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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

TOPEKA ZOO GOVERNANCE DISCUSSION – Friends of the Topeka Zoo Vision

Objective: To allow the Governing Body to generate a better understanding of what the Topeka Zoo will look like if operated through a Public Private Partnership by Friends of the Topeka Zoo.

Background: On four separate occasions over the past ten years, Friends of the Topeka Zoo has engaged Zoo Advisors to consult on the formation of a Public Private Partnership to aid the City in better preserving the future of the Topeka Zoo. Zoo Advisors have worked with both FOTZ and City staff to evaluate the economic impact and opportunity that exists through creating a partnership.

Purpose of the Non-action Item: The purpose of this Non-Action Item is to allow Friends of the Topeka Zoo to make a presentation that details the future vision for the Topeka Zoo if the Zoo is operated by Friends of the Topeka Zoo through a Public Private Partnership. The presentation will detail plans for growth, economic impact and risk mitigation that would otherwise be difficult to accomplish under the current zoo operating model.

Next Step: Based on feedback from the Friends of the Topeka Zoo presentation, staff will discuss with the Governing Body options of funding the Public Private Partnership.