

CITY of ALBUQUERQUE

SEVENTEENTH COUNCIL

COUNCIL BILL NO. R-07-260 ENACTMENT NO. _____

SPONSORED BY: Martin Heinrich, Isaac Benton

1 RESOLUTION

2 EXPANDING THE SCOPE OF THE PARKS AND RECREATION OPEN SPACE
3 LAND ACQUISITION PROJECT TO INCLUDE THE ACQUISITION OF
4 APPROXIMATELY FOUR HUNDRED AND TWENTY ACRES OF LAND
5 ADJACENT TO THE CITY'S EXISTING GUTIERREZ CANYON OPEN SPACE IN
6 THE EAST MOUNTAINS FOR USE AS OPEN SPACE.

7 WHEREAS, the City's Open Space program manages open space to
8 conserve natural and archaeological resources, protect wildlife habitat,
9 provide opportunities for outdoor education, provide a place for recreation,
10 and define the edges of the urban environment; and

11 WHEREAS, an approximately 420-acre parcel of land in the East Mountains
12 is available for acquisition by the City, and that parcel provides abundant
13 opportunities for the public to view a wide variety of wildlife including deer,
14 bears and mountain lions; and

15 WHEREAS, the 420-acre parcel of land is located adjacent to the City's
16 existing Gutierrez Canyon Open Space and will improve access to that open
17 space off of New Mexico Highway 14 as well as provide a possible new
18 trailhead in Gutierrez Canyon; and

19 WHEREAS, the State during the 2007 Legislative Session allocated \$1.25
20 million in funding for the project, and the State Energy, Minerals and Natural
21 Resources Department has committed an additional \$250 thousand; and

22 WHEREAS, the Trust for Public Land has an option on the property and will
23 purchase the property for \$2 million and deed it to the City of Albuquerque for
24 use as open space; and

25 WHEREAS, in the adopted Capital Implementation Program of the City
26 funding in the amount of \$3,750,000 has been set aside for open space land

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1 acquisition such as this, and the amount specified below is available for this
2 purchase.

3 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL, THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF
4 ALBUQUERQUE:

5 Section 1. That the following project scope is hereby changed as
6 indicated.

| 7 <u>Category / Project Title</u> | <u>Amount</u> |
|-----------------------------------|---------------|
| 8 Parks & Recreation / Open Space | |
| 9 Open Space Land Acquisition | \$3,750,000 |

10 The scope of this project is expanded to provide that up to \$500,000 of this
11 amount shall be used for the acquisition of approximately 420 acres in the
12 East Mountains adjacent to the current Gutierrez Canyon open space for use
13 as open space.

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