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SUSTAINABLE SANTA FE COMMISSION

Wednesday, May 18, 2016, 4:00 p.m.

Councilors' Conference Room, City Hall (200 Lincoln Avenue)

- A. CALL TO ORDER
- B. ROLL CALL
- C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
- D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: April 20, 2016
- E. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE FLOOR
- F. REPORT FROM, AND ASSIGNMENT OF, ACTIONEER
- G. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS
 - 1. Presentation: Santa Fe Food Policy Council, Morgan Day, Coordinator
 - 2. Presentation: PNM Rate Case, Mariel Nanasi, New Energy Economy
 - 3. A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING THE VERDE FUND TO REDUCE SYSTEMIC POVERTY, ACHIEVE CARBON NEUTRALITY, AND EMPOWER SANTA FE'S WORKFORCE; AUTHORIZING THE ONE-TIME APPROPRIATION OF \$300,000 OF UNBUDGETED EXCESS LAND USE PERMIT FEES [5% OF THE ¼% GRT EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2017]; DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO PRESENT A PLAN TO THE GOVERNING BODY ON STEPS TO IMPLEMENT THE VERDE FUND [WITHIN 90 DAYS]; AND ALLOWING FOR A PUBLIC HEARING TO MAKE DESIRED CHANGES TO THE PLAN AND APPROVE AS MODIFIED. (Mayor Gonzales) (Alexandra Ladd / John Alejandro / Zackary Quintero)
 - 4. Updates: 25-Year Sustainability Plan Updates: RFP status; plan timeline; committees
- H. ITEMS FROM THE CHAIR & CO-CHAIR
- I. ITEMS FROM THE COMMISSION
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SUSTAINABLE SANTA FE COMMISSION
Wednesday, April 20, 2016, 4:00 to 6:20 p.m.
Planning Conference Room, City Hall, 200 Lincoln Avenue

MINUTES

A. CALL TO ORDER

The Sustainable Santa Fe Commission meeting was called to order by Ms. Beth Beloff, Chair at 4:05 pm. A quorum was present at time of roll call.

B. ROLL CALL

Present:

Beth R. Beloff, Chair
Tejinder Ciano
Robb Young Hirsch
Christian Casillas
Amanda Hatherly
Kathleen S. Holian
Linda Smith
Glenn Schiffbauer

Not Present/Excused:

Jack McGowan

Public:

Benjamin J. Brant, EcoPonex, Presenter
Seth Roffman, Green Times
Joe Eichner
Lisa Logan
Luke Spangenberg, Director of Bio Fuels, SFCC
Nicholas Petrovich, SFCC

Staff Present:

John Alejandro, Staff Liaison
Adam Schlachter, Santa Fe Solid Waste

Fran Lucero, Stenographer

C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

No changes.

Ms. Hatherly moved to approve the agenda as presented, second by Commissioner Holian, motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: March 16, 2016

Ms. Smith moved to approve the minutes of March 16, 2016 as presented, second by Mr. Schiffbauer, motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

E. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE FLOOR

Introduction of guests reflected above.

F. REPORT FROM, AND ASSIGNMENT OF, ACTIONEER

ACTIONEER LIST: (Amanda Hatherly, Actioneer)

- Commissioner Holian will send the links for Jemez/Sangre Water Plan which includes, Galisteo, Santa Fe and Pojoaque basin. The Chair would also like Section 8 if available.
- John Alejandro: Will extend invitation to Morgan Day, Santa Fe Food Policy Council Coordinator to attend the May 18, 2016 meeting.
- Commissioner Holian: Ag Implementation group should be invited to the May meeting.
- John to contact Erin Ortigoza, Santa Fe County Community Planner directly).
 - It was noted that 10 minutes will be allowed for the two above presentations.
- The Chair asked for feedback from the Sustainable Santa Fe Commission and she has not received any comments to date. May 18th would be the drop down date for preliminary summary reports and asked Commission members to think about it not only informing the community but the contractor as well.
- John will send “Energy Report Cards” on the city buildings as they develop. Mr. Alejandro and Mr. David Pfeifer, Facilities Director will be creating a report card that details valuable statistics on usage and budgetary reflection on how to save energy. The template should be ready within 30-days and shared with the city departments.
- Note: Please advise if members would like to go paperless for the meeting collateral.
- List of new Committee Chairs and City Council members has been distributed as an informational piece.
- Mr. Alejandro to forward the resolution for the Verde fund after City Attorney has reviewed and approved for distribution.
- Tour Santa Fe Community College regarding the ECOPONEX project.
- Invite the students from Monte del Sol, one or two students who receive the highest grade on their reports. Mr. Casillas will send out the agenda for this activity in hopes that Commission members will be able to participate.
- Send ideas on the science spots. The Chair will send some of the tapes around and noted that they are not copyrighted at this point.

G. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

1. Presentation: ECOPONEX, Benjamin Brant, CEO

- a. **Luke Spangenberg, Director of Bio Fuels, Santa Fe Community College**
Mr. Spangenberg provided the introduction on the plan to develop a Renewable Energy Efficient Farm at Santa Fe Community College. An agreement was signed today with ECOPONEX and SFCC which will also

allow us to train directly here in Santa Fe. Note that we don't have water so this is critical and we do not grow food in our city.

Mr. Alejandro added that early on, when briefed on this project and through the presentation they understood the factors of this project and the benefits. This is a tangible project that is getting off the ground to help Santa Fe be an example for the rest of the country on how this can be done and how it can be replicated. This is the first for us in New Mexico.

(Let the record reflect that the presentation was followed by the Commission members through a power point presentation).

Mr. Brant: Note: Created the first City of Santa Fe Comprehensive Water Conservation Plan in 1990 that was implemented.

Defined areas in presentation:

- Food Security and Health Issues in New Mexico
- The Food-Water Energy Nexus
- Our Solution: REEF
- REEF Program with SFCC, in two phases over the next 32-36 months, first phase small scale of urban model.
- Location of Micro-REEF at SFCC will be in the old track and field area that is currently unused.
- Plan is to produce “renewable food” vs. imported “fossil food”.
- Closes community food waste energy loop.
- Major benefits and significance of REEF program.
- Establishment of relationship with Mexico and Dutch entities. Provides endless international opportunities.
 - Excited to be here to develop a tool kit to establish targeted milestones. Master Plan for Sustainability and Economic Development – Food, Renewable Energy and Water.
- (Power Point will be provided to the Sustainable Santa Fe Commission as part of the minutes.)

The Chair would like to have this presentation posted on the city website when received. Thank you to Mr. Brant for attending today's meeting and willingness to share this information and provide future information.

Question: Who is providing the funding? Mr. Brant noted that 2/3 of the project would have public/federal underwriting. They are also working with USDA for funding. Mr. Brant noted that they are working with New Mexico Lt. Governor Sanchez for funding opportunities through the State Investment fund.

Mr. Alejandro reiterated that major stakeholders have been contacted and this opportunity is one of the best to follow, it is an exemplary model in keeping the focus on the community and it being local. We have so much to offer in our city and what a great benefit it is to work with SFCC. The Chair would like to have an opportunity to tour the facility.

2. 25-Year Sustainability Plan: Committee Updates

Tejjinder Ciano: Waste Working Group

The working group met last week – Environmental Services Director made a presentation, Waste Committee will provide feedback and work on

recommendations. Once there are more solid recommendations they will be sent to the Chair for review.

Christian Casillas: Climate Group

Next meeting is May 11th and we should have a finalized draft that can be sent to the Consultant and City Staff.

Linda Smith: Energy

The group has settled on 3 priorities: Performance Contracting – (sample and request for qualifications have been sent to Mr. Alejandro). Advocate for optimizing the financial benefit for performance contracting; that means using the maximum financing terms and applying it to all buildings that the city intends to hold on to. Advocate for fast tracking the timeline to capture the savings. Secondly, the city is moving forward on the Energy Report Card to engage occupants and all city employees to save energy and water in the environment they work in. Feedback on energy usage is important. We have asked the Mayor for an Executive Order to encourage energy savings. Thirdly - Energy Pace, Property Assessed Clean Energy. This sub-committee has worked with the industry to identify commercial customers.

The Chair led a Solar Brainstorm meeting with members from different industries, one being the solar energy industry. The Chair quickly reviewed selected City goals. Noted were some of the barriers to increasing solar presentation in the city. One of the comments discussed was the time it takes for the permitting process. There is a great issue regarding public awareness on solar. The city will need to engage the community and the governmental entities to create the awareness. The real estate industry is not informed on solar benefits. There was discussion on going directly to the PUC related to Utility Company involvement. There was discussion on solar installations for commercial and to perhaps have the city broker a meeting with the banking and building industry to explain the benefit of building solar in commercial properties. The Chair would like to have that small brain storm group. (Summary included, Exhibit A)

Ms. Smith noted that they would like to create a drop box to help with sharing and accessing material. One suggestion was Google groups.

John Alejandro: In meeting with Dave Pfeiffer from Facilities and reviewing the report from ESCO, the staff is evaluating and identifying the facilities to target. We know there are five facilities that are energy hogs and we are trying to identify additional facilities. All of this information will be put in to a matrix and provided to the Governing Body for review. This is a Facility Division priority and moving quickly.

Glenn Schiffbauer: Transportation

It was noted that it has been difficult in arranging meetings with certain individuals. NCTRD and MPO contacts have been made. They do have reports that will be helpful towards the April deadline. Transit has their master plan, MPO may be experiencing some shifts of staffing, but we continue to get information from them. Their plan is more than 5 years but less than 10 years to coincide with the Sustainable Santa Fe Master Plan.

Councilor Harris provided information on the Transit Program and offered his assistance if there are questions that the Commission would like to have answered to please contact him directly; it is entirely appropriate. Councilor Harris will provide Mr. Alejandro with the contact name to assist Mr. Schiffbauer.

Amanda Hatherly: Building Environment Group

- Development build list has been created – working on live groups right now.
- Education Group: Creation of short-term and long-term goals should be wrapped up by next week.
- Sustainable Santa Fe Awards – This is a big undertaking for a volunteer to do, the city did do it in the past. The Women in Green group in Santa Fe is co-hosting a conference with the Green Chamber of Commerce. Sustainable Santa Fe Awards could take place at that time, possible at the end of the evening. Women in Green could take that task on. There would need to be collaboration on identifying what the award criterion is and judging. The Chair is excited about this opportunity.

It was the feeling from the members that this topic required more discussion. The Chair provided clarity; they would have the City, Green Chamber, Sustainable Santa Fe Commission and Women in Green would work on the Sustainable Santa Fe Awards. Women in Green would manage the details. The Chair asked Ms. Hatherly to come back to the commission and explain how this would work. Ms. Hatherly reiterated that there are no entities nor anyone from the Sustainable Santa Fe Commission stepping up to coordinate this event and it is a huge commitment of time. Mr. Hirsch wants to be assured that every Commission member has an opportunity to offer nominations. Ms. Hatherly said there are more details in coordinating this event that should be discussed.

Mr. Alejandro – Katherine Mortimer spent a lot of time outing on this event and it was time consuming. There was funding available in previous years, and unfortunately that is not the case. The suggestion was possible partnering with a non-profit or another organization to continue this endeavor.

Mr. Ciano asked what the budget was primarily spent on in past years. Mr. Alejandro said that it was partly advertising and staff time. Mr. Ciano said; “if it is a matter of people power, we could develop the framework and then enlist groups like Women of Green and task out different sections of it and have particular commissioner be the point person.”

Mr. Schiffbauer noted that there could possibly be funding from the Green Chamber for this event if they coordinate and shared the sequence of events. He would like to see this Commission be involved.

The Chair directed; based on the feedback received that a design plan be created on how we could combine the 4 entities, the tasks, judging and how it would all work. A meeting will be held away from the formal monthly meeting to review and report back to the Sustainable Santa Fe Commission.

Mr. Robb Hirsch: Social Equity

Meeting was held to discuss the main issues; feedback is to help support the city so they can have a reliable funding source for all of these initiatives. Mr. Hirsch welcomes anything that we can do to be supportive of that; one element is engaging our community on these issues so

constituency is being heard. The survey has been an excellent tool for strategy and cost. Our Chair has put up almost half the cost of the survey and we need a matching supporter for this environmental stewardship endeavor. Meeting opportunities will continue with others to solicit support. The Chair noted that we are looking for a \$10,000 match.

Mr. Hirsch: The group still feels importance for the immediate fiscal year to not cut the bus service in low income areas, pilot some weatherization support, etc. If there is a way to support the rental assistance program for low income families that would help minimize the transport need. Another of the issues is not to consolidate the transportation system and keep it with the city. These are some samples of the issues.

Commissioner Holian

Water Sub-Committee; we have not convened a smaller sub-group. The Jemez/Sangre Water Plan is being worked on and it includes about 150 people, not only city and county but a broader population. This larger effort could be incorporated in to the 25-year sustainable plan or we could take it out of that plan if that would meet the needs of the Sustainable Santa Fe Plan. Next meeting is May 23rd and hopes are to have a good final draft by the beginning of June. The Commissioner offered to make a presentation to the Sustainable Santa Fe Commission and get input before the Jemez/Sangre Water Plan is finalized. The Commissioner is also coordinating a workshop and invited anyone who can talk about water topics, i.e., for example taking water from egg to use in the cities, should that be our principle or not. She would also like to talk about the whole issue of Regionalization. We share one main watershed; we need to have everyone understand that we need to keep that watershed healthy. Once the details are more formalized, Commissioner Holian will invite and provide additional information to the Sustainable Santa Fe Commission. Ms. Hatherly offered to help Commissioner Holian.

Food Group: Commissioner Holian has not created a separate sub-group as the Food Policy Group is very inclusive of the same topics discussed. Santa Fe County has arranged for 5 kick-off meetings to get people in who are involved with Agriculture and get them to talk about how we bring agriculture back in to our areas. We still have a lot of farmland in this area, and farmlands have water rights. Unfortunately that land is not being farmed; how do we make that happen? At a recent meeting in Pojoaque some of the questions/comments were; we need to create a resource plan, how do we hook up the schools with some of the farmers, i.e., growing carrots and more. There is a lot to be said about “low tech” agriculture, we use to grow everything. There are aging community members that own the farming land but can’t farm any longer. Mid Region Council of Governments has created the land-link program to link the elders with the young population who want to farm the land. Mr. Ciano said he can help with connecting these two populations. The Chair asked the members to come to the Agricultural meetings sponsored by Santa Fe County. It was noted that these initial meetings are to scope out the questions and to get back to hearing from our constituents, “how can we feed ourselves?”

Environmental Protection and Restoration Working Group Committee – The Chair and Mr. Alejandro held a meeting on April 5, 2016 which resulted in a positive outcome with various attendees. It was noted that there is a need to have representation from the Watershed in the group. They talked about carbon sync, about categories and what should and should not be included. There was a lot of conversation of root causes and eco systems amongst other things. It resulted in coming up with a plan to do a visioning session to look at the conditions we want in 2040 regarding environmental issues. What are the indicators of progress that need to pair up with the other areas. Next meeting will be very interesting and it could be replicated in other Committees. Next meeting is May 2nd, 11 – 1 pm. (Exhibit B)

H. ITEMS FROM THE CHAIR & CO-CHAIR

Chair: RFP Process

Mr. Alejandro informed the Commission that they have received 7 proposals and the Screening Committee is in process of evaluating and scoring them. The hopes are to have them completed by middle of next week and have a selection by end of next week. If the score is close, the Selection Committee can bring the applicant in for interviews. Once the process is all complete, recommendations go to the Governing Body for approval. The hopes would be to have someone on line by end of May or first part of June, 2016 to start the collaboration process. Mr. Alejandro will look in to when the names of the applicants can be shared with the Commission members.

The Chair, together with a Nuclear Physicist friend of hers are putting together 5-minute sound bites on solar science, carbon science and have come with 3 or 4 briefs. She would like feedback if they should be on public radio or TV and website. These are audio tapes with power point takes to help educate the public about the science side of things. The Chair will ask if they can be shared at this point. Santa Fe County would like to have them as well.

I. ITEMS FROM COMMISSIONERS

Christian Casillas informed the Commission members about his collaboration with teachers from Monte del Sol Charter School for Earth Day on May 11th. There will be 11th and 12th graders that will be brainstorming ideas on what would help the city with carbon neutrality by 2040. Request to Commission members is if anyone from the Commission or work groups would be willing to be there (from 12-2:30 pm) and be subject matter experts and give advice to the students and be a judge on the proposals that these groups issue. One of the two top proposal student winners could be invited to the next Sustainable Santa Fe Commission meeting on May 18th and share one or two of their proposals.

J. ITEMS FROM STAFF

Thank you to Councilor Harris for coming to the meeting and supporting the Commission.

Adam Schlachter from Solid Waste reported that as part of the Joint Powers Board – you can bring all of your waste for free, no fee assessed.

Earth Care and Master Gardner’s got together to kick off Compost Day – we will be offering a discount for backyard compost bins. Distribution on August 27th.

K. ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC

Councilor Harris would like to be on the distribution list and continue to keep up with the Commission, participate and advocate. Councilor Harris was a strong advocate before the City Council on the approved resolution which focused on Arts Plus Creativity Center, this is a commitment to donate or contribute 5 acres to the Interface Group. The Councilor proposed some amendments on finances and density and stated that we need to get the most value for our money. Councilor Harris issued an amendment that there be goals consistent with the Sustainable Santa Fe Commission. After a lot of discussion we ended up with a smaller scale not specific to renewable energy. Once the resolution is ready for distribution, Mr. Alejandro

will share with the Commission as it pertains strongly to working with this group. Councilor Harris will be meeting with Dan Worwith and invited John Alejandro to attend.

Councilor Harris met with Presbyterian Health Care Services to talk about their proposed new hospital. (District 4) He did mention Sustainable Santa Fe and was pleased to hear about their plans. The Chair has also met with PHS to promote renewable energy. One of the thoughts is to sit down with them and discuss reasonable cost estimates, as a non-profit they were not aware that they could sell solar credits. Future meeting would be extremely helpful. It was also recommended that they go for LEED certification. PHS is happy to be here and very open to innovation.

Teijinder Ciano asked if there is any way to guarantee that the recycling and waste management plan is in effect. Councilor Harris said he would talk about this tomorrow at the Solid Waste meeting and get back to the Commission.

Seth Roffman – Noted that there is a comprehensive view on water issues in the Green Fire Times issue this month.

Mr. Spangenberg from SFCC suggested that polling be done with the students. They continue to be trained; they will stay in Santa Fe and buy in to the Sustainability Plan. The Chair commented on the random sample and noted that polling doesn't keep us from going to students, La Familia or other places. We are looking for a base line of thinking in the community to begin introducing the issues and to understand the priorities. We need a good sample of the entire population to know where our community is.

Mr. Alejandro reiterated that we are interested in all of those things and we are interested in what they don't know.

L. ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

Invite Santa Fe Food Policy Director Morgan Day to next meeting.
Invite Erin Ortigoza, Santa Fe County Community Planner to next meeting.
Invite Ag Group to next meeting.
Proposal and information for Sustainable Santa Fe Awards to come back to the Commission members for discussion.

M. NEXT MEETING

May 18, 2016

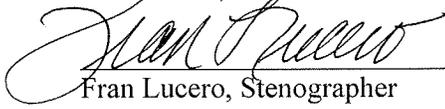
N. ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the Sustainable Santa Fe Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 6:20 pm.

Santa Fe Sustainable Santa Fe Commission

Signature Sheet:

Beth Beloff, Chair



Fran Lucero, Stenographer

City of Santa Fe, New Mexico

memo

Date: May 3, 2016

To: Mayor Javier M. Gonzales
Members of the Governing Body

Via: Matt Ross, Public Information Officer 

From: Chris Sanchez, Youth and Family Services Division Director
Alexandra Ladd, Housing Special Projects Manager
John Alejandro, Renewable Energy Planner
Zack Quintero, Economic Development Specialist

Re: Resolution and FIR to Create the Verde Fund

ACTION REQUESTED

Consider approval of the attached resolution, which creates the Verde Fund to combat poverty and mitigate the impacts of climate change in the community.

BACKGROUND

Poverty and climate change present major threats to the economic, social, and environmental sustainability of the City of Santa Fe. They are policy challenges the city has a clear interest in solving, to promote social justice and equity, economic success, and public health and wellbeing. And the longer they go unaddressed the more difficult and expensive they will become to solve.

The Children, Youth and Families Community Cabinet, the Children and Youth Commission and the Human Services Committee are working in targeted ways to help families escape poverty, receive an education and join the workforce successfully. The Climate Action Task Force and the Sustainable Santa Fe Commission have set as our goal and are putting together a strategy to help us get to Carbon Neutrality by the year 2040.

The attached resolution begins by acknowledging the problems and their interrelated nature, and proposes a unified approach – a fund backed by city revenue that would invest, and leverage private investment, in projects that combat poverty and help increase our resiliency in the face of climate change.

City of Santa Fe, New Mexico

memo

ITEM AND ISSUE

The resolution directs the City Manager to draft a plan to create and implement the fund according to a set of best practices, complete with pro forma financial statements, clear goals and metrics for performance, and identification of potential private and public sector partners for collaboration, among other things.

The City Manager would then present his findings for Governing Body discussion and approval in a public hearing, giving the public the opportunity to weigh in on the investment.

As initial revenue the fund would receive, under the substitute resolution as drafted, \$300,000 in unbudgeted excess land use permit fees the Land Use Department is expecting to receive in fiscal year 2016/17. Any allocation to the Verde Fund would not occur until the fees are in hand and other priority allocations have been made.

The City Manager is further directed to identify possible sources for recurring funding in ensuring years, as the land use permit fees are a one-time source of initial funding to establish the Verde Fund and for use as leverage to secure additional funding from other sources.

As a budget line item, the Verde Fund is automatically subject to annual re-evaluation and re-approval as part of the budget discussions, giving the Governing Body significant oversight and ability to monitor the performance of the fund against the metrics set out by the City Manager.

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CITY OF SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

RESOLUTION NO. 2016-__

INTRODUCED BY:

Mayor Javier M. Gonzales

A RESOLUTION

ESTABLISHING THE VERDE FUND TO REDUCE SYSTEMIC POVERTY, ACHIEVE CARBON NEUTRALITY, AND EMPOWER SANTA FE’S WORKFORCE; AUTHORIZING THE ONE-TIME APPROPRIATION OF \$300,000 OF UNBUDGETED EXCESS LAND USE PERMIT FEES [~~5% OF THE ¼% GRT EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2017~~]; DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO PRESENT A PLAN TO THE GOVERNING BODY ON STEPS TO IMPLEMENT THE VERDE FUND [~~WITHIN 90 DAYS~~]; AND ALLOWING FOR A PUBLIC HEARING TO MAKE DESIRED CHANGES TO THE PLAN AND APPROVE AS MODIFIED.

WHEREAS, systemic poverty and climate change are two of the greatest threats to Santa Fe’s long-term sustainability and prosperity; and

WHEREAS, Santa Fe is a desert community, adversely affected by climate change that leads to less water, drier land, and an increased vulnerability to devastating forest fires; and

WHEREAS, New Mexico is also one of the poorest states in the country, and despite its relative prosperity, Santa Fe is no exception: 38% of households in Santa Fe were “cost

1 burdened” in 2014, paying more than 30% of their income on housing; the City of Santa Fe has a
2 17.9% poverty rate; 70.7% of students in Santa Fe public schools are income-eligible for free or
3 reduced price meals; 13.5% of Santa Fe County residents and 23.9% of Santa Fe County children
4 are food-insecure; and Santa Fe County has an overall poverty rate of 14.2%, and a poverty rate
5 of 21% for children under the age of 18; and

6 **WHEREAS**, the United Nations Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change has stated
7 repeatedly in climate studies that the poor and underemployed will feel the impacts of climate
8 change the most; and

9 **WHEREAS**, the Governing Body has taken steps to make fighting poverty and climate
10 change a top priority; and

11 **WHEREAS**, the Children, Youth and Families Community Cabinet, the Climate Change
12 Task Force have generated a range of ideas to address poverty and climate change; and

13 **WHEREAS**, the Children and Youth Commission and the Sustainable Santa Fe
14 Commission advise the City on programmatic ideas to address poverty and climate change; and

15 **WHEREAS**, the Children, Youth and Families Community Cabinet, the Climate Action
16 Task Force, the Children and Youth Commission, and the Sustainable Santa Fe Commission have
17 brought together and are composed of community members, city staff, financial experts,
18 education professionals, sustainability experts, private foundations, and social services advocates;
19 and

20 **WHEREAS**, the Governing Body desires to in fund a program that quickly, efficiently,
21 and effectively combats poverty, mitigates the impact of climate change, and promotes economic
22 and environmental resiliency; and

23 **WHEREAS**, such a fund would permit further investment of public resources to leverage
24 private and non-profit sector involvement; and

25 **WHEREAS**, such a fund can provide for net-zero carbon emission housing, residential

1 and commercial energy-efficiency retrofits, environmental remediation, workforce training, and
2 economic development related to sustainability; and

3 **WHEREAS**, a recurring funding source is desirable to leverage ongoing private and
4 public sector investment and maximize the benefit to the community; and

5 **WHEREAS**, such a fund shall be structured to ensure proper transparency and oversight
6 of spending by the Finance committee, a targeted approach to programs, and data-driven metrics
7 to measure success.

8 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE**
9 **CITY OF SANTA FE** that the Verde Fund is hereby created, with the following stated goals:

- 10 1. Reduce systemic poverty throughout the city;
- 11 2. Achieve carbon neutrality in the city by 2040; and
- 12 3. Promote workforce empowerment and create opportunity for the under-
13 employed.

14 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Governing Body authorizes [~~an appropriation~~
15 ~~to the Verde Fund of five percent (5%) of the one quarter percent (¼%) Municipal Gross~~
16 ~~Receipts Tax rate approved by Ordinance 2016-15, beginning January 1, 2017]~~ the one-time
17 appropriation of \$300,000 to the Verde Fund from unbudgeted excess land use permit fees for
18 Fiscal Year 2016/17.

19 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the City Manager shall develop, in consultation
20 with the Sustainable Santa Fe Commission, a plan to implement the Verde Fund and present it to
21 the Governing Body [~~within 90 days of the effective date of this resolution]~~ for consideration in a
22 public hearing. Such plan shall, at a minimum:

- 23 1. Define the mission and initial goals of the Verde Fund;
- 24 3. Develop action plans to achieve stated goals;
- 25 4. Establish metrics to measure success;

- 1 5. Identify potential private, non-profit, and public sector partners; and
- 2 6. Produce financial feasibility assessment and pro forma financial statements, and
- 3 identify possible city sources to provide recurring funding for ensuing years.

4 ~~[BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Governing Body shall consider the plan in a~~
5 ~~public hearing, make desired changes, and approve the plan for implementation as modified.]~~

6 PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this _____ day of _____, 2016.

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8 JAVIER M. GONZALES, MAYOR

9 ATTEST:

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11 _____
12 YOLANDA Y. VIGIL, CITY CLERK

13 APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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15 _____
16 KELLEY A. BRENNAN, CITY ATTORNEY

**City of Santa Fe
Fiscal Impact Report (FIR)**

This Fiscal Impact Report (FIR) shall be completed for each proposed bill or resolution as to its direct impact upon the City's operating budget and is intended for use by any of the standing committees of and the Governing Body of the City of Santa Fe. Bills or resolutions with no fiscal impact still require a completed FIR. Bills or resolutions with a fiscal impact must be reviewed by the Finance Committee. Bills or resolutions without a fiscal impact generally do not require review by the Finance Committee unless the subject of the bill or resolution is financial in nature.

Section A. General Information

(Check) Bill: _____ Resolution: X

(A single FIR may be used for related bills and/or resolutions)

Short Title(s): A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING THE VERDE FUND TO REDUCE SYSTEMIC POVERTY, ACHIEVE CARBON NEUTRALITY, AND EMPOWER SANTA FE'S WORKFORCE; AUTHORIZING THE APPROPRIATION OF 5% OF THE ¼% GRT EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2017; DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO PRESENT A PLAN TO THE GOVERNING BODY ON STEPS TO IMPLEMENT THE VERDE FUND WITHIN 90 DAYS; AND ALLOWING FOR A PUBLIC HEARING TO MAKE DESIRED CHANGES TO THE PLAN AND APPROVE AS MODIFIED.

Sponsor(s): Mayor Gonzales

Reviewing Department(s): Housing and Community Development

Persons Completing FIR: Zackary Quintero/Alexandra Ladd Date: 4/21/15 Phone: x6042/ x6346

Reviewed by City Attorney: Kelly A. Brunner Date: 5/3/16
(Signature)

Reviewed by Finance Director: [Signature] Date: 5-3-2016
(Signature)

Section B. Summary

Briefly explain the purpose and major provisions of the bill/resolution:

This resolution establishes the Verde Fund within the City of Santa Fe with the goals of: reducing systemic poverty, addressing the 2040 carbon neutral goal, and promoting workforce empowerment. Staff will return with a report on how to implement and run the Verde Fund. An allocation of \$300,000 from unbudgeted excess land use permit fees will provide initial funding for FY 16/17. Thereafter, the City Manager is directed to identify possible recurring funding sources. This and other City investments in the Verde Fund shall be subject to Finance Committee review.

Section C. Fiscal Impact

Note: Financial information on this FIR does not directly translate into a City of Santa Fe budget increase. For a budget increase, the following are required:

- The item must be on the agenda at the Finance Committee and City Council as a "Request for Approval of a City of Santa Fe Budget Increase" with a definitive funding source (could be same item and same time as bill/resolution)
- Detailed budget information must be attached as to fund, business units, and line item, amounts, and explanations (similar to annual requests for budget)
- Detailed personnel forms must be attached as to range, salary, and benefit allocation and signed by Human Resource Department for each new position(s) requested (prorated for period to be employed by fiscal year)*

1. Projected Expenditures:

- Indicate Fiscal Year(s) affected – usually current fiscal year and following fiscal year (i.e., FY 03/04 and FY 04/05)
- Indicate: "A" if current budget and level of staffing will absorb the costs
"N" if new, additional, or increased budget or staffing will be required
- Indicate: "R" -- if recurring annual costs
"NR" if one-time, non-recurring costs, such as start-up, contract or equipment costs
- Attach additional projection schedules if two years does not adequately project revenue and cost patterns
- Costs may be netted or shown as an offset if some cost savings are projected (explain in Section 3 Narrative)

Finance Director: _____

_____ Check here if no fiscal impact

Column #:	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
	Expenditure Classification	FY <u>16/17</u>	"A" Costs Absorbed or "N" New Budget Required	"R" Costs Recurring or "NR" Non-recurring	FY <u>17/18</u>	"A" Costs Absorbed or "N" New Budget Required	"R" Costs – Recurring or "NR" Non-recurring	Fund Affected

Personnel*	\$ _____	_____	_____	\$ _____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Fringe**	\$ _____	_____	_____	\$ _____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Capital Outlay	\$ _____	_____	_____	\$ _____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Land/ Building	\$ _____	_____	_____	\$ _____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Professional Services	\$ _____	_____	_____	\$ _____	_____	_____	_____	_____
All Other Operating Costs	\$300,000	N	NR	\$ _____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Total:	\$300,000			\$ _____				

* Any indication that additional staffing would be required must be reviewed and approved in advance by the City Manager by attached memo before release of FIR to committees. **For fringe benefits contact the Finance Dept.

2. Revenue Sources:

- a. To indicate new revenues and/or
- b. Required for costs for which new expenditure budget is proposed above in item 1.

Column #:	1	2	3	4	5	6
	Type of Revenue	FY _____	"R" Costs Recurring or "NR" Non-recurring	FY _____	"R" Costs – Recurring or "NR" Non-recurring	Fund Affected

_____	\$ _____	_____	\$ _____	_____	_____	_____
_____	\$ _____	_____	\$ _____	_____	_____	_____
_____	\$ _____	_____	\$ _____	_____	_____	_____
Total:	\$ _____		\$ _____			

3. Expenditure/Revenue Narrative:

Explain revenue source(s). Include revenue calculations, grant(s) available, anticipated date of receipt of revenues/grants, etc. Explain expenditures, grant match(s), justify personnel increase(s), detail capital and operating uses, etc. (Attach supplemental page, if necessary.)

The request is for a one-time appropriation of \$300,000 to a newly created Verde Fund from unallocated revenues that are projected to come into the General Fund from higher than normal Land Use Review and Permit fees. Thereafter, the City Manager is directed to identify possible sources to provide recurring funding for the Verde Fund.

Section D. General Narrative

1. Conflicts: Does this proposed bill/resolution duplicate/conflict with/companion to/relate to any City code, approved ordinance or resolution, other adopted policies or proposed legislation? Include details of city adopted laws/ordinance/resolutions and dates. Summarize the relationships, conflicts or overlaps.

None identified.

2. Consequences of Not Enacting This Bill/Resolution:

Are there consequences of not enacting this bill/resolution? If so, describe.

The goal of the Verde Fund is to address several linked issues through one financing mechanism. If not approved, the City would not have a single avenue through which to tackle the issues of poverty, carbon neutrality, and workforce empowerment.

3. Technical Issues:

Are there incorrect citations of law, drafting errors or other problems? Are there any amendments that should be considered? Are there any other alternatives which should be considered? If so, describe.

None identified.

4. Community Impact:

Briefly describe the major positive or negative effects the Bill/Resolution might have on the community including, but not limited to, businesses, neighborhoods, families, children and youth, social service providers and other institutions such as schools, churches, etc.

The impact of the Verde fund has the potential to increase Santa Fe's preparedness and resilience to climate change, improve the transition to energy sustainability, help fight systemic poverty, improve the skillsets and profile of Santa Fe's workforce, and foster long term economic mobility. This would positively benefit all facets of society and business in Santa Fe, especially for those with inequitable access to resources and community amenities.
