



Honorable Mayor and
Members of the City Council
Banks, Oregon

Council Letter 009-006
Agenda of January 13, 2009
RE: Banks Aspirations

AGENDA ITEM:

Shall the City Council adopt a Declaration of Banks Aspirations for submission to METRO?

BACKGROUND:

Recently Ms. Chris Deffebach met with the Washington County Planning Directors to discuss the status of the Metro Making the Greatest Place effort. Part of that process is to solicit local aspirations from local governments in Metro and surrounding communities. The Making the Greatest Place project has multiple tracks (Regional Transportation Plan, Urban and Rural Reserves, etc.), each of which requires aspirational input to Metro. The attached memorandum from Chris asks a series of questions and requests us to provide Washington County / Metro with a declaration of our aspirations.

In August, 2007 Mayor Branstitre, Council President Edison and Planning Commission Chair Lisa McAllister met with Mr. Tim O'Brien, Metro Planner in charge of Urban and Rural Reserves coordination with Neighboring Cities, to discuss Banks' aspirations. This was followed by a joint Planning Commission / City Council work session where aspirations were discussed informally. Based on the information discussed during these meetings and a myriad of other interactions with a wide variety of participants in the planning process, a proposed (attached) Declaration of Banks Aspirations has been drafted for submission to Metro prior to the end of January, 2009. The Planning Commission was to have discussed this request from Metro, however weather cancelled the last Commission meeting and the discussion could not be held.

It is recommended that the Council adopt a Declaration of Banks Aspirations for submission to METRO as drafted.

COUNCIL ALTERNATIVES:

1. Adopt a Declaration of Banks Aspirations for submission to METRO as drafted.

2. Modify and adopt a Declaration of Banks Aspirations for submission to METRO as modified.
3. Decline to adopt a declaration.

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