



FRESNO COUNTY ZOO AUTHORITY

ACTION SUMMARY MINUTES

9:00 AM, Wednesday, October 28, 2020

Fresno County Employees' Retirement Association
7772 N. Palm Ave.
Fresno, CA 93711
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1. Call to Order

CHAIRMAN TOSTE CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 9:00 AM.

2. Roll Call

A QUORUM WAS PRESENT WITH MEMBERS TOSTE, ROMAN, GARABEDIAN, STRATFORD, AND WATERHOUSE PRESENT.

3. Adopt Agenda

MEMBER ROMAN MOVED TO ADOPT THE AGENDA. SECONDED BY MEMBER GARABEDIAN. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

4. 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.

HELD. NONE RECEIVED.

5. 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 July 29, 2020

b. Review and approve payment of County of Fresno invoice for Professional and Specialized Services in the amount of \$4,700.21 for services through September 2020

c. Receive Treasurer's Reports for Months Ended July and August 2020

MEMBER WATERHOUSE MOVED FOR APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS. SECONDED BY MEMBER GARABEDIAN. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

6. Receive Zoo Authority Year Ended June 30, 2020 financial statements with independent auditor's report from Brown Armstrong Accountancy Corporation
RECEIVED. ERIC XIN WITH BROWN ARMSTRONG REPORTED.

7. Receive Fresno Chaffee Zoo Director's report
RECEIVED. DIRECTOR SCOTT BARTON REPORTED. THIS IS THE MOST CHALLENGING YEAR OF HIS CAREER. OCTOBER NUMBERS ARE LOOKING SIMILAR TO LAST YEAR. 2021 LOOKS ENCOURAGING. BIRTH OF A BABY RHINO IS EXPECTED IN THE NEXT 6-8 WEEKS. THREE PROJECTS IN CONSTRUCTION. ONE IN DESIGN. AMBASSADOR ANIMAL CENTER, ZOOPLEX, AND KINGDOMS OF ASIA.

8. Receive Fresno Chaffee Zoo Corporation September 2020 Year-to-Date Financial Report
RECEIVED. CFO LILY WACHTER REPORTED ON ATTENDANCE, EXPENSES AND REVENUES.

9. Approve a request from Fresno's Chaffee Zoo Corporation to increase the 2020 Measure Z Operations Budget by \$1,500,000 to help address the shortfall in revenue related to COVID-19
DIRECTOR SCOTT BARTON REPORTED ON THE NEED FOR THE BUDGET MODIFICATION. CFO LILY WACHTER PROVIDED ADDITIONAL SUPPORTING INFORMATION.

MEMBER STRATFORD MOVED FOR APPROVAL. SECONDED BY MEMBER GARABEDIAN. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

10. Approve and authorize release of retention withheld on CLR Design, Inc. fee for Kingdoms of Asia (\$6,424)
DIRECTOR SCOTT BARTON REPORTED.

MEMBER ROMAN MOVED FOR APPROVAL. SECONDED BY MEMBER WATERHOUSE. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

11. Receive staff reports
BOARD COORDINATOR REPORTED THAT SEVERAL MEMBERS' TERM EXPIRES SOON. NO OTHER REPORTS RECEIVED.

12. Approve next meeting date

Dates include:

Wednesday, November 25, 2020

Wednesday, December 30, 2020

NO CHANGES WERE MADE TO THE EXISTING CALENDAR; THEREFORE, NO MOTION REQUIRED.

13. Chair's comments
CHAIRMAN TOSTE THANKED MEMBER ROMAN FOR STANDING IN FOR KINGDOMS OF ASIA GROUNDBREAKING.

14. Board Member comments

MEMBER WATERHOUSE APPRECIATED SCOTT BARTON AND LILY WACHTER'S REPORTS.

15. Adjourn

**THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD, CHAIRMAN TOSTE
ADJOURNED THE MEETING AT 9:49 AM**

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.