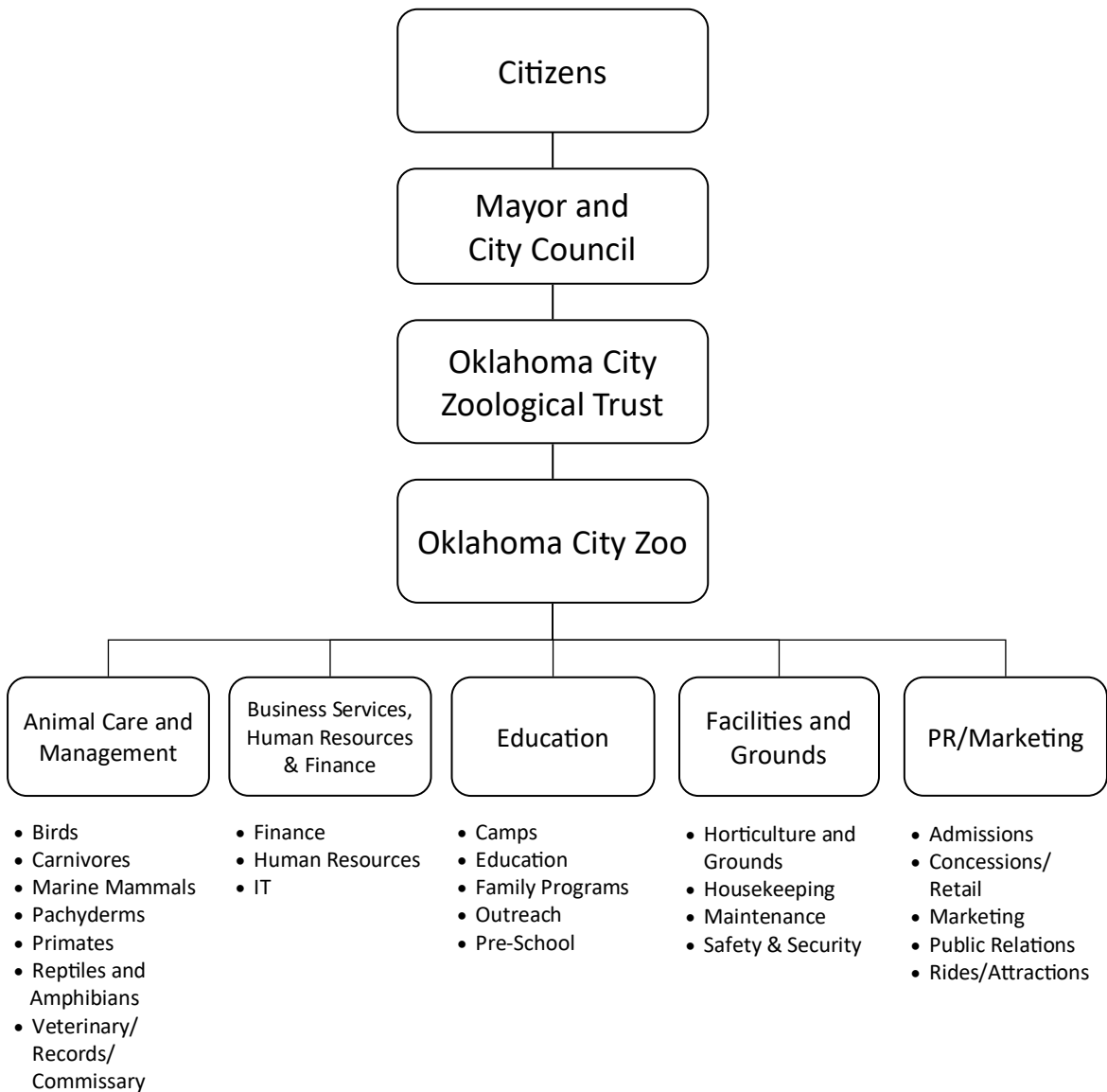


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Executive Director / CEO	Budget
Dwight Lawson	\$14,861,780

DEPARTMENT INTRODUCTION

The Oklahoma City Zoo budget is managed and positions are funded through the Oklahoma City Zoological Trust.

In 1990, City voters approved a 1/8-cent sales tax levy for the limited purpose of funding the Oklahoma City Zoo. The City of Oklahoma City as beneficiary, is the governing authority of the Oklahoma City Zoological Park. The Trust reviews all major financial expenditures; sets policy for the Zoo based on the study of recommendations from the Zoo's professional staff; and employs the Zoo's Executive Director/CEO. The Trust oversees all major building projects, exhibits and public events. The Trust's members assist in community and government relations and serve as advocates for the Zoo on issues affecting property and programs.

Department Facts

- The Zoo's new Sanctuary Asia expansion opened in September 2018 and features new species such as tanuki, cassowaries, Burmese Black Mountain tortoises and a troop of Francois' langurs.
- Spring break (March 16-24, 2019) attendance at the Zoo was the highest ever in 2019, when 93,491 guests and members visited, surpassing the previous record set in 2015 by 9%.



The Lotus Pavilion, located in the Zoo's new Sanctuary Asia expansion.

EXPENDITURES

Summary of Expenditures by Funding Source	FY18 Actual	FY19 Adopted Budget	FY20 Proposed Budget	Percent Change
Zoo Sales Tax Fund	<u>\$13,768,006</u>	<u>\$14,431,659</u>	<u>\$14,861,780</u>	2.98%
Fund Total	<u>\$13,768,006</u>	<u>\$14,431,659</u>	<u>\$14,861,780</u>	2.98%



A cassowary, one of the Zoo's new animal additions in Sanctuary Asia.



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