

# 1999 09 16 Special Meeting

## LAKESWOOD CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, September 16, 1999

City of Lakewood

City Council Chambers

10510 Gravelly Lake Drive SW

Lakewood, WA 98499

### CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Harrison called the meeting to order at 5:07 p.m.

### ROLL CALL

Councilmembers Present: 6 - Mayor Bill Harrison; Deputy Mayor Claudia Thomas; Councilmembers Ann Kirk Davis (arrived at 5:09 p.m.); Larry Humphrey; Doug Richardson and Sherri Thomas.

Councilmembers Excused: 1 - Councilmember JosÃ© Palmas.

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Staff Present: City Manager D. Scott Rohlfs; Deputy City Manager Andrew Neiditz; Assistant City Attorney Mike McKenzie; and General Services Director/City Clerk Alice Bush.

### FLAG SALUTE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Harrison.

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Councilmember Davis arrived at 5:09 p.m.

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### PUBLIC COMMENTS

Speaking before Council were:

*Charlene Farnsworth, 9215 Highland, spoke about two murders at American Lake North Park and the slow police response. She expressed concern about no sidewalks and street lights, the need for fencing around the parks and locking the parks. She encouraged that "No Drinking" and "No Smoking" signs be posted. She expressed concern about condoms being littered in the park.*

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*Paul W. Jones, P.O. Box 98948, spoke about the need for more police, how increasing taxes create a hardship for those living on a fixed income and the impacts of Initiative 695. He expressed concern about more policing and park*

*needs and suggested waiting until after the Initiative 695 vote. He noted that the parks bond should not go on the ballot.*

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*Roger Laybourn, 11103 Dogwood, stated that the parks bond vote has generated a yes vote by a majority of those who voted but the City has not met the 60 percent majority. He stated that parks do not generate crime and only a small percent of crime occur in parks. He spoke in support of placing this issue on the November general election ballot.*

*Glen Spieth, 5928 Steilacoom Boulevard, spoke in opposition of the parks bond as currently proposed. He indicated that his property is proposed for expansion which is near Kiwanis Park. He asked that there be more citizen involvement in any parks expansion and trail proposals.*

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

### **ORDINANCES**

[Ordinance No. 213](#) calling for a November 2, 1999, election of qualified Lakewood electors of a parks bond measure and authorizing the City to issue general obligation bonds in an amount not to exceed \$9,890,000, to acquire, construct, equip and make certain capital improvements to the park and recreation facilities in the City of Lakewood; and declaring an emergency, making necessary the passage of this ordinance.

**DEPUTY MAYOR THOMAS MOVED TO ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 213. SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER DAVIS.**

**ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN AS FOLLOWS:**

**AYES - 6 - DAVIS, HUMPHREY, RICHARDSON, THOMAS, DEPUTY MAYOR THOMAS, MAYOR HARRISON.**

**NAYS - 0.**

**ABSENT: - 1 - COUNCILMEMBER PALMAS.**

**THE ORDINANCE WAS DECLARED ADOPTED.**

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### **RESOLUTIONS**

[Resolution No. 1999-32](#) calling for a November 2, 1999, election of qualified Lakewood electors of a parks bond measure in an amount not to exceed \$9,890,000; approving the language of the ballot title and explanatory statement; and appointing individuals to serve on committees to prepare arguments for and against the proposition in the Official Local Voters' Pamphlet.

**DEPUTY MAYOR THOMAS MOVED TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 1999-32. SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER DAVIS.**

**ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN AS FOLLOWS:**

**AYES - 6 - DAVIS, HUMPHREY, RICHARDSON, THOMAS, DEPUTY MAYOR THOMAS, MAYOR HARRISON.**

**NAYS - 0.**

**ABSENT: - 1 - COUNCILMEMBER PALMAS.**

**THE RESOLUTION WAS DECLARED ADOPTED.**

**ADJOURNMENT**

**There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.**

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**BILL HARRISON, MAYOR**

**ATTEST:**

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

**CITY CLERK**