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Council Action and Executive Summary

Item # 14 Ordinance/Resolution# 14-115

For Meeting of _____
 (Ordinance First Reading Date)

For Meeting of January 6, 2014
 (Adoption Date)

Please check box that applies to this item:

QUASI JUDICIAL LEGISLATIVE ADMINISTRATIVE

TITLE: A RESOLUTION APPOINTING A BOARD MEMBER AND AN ALTERNATE TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL TRANSIT DISTRICT.

PURPOSE(S) OF ACTION:

Designate a replacement member and an alternate member to the SCRTD Board of Directors.

COUNCIL DISTRICT: ALL		
<u>Drafter/Staff Contact:</u> Tom Murphy	<u>Department/Section:</u> Community Development	<u>Phone:</u> 528-3225
<u>City Manager Signature:</u> 		

BACKGROUND / KEY ISSUES / CONTRIBUTING FACTORS:

The City of Las Cruces is a founding member of the South Central Regional Transit District (SCRTD). Its board position and alternate has been vacant since the last City election. The City's Transit Administrator has been serving as the official designee in the absence of an elected board official. However, pursuant to state law, an official designee on the SCRTD Board may not vote on financial matters for the district. The purpose of the SCRTD is to coordinate public transit services and connect all forms of existing and proposed surface transportation services among different levels of government and jurisdictions within Dona Ana, Sierra, and Otero Counties.

The purpose of this Resolution is to appoint Mayor Pro-Tem Smith as the representative to the SCRTD and Councillor Small as his alternate. Mayor Pro-Tem Smith has expressed an interest in serving in this role and Councillor Small is the City's current alternate on this board and this Resolution would have him continue in that role. This action is required by Resolution instead of Mayoral appointment since the contract for the SCRTD requires appointments to be done by an official action of the governing body.

SUPPORT INFORMATION:

1. Resolution.
- Rev. 02/2012

SOURCE OF FUNDING:

Is this action already budgeted? N/A	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	See fund summary below
	No	<input type="checkbox"/>	If No, then check one below:
	<i>Budget Adjustment Attached</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Expense reallocated from:
		<input type="checkbox"/>	Proposed funding is from a new revenue source (i.e. grant; see details below)
		<input type="checkbox"/>	Proposed funding is from fund balance in the _____ Fund.

Does this action create any revenue? N/A	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	Funds will be deposited into this fund: _____ in the amount of \$ _____ for FY _____.
	No	<input type="checkbox"/>	There is no new revenue generated by this action.

BUDGET NARRATIVE

N/A

FUND EXPENDITURE SUMMARY:

Fund Name(s)	Account Number(s)	Expenditure Proposed	Available Budgeted Funds in Current FY	Remaining Funds	Purpose for Remaining Funds
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

OPTIONS / ALTERNATIVES:

1. Vote "Yes"; this action approves the Resolution and appoints a board member and alternate to the Board of the SCRTD.
2. Vote "No"; this action does not approve the Resolution to appoint a board member and the City will not have an elected official on the SCRTD Board.
3. Vote to "Amend"; this could appoint a different board member and/or alternate and vote "Yes" to approve the modified Resolution.
4. Vote to "Table"; this could delay City representation on the SCRTD Board.

REFERENCE INFORMATION:

The resolution(s) and/or ordinance(s) listed below are only for reference and are not included as attachments or exhibits.

1. N/A

RESOLUTION NO. 14-115**A RESOLUTION APPOINTING A BOARD MEMBER AND AN ALTERNATE TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL TRANSIT DISTRICT.**

The City Council is informed that:

WHEREAS, the purpose of the City of Las Cruces participating in the South Central Regional Transit District is to provide all residents and visitors with a choice of transportation options to access the goods, services, and activities offered in the community; serve the residents and visitors of the City by continued participation in the Regional Transit District; and finance, plan, construct, operate, maintain, and promote a regional public transit system; and

WHEREAS, the legislature of the State of New Mexico has passed, and the Governor has signed into law, the "Regional Transit District Act;" and

WHEREAS, public transportation is a critical component of a multimodal transportation system, which improves access to education, healthcare, and jobs, and provide a foundation for New Mexico's economic prosperity; and

WHEREAS, a statewide connection of regional transit districts would improve local and state mobility, for residents of Las Cruces; and

WHEREAS, regional public transit would enable increased federal and state transit investment in New Mexico, while extending the life of existing roads and highways, thus protecting current and future investment in the State's transportation infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, multi-jurisdictional transportation systems would protect our environment and enhance energy efficiency, decrease congestion, decrease automobile accidents, reduce noise and air pollution, and improve public health; and

WHEREAS, regional transit districts function to coordinate public transit services and connect all forms of existing and proposed surface transportation services among different levels of government and jurisdictions; and

WHEREAS, in August of 2006, the governing body of the City of Las Cruces adopted Resolution 07-06 and joined as an original member of the South Central Regional Transit District.

NOW THEREFORE, Be it resolved by the governing body of the City of Las Cruces:

(I)

THAT the City of Las Cruces shall participate in the affairs of the district by appointing Mayor Pro Tem Greg Smith as its member of the Board of Directors of the South Central Regional Transit District and Councillor Nathan Small as its alternate.

(II)

THAT City staff is hereby authorized to do all deeds necessary in the accomplishment of the herein above.

DONE AND APPROVED this _____ day of _____, 20_____.

APPROVED:

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk

(SEAL)

VOTE:

Mayor Miyagishima: _____

Councillor Silva: _____

Councillor Smith: _____
Councillor Pedroza: _____
Councillor Small: _____
Councillor Sorg: _____
Councillor Levatino: _____

Moved by: _____

Seconded by: _____

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



City Attorney