

RESOLUTION NO. 12-15

**RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WILLIAMS
ADOPTING THE WILLIAMS 2030 GENERAL PLAN**

WHEREAS, the City of Williams ("City") initiated a comprehensive update of the General Plan, the Williams 2030 General Plan ("Plan"), in 2009; and

WHEREAS, the City conducted an extensive public outreach process for the General Plan update to gain an understanding of the needs, desires, and concerns of the community; and

WHEREAS, the City Council appointed 15 residents to serve on a General Plan Advisory Committee which, over the course of 7 meetings, provided guidance and recommendations on key issues relating to the General Plan; and

WHEREAS, the City facilitated stakeholder group meetings and interviews with individuals throughout the community with wide-ranging interests as part of the outreach process to solicit input and ideas about key issues, the Downtown, land use alternatives and policy solutions; and

WHEREAS, for the community-at-large, the City held a community symposium on February 4, 2010 to provide information about the General Plan update and to solicit input on key issues and policy considerations; and

WHEREAS, input was solicited from the Native American Heritage Commission [need to complete the sentence] during the update process; and

WHEREAS, the City noticed and invited public participation at over 10 public meetings with the City Council, the Planning Commission, or joint meetings of both bodies to solicit comments and provide direction on visioning results, guiding principles, land use alternatives, key policies, the draft General Plan, the Environmental Impact Report, and adoption of the General Plan; and;

WHEREAS, the Plan includes all mandatory elements required by State law, along with an optional element--Public Facilities; and

WHEREAS, the Plan is a statement of community priorities to guide public decision-making, and provides a comprehensive, long-range, and internally consistent policy framework for the growth and preservation of Williams premised upon future housing and employment needs; and

WHEREAS, the Plan seeks to create a livable, healthy, and sustainable community that offers a high quality of life with a strong sense of community and place; and

WHEREAS, sustainability is an organizing principle of the Plan, which directs the City to consider the interdependent interests of protecting the environment, achieving a healthy economy, and promoting social equity in its future actions and programs; and

WHEREAS, the Plan identifies and promotes certain development patterns, including compact urban development, infill development and revitalization, mixed-use development, complete neighborhoods, and a variety of housing types; and

WHEREAS, the Plan seeks to preserve and enhance the City's older neighborhoods, promote economic development, protect sensitive environmental resources, and provide open space and parks; and

WHEREAS, an Environmental Impact Report ("EIR"), the Williams 2030 General Plan Update EIR, has been prepared for and by the City for the update of the Plan as defined in the EIR, pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") and CEQA Guidelines; and

WHEREAS, on June 4, 2012, the Planning Commission held a duly noticed public hearing, after a duly noticed and continued meeting held on May 29, 2012, to consider the Final EIR and the draft Williams 2030 General Plan, and, at the close of the continued hearing, made recommendations to the City Council to certify the Final EIR and to adopt the General Plan with revisions; and

WHEREAS, the City Council, at a duly noticed public hearing held June 20, 2012, considered the recommendations of the Planning Commission, and conducted a public hearing to consider testimony on the EIR and the General Plan; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has certified the EIR and made the findings regarding the environmental impacts of the Plan, including the adoption of a statement of overriding considerations in regard to those impacts which the EIR concluded would be significant and unavoidable.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that:

1. The City Council finds that:

- a. The Plan is a comprehensive update of the City's 1988 General Plan and provides the necessary framework for the long-range development of the City. The Plan establishes allowable uses of land and benefits the public welfare by providing housing and employment to accommodate anticipated future growth. The Plan balances growth and conservation in a manner that will result in reduced impacts on the environment, reduced contributions to global climate change, reduced reliance on oil and other fossil-fuel sources, and decreased consumption of natural resources.
- b. Prior to approving the Plan, the Council determined that the Environmental Impact Report (EIR), for the Plan was prepared, published, circulated and reviewed, and certified the EIR in accordance with the provisions of CEQA.
- c. Prior to approving the Plan, the Council considered certain significant unavoidable environmental impacts from implementing the Plan and adopted findings and a statement of overriding considerations regarding these significant impacts in accordance with the provisions of CEQA.
- d. The goals, policies, actions, maps, and diagrams of the Plan are internally consistent while providing a balance of land uses and policies designed to ensure future growth meets competing community goals. Based on issues identified and prioritized by the community, City staff, the General Plan Advisory Committee, Planning Commission, and City Council, the City conducted a multi-year planning process to define and consider a variety of issues addressed in the Plan. The two-and-a-half-year update process allowed for systematic decision-making in the development of policies and actions that are contained in the eight elements of the Plan.

2. The City Council hereby adopts the Williams 2030 General Plan, which is hereby incorporated by reference into this resolution.

On motion by Councilmember _____ and seconded by Councilmember _____, the foregoing resolution is hereby adopted on the following roll call vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Williams this 20th day of June, 2012.

John Troughton, Jr., Mayor

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Charles L. Bergson
City Clerk

Ann M. Siprelle
City Attorney