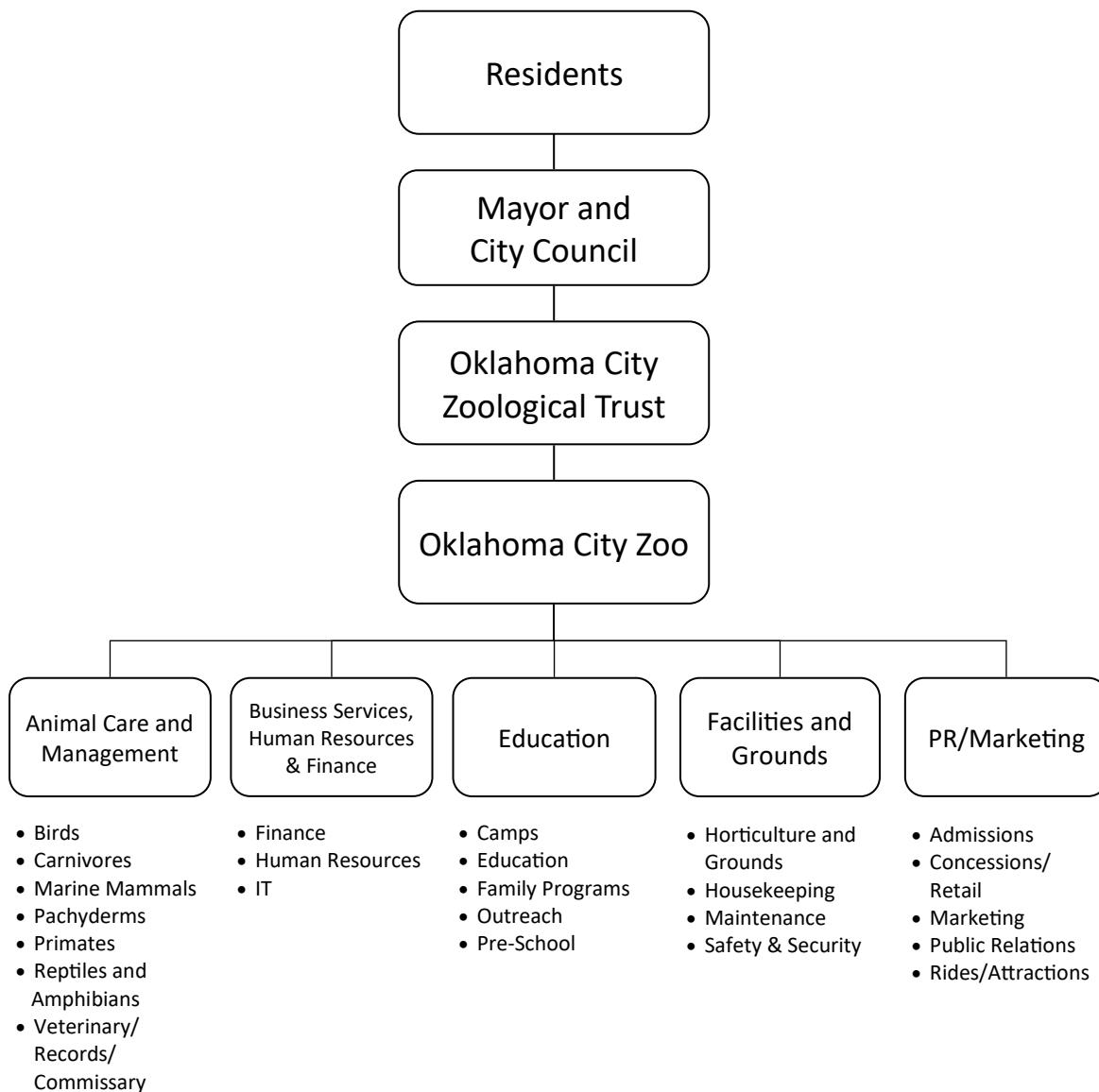


# Zoo



Executive Director / CEO	Budget
Dwight Lawson	\$13,652,149

## 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

- In February 2020 a new 9,000 square foot facility for the Zoo's four Galapagos tortoises opened which features both an indoor and outdoor habitat.
- The Sanctuary Asia habitat opened in September 2018 and features new species such as tanuki, cassowaries, Burmese Black Mountain tortoises and a troop of Francois' langurs.



## EXPENDITURES

Summary of Expenditures by Funding Source	FY19 Actual	FY20 Adopted Budget	FY21 Proposed Budget	Percent Change
Zoo Sales Tax Fund	\$14,244,798	\$14,861,780	\$13,652,149	-8.14%
<b>Fund Total</b>	<b>\$14,244,798</b>	<b>\$14,861,780</b>	<b>\$13,652,149</b>	<b>-8.14%</b>





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