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April 12, 1985

Budget and Finance Committee
Sacramento, California

Honorable Members in Session:

SUBJECT: Sacramento Zoo Animal Trust Fund

SUMMARY

This report requests establishment of a trust fund to account for revenue and expenditures associated with zoo animal transactions. It is intended that the Zoo Animal Program will eventually become self-supporting.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Budget and Finance Committee review the attached report and refer it to the full City Council for action.

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT P. THOMAS, Director
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Recommendation Approved:

SOLON WISHAM JR.
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May 9, 1985
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BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Sacramento Zoo animal exchanges or transactions are made by one of several methods: purchase, trade, loan, breeding loans, trade for credit, sale, and sale for credit. Animal transactions are necessary to keep the collection from becoming over crowded, obtaining desirable mates for present species, acquiring new animals, replacing animals, and improving the genetic variability of the present stock. Anticipating collection needs of a zoo is very difficult due to death, births, etc. Animal costs also fluctuate depending on the market. The Zoo acquired an endangered lion for \$1,000, but a female cheetah may cost \$10,000.

In the past, the Zoo has typically traded animals for credit to enable acquisition of animals at a later date. This is not an uncommon procedure but is a cumbersome method and often is not beneficial to the Zoo. Sacramento Zoo currently has \$8,000 in cash trade credits between two zoos, Lincoln Park and San Francisco. In addition trade credits of \$11,000 exist with two animal dealers.

Establishment of a trust fund would permit all animal-related transactions to be made within the revenues and expenditures of the fund. It would also provide flexibility in the purchase of animals in order to take advantage of availability; more accurate accountability; interest earned on revenue would be accumulated in the trust; and provide a mechanism whereby private and corporate donations can be

accepted by the city for the acquisition of zoo animals. The Department of Parks and Community Services should be authorized to approve animal acquisition within the limits of the trust fund.

FINANCIAL DATA

Revenue and expenditures for animal transactions over the last three years are:

	<u>1979-80</u>	<u>1980-81</u>	<u>1981-82</u>	<u>1982-83</u>	<u>1983-84</u>	<u>1984-85</u> EST
Revenue	\$1,996	\$6,780	\$5,621	\$1,092	\$ 392	\$2,000
Purchases	3,000	3,377	2,180	4,550	2,277	5,000

The Zoo Animal Trust Fund can be established by cashing in the trade credits of \$8,000 at the San Francisco Zoo and Lincoln Park Zoo. Establishment of a trust fund has an insignificant financial offset on the city, but provides an incentive and mechanism to acquire animals as required. It is intended that the animal program will become self-supporting.

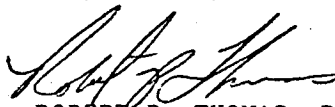
BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE ACTION

The Budget and Finance Committee reviewed this item at their meeting on 1985. Committee action will be presented verbally to the Council.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the City Council approve, by resolution, the establishment of a Zoo Animal Trust Fund to account for zoo animal transactions and authorize the Director of Parks and Community Services to approve animal purchases made within the limits of the trust account.

Respectfully submitted,



ROBERT P. THOMAS, Director
Parks and Community Services

Recommendation Approved:

WALTER J. SLIPE
City Manager

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May 9, 1985
District No. 4

RESOLUTION NO.

ADOPTED BY THE SACRAMENTO CITY COUNCIL ON DATE OF

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ESTABLISHMENT OF A SACRAMENTO ZOO ANIMAL TRUST FUND

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

That the City Manager is hereby authorized to establish a trust fund to account for Sacramento Zoo animal acquisitions.

That the Director of Parks and Community Services is hereby authorized to approve expenditures and revenues related to the trust fund.

MAYOR

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK