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4 **A RESOLUTION**

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6 authorizing the transfer of \$241,418 from Org. Unit 194-1945 -- Appropriation for
7 Contingencies and \$100,000 from WP0760 -- McKinley Beach Safety Improvement to
8 WP0778 – Bender Park Boat Launch for the purpose of contracting with a vendor for
9 sediment abatement
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12 WHEREAS, Bender Park Boat Launch is considered a “safe harbor of refuge,”
13 where emergency responders can access Lake Michigan and where boats can moor
14 safely during poor weather conditions; and
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16 WHEREAS, since the opening of Bender Park in 1999, sediment accumulation in
17 the small boat harbor entrance has been an ongoing maintenance issue for the
18 Milwaukee County Parks Department; and
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20 WHEREAS, the boat launch required dredging in 2007, 2011 and 2013 to allow
21 continued access to the lake; and
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23 WHEREAS, the 2024 Capital Budget included an appropriation of \$802,500 to
24 project WP0778 to perform dredging at the Bender Park Boat Launch to allow the public
25 to safely access and navigate the harbor; and
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27 WHEREAS, current sediment levels have forced the complete closure of the boat
28 launch, preventing access to for emergency personnel and those in need of safe harbor;
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31 WHEREAS, further delays in this project will mean higher costs and prolonged
32 safety concerns; and
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34 WHEREAS, the apparent low bid for the project exceeds the original
35 appropriation and an additional \$341,000 is required to proceed; and
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37 WHEREAS, the Parks Department has identified \$100,000 in surplus funds from
38 project WP0760 – McKinley Beach Safety Improvements that can be applied to the
39 Bender Park Boat Launch dredging; and
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41 WHEREAS, transferring funds from the McKinley Beach Safety Improvements
42 project would leave a shortfall of \$241,418 for the Bender Park dredging project that
43 could be covered with a transfer from the Appropriation for Contingencies; and
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45 WHEREAS, this dredging project as designed would conservatively provide five
46 feet of depth at the boat launch, restoring full operations; and
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48 WHEREAS, the Committee on Finance, at its meeting of July 17, 2025,
49 recommended adoption of File No. 25-504 (vote 7-0); now, therefore,
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51 BE IT RESOLVED, the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors recognizes
52 urgent action is needed to address the safety concerns presented by restricted access
53 to the Bender Park Boat Launch; and
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55 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Department of Administrative Services and
56 the Office of the Comptroller are hereby authorized to execute an appropriation transfer
57 of \$241,418 from Org. Unit 194-1945 – Appropriation for Contingencies to WP0778 –
58 Bender Park Boat Launch; and
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60 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Department of Administrative Services and
61 the Office of the Comptroller are further authorized to execute an appropriation transfer
62 of \$100,000 of surplus funds from WP0760 – McKinley Beach Safety Improvements to
63 WP0778 – Bender Park Boat Launch for the purpose of contracting with a vendor for
64 sediment abatement.
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