

Shall City Council adopt Resolution No. 2022-59 (Attachment 2), declaring a public need to acquire, and the City of Salem’s intent to negotiate for the acquisition of easements and property for the construction of the first phase of the Shelton Ditch Improvement project?

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt Resolution No. 2022-59, declaring a public need to acquire, and the City of Salem’s intent to negotiate for the acquisition of easements and property for the construction of the first phase of Shelton Ditch Improvements project.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

This project will improve and protect a portion of Shelton Ditch and adjacent properties by sloping and reinforcing the banks to minimize further erosion. The project is being designed in the public interest to stabilize approximately 500 feet of ditch embankment, and there is a need to acquire easements along six properties and to purchase one property to construct the required improvements.

The City will negotiate with property owners to acquire the required easements and property and will pay just compensation for all acquisitions. The property owners of record are identified in Attachment 3.

A separate resolution authorizing eminent domain will be issued at a later date if right-of-way negotiations between the City and a property owner fails.

This is the first section of Shelton Ditch that will be improved, and the estimated cost is \$2,040,000. Additional sections will be evaluated and funded in a future Capital Improvement Plan.

The project is scheduled for construction in 2024.

BACKGROUND:

Shelton Ditch was constructed in the mid 1800’s for flood control relief of Mill Creek. The ditch diverts water from Mill Creek at Shelton Dam and proceeds westerly, eventually discharging into Pringle Creek at Pringle Park. The ditch is approximately 2 miles long.

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Attachments:

1. Project Location Map
2. Resolution No. 2022-59

3. Identified Properties (Exhibit 1 to Resolution)