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**CITY OF SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2022-16**

**INTRODUCED BY:**

Councilor Jamie Cassutt

**A RESOLUTION**

**DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO SEND A LETTER OF INTENT TO THE NEW MEXICO GAME AND FISH DEPARTMENT INFORMING THE DEPARTMENT OF THE CITY’S INTENT TO PURCHASE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 3250 CALLE PRINCESA JUANA.**

**WHEREAS**, over the years there have been significant discussions regarding connecting the northern and southern sections of Richards Avenue with a crossing over the Arroyo de los Chamisos (“Chamisos crossing”); and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Santa Fe (“City”) has made significant headway in proceeding with this project, including collecting traffic data, obtaining a detailed design survey, preparing drainage analyses, and considering right-of-way details; and

**WHEREAS**, the Chamisos crossing, which is the preferred alternative for the Richards Avenue extension, would require The City to secure right-of-way in order to be completed; and

**WHEREAS**, in order for the City to construct the Chamisos crossing, it must obtain the relevant right-of-way from the owner of the land that would be used for the crossing and the land

1 adjacent to the proposed crossing; and

2           **WHEREAS**, the New Mexico Game and Fish Department (“Department”) owns the  
3 relevant 28.3 acre parcel, approximately one quarter of which will be required for the right-of-way  
4 associated with the Chamisos crossing based on a preliminary design; and

5           **WHEREAS**, the Department has informed the City that it intends to sell the full extent of  
6 its property in that location but it is willing to wait until 2023 in order for the City to secure funding  
7 for the right-of-way acquisition; and

8           **WHEREAS**, the Chamisos crossing is funded through Phase II – Alternatives Analysis –  
9 and the City is seeking additional funding for the Phase III design, which would include funding  
10 for the right-of-way acquisition; and

11           **WHEREAS**, [?] requires that the City obtain a new appraisal of the property to establish  
12 the purchase price, which is currently estimated at between \$1 million and \$3 million; and

13           **WHEREAS**, the property adjacent to the Chamisos crossing is expected to increase in  
14 value after the road is constructed, making the purchase of the property at current valuation  
15 beneficial to the City; and

16           **WHEREAS**, the ability to secure right-of-way from a new owner, who might have  
17 development plans, could present challenges to this critical transportation network project, and  
18 those challenges could increase the overall cost of the project.

19           **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE**  
20 **CITY OF SANTA FE** that the City Manager is directed to send a Letter of Intent to the Secretary  
21 of the New Mexico Game and Fish Department, stating the City’s intent to purchase the property  
22 owned by the Department located at 3250 Calle Princesa Juana in order to secure right-of-way  
23 required for the Arroyo de los Chamisos crossing, which is the preferred alternative for the Richards  
24 Avenue extension.

25           **PASSED, APPROVED, and ADOPTED** this 13<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2022.

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ALAN WEBBER, MAYOR

ATTEST:

  
KRISTINE MIHELIC, CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

  
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