



## REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION City of Greenville, South Carolina

Agenda Item No.

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**TO:** Honorable Mayor and Members of City Council  
**FROM:** John F. McDonough, City Manager

Ordinance/First Reading 
  Ordinance/Second & Final Reading 
  Resolution/First & Final Reading 
  Information Only

**AGENDA DATE REQUESTED:** March 22, 2021

**ORDINANCE/RESOLUTION CAPTION:**

AN ORDINANCE TO APPROPRIATE \$175,000 IN FUNDING RECEIVED FROM THE GREENVILLE ZOO FOUNDATION FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW HOLDING FACILITY FOR AMUR LEOPARDS AND FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO PRIMATE ROW BOTH AT THE GREENVILLE ZOO, AND TO ADDITIONALLY APPROPRIATE \$2,500 IN CONSERVATION FUNDING FOR TEXAS SEA TURTLE RESCUE

**SUMMARY BACKGROUND:**

The Greenville Zoo Foundation (the "Foundation") was awarded \$75,000 in grant funds from Greenville Women Giving for use in the construction of an additional holding area for the Amur Leopards. The Foundation is contributing \$50,000 in addition to the grant funds for the project. The City awarded the contract to Mavin Construction for the sum of \$300,686. The remaining funds will come from existing funds within the Zoo's project accounts.

The Foundation also contributed \$50,000 in funding for the improvements to the Primate Row exhibit.

The Texas State Aquarium has requested assistance from other AZA Accredited Institutions with the rescue and care of over 5,000 Sea Turtles due to a mass cold stun event, and the Greenville Zoo wishes to join more than 30 other AZA Institutions in supporting the Sea Turtle rescue with a contribution of \$2,500. Sufficient funding is available in the Quarters for Conservation budget for this contribution.

**IMPACT IF DENIED:**

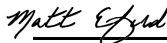
Funding for the Amur Leopard project would need to come from existing Zoo funds and the donation would be returned to Greenville Women Giving and the Foundation. Funding for the Primate Row exhibit would be returned to the Foundation.

**FINANCIAL IMPACT:**

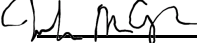
A total of \$175,000 in contributed funds will be appropriated to the Amur Leopard Exhibit (\$125,000) and the Primate Row exhibit (\$50,000). \$2,500 from the Zoo's Conservation Fund will be contributed to the Texas Sea Turtle Rescue.

### REQUIRED SIGNATURES

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## A N O R D I N A N C E

TO APPROPRIATE \$175,000 IN FUNDING RECEIVED FROM THE GREENVILLE ZOO FOUNDATION FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW HOLDING FACILITY FOR AMUR LEOPARDS AND FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO PRIMATE ROW BOTH AT THE GREENVILLE ZOO, AND TO ADDITIONALLY APPROPRIATE \$2,500 IN CONSERVATION FUNDING FOR TEXAS SEA TURTLE RESCUE

WHEREAS, the Greenville Zoo (the “Zoo”) needs a secondary holding facility to house its Amur Leopards in order to continue to serve as a breeding facility (the “Project”); and

WHEREAS, Amur Leopards are an endangered species and are an important part of the Zoo’s conservation efforts; and

WHEREAS, the City has contracted with Mavin Construction for construction of the Project for the sum of Three-Hundred Thousand Six-Hundred Eighty-Six dollars (\$300,686); and

WHEREAS, the Greenville Zoo Foundation (the “Foundation”) was awarded a grant from Greenville Women Giving in the amount of Seventy-Five Thousand dollars (\$75,000) that it intends to contribute to the Project; and

WHEREAS, the Foundation also intends to contribute an additional Fifty Thousand dollars (\$50,000) for a total of One Hundred Twenty-Five Thousand dollars (\$125,000) in Foundation contributions to the Project; and

WHEREAS, the Zoo recently completed construction of a new Primate Row exhibit, with a total cost of approximately Eight-Hundred Thousand dollars (\$800,000); and

WHEREAS, the Foundation contributed Fifty Thousand dollars (\$50,000) towards said improvements to Primate Row; and

WHEREAS, City Council desires to recognize and thank the Foundation for its efforts; and

WHEREAS, the Zoo began the program “Quarters for Conservation” to raise funds for conservation efforts through a fifty cent (\$0.50) surcharge on the admissions fee and a five dollar (\$5) surcharge on memberships; and

WHEREAS, the Texas State Aquarium has requested assistance from other AZA Accredited Institutions with the rescue and care of over 5,000 Sea Turtles due to a mass cold stun event; and

WHEREAS, the Zoo wishes to join more than 30 other AZA Institutions in supporting the Sea Turtle rescue with a contribution of Two-Thousand Five Hundred dollars (\$2,500);

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GREENVILLE, SOUTH CAROLINA, One Hundred-Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$125,000) is appropriated in the Zoo fund for the Project and Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000) is additionally appropriated for improvements to Primate Row, as reflected in the attached Exhibit. Additionally, the Zoo will utilize \$2,500 from their conservation budget to support Texas Sea

Turtle Rescue. This Ordinance shall become effective upon passage on the second and final reading.

DONE, RATIFIED AND PASSED THIS THE \_\_\_\_ DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_, 2020.

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MAYOR

ATTEST:

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CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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CITY ATTORNEY

REVIEWED:

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CITY MANAGER

