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1 York Avenue and the Bio Park Service entrance, especially placing appropriate
2 street trees in the planting strip between the curb and sidewalk; and

3 WHEREAS, a City Council initiative requested these improvements and the
4 City of Albuquerque’s Cultural Affairs Department subsequently prepared a
5 final design plan that included the street trees in the planting strip; and

6 WHEREAS, the Cultural Affairs Department submitted the final plans to the
7 Councilor for the District for their consensus, and the Councilor concurred
8 with the plans as they met the goal of providing shade bearing street trees;
9 and

10 WHEREAS, after receiving the concurrence, the project manager identified
11 a number of challenges to planting the trees in the planting strip, including
12 access to irrigation, restricted planting areas, planting near utility lines, and
13 traffic sight line issues. These are challenges common to planting street trees
14 in existing congested urban environments for which design solutions have
15 been developed and successfully deployed throughout the world and the
16 nation, including in Albuquerque. In addition, § 6-6-2-5 of the Street Ordinance
17 recognizes challenges exist and allow for there to be cut-outs in sidewalks if a
18 6-foot width is maintained, and where it is not possible, trees can be placed in
19 tree wells topped with walkable grates; and

20 WHEREAS, the Cultural Affairs Department made a decision to remove the
21 street trees from the project through an amended final plan set, absent of a
22 consultation with the Councilor to determine if the trees should be removed
23 from the project or if additional funding should be committed to work through
24 the challenges of planting the street trees; and

25 WHEREAS, it continues to be a goal for the corridor to plant street trees in
26 a planting strip along the Central Avenue fence line of the Bio Park and there
27 is a desire to move forward with and fund a project to install the trees; and

28 WHEREAS, § 6-6-2-6 of the Street Tree Ordinance states that all applicants
29 for building permits for construction of a new building or building addition of
30 200 square feet or more shall submit a street tree plan for those parts of the lot
31 abutting a major street, a major local street, or another street where street
32 trees are required; and

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1 WHEREAS, § 6-6-2-6 of the Street Tree Ordinance commits the City to use
2 the Capital Improvement Program to plant street trees as follows: “The Mayor
3 shall, through the Capital Improvements Program, cause street trees to be
4 planted near the street frontages of all city-owned lots, at least meeting the
5 requirements of § 6-6-2-1 et seq.”; and

6 WHEREAS, the Bio Park Quality of Life Tax, as adopted through
7 Resolution-16-68 and Resolution-2016-64, includes landscaping as stated in
8 the text of the scope as follows; “plan, design, construct, equip and furnish
9 new facilities, repair and renovate current facilities, including utilities, public
10 amenities, electronic equipment, landscaping, life support systems and animal
11 enclosures and remodel existing outdated facilities”; and

12 WHEREAS, planting street trees along this segment of Central Avenue in
13 front of the Albuquerque Bio Park Botanic Garden is an opportunity to utilize
14 the Albuquerque Bio Park Quality of Life Tax to provide a model of street tree
15 landscaping in a congested urban environment that can become a best
16 practice for other such projects.

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

19 SECTION 1. The Administration of the City of Albuquerque, to comply with
20 § 6-6-2-6 of the City Code of Ordinance, is directed to install shade covering
21 street trees in the planting strip located in the public right-of-way on the North
22 Side of Central Avenue Northwest located between New York Avenue and the
23 existing street trees located directly east of the Bio Park’s Central Avenue
24 Service entrance. If feasible, irrigation for the planting strip landscaping shall
25 be from the Bio Park’s metered irrigation system located on the north side of
26 the sidewalk that abuts the planting strip.

27 SECTION 2. The Administration is encouraged to utilize the advantage of
28 this location at the Botanic Garden to install a configuration of street trees that
29 provides a living, and if feasible, an innovative example of the best practice for
30 installing street trees in urban environments with limited space.

31 SECTION 3. That the appropriations are hereby made and/or changed and
32 that decreases in interest/contingency for activities/projects are transfers of
33 revenues to the specific projects as indicated.

<u>1 Department</u>	<u>Source</u>	Increase
<u>2</u>		<u>Decrease</u>
<u>3 Cultural Services/Bio Park Tax</u>		
<u>4 Bio Park Tax Project</u>	<u>Gross Receipts Tax</u>	<u>\$250,000</u>
<u>5 The Scope of the project is amended to reserve funding for landscaping a</u>		
<u>6 planting strip, between the curb and the sidewalk located on the North Side of</u>		
<u>7 Central Avenue between New York Avenue and the street trees located directly</u>		
<u>8 east of the Bio Park Central Avenue Service Road.</u>		

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FISCAL IMPACT ANALYSIS

TITLE: DIRECTING THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE CITY OF ALBUQUERQUE TO
 INSTALL STREET TREES AT THE ALBUQUERQUE BIO PARK, MAKING AN
 APPROPRIATION. R: 23-164
 FUND: 336
 DEPT: Cultural
 Affairs

- No measurable fiscal impact is anticipated, i.e., no impact on fund balance over and above existing appropriations.
- (If Applicable) The estimated fiscal impact (defined as impact over and above existing appropriations) of this legislation is as follows:

		Fiscal Years			
		2023	2024	2025	Total
Base Salary/Wages					-
Fringe Benefits at	1.4500%	-	-	-	-
Subtotal Personnel		-	-	-	-
Operating Expenses			-		-
Property			-	-	-
	(potential draw down on Component Capital Plan Account)				
Capital					
Indirect Costs	9.80%	-	-	-	-
Total Expenses		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
<input type="checkbox"/> Estimated revenues not affected					
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Estimated revenue impact					
	Amount of Grant	-	-	-	-
	City Cash Match				
	City Inkind Match				
	City IDOH	-	-	-	-
Total Revenue		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -

These estimates do not include any adjustment for inflation.

* Range if not easily quantifiable.

Number of Positions created _____

MONETARY IMPACT COMMENTS: The resolution does not add or decrease funding to fund 336. Instead it reserves \$250,000 of existing fund balance.

COMMENTS ON NON-MONETARY IMPACTS TO COMMUNITY/CITY GOVERNMENT:

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