Subject: A resolution authorizing a contract with Dayco Construction, Inc., for required Association of Zoos and Aquariums (AZA) upgrades of the Elephant Exhibit at the Little Rock Zoo.

Submitted By: Little Rock Zoo

Action Required: Ordinance √ Resolution Approval Information Report

Approved By: Bruce T. Moore City Manager

SYNOPSIS
The resolution authorizes the City Manager to execute a contract with Dayco Construction, Inc., in the amount of $75,200 plus 20% contingency for change orders for a total amount not to exceed $90,240. The improvements are required by the Association of Zoos and Aquariums (AZA) for the Elephant Exhibit protective contact. Construction will include extension of bollards, installation of a new gate, relocation of an existing gate and the addition of shade structures.

FISCAL IMPACT
$75,200 plus 20% contingency for change orders, if needed, for a total amount of $90,240. Change orders are not expected. The funds for this project will be paid from the Zoo deferred Maintenance Account, Special Project 326659-TS65A66.

RECOMMENDATION
Approval of the resolution.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION
The Little Rock Zoo Board of Governors met and recommended moving forward with this project.
BACKGROUND

The upgrades to elephant exhibit are a requirement of the AZA accreditation protocols for protected contact with elephants. All work must be completed prior to the scheduled accreditation inspection, which is January 2016.