From the Executive Director of Parks, requesting authorization to enter into a Lease Agreement with UW-Extension for community gardens within Oak Creek Parkway, Kohl, Rainbow, Cupertino, and Underwood Parkway Parks, by recommending adoption of the following:

AN ENGROSSED RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, in 2018, the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors authorized, in adopted File No. 18-316, the Department of Parks, Recreation, and Culture (DPRC) and the Board of Regents of the University of Wisconsin System, University of Wisconsin-Extension (Extension), to enter into a Lease Agreement (the Agreement), whereby Extension operated community urban garden programs on several DPRC properties in Milwaukee County (the County); and

WHEREAS, an Agreement was signed between the parties effective January 1, 2018, with an Initial Term of ten years, with two additional five-year periods; and

WHEREAS, since the 2018 signing of the Agreement, the extent of the leased premises has been reduced; and

 WHEREAS, Parks reported at the May 2024 meeting of the Committee on Parks & Culture that two sites included in the 2018 signing of the lease, Moody Park and Sherman Park, are not included in this new lease; and

WHEREAS, since the signing of the Agreement in 2018, Extension has undergone changes in its organizational structure and is now administered by the University of Wisconsin - Madison Extension; and

WHEREAS, the parties wish to replace the 2018 Agreement with a new lease that recognizes the changes to the leased acreage, updated invasive species management policies, and the administrative changes to the Extension structure; and

WHEREAS, the Extension's new administrative structure requires leases to be of five-year terms; and

WHEREAS, DPRC and Extension are mutually agreeable to a new lease that allows Extension's urban gardening program to continue, to support urban gardening for County citizens; and

WHEREAS, the Committee on Parks and Culture, at its meeting of May 7, 2024, recommended adoption of File No. 24-443 (vote 5-0); now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors hereby authorizes the Department of Parks, Recreation, and Culture, Department of Administrative Services, Corporation Counsel, and any other Department that may be

necessary, to execute and record all documents and perform all actions, as required to execute the Lease Agreement (the Agreement) based on the draft Agreement attached to this file; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, in alignment with Milwaukee County's adopted vision of achieving racial and health equity and becoming the healthiest county in the state of Wisconsin, the County Board requests any decisions regarding program creation, expansion, or reduction by the UW-Extension, in collaboration with Milwaukee County, be evaluated with an equity lens to support the mission and vision of Milwaukee County and best serve all of its residents; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the County Executive and County Clerk are authorized to execute any required documents regarding the execution of the Agreement.

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