From the Executive Director of Parks, Recreation and Culture, requesting authorization to execute a Friends Agreement between Milwaukee County Parks and the Friends of Hales Corners Park & Pool, by recommending adoption of the following:

AN AMENDED RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Friends of Hales Corners Park & Pool (FOHCPP) is a private, nonprofit corporation, organized under Section 181, Wisconsin State Statutes, with a tax-exempt status under Internal Revenue Code Section 501(c)(3); and

WHEREAS, FOHCPP has been active since 2003, initially with a mission to keep Hales Corners Pool (the Pool) open and operating, and then expanding its mission to include other developments and improvements in the Hales Corners Park (the Park), for the benefit of families and youth in the community; and

WHEREAS, FOHCPP has had a positive impact on the Park and the Pool, and is active in fundraising, sponsorships, and volunteer efforts that support the Pool and the Park; and

WHEREAS, in February 2019, the Audit Services Division (ASD), Office of the Comptroller, completed an audit of FOHCPP that found the Department of Parks, Recreation, and Culture (DPRC) had several agreements with FOHCPP, but there was no written agreement governing overall interactions with FOHCPP; and

WHEREAS, the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors (County Board) adopted the recommendations of the audit report contained in File No. 19-238 on March 21, 2019; and

WHEREAS, the Director of Audits, ASD, Office of the Comptroller, issued an informational report on July 16, 2019, regarding the new Friends' Agreement (the Agreement) between Milwaukee County (the County) and the FOHCPP indicating the final recommendations that need to still be addressed from the February 2019 audit report; and

WHEREAS, the February 2019 audit report included the recommendation that the FOHCPP strengthen its internal controls to provide for better monitoring of the Agreement by DPRC staff; and

WHEREAS, the July 2019 informational report also recommended that DPRC consider adding an ability for shorter notice for termination versus one year, as noted in the Agreement; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 13, Milwaukee County Code of General Ordinances (the Code), provides guidelines for County departments that form partnerships with support groups, and requires a written agreement be developed between the department and the support group for approval by the County Executive and the County Board; and

WHEREAS, the term of this Agreement is for the calendar year in which it is signed, and remains in effect unless and until terminated upon one year written notice by either party, or by mutual consent; and

WHEREAS, the Agreement also lays out the roles and responsibilities of the County and FOHCPP, as required in Chapter 13 of the Code, including the handling of solicitations and donations, future improvements, records and reporting, and insurance provisions; and

WHEREAS, the Committee on Parks, Energy, and Environment, at its meeting of September 10, 2019, recommended adoption of File No. 19-575 as amended (vote 5-0); now, therefore,

 BE IT RESOLVED, the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors (County Board) hereby authorizes the Department of Parks, Recreation, and Culture (DPRC) to execute a Friends' Agreement (the Agreement) between the DPRC and the Friends of Hales Corners Park & Pool, Inc. (FOHCPP), for this calendar year, which will renew annually, and remain in effect until terminated upon one year written notice by either party, or by mutual consent; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the County Board hereby directs and authorizes DPRC to negotiate a shorter notice period for termination of the Agreement, which shall be less than one year; and

 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the County Board hereby directs and authorizes DPRC to negotiate, as part of the Agreement, provisions to strengthen the internal controls of FOHCPP, so that DPRC is better able to monitor the Agreement; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, DPRC is authorized to execute the Agreement after its revision to include the provisions described herein; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Agreement shall comply with Chapter 13 of the Milwaukee County Code of General Ordinances.

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