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Budget and Finance Committee  
Sacramento, California

Honorable Members in Session:

SUBJECT: Veterinary Services for the Sacramento Zoo and Fairytale Town -  
Authorization to Execute Agreement

SUMMARY

This report requests authorization for the City Manager to execute an agreement with the Regents of the University of California for the provision of professional veterinary services from the University of California, Davis Veterinary Medical Teaching Hospital at the Sacramento Zoo and Fairytale Town.

BACKGROUND

Since 1968, the Sacramento Zoo has utilized the services of the UC Davis Veterinary Teaching Hospital. This arrangement has allowed the Zoo to receive the services of Dr. Murray Fowler, a world renowned veterinarian. Dr. Fowler is a recognized authority of exotic animal medicine and the author of Zoo and Wild Animal Medicine, the standard text of most veterinary schools worldwide. Since UC Davis has the only veterinary school in California, the Sacramento Zoo benefits from the veterinary care, resources, and research opportunities not available to any other zoo in the state. In return, the University uses the Zoo to teach exotic animal care.

In December 1985, the City Council authorized the City manager to execute a formal agreement with the University of California for the provision of veterinary services from the UC Davis Veterinary Teaching Hospital at the Sacramento Zoo (Agreement #85092). Services provided under this agreement include routine bi-weekly visits, emergency care, laboratory work and radiology services, preventive medicine, necropsy, animal shipment assistance, and exhibit advice. The University of California assumes full responsibility for a one million dollar insurance policy.

The term of the agreement was for one year from July 1, 1985 to June 30, 1986 with the Director of Parks and Community Services having the right to extend the term of the agreement on a year-to-year basis not to exceed a total of four years.

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There have been four amendments to this agreement which extended the term of the contract four additional years. A new agreement is now necessary to ensure the continuation of these vital services. The term of the new agreement, which will include veterinary services for domestic animals at Fairytale Town, is for five years with the Director of Parks and Community Services having the right to extend the term of the agreement five additional years. The agreement provides that services rendered not exceed the budgeted amount for veterinary services for each fiscal year. The Director of Parks and Community Services and UC Davis can modify the payment amount by mutual agreement; however, if the annual increase exceeds 10 percent, prior approval by City Council is necessary.

FINANCIAL DATA

The cost to the City for veterinary and lab services is a line item in the Zoo Division base operating budget. The Zoo Division's 1990-91 operating budget includes \$26,000 for veterinary services provided by UC Davis. No additional costs will be incurred by the City.

POLICY CONSIDERATIONS

Continuation of the veterinary services provided by UC Davis is vital to the health and welfare of the animals at the Sacramento Zoo and Fairytale Town.

MBE/WBE EFFORTS

Every effort will be made to support the City's MBE/WBE goals.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Budget and Finance Committee approve this report and refer it to the full City Council for action. Further, it is recommended that the City Council, by resolution, authorize the City Manager to execute an agreement with the Regents of the University of California for the provision of veterinary services from the University of California, Davis Veterinary Teaching Hospital at the Sacramento Zoo and Fairytale Town.

Respectfully submitted,

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# RESOLUTION NO.

ADOPTED BY THE SACRAMENTO CITY COUNCIL

ON DATE OF \_\_\_\_\_

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH THE REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA FOR VETERINARY PROFESSIONAL SERVICES FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA AT DAVIS VETERINARY TEACHING HOSPITAL AT THE SACRAMENTO ZOO AND FAIRYTALE TOWN

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SACRAMENTO:

That the City Manager is hereby authorized to execute an agreement between the Regents of the University of California for the provision of veterinary professional services from the University of California at Davis Veterinary Medical Teaching Hospital at the Sacramento Zoo and Fairytale Town.

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MAYOR

ATTEST:

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CITY CLERK

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