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From the Executive Director of Parks requesting authorization to grant an easement to American Transmission Company (ATC) on County-owned land adjacent to Silver Spring Drive and I-41, by recommending adoption of the following:

A RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Mill Road–Granville Transmission Line Project (the Project) is being constructed to strengthen the regional electric grid, improve system reliability, and meet increasing energy demand from existing customers, as well as new large-scale electrical loads; and

WHEREAS, the Project upgrades aging transmission infrastructure, adds a new substation, and prevents violations of mandatory electrical reliability standards; and

WHEREAS, the Public Service Commission (PSC) of the State of Wisconsin (the State) has formally determined that the Project is necessary to ensure an adequate and reliable supply of electric power for the region, making it critical to regional grid stability, public safety, and economic development capacity in the Southeastern State area; and

WHEREAS, the PSC required the American Transmission Company (ATC) to evaluate multiple alternatives, including alternative transmission configurations, non-transmission solutions, energy efficiency and demand response measures, a no-build option, and multiple route and corridor alignments; and

WHEREAS, the PSC rejected a more expensive alternative transmission build due to higher costs, greater environmental impacts, and increased right-of-way needs; found non-transmission options infeasible due to timing, capacity, location, and regulatory constraints; determined energy efficiency and demand response measures insufficient; and rejected the no-build option because it would leave the system in violation of reliability standards; and

WHEREAS, after evaluating corridor and route alternatives, the PSC approved the Primary Route, as it best satisfied Wisconsin State Statutory requirements by utilizing existing corridors, minimizing environmental and community impacts, reducing new right-of-way needs, and complying with the State’s Energy Priorities Law, with no higher-priority alternative that is cost-effective, technically feasible, and environmentally sound; and

WHEREAS, if granted, the electric easement would be permanent (the Permanent Easement) and would provide Milwaukee County (the County) with a one-time revenue payment of \$77,974.40, calculated at \$1.60 per square foot for a total Permanent Easement area of 48,734 square feet ($48,734 \times \$1.60 = \$77,974.40$), ensuring ATC’s continued access and operation of the transmission facilities, while securing fair compensation for the County; and

48 WHEREAS, based on the PSC’s findings and determinations, and to ensure
49 compliance with State regulatory approvals and regional grid reliability, the Director,
50 Department of Parks, Recreation, and Culture (DPRC), recommends that DPRC, in
51 coordination with the Department of Administrative Services (DAS), Corporation
52 Counsel, Risk Management, DAS, County Clerk, Register of Deeds, and County
53 Executive, be authorized to prepare, review, approve, execute, and record all necessary
54 documents to formalize a Permanent Easement agreement with ATC; and
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56 WHEREAS, the Committee on Parks and Culture, at its meeting of
57 May 26, 2026, recommended adoption of File No. 26-386 (vote 5-1); now, therefore,
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59 BE IT RESOLVED, the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors hereby
60 authorizes the Director, Department of Parks, Recreation, and Culture, Department of
61 Administrative Services (DAS), Corporation Counsel, Risk Management, DAS, County
62 Clerk, and the Register of Deeds to prepare, review, approve, execute, amend, and
63 record all necessary documents and take any actions required to grant a permanent
64 electric easement (the Permanent Easement) to American Transmission Company
65 (ATC) for the construction, operation, and maintenance of electric service infrastructure
66 within Milwaukee County (the County); and
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68 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, if granted, ATC shall compensate the County with
69 a one-time payment of \$77,974.40, based on a rate of \$1.60 per square foot for the
70 48,734 square foot Permanent Easement area ($48,734 \times \$1.60 = \$77,974.40$); and
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72 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Milwaukee County Executive and County
73 Clerk are authorized to execute, amend, and record the Permanent Easement and all
74 other documents necessary to carry out the intent of this resolution, and by doing so
75 affirm that they are executing such documents with the proper authority on behalf of the
76 County.
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