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From the Deputy Chief of Staff, Office of the County Executive, requesting retroactive authorization to execute a Professional Services Contract with the Frank Zeidler Center for Public Discussion, in an amount not to exceed \$7,500, for public information and input sessions for the period effective March 1, 2016, through December 31, 2016; and requesting a waiver of Section 56.30(9) of the Milwaukee County Code of General Ordinances in order to pay for services rendered prior to execution of the contract, by recommending adoption of the following:

**A RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS, the Office on African American Affairs (the Office) was created by the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors (County Board) to serve an integral role in recognizing and resolving Milwaukee County’s racial inequities for the benefit of all of its citizenry, and for the region to achieve its full potential; and

WHEREAS, the successful work of the Office requires robust community engagement and public input; and

WHEREAS, members of the County Board’s former Finance, Personnel, and Audit Committee and current members of the Finance and Audit Committee encouraged public input into the direction of the Office prior to funding the Office; and

WHEREAS, the Frank Zeidler Center for Public Discussion has successfully facilitated public information and input sessions that provide a genuine opportunity for citizens to comfortably express their views and thoughts on the direction of the Office; and

WHEREAS, the Committee on Finance and Audit, at its meeting of October 31, 2016, recommended adoption of the Deputy Chief of Staff’s request (vote 7-0); now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, the Director, Office on African American Affairs, is hereby authorized to enter into a contract with a starting date of March 1, 2016, for up to \$7,500 with the Frank Zeidler Center for Public Discussion to facilitate public information and input sessions; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the provision of Section 56.30(9), Milwaukee County Code of General Ordinances, is waived and the Milwaukee County Comptroller is authorized to pay for any services rendered prior to the Professional Services Contract with the Frank Zeidler Center for Public Discussion being signed and executed.

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10/31/16

