

From the Executive Director of Milwaukee County Parks, requesting a permanent easement for a WE Energies gas line relocation, as part of the City of Wauwatosa reconstruction of the bridge over the Honey Creek at Wisconsin Avenue, by recommending adoption of the following:

AN AMENDED RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the City of Wauwatosa (the City) has been coordinating with the Department of Parks, Recreation, and Culture (DPRC) since February 2022, for the reconstruction of a bridge over Honey Creek (the Bridge), at the junction of Wisconsin Avenue and Honey Creek Parkway, in the City; and

WHEREAS, the removal of the Bridge requires the Wisconsin Electric Power Company (WE Energies) to relocate a 24-inch gas main and a 6-inch gas main from the current location adjacent to the Wisconsin Avenue Bridge to an alignment outside the Bridge reconstruction zone; and

WHEREAS, this gas main is required for the supply of natural gas to customers in this area; and

WHEREAS, the proposed WE Energies Permanent Easement (the Easement) comprises a strip of land between 15 feet and 30 feet in width, for a total square footage of 13,950 square feet; and

WHEREAS, the easement will require the removal of a sizable portion of a short paved pathway used by hundreds of K3 to 8th grade school children and their parents each day to access a nearby school to avert the need to navigate busier roadways; and

WHEREAS, it is expected that WE Energies will remediate the portion of the pathway it disrupts for the easement, providing Milwaukee County an opportune time to renovate the remainder of the pathway which is in deteriorating condition; and

WHEREAS, DPRC has reviewed this request and, based on the overall benefit to the community as it relates to supplying natural gas to customers in the area, is recommending approval of this Easement; and

WHEREAS, the Committee on Parks and Culture, at its meeting of March 12, 2024, recommended adoption of File No. 24-323 as amended (vote 4-0); now, therefore,

45 BE IT RESOLVED, the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors hereby
46 authorizes the Director, Department of Parks, Recreation, and Culture, Department of
47 Administrative Services (DAS), Register of Deeds, Office of Corporation Counsel, and
48 Risk Management, DAS, to prepare, review, approve, execute, and record all
49 documents, and take all actions as required to grant the Wisconsin Electric Power
50 Company (WE Energies) a Permanent Easement (the Easement), for the construction,
51 operation, and maintenance of the gas main and related improvements in the Honey
52 Creek, to effectuate the replacement of the Wisconsin Avenue Bridge in the City of
53 Wauwatosa; and
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55 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, WE Energies will pay a one-time payment of
56 \$1.60 per square foot as compensation for the 0.32-acre Easement, which will be
57 \$22,350; and
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59 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Department of Parks, Recreation, and**
60 **Culture, working in partnership with WE Energies and other project entities as**
61 **needed, shall ensure the pedestrian paved pathway on County property from the**
62 **Wisconsin Avenue Bridge to the parking lot of the nearby school is retained and**
63 **completely renovated; and**
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65 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the County Executive and County Clerk are
66 authorized to execute any required documents regarding the execution of the
67 Easement.
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