

CITY of ALBUQUERQUE

TWENTY-FIRST COUNCIL

COUNCIL BILL NO. R-15-171 ENACTMENT NO. _____

SPONSORED BY: Isaac Benton

1 RESOLUTION

2 ESTABLISHING PROCEDURES FOR IMPLEMENTING IMPROVEMENTS AND
3 EXPENDING FUNDS WITHIN THE RIO GRANDE VALLEY STATE PARK BY THE
4 CITY OF ALBUQUERQUE.

5 WHEREAS, the Administration of the City of Albuquerque committed to
6 publish a final environmental report and work with stake holders of the Rio
7 Grande Valley State Park to develop an implementation report for constructing
8 improvements in the Rio Grande Bosque State Park (hereafter, "the Park"); and

9 WHEREAS, subsequent to and in violation of that commitment, the Mayor
10 commenced with constructing improvements in the Rio Grande Valley State
11 Park; and

12 WHEREAS, the Council of the City of Albuquerque adopted Resolution R-
13 15-169 requiring the Administration to cease construction of a 6 foot wide
14 gravel trail within segment of the Park located north of Central Avenue, and
15 South of Interstate 40 on the east side of the Rio Grande; and

16 WHEREAS, F/S R-13-125 created the River Amenities, Enhancements,
17 Bosque Restoration and Trail Development project and provided an
18 appropriation from the General Fund of \$2,892,000, of which \$523,821 has
19 been expended or encumbered.

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

22 Section 1. That the City of Albuquerque will not commence any further
23 improvements within the Rio Grande Valley State Park until the following
24 steps are completed:

25 a. Publish and respond to all previous public comments concerning the
26 environmental report for constructing improvements in the Park; and

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- 1 b. develop an implementation report including description and
- 2 drawings illustrating proposed constructed improvements within the
- 3 Park consistent with the Bosque Action Plan; and
- 4 c. present the intended improvements report at a general public
- 5 meeting, receive and reply to public comments on the report; and
- 6 d. provide the implementation report for review and comment to the:
- 7 United States Army Corps of Engineers, United States Bureau of
- 8 Reclamation, United States Fish and Wildlife Service, United States
- 9 Environmental Protection Agency, State Parks Division of the Energy
- 10 Minerals and Natural Resource Department and the New Mexico
- 11 Department of Game and Fish; and
- 12 e. submit the implementation report to the Middle Rio Grande
- 13 Conservancy District for review and approval in accordance with the
- 14 Joint Powers Agreement; and
- 15 f. submit an Executive Communication to the City Council that
- 16 includes the implementation report, record of all comments received
- 17 with City responses, all comments received from other agencies, and
- 18 a letter confirming the improvements comply with the federal, and
- 19 state, environmental and cultural resource laws.

20 Section 2. That the following appropriations are hereby made and/or
21 changed:

22 **Parks and Recreation – Fund 305**

23 River Amenities, Enhancements, Transfer from Fund 110 (2,368,179)

24 Bosque Restoration and Trail

25 Development

26 Bosque Improvements Reserve Transfer from Fund 110 2,368,179

27 Restore and revitalize the river and Bosque. Remove non-native trees,
28 trash, debris & Jetty Jacks. Plant native trees and shrubs to create a healthy
29 Bosque habitat. Improve ADA-compliant trail access to existing constructed
30 viewpoints within the bosque and improve parking facilities adjacent to the
31 bosque.

32 Section 3. It shall be the policy of the City Council that the City will not
33 expend funds within the boundaries of Rio Grande Valley State Park, without

1 the approval by the City Council of project plans, contracts and on-call
2 contract work orders.

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