

COUNTY OF MILWAUKEE
Inter-Office Communication

Date: August 12, 2022

To: Marcelia Nicholson, Chairwoman, Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors

From: Calli Berg, Director, Economic Development, Department of Administrative Services

Subject: From the Director of Economic Development – Department of Administrative Services requesting authorization to grant a permanent watermain easement to The Couture LLC and Couture Parking LLC

File Type: Action Report

REQUEST

Seeking approval for the use and benefit of Couture, a permanent easement with a right of entry in and across the Easement Area for the purpose of building, constructing, operating, maintaining, repairing, reconstructing, relocating and/or inspecting (as may be or may become applicable) the Facilities

POLICY

§ 59.17(2)(b)3., Wis. Stats., states that the “county board may continue to exercise the authority under s. 59.52(6) with regard to land that is zoned as a park...”. In the law of property, authority over “land” includes authority over all rights appurtenant to the land.

Wisconsin State Statutes:	§ 59.17(2)(b)3.
Milwaukee County Code of General Ordinances:	
Specific Adopted Budget:	
Specific Adopted Budget Amendment:	
Specific Adopted Capital Project:	

BACKGROUND

Couture desires to acquire a permanent easement with the right of entry in and across that part of the Property more particularly described on **Exhibit C**, attached hereto (the “Easement Area”), with the right to build and construct and/or operate, maintain, repair, reconstruct, relocate and inspect (as may be or may become applicable) a 10” water branch off of the municipal watermain located under the Property, all as shown on the plan attached hereto as **Exhibit D** (the “Facilities”);

Economic Development has reviewed this request and based on the size of the easement, the location underground, the lack of alternatives, the minimal impact to parkland, and the benefit to economic development in this area, is recommending approval of this easement.

Permission for installation work is granted through the Parks Right-of-Entry permit process. Granting the easement is necessary for the long-term operation of the utility on parkland and requires authorization from the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors and the County Executive.

Related File No's:	14-118, 14-540, 15-557, 16-107, 17-285, 17-316, 17-432, 18-312, 18-562, 18-776, 19-661, 20-754, 20-904, 21-491
Associated File No's (Including Transfer Packets):	
Previous Action Date(s):	

ALIGNMENT TO STRATEGIC PLAN

3B: Enhance the County's fiscal health and sustainability

Easements are undertaken for a variety of reasons including aiding the sustainability of the county, and advancing strategic plan priorities as may be available

FISCAL EFFECT

Easements are considered on a case-by-case basis with goals of increasing revenues and future cost or liability avoidance. The benefit to everyone is that without access to that specific tie-in the Couture will likely have to look at shutting down Lincoln Memorial for the alternate tie-in, which no one really wants to do.

TERMS

Permanent Easement

VIRTUAL MEETING INVITES

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Calli Berg, Director, Economic Development

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SUBMITTED BY:

Calli Berg

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Economic Development Director

ATTACHMENTS:

Resolution

Fiscal Note

Easement

CC:

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