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CITY OF SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-48

INTRODUCED BY:

Mayor Alan Webber

A RESOLUTION

ESTABLISHING THE CITY OF SANTA FE’S PRIORITIES FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE NEW MEXICO STATE LEGISLATURE DURING THE 56TH LEGISLATURE – STATE OF NEW MEXICO – SECOND SESSION, 2024.

WHEREAS, the 30-day Legislative Session (“Legislative Session”) of the 2024 New Mexico State Legislature (“Legislature”) begins on January 16, 2024, and ends on February 15, 2024; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body desires to establish City of Santa Fe (“City”) legislative priorities to be considered by the City’s legislative delegation and the Legislature; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body’s legislative priorities include City-wide capital outlay priorities, statutory priorities, general fund priorities, City Council District capital outlay priorities, and other legislative priorities beneficial to the City to be pursued during the Legislative Session.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF SANTA FE that the Governing Body hereby adopts priorities for the Legislative Session, consistent with Resolution No. 2023-32 (adopting the City’s Infrastructure Capital Improvements Plan for 2025-2029) and as specified below.

1 1. From any statewide capital outlay initiative associated with homelessness and housing,
2 the City requests funding in the amount of \$15,000,000 for permanent and transitional housing to end
3 veteran, youth, and chronic homelessness;

4 2. From any statewide capital outlay initiative associated with recreation and outdoor
5 programs, the City requests funding in the amount of \$12,000,000 for the expansion of the Municipal
6 Recreation Sports Complex Soccer Valley and other soccer venues;

7 3. From any statewide capital outlay initiative associated with water and wastewater, the
8 City requests funding in the amount of \$88,400,000 for Waste Water Treatment Plant upgrades and an
9 integrated/expandable modular plant;

10 4. From any statewide capital outlay initiative associated with fire safety and prevention,
11 the City requests funding in the amount of \$11,380,000 for a new fire station Number 2 to provide
12 public safety coverage on the west side of Santa Fe.

13 5. From any statewide capital outlay initiative associated with roads and transportation,
14 the City requests funding in the amount of \$22,500,000 for the Arroyo De Los Chamisos/Richards
15 Avenue project.

16 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that, as is consistent with Resolution No. 2022-12
17 (establishing next steps for the Midtown Property), the Governing Body requests the Legislature enact
18 a Joint Resolution ratifying and approving the transfer of one or more tracts of City-owned real property
19 to the State of New Mexico Department of Public Safety in trade and exchange for the transfer of
20 multiple tracts of State-owned real property to the City of Santa Fe, New Mexico for the Midtown
21 Redevelopment Project.

22 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Governing Body supports legislation that funds the
23 New Mexico Department of Transportation for safety and multimodal improvements and pavement
24 rehabilitation of New Mexico 475 (being Hyde Park Road) and Cerrillos Road Phase III Construction.

25 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Governing Body supports any legislation that

1 enhances the Downtown Improvement District of Santa Fe including such items as revised streetscapes,
2 improved signage, placemaking, ADA considerations, and litter collection.

3 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Governing Body supports any legislation that
4 improves small business diversity throughout the state, specifically as it relates to increased tourism
5 and associated economic development.

6 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Governing Body supports any legislation that
7 supports mixed-use manufacturing with associated workforce housing, community convenience
8 amenities, walkability, and sustainability, such as the El Lucero Development, specifically as small
9 business manufacturing relates to associated community and economic development.

10 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Governing Body supports legislation to place a
11 constitutional referendum on the ballot to permit municipalities and counties to restrict firearms to the
12 extent constitutionally permissible, while continuing to disallow municipalities and counties from
13 regulating firearms in a manner that is less restrictive than the State.

14 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Governing Body supports and endorses the
15 following issues related to firearms:

- 16 1. Creation of a New Mexico Office of Gun Violence Prevention;
- 17 3. Raising the age of purchase for certain rifles; and
- 18 4. A ban on assault-style weapons.

19 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Governing Body re-affirms its support for and
20 endorsement of the establishment of a regional drug treatment facility that would serve the residents of
21 Santa Fe and northern New Mexico.

22 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Governing Body re-affirms its support for and
23 endorsement of legislation during the Legislative Session that would allow for a New Mexico Public
24 Bank owned by and for the people of New Mexico that would direct the State's investment decisions
25 to support and diversify the economy including achieving goals in education, eco-tourism, food

1 security, solar energy installations, broadband expansion, health clinic upgrades, and clean energy
2 infrastructure projects, by keeping New Mexico’s money in New Mexico.

3 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Governing Body renews its requests that the
4 Legislature ensure that hold harmless payments to counties and municipalities are not eliminated or
5 further reduced and returned to their original schedule; ensure that any tax reform continues to hold
6 counties and municipalities harmless in lieu of the enactment of legislation reinstating the gross receipts
7 tax on food and medical; and that protects local governments’ annual revenues if the Legislature enacts
8 legislation modifying State gross receipts tax deductions and exemptions.

9 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that, as is consistent with Resolution No. 2022-47
10 (supporting state and federal legislation protecting the right to a safe abortion), the Governing Body
11 supports any legislation that supports reproductive rights and that supports the rights of the LGBTQ+
12 population such that every individual, regardless of the individual’s reproductive choices, sexual
13 orientation, or gender identity, can live, work, and pursue their dreams free from discrimination and
14 prejudice.

15 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Governing Body supports and endorses any
16 legislation and allocation of funding designed to interrupt generational cycles of poverty, such as a
17 state-wide pilot program that provides a monthly guaranteed income and funding for those programs
18 that exist throughout New Mexico.

19 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Governing Body renews its requests that the
20 Legislature appropriate money from the general fund to support the City’s “Alternative Response Unit”,
21 which allows law enforcement officers to work with the Santa Fe Fire Department and with case
22 managers under the supervision of a licensed Clinical Social Worker to redirect persons who are
23 experiencing non-violent mental health episodes, public intoxication, and/or who may be suspected of
24 involvement in non-violent, low-level crimes, to alternative, community-based services in lieu of
25 prosecution or jail.

1 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that, as is consistent with Resolution No. 2022-52 (affirming
2 the partnership of the City and Santa Fe County to develop strategies to end homelessness), the
3 Governing Body supports and endorses funding toward mental health and behavioral health programs
4 focused on addressing the needs of residents and individuals struggling with mental illness and/or
5 substance abuse or addiction, including the expansion or augmentation of treatment opportunities and
6 facilities to support that treatment.

7 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that, as is consistent with Resolution No. 2022-52, the
8 Governing Body supports any legislation dedicated to the City and Santa Fe County partnership
9 program, “CONNECT,” defined by the City and County as “a network of navigators at clinics,
10 community organizations, and city and county programs,” which has successfully connected
11 approximately nine thousand (9,000) Santa Fe County residents with resources such as housing, food,
12 transportation, childcare, and other essential needs.

13 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Governing Body re-affirms its support for and
14 endorsement of any legislation that improves broadband infrastructure throughout the state, specifically
15 as it relates to associated community and economic development.

16 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Governing Body supports legislation that increases
17 economic mobility efforts, specifically as these efforts relate to community and economic development.

18 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Governing Body supports legislation that promotes
19 equity and entrepreneurship for the City’s Hispanic Spanish-first speaking and immigrant entrepreneur
20 communities and provides increased diversity in the City’s efforts for resilient economic development.

21 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Governing Body supports legislation that improves
22 and affirms the City’s multicultural initiatives and programs, such as Mariachi Competitions, Spanish-
23 first Music Festivals, Powwow Grounds, Spanish-first literary festivals, Sister City Student Exchange
24 programs, ‘X-Con’ Conferences, culture-specific Ted Talks, etc., and that uplifts the pride and
25 acknowledgement of the City’s diverse history, specifically as it relates to associated community

1 development.

2 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Governing Body supports legislation that creates a
3 major entertainment venue for sports, concerts, and music festivals throughout the state, specifically as
4 it relates to associated economic development.

5 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that, as is consistent with Resolution No. 2022-52, the
6 Governing Body re-affirms its support for and endorsement of any legislation that supports the
7 development and construction of affordable and workforce housing to decrease and/or subsidize the
8 cost of housing for residents of Santa Fe and New Mexico.

9 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Governing Body supports and endorses legislation
10 that expands the permitted uses of existing lodgers' tax or creates an additional lodgers' tax, to defray
11 the cost of providing affordable housing, working to end homelessness, and addressing the needs of
12 low-income people by providing wraparound services such as childcare, and/or that leverages federal
13 funding for affordable housing.

14 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Governing Body supports and endorses any
15 legislation that increases the likelihood of local governments recruiting, retaining, promoting, and
16 housing first responders in the communities in which they serve to increase emergency response
17 capacity.

18 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that, as is consistent with Resolution No. 2022-52, the
19 Governing Body supports and endorses any legislation that increases housing availability and expands
20 available social services for homeless families and individuals, including those who are chronically
21 homeless, veterans experiencing homelessness, and young people experiencing homelessness, as well
22 as those living in outdoor unsupervised encampments.

23 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that, consistent with Resolution No. 2022-52, the Governing
24 Body re-affirms its support for and endorsement of any legislation that slows down the timeline for
25 eviction, connects tenants to rental assistance resources, and improves opportunities for mediation

1 between renters and landlords.

2 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Governing Body re-affirms its support for and
3 endorsement of any legislation that replenishes and seeks a recurring funding source to support New
4 Mexico Mortgage Finance Authority’s Housing Trust Fund.

5 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Governing Body renews its request that the
6 Legislature support legislation that promotes water reuse and water planning and other legislation
7 designed to improve overall sustainability at the state and local level.

8 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Governing Body supports and endorses legislation
9 promoting the facilitation of community efforts to address the cleanup of trash, litter, and weeds which
10 may include methods such as using compost and chipping, with a specific emphasis on elevating the
11 quality of the City’s roadways, rights of way, medians, arroyos, open spaces, trails, and parks.

12 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Governing Body supports and endorses legislation
13 or appropriations to improve the environment, enhance the quality of the City’s public spaces, and
14 achieve its sustainability goals, including but not limited to funding for projects and programs that
15 support water conservation, erosion control, tree planting, biodiversity, outdoor recreation, and public
16 art.

17 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Governing Body re-affirms its support for and
18 endorsement of any legislation that would support municipal recycling programs and other programs
19 that support recycling market development.

20 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that that Governing Body re-affirms its support for and
21 endorsement of any legislation that establishes an “extended producer responsibility” program that
22 requires manufacturers and retailers to be responsible for the costs associated with a product throughout
23 its life cycle, from creation to disposal.

24 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Governing Body re-affirms its support for and
25 endorsement of any legislation that advances the environmental sustainability goals of the City,

1 including carbon neutrality, ecological resilience, economic vitality, and quality of life and social
2 equity, as well as continued support for implementation of the Community Solar Act and funding for
3 watershed restoration and forest fire mitigation.

4 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Governing Body re-affirms its support for and
5 endorsement of any legislation that would expand the Air Quality Control Act, NMSA 1978, § 74-2-
6 2(J), to include an express option for local governments to opt-in to an emissions inspections program.

7 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Governing Body supports and endorses any
8 legislation that establishes and funds a New Mexico Climate Investment Center to combat climate
9 change that would increase green infrastructure development, energy conservation and sustainability
10 measures, and access to funding for green energy investments for assisting lower-income individuals
11 and families and pueblos.

12 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Governing Body re-affirms its support for and
13 endorsement of any legislation that would eliminate the three percent (3%) cap on annual property tax
14 increases on residences that are not owner-occupied as the owner's principal place of residence.

15 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Governing Body re-affirms its support for and
16 endorsement of any legislation that would improve and expand early childhood education.

17 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the City continues to support statewide paid sick leave
18 legislation, as described in the City's Resolution No. 2021-11, unanimously passed by the members of
19 the Governing Body in 2021.

20 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Governing Body re-affirms its support for and
21 endorsement of any legislation that would increase funding for the New Mexico Tourism Department
22 for use in advertising, a state-wide co-op grant program, and expansion of its advertising scope to
23 include new markets with strong potential for travel to the state.

24 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Governing Body renews its request that the
25 Legislature adopt legislation that pertains to statewide business licensing to permit business owners to

1 operate in all cities, counties, and municipalities, provided business owners comply with local land use
2 and safety requirements.

3 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Governing Body hereby establishes the following
4 City Council District capital outlay legislative funding priorities for improvements of citywide
5 infrastructure for consideration by the Legislature during the Legislative Session:

6 1. For a capital outlay initiative located within **City Council District 1**, funding is
7 requested in the total amount of **\$900,000** for the design and construction of Cerro Gordo Road.

8 2. For a capital outlay initiative located within **City Council District 2**, funding is
9 requested in the total amount of **\$3,015,001** for the St. Michaels Rail Trail Under Pass Project on St.
10 Michaels Drive, north of Calle Lorca.

11 3. For a capital outlay initiative located within **City Council District 3**, funding is
12 requested in the total amount of **\$14,200,000** for the Paseo del Sol infrastructure and road project that
13 will support occupant-owned affordable housing.

14 4. For a capital outlay initiative located within **City Council District 4**, funding is
15 requested in the total amount of **\$1,000,000** for Rufina Street & Lopez Lane Intersection Improvements.

16 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that, consistent with Resolution No. 2023-32, the Governing
17 Body hereby establishes the following capital outlay legislative funding priority for any initiative
18 associated with public safety: **\$1,150,000** to plan, design, and construct much needed renovations of
19 the Municipal Court building including adding security measures.

20 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Governing Body directs the City's lobbyist to work
21 with the New Mexico Municipal League in support of any Municipal League 2024 Legislative Priority
22 from which the City would benefit from the passage of such initiative.

23 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Governing Body directs the City's lobbyist to make
24 any capital outlay project directly or indirectly included in the City ICIP Priority List a priority.

25 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Governing Body directs the City's lobbyist to work

1 to advance any legislation introduced during the Legislative Session deemed to be beneficial to the
2 City.

3 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Governing Body directs the City’s lobbyist to work
4 to defeat any legislation introduced during the Legislative Session deemed to be detrimental to the City.

5 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that while this Resolution represents a majority of the intent
6 of the Governing Body as to 2024 legislative priorities, other timely priorities may be approved by the
7 Governing Body, incorporated into the City’s legislative agenda, and forwarded to the City’s lobbying
8 team for action.

9 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the City Clerk be directed to forward a copy of this
10 Resolution to the City’s lobbyist, the City’s legislative delegation, and the Governor of New Mexico.

11 PASSED, APPROVED, and ADOPTED this 8th day of November, 2023.

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15 ALAN WEBBER, MAYOR

16 ATTEST:

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18 GERALYN CARDENAS (Nov 13, 2023 09:18 MST)

19 GERALYN F. CARDENAS, INTERIM CITY CLERK

20 APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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22 ERIN MCSHERRY (Nov 9, 2023 18:03 MST)

23 ERIN K. MCSHERRY, CITY ATTORNEY

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25 *Legislation/2023/Resolutions/2023-48(R) Legislative Priorities 2024*