



FRESNO COUNTY ZOO AUTHORITY MEETING

9:00 am, Wednesday, July 27, 2011

Fresno County Employees' Retirement Association

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ACTION SUMMARY MINUTES

1. Call to Order by Chairman Paul Clark

CHAIRMAN PAUL CLARK CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 9:09 AM. MEMBERS JOHN GRAY, GERALD LYLES, KENT STRATFORD, ASHLEY SWEARENGIN, PAUL TOSTE AND RALPH WATERSTON WERE ALSO PRESENT. MEMBER ASHLEY SWEARENGIN LEFT THE MEETING DURING ITEM 9. MEMBER STRATFORD LEFT THE MEETING DURING ITEM 13.

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. Time will be made available for comments from the public 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.

RECEIVED COMMENTS FROM CITIZEN JOAN LEROUX OF FRESNO, AND FRIENDS OF ROEDING PARK COUNSEL RICHARD HARRIMAN OF MODESTO. MEMBER SWEARENGIN STEPPED AWAY FROM THE DIAS AT 9:15.

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 Consent Calendar.

- A. Review and approve minutes of May 25, 2011
- B. Review and approve payment of County of Fresno invoice for Professional and Specialized Services in the amount of \$25,939.34 for May and June 2011

C. Approve Treasurer's Reports for May and June 2011

ITEMS 3A, 3B and 3C APPROVED, WITH CORRECTIONS NOTED TO ITEM 6 OF MAY 25, 2011 MINUTES – PT/GL; MEMBER SWEARENGIN RETURNED TO DIAS AT 9:19 AM

4. Fresno Chaffee Zoo reports
 - A. Receive financial reports for the months of May and June 2011
 - B. Receive Director's report on zoos not publicly supported
 - C. Receive Director's report on the City of Fresno's efforts regarding permission to make modifications to Roeding Park consistent with the California Outdoor Recreation Plan

FRESNO CHAFFEE ZOO DIRECTOR SCOTT BARTON PRESENTED THE FINANCIAL REPORTS, GAVE A BRIEF VERBAL REPORT ON ZOOS THAT DO NOT RECEIVE PUBLIC SUPPORT AND STATED HE WILL PROVIDE A WRITTEN REPORT AT THE NEXT MEETING; AND PROVIDED A LETTER FROM THE CALIFORNIA STATE DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION IN RESPONSE TO ITEM 4C.

AT 9:30 AM CHAIRMAN PAUL CLARK CALLED A 10 MINUTE RECESS. THE MEETING RESUMED AT 9:40 AM.

5. Adopt findings of Roeding Park Master Plan Environmental Impact Report (EIR) previously approved by the City of Fresno, June 30, 2011, and approve Resolution adopting the EIR findings.

ZOO AUTHORITY BOARD COUNSEL ZACH REDMOND PRESENTED HIS FINDINGS, LED THE DISCUSSION ON THE EIR AND DEFINED THE ZOO AUTHORITY BOARD'S ROLE REGARDING THE EIR AND CEQA COMPLIANCE. SPEAKING IN FAVOR OF THIS ITEM WERE CHAFFEE ZOO DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION ADRIAN CASTRO, 16-YEAR OLD VOLUNTEER JAROD PRICE, ZOO COUNSEL JOHN KINSEY, FRESNO CHAFFEE ZOO CORPORATION (FCZC) CHAIRMAN COLIN DOUGHERTY, FCZC BOARD MEMBER SHERRI RAINWATER, AND ZOO VOLUNTEER JACK TOLLIDAY. SPEAKING AGAINST WERE RICHARD HARRIMAN, AND JOAN LEROUX.

APPROVED – JG/RW; 6 AYES, 0 OPPOSED; MEMBER LYLES RECUSED HIMSELF FROM VOTING, STEPPED DOWN FROM THE DIAS AND RETURNED AFTER THE VOTE.

6. Discuss and approve Fresno Chaffee Zoo capital projects bid policy

DIRECTOR BARTON LED THE DISCUSSION. ALSO SPEAKING WERE CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY FORCE ACCOUNT COUNCIL CENTRAL REGION FIELD REPRESENTATIVE MICHELLE TUCKER, SEA LION COVE PROJECT MANAGER JOHN WHELESS OF J. R. FORREST & ASSOCIATES, AND BOARD COUNSEL ZACH REDMOND.

CONSENSUS OF THE BOARD WAS TO TAKE NO ACTION AT THIS TIME IN ORDER TO ALLOW COUNSEL TO REVIEW THE POLICY AND RETURN WITH OPTIONS AND APPROPRIATE ACTIONS FOR THE BOARD.

7. Sea Lion Cove

BEFORE DISCUSSION, MEMBER LYLES RECUSED HIMSELF FROM VOTING AND LEFT THE DAIS.

a. Approve Fresno's Chaffee Zoo Corporation capital projects contract and budget.

APPROVED – RW/AS; 4 AYES, 2 OPPOSED.

b. Approve Fresno's Chaffee Zoo Corporation capital projects budget of \$9,370,000 for construction of Sea Lion Cove.

APPROVED – RW/AS; 6 AYES , 0 OPPOSED.

c. Authorize Treasurer to re-encumber \$330,941.12 from 09-10 Capital Projects Sea Lion Cove budget

APPROVED – RW/AS; 6 AYES , 0 OPPOSED.

d. Approve Fresno's Chaffee Zoo Corporation request to increase 2011 capital projects budget appropriations by \$9,370,000

APPROVED – AS/RW; 6 AYES , 0 OPPOSED.

MEMBER STRATFORD LEFT THE DIAS AT 10:40 AM AND RETURNED AT 10:50.

MEMBER LYLES RETURNED AFTER THE VOTING AT 11:18 AM.

8. Africa Expansion

a. Approve Fresno's Chaffee Zoo Corporation request for \$150,000 to begin conceptual design.

b. Authorize Treasurer to establish Capital Projects budget for \$150,000 for Africa Expansion.

c. Approve Fresno's Chaffee Zoo Corporation request to increase 2011 capital projects budget appropriations by \$150,000

DIRECTOR BARTON LED THE DISCUSSION AND STATED HE WOULD PROVIDE A FULL PRESENTATION ON THE PROJECT, AND SUPERVISING ACCOUNTANT LAWRENCE SEYMORE WILL PROVIDE A PROJECTION OF EXPECTED FUNDS THROUGH THE END OF MEASURE Z AT THE NEXT MEETING.

8A-8C WERE CONSOLIDATED INTO ONE VOTE. APPROVED – GL/PT; 7 AYES, 0 OPPOSED.

9. Utility Improvements

a. Approve Fresno's Chaffee Zoo Corporation request for \$50,000 to begin design of zoo utility improvements, with initial priority for storm water and fiber projects, followed by water, electrical and sewer projects.

b. Authorize Treasurer to establish Capital Projects budget for \$50,000 for Utility improvements.

c. Approve Fresno's Chaffee Zoo Corporation request to increase 2011 capital projects budget appropriations by \$50,000.

DIRECTOR BARTON DESCRIBED THE NEED FOR IMPROVEMENTS AND ADDRESSED THE BOARD'S CONCERNS REGARDING COST SHARING AND WORKING WITH THE CITY ON PLANS. MR. HARRIMAN AND MS. LEROUX ALSO ADDRESSED THE BOARD.

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.

For further information, please contact Catherine Crosby, Zoo Authority Coordinator, at 600-4305, email zooauthority@co.fresno.ca.us, or visit www.zooauthority.org.

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