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From the Director, Department of Parks, Recreation, and Culture, requesting authorization to extend the term of the Memorandum of Understanding with the Southeastern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission to support the completion of the 2050 Park and Open Space Plan, and the 10-Year Parks Master Plan, through December 31, 2017, by recommending adoption of the following:

**A RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS, in November 2015, the Department of Parks, Recreation, and Culture executed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Southeastern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission to assist in completing the following projects: the 2050 Park and Open Space Plan and the 10-year Parks Master Plan; and

WHEREAS, the 10-Year Parks Master Plan will provide recommendations for facilities, programs, services, maintenance, and operation, as well as administration and management of the Milwaukee County Park System (County Park System); and

WHEREAS, the 2050 Park and Open Space Plan will address long-range considerations, including the preservation of environmental corridors, conservation of lands, the recreational use of water bodies, and make recommendations on the distribution of parks and recreational facilities throughout the County Park System; and

WHEREAS, the original term of the MOU forecasted the completion of these planning efforts by the end of 2016; and

WHEREAS, a year-long process was an ambitious timeline for completing two robust master planning processes simultaneously; and

WHEREAS, the Committee on Parks, Energy, and Environment, at its meeting of January 24, 2017, recommended adoption of File No. 16-707 (vote 4-0); and

WHEREAS, the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors, at its meeting of February 2, 2017, referred File No. 16-707 to the Committee on Finance and Audit (vote 16-0); and

WHEREAS, the Committee on Finance and Audit, at its meeting of March 16, 2017, recommended adoption of File No. 16-707 (vote 6-0); now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, the Department of Parks, Recreation, and Culture is hereby authorized to extend the term of the Memorandum of Understanding with the Southeastern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission through December 31, 2017, to support the completion of both the 2050 Park and Open Space Plan and the 10-Year Parks Master Plan.

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