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3 From the Executive Director of Parks, requesting authorization to grant monetary relief
4 to Zilli Hospitality Group in the amount of \$120,000 due to the impacts of COVID-19 in
5 2020 and 2021, by recommending adoption of the following:

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7 **A RESOLUTION**

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9 WHEREAS, in 2020 the spread of the novel Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19)
10 was and continues to be a serious public health threat, that has resulted in the
11 declaration of emergencies at the Federal, State, and local level; and

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13 WHEREAS, the impacts of COVID-19 caused significant operational disruptions
14 across the entire park system in Milwaukee County (the County), including cancellations
15 of events, closures of buildings, prohibitions of gatherings, and more; and

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17 WHEREAS, many partners of the Department of Parks, Recreation, and Culture
18 saw significant impacts to their operations due to buildings being closed, government
19 regulations prohibiting or restricting gatherings, capacity limits, public safety and health
20 concerns, and other issues as a result of COVID-19; and

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22 WHEREAS, Zilli Hospitality Group (Zilli) was among the partners that were
23 impacted; and

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25 WHEREAS, Zilli is required to pay the County a guaranteed commission of
26 \$8,000 per month, per the September 7, 2013, Boerner Catering and Facility
27 Management Services Agreement; and

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29 WHEREAS, Zilli has declared that it has been unable to schedule events at the
30 Boerner Botanical Gardens facility and grounds from March 14, 2020, to July 2, 2021,
31 due to COVID-19-related restrictions, and therefore reported no income for this period
32 of time; and

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34 WHEREAS, Zilli has requested monetary relief in the amount of \$120,000, due to
35 the loss of revenue from March 14, 2020, to July 2, 2021, directly related to COVID-19;
36 and

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38 WHEREAS, the Committee on Finance, at its meeting of September 17, 2021,
39 recommended adoption of File No. 21-769 (vote 7-0); now, therefore,

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41 BE IT RESOLVED, the Department of Parks, Recreation, and Culture (DPRC) is
42 hereby authorized to grant forgiveness to Zilli Hospitality Group of the guaranteed
43 commission of \$8,000 per month, as required under their current contract for a total of
44 15 months, from March 2020 to July 2021, which amounts to \$120,000, due to the
45 impacts of the Coronavirus Disease; and
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47 BE IT FUTHER RESOLVED, the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors hereby
48 authorizes DPRC, the Department of Administrative Services, the Office of Corporation
49 Counsel, the Office of the Comptroller, and any other department that may be
50 necessary, to perform all actions required to carry out the actions authorized by this
51 resolution.

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