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From the Director, Department of Parks, Recreation, and Culture (DRPC), requesting authorization to execute an administrative fund transfer in the amount of \$582,246.19 from the Appropriation for Contingencies to the DPRC's 2017 Budget to restore funding for the recently approved 12 full-time equivalent positions, by recommending adoption of the following:

AN AMENDED RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the 2017 Recommended Budget included the creation of 12 new positions in the Department of Parks, Recreation, and Culture (DPRC); and

WHEREAS, eight of the positions were seasonal positions, which qualified as full-time under the Affordable Care Act (ACA) legislation defining them as benefit eligible; and

WHEREAS, the eight positions cannot reasonably be staffed at less than 30 hours per week and still maintain the high service levels that DPRC users expect; and

WHEREAS, the conversion of the eight seasonal positions to full-time was included in the 2017 Recommended Budget; and

WHEREAS, the DPRC has been sharing 15 positions with the Department of Transportation (DOT)-Highway Division since 2010, and the DOT-Highway Division opted to end this arrangement in 2016; and

WHEREAS, through prioritization and reallocation of existing operating funds the DPRC funded 12 of the 15 DPRC Highway positions in their 2017 Requested Budget; and

WHEREAS, in 2017 the DPRC is planning to open a permanent beer garden in the Root River Parkway, which is anticipated to bring an additional \$350,000 in sales; and

WHEREAS, operation of that beer garden requires the creation of an additional Park Unit Coordinator position to manage this new location and meet the growing demands for concessions services; and

WHEREAS, 2017 Adopted Budget Amendment 1A045 was approved by the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors (County Board), removing the position authority for all 12 positions requested by the DPRC and allocating the funding into the Appropriation for Contingencies; and

WHEREAS, in March of 2017, the County Board approved position authority for the 12 requested positions included in the 2017 Recommended Budget; and

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WHEREAS, the funding for those positions is still located within the Appropriation for Contingencies account; and

WHEREAS, the DPRC has realized savings of \$47,629.81 from a delay in hiring the recently approved positions from the original request; and

WHEREAS, the DPRC does not have the financial capability to fund the positions from within its current budget and lack of funding for personnel may require staff reductions with significant service interruptions; and

WHEREAS, the Director, Office of Performance, Strategy, and Budget, Department of Administrative Services, recently indicated (File No. 17-409) that the potential Milwaukee County impact of items under consideration in the State Budget could result in a \$7.6 million shortfall in 2017; and the Milwaukee County Comptroller is projecting a \$2 million overall budget shortfall this year without factoring the potential impact from the State Budget; and

WHEREAS, the Committee on Finance and Audit, at its meeting of May 18, 2017, recommended adoption of File No. 17-376 as amended (vote 6-0); now, therefore,

~~BE IT RESOLVED, the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors hereby authorizes the Office of the Comptroller and the Department of Administrative Services to process an administrative fund transfer from the Appropriation for Contingencies in the amount of \$582,246.19 to the Department of Parks, Recreation, and Culture.~~

BE IT RESOLVED, that if the County Executive determines that no surplus funds are available in the 2017 Budget to cover the cost of these positions and still achieve a balanced budget, the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors authorizes the use of the Debt Service Reserve as outlined below; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Office of Performance, Strategy, and Budget (OPSB), Department of Administrative Services (DAS), and the Office of the Comptroller are authorized and directed to process an administrative fund transfer to allocate up to \$582,246 of cash from the Debt Service Reserve to Org. Unit 9960 – General County Debt Service in order to pay debt service expenses; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the OPSB, DAS, and the Office of the Comptroller are authorized and directed to process an administrative fund transfer to allocate up to \$582,246 of expenditure authority from Org. Unit 9960 – General County Debt Service to the Department of Parks, Recreation, and Culture.

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