AN AMENDED RESOLUTION

Directing the Department of Parks, Recreation and Culture to implement a countywide 50/50 raffle which shall occur at County Park beer gardens and the 2022 lakefront fireworks show

WHEREAS, Milwaukee County awaits a fair deal from the State of Wisconsin to remove the Statutorily-imposed structural deficit from itself and other local governments across Wisconsin (File No. 19-161); and

WHEREAS, in the October 2021 WPF study, "Sinking Treasure: A look at the Milwaukee County Parks' troubled finances and potential solutions," the WPF noted how in inflation-adjusted terms, the County's parks have experienced significant cuts financially and staff-wise while becoming further dependent on earned revenue rather than property tax levy:

- Operations Expenditures in 2019 Dollars
 - 1989: ~\$75 million
 - o 2019: >\$40 million
- Number of Full-time Equivalent Positions
 - o 1989: 1072.7
 - o 2019: 469
- Parks Department Revenue Mix
 - o 1989: 74.4 percent property tax levy, 25.6 percent other revenue
 - o 2019: 43.4 percent property tax levy, 56.7 percent other revenue

(File No. 21-973); and

WHEREAS, in File No. 20-362, the County Board of Supervisors proposed consideration of, among other things, a County-sponsored 50/50 raffle with half the money going to the winner and the other half to the Milwaukee County Parks; and

WHEREAS, in the interest of providing additional funding for the operations of the County park system, an essential quality of life amenity for Milwaukee County residents, the implementation of a 50/50 raffle would be beneficial; and

WHEREAS, the Committee on Parks, Energy, and Environment (PE&E), at its meeting of January 25, 2022, made no recommendation regarding File No. 22-120, due to a tie vote on a motion to adopt (vote 2-2); and

WHEREAS, the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors, at its meeting of February 3, 2022, referred File No. 22-120 to the Committee on PE&E (vote 13-4); and

WHEREAS, the Committee on PE&E, at its meeting of March 15, 2022, recommended adoption of File No. 22-120 as amended (vote 4-1); now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors hereby directs the Department of Parks, Recreation and Culture to develop and implement a countywide 50/50 raffle which shall occur at all County-sponsored beer gardens in Summer 2022, the July 3 lakefront fireworks show, and any other locations; and pilot program in 2022 at two County Parks events to be chosen by the DPRC staff, which may include, but is not limited to:

- July 3 Lakefront Fireworks Show
- Chill on the Hill at Humboldt Park
- Concerts in the Gardens at Boerner Botanical Gardens
- Musical Mondays at Lake Park
- Washington Park Wednesdays
- Jazz in the Park at Cathedral Square
- River Rhythms at Pere Marquette Park

; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors hereby requests the Director of Parks, Recreation and Culture report to the County Board in **March and** May 2022 to present updates relating to planning and implementation of the raffle **and report preliminary fiscal estimates for effectuating this resolution.**; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors hereby further requests the Director of Parks, Recreation and Culture in March 2022 report preliminary fiscal estimates for effectuating this resolution.

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