

1 **CITY OF SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO**

2 **RESOLUTION NO. 2020-__**

3 **INTRODUCED BY:**

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5 Councilor JoAnne Vigil Coppler

6 Councilor Renee Villarreal

7 Councilor Roman “Tiger” Abeyta

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10 **A RESOLUTION**

11 **RENAMING ALTO PARK THE RON SHIRLEY ALTO PARK.**

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13 **WHEREAS**, Resolution No. 2010-19 permits City-owned parks to be named after
14 community members who meet certain criteria; and

15 **WHEREAS**, those criteria include:

- 16 1. The individual must be deceased;
- 17 2. The individual must have made significant contributions to the community;
- 18 3. The individual must have been of high integrity and good moral character;
- 19 4. The individual must have been a resident of Santa Fe county or have a strong
20 connection to Northern New Mexico; and
- 21 5. The individual may have made charitable contributions of time or money either in
22 the past or in the present; and

23 **WHEREAS**, the Governing Body desires to name Alto Park after Ron Shirley; and

24 **WHEREAS**, Ron Shirley left this world on December 27, 2019 after a five-year long battle
25 with prostate cancer; and

1 **WHEREAS**, Ron was a former City of Santa Fe Parks and Recreation Director who joined
2 the department as a laborer before steadily climbing the ladder to eventually fill the highest
3 position; and

4 **WHEREAS**, Ron was highly regarded by staff and residents for his conscientious devotion
5 to the City and its parks and would never ask his employees to do something he hadn't done himself;
6 and

7 **WHEREAS**, before and after retirement, Ron volunteered countless hours to the City in
8 his work taking care of parks and being involved in various sports leagues, including coaching
9 football and girls basketball at Santa Fe High School; and

10 **WHEREAS**, former Police Chief Beverly Lennon described Ron as a director who "led
11 from the front", overseeing employees who could always be depended upon; and

12 **WHEREAS**, Ron understood how parks support youth programming, reduce crime, and
13 empower future leaders; and

14 **WHEREAS**, while Ron had one regret of not becoming a teacher, he nonetheless spent
15 countless hours both on and off the clock mentoring both employees and young athletes in the
16 community; and

17 **WHEREAS**, as Ron's wife, Margo, put it after his passing, "heaven is going to have
18 beautiful parks."

19 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE**
20 **CITY OF SANTA FE** that Alto Park is hereby renamed Ron Shirley Alto Park in recognition of
21 the contributions made by Ron Shirley

22 PASSED, APPROVED, and ADOPTED this _____day of _____, 2020.
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ALAN WEBBER, MAYOR

ATTEST:

YOLANDA Y. VIGIL, CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


ERIN K. McSHERRY, CITY ATTORNEY

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