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From the Executive Director of Parks, requesting authorization to enter into a permanent easement with the City of Wauwatosa, by recommending adoption of the following:

A RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the City of Wauwatosa (the City) and the State of Wisconsin Department of Transportation (DOT) have been working on the reconstruction of a 90-year-old bridge, evaluated to be in poor condition, at Wisconsin Avenue over Honey Creek, in the Honey Creek Parkway (the Parkway); and

WHEREAS, the City has been coordinating the reconstruction project (the Project) with the Department of Parks, Recreation, and Culture (DPRC) since 2022, to minimize impacts, relocate public and private infrastructure, and develop restoration plans; and

WHEREAS, DOT and the City are responsible for funding the total Project cost of \$5.6 million, with no funding from Milwaukee County (the County); and

WHEREAS, the reconstruction will result in certain collateral improvements to the DPRC-owned Parkway, including the removal of cement in the channel of Honey Creek, installation of prairie plantings that will enhance the habitat quality, reconstruction of pedestrian pathways at no cost or maintenance obligations to DPRC, installation of traffic lights at the uncontrolled intersection of the Parkway and Wisconsin Avenue, and replacement of storm outfalls on County land; and

WHEREAS, the City requires 0.1 acres of County land for installing the City's infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, the Project will require the granting of a Permanent Easement from the County to the City for installing storm sewers, to accommodate new bridge wingwalls that extend onto DPRC land, and an easement for traffic lighting infrastructure across portions of DPRC land; and

WHEREAS, DPRC recognizes the value of the improvements to the County, as well as increasing safety as a result of the Project; and

WHEREAS, the Project will also have a beneficial impact on a joint County, United States Army Corps of Engineers, and Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage District Honey Creek Flood Management and Habitat Restoration Project, that is expected to begin in 2026, to improve fish habitat and upland habitat along a 1.7-mile stretch of Honey Creek; and

46 WHEREAS, DPRC and the City are mutually agreeable to a Permanent
47 Easement, with a one-time payment of one dollar, in return for improvements that will
48 enhance the quality of the Parkway; and
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50 WHEREAS, the Committee on Parks and Culture, at its meeting of May 7, 2024,
51 recommended adoption of File No. 24-442 (vote 5-0); now, therefore,
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53 BE IT RESOLVED, the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors hereby
54 authorizes the Department of Parks, Recreation, and Culture, Department of
55 Administrative Services, Corporation Counsel, and any other Department that may be
56 necessary, to execute and record all documents and perform all actions as required to
57 execute the Permanent Easement (the Easement) of up to 0.1 acres, based on the draft
58 Easement attached to this file; and
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60 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the City of Wauwatosa shall be granted an
61 Easement for 0.1 acres, for a one-time payment of one dollar to Milwaukee County; and
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63 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the County Executive and County Clerk are
64 authorized to execute any required documents regarding the execution of the Easement.
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