



FRESNO COUNTY ZOO AUTHORITY

ACTION SUMMARY MINUTES

9:00 AM, Wednesday, October 26, 2022

Fresno County Employees' Retirement Association

7772 N. Palm Ave. Fresno, CA 93711

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1. Call to Order
CHAIRMAN ROMAN CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 9:00AM.
2. Roll Call
A QUORUM WAS PRESENT WITH MEMBERS ROMAN, TOSTE, GARABEDIAN, HERZOG, WATERHOUSE IN ATTENDANCE.
3. Approve Agenda
4. Public Comments
This portion of the meeting is reserved for persons desiring to address the board 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. Before beginning comments, please state for the record your name and affiliation, if any
HELD. NONE RECEIVED
5. Approve Consent Agenda Items
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 September 28, 2022
 - b. Review and approve payment of County of Fresno invoice for Professional and Specialized Services in the amount of \$18,112.32 for services through September 2022
 - c. Receive Treasurer's Reports for the month of September 2022 and Quarter ending September 2022

MEMBER GARABEDIAN PULLED ITEM 5a FOR DISCUSSION. THE COORDINATOR DELETED ITEM 5c TO BRING BACK FOR THE BOARD AT A LATER DATE.

MEMBER HERZOG MOVED TO APPROVE THE REMAINING CONSENT ITEMS, SECONDED BY MEMBER TOSTE. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

MEMBER GARABEDIAN NOTED A CORRECTION TO THE SEPTEMBER 28, 2022 MEETING MINUTES. ITEM NO. 10 SHOULD READ THAT THE MOTION TO APPROVE MEASURE Z CAPITAL FUNDS INCLUDE REDUCING THE REQUESTED 15 PERCENT CONTINGENCY (CONSTRUCTION AND SOFT COST) TO 10 PERCENT, WHICH WOULD REDUCE THE TOTAL REQUEST IN CAPITAL FUNDS AS WELL. COORDINATOR STATED HE WOULD REVIEW THE MEETING RECORDING AND CORRECT THE MEETING MINUTES AS REQUESTED.

MEMBER GARABEDIAN MOVED TO APPROVE 5a WITH THE AFOREMENTIONED CORRECTION, SECONDED BY MEMBER HERZOG. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

6. Receive Fresno Chaffee Zoo Director's report
RECEIVED. CEO JON DOHLIN PROVIDED AN UPDATE ON ZOO PLEX. A BLUE-RIBBON CUTTING WILL BE SCHEDULED SHORTLY. PROVIDED AN UPDATE ON KINGDOMS OF ASIA.
7. Receive Fresno Chaffee Zoo Master Plan
RECEIVED. CEO PRESENTED THE MAJORITY OF THE PLAN. DUE TO A TECHNICAL ISSUE, THE PRESENTATION WAS CUT SHORT; THEREFORE, THE REPORT WILL BE CONTINUED DURING A FUTURE BOARD MEETING.
8. Receive Fresno Chaffee Zoo Corporation's August 2022 Year-to-Date Financial Report and September 2022 Early Insights
RECEIVED. CFO NORA CROW REPORTED ON AUGUST ATTENDANCE, SELF-GENERATED BUDGET, EXPENSES, OPERATING DEFICIT AND SURPLUS, AND NET SURPLUS. REPORTED ON YTD VARIANCE ANALYSIS VS. BUDGET, PER CAPITA SPENDING, AND THE BALANCE SHEET.
9. Receive and approve request from Fresno Chaffee Zoo Corporation to release remaining Measure Z budgeted funds from the Mixed Species Demo in the total amount of \$1,727.50
MEMBER TOSTE MOVED TO APPROVE THE RELEASE OF REMAINING MEASURE Z BUDGETED FUNDS FROM THE MIXED SPECIES DEMO, SECONDED BY MEMBER HERZOG. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.
10. Receive and approve request from Fresno Chaffee Zoo Corporation to release remaining Measure Z budgeted funds from the African River Design in the amount of \$2,830,342.30
FOLLOWING DISCUSSION, THE DECISION WAS MADE TO TABLE THIS ITEM TO RETURN TO THE BOARD AT A DATE UNCERTAIN FOR FURTHER DISCUSSION.
11. Approve and authorize release of retention withheld on design work provided by Studio Hanson Roberts related to African River Exhibit (\$11,956.50)
MEMBER HERZOG MOVED TO APPROVE THE RELEASE OF RETENTION, SECONDED BY MEMBER GARABEDIAN. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.
12. Review next meeting date and revise if necessary:

- Wednesday, November 30, 2022
- Wednesday, December 28, 2022

REVIEWED WITH NO REVISIONS. THE LOCATION FOR THE NOVEMBER MEETING WILL BE AT THE ZOO.

13. Receive staff reports
THE COORDINATOR REPORTED ON THE STATUS OF FILLING THE VACANT POSITION ON THE BOARD. ALSO REPORTED ON THE COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE COUNTY CLERK/ELECTIONS EFFORTS TOWARD PLACING MEASURE Z ON THE JUNE BALLOT WILL BE INCLUDED WITHIN THE NEXT MEETINGS AGENDA FOR APPROVAL.
14. Chair's comments
THANKED STAFF FOR SAFARI NIGHT, WHICH WAS WELL ATTENDED. IT WAS A GREAT EVENT.
15. Board Member comments
MEMBER GARABEDIAN MENTIONED CONCERNS WITH THE ZOO CORP HAVING DEVELOPED A MASTER PLAN WITHOUT ANY INPUT FROM, OR WORKING WITH, THE ZOO AUTHORITY. MEMBER HERZOG ALSO MENTIONED HAVING THE SAME CONCERNS.
16. Adjourn
THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD, CHAIRMAN ROMAN ADJOURNED THE MEETING AT 10:24AM.

All supporting documentation is available for public review in the office of the Fresno County Zoo Authority, 2281 Tulare Street, Room 304, Fresno, 93721, during regular business hours.

For further information, please contact Ronald Alexander, Zoo Authority Coordinator, at 600-1710, email zooauthority@co.fresno.ca.us, or visit www.zooauthority.org. Requests for disability-related modification or accommodation needed in order to participate in the meeting must be made to the Zoo Authority Coordinator no later than 9:00 a.m. on the day prior to the meeting.