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4 **A SUBSTITUTE RESOLUTION**

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6 to support the repair and reopening of the Mitchell Park Conservatory Domes to the  
7 public in 2016, to create a task force to develop a comprehensive long-term plan for the  
8 domes, and to authorize the use of \$500,000 from the Appropriation for Contingencies,  
9 Org. 1800-1945, for immediate repairs at the domes

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12 WHEREAS, on July 15, 2015, the County Board adopted File No. 15-526 to  
13 reinvest budget surplus funds from the previous fiscal year; \$4 million of those funds  
14 were designated to cash finance eligible park infrastructure improvements; and

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16 WHEREAS, on July 27, 2015, the County Executive vetoed File No. 15-526,  
17 which was subsequently overridden by the County Board; and

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19 WHEREAS, in August 2015, Corporation Counsel opined in File No. 15-623 that  
20 the County Executive and the administration are required to execute and administer the  
21 Milwaukee County policies that have been directed and authorized by the legislative  
22 action; and

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24 WHEREAS, on August 27, 2015, the Director of the Department of Parks,  
25 Recreation, and Culture (DPRC) provided a verbal status update to the Capital  
26 Improvements Committee regarding the department's progress in assembling a list of  
27 \$4 million worth of cash infrastructure projects adopted in File No. 15-526; and

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29 WHEREAS, on September 15, 2015, the DPRC Director submitted a list of \$4  
30 million in infrastructure projects for cash financing, which included the Mitchell Park  
31 Conservatory Domes (the "domes") in the amount of \$500,000; and

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33 WHEREAS, the Committee on Parks, Energy, and Environment approved a By  
34 the Committee resolution to approve the DPRC's project list and on September 24,  
35 2015, the County Board adopted File No. 15-601; and

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37 WHEREAS, on September 29, 2015, the County Executive returned File No. 15-  
38 601 unsigned; and

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40 WHEREAS, on February 5, 2016, the Administration closed all three domes  
41 indefinitely due to fallen concrete debris from the structure; and

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43 WHEREAS, a public hearing on the future of the domes was held on February  
44 24, 2016 by the County Board of Supervisors to listen to County residents concerned  
45 about the Administration's closure of the domes; and

46 WHEREAS, on February 22, 2016, the Department of Administrative Services-  
47 Office of Performance, Strategy, and Budget (DAS-OPSB) requested an additional  
48 \$500,000 for repairs to the domes, and the Administration announced that the Show  
49 Dome would reopen by May 1, 2016; and  
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51 WHEREAS, to date, there is a discrepancy between the amount of \$500,000 in  
52 contingency funds requested by the Department of Administrative Services-Office of  
53 Performance, Strategy, and Budget to make immediate dome repairs that differs from  
54 an estimate of \$700,000 included in a 2016 Budgeted Contingency Appropriation  
55 Summary which has not been explained or reconciled; now, therefore,  
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57 BE IT RESOLVED, that Milwaukee County shall pursue the repair and  
58 preservation of the existing Mitchell Park Conservatory Domes (the “domes”); and  
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60 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Director of the Department of Parks,  
61 Recreation, and Culture (DPRC) is requested to reopen the domes before the end of  
62 2016 under the following established timeline: May 1, 2016 for the Show Dome, August  
63 1, 2016 for the Tropical Dome, and September 1, 2016 for the Arid Dome; and  
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65 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the method selected to repair the domes, as  
66 recommended by engineering experts, should aim to extend the maximum usable life of  
67 the existing facility; and  
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69 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that if it is determined by authorized expert facility  
70 engineers that any one of the domes is unsafe for public use and should remain closed,  
71 the Director of the Department of Administrative Services-Facilities Management (DAS-  
72 FM) is requested to provide a written report to the County Board by next reporting cycle;  
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75 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a task force is created to develop a  
76 comprehensive long-term plan for the domes; and  
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78 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the task force shall be comprised of nine (9)  
79 members or their designee, including the 12<sup>th</sup> District County Board Supervisor, the  
80 Chair of the Parks, Energy, and Environment Committee, the Chair of the Parks  
81 Advisory Commission, the DPRC Director, the DAS-FM Director, one (1) representative  
82 from the Friends of the Domes, two (2) members of local community organizations  
83 representative of the diversity of Milwaukee County, and one (1) additional member that  
84 the County Board Chairman shall appoint as the Chair of the task force; and  
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86 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the DPRC shall provide adequate meeting  
87 space for the task force in close proximity to the domes, and the task force meetings  
88 shall be staffed by the Office of the Comptroller; and

89           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the task force shall provide a written  
90 recommendation to the Committee on Parks, Energy, and Environment no later than the  
91 September 2016 cycle; and

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93           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board will waive requirements of any  
94 Milwaukee County Ordinances, including MCO 44.01, 44.14, and 56.30(5)(a) that may  
95 delay immediate repairs to the domes; and

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97           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Department of Administrative Services-  
98 Office of Performance, Strategy, and Budget is authorized to process an appropriation  
99 transfer of \$500,000 from the Appropriation for Contingencies, Org 1800-1945, for  
100 immediate repairs at the domes.