

1 **CITY OF SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO**

2 **RESOLUTION NO. 2010-53**

3 **INTRODUCED BY:**

- 4
- 5 Mayor Coss
- 6 Councilor Dominguez
- 7 Councilor Wurzbarger
- 8 Councilor Trujillo

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10 **A RESOLUTION**

11 **DIRECTING FINANCE STAFF TO EVALUATE AVAILABLE OPTIONS FOR THE**  
12 **ONGOING FINANCING OF PARKS, OPEN SPACE, TRAILS AND RECREATIONAL**  
13 **FACILITY PROJECTS.**

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15 **WHEREAS**, the city of Santa Fe maintains 1,212 acres of developed parkland which  
16 includes medians, arterial landscapes and walkways, and conservation easements; and

17 **WHEREAS**, this includes Neighborhood Parks, Regional Parks, Community Parks,  
18 Pocket Parks, Open Space Parks, and Special Use Parks which together constitute the  
19 approximately 59 parks and recreational facilities as well as the municipal golf course  
20 maintained by the Parks Division; and

21 **WHEREAS**, there are approximately 5,938 acres of undeveloped parkland; and

22 **WHEREAS**, the city of Santa Fe maintains approximately 102 miles of trails; and

23 **WHEREAS**, the city of Santa Fe is charged with maintaining these parks, trails, and  
24 open spaces, and other similar facilities that may be acquired or developed in the future, in a  
25 manner that protects the health, safety, and welfare of all those who use these facilities; and

1           **WHEREAS**, the governing body passed Resolution No. 2001-80 adopting the *City of*  
2 *Santa Fe Parks, Open Space, Trails, and Recreation Master Plan*; and

3           **WHEREAS**, the governing body recognizes that significant resources are needed to  
4 implement the *Parks, Open Space, Trails, and Recreation Master Plan*; and

5           **WHEREAS**, the Parks Division has developed, through strategic planning, a plan that  
6 will insure that the parks, trails, and other open spaces will receive adequate care and  
7 maintenance; and

8           **WHEREAS**, Section 3-30-5 NMSA 1978 allows the issuance of bonds for the purpose of  
9 securing funds for the building, beautifying and improving of public parks and for acquiring land  
10 or buildings for playgrounds, recreation centers and other recreational purposes and the  
11 equipment thereof; and

12           **WHEREAS**, on March 4, 2008, city of Santa Fe voters approved the issuance of general  
13 obligation recreational purpose bonds up to \$30,300,000 to acquire land for, and to improve,  
14 public parks, trails and open space for recreational purposes; and

15           **WHEREAS**, as of May 2010, the city has completed various projects and spent \$8.5M of  
16 the general obligation bond on park and facility improvements; staff anticipates the completion of  
17 the facility improvements by the end of 2010 and the park improvements by the fall of 2011; and  
18 staff anticipates the first trail expenditures in the beginning of fiscal year 2010/11; and

19           **WHEREAS**, the Governing Body desires to continue building, beautifying and  
20 improving city parks, trails and open space and recognizes the need to secure future funding; and

21           **WHEREAS**, future funding is also necessary for securing permanent park maintenance  
22 workers and workforce training for the continuing maintenance of parks and trails improvements.

23           **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE**  
24 **CITY OF SANTA FE** that Finance staff is directed to evaluate available options for the ongoing  
25 financing of parks, open space, trail and recreational facility projects.

