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CITY OF SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-__

INTRODUCED BY:

Councilor Renee Villarreal

A RESOLUTION

CHANGING THE START TIME OF AFTERNOON SESSIONS OF GOVERNING BODY MEETINGS TO 4:00 P.M. AND EVENING SESSIONS OF GOVERNING BODY MEETINGS TO 6:00 P.M. BEGINNING WITH THE AUGUST 12, 2020 MEETING AND CONTINUING THROUGH THE DECEMBER 9, 2020 GOVERNING BODY MEETING.

WHEREAS, since March 25, 2020, all public meetings for the City of Santa Fe (“City”), including Governing Body meetings, have been held virtually; and

WHEREAS, several Governing Body meetings have required the Governing Body to suspend their Procedural Rules to continue deliberations beyond the 11:30 p.m.; and

WHEREAS, several Evening Sessions of the Governing Body have started well past the 7:00 p.m. time stated in the posted agendas and the Governing Body’s Procedural Rules, requiring the public and staff to extend their attendance at meetings; and

WHEREAS, the City is facing a financial crisis that requires acute attention to spending; and

1 **WHEREAS**, staff attendance at Governing Body meetings beyond their normal 5:00
2 p.m. workday makes it difficult for staff to reduce their hours in compliance with the City-wide
3 furlough and negatively impacts the City management’s and Governing Body’s collective
4 attempts to reduce spending; and

5 **WHEREAS**, earlier meetings of the Governing Body meetings would assist the
6 implementation of the Furlough Bridge Plan, reduce potential overtime costs, and facilitate public
7 participation.

8 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE**
9 **CITY OF SANTA FE** that the Afternoon Session of Governing Body meetings will begin at
10 4:00 p.m. beginning with the Governing Body’s August 12, 2020 meeting and concluding with
11 the Governing Body’s December 9, 2020 meeting.

12 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Evening Session of Governing Body meetings
13 will begin at 6:00 p.m. beginning with the August 12, 2020 meeting and concluding with the
14 December 9, 2020 meeting.

15 PASSED, APPROVED, and ADOPTED this _____ day of _____, 2020.

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20 ALAN WEBBER, MAYOR

21 ATTEST:

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24 YOLANDA Y. VIGIL, CITY CLERK
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1 APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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4 ERIN K. McSHERRY, CITY ATTORNEY

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