



FRESNO COUNTY ZOO AUTHORITY

ACTION SUMMARY MINUTES

9:00 AM, Wednesday, November 29, 2023

Fresno Chaffee Zoo

Tonle Classroom located inside of Kingdoms of Asia

894 West Belmont Avenue, Fresno, CA 93728

(559) 498-5910

1. Call to Order
VICE CHAIRMAN GARABEDIAN CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 9:02AM.
2. Roll Call
A QUORUM WAS PRESENT WITH MEMBERS GARABEDIAN, TOSTE, WATERHOUSE, WESTERLUND AND ARIAS IN ATTENDANCE.
3. Approve Agenda
MEMBER ARIAS MOVED TO APPROVE THE AGENDA. SECONDED BY MEMBER WATERHOUSE. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.
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 October 25, 2023
 - b. Receive Treasurer's Report for month ending October 2023**MEMBER TOSTE MOVED TO APPROVE THE CONSENT ITEMS. SECONDED BY MEMBER WATERHOUSE. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

6. Receive Fresno Chaffee Zoo Director's report
RECEIVED. CEO JON DOHLIN REPORTED THE HIGHLIGHTS OF 2023. ALSO REPORTED ON PHASE 2 OF KINGDOMS OF ASIA AND THE CONSERVATION ACTION CENTER CONSTRUCTION. REPORTED ON AN ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT AND NEXT STEPS. PROVIDED AN UPDATE ON THE NEXT MEETING WITH THE CITY REGARDING THE FUTURE OF PLAYLAND.
7. Receive Fresno Chaffee Zoo Corporation's September 2023 Year-to-Date Financial Report and October 2023 Early Insights
RECEIVED. CFO NORA CROW REPORTED ON SEPTEMBER ATTENDANCE, SELF-GENERATED REVENUE, EXPENSES, THE OPERATING DEFICIT AND NET SURPLUS. REVIEWED THE SAME FOR OCTOBER. REVIEWED PER CAPITA SPENDING AND THE BALANCE SHEET.
8. Approve Fresno's Chaffee Zoo Corporation's fiscal year 2024 Measure Z Operating funds totaling \$7,085,000, for reimbursement of Animal Care, Commissary, Veterinary, and Maintenance & Horticulture Salaries and Benefits, Animal Feed, Animal Exhibit Supplies, Veterinary Supplies, Water Quality Supplies, Utilities and Bank Fees to wire reimbursement funds to the Zoo, and fiscal year 2024 Measure Z Capital funds totaling \$120, for reimbursement of Bank Fees to wire reimbursement funds to the Zoo
THE BOARD APPROVED AUDITOR STAFF TO BUDGET THE \$120 FOR BANK FEES TO AVOID HAVING TO INCLUDE IT IN THIS BUDGET REQUEST IN FUTURE YEARS. DISCUSSIONS ENSUED REGARDING ZOO ENTRY RATE INCREASES. MEMBER WATERHOUSE MOVED TO APPROVE THE 2024 MEASURE Z OPERATING FUNDS BUDGET. SECONDED BY MEMBER TOSTE. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.
9. Approve and adopt the 2024 Zoo Authority regular board meeting calendar as outlined in Attachment A
MEMBER TOSTE MOVED TO APPROVE THE 2024 CALENDAR WITH THE EXCEPTION THE NOVEMBER MEETING BEING MOVED TO THE 20TH AND THE DECEMBER MEETING BEING MOVED TO THE 18TH. SECONDED BY MEMBER WATERHOUSE. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.
10. Receive staff reports
NO FURTHER REPORTS RECEIVED.
11. Chair's comments
RECOMMENDED ALL TO VISIT ILLUMINATURE.
12. Board Member comments
MEMBER ARIAS ADVISED ZOO STAFF TO REVIEW MEASURE B ARTS AND CULTURE SUNSET. \$300,000 IN NON-PROFIT FUNDING AVAILABLE.
13. Adjourn
THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD, VICE-CHAIRMAN GARABEDIAN ADJOURNED THE MEETING AT 10:17AM.

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.