

CITY of ALBUQUERQUE

SEVENTEENTH COUNCIL

COUNCIL BILL NO. R-06-123 ENACTMENT NO. _____

SPONSORED BY: Isaac Benton

1 RESOLUTION

2 CALLING ON THE ADMINISTRATION TO PLACE THE HIGHEST PRIORITY ON
3 STORM DRAINAGE RENOVATION AND REHABILITATION PROJECTS THAT
4 DIRECTLY AFFECT THE AREAS THAT FLOODED DURING RECENT
5 RAINSTORMS AND TO WORK WITH THE ALBUQUERQUE/BERNALILLO
6 COUNTY WATER UTILITY AUTHORITY TO COORDINATE TESTING,
7 MAINTENANCE AND RESPONSIBILITIES WITH RESPECT TO THE STORM
8 DRAINAGE SYSTEM.

9 WHEREAS, recent heavy rainstorms have shown that there is a significant
10 need for continued upgrades to the City's storm drainage system; and

11 WHEREAS, these rainstorms have served to highlight those
12 neighborhoods that are in the most urgent need for storm drainage upgrades
13 and improvements; and

14 WHEREAS, recent events have also highlighted the need for regular
15 monitoring, maintenance and testing of the City's pump stations and related
16 infrastructure as well as the need for an increase in cooperation and
17 communication between the City and the Albuquerque/Bernalillo County
18 Water Utility Authority; and

19 WHEREAS, each year the City sets aside millions of dollars for storm
20 drainage improvements from the proceeds of the Basic Services Quarter Cent
21 GRT, and biannually from the proceeds of General Obligation bonds issued for
22 the City's Capital Implementation Program.

23 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL, THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF
24 ALBUQUERQUE:

25 Section 1. That the City Council calls upon the Administration to:

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- 1 1. Prioritize funding for storm drainage renovation and rehabilitation
- 2 projects to place the highest priority on funding projects that improve the
- 3 storm drainage systems in recently flooded neighborhoods; and
- 4 2. Work with the Albuquerque/Bernalillo County Water Utility Authority
- 5 to put in place a system for routinely monitoring, inspecting and testing
- 6 pumps and related infrastructure on a regular basis; and
- 7 3. Work with the Albuquerque/Bernalillo County Water Utility Authority
- 8 to clearly define the roles and responsibilities of the City and the Authority
- 9 with regard to the testing, maintenance, upgrading and replacement of the
- 10 storm drainage system; and
- 11 4. Report to the City Council on the progress towards Items 2 and 3
- 12 above within 45 days of the enactment of this resolution.

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