RESOLUTION 26-XX

A RESOLUTION REGARDING A NEW MULTI-GENERATIONAL AREA, THE SPRING RIVER ZOO, ROSWELL ADULT CENTER, AND PEPPERMINT PARK

WHEREAS, the governing body of the City of Roswell, is duly elected to represent and address the needs of its residents; and

WHEREAS, a goal of the governing body is to sustain and enhance the public welfare through parks and other recreational facilities; and

WHEREAS, the City suffered catastrophic flooding in October 2024; and

WHEREAS, this flood caused the damage or destruction of numerous public facilities including, but not limited to:

- The Adult Center,
- The Roswell Convention Center,
- The Roswell Museum,
- The Parks Department administrative building,
- The Boy Scout Building,
- The Ponds at the Spring River Zoo and the Smith Bird Sanctuary; and

WHEREAS, it would be irresponsible to replace most of these facilities at their current locations as they are well within the flood plain; and

WHEREAS, the City lacks the financial capacity to replace all damaged or destroyed facilities and also fund the long staffing term and maintenance necessary for each facility; and

WHEREAS, the Spring River Zoo is constantly subject to increased regulation, aging facilities, and increasing costs for limited the remaining animals' care; and

WHEREAS, the City wishes all of its animals to live in more humane facilities; and

WHEREAS, the City finds it financially advantageous and desirable to combine multiple FEMA reimbursable projects in order to create a new Multi-Generational Facility that will enhance the public welfare and provide for new state of the art facilities on the east side of the City;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL, AS THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF ROSWELL, NEW MEXICO, that:

The City Manager is instructed to wind down operations of the Spring River Zoo by the end of FY27. In its place, the City Manager is instructed to provide a plan to the Governing Body for replacement of the Roswell Adult Center and other facilities at the location of the Spring River Zoo and old Peppermint Park utilizing available FEMA, state revolving loan funds, and Flood Bond funds, as necessary, for the betterment of Roswell consistent with, but not bound by Exhibit A.

PASSED, ADOPTED, SIGNED, and APPROVED ________, _____.

CITY SEAL

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Timothy Z. Jennings, Mayor

ATTEST

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Amalia Martinez, City Clerk