

RESOLUTION NO. 237

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF UNIVERSITY PLACE, WASHINGTON REQUESTING THE PIERCE COUNTY AUDITOR TO CALL A SPECIAL ELECTION FOR FEBRUARY 29, 2000 ON A PROPOSITION WHICH AUTHORIZES THE CITY TO ISSUE GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS IN THE AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$10,350,000 FOR PARKS IMPROVEMENTS AND ACQUISITION PROJECTS AND DIRECTING THE CITY CLERK TO PREPARE A BALLOT TITLE AND INFORMATION.

WHEREAS, the City Council approved a Parks, Recreation and Open Space Plan in June, 1997 and adopted it as an exhibit to the University Place Comprehensive Plan in July, 1998; and

WHEREAS, the City purchased land adjacent to Cirque Drive and Bridgeport Way and land adjacent to City Hall, known as Homestead Park, for parks and recreation purposes in 1997; and

WHEREAS, the City hired consultants to help develop master plans for future improvement of these sites and for the Curran Orchard Park on Grandview Drive; and

WHEREAS, the City of University Place involved the public in development of the comprehensive plan and master plans between 1996 and 1999 through various mechanisms, including numerous public hearings, open houses, workshops, articles in the City newsletter and community surveys; and

WHEREAS, the Parks, Recreation and Open Space Plan identifies facilities of the University Place School District (UPSD) as community assets which provide recreation opportunities for the general public and help meet community service standards for sports fields and indoor facilities; and

WHEREAS, the City Council, with the assistance of the City Parks and Recreation Commission (PARC), carefully deliberated on the elements of a bond proposal for improvements to park and recreation land and for acquiring additional properties to meet goals established by the Comprehensive Plan for recreation, open space, trails and wetlands; NOW THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF CITY OF UNIVERSITY PLACE, WASHINGTON, AS FOLLOWS:

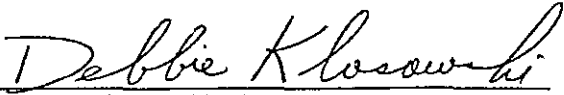
Section 1. Request for special election. It is hereby found and declared that an emergency exists requiring submission to the qualified electors of the City of University Place a proposition to authorize issuing bonds for acquiring and improving parks, recreation and open space lands at a special election. The Pierce County Auditor is hereby requested to concur in the finding of an emergency and to call a special election and conduct said special election on February 29, 2000 in the City of University Place and to submit a bond proposition to the qualified electors for parks and open space projects as identified in Exhibit A, attached hereto.

Section 2. Amount of bond proposition. The amount of general obligation bonds issued shall be in the aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$10,350,000.

Section 3. Submittal of ballot title and explanatory statement. The City Clerk is hereby directed to prepare and submit a ballot title and explanatory information for the voter's pamphlet for consideration by the City Council at the November 15, 1999 City Council meeting.

Section 4. Effective date. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL ON OCTOBER 4, 1999.


Debbie Klosowski, Mayor

ATTEST:


Susan Matthew, City Clerk

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**City of University Place
Parks and Open Space 2000 Bond Proposal**

| Project | Cost |
|---|---------------------|
| <p><i>Cirque Drive and Bridgeport Way site</i> Improvements to this 23 acre site include perimeter walking and biking trail, picnic areas, three sports fields and multipurpose open space, lighting, restrooms, picnic shelter and concession area, children's play areas, skateboard park, sports court, wetland enhancement, parking and street frontage improvements.</p> | \$6,000,000 |
| <p><i>Curran Orchard Park</i> Improvements to protect unique orchard character and expand use for special events, education and children's play include amphitheater and stage area for concerts and other events, restrooms and storage building, children's play stations, entry improvements, seating, and irrigation.</p> | \$500,000 |
| <p><i>Homestead Park</i> Enhance public use of this natural wooded area with a picnic shelter and small plaza gathering area, restroom, children's play structures, small water feature, and seating areas.</p> | \$1,500,000 |
| <p><i>University Place School District (UPSD) Playfields and Playground*</i> (*Contingent on Interlocal Agreement) Partnership with UPSD to improve existing sports fields at UPSD include lighting, irrigation, backstops and field renovation to provide expanded opportunity for community recreation programs including softball, baseball, soccer and flag football. Construct children's playground at Curtis/Colgate complex. * \$50,000 for playground and up to \$300,000 match for fields.</p> | \$350,000 |
| <p><i>Open Space and Trails</i> Allocates funds to acquire land and easements and construct trail improvements in natural areas such as Morrison Pond, Leach Creek, Woodside Pond and to protect and enhance the Bridgeport Way greenway.</p> | \$500,000 |
| <p><i>Land Acquisitions/Grant Match/Contingency</i> Allocates funds to acquire special properties for parks and open space as opportunities become available and to provide local match for grant applications. (Contingency at 10% of project totals is recommended.)</p> | \$1,500,000 |
| Total | \$10,350,000 |