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From the Executive Director of Parks, requesting authorization to grant monetary relief to Zilli Hospitality Group in the amount of \$120,000 due to the impacts of COVID-19 in 2020 and 2021, by recommending **REJECTION** of the following:

A RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, in 2020 the spread of the novel Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) was and continues to be a serious public health threat, that has resulted in the declaration of emergencies at the Federal, State, and local levels; and

WHEREAS, the impacts of COVID-19 caused significant operational disruptions across the entire park system in Milwaukee County (the County), including cancellations of events, closures of buildings, prohibitions of gatherings, and more; and

WHEREAS, many partners of the Department of Parks, Recreation, and Culture saw significant impacts to their operations due to buildings being closed, government regulations prohibiting or restricting gatherings, capacity limits, public safety and health concerns, and other issues as a result of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, Zilli Hospitality Group (Zilli) was among the partners that were impacted; and

WHEREAS, Zilli is required to pay the County a guaranteed commission of \$8,000 per month, per the September 7, 2013, Boerner Catering and Facility Management Services Agreement; and

WHEREAS, Zilli has declared that it has been unable to schedule events at the Boerner Botanical Gardens facility and grounds from March 14, 2020, to July 2, 2021, due to COVID-19-related restrictions, and therefore reported no income for this period of time; and

WHEREAS, Zilli has requested monetary relief in the amount of \$120,000, due to the loss of revenue from March 14, 2020, to July 2, 2021, directly related to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, the Committee on Finance (Finance), at its meeting of September 17, 2021, recommended adoption of File No. 21-769 (vote 7-0); and

WHEREAS, the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors, at its meeting of September 23, 2021, referred File No. 21-769 to Finance (vote 18-0); and

WHEREAS, Finance, at its meeting of November 1, 2021, recommended **REJECTION** of File No. 21-769, due to a failed motion to recommend adoption (vote 1-5); now, therefore,

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BE IT RESOLVED, the Department of Parks, Recreation, and Culture (DPRC) is hereby authorized to grant forgiveness to Zilli Hospitality Group of the guaranteed commission of \$8,000 per month, as required under their current contract for a total of 15 months, from March 2020 to July 2021, which amounts to \$120,000, due to the impacts of the Coronavirus Disease; and

BE IT FUTHER RESOLVED, the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors hereby authorizes DPRC, the Department of Administrative Services, the Office of Corporation Counsel, the Office of the Comptroller, and any other department that may be necessary, to perform all actions required to carry out the actions authorized by this resolution.

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