

RESOLUTION NO. 2890

A RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR A FOUR-YEAR OREGON STATE UNIVERSITY CAMPUS IN BEND AND A COMMITMENT OF FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Findings

- A. Oregon State University (OSU) operates a campus in Bend known as OSU Cascades. OSU Cascades does not offer a full four-year undergraduate program, but accepts community college graduates and transfer students for the last two years of undergraduate coursework. OSU Cascades also offers graduate courses and degrees.
- B. A four-year university in Bend will create jobs both on and off campus, with those employees spending their money at businesses in the City of Bend.
- C. In 2011, a study by economists at ECONorthwest found that OSU Cascades contributed \$18.7 million in gross economic impacts to the Central Oregon economy. Imagine what an expanded four-year campus would contribute.
- D. A four-year university would improve Bend's economy.
- E. A four-year university in Bend would build the skills of Bend workers, spark innovation, and develop a more educated workforce to attract and sustain business and industry in the area.
- F. The City has unanticipated one-time revenues available for various purposes, including grants to other governmental entities.
- G. A four-year university will stimulate commercial activity in the Shevlin-Hixon industrial area of Bend by increasing property values, lease rates, occupancies and redevelopment.
- H. The City council supports making some funds available to OSU Cascades to support a four-year undergraduate campus in Bend.
- I. The City is not prohibited by any regulations or laws to make a grant from its unrestricted general funds to OSU Cascades to support a four-year undergraduate campus in Bend.

Based on these findings,

THE CITY OF BEND RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

- Section 1. The Bend City Council supports the creation of a four-year undergraduate OSU Cascades campus in Bend.

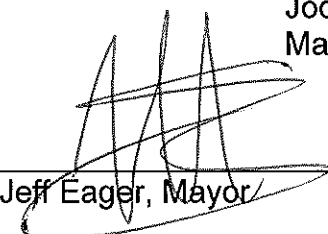
- Section 2. The City shall grant \$125,000 to the OSU Cascades fundraising campaign.
- Section 3. The City shall make available to OSU Cascades an additional \$125,000 to pay City fees and charges incurred by the development of the four-year OSU Cascades campus in Bend.
- Section 4. The amounts made available to OSU Cascades under Sections 2 and 3 are contingent on the final approval and siting of a 4-year OSU Cascades undergraduate campus in Bend and all funds made available on Sections 2 and 3 must be spent in the City of Bend.
- Section 5. The Finance Director and City Attorney, in implementing this resolution, shall comply with all applicable laws, including state Budget Law, and shall use funds that will not have any effect on other taxing entities.

This resolution takes effect immediately on passage.

Adopted by roll call vote on August 15, 2012.

YES: Tom Greene
Scott Ramsay
Mark Capell
Jim Clinton
Kathie Eckman
Jodie Barram
Mayor Jeff Eager

NO: None



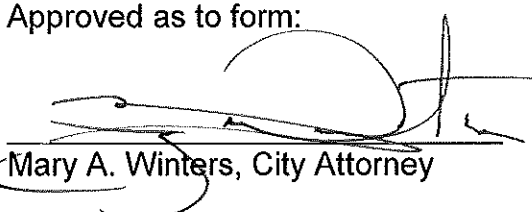
Jeff Eager, Mayor

ATTEST:



Robyn Christie, City Recorder

Approved as to form:



Mary A. Winters, City Attorney