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From the Director, Department of Parks, Recreation, and Culture, requesting authorization to execute an Agreement with the Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage District to remove the concrete channel from a segment of the Kinnickinnic River in Pulaski Park, to restore a more natural riverbed, while improving impacted park and recreation areas, by recommending adoption of the following:

A REVISED RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Kinnickinnic (KK) River watershed is located on the south side of Milwaukee and is the most urbanized watershed in the State of Wisconsin.

WHEREAS, the Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage District (MMSD) developed the Kinnickinnic River Watershed Flood Management Plan to reduce the flood risk, restore natural function back to the streams and riparian corridors, and leverage additional improvements within the community; and

WHEREAS, one of the first phases of this work is a project on the KK River within Pulaski Park located at 2677 South 16th Street in the City of Milwaukee; and

WHEREAS, the project will replace 1,900 feet of concrete-lined channel with a rock-lined main channel and an expanded vegetated floodplain along the segment of the KK River within Pulaski Park and replace a playground, basketball courts, pedestrian bridge, and park trails; and

WHEREAS, MMSD will design, construct, restore, and replace impacted park amenities to include, but not limited to, the pedestrian bridge, playground, basketball courts, permeable plaza space, scenic overlooks, and park trails; and

WHEREAS, the Committee on Parks, Energy, and Environment, at its meeting of March 14, 2017, recommended adoption of File No. 17-224 (vote 2-1); now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, the Department of Parks, Recreation, and Culture (DPRC), is hereby authorized to execute an Agreement with the Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage District to remove the concrete channel from a segment of the Kinnickinnic River in Pulaski Park, restoring a more natural riverbed, and restoring the impacted park and recreation areas of Pulaski Park; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors hereby authorizes the DPRC, the Department of Administrative Services, the Office of Corporation Counsel, and any other Department that may be necessary to execute and record all documents and perform all actions as required to effectuate the Agreement.

