business meeting on October 4, 2011;

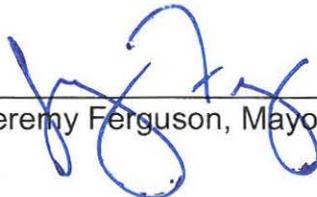
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Milwaukie has finalized Phase Three of the minor league baseball feasibility study and authorizes proceeding to a fourth phase to:

- 1) Update the multi-use facility design, size, program and alternate uses under West Coast League operating assumptions.
- 2) Update the economic impact analysis using West Coast League operating assumptions.
- 3) Present Council with real estate agreements that will facilitate the exchange of property between the City and ODOT.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that updates to the architectural and economic studies shall be conducted for an amount not to exceed \$5,000.

Introduced and adopted by the City Council on August 7, 2012.

This resolution is effective on August 7, 2012.



Jeremy Ferguson, Mayor

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
Jordan Ramis PC



Pat DuVal, City Recorder



City Attorney