

Resolution No. 1999-23

[\(Council Minutes 99/07/06\)](#)

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A RESOLUTION of the City Council of the City of Lakewood, Washington, providing for the submission to the qualified electors of the City of Lakewood at an election to be held on September 14, 1999, of a proposition authorizing the City to issue general obligation bonds in the aggregate principal amount of not to exceed \$9,890,000 for Parks Improvement projects, and proposing language for the 1999 of the proposition therefor, and appointing persons to serve on the committees to draft the voter pamphlet statements for and against the proposed bond issue

WHEREAS, the City of Lakewood adopted a Parks and recreation Master Plan, identifying certain needs within the City and identifying strategies and methods for meeting those needs and addressing related issues; and,

WHEREAS, the Master Plan, together with park needs subsequently identified in the study materials presented to the City Council in connection with the June 21, 1999 Regular City Council Meeting, sets forth park facility and related amenities that would be beneficial and advantageous to have developed and improved, such that it has been proposed that the City present to its voters a bond issue to fund park development and improvement project; and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 29.13.020 of the Revised Code of Washington (RCW), the City Council is or has adopted an Ordinance formally calling of a special election on the proposed parks improvement bond issue on the 14th day of September, 1999; and,

WHEREAS, it is also appropriate for the City to provide proposed language for the title for the proposed parks improvement bond issue; and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to RCW 29.81A.070, it would also be appropriate for the City Council to appoint people to serve on the committees to draft the voter pamphlet statements for and against the proposed parks improvement bond issue, and to request that the bond issue be included in the voter pamphlet prepared by the County Auditor's office.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD, WASHINGTON, as follows:

Section 1. BALLOT TITLE, EXPLANATORY STATEMENT FOR VOTER PAMPHLET

The City of Lakewood City Council hereby providing for the submission to the qualified electors of the City of Lakewood at an election to be held on September 14, 1999, of a proposition authorizing the City to issue general obligation bonds in the aggregate principal amount of not to exceed \$9,890,000 for park improvement projects, and it is hereby requested that the Pierce County Auditor include the 1999 City of Lakewood Parks Bond measure in the Voter Pamphlet covering the elections of September 14, 1999. The ballot title and explanatory statement for the parks improvement bond issue proposition, for the Pierce County Voter Pamphlet for the September 14, 1999 special election, shall be as follows:

CITY OF LAKEWOOD

PROPOSITION NO. 1

GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS - \$9,890,000

Shall the City of Lakewood develop and improve its park and recreation facilities and finance such improvements from general obligation bonds in the principal amount not to exceed \$9,890,000, maturing within a maximum term of 20 years, and payable out of annual property tax levies in excess of any constitutional or statutory limitations as more specifically provided in Ordinance No. 206?

BONDS, YES

BONDS, NO

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

The parks system which the City of Lakewood inherited after incorporation is inadequate for a growing population of 65,000 residents. In a comparison with comparably sized cities in western Washington, Lakewood is at or near the bottom of the list with respect to quality and quantity of parks. To erase this deficit, the City proposes a comprehensive Parks Improvement Program that will span six years (2000-2005). This program will cost \$14,498,000 overall; of that, the City proposes \$9,890,000 in Bonds to finance the program with the remainder coming from local general funds, state and federal grants, and various other sources. This package includes \$3,260,000 for improvements to Fort Steilacoom Park that will improve the park without changing its essential character, \$2,775,000 for acquisition of new parks property, \$2,311,000 for new park development, \$2,498,000 for various general and specialized recreation facility development, \$1,554,000 for existing park upgrades, \$1,034,000 for trails and pathways development, and \$1,066,000 for contingency funding. In the event of a successful vote, the Lakewood City Council intends to appoint a Parks and Recreation Advisory Board to advise the City on the implementation of the Parks Improvement Program.

Section 2. APPOINTMENT OF PEOPLE FOR VOTER PAMPHLET STATEMENTS

That the City Council proposes and appoints the following persons to serve on the committees to draft the statements for and against the proposed parks improvement bond issue as may be published in the Voter's Pamphlet and/or other appropriate voter information:

Statement for:

1. Nikki Blevins, Citizen
2. Roger Laybourne, Citizen
3. Miriam Delaire, Citizen

Statement Against:

1. _____, Citizen
2. _____, Citizen
3. _____, Citizen

(At this time, no citizens have expressed an interest in preparing a statement in opposition to the proposition.)

Section 3. COPIES FILED WITH THE PIERCE COUNTY AUDITOR.

A copy of this Resolution shall be filed with the Pierce County Auditor's Office.

Section 6. EFFECTIVE DATE.

This Resolution shall be in full force and effect upon passage and signatures hereon.

PASSED by the City Council this 6th day of July, 1999

Attest: _____

Bill Harrison, Mayor

Alice M. Bush, CMC, City Clerk

Approved as to Form:

Daniel B. Heid, City Attorney

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