

CITY of ALBUQUERQUE

TWENTY FIFTH COUNCIL

COUNCIL BILL NO. R-23-113 ENACTMENT NO. _____

SPONSORED BY: Isaac Benton

1 RESOLUTION

2 UPDATING THE 2014 RAIL YARDS MASTER PLAN WHICH PROVIDES THE
3 POLICY FRAMEWORK AND REGULATIONS TO GUIDE THE REDEVELOPMENT
4 OF THE RAIL YARDS SITE.

5 WHEREAS, the Rail Yards site is located on Tract A, Plat of Tract A,
6 AT&SF Railway Company Machine Shop, located on Second Street SW
7 between Cromwell Avenue SW and Hazeldine Avenue SW, and containing
8 approximately 27.3 acres; and

9 WHEREAS, the Rail Yards site is zoned Planned Development (PD) and
10 the Rail Yards Master Plan serves as the Site Plan – EPC, as required by the
11 PD zone in the Integrated Development Ordinance; and

12 WHEREAS, the Rail Yards site was purchased by the City in November
13 2007; and

14 WHEREAS, the City purchased the site in order to preserve the historic
15 structures and to facilitate redevelopment of the site; and

16 WHEREAS, the Rail Yards Master Plan was adopted in 2014; and

17 WHEREAS, in the nine years since the Master Plan was adopted there
18 have been numerous changes related to the site: the City has taken the role of
19 master developer, significant physical improvements have been made to the
20 north end of the site, and the Integrated Development Ordinance has been
21 adopted; and

22 WHEREAS, the Master Plan has been updated to reflect these changed
23 conditions, though no changes were made to the policy framework or the
24 regulatory entitlements; and

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1 WHEREAS, the Rail Yards Advisory Board met and reviewed the
2 updates four times in April 2022, June 2022, November 2022, and January
3 2023, and all meetings were open and advertised to the public; and

4 WHEREAS, Resolution 13-272 requires that the Environmental Planning
5 Commission (EPC) review and City Council approve the Rail Yards Master
6 Plan; and

7 WHEREAS, the EPC reviewed the update to the Rail Yards Master Plan
8 at the April 20, 2023 hearing and recommended approval; and

9 WHEREAS, the updates to the Rail Yards Master Plan continue to
10 further a preponderance of Comprehensive Plan Goals and Policies, and
11 continue to reflect the community’s vision for the preservation and
12 redevelopment of the Rail Yards site as articulated through the public
13 engagement that informed the creation of the 2014 Rail Yards Master Plan, and
14 the updates to the document ensure that the Rail Yards Master Plan continues
15 to be the guiding document for the redevelopment of the site.

16 **BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL, THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF**
17 **ALBUQUERQUE:**

18 **SECTION 1.** The 2014 Rail Yards Master Plan is hereby updated. The
19 updated 2023 Rail Yards Master Plan and its accompanying Site Plan and
20 Landscaping Plan are attached as Exhibit A to this bill.

21 **SECTION 2. SEVERABILITY CLAUSE.** If any section, paragraph,
22 sentence, clause, word or phrase of this resolution is for any reason held to be
23 invalid or unenforceable by any court of competent jurisdiction, such decision
24 shall not affect the validity of the remaining provisions of this resolution. The
25 Council hereby declares that it would have passed this resolution and each
26 section, paragraph, sentence, clause, word or phrase thereof irrespective of
27 any provisions being declared unconstitutional or otherwise invalid.

28 **SECTION 3. EFFECTIVE DATE.** This resolution shall take effect five days
29 after publication by title and general summary.

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