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CITY of ALBUQUERQUE
TWENTY SIXTH COUNCIL

COUNCIL BILL NO. R-24-58 ENACTMENT NO. _____

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RESOLUTION

Creating A Task Force To Review The Charter Of The City Of Albuquerque And Make Recommendations On Proposed Revisions (Rogers, Baca and Fiebelkorn)

WHEREAS, the City Charter which created Albuquerque's current form of government was adopted by the voters in 1974; and

WHEREAS, City Charter Review Task Forces were established in 1988, 1998, 2009, and 2015 to revisit the Charter and make recommendations for improving and refining the Charter in light of changes brought about by population growth and the complexity of issues facing the City; and

WHEREAS, approximately eight years have passed since the last Charter Review Task Force was assembled to analyze the Charter provisions, and in that time, several critical issues have materialized relating to requirements of the Charter as demonstrated by several recently proposed charter amendments; and

WHEREAS, it is timely to convene a Charter Review Task Force to provide an analysis of certain City Charter matters, and whether certain revision should be proposed to improve the City's governmental structure and operations.

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

SECTION 1. A 15-member City Charter Review Task Force shall be established to review the City Charter and evaluate provisions that should be amended, added, or deleted.

(A) The Task Force shall be made up of the following members:

- (1) One member selected by each City Councilor;
- (2) One at-large member selected by the City Council who shall chair the Task Force;
- (3) Five members appointed by the Mayor.

(B) The Task Force shall hold its first meeting no later than August 1, 2024, and shall provide its recommendations for City Charter amendments in a report to the City Council and the Mayor on or before February 1, 2025. Upon presentation of its recommendations, the Task Force shall be discharged.

(C) The charge of the Task Force shall be to examine the City Charter for the purpose of recommending amendments. The charge includes, but is not limited to, examination of the following:

- (1) P-24-1 and R-24-47 as introduced by the City Council;
- (2) P-24-2 and R-24-48 as introduced by the City Council;
- (3) P-24-3 and R-24-49 as introduced by the City Council; and
- (4) P-24-4 and R-24-50 as introduced by the City Council.

(D) All meetings of the Task Force or its committees shall be open meetings, and the Task Force shall hold at least one public hearing during which input from the public will be sought.

(E) The Council and the Administration shall provide staffing and resources to the Task Force.

SECTION 2. SEVERABILITY. If any section, paragraph, sentence, clause, word or phrase of this Ordinance is for any reason held to be invalid or unenforceable by any court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining provisions of this Ordinance. The Council hereby declares that it would have passed this Ordinance and each section, paragraph, sentence, clause, word or phrase thereof irrespective of any provision being declared unconstitutional or otherwise invalid.