



FRESNO COUNTY ZOO AUTHORITY

MEETING

9:00 AM, Wednesday, February 26, 2014

Fresno County Employees' Retirement Association

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ACTION SUMMARY MINUTES

1. Call to Order

VICE CHAIRMAN TOSTE CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 9:05 AM. A QUORUM OF MEMBERS OLIVER BAINES, JOHN GRAY, GERALD LYLES, KENT STRATFORD, RALPH WATERHOUSE, AND THE VICE CHAIRMAN WERE PRESENT. CHAIRMAN HERZOG WAS ABSENT.

2. Public Comments

This time is made available to receive comments from the public on matters within the Board's jurisdiction that are not on the Agenda. Attention is called to the fact that the Board is prohibited from taking any action on matters that are not on the Agenda. Members of the public are limited to three minutes to speak during Public Comments as well as for each item on the agenda. In order to accurately record the minutes, members of the public are asked to speak only from the podium. Before beginning comments, please state for the record your name and affiliation, if any.

COMMENTS WERE RECEIVED FROM CITIZENS JOAN LEROUX AND LISA FLORES.

3. Consent Agenda

These matters are routine in nature and are usually approved by a single vote. Prior to action by the Board, the public will be given the opportunity to remove any item from the Consent Calendar. Items removed from the Consent Calendar may be heard immediately following approval of the Consent Calendar.

A. Review and approve minutes of January 29, 2014

B. Review and approve payment of County of Fresno invoice for Professional and Specialized Services in the amount of \$5,590.43 for January 2014

C. Receive Treasurer's Report for January 2014

**TREASURER JEFF BLANKS REQUESTED THAT ITEM 3.C BE PULLED FOR DISCUSSION. ITEMS 3A AND 3B WERE APPROVED -- RW/JG
THE TREASURER DESCRIBED ADDITIONS TO THE REPORT NOW INCLUDED ON PAGES 4 THROUGH 6, AND ADDRESSED MEMBER LYLES' QUESTION REGARDING REVENUE PROJECTIONS. THE VICE CHAIR COMPLEMENTED MR BLANKS ON THE ENHANCEMENTS TO THE REPORT.
ITEM 3.C WAS APPROVED – JG/RW**

4. Receive Fresno Chaffee Zoo Director's Report

DIRECTOR SCOTT BARTON REPORTED ATTENDANCE WAS STRONG AND 10% OVER BUDGET PROJECTIONS. THE FOUR TIGER CUBS ARE DOING WELL, WILL HAVE VACCINATIONS IN TWO WEEKS, AND ARE EXPECTED TO BE OUTSIDE IN MID MARCH. THE FRESNO BEE IS COVERING THEM REGULARLY. THE ZOO IS PREPARING AN APPLICATION FOR AN AZA EXHIBIT AWARD FOR SEA LION COVE. AFRICA CONSTRUCTION HAS BEEN UNDER WAY FOR ABOUT TWO MONTHS, AND THE FAIR WEATHER HAS HELPED. HE WOULD LIKE TO REQUEST MARCH AND APRIL DATES TO HEAR THE ORDINANCE LANGUAGE.

COMMENTS WERE RECEIVED FROM CITIZENS LEROUX AND FLORES.

5. Receive Fresno Chaffee Zoo Finance Director's report

FINANCE DIRECTOR BRIAN GOLDMAN REPORTED THAT JANUARY ATTENDANCE IS USUALLY THE SLOWEST MONTH, BUT THIS YEAR HAS BEEN AS BUSY, OR BUSIER THAN SEVEN OUT OF TEN MONTHS LAST YEAR.

COMMENTS WERE RECEIVED FROM CITIZEN LEROUX

6. Approve revised 2014 meeting calendar and set new meeting date(s).

Reserved meeting dates March 12, 2014
April 30, 2014
May 28, 2014

**ZOO DIRECTOR BARTON ADDRESSED MEMBER LYLES' REQUEST FOR CLARIFICATION ON THE TIMELINE FOR THE APPROVAL OF MEASURE Z FOR THE NOVEMBER BALLOT. COUNSEL JANELLE KELLY ADVISED THE BOARD TO ADOPT THE CALENDAR AS THE REGULAR MEETING SCHEDULE, INCLUDING MARCH 12, AND TO CANCEL FUTURE MEETINGS, IF NEEDED.
APPROVED ADOPTION OF REVISED MEETING CALENDAR, INCLUDING MARCH 12, 2014 AS A REGULAR MEETING DATE. RW/KS**

COMMENTS WERE RECEIVED FROM CITIZEN FLORES.

7. Receive staff reports

COORDINATOR CATHY CROSBY INFORMED THE BOARD ABOUT THE LEGAL REQUIREMENT AND ESTIMATED COST FOR THE PUBLICATION OF A NOTICE IN THE FRESNO BUSINESS JOURNAL OF THE HEARING ON THE ORDINANCE FOR THE EXTENSION OF MEASURE Z. COUNSEL KELLEY RECOMMENDED THAT STAFF RETURN AT THE NEXT MEETING WITH AN AGENDA ITEM FOR THE BOARD TO CONSIDER COST ESTIMATES AND PUBLICATION OPTIONS. MEMBER GRAY STATED A

PREFERENCE FOR PUBLICATION IN THE FRESNO BEE; VICE CHAIRMAN TOSTE DID NOT SUPPORT PUBLISHING IN BOTH PAPERS, BUT STATED THE NEED TO MEET THE LEGAL REQUIREMENT AND GET THE WORD OUT TO AS MANY PEOPLE AS POSSIBLE.

COMMENTS WERE RECEIVED FROM CITIZEN FLORES.

8. Chair's comments

VICE CHAIRMAN TOSTE STATED HE HAD NO COMMENTS.

9. Board Member comments

MEMBER WATERHOUSE THANKED THE ZOO FOR THE STORY IN THEIR RECENT PUBLICATION ON THE LATE BATELEUR EAGLE, MARTHA, AND SAID HE HAD FOND MEMORIES OF HER. MEMBER GRAY ASKED TREASURER BLANKS ABOUT THE FLOW OF INFORMATION BETWEEN THE ZOO CORPORATION STAFF AND ZOO AUTHORITY STAFF. MR BLANKS STATED THE RELATIONSHIP WAS EXCELLENT, THERE WERE NO ISSUES, AND INFORMATION WAS RECEIVED IN A TIMELY MANNER.

10. Adjourn

WITH NO FURTHER BUSINESS BEFORE BOARD, THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 9:42 AM.

All supporting documentation is available for public review in the office of the Fresno County Zoo Authority, 2220 Tulare Street, 6th Floor, Fresno, 93721, during regular business hours.

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