From the Director, Department of Parks, Recreation, and Culture, requesting authorization to apply for and accept, if awarded, a United States Environmental Protection Agency Great Lakes Restoration Initiative grant for the South Shore Park Waterfront Redevelopment Project; and to execute an administrative fund transfer to recognize the receipt of revenue, by recommending adoption of the following:

A RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Director, Department of Parks, Recreation, and Culture (DPRC), is requesting authorization to apply for a United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Great Lakes Restoration Initiative (GLRI) green infrastructure grant; and

WHEREAS, the EPA is offering GLRI funding for green infrastructure projects that improve water quality at Great Lakes' public beaches; and

WHEREAS, green infrastructure projects refer to installations which, through the use of natural systems or engineered systems, mimic natural systems to treat, slow, or capture polluted runoff, to reduce the amount or improve the quality of runoff that drains into Great Lakes' nearshore areas; and

WHEREAS, the EPA is willing to match dollar-for-dollar any local contribution, up to \$175,000, for green infrastructure installation, including engineering and design; and

WHEREAS, the DPRC is seeking authorization to submit an EPA GLRI green infrastructure grant application for the South Shore Park Waterfront Redevelopment Project; and

WHEREAS, the 1.7 acre beach regularly ranks among the worst in the nation in water quality testing and closures; and

WHEREAS, the DPRC has completed a master plan for the redevelopment of the waterfront areas of the park in an effort to better meet the needs of the waterfront users; and

WHEREAS, green infrastructure features will be integrated into the plan to the fullest extent possible to address near-shore water quality problems and beach closings; and

WHEREAS, the Director, DPRC, recommends that DPRC be authorized to apply for an EPA GLRI green infrastructure grant, and that appropriate Milwaukee County staff be authorized to implement the grant, if awarded; and

WHEREAS, the Committee on Parks, Energy, and Environment, at its meeting of March 14, 2017, recommended adoption of File No. 17-221 (vote 4-0); and

47 48 WHEREAS, the Committee on Finance and Audit, at its meeting of March 16, 2017, recommended adoption of File No. 17-221 (vote 6-0); now, therefore, 49 50 BE IT RESOLVED, the Department of Parks, Recreation, and Culture (DPRC) is 51 hereby authorized to apply for Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Great Lakes 52 Restoration Initiative (GLRI) green infrastructure grant funding; and 53 54 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, if an EPA GLRI green infrastructure grant is 55 awarded to Milwaukee County, the DPRC, Office of Comptroller, and Department of 56 Administrative Services, are hereby authorized to execute an administrative fund 57 transfer to recognize the receipt of revenue, and apply it to the South Shore Park 58 Waterfront Redevelopment Project to implement awarded EPA GLRI green 59 infrastructure funding. 60 61 62 63 jmj 03/16/17 64 65 S:\Committees\2017\Mar\FA\Resolutions\17-221.docx