

MOTION

The Los Angeles Zoo has held an annual holiday lights event called L.A. Zoo Lights since 2014. The L.A. Zoo Lights experience has become an annual tradition for over 1 million Angelenos in the seven years that it has been produced. The COVID-19 pandemic, however, resulted in the cancellation of L.A. Zoo Lights in 2020-21. The annual L.A. Zoo Lights event has represented a welcoming, safe, and family friendly experience for the greater Los Angeles community. The City of Los Angeles seeks a return of the L.A. Zoo Lights event and the opportunity to welcome back guests to this annual holiday tradition in 2021-22. Due to many uncertainties, this event and its related revenue were not assumed in the 2021-22 Adopted Budget.

The Los Angeles Zoo now has an opportunity to produce the 2021-22 event and action is needed to ensure that that all contracts are in place to produce this event. The Zoo Department will enter into contracts with qualified vendors to facilitate production of the 2021-22 L.A. Zoo Lights event. Funds must now be appropriated to the Zoo Department's operating budget prior to the event to enable planning. Funds are available within the Zoo Enterprise Trust Fund's cash balance that can be used to cashflow these expenses pending the receipt of L.A. Zoo Lights revenue.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the City Council, subject to the approval of the Mayor:

1. Transfer \$1,455,000 from the Zoo Enterprise Trust Fund No. 40E/87 cash balance, to Account No. 87V187 and Transfer and appropriate therefrom to Zoo Fund No. 100/87, within the following accounts:
 - A. Account No. 3040, Contractual Services \$1,400,000;
 - B. Account No. 1090, Salaries, Overtime \$45,000;
 - C. Account No. 3160, Maintenance Materials and Expense \$10,000;
2. Authorize the City Administrative Officer to make technical corrections as necessary to the above Controller instructions to implement the intent of these actions.

PRESENTED BY:



NITHYA RAMAN

Councilmember, 4th District

SECONDED BY:



September 21, 2021



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