

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-20

ADOPTION OF THE CITY OF LOVINGTON 2015 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

WHEREAS, the comprehensive plan is a long-range policy guide to decisions about the physical development of the city, addressing: land use, transportation, community character, economic development, public facilities, utilities, housing, and implementation; and

WHEREAS, the comprehensive plan gives long-range and comprehensive context and support for the Infrastructure Capital Improvement Program, Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) infrastructure development grants, as well as other state and federal grants and loans that the city may apply for; and

WHEREAS, the City of Lovington adopted a comprehensive plan in 2003 that needed to be updated based on changes in the community, city priorities, and policy direction; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission of the City of Lovington is enabled through Section 3-19-9 NMSA 1978 to adopt a comprehensive plan which makes recommendations on a variety of subjects; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission believes that the plan is an essential document that will guide policy decisions and the allocation of financial and staff resources; and

WHEREAS, the City developed the 2015 Comprehensive Plan through a detailed review of the 2003 Comprehensive Plan, research and analysis of current demographic and socioeconomic information, various analyses of land use, streets, storm drainage, city facilities, parks, infrastructure, housing, and evaluation of the City zoning code; and

WHEREAS, on March 24, 2014, the City Commission approved Resolution 2014-11 to establish the Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee to help guide the development of the comprehensive plan;

WHEREAS, the Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee solicited input from stakeholders through an extensive public engagement process, which included two visioning meetings, ten focus groups, and receipt of public comment at five Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee meetings; and

WHEREAS, on February 10, 2015, the Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee recommended approval of the City of Lovington 2015 Comprehensive Plan with Addendum No. 1 to the Lovington Planning and Zoning Commission by a unanimous vote; and

WHEREAS, on February 17, 2015, the Lovington Planning and Zoning Commission and Lovington City Commission held a joint work session to discuss the plan and to solicit public comment on the City of Lovington 2015 Comprehensive Plan with Addendum No. 1; and

WHEREAS, on February 17, 2015, the Planning and Zoning Commission held a public hearing on the City of Lovington 2015 Comprehensive Plan with Addendum No. 1 and recommended approval of the plan to the City Commission by a unanimous vote; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission held a public hearing on February 23, 2015 to solicit public comment on the City of Lovington 2015 Comprehensive Plan with Addendum No. 1;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the governing body, the City Commission of the City of Lovington, New Mexico that:

1. The attached City of Lovington 2015 Comprehensive Plan with Addendum No. 1 is hereby adopted.
2. The comprehensive plan is a long-range policy guide to decisions about the physical development of the city.
3. This resolution supersedes Resolution No. 011303-01.

APPROVED THIS 23rd DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2015.