From the Executive Director of Parks, requesting authorization to expand on an already existing WE Energies easement to provide electric service to an existing gas regulation pit, by recommending adoption of the following:

## **A RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS, the Wisconsin Electric Power Company (WE Energies) needs to provide electrical service to a safety monitoring device located in a gas regulation pit at the Northeast corner of South 7<sup>th</sup> Street and West Lincoln Avenue, adjacent to the Southeast corner of Kosciuszko Park (the Park); and

WHEREAS, due to the lack of space available in the South 7<sup>th</sup> Street right-of-way, WE Energies has no alternative but to locate a part of the electric service on the eastern property line of the Park at West Grant Street; and

WHEREAS, WE Energies has an existing 1982 easement for electric service to supply the Kosciuszko Community Center, via a pole located at West Grant Street; and

WHEREAS, WE Energies can connect the electric service to the existing pole, but requires an additional easement (the Easement), for a strip of land eight feet wide and 65 feet long, to place the underground service and a pad-mounted transformer at the point where WE Energies can connect to the existing right-of-way of South 7<sup>th</sup> Street; and

WHEREAS, the proposed final Easement acreage on parkland is approximately 0.012 acres, or 520 square feet; and

WHEREAS, WE Energies is offering \$1.60 per square foot (\$69,696/acre) as compensation for the Easement; and

WHEREAS, WE Energies has requested that Milwaukee County grant a Permanent Electric Easement to allow for the construction, operation, and maintenance of the electric service and equipment; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Parks, Recreation, and Culture (DPRC) has reviewed this request, and based on the size of the Easement, the minimal impact to parkland, natural areas, and recreational activities, and the overall benefit to the community, is recommending approval of this Easement; and

WHEREAS, the Director, DPRC, has recommended that the authority to prepare, review, approve, execute, and record all documents as required to execute the attached Permanent Electric Easement be granted to DPRC, the Department of Administrative Services (DAS), Corporation Counsel, Risk Management, DAS, County Clerk, Register of Deeds, and the County Executive; and

  WHEREAS, the Committee on Parks and Culture, at its meeting of June 4, 2024, recommended adoption of File No. 24-509 (vote 5-0); now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors hereby authorizes the Director, Department of Parks, Recreation, and Culture (DPRC), the Department of Administrative Services (DAS), the Register of Deeds, Corporation Counsel, and Risk Management, DAS, to prepare, review, approve, execute, and record all documents, and take all actions as required to grant the Wisconsin Electric Power Company (WE Energies) the required Permanent Electric Easement (the Easement) for the construction, operation, and maintenance of the electric service equipment and related improvements, along certain portions of parkland in Kosciuszko Park, in the City of Milwaukee, along South 7<sup>th</sup> Street; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, WE Energies will pay a one-time payment of \$1.60 per square foot as compensation for the 0.012-acre Easement, which will be approximately \$832; and

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

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