

CITY OF OAKLAND
Interoffice Letter

To: City Manager Attention: Craig G. Kocian Date: January 4, 1994

From: Office of Parks and Recreation

Subject: ORDINANCE APPROVING A TEN (10) YEAR LEASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN
THE CITY OF OAKLAND AND THE EAST BAY ZOOLOGICAL SOCIETY, INC.,
FOR MANAGEMENT RIGHTS OF THE KNOWLAND PARK/OAKLAND ZOO

BACKGROUND

On August 1, 1982, the City of Oakland and the East Bay Zoological Society, Inc., entered into an agreement for the purpose of operating, rehabilitating and improving Knowland Park/Oakland Zoo for the use and benefit of the public. The real property owned by the City is commonly referred to as Knowland Park/Oakland Zoo, which includes the Park, Zoo and Snow Building, as well as all other structures thereon, located at 9777 Golf Links Road in Oakland.

The original ten (10) year agreement expired on August 1, 1992. Since that agreement was signed, several sections have become obsolete. For that reason, a new ten (10) year agreement was negotiated.

DISCUSSION

1. The term of the Agreement shall be for ten (10) years and may be extended by the City and Society an additional five (5) years.
2. The City will annually subsidize the Society a total of two hundred twelve thousand, five hundred and fourteen dollars (\$212,514) dollars which includes all costs and expenses of employing two (2) Zookeepers including wages, withholding taxes and benefits.
3. The Society is responsible for payment of all utilities, facility and grounds maintenance, facility and grounds rental, improvements to animal exhibits, subconsessionaire agreements, and fiscal management and operations of the Park and Zoo.
4. The Society is responsible for providing the City with an annual budget, quarterly reports and annual financial audits.

FISCAL IMPACT

The City provides an annual subsidy to the East Bay Zoological Society, Inc. from the General Fund in the amount of two hundred

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twelve thousand, five hundred and fourteen dollars (\$212,514). The subsidy includes one hundred thirty-two thousand, four hundred and fourteen dollars (\$132,414) and all personnel costs and expenses (e.g., wages, withholding taxes, insurance and benefits) of employing two (2) City Zookeepers which totals eighty thousand and one hundred dollars (\$80,100). Staff recommends continuation of this financial commitment.

REVIEW/APPROVALS


The Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission, at its regular meeting of February 10, 1993, recommended the approval of the ordinance.

RECOMMENDATION

That the City Council Committee on Cultural Services approve an ordinance approving a ten (10) year lease agreement between the City of Oakland and the East Bay Zoological Society, Inc., for management rights of the Knowland Park/Oakland Zoo.


CLEVE WILLIAMS
Director

APPROVED FOR FORWARDING TO THE
COUNCIL COMMITTEE ON CULTURAL SERVICES:


Office of the City Manager

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"1993 All-America City"

To: Administrator, ORA Attention: Craig G. Kocian Date: January 4, 1994

From: Office of Economic Development and Employment

Subject: APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AGENCY ADMINISTRATOR TO GRANT A SUM NOT EXCEEDING \$100,000 FROM AGENCY FUNDS TO THE OAKLAND CHINATOWN LIONS FOUNDATION FOR THE SPECIFIC PURPOSE OF PAYING FOR THE COST OF AN EXPANSION TO THE MEMORIAL HALL CURRENTLY UNDER CONSTRUCTION AT THE CHINESE GARDEN PARK

The Oakland Redevelopment Agency is asked to approve a Resolution authorizing the Agency Administrator to grant a sum not exceeding \$100,000 from Agency funds to the Oakland Chinatown Lions Foundation for the specific purpose of paying for the cost of an expansion to the Memorial Hall currently under construction at the Chinese Garden Park.

Background

For the past several years, the Oakland Chinatown Lions Foundation, a non-profit organization, has carried out improvements to the Harrison Railroad Park and transformed it into a Chinese Garden park.

A Chinese Pavilion and a Chinese Pagoda have already been built. The latest improvements, currently under construction, are a Memorial Hall and the Hall of Pioneers.

In order to meet the needs of the community, the Memorial Hall has to be expanded by an additional 1,000 sq. ft. such that it will accommodate more than 350 persons per event.

The Foundation is asking the Agency for assistance in this expansion, which will cost \$100,000.

Staff has determined that funds are available to meet this expenditure from the unexpended bond funds within the Central District.

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Recommendation

Staff, therefore, recommends funding by the Agency for this expansion to the Memorial Hall. A resolution authorizing the Agency Administrator to grant this amount has been prepared and staff recommends its approval of the resolution.


JAMES R. RINEHART
Director

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