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Council Action and Executive Summary

Item # 5 Ordinance/Resolution# 14-148

For Meeting of _____
 (Ordinance First Reading Date)

For Meeting of April 7, 2014
 (Adoption Date)

Please check box that applies to this item:

QUASI JUDICIAL LEGISLATIVE ADMINISTRATIVE

TITLE: A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE VALUE OF THE MISSION OF WHITE SANDS MISSILE RANGE.

PURPOSE(S) OF ACTION:

To support White Sands Missile Range.

COUNCIL DISTRICT: N/A		
<u>Drafter/Staff Contact:</u> Monica Campbell	<u>Department/Section:</u> Legal/City Attorney	<u>Phone:</u> 541-2128
<u>City Manager Signature:</u>		

BACKGROUND / KEY ISSUES / CONTRIBUTING FACTORS:

Since its beginning as the White Sands Proving Ground in 1945, the White Sands Missile Range ("WSMR") has had a unique configuration. It is a protected site which provides for testing the latest weaponry technology and delivers comprehensive training for those using that weaponry. Threats to our nation continue to make this technology necessary as a deterrent and for defense.

The employees at WSMR include persons from the three military branches as well as civilians who live and do business in the City of Las Cruces which significantly contributes to our local economy and activities.

The City Council supports the advances being made in alternative energy generation and transmission and also supports the value of the mission of WSMR. The currently proposed route of the SunZia energy transmission line may impact the mission of WSMR.

The City Council understands that appropriate compromises exist in New Mexico along Highway 60 and Highway 42 and associated transmission corridors that will maintain the security and value of the mission of WSMR while still allowing for transmission lines from alternative energy sources to cross near its boundaries.

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SUPPORT INFORMATION:

1. Resolution.

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 will indicate the City Council's support of the mission of White Sands Missile Range.
2. Vote "No"; this will indicate that the City Council does not support the mission of White Sands Mission Range.
3. Vote to "Amend"; this could include further direction to staff.
4. Vote to "Table"; this could delay indication of the City Council's support for the mission of White Sands Missile Range.

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REFERENCE INFORMATION:

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

N/A

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RESOLUTION NO. 14-148

A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE VALUE OF THE MISSION OF WHITE SANDS MISSILE RANGE.

The City Council is informed that:

WHEREAS, since its beginning as the White Sands Proving Ground in 1945, the White Sands Missile Range ("WSMR") has provided a uniquely configured and protected site for testing the latest weaponry technology and for the comprehensive training of those using that weaponry; and

WHEREAS, threats to our homeland continue to make this technology necessary as a deterrent and for defense; and

WHEREAS, the employees at WSMR include persons from the three military branches as well as civilians who live and do business in the City of Las Cruces which contributes significantly to our local economy and activities; and

WHEREAS, the City Council supports the value of the mission of WSMR; and

WHEREAS, the currently proposed route of the SunZia energy transmission line may impact the mission of WSMR; and

WHEREAS, the City Council supports the advances being made in alternative energy generation and transmission; and

WHEREAS, appropriate comprises exist in New Mexico along Highway 60, Highway 42 and associated transmission corridors that will maintain the security and value of the mission of WSMR while still allowing for transmission lines from alternative energy sources to cross near its boundaries.

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

(I)

THAT the City Council supports the maintenance of the current boundaries of WSMR and its extension areas, and recommends that any proposed impact to such boundaries be vetted with and supported by WSMR Command.

(II)

THAT the City Council supports the advances being made in alternative energy generation and transmission and encourages such efforts whenever feasible.

(III)

THAT if a compromise concerning the boundaries and the proposed route of the transmission line cannot be reached between SunZia and WSMR, the City Council supports the current WSMR extension areas being honored.

(IV)

THAT a copy of this resolution will be forwarded to each member of the New Mexico Congressional Delegation, to White Sands Missile Range Command, to SunZia and to other officials or entities designated by the City Council or City Manager.

(V)

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

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

APPROVED:

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk

(SEAL)

Moved by: _____

Seconded by: _____

VOTE:

Mayor Miyagishima: _____

Councillor Silva: _____

Councillor Smith: _____

Councillor Pedroza: _____

Councillor Small: _____

Councillor Sorg: _____

Councillor Levatino: _____

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



City Attorney