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3 From the Director, Department of Parks, Recreation, and Culture, requesting
4 authorization to apply for the Fund for Lake Michigan program grant and/or the
5 Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage District Green Infrastructure program grant, by
6 recommending adoption of the following:
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8 **AN AMENDED RESOLUTION**
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10 WHEREAS, the Department of Parks, Recreation, and Culture (DPRC) has
11 identified two programs that provide funding assistance for assets and activities that
12 support its mission “to sustain the legacy of our world-class park system by managing
13 and conserving natural, cultural, and recreational resources for the benefit of the
14 community”; and
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16 WHEREAS, in the coming months the DPRC intends to apply for funding from
17 the programs that present the best fit with its needs and existing financial resources;
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20 WHEREAS, the funding opportunities that the DPRC could potentially apply for
21 include the Fund for Lake Michigan (FFLM), and the Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage
22 District (MMSD); and
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24 WHEREAS, the mission of the FFLM is to support efforts that enhance the
25 health of Lake Michigan, its shoreline, and tributary river systems, for the benefit of the
26 people, plants, and animals that depend upon the system for water, recreation, and
27 commerce; and
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29 WHEREAS, priority will be given to on-the-ground projects that have near-term,
30 direct and quantifiable impacts on the protection of critical natural habitats and making
31 water resources more safe for swimming, fishing, and drinking; and
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33 WHEREAS, there is no matching requirement for FFLM grants; and
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35 WHEREAS, the MMSD is providing funding to increase Green Infrastructure (GI)
36 implementation and innovation within its service area through its GI grants program; and
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38 WHEREAS, a successful application will involve activities that contribute to the
39 achievement of MMSD’s 2035 Vision, which aims for a healthier Milwaukee region and
40 a cleaner Lake Michigan, accomplished through the attainment of zero overflows, zero
41 basement backups, and improved storm water management; and
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43 WHEREAS, examples include constructed wetlands, native landscaping, porous
44 pavement, bioswales, and storm water trees; and
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46 WHEREAS, projects costs are reimbursed on and 1:1 cost-share basis; and

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48 WHEREAS, a potential grant application project for FFLM and MMSD programs
49 would involve the implementation of one or more of the recommendations developed as
50 part of the Gateway Project Master Plan (Master Plan); and

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52 WHEREAS, the Master Plan calls for GI to be integrated with the surface
53 parking lots at Veterans Park, Lincoln Memorial Drive, the Veterans Park lagoon, and
54 the War Memorial Center north parking lot; and

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56 WHEREAS, another grant opportunity could involve the use of FFLM and MMSD
57 funds to leverage existing and future planning and construction funding to improve near
58 shore water quality and public usage of the South Shore Park Beach and its
59 surroundings; and

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61 WHEREAS, the Director, DPRC, recommends that DPRC be authorized to apply
62 for one or more FFLM Program and/or one or more MMSD GI Program grants; and

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64 WHEREAS, the Committee on Parks, Energy, and Environment, at its meeting of
65 December 6, 2016, recommended adoption of the Director's request as amended
66 (vote 4-0); now, therefore,

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68 BE IT RESOLVED, the purpose of the Fund for Lake Michigan (FFLM) is to
69 support efforts that enhance the health of Lake Michigan, and its shoreline and tributary
70 river systems, for the benefit of the people, plants, and animals that depend upon the
71 system for water, recreation and commerce, and the purpose of the Milwaukee
72 Metropolitan Sewerage District (MMSD) Green Infrastructure Program (GI) is for the
73 support of activities that contribute to a healthier Milwaukee region and a cleaner Lake
74 Michigan through the attainment of zero overflows, zero basement backups, and
75 improved storm water management; and

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77 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Director, Department of Parks, Recreation,
78 and Culture (DPRC), is hereby authorized to apply for one or more FFLM Program
79 Grants and/or one or more MMSD GI Program grants; and

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81 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, if the DPRC is awarded any FFLM or MMSD
82 Program grants, the Director, DPRC shall seek authorization from the Milwaukee
83 County Board of Supervisors to implement the projects intended for the funds, and
84 provide a detailed report on each individual project that may be funded from the
85 awarded grants.

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