

CITY of ALBUQUERQUE

TWENTY FOURTH COUNCIL

COUNCIL BILL NO. R-20-21 ENACTMENT NO. _____

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RESOLUTION

ESTABLISHING THE CITY COUNCIL’S BUDGET PRIORITIES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2021 CITY BUDGET

WHEREAS, a city’s budget is a statement of its values and priorities; and

WHEREAS, Article IV, Section 10 of the City Charter of the City of Albuquerque vests in the City Council with the power to “[r]eview, approve or amend and approve all budgets of the city...”; and

WHEREAS, Article VII of the City Charter of the City of Albuquerque requires the Mayor to submit a budget developed “in consultation with the [City] Council” to the Council no later than April 1st of each year; and

WHEREAS, residents of the city have established priorities for city outcomes through the Indicators Progress Commission, and residents have ranked those outcomes from “desirable” to “undesirable”; and

WHEREAS, the City Council recognizes that while needs in communities in each City Council district are distinct, the budget can be used to invest in programs and effect outcomes that raise the quality of life for residents in all districts equally; and

WHEREAS, having considered our residents’ desired outcomes and desiring to work in consultation with the Mayor to develop the City’s operating budget, the City Council desires to establish priorities for the FY21 operating budget.

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

SECTION 1. BUDGET PRIORITIES. The City Council, after careful consideration of available funds and obligations, and of the community’s

1 desired outcomes, declares the priorities listed below to be the City Council’s
2 general priorities for the City’s FY21 budget, and the Council commits to
3 working with the Mayor to enact these priorities in the FY21 operating budget
4 (the order of listing does not signify any ranking of importance amongst
5 priorities):

6 (A) BUDGET PRIORITY: PUBLIC SAFETY

7 (1) Support the Mayor’s plan to hire 100 new police officers:
8 Increase APD’s funded, authorized staffing to 1,153 sworn officers.

9 (2) Complete the testing and review of all sexual assault
10 examination kits: Complete testing of the rape kit backlog and complete the
11 review of all pending cases in the backlog, to include referrals for
12 investigation or prosecution of outstanding leads.

13 (3) Increase compensation for transit security personnel.

14 (B) BUDGET PRIORITY: HUMAN & FAMILY DEVELOPMENT

15 (1) Establish a permanent supportive housing fund to fully meet
16 the supportive housing needs for homeless and at-risk residents: Working
17 with the City Council, develop a citywide homelessness prevention strategy
18 and create a permanent, recurring fund to fully fund such services in the City
19 of Albuquerque.

20 (2) Establish and utilize an “open RFP” procurement process for
21 funding and building the capacity of established, proven and effective early
22 childhood, family and youth intervention programs of community partners.

23 (C) BUDGET PRIORITY: COMMUNITY & CULTURAL ENGAGEMENT

24 (1) Integrate recurring annual event sponsorships into the
25 Department’s recurring annual budget for established, proven and effective
26 arts and cultural programs.

27 (2) Create a process for “start-up” cultural events to apply for
28 Department-administered assistance funding. Support one-time and
29 emerging community-led cultural events to apply for city support.

30 (D) BUDGET PRIORITY: ECONOMIC VITALITY

1 (1) Implement the Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE)
2 program. Implement the C-PACE Program to expand clean and renewable
3 energy financing for commercial business.

4 (E) **BUDGET PRIORITY: SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

5 (1) Implement Community Planning Assessments as required by
6 the Integrated Development Ordinance (IDO): Establish budget goals for the
7 administration and timely completion of the Community Planning
8 Assessments, as required by the IDO.

9 (2) Expand city park security investments. Fund additional
10 security for parks and open space, ensuring parks are accessible and safe for
11 all residents.

12 (F) **BUDGET PRIORITY: PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE**

13 (1) Implement a process to transition to a “fare-free” model for
14 ABQ Ride. Building on the Mayor’s successful summer bus pass program for
15 youth, create a system-wide, year-round program to eliminate bus fares for
16 Transit.

17 (2) Increase compensation for transit drivers.

18 (G) **BUDGET PRIORITY: GOVERNMENTAL EXCELLENCE &
19 EFFECTIVENESS**

20 (1) Equitable cost-of-living adjustments for all city employees:
21 The Council recognizes the importance of every city employee and position –
22 City Government’s greatest resources, and desires to share cost-of-living
23 increases equally.

24 (2) Reduce the use of temporary employees performing duties
25 better suited for permanent, merit city employees.

26 (3) Complete all Neighborhood Traffic Management Program
27 (NTMP) studies within 90-days.

28 (4) Increase compensation for city engineers responsible for
29 project evaluation and management in order to remain competitive and to
30 retain top talent and valuable institutional knowledge.

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