

CITY of ALBUQUERQUE

TWENTY FIRST COUNCIL

COUNCIL BILL NO. C/S R-14-40 ENACTMENT NO. _____

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1 RESOLUTION

2 REALLOCATING FUNDS TO ADDRESS DEFERRED PARKS MAINTENANCE

3 WHEREAS, \$3 million in operating funds were allocated in FY14 to the
4 Parks and Recreation Department for River Amenities, Enhancements and
5 Bosque Restoration and Bosque Trail Development in addition to the regular
6 budget for the Open Space Division; and

7 WHEREAS, those funds committed to ABQ The Plan were from the City's
8 General Fund and therefore may be used for repair, maintenance,
9 rehabilitation or capital purposes; and

10 WHEREAS, the recently-issued Five-Year Forecast expects expenditures to
11 exceed revenues by about \$6.8 million in FY14 and by \$7.4 million in FY15,
12 with the deficit increasing to \$84 million by FY18; and

13 WHEREAS, the reduction in the food and medical hold harmless
14 distribution from the State begins its 15-year phase out in FY/16. The first year
15 of the reduction is expected to cost the City \$2.2 million. The lost revenue
16 from FY/16 to FY/18 is \$9.8 million, and will increase unless GRT is increased
17 to offset the loss; and

18 WHEREAS, the economic recovery is still tenuous in Albuquerque, as
19 evidenced in the fact that more people left the State than moved into the State
20 between July 2011 and July 2013, a phenomenon showing up in the state's
21 latest economic forecast which showed the state's employment grew only 0.2
22 percent in the 12-month period ending November 30, 2013; and

23 WHEREAS, activities such as River Amenities, Enhancements and Bosque
24 Restoration and Bosque Trail Development are not one-time expenditures,
25 rather requiring additional maintenance funds, as underscored by the
26 additional budget request for FY15; and

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1 WHEREAS, the recent 2013 Audit on Parks Maintenance reported seven
2 findings related to Parks Management; and

3 WHEREAS, the recent 2013 Audit characterized Parks Management as
4 operating "in a reactive mode of 'organized chaos'"; and

5 WHEREAS, the recent 2013 Audit found that "Park Management maintains
6 an inventory list of 291 parks, the list includes golf courses and future parks"
7 and that "as a result of reduced department staffing and increased park
8 acreage, Park Management has adjusted park maintenance standards," and

9 WHEREAS, the recent 2013 Audit identified "obvious maintenance needs"
10 at 59% of the parks sampled; and

11 WHEREAS, additional funds are necessary to implement the
12 recommendations of the 2013 Audit on Parks Maintenance, including the
13 development of a master maintenance plan for the City's parks, addressing
14 the "obvious maintenance needs" at existing parks and constructing the
15 already-funded additional parks; and

16 WHEREAS, neighborhood parks throughout the City are extensively used
17 by residents.

18 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL, THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF
19 ALBUQUERQUE:

20 Section 1. That the scope of ABQ The Plan project (#7524030) in Fund
21 305 be changed to "To plan, design, engineer, construct, equip, furnish or
22 otherwise improve, repair or maintain the City's existing inventory of 291
23 parks."

24 Section 2. That the City Council hereby directs that any funds spent on,
25 encumbered for, or in any way reserved for the Albuquerque Convention
26 Center improvement project be reimbursed to project #7524030 from the new
27 money proceeds of the recent refunding of Convention Center Lodger's Tax
28 bonds to be used for the purposes set out in Section 1 above.

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