

## RESOLUTION NO. 423

### A RESOLUTION OF THE WOODINVILLE CITY COUNCIL EXPRESSING CONCERN ABOUT DEVELOPMENT AND OPERATION IMPACTS OF THE WELLINGTON HILLS GOLF COURSE INTO A SNOHOMISH COUNTY PARK.

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**WHEREAS**, the Woodinville City Council supports public recreation facilities and activities as an important element to ensure a high quality of life in our community; and

**WHEREAS**, the Woodinville City Council understands that public recreation facilities create impacts in our neighborhoods and communities, and believes that these impacts need to be properly mitigated to ensure that the quality of life for the residents and businesses most heavily impacted is also maintained and improved; and

**WHEREAS**, Snohomish County's proposed development of the Wellington Hills Golf Course into a recreation facility, designed to attract regional and national use and with features and aspects that could significantly impact Woodinville residents and businesses without full and adequate impact mitigation; and

**WHEREAS**, on June 5, 2012, the Woodinville City Council heard an overview presentation from the Snohomish County Parks and Recreation Director regarding preliminary Master Plan Concepts to develop the Wellington Hills County Park; and

**WHEREAS**, the Woodinville City Council expressed its concerns about the proposed Master Plan concepts to the Snohomish County Parks and Recreation Director; as well as expressed its concern about the park's development and operational impacts on Woodinville and surrounding community; and

**WHEREAS**, the Woodinville City Council believes that the Snohomish County Executive and Snohomish County Council need to be aware of these concerns and direct that all negative impacts associated with the construction and operation of this facility be fully and properly mitigated, including impacts on Woodinville and its citizens; and

**WHEREAS**, Snohomish County has published a timeline that would fast track the Wellington Hills County Park Master Plan proposal, including adoption of both a SEPA Threshold Determination and a Preferred Master Plan in September, 2012;

**NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WOODINVILLE, WASHINGTON, HEREBY RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:**

**Section 1. Items of Concern.** The following items need to be properly mitigated as part of the Wellington Hills Park Project:

1. Proper detention, filtering, and control of stormwater erosion and runoff needs to be provided, particularly in the "Golf Course Basin" that drains north from Woodinville into Snohomish County and then back into Woodinville, and for any other runoff that ultimately discharges to Little Bear Creek or leaves the site;
2. Adequate mitigation of traffic impacts associated with the construction and operation of the facility need to be provided, including but not limited to pedestrian, bicyclist, and motorist safety improvements on 156<sup>th</sup> Avenue in Woodinville;

3. Adequate and safe pedestrian and bicycle connections need to be provided to existing transportation systems and to the future "Rails and Trails" Corridor that runs from Woodinville to Snohomish;
4. The southern property buffers, along the Woodinville City Boundary, should be expanded to a minimum width of 200', and require that all mature trees be retained and that additional native species trees, particularly evergreens, be planted;
5. Adequate sewage disposal and wastewater systems need to be identified and provided, which do not rely upon extending sanitary sewer to the site;
6. Adequate provisions need to be taken to eliminate field lighting glare and noise from impacting the immediately adjoining residential neighborhoods in Woodinville;
7. The conceptual site plan should be reversed so that the active use athletic fields and accompanying night lighting and parking, are placed on the northern part of the property; and the passive trails and natural area are placed on the southern portion of the property adjacent to the Woodinville City Boundary; and
8. Operation of the Wellington Hills County Park sports fields should not create an unfair and detrimental impact on the usage of City of Woodinville Sports Fields, which the City recently constructed at great cost to meet the sports field needs of the community.
9. To facilitate a thorough review and participation in that review by the City and City residents, an Environmental Impact Statement should be prepared that assesses alternatives, impacts, and mitigation for the proposed development, including but not limited to those noted above, as well as consistency with adopted City and County plans.

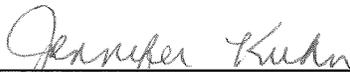
**Section 2. Transmittal to Snohomish County.** The City Manager is hereby requested to transmit a copy of this resolution to the Snohomish County Executive and Snohomish County Council.

RESOLVED this 7<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2012.



BERNARD W. TALMAS, MAYOR

ATTEST/AUTHENTICATED:



JENNIFER KUHN, CITY CLERK/CMC