



*Glenn and Gibson Creeks Watershed Council* 2308 Ptarmigan St. NW, Salem, OR 97304

October 9, 2021

Salem City Council  
555 Liberty St SE #240  
Salem, OR 97301

RE: Agenda Items 21-437, 21-439, and 21-440

Mayor and City Councilors:

The Glenn and Gibson Creeks Watershed Council has been very interested in development along the Willamette River floodplain in the West Salem area. We have had discussions with some of the landowners along the river about their conservation interests and the important floodplain habitats on their properties along the river.

The Watershed Council is very supportive of the public acquisition of the three properties that include significant floodplain resources. The Watershed Council urges the City to engage in discussions with the Watershed Council and others to consider adding the floodplain portion of the acquired properties to the Natural Area designation associated with that of Wallace Marine Park.

We encourage the City to look at this as an opportunity to contribute to the carbon sequestration of wetland and forested areas of the City and to ensure those values and the floodplain habitat values for flood protection, fish and wildlife habitat remain into the future. These acquisitions have the potential to provide benefits for all of Salem.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kenneth F. Bierly". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Kenneth F. Bierly, Chair  
Glenn and Gibson Creeks Watershed Council

**Mission:** to foster better understanding and stewardship of watershed resources

**Purpose:** to share information, reduce duplication of activities and to help address watershed management issues in the watershed and to provide a framework for coordination and cooperation among key interests

**Vision:** a balanced ecosystem that supports a healthy watershed and provides for an economic base and viable communities

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**From:** [Mark wigg](#)  
**To:** [Steve Powers](#); [citycouncil](#)  
**Subject:** Accountability  
**Date:** Monday, October 11, 2021 9:24:34 AM

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Dear Steve,

Do you intend to hold anyone accountable for the decision to delay spending the 2008 Bond for 13 years? The decision to delay purchase is going to cost the city millions of dollars. I understand that sometimes people make mistakes, but do you point out those mistakes to the staff that made them? How will they learn if you don't?

What makes the decision to delay acquiring the Marine Drive right of way especially disturbing is that it may have been done to settle a personal vendetta against a landowner along Marine Drive. Do you allow personal animosity to be the basis for decisions that cost the city millions of dollars?

Some are speculating that managers with authority to award millions in tax breaks and purchases have lucrative jobs with the companies receiving the benefits waiting for the managers once they retire from the City. Do you have anything in the employment contracts with managers that would prevent this? Maybe, just to avoid the appearance of a conflict of interest, you should add clauses that prohibit gifts and employment from companies that do business with the City.

Respectfully,

Mark Wigg