

BEFORE THE METRO COUNCIL

FOR THE PURPOSE OF ACCEPTING THE
OREGON ZOO 2024 CAMPUS PLAN

-) RESOLUTION NO. 24-XXXX
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-) Introduced by Chief Operating Officer Marissa
-) Madrigal, with the concurrence of Council
-) President Lynn Peterson

WHEREAS, beginning in fall 2022, staff from the Oregon Zoo and Capital Asset Management began work on a new draft Oregon Zoo Campus Plan (the “Campus Plan”), focusing on improvements to areas of the zoo not improved by the 2008 Oregon Zoo Bond, Measure 26-96; and

WHEREAS, the Metro Council recognized the need for further renewal, upgrades and improvements at the Oregon Zoo, the Portland metropolitan area’s most-visited ticketed attraction, to advance regional goals for racial equity, accessibility, climate resilience and economic vitality; and

WHEREAS, staff engaged a diverse range of community organizations and leaders, Zoo guests and members, staff, the Oregon Zoo Foundation and other stakeholders to understand current needs and conditions at the zoo, thus informing and guiding the development of the new draft Campus Plan; and

WHEREAS, staff considered and applied the most modern standards for animal care and habitat design to the development of the draft Campus Plan; and

WHEREAS, the draft Campus Plan sought to emphasize the highest standards of animal health and well-being across the zoo; improve zoo experiences and accessibility for all visitors regardless of age, ability or background; and advance ambitious goals for energy and water conservation; and

WHEREAS, on October 26, 2023, the Metro Council accepted the draft Campus Plan concepts via Resolution No. 23-5357 (“For the Purpose of Accepting the Draft Oregon Zoo Campus Plan Concepts”), directing Oregon Zoo staff to submit relevant portions of the draft Campus Plan concepts for permitting review by the City of Portland, and to seek renewal of the Oregon Zoo’s 10-year Conditional Use Master Plan Permit based on them, and directing staff to explore potential capital finance options to advance the Campus Plan; and

WHEREAS, via Resolution No. 24-5375 (“For the Purpose of Submitting to the Metro Area Voters A \$380 Million General Obligation Oregon Zoo Bond Measure to Protect Animal Health, Provide Conservation Education and Increase Sustainability, and Setting Forth the Official Intent of the Metro Council to Reimburse Certain Expenditures Out of the Proceeds of General Obligation Bonds Upon Issuance”), the Metro Council referred the 2024 Oregon Zoo Bond, Measure 26-244 to the voters of the Metro Region for the May 2024 general election; and

WHEREAS, on May 22, 2024, the voters of the Metro Region passed the 2024 Oregon Zoo Bond, Measure 26-244; and

WHEREAS, on June 28, 2024, the City of Portland hearing officer decision was issued approving the Oregon Zoo’s renewal of its 10-year Conditional Use Master Plan Permit; and

WHEREAS, the Metro Council directed that, following the renewal of a Conditional Use Permit from the City of Portland, the updated Campus Plan, with any City of Portland-required modifications, would be brought to the Metro Council for consideration; and

WHEREAS, the zoo has now completed the 2024 Oregon Zoo Campus Plan, providing a 20-year plan for future bond funded and non-bond funded development at the Oregon Zoo, and presents the 2024 Oregon Zoo Campus Plan to the Metro Council for approval; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Metro Council hereby:

Accepts and approves the Oregon Zoo Campus Plan attached hereto as Attachment 1 to the Staff Report.

ADOPTED by the Metro Council this _____ day of September 2024.

Lynn Peterson, Metro Council President

Approved as to Form:

Carrie MacLaren, Metro Attorney