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A resolution by Supervisor Nicholson, requesting to transfer \$210,000 earmarked for Capital Improvement Project WP61701-Washington Park West Baseball Field to cash finance new Capital Improvement Project WP63201-Washington Park Multi-Use Soccer Field Upgrades, by recommending adoption of the following:

AN AMENDED RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the 2016 Adopted Capital Improvements Budget provided an appropriation of \$210,000 in tax levy for Capital Improvement Project WP61701-Washington Park West Baseball Field, as part of a larger capital project to make various improvements at Washington Park; and

WHEREAS, the demand for additional baseball recreation in Washington Park has been low in recent years, and a 2015 cost estimate from the Architecture, Engineering, and Environmental Services Section, Facilities Management Division, Department of Administrative Services, indicates that a full upgrade to the two existing baseball fields, including lighting would be approximately \$680,000; significantly less than the appropriated amount from the 2016 Adopted Capital Improvements Budget to upgrade the West Baseball Field; and

WHEREAS, the demand for soccer fields has increased in the past nine years, and revenues for the use of soccer fields continues to increase; and

WHEREAS, a public meeting was held on January 20, 2017, at the Washington Park Senior Center, where neighborhood residents, community groups, and representatives from local soccer organizations showed overwhelming support for additional improved soccer recreational amenities in Washington Park; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Parks, Recreation, and Culture recommends that the funds appropriated for Capital Improvement Project WP61701 – Washington Park West Baseball Field be repurposed for a new capital improvement project to remove the existing baseball infrastructure of the Washington Park West Baseball Field, and expand the space to provide improved soccer fields, with room to rotate to protect the turf from deterioration as a result of overuse; and

WHEREAS, the expected scope of the new capital improvement project to upgrade the soccer fields will include the removal of the baseball field and related infrastructure, including lighting, fencing, asphalt, and bleacher pads; and

WHEREAS, additional improvements will include corrective grading, field leveling, aeration, and reestablishment of turf in highly worn areas to improve the area for soccer use; and

45 WHEREAS, the Committee on Parks, Energy, and Environment, at its meeting of
46 April 11, 2017, recommended adoption File No. 17-264 as amended (vote 4-0); and
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48 WHEREAS, the Committee on Finance and Audit, at its meeting of April 13,
49 2017, recommended adoption of File No. 17-264 as amended (vote 5-0); now,
50 therefore,
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52 BE IT RESOLVED, the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors hereby
53 authorizes and directs the Office of Performance, Strategy, and Budget, Department of
54 Administrative Services, to transfer \$210,000 from Capital Improvement Project
55 WP61701-Washington Park West Baseball Field within the Department of Parks,
56 Recreation, and Culture (DPRC) to cash finance new Capital Improvement Project
57 WP63201 - Washington Park Multi-Use Soccer Field Upgrades; and
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59 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Director, DPRC, is authorized and requested
60 to coordinate, in conjunction with other appropriate staff, the implementation of this park
61 improvement and provide an informational update as to the status of the project, no
62 later than the ~~July~~ September 2017 cycle.
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