

(ITEM ), A resolution requesting and authorizing Corporation Counsel to enter into initial discussions with Milwaukee Art Museum, Inc., to explore the possibility of a sale or lease of O'Donnell Park and the parking structure to the Museum, with a priority of retaining public access to the Park.

**A RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS, adopted County Board Resolution File No. 11-154 created the Long-Range Lakefront Planning Committee, comprised of officials from Milwaukee County and the City of Milwaukee, as well as other representatives from the various lakefront attraction and the business community; and

WHEREAS, adopted County Board Resolution File 11-401 adopted the Long-Range Lakefront Planning Committee's Report ("Lakefront Plan"), including the goal of the continuation of the O'Donnell Parking Structure "in its current function in the short-term, while considering redevelopment options long-term"; and

WHEREAS, the Lakefront Plan indicates a desire for the O'Donnell Parking Structure to have increased maintenance, increased security, and create an inviting area for Downtown Milwaukee; and

WHEREAS, the Milwaukee Art Museum, Inc., has expressed interest in acquiring O'Donnell Park and the parking structure from the County in a public-to-public transaction for fair value, and operating and maintaining the park and parking structure to create an inviting area for Downtown Milwaukee as called for in the Lakefront Plan; and

WHEREAS, a priority for Milwaukee County is maintaining the public's access to use and enjoy O'Donnell Park and its lakefront setting; and

WHEREAS, in December 2014, the County considered but rejected a sale of O'Donnell Park on terms as described in File 14-837; and

WHEREAS, County Ordinances 32.96 allows the Department of Administration to issue a Request for Proposal (RFP) pursue a site-specific plan for land sales if real estate is declared surplus; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that Corporation Counsel is authorized and requested to enter into initial discussions with Milwaukee Art Museum, Inc., to explore the possibility of a site-specific plan for the sale or lease of O'Donnell Park to the Milwaukee Art Museum on terms comparable to those in File 14-837, with a priority on retaining public use and access of the Park, and to provide a report to the Committee on Parks, Energy

46 and the Environment for its meeting of April 14, 2015, on the feasibility of such a  
47 transaction.