

**OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER
LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS**

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS COMMUNICATION
MARCH 18, 2014 AGENDA**

<p>Subject:</p> <p>A resolution authorizing a contract with Sydney Flooring Solutions, LLC, for the installation of a seamless rubberized flooring system for the Asian elephant stalls.</p> <p>Submitted By:</p> <p>Little Rock Zoo</p>	<p>Action Required:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Ordinance <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Resolution Approval Information Report</p>	<p>Approved By:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Bruce T. Moore City Manager</p>
<p>SYNOPSIS</p>	<p>The resolution authorizes the City Manager to execute a contract in the amount of \$49,500.00, plus 10% authorized for possible change orders, with Sydney Flooring Solutions, LLC, for installation of a seamless rubberized flooring system for Asian elephant stalls at the Little Rock Zoo.</p>	
<p>FISCAL IMPACT</p>	<p>\$49,500, plus 10% to allow change orders, if needed, for a total amount of \$54,450.00. Change orders are not expected. The funds for this project will come from the Zoo's Deferred Maintenance fund account.</p>	
<p>RECOMMENDATION</p>	<p>Approval of the resolution</p>	
<p>CITIZEN PARTICIPATION</p>	<p>N/A</p>	
<p>BACKGROUND</p>	<p>The Asian elephant barn is located in a WPA building that was expanded in 2008. Rubberized flooring is needed to provide protection for the Zoo's three (3) aging Asian elephants. The rubberized flooring helps minimize pressure on their joints and feet. An extensive study by the Memphis Zoo funded by an IMLS Grant showed that providing more resilient flooring for elephants improved their overall health and well-being.</p>	

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Further research shows that many Association of Zoos and Aquariums members have already made the transition to upgrade the flooring in their large hoof stock barns to protect their animals. The Zoo would like to add 10% to the contract for any change orders that might be needed, although none are expected.