

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-21

A RESOLUTION DECLARING THE PUBLIC NEED, AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY ATTORNEY TO COMMENCE EMINENT DOMAIN PROCEEDINGS TO ACQUIRE REAL PROPERTY OR PROPERTY RIGHTS FOR THE PEDESTRIAN SAFETY CROSSINGS PROJECT, OVER PROPERTY COMMONLY KNOWN AS 2865 LIBERTY STREET NE.

Whereas, the City of Salem (City) has the authority and responsibility of certain utility systems, streets and roads for commerce, convenience, and to adequately serve the public; and

Whereas, for the purposes of the Pedestrian Safety Crossings Project (Project), it is necessary for the City to acquire real property or property rights over certain real property located at 2865 Liberty Street NE, identified in Exhibit A and depicted in Exhibit B, which are attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference (“the Property”); and

Whereas, the public improvements for the Project are approved capital improvements currently being designed for construction; and

Whereas, for the public purposes of improving the streets within the City, including the construction of the public improvements for the project, the City Council has deemed it necessary to acquire certain properties or property rights over the Property, which the City is authorized by law to acquire; and

Whereas, the City is authorized by law to utilize the power of eminent domain to acquire real property or property rights necessary for public use;

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SALEM, OREGON,
RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The City of Salem does hereby find it is in the public interest and declare that the real properties more particularly identified in Exhibit A and depicted in Exhibit B are located in the City and are needed and required for the public purpose of the construction of public improvements for the Project.

Section 2. City staff, and the City’s agents, are authorized to attempt to reach agreement with the owners and other persons with interest in the real property and interests therein identified in Section 1, as to the compensation to be paid for the appropriation of the real property or property rights identified in Exhibit A and shown in Exhibit B.

Section 3. In the event that no satisfactory agreement to acquire the real property and property rights can be reached, the City Attorney is directed and authorized, with no further action by Council, to commence Eminent Domain proceedings and prosecute to final determination such proceedings as may be necessary to acquire the real property or property rights identified in Exhibit A and depicted in Exhibit B and that upon the filing of such proceeding, to seek immediate possession thereof as the City Attorney deems necessary.

Section 4. This resolution is effective upon adoption.

ADOPTED by the City Council this _____ day of _____, 2024.

ATTEST:

City Recorder

Approved by City Attorney: _____

Checked by: Elizabeth Thorley
Project Number 720503
Property # 2