

# CITY of ALBUQUERQUE

## TWENTY-FIRST COUNCIL

COUNCIL BILL NO. R-14-40 ENACTMENT NO. \_\_\_\_\_

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1 RESOLUTION

2 REALLOCATING FUNDS TO ADDRESS THE FINDINGS OF THE 2013 AUDIT ON  
3 PARKS MAINTENANCE

4 WHEREAS, \$3 million in operating funds were allocated in FY14 to the  
5 Department of Municipal Development for ABQ:The Plan, which includes  
6 proposed river amenities, enhancements and bosque restoration and trail  
7 development in addition to the regular budget for the Open Space Division;  
8 and

9 WHEREAS, there is a balance of slightly more than \$2 million in that project  
10 at the present time; and

11 WHEREAS, the City economy has not yet fully recovered from the recent  
12 "Great Recession", with the result that the City needs to carefully allocate its  
13 limited resources to only the most important programs and projects; and

14 WHEREAS, the City needs to focus its resources on maintaining the City's  
15 current assets such as buildings and parks; and

16 WHEREAS, projects such as river amenities, enhancements and bosque  
17 restoration and trail development utilize those resources for new projects,  
18 rather than focusing on maintaining the assets we currently have; and

19 WHEREAS, these projects not only require funding up front for  
20 construction, but they also require ongoing funding for maintenance and  
21 repair; and

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

24 WHEREAS, the recent 2013 Audit on Parks Maintenance found that "Park  
25 Management maintains an inventory list of 291 parks, the list includes golf  
26 courses and future parks" and that "as a result of reduced department staffing

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1 and increased park acreage, Park Management has adjusted park maintenance  
2 standards," and

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

5 WHEREAS, funds have been allocated for additional parks which have yet  
6 to be constructed; and

7 WHEREAS, the 2013 Audit also found serious maintenance needs on  
8 Albuquerque's west side, including graffiti, accumulated trash, and property  
9 damage at number of parks including Alamosa, Cedar Ridge, Lavaland,  
10 Mariposa Basin, Montano West and Skyview West; and

11 WHEREAS, the United States Army Corps of Engineers, Bosque  
12 Restoration Project, includes clearing overgrowth and maintaining trails that  
13 will become the responsibility of the City's Open Space Division to maintain,  
14 repair, restore, replace and otherwise keep safe; and

15 WHEREAS, additional funds are necessary to implement the  
16 recommendations of the 2013 Audit on Parks Maintenance, including the  
17 development of a master maintenance plan for the City's parks, addressing  
18 the "obvious maintenance needs" at existing parks and constructing the  
19 already-funded additional parks.

20 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL, THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF  
21 ALBUQUERQUE:

22 Section 1. That the following appropriations are hereby made and/or  
23 changed in the Capital Program to the specific funds and projects as indicated  
24 below:

25 MUNICIPAL DEVELOPMENT/FUND 305

26 ABQ:The Plan (2,000,000)

27 PARKS AND RECREATION/FUND 305

28 Parks Maintenance 2,000,000

29 The funding above shall be used to address maintenance needs identified in  
30 the 2013 Audit on Parks Maintenance.

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