

BEFORE THE METRO COUNCIL

FOR THE PURPOSE OF AUTHORIZING THE	)	RESOLUTION NO. 20-5146
CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER TO PURCHASE	)	
PROPERTY FOR FUTURE DEVELOPMENT OF	)	Introduced by Chief Operating Officer
A METRO RECYCLING AND SOLID WASTE	)	Marissa Madrigal in concurrence with
TRANSFER CENTER	)	Council President Lynn Peterson

WHEREAS, Metro is the solid waste system planning authority for the region and acts pursuant to its constitutional, statutory, and charter authority; and

WHEREAS, in Ordinance No. 87-740 Metro Council designated solid waste as an area and activity appropriate for development of a functional plan and has a significant impact upon the orderly and responsible development of a metropolitan area; and

WHEREAS, in Ordinance No. 19-1431, the Metro Council adopted the 2030 Regional Waste Plan, which superseded all previous regional solid waste management plans and amendments; and

WHEREAS, the 2030 Regional Waste Plan serves as the greater Portland area's blueprint for investing in a garbage and recycling system, reducing the environmental and health impacts of products that end up in this system, and advancing progress towards Metro's racial equity objectives; and

WHEREAS, Goal 10 of the 2030 Regional Waste Plan is to “provide regionally consistent services for garbage, recyclables and other priority materials that meet the needs of all users” and Goal 16 of the 2030 Regional Waste Plan is to “maintain a system of facilities, from smaller recycling drop-off depots to larger full-service stations, to ensure equitable distribution of, and access to, services”; and

WHEREAS, Action 16.5 of the 2030 Regional Waste Plan is to “evaluate the feasibility of establishing a publicly owned facility in Washington County to accept and transfer garbage, recycling, food scraps, household hazardous waste and other materials”; and

WHEREAS, beginning early in 2019, Waste Prevention and Environmental Services (WPES) staff began searching for properties within Washington County that could be suitable for the future development of a Metro recycling and solid waste transfer center; and

WHEREAS, in summer of 2019, WPES staff identified a property in the City of Cornelius as a potentially appropriate site and on October 9, 2019, the Chief Operating Officer entered into a Purchase and Sale Agreement for said property (the “Cornelius Property”); and

WHEREAS, for the past sixteen months, Metro staff and expert consultants have undertaken due diligence activities (including, appraisal, environmental and geotechnical studies) on the Cornelius Property as well as engaged in widespread community engagement related to Metro’s potential acquisition, which outreach was conducted in accordance with Metro diversity, equity and inclusion initiatives and goals; and

WHEREAS, acquiring the Cornelius Property would be in Metro’s best interest and allow Metro to continue evaluating the feasibility of establishing a publicly-owned facility on the property to achieve the aforementioned goals of the 2030 Regional Waste Plan; and

WHEREAS, Metro Code Section 2.04.026(a)(2) requires that the Chief Operating Officer obtain the authorization of the Metro Council to acquire real property for Metro; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the Metro Council hereby authorizes the Chief Operating Officer to acquire the Cornelius Property, on terms set forth in the Purchase and Sale Agreement, in accord with Metro's usual and customary acquisition parameters and due diligence preconditions.

ADOPTED by the Metro Council this \_\_\_\_ day of February 2021.

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Lynn Peterson, Council President

Approved as to Form:

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Carrie MacLaren, Metro Attorney