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**STATEMENT FROM CITY COUNCIL CHAIRMAN KEMP CONRAD  
REGARDING PROPOSED ZOO ORDINANCE**

The Council is very optimistic about the results that are coming out of the mediation and fully expects a parking outcome and compromise that meets the needs of park users and the zoo. I believe the two major breakthroughs announced yesterday are only an indication of what is to come. We are especially appreciative of Richard Smith's work to find reasonable common sense solutions.

Mayor Strickland previously announced a 30 June 2016 deadline for the parties to find common ground and the Council is equally serious about the deadline.

The Resolution the Council passed at its 1 March 2016 meeting contemplated a metes and bounds survey being completed via Ordinance. This ordinance is what will be on the agenda for first reading at our 3 May 2016 meeting.

We fully expect the Ordinance to be amended by third reading to reflect the compromise reached by the parties in a way that is best for park users, the zoo, and the great City of Memphis.

Kemp Conrad  
Chairman