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(ITEM ) From the Director, Milwaukee County Zoo, requesting authorization to enter into an Elephant Exhibit Design Project Agreement in the amount of \$800,000 with the Zoological Society of Milwaukee County for the development and design of a new Elephant Exhibit, Demonstration Area, and Holding Barn at the Milwaukee County Zoo, by recommending adoption of the following:

**A RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS, the February 11, 2014, adopted Memorandum of Understanding between Milwaukee County (the County) and the Zoological Society of Milwaukee County (Zoological Society) requires that a specific agreement be executed for each new capital project at the Milwaukee County Zoo (the Zoo); and

WHEREAS, the County and Zoological Society wish to jointly develop a new elephant exhibit for the Zoo as part of the Adventure Africa complex outlined in the 2013 master plan; and

WHEREAS, 2015 Adopted Capital Project WZ11901 – Africa Plains Exhibit, included \$800,000 with 50% or \$400,000 contributed by the Zoological Society for the design of a new elephant exhibit; and

WHEREAS, the Elephant Exhibit Design Project Agreement describes the source of funds, contract documents, consultant selection process, and project management; and

WHEREAS, the new elephant exhibit will address the Association of Zoos and Aquariums accreditation standards for maintaining elephants that must be substantially complete by June 1, 2017; and

WHEREAS, this Agreement has been reviewed and approved by the Office of Corporation Counsel, Risk Management Division, Department of Administrative Services, Community Business Development Partners, and the Zoological Society’s attorneys; and

WHEREAS, this Agreement has been concurred with by the Director of the Zoo and President and Chief Executive Officer of the Zoological Society; and

WHEREAS, the Committee on Parks, Energy, and Environment, at its meeting of July 21, 2015, recommended adoption of the Director’s request (vote 6-0); now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, the Director, Milwaukee County Zoo, is hereby authorized and directed to enter into the said Elephant Exhibit Design Project Agreement with the Zoological Society of Milwaukee County.

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