

A resolution by Supervisor Wasserman requesting the Director of Audits, Audit Services Division, Office of the Comptroller, conduct an audit of the Department of Parks, Recreation, and Culture's lease and concession agreements with private companies, by recommending adoption of the following:

A RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Milwaukee County (the County) Department of Parks, Recreation, and Culture (DPRC) has been under significant budgetary stress for many years; and

WHEREAS, one solution DPRC has undertaken to deal with its fiscal challenges is to enter into lease and concession agreements with private companies to provide revenue generating business activities within County parks; and

WHEREAS, these public-private partnerships can provide parks' visitors with services and generate considerable revenue; and

WHEREAS, in light of the value of lease and concession revenue streams, it is important that all agreements are managed effectively and in a manner consistent with best practices; and

WHEREAS, in order to respond to continued fiscal stress, it is essential that all best practices for potential new revenue sources are explored, and income from private partnerships is competitive and comparable with other operations; and

WHEREAS, in April 2006, the Audit Services Division (Audit Services) issued an audit report of DPRC's leases; and

WHEREAS, while the aforementioned report identified concerns with management oversight of DPRC leases and recommendations to address those concerns, it has been more than ten years since the lease agreements were reviewed by Audit Services; and

WHEREAS, the Committee on Parks, Energy, and Environment, at its meeting of October 25, 2016, recommended adoption of this resolution (vote 5-0); now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors hereby requests that the Director of Audits, Audit Services Division, Office of the Comptroller, conduct an audit of the Department of Parks, Recreation, and Culture's lease and concession agreements with private companies who provide revenue generating business activities.

