



FRESNO COUNTY ZOO AUTHORITY

MEETING

9:00 AM, Wednesday, October 29, 2014

Fresno County Employees' Retirement Association

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ACTION SUMMARY MINUTES

1. Call to Order

IN THE ABSENCE OF CHAIRMAN HERZOG, VICE CHAIRMAN TOSTE CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 9:00 AM. A QUORUM OF FOUR MEMBERS: JOHN GRAY, KENT STRATFORD, RALPH WATERHOUSE, AND THE VICE CHAIRMAN WERE PRESENT. MEMBERS GERALD LYLES AND OLIVER BAINES ARRIVED LATER.

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 ATTORNEY RICHARD HARRIMAN.

MEMBER GERALD LYLES ARRIVED AT 9:06, PRIOR TO VOTE ON THE CONSENT AGENDA.

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 August 27, 2014

b. Review and approve payment of County of Fresno invoice for Professional and Specialized Services in the amount of \$47,004.67 for August and September 2014

c. Receive Treasurer's Reports for August 2014, the Quarter ended September 30, 2014

ITEMS 3.a AND 3.b APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY – JG/GL ITEM 3.c WAS PULLED BY THE VICE CHAIRMAN FOR CLARIFICATION BY TREASURER JEFFREY BLANKS.

MEMBER OLIVER BAINES ARRIVED PRIOR TO THE VOTE ON ITEM 3.c.

ITEM 3.c APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY JG/GL

7:40

4. Receive Fresno Chaffee Zoo Director's Report
RECEIVED - DIRECTOR SCOTT BARTON REPORTED THAT ATTENDANCE WAS AHEAD OF LAST YEAR; ZOO BOO EVENING EVENTS WERE SUCCESSFUL; AFRICAN ADVENTURE CONSTRUCTION IS GOING WELL. HE ASKED FOR DIRECTION REGARDING THE USE OF THE PROJECT'S CAPITAL BUDGET FUNDS FOR THE TRANSPORTATION OF ANIMALS FOR THE EXHIBIT. HE EXPRESSED APPRECIATION TO THE AUTHORITY BOARD FOR THEIR HARD WORK. HE MENTIONED THE COMMUNITY'S POSITIVE RESPONSE AND THAT VISITORS COME FROM 47 STATES AND 15 COUNTRIES. HE DISPLAYED THE ASSOCIATION OF ZOOS AND AQUARIUMS 2014 TOP HONOR EXHIBIT AWARD FOR SEA LION COVE THAT WAS GIVEN SEPTEMBER 16TH IN ORLANDO FLORIDA. 11:56 HE RESPONDED TO MEMBERS' QUESTIONS ON THE MISREPRESENTED PROJECT COST STATEMENTS MADE BY DETRACTORS VERSUS ACTUAL APPROVED FUNDING. THE VICE CHAIRMAN POINTED OUT THAT CONTRACTS HAVE A GUARANTEED MAXIMUM PRICE, SO CANNOT GO OVER BUDGET. MEMBERS AND STAFF CONFIRMED THAT THE CAPITAL PROJECTS POLICY DOES ALLOW FOR ANIMAL ACQUISITION AND TRANSPORTATION.

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5. Receive Fresno's Chaffee Zoo Corporation Finance Director's report
RECEIVED - CFO GOLDMAN REPORTED THAT THE 2015 BUDGET IS BEING PREPARED FOR THE ZOOCORP FINANCE COMMITTEE AND SHOULD BE READY BY THE NEXT AUTHORITY BOARD MEETING. AS OF SEPTEMBER, ATTENDANCE IS 6% AHEAD OF BUDGET AND 2% AHEAD OF LAST YEAR. COMBO TICKETS THAT INCLUDE GIRAFFE AND STINGRAY FEEDING HAVE BEEN VERY POPULAR.

32:10

6. Receive update on Fresno's Chaffee Zoo Corporation 2014 Capital budget
RECEIVED - ZOO DIRECTOR BARTON REPORTED ON HIS CONCEPT FOR EXPENDITURES OF MEASURE Z FUNDS EXPECTED TO BE AVAILABLE, AND POSSIBLE CAPITAL PROJECTS FOR EACH YEAR FROM 2014 THROUGH 2020. MEMBER LYLES ASKED ABOUT PLANS FOR VACATED SPACES WITH THE OPENING OF AFRICAN ADVENTURE. MR. BARTON MENTIONED LOW COST SHORT- AND LONGER-TERM OPTIONS FOR POSSIBLY USING EXISTING FUNDS FOR TIGERS IN THE GIRAFFE AREA, A WALK-THROUGH KANGAROO EXHIBIT, AND ASIAN RHINOS IN THE ASIAN ELEPHANT EXHIBIT.

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7. Receive first draft of Fiscal Year 2013-14 annual report and provide direction to staff
RECEIVED - COORDINATOR CATHY CROSBY REPORTED THE PRESENTATION OF THE AUDIT WOULD BE AT THE NEXT MEETING ALONG WITH A FINAL DRAFT, AND THE COMPLETED REPORT COULD BE PRESENTED TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS IN JANUARY 2015.

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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