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(ITEM) From the Director, Department of Parks, Recreation, and Culture (DPRC), requesting authorization for the DPRC Director, the Department of Administrative Services, the Register of Deeds, Corporation Counsel, and Risk Management to prepare, review, approve, execute, and record all documents and take all actions as required to facilitate and grant permanent easements to We Energies to allow for the construction, operation, and maintenance of gas and electric services and related improvements serving park facilities and requesting authorization for the County Executive and County Clerk to execute the permanent easements and other required documents, by recommending adoption of the following:

A RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Department of Parks, Recreation, and Culture (DPRC) utilizes electricity and natural gas services provided by We Energies for its buildings and other park facilities; and

WHEREAS, as new park facilities are constructed or existing facilities are upgraded, DPRC requests that We Energies provide new electrical and natural gas services to them as well; and

WHEREAS, when new services are provided, We Energies requires that Milwaukee County provide permanent easements to ensure that it has the needed access to install, operate, and maintain their infrastructure within the park; and

WHEREAS, new services are installed by We Energies and its contractors, and permission for installation work is granted through DPRC’s Right-of-Entry permit process; and

WHEREAS, granting the permanent easements necessary for the long-term operation of the utility on DPRC’s lands requires authorization from the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors (County Board) and the County Executive; and

WHEREAS, DPRC submits each proposed permanent easement to the County Board for authorization on an individual basis as requests are received; and

WHEREAS, each proposed project is thoroughly reviewed and approved by DPRC Planning, Trades, and Operations staff before construction; and

WHEREAS, in the interest of reducing the amount of County Board and DPRC staff time dedicated to items that are routinely approved, DPRC has requested that the authority to grant permanent easements for electric and gas services to park facilities be given to DPRC; and

46 WHEREAS, any and all requests by utilities or third parties for easements in
47 support of services to non-DPRC structures or facilities will continue to be brought before
48 the County Board individually for authorization; and

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50 WHEREAS, the DPRC Director has recommended that the authority to prepare,
51 review, approve, execute, and record all documents as required for easements to We
52 Energies for new services to park facilities, be granted to DPRC, the Department of
53 Administrative Services, the Register of Deeds, Corporation Counsel, Risk Management,
54 the County Clerk, and the County Executive; and

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56 WHEREAS, the Committee on Parks, Energy, and Environment, at its meeting of
57 September 15, 2015, recommended rejection of the Director's request due to a failed
58 motion to adopt (vote 1-4); now, therefore,

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60 BE IT RESOLVED, the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors hereby authorizes
61 the Department of Parks, Recreation, and Culture Director, the Department of
62 Administrative Services, the Register of Deeds, Corporation Counsel, and Risk
63 Management to prepare, review, approve, execute, and record all documents, and take
64 all actions as required to facilitate and grant permanent easements to We Energies to
65 allow for the construction, operation, and maintenance of gas and electric services and
66 related improvements serving park facilities; and

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68 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the County Executive and County Clerk are
69 authorized to execute the easements and other required documents.

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