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(ITEM) A resolution by Supervisors Taylor (2), Lipscomb, Sr., and Taylor (9), creating eligibility criteria for Milwaukee County park improvement projects supported by grants from the Parks Amenities Matching Fund to ensure public oversight and transparency, by recommending adoption of the following:

A RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Milwaukee County (the County) Parks Amenities Matching Fund (PAMF) was first established in 1994 to help generate additional resources to fund needed maintenance and repairs in County parks and park facilities; and

WHEREAS, the goal of the PAMF is to enable a third party, both individuals and groups, the opportunity to request matching County funds for proposed projects that aim to improve County parks and park facilities; and

WHEREAS, the PAMF was unfunded in 1994, but was restored by the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors (County Board) in the 2013 Adopted Budget; and

WHEREAS, the 2016 Budget allocated \$500,000 for the PAMF and established the following criteria:

- Submitted projects must be consistent with the Department of Parks, Recreation, and Culture's Master Plan
- Submitted projects must be assessed based on their ability to maintain or enhance core services
- Submitted projects must be prioritized based on the project return on investment, budgetary savings, and potential for increased revenues for the County
- Submitted projects may be considered for any dollar amount provided there are available resources in the PAMF
- The return on investment criteria must include operating expenses and revenues, capital costs, long-term maintenance, and replacement expenses

;and

WHEREAS, most projects leveraged with a grant from the PAMF have not been reviewed by policymakers; and

WHEREAS, to ensure a thorough review of projects eligible for a grant award from the PAMF, while ensuring transparency in the allocation of taxpayer funds, approval by the County Board of Supervisors is necessary; and

46 WHEREAS, the Committee on Parks, Energy, and Environment, at its meeting of
47 July 19, 2016, recommended adoption of this resolution (vote 5-0); now, therefore,
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49 BE IT RESOLVED, all projects recommended for a grant award from the
50 Milwaukee County Parks Amenities Matching Fund (PAMF) must be reviewed and
51 approved by the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors (County Board) prior to the
52 authorization of funding; and
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54 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Director, Department of Parks, Recreation,
55 and Culture (DPRC) is authorized to administer grant awards for the PAMF, according
56 to the following revised criteria:
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- 58 • Recommended projects must be reviewed and approved by the County Board
- 59 • Recommended projects must be consistent with the DPRC's Master Plan
- 60 • Recommended projects must be assessed based on their ability to maintain
61 or enhance core services
- 62 • Recommended projects must be prioritized based on the project return on
63 investment, budgetary savings, and potential for increased revenues for the
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- 65 • Recommended projects may be considered for any dollar amount provided
66 there are available resources in the PAMF
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68 revenues, capital costs, long-term maintenance, and replacement expenses
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