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CITY OF SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

RESOLUTION NO. 2011-66

INTRODUCED BY:

- Councilor Dominguez
- Councilor Wurzbarger
- Councilor Calvert
- Councilor Bushee
- Councilor Romero
- Councilor Trujillo

A RESOLUTION

DIRECTING STAFF TO PREPARE AMENDMENTS TO LOCAL PREFERENCE SECTION 15.4 OF 2011 EDITION OF THE CITY OF SANTA FE PROCUREMENT CODE; AND DIRECTING STAFF TO PREPARE AMENDMENTS TO THE PROCUREMENT CODE TO ESTABLISH VETERAN’S PREFERENCE FOR NEW MEXICO VETERANS.

WHEREAS, the Governing Body anticipates the issuance of a GRT Bond in the amount of \$20,000,000 and a GO Bond in the amount of \$30,000,000; and

WHEREAS, by issuing such bonds the City would have the ability to fund capital improvement projects that will create jobs for the unemployed and underemployed residents of Santa Fe who work in the construction trades which will benefit the local economy in Santa Fe; and

WHEREAS, according to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, as of September 2011, the unemployment rate in Santa Fe is 6.6%; and

WHEREAS, because the national, state and local economy have been struggling to

1 recover from the recession over the last three years, local contractors and sub-contractors have
2 been unable to obtain work in the construction trades, and therefore, many Santa Fe residents who
3 work in the construction trades are either unemployed or underemployed to the detriment of the
4 local economy; and

5 **WHEREAS**, the Governing Body is interested in expanding the local preference
6 provisions in the Procurement Code, in particular Section 15.4, so that the City will have the
7 ability to give some local preference allowances to contractors, whose sub-contractors are local
8 sub-contractors, when bidding on the anticipated capital improvement projects funded by the
9 above referenced bond issues; and

10 **WHEREAS**, in addition to local preference amendments, the Governing Body
11 further desires to recognize the sacrifice of New Mexico resident veterans who have
12 served in active military service and who have been discharged under honorable
13 conditions from active service, as indicated by the person's United States Department of
14 Defense form DD-214 or by the commissioner of veterans affairs by establishing a
15 veteran's preference for New Mexico resident veteran-contractors and by establishing a
16 veteran's preference for contractors whose subcontractors are New Mexico resident
17 veterans, when bidding on anticipated capital improvement projects; and

18 **WHEREAS**, the purpose of this veteran's preference is to facilitate the transition
19 of veterans from military to civilian life, and to help compensate veterans for their
20 sacrifices, including but not limited to their sacrifice of health and time, to the state and
21 nation during their military service, as well as to enhance economic development within
22 the State and the City; and

23 **WHEREAS**, by expanding the opportunity for contractors, whose sub-contractors are
24 located within Santa Fe County, and for veterans who are contractors or whose sub-contractors

1 are veterans to obtain contracts for capital improvement projects, it is anticipated that the
2 unemployment or underemployment rate in Santa Fe will decrease and the local economy will
3 improve.

4 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE**
5 **CITY OF SANTA FE that** the Governing Body directs staff to prepare amendments to the City
6 of Santa Fe Procurement Code, including Section 15.4, so that contractors whose subcontractors
7 are businesses located in Santa Fe County are given a greater opportunity when bidding on City
8 capital improvement contracts and have the ability to employ the unemployed and
9 underemployed residents of Santa Fe who work in the construction trades. The amendments shall
10 include, but not be limited to the following concepts:

11 1. Determination of a local preference percentage for:

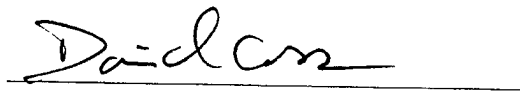
- 12 (a) Written quotes between the \$5,000-\$50,000 thresh hold;
- 13 (b) Contractors who hire sub-contractors whose businesses are located in
14 Santa Fe County; and
- 15 (c) Contractors that have outreach plans, policies and procedures in place
16 that promote the employment of the unemployed and underemployed
17 residents of Santa Fe who work in the construction trades.

18 2. Development of guidelines, training and pre-qualification meetings that will
19 assist local contractors and local sub-contractors in meeting pre-qualification requirements and
20 working together to bid on City capital improvement projects.

21 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that staff is directed to prepare amendments to the
22 Procurement Code to establish allowances for veteran's preference.

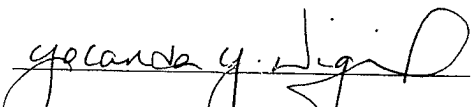
23 PASSED, APPROVED, and ADOPTED this 30th day of November, 2011.
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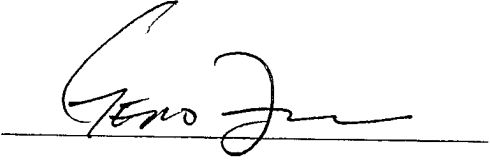


DAVID COSS, MAYOR

ATTEST:


YOLANDA Y. VIGIL, CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



GENO ZAMORA, CITY ATTORNEY