

# 1999 07 28 Special Mtg

## LAKESWOOD CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, July 28, 1999  
City of Lakewood  
Conference Room 212A  
10510 Gravelly Lake Drive SW  
Lakewood, WA 98499

### CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Harrison called the meeting to order at 4:45 p.m.

### ROLL CALL

Councilmembers Present: 4 - Mayor Bill Harrison; Councilmembers JosÃ© Palmas; Doug Richardson and Sherri Thomas.

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Staff Present: City Manager D. Scott Rohlfs; Assistant to the City Manager Jeff Brewster; City Attorney Dan Heid; and General Services Director/City Clerk Alice Bush.

### R E G U L A R A G E N D A

#### UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Discussion of City of Lakewood parks bond issue.

Mayor Harrison reported that Pierce County Councilmember O'Malley informed him that the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) on Ft. Steilacoom Park is scheduled before the County Council Rules Committee on August 2, 1999, and scheduled for discussion and action before the County Council on August 10, 1999. He indicated that Council Councilmember O'Malley felt that the Rules Committee and County Council would pass the MOA.

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Mayor Harrison explained that Council Councilmember O'Malley indicated that the City should move forward with Lakewood's parks bond proposition for the September 14, 1999 election; and if the City should delay the election, the Metropolitan Park District would come back with the zoo tax election. He also explained that County Councilmember O'Malley was not sure about the disposition of County Councilmember Ken Madsen's proposed Resolution to transfer Ft. Steilacoom Park to Lakewood.

Councilmember Thomas questioned what Lakewood's position was in the MOA. City Manager Rohlfs indicated that the MOA elevated Lakewood to a third party to the agreement and provides for the County's intent to transfer the park and golf course to Lakewood.

Councilmember Thomas expressed opposition to turning over monies to the County for Ft. Steilacoom Park without the park being transferred to the City. City Manager Rohlfs explained that the entity who places more funds into the park should be in control of managing the park. The City would show how the monies should be expended. He indicated that a marketing strategy is to convey to the citizens that the County Council is intending to transfer the park to the City and the City is working through this transfer within the County's process.

Councilmember Thomas indicated that if the proposition goes to the voters without clear control of the parks, the City

must communicate to the citizenry the issue of the transfer.

Councilmember Thomas questioned whether the \$3 million for Ft. Steilacoom Park improvements can be held in abeyance if the MOA is not executed. City Manager Rohlf explained that the bonds could be issued in series. For example, the City could first issue \$7 million and hold the \$3 million series to later.

City Manager Rohlf indicated that should the parks bond pass, the bond issue helps with Initiative 695 impacts by bringing in funds for capital and the City would then only need to address the issue of maintenance and operations.

Councilmember Palmas indicated that he was inclined to proceed with the parks bond, especially when citizens have expressed an interest in improving the parks.

Councilmember Richardson indicated that he was in favor of proceeding with the parks bond as scheduled for the September election.

Discussion ensued on the language in the MOA and the Resolution and if the decision rests with the County Executive or County Council.

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Councilmember Richardson suggested that the City encourage the County to proceed with the Resolution to transfer the park to Lakewood. Mayor Harrison indicated that he would talk with County Councilmember Madsen about the Resolution and ask when he was proceeding with the Resolution. He requested the City Attorney to develop some language for the Resolution.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

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**BILL HARRISON, MAYOR**

**ATTEST:**

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**ALICE M. BUSH, CMC/AE**

**CITY CLERK**