

BEFORE THE METRO COUNCIL

FOR THE PURPOSE OF AUTHORIZING ) RESOLUTION NO. 95-2187  
THE SOLICITATION OF BIDS FOR THE )  
ELEPHANT PLAZA PICNIC STRUCTURE )  
AT THE METRO WASHINGTON PARK ) Introduced by Mike Burton  
ZOO AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE ) Executive Officer  
OFFICER TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT(S) )

WHEREAS, The Metro Washington Park Zoo has a variety of outdoor events; and

WHEREAS, the Zoo has a need for a permanent picnic structure to accommodate these events; and

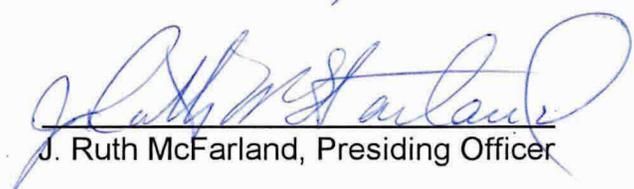
WHEREAS, the elephant plaza picnic structure is listed in the 1994-95 Fiscal Year Budget as a Type "A" contract which, pursuant to Metro Code Section 2.04.032(d), requires authorization by Council prior to a release of a Request for Bids (RFB); and

WHEREAS, The resolution was submitted to the Executive Officer for consideration and was forwarded to the Council for approval; now, therefore,

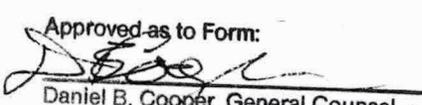
BE IT RESOLVED,

That the Metro Council hereby approves the issuance of the RFB (Exhibit A) as attached to construct an elephant plaza covered picnic structure at the Metro Washington Park Zoo and authorizes the Executive Officer to execute a contract(s) with the low, responsive, responsible bidder(s).

ADOPTED by the Metro Council this 7 day of Sept, 1995.

  
J. Ruth McFarland, Presiding Officer

Approved as to Form:

  
Daniel B. Cooper, General Counsel

## STAFF REPORT

IN CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. 95-2187 FOR THE PURPOSE OF AUTHORIZING THE SOLICITATION OF BIDS FOR THE ELEPHANT PLAZA COVERED PICNIC STRUCTURE AT THE METRO WASHINGTON PARK ZOO AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT(S)

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Date: July 13, 1995

Presented by: Tony Hendryx

### PROPOSED ACTION

Adoption of Resolution No. 95-2187, authorizing the release of a Request for Bids (RFB) for the elephant plaza covered picnic structure at the Metro Washington Park Zoo and authorizing the Executive Officer to execute a single or multiple contracts with the lowest, responsible bidder.

### FACTUAL BACKGROUND AND ANALYSIS

The FY 1994-95 budget included funds to build a picnic structure near the elephant exhibit. The picnic structure provides significant benefits to the Zoo and its visitors. The picnic structure increases the seating capacity for catered events, providing for additional revenue. The structure will provide shelter to grade school students during the spring months and will provide a location to hold classes. A permanent structure will also provide cost savings by eliminating the need for temporary canopies and wages for employees to raise and lower such canopies. Finally, the structure will be a safe haven for visitors in times of inclement weather.

The intent to have this project completed in FY 1994-95 was not achieved due to a variety of circumstances.

### BUDGET IMPACT

The estimated cost of the elephant plaza covered picnic structure is \$90,000-\$100,000. A total of \$120,000 was budgeted for this project in FY 1994-95. Because the appropriation was not carried forward, the project cost will be partially funded by savings of other capital projects. As soon as savings are known, a budget amendment will be presented to Council.

### EXECUTIVE OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

The Executive Officer recommends approval of Resolution No. 95-2187.