

(ITEM) A resolution by Supervisors Lipscomb, Sr., Broderick, Haas, and Taylor supporting the repair and reopening of the Mitchell Park Conservatory (the Domes) to the public in 2016, the creation of a task force to develop a comprehensive long-term plan for the Domes, and the authorization to use \$500,000 from the Appropriation for Contingencies, Org. 1800-1945, for use in the immediate repairs of the Domes, by recommending adoption of the following:

A SUBSTITUTE RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, on July 15, 2015, the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors (County Board) adopted File No. 15-526 to reinvest budget surplus funds from the previous fiscal year with \$4 million designated as cash to finance eligible park infrastructure improvements; and

WHEREAS, the County Executive vetoed File No. 15-526 on July 27, 2015, which was subsequently overridden by the County Board; and

WHEREAS, in August 2015, Corporation Counsel opined in File No. 15-623 that the County Executive and the administration are required to execute and administer Milwaukee County's policies that have been directed and authorized by the legislative action; and

WHEREAS, on August 27, 2015, the Director, Department of Parks, Recreation, and Culture (DPRC) provided a verbal status update to the Capital Improvements Committee regarding the department's progress in assembling a list of \$4 million worth of cash infrastructure projects adopted in File No. 15-526; and

WHEREAS, on September 15, 2015, the Director, DPRC submitted a list of \$4 million in infrastructure projects for cash financing, which included the Mitchell Park Conservatory Domes (the Domes) in the amount of \$500,000; and

WHEREAS, the Committee on Parks, Energy, and Environment approved a By the Committee resolution to authorize DPRC's project list on September 15, 2015, resulting in the County Board adopting File No. 15-601 on September 24, 2015; and

WHEREAS, on September 29, 2015, the County Executive returned File No. 15-601 unsigned; and

WHEREAS, the Administration indefinitely closed all three domes on February 5, 2016, due to fallen concrete debris from the structure; and

WHEREAS, the County Board held a public hearing on the future of the Domes on February 24, 2016, to listen to the concerns of Milwaukee County residents about the Administration's closure of the Domes; and

47 WHEREAS, on February 22, 2016, the Office of Performance, Strategy, and
48 Budget, Department of Administrative Services (OPSB-DAS) requested an additional
49 \$500,000 for repairs to the Domes, and the Administration announced that the Show
50 Dome would reopen by May 1, 2016; and
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52 WHEREAS, to date, there is a discrepancy between the amount of \$500,000 in
53 contingency funds requested by DAS-OPSB to make the immediate repairs to the
54 Domes that differs from an estimate of \$700,000 included in a 2016 Budgeted
55 Contingency Appropriation Summary which has not been explained or reconciled; and
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57 WHEREAS, the Committee on Parks, Energy, and Environment, at its meeting of
58 March 8, 2016, recommended adoption of this substitute resolution (vote 6-0); now,
59 therefore,
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61 BE IT RESOLVED, Milwaukee County shall pursue the repair and preservation of
62 the existing Mitchell Park Conservatory (the Domes); and
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64 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Director, Department of Parks, Recreation,
65 and Culture (DPRC) is requested to reopen the Domes before the end of 2016 under
66 the following established timeline:

- 67 • May 1, 2016, for the Show Dome
- 68 • August 1, 2016, for the Tropical Dome
- 69 • September 1, 2016, for the Arid Dome

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72 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the recommendations by engineering experts to
73 repair the Domes should aim to extend the maximum usable life of the existing facility;
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76 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, if it is determined by authorized expert facility
77 engineers that any one of the Domes are unsafe for public use and should remain
78 closed, the Director, Facilities Management Division (FM), Department of Administrative
79 Services (DAS), is requested to provide a written report to the Milwaukee County Board
80 of Supervisors (County Board) by next reporting cycle; and
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82 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the County Board authorizes the creation of a
83 task force to develop a comprehensive long-term plan for the Domes; and
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85 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the task force shall be comprised of nine
86 members, or their designees, including the County Board Supervisor for District 12, the
87 Chairperson of the Parks, Energy, and Environment, the Chairperson of the Milwaukee
88 County Parks Advisory Commission, the DPRC Director, Director, FM-DAS, one
89 representative from the Friends of the Domes, two members of local community
90 organizations representative of the diversity of Milwaukee County, and one additional

91 member that the County Board Chairperson shall appoint as the Chairperson of the
92 task force; and

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94 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, DPRC shall provide adequate meeting space for
95 the task force in close proximity to the Domes, and the task force meetings shall be
96 staffed by the Office of the Comptroller; and

97 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the task force shall provide a written
98 recommendation to the Committee on Parks, Energy, and Environment, no later than
99 the September 2016 cycle; and

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101 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the County Board will waive requirements of any
102 Milwaukee County Code of General Ordinances, including Sections 44.01, 44.14, and
103 56.30(5)(a) that may delay immediate repairs to the Domes; and

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105 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Office of Performance, Strategy, and Budget-
106 DAS, is authorized to process an appropriation transfer of \$500,000 from Org Unit
107 1800-1945 Appropriation for Contingencies, for immediate repairs to the Domes.

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