CITY OF SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-93

INTRODUCED BY:

Councilor Patti J. Bushee

Councilor Peter N. Ives

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Councilor Joseph Maestas

A RESOLUTION

DIRECTING STAFF TO CREATE THE WEST SANTA FE RIVER CORRIDOR MASTER PLAN AND BRING IT FORWARD FOR ADOPTION BY THE GOVERNING BODY AS AN AMENDMENT TO THE GENERAL PLAN.

WHEREAS, the West Santa Fe River Corridor has been an historic gateway for centuries for the Pueblo and Spanish and was part of the Agua Fria Historic Village, descendants of this large portion of the Santa Fe river community continue to live here on or near large vacant parcels of land and could experience growth and that growth needs to be directed by a comprehensive and publicly validated plan; and

WHEREAS, previous planning efforts were undertaken before annexation of the area southwest of the West Santa Fe River Corridor that ended south at Henry Lynch Road; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 3-19-19 NMSA 1978, the City's master plan shall include: "careful and comprehensive surveys and studies of existing conditions and probable future growth of the municipality and its environs. The plan shall be made with the general purpose of guiding and accomplishing a coordinated, adjusted and harmonious development of the municipality which will,

in accordance with existing and future needs, best promote health, safety, morals, order, convenience, prosperity or the general welfare as well as efficiency and economy in the process of development…"; and

WHEREAS, the City desires to

(1) Enhance the quality of life by ensuring that development is in character with the surrounding neighborhoods, and that social equity, physical growth, redevelopment, historical, agricultural and cultural practices, natural resource conservation and protection are balanced; and

(2) Foster a Santa Fe tradition that enriches everyday life by providing urban space conducive to public life, establish an ecological base for urban design, while continuing to build and preserve in accordance with the history of Santa Fe including the historic "El Camino Real" and the neighborhoods surrounding it which is integral to the West Santa Fe River Corridor; and

(3) Follow the wishes of the voters who added neighborhood preservation as a critical value in the City's Charter; and

(4) The city wishes to work with landowners that have land uses and existing conditions that do not currently meet the city's zoning regulations; and

(5) Create predictability of future growth and development of the area, especially around use and scale of development; and

(6) Maintain and allow a mix of uses in the neighborhood; and

(7) Assess needed infrastructure in the area, especially around roads and sewer; and

WHEREAS, the City of Santa Fe General Plan shall be kept current so that City policies reflect changing conditions and concerns; take into account the Land Use Codes and City Charter; and

WHEREAS, the City General Plan's goals and procedures for community area planning call

for comprehensive citizen involvement intended to generate and apply concepts and ideas through a series of citizen participation workshops within smaller, related neighborhood units.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF SANTA FE that City staff is directed to create the West Santa Fe River Corridor Master Plan and bring it forward for adoption by the Governing Body as an amendment to the General Plan. This shall be accomplished through:

1. Create a citizen working group comprised of interested area residents and community members to advise staff during the process.
2. Allow for input, in a spirit of partnership, with representatives of the Agua Fria Traditional Historic Community.
3. Study and plan for an initial phase that generally includes the area bounded by West Alameda Street to the north, La Joya Road to the east, Agua Fria Street to the south and the Agua Fria Traditional Historic Community to the west. Then study and plan for a 2nd phase, upon further action from the Governing Body which should include any necessary allocation of additional funding, this would include the city-initiated Phase 3 annexation area between West Alameda Street and NM highway 599; and studying the need for a final phase which could include other areas of the Santa Fe River Corridor in the southwestern part of the city.
4. The planning process timeline should take 6-12 months in drafting a West Santa Fe River Corridor Plan prior to starting the adoption process which will include review and recommendation by the Planning Commission prior to City Council consideration.
5. That the Master Plan may also include a draft overlay ordinance for part or all of the Planning Area to be included in the city's Land Development Laws (Chapter XIV).

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 14th day of October, 2015.

JAVIER M. GONZALES, MAYOR

ATTEST:

YOLANDA Y. VIGIL, CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

KELLEY A. BRENNAN, CITY ATTORNEY

M/Legislation/Resolutions 2015/2015-93 West Santa Fe River Corridor Substitute

West Santa Fe River Corridor
Planning Area
W ALAMEDA ST
La Arboleda
Rio Vista
LA JOYA RD
Santa Fe River
FRENCHY"S FIELD
PARK & COMMONS
AGUA FRIA ST
SILER RD
Agua Fria
Traditional Village
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