

CITY OF RATON
DOWNTOWN ACTION PLAN/METROPOLITAN REDEVELOPMENT AREA PLAN
Resolution No. 2015-45

MAKING CERTAIN FINDINGS AND DETERMINATIONS PURSUANT TO THE NM METROPOLITAN REDEVELOPMENT CODE, AND APPROVING THE RATON DOWNTOWN MASTERPLAN/METROPOLITAN REDEVELOPMENT AREA PLAN AND ESTABLISHING A TAX INCREMENT FINANCING DISTRICT.

WHEREAS, Section 3-60A-8 NMSA 1978 of the Metropolitan Redevelopment Code (Sections 3-60A-1 through 3-60A-48 NMSA 1978) states: "A municipality shall not prepare a metropolitan redevelopment plan for an area unless the governing body by resolution determine the area to be a slum or a blighted area, or a combination thereof, and designated the area as appropriate for a metropolitan redevelopment plan.", and

WHEREAS, the City of Raton ("City") and Raton MainStreet, and their employees, have for some time engaged in a study of blighted areas within the Downtown, and have submitted their findings and recommendations concerning the area detailed in the Designation Report, which was approved by the City Commission at the November 10, 2015 Commission Meeting as meeting as Resolution No. 2015-40; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 30-60A-8 NMSA 1978 of the Metropolitan Redevelopment Code, the Commission caused to be published in the Huerfano World Journal and Trinidad Chronicle New, a newspapers of general circulation, and a first class mailing to property owners within the Raton Downtown Master Plan/Metropolitan Redevelopment Area Plan (the "MRA Plan"), a notice containing a general description of the proposed MRA Plan and the date, time and place where the Commission will hold a public hearing to consider the adoption of this Resolution and announcing that any interested party may appear and speak to the issue of the adoption of this Resolution; and

WHEREAS, the area boundaries of the MRA Plan the Southern Boundary being the Centerline of Galisteo on the south, Centerline of Parsons Avenue to the north, the centerline of Third Street to the west and the property line of Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railway to the east as exhibited in the MRA Designation Report..

WHEREAS, the Commission has considered the findings and determinations of the MRA Plan and all comments made at the public hearing concerning the redevelopment projects which exist in the proposed MRA Plan.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMISSION,

1. The City Commission, after having conducted a public hearing pursuant to the Code, adopts the Raton Downtown Master Plan/Metropolitan Redevelopment Area Plan, as attached hereto and incorporated herein.

2: The MRA Plan is specifically included for purposes of Tax Increment Financing. This area is bounded by the centerline of Galisteo Avenue to the south, centerline of Parsons Avenue to the north, the centerline of Third Street to the west and the property line of Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railway to the east as exhibited in the MRA Designation Report..

3: The City Commission, after having conducted a public hearing pursuant to the Code, finds that:

- A. The MRA Plan proposes activities for the redevelopment of the area that will aid in the elimination and prevention of slum and blight; and
- B. The MRA Plan does not require the relocation of any families and individuals from their dwellings and a method for providing relocation assistance is not needed; and
- C. The MRA Plan conforms to and complements the City of Raton Comprehensive Plan; and
- D. The MRA Plan affords maximum opportunity consistent with the needs of the community for the rehabilitation for redevelopment of the Raton Downtown area by private enterprise or persons, and the objectives of the MRA Plan justify the proposed activities as public purposes and needs.

4: The City shall support efforts to establish development projects intended to make the area more pedestrian friendly and mixed in income and use, thus affording the opportunity for locally-owned small businesses to establish themselves; the City shall also support community education activities that broaden the local knowledge base and invite members from outside the immediate area to take part in these community education activities.

5: The City shall support these programs in providing technical assistance to local committees interested in developing mixed-use, mixed-income housing programs, and by providing technical assistance to businesses within the MRA Plan for the purpose of obtaining funding for redevelopment activities, and providing guidance and technical assistance to businesses wishing to open, operate and/or expand within the MRA Plan.

6: All Resolutions, or parts thereof, in conflict with this Resolution are hereby repealed; this repealer shall not be construed to revive any resolution, or part thereof, heretofore repealed.

7: If any section paragraph, sentence, clause, word or phrase of this Resolution is for any reason

held to be invalid or unenforceable by any court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining provisions of this Resolution. The commission hereby declares that it would have passed this Resolution and each section, paragraph, sentence, word or phrase thereof irrespective of any provisions being declared unconstitutional or otherwise invalid.

ADOPTED, PASSED, AND APPROVED, this 24th day of November, 2015.

James Neil Segotta Jr., Mayor pro-tem

ATTEST:

Tricia Garcia- City Clerk