



Milwaukee County

Meeting Minutes

Committee on Parks and Culture

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Vice Chairperson: Supervisor Steve F. Taylor

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Supervisor Juan Miguel Martinez

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Thursday, January 22, 2026

9:00 AM

Room 203-R and Microsoft Teams
County Legislative Information Center

This meeting was held in Room 203-R, and was live-streamed on the County Legislative Information Center: <https://milwaukeecounty.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx>

Call To Order

Roll Call at 9:10 a.m.

Present 7 - Taylor (17), Martin, Coggs-Jones, Martinez, Eckblad, O'Connor and Wasserman

Supervisors Felesia A. Martin, Juan Miguel Martinez, and Jack Eckblad appeared virtually for today's meeting.

MILWAUKEE COUNTY ZOO - 2

- 1 [25-815](#) From the Milwaukee County Zoo requesting authorization to retroactively submit and accept a Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage District (MMSD) grant for the Green Infrastructure Partnership Program (GIPP) in an amount not to exceed \$250,000 for Capital Project WZ0174 - Zoo Front Entrance Reconfiguration. **(Referred to the Committees on Parks and Culture; and Finance)**

Attachments: [25-815 REPORT](#)
 [25-815 RESOLUTION](#)
 [25-815 FISCAL NOTE](#)
 [25-815 SIGNED AGREEMENT](#)

APPEARANCE:

Amos Morris, Director, Milwaukee County Zoo (virtually)

A motion was made by Supervisor O'Connor that this Action Report be RECOMMENDED FOR ADOPTION. The motion PREVAILED by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Taylor (17), Martin, Coggs-Jones, Martinez, Eckblad, O'Connor and Wasserman

- 2 [26-209](#) From the Executive Zoo Director, requesting authorization to execute a Professional Service Agreement with Culture by Design, LLC d/b/a Culture x Design for entertainment booking services for the Zoo's Milwaukee A La Carte event. **(Referred to the Committee on Parks and Culture for INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES ONLY per Section 59.52(31)(d), Wisconsin State Statutes; Referred to the Committee on Finance)**

Attachments: [26-209 REPORT](#)
 [26-209 RESOLUTION](#)
 [26-209 FISCAL NOTE](#)
 [26-209 PROFESSIONAL SERVICE CONTRACT](#)
 [26-209 PROPOSAL RESPONSE \(33 pages\)](#)

APPEARANCES:

Amos Morris, Director, Milwaukee County Zoo (Zoo) (virtually)
Emily Salentine, Director of Marketing and Communications, Zoo (virtually)
Kelsey A. Evans, Committee Coordinator, Legislative Services, Office of the County Clerk

A motion was made by Supervisor O'Connor that this Action Report be **RECOMMENDED FOR ADOPTION**. The motion **PREVAILED** by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Taylor (17), Martin, Coggs-Jones, Martinez, Eckblad, O'Connor and Wasserman

A motion was made by Supervisor O'Connor that this Action Report be **RECONSIDERED**. The motion **PREVAILED** by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Taylor (17), Martin, Coggs-Jones, Martinez, Eckblad, O'Connor and Wasserman

This Action Report was referred to the Committee on Parks and Culture for **INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES ONLY** per Section 59.52(31)(d), Wisconsin State Statutes, and was **DISCUSSED WITH NO ACTION TAKEN**.

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS, RECREATION, AND CULTURE - 2

- 3 [25-882](#) Authorization to grant waivers to various special event organizers for events that impede access to Lincoln Memorial Drive on various dates in 2026

Attachments: [25-882 REPORT](#)
 [25-882 RESOLUTION](#)
 [25-882 REVISED RESOLUTION \(received 01/16/26\)](#)
 [25-882 FISCAL NOTE](#)
 [25-882 POWERPOINT](#)
 [25-882 REVISED POWERPOINT \(received 01/16/26\)](#)

APPEARANCE:

Jeffrey "Jeff" Orlowski, Deputy Director of Recreation and Business Services,
Department of Parks, Recreation, and Culture (virtually)

**A motion was made by Supervisor O'Connor that this Action Report be
RECOMMENDED FOR ADOPTION. The motion PREVAILED by the following vote:**

Aye: 7 - Taylor (17), Martin, Coggs-Jones, Martinez, Eckblad, O'Connor and
Wasserman

- 4 [25-883](#) From the Executive Director of Parks requesting authorization to enter into Agricultural Lease Agreements with individual farmers for the benefit of Milwaukee County land.

Attachments: [25-883 REPORT](#)
 [25-883 RESOLUTION](#)
 [25-883 FISCAL NOTE](#)
 [25-883 DRAFT CRAYTON LEASE AGREEMENT](#)
 [25-883 CRAYTON LEASE AERIAL MAP](#)
 [25-883 DRAFT D&S FARMS LEASE AGREEMENT](#)
 [25-883 D&S FARMS LEASE AERIAL MAP](#)
 [25-883 DPRC LAND LEASE POLICY](#)
 [25-883 POWERPOINT](#)

APPEARANCE:

Robert "Rob" Senglaub, Contracts Manager, Department of Parks, Recreation,
and Culture

**A motion was made by Supervisor Taylor (17) that this Action Report be
RECOMMENDED FOR ADOPTION. The motion PREVAILED by the following vote:**

Aye: 7 - Taylor (17), Martin, Coggs-Jones, Martinez, Eckblad, O'Connor and
Wasserman

RESOLUTION/ORDINANCE - 1

- 5 [26-255](#) A resolution/ordinance amending *Chapter 47 - Parks and Parkways* of the Milwaukee County General Ordinances to define law enforcement staging and require prior written authorization for such activities in County parks (**Referred to the Committees on Parks and Culture; and Judiciary, Law Enforcement, and General Services**)

Sponsors: O'Connor, Gómez-Tom, Martinez, Eckblad, Martin, Bielinski and Capriolo

Attachments: [26-255 RESOLUTION/ORDINANCE](#)
 [26-255 FISCAL NOTE](#)

APPEARANCES:

Scott F. Brown, Corporation Counsel, Office of Corporation Counsel
Guy Smith, Director, Department of Parks, Recreation, and Culture
Brian Barkow, Chief Deputy, Office of the Sheriff (Sheriff)
Supervisor Sky Z. Capriolo, District 15 (virtually)
Supervisor Shawn Rolland, District 6 (virtually)
Supervisor Willie Johnson, Jr., District 2
Douglas Holton, Inspector, Police Services Bureau, Sheriff

Nat Godley appeared and spoke in favor of this Resolution/Ordinance.

A motion was made by Supervisor O'Connor that this Resolution/Ordinance be **RECOMMENDED FOR ADOPTION**. The motion **PREVAILED** by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Martin, Coggs-Jones, Martinez, Eckblad, O'Connor and Wasserman

No: 1 - Taylor (17)

E-COMMENTS - 1

- 6 [26-45](#) eComments submitted to the Committee on Parks and Culture via the County Legislative Information Center (CLIC).

*The Office of the County Clerk collects eComments submitted via CLIC, and appends these official public records to Reference File No. 26-45 at the conclusion of each meeting.

There were no appearances for Item 6.

There were no eComments submitted for the January 22, 2026, meeting.

The January 22, 2026, record of eComments was **DISCUSSED WITH NO ACTION TAKEN**.

Length of Meeting: 9:10 a.m. to 10:58 a.m.

Adjourned,

**Kelsey A. Evans
Committee Coordinator
Legislative Services, Office of the County Clerk
Committee on Parks and Culture**

Deadline for the next meeting:

The next regular meeting for the Committee on Parks and Culture is Tuesday,
March 3, 2026, at 9:00 a.m.

Approval Tracking System review must be completed in Legistar on or before
Friday, February 13, 2026, at 5:00 p.m., for the March meeting cycle.