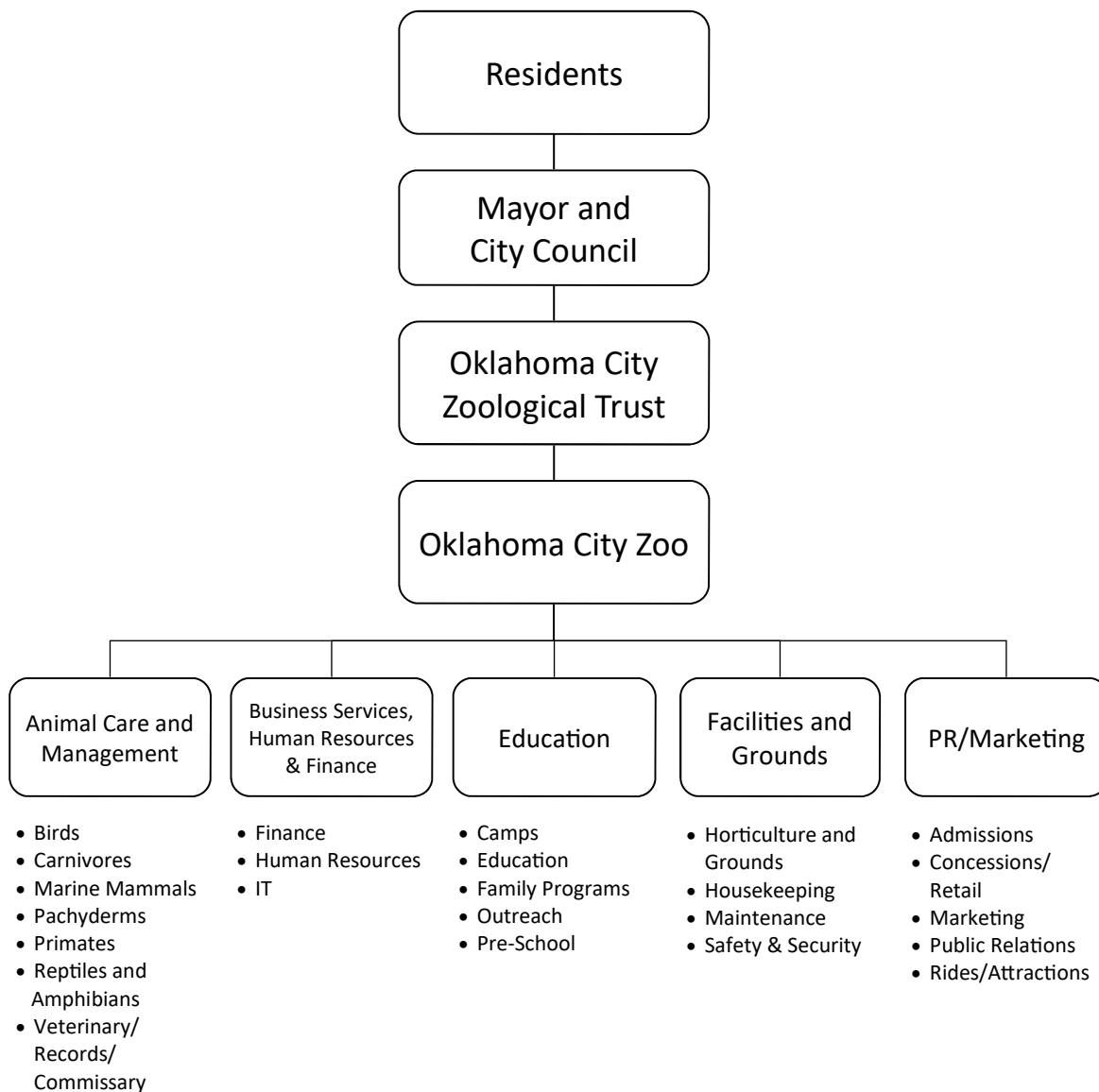


Zoo



Executive Director / CEO	Budget
Dwight Lawson	\$14,932,948

DEPARTMENT INTRODUCTION

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

On July 17, 1990, the Oklahoma City voters approved a one-eighth cent sales tax levy for the limited purpose of funding the Oklahoma City Zoo and Botanical Garden. The Oklahoma City Zoo Sales Tax Fund was created to collect all revenues pursuant to the Zoo tax levy. The ordinance provides that Zoo Sales Tax funds will only be used for the establishment, maintenance, replacement, and expansion of zoological parks, gardens, and entertainment facilities; the acquisition, maintenance, and replacement of real property, personal property, and buildings; the operational expenses, education research and program expenses, conservation program expenses, and all other expenses deemed necessary or advisable by the Oklahoma City Zoological Trust in connection with the operation of the Oklahoma City Zoo. The Oklahoma City Zoological Trust is a public trust of which the City of Oklahoma City is the sole beneficiary. The Trust operates the Oklahoma City Zoo under a lease and operating agreement with the City.

Department Facts

- Slated to open summer of 2021, the OKC Zoo's next expansion projects will provide new habitats for its endangered, African painted dogs and cheetah. These world-class habitats will provide vast, enriching environments for these species while giving guests unprecedented views.
- The Sanctuary Asia habitat features new species such as Asian elephants, Komodo dragons, red pandas, tanuki and more. The design of the habitats allows exceptional protection for the care of these species while providing guests fantastic viewpoints.



EXPENDITURES

Summary of Expenditures by Funding Source	FY20 Actual	FY21 Adopted Budget	FY22 Adopted Budget	Percent Change
Zoo Sales Tax Fund	\$14,078,582	\$14,152,149	\$14,932,948	5.52%
Fund Total	\$14,078,582	\$14,152,149	\$14,932,948	5.52%



*This photo of the African Painted Dog was taken by Andrea Johnson

