

City of St. Helens  
**RESOLUTION NO. 1912**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF ST. HELENS CITY COUNCIL AUTHORIZING  
APPLICATION FOR AN INFRASTRUCTURE FINANCE AUTHORITY LOAN TO  
DESIGN AND CONSTRUCT RIVERFRONT DISTRICT PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE

**WHEREAS**, the Business Oregon Infrastructure Finance Authority is accepting applications through their Special Public Works Fund for a low-interest loan to develop and construct public infrastructure projects; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of St. Helens desires to participate in this loan program as a means of furthering redevelopment of the Riverfront District by providing design and construction of: the St. Helens Riverwalk boardwalk and trail, the Columbia View Park stage, Strand Street and S. 1<sup>st</sup> Street extensions to Plymouth Street, public utility extensions, and key downtown intersection improvements; and

**WHEREAS**, redevelopment of the Riverfront District is identified as a priority in the City of St. Helens Strategic Workplan 2020-2022, Goal 4 Economic Development to promote and encourage development of the Riverfront District as a vibrant, accessible economic center and destination for residents and tourists; and

**WHEREAS**, the need for design and construction of the St. Helens Riverwalk Project and the street and utility extensions were identified as a top priority in multiple long-range planning and community engagement efforts, including: the Parks & Trails Master Plan (July 2015), the St. Helens Waterfront Framework Plan (2016), the St. Helens Urban Renewal Plan & Report (2017), and the St. Helens Riverfront Connector Plan (2019); and

**WHEREAS**, the City of St. Helens Urban Renewal Agency has available funds to fulfill its obligation related to this loan application should the funds be awarded; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of St. Helens will provide adequate funding for on-going operations and maintenance of these new public infrastructure facilities should the funds be awarded; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY OF ST. HELENS RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:**

**Section 1.** The City Council authorizes a loan application to the Business Oregon Infrastructure Finance Authority's Special Public Works Fund to fund design and construction of public infrastructure related to the Riverfront Redevelopment Project.

**APPROVED AND ADOPTED** by the City Council on March 17, 2021 by the following vote:

Ayes: Morten, Topaz, Birkle, Chilton, Scholl

Nays: None



Rick Scholl, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Kathy Payne, City Recorder