

**CITY OF EL PASO, TEXAS
AGENDA ITEM
DEPARTMENT HEAD'S SUMMARY FORM**

DEPARTMENT: El Paso Zoo
AGENDA DATE: November 29, 2011
CONTACT PERSON NAME AND PHONE NUMBER: Steve Marshall, Zoo Director 521-1855
DISTRICT(S) AFFECTED: All

SUBJECT:

A Resolution that the City Council authorize the City Manager to accept a donation of \$150,000.00 from the El Paso Zoological Society for the purpose of funding and supporting the construction of a Giraffe Viewing Hut in the amount of \$120,000.00 and \$30,000.00 to purchase trees for landscaping. City Council also authorizes the City Manager to sign any necessary documentation required for this donation that does not affect the approved budget of the City of El Paso.

BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION:

The El Paso Zoological Society secured funding for the construction of a Giraffe Viewing Hut and trees for landscaping to be made available to the public in the spring of 2012. The El Paso Zoological Society received a pledge of \$120,000 from the McKee Foundation to support construction of a shade structure for giraffe viewing. On April 13, 2011, the El Paso Zoological Society received the first installment of \$60,000, with a pledge for the second payment of \$60,000 in January 2012. In addition to the McKee donation, the El Paso Zoological Society received a contribution of \$30,000 to purchase trees for landscaping.

PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION:

None

AMOUNT AND SOURCE OF FUNDING:

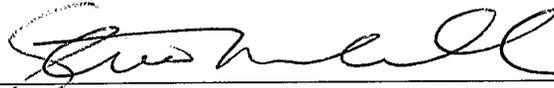
\$150,000.00 from the El Paso Zoological Society

BOARD / COMMISSION ACTION:

N/A

*****REQUIRED AUTHORIZATION*****

DEPARTMENT HEAD:



(If Department Head Summary Form is initiated by Purchasing, client department should sign also)

Information copy to appropriate Deputy City Manager

RESOLUTION

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EL PASO:

That the City Council authorizes the City Manager to accept the donation of ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTY THOUSAND AND NO/100 DOLLARS (\$150,000.00) from the El Paso Zoological Society, for the purpose of funding and supporting the following improvements at the El Paso Zoo: the construction of a Giraffe Viewing Hut in the amount of ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY THOUSAND AND NO/100 DOLLARS (\$120,000.00), and THIRTY THOUSAND AND NO/100 DOLLARS (\$30,000.00) to purchase trees for landscaping. City Council also authorizes the City Manager to sign any necessary documentation required for this donation that does not affect the approved budget of the City of El Paso.

ADOPTED this ____ day of _____, 2011.

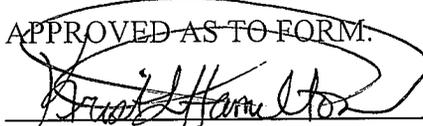
CITY OF EL PASO

John Cook
Mayor

ATTEST:

Richarda Duffy Momsen
Municipal Clerk

~~APPROVED AS TO FORM.~~



Kristen L. Hamilton
Assistant City Attorney

APPROVED AS TO CONTENT:



Steve Marshall
Zoo Director



El Paso Zoological Society



A non-profit, charitable organization whose mission is to be an integral partner to the growth and success of the El Paso Zoo by providing capital fundraising, operational support, membership and volunteer services.

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Mr. Steve Marshall, Director
El Paso Zoo
4001 E. Paisano
El Paso, Texas 79905

October 31, 2011

RE: Donations to the El Paso Zoo

Dear Mr. Marshall:

- Rita Baca
- Dr. Jim Bean
- Richard Behrenhausen
- Willie Cintron
- Becky Holmes
- C.F. "Paco" Jordan
- Jill Spangler Leavitt
- Lisa Leeser
- Morris Pittle
- Gary Paul Porras
- Suzanne Ramos
- Robert Skipworth

The El Paso Zoological Society received a pledge of \$120,000 from the McKee Foundation, to support the construction of a shade structure for giraffe viewing. On April 13, 2011, the Society received the first installment of \$60,000, with a pledge for the second payment of \$60,000 in January 2012. Louis McKee has requested the Foundation's name be displayed on the structure with a commitment to open the structure in Spring 2012. Documentation evidencing the pledge is attached for your convenience.

Director Emeritus

- Helen Knopp
- Cecil Miles-Mulvihill
- Victor Poulos

In addition to the McKee donation, the Zoological Society received a contribution of \$30,000 to purchase trees for landscaping.

Executive Director

- Renee R. Neuert

We are excited about this opportunity to improve our visitor experience at the El Paso Zoo and we continue to appreciate the assistance that the City of El Paso provides to the Zoo and the many projects we have accomplished together.

Zoo Director

- Steve Marshall

Sincerely,

Renee R. Neuert
Executive Director
El Paso Zoological Society

Enclosures