


COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

	Number:	23-040	Meeting:	January 23, 2023
	Agenda Item:	28	Roll Call:	23-0122
	Submitted by:	Jen Schulte, Assistant City Manager		

AGENDA HEADING:

Hold hearing on Second Amendment to lease of the A.H. Blank Park Zoo to the Blank Park Zoo Foundation, Inc. and approval of the same.

SYNOPSIS:

Recommend approval of the Second Amendment to the Lease Agreement with Blank Park Zoo Foundation that provides a payment of \$1,000,000 in American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) for operational support for the Zoo and Park.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount: \$1,000,000

Funding Source: FY 2022-23 Operating Budget, Page 84, ARPA.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- In March 2021, the United States government adopted the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) that established the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLFRF) to provide state, local, and tribal governments with the resources needed to respond to the pandemic and its economic effects and to build a stronger, more equitable economy during the recovery.
- The City of Des Moines received \$94,824,614 from SLFRF.
- On July 18, 2022, by Roll Call No. 22-1150, City Council approved a contribution of the \$1,000,000 to the Blank Park Zoo using the funds received.
- The Second Amendment to the Lease Agreement with Blank Park Zoo Foundation provides \$1,000,000 of additional funding for operational support for the Zoo and Park.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):

Date: January 9, 2023

Roll Call Number: [23-0026](#)

Action: [On](#) Second Amendment to lease of the A.H. Blank Park Zoo to the Blank Park Zoo Foundation, Inc., (1-23-23). Moved by Boesen to adopt. Second by Gatto. Motion Carried 7-0.

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS: NONE

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