(ITEM) From the Director of County Economic Development, Department of Administrative Services, requesting authorization to execute the release of abandoned utility easements on Lots 8 and 9 located within the Milwaukee County Research Park, by recommending adoption of the following:

A RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, since 1993 Milwaukee County and the Milwaukee County Research Park Corporation (MCRPC) have been party to several agreements whereby MCRPC leases the Technology Innovation Center (TIC Building) and MCRPC is responsible for the marketing and disposition of the remaining vacant land at Milwaukee County Research Park ("Research Park"); and

WHEREAS, at the Economic and Community Development (ECD) Committee meeting on July 15, 2013, the ECD Committee requested that the Economic Development Division work with MCRPC to develop a strategy to be implemented prior to the expiration of MCRPC's lease for the TIC Building (File No. 13-565); and

WHEREAS, the strategy developed by MCRPC and the Economic Development Division includes three components: Lease Amendment/Option; Private Sale of Developable Lots; and MCRPC Ownership of Redevelopment Lots; and

WHEREAS, the current Conveyance Agreement between MCRPC and the County allows the MCRPC to sell existing vacant land for private development; and

WHEREAS, part of the long-term strategy includes MCRPC selling to a private developer Lots 8, 9, 12, and 22, which does not require County approval; and

WHEREAS, several abandoned utility easements need to be released to complete this strategy of Private Sale of Developable Lots; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, the Director of County Economic Development, Department of Administrative Services, is hereby authorized to execute the attached Release of Recorded Easements and Restrictions ("Release") for Lots 8 and 9 of CSM 7648; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the County Executive and the County Clerk and/or other appropriate County officials be hereby authorized to execute, after Corporation Counsel approval, any and all instruments, rights of entry, documents, agreements, assignment and/or amendment required to implement the intent of this resolution or that are otherwise called out in the Release.

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