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**CITY of ALBUQUERQUE**  
**SEVENTEENTH COUNCIL**

COUNCIL BILL NO. R-07-260 ENACTMENT NO. \_\_\_\_\_

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RESOLUTION

Expanding the Scope of the Parks and Recreation Open Space Land Acquisition Project to Include the Acquisition of Approximately Four Hundred and Twenty Acres of Land Adjacent to the City's Existing Gutierrez Canyon Open Space in the East Mountains for use as Open Space  
(Heinrich, Benton)

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

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

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

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

WHEREAS, the State during the 2007 Legislative Session allocated \$1.25 million in funding for the project, and the State Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department has committed

an additional \$250 thousand; and

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

WHEREAS, in the adopted Capital Implementation Program of the City funding in the amount of \$3,750,000 has been set aside for open space land acquisition such as this, and the amount specified below is available for this purchase.

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

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

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

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

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