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# **A RESOLUTION**

To transfer monies earmarked for Capital Improvement Project WP61701-Washington Park West Baseball Field to cash finance a new Capital Improvement Project: WP63201-Washington Park Multi-Use Soccer Field Upgrades

WHEREAS, the 2016 Adopted Capital Improvements Budget provided an appropriation of $210,000 in tax levy for Capital Improvement Project WP61701- Washington Park West Baseball Field as part of a larger capital project to make various improvements at Washington Park; and

WHEREAS, the demand for additional baseball recreation in Washington Park has been low in recent years, and a 2015 cost estimate from the Department of Administrative Services- Architecture & Engineering division indicates that a full upgrade to the two existing baseball fields, including lighting would be approximately $680,000; significantly less than the appropriated amount from the 2016 budget to upgrade the west baseball; and

WHEREAS, the demand for soccer fields has increased in the past nine years, and revenues for the use of soccer fields continues to increase; and

WHEREAS, a public meeting was held on January 20, 2017 at the Washington Park Senior Center, where neighborhood residents, community groups, and representatives from local soccer organizations showed overwhelming support for additional improved soccer recreational amenities in Washington Park; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Parks, Recreation, and Culture recommends that the funds appropriated for WP61701 be repurposed for a new capital improvement project to remove the existing baseball infrastructure of the Washington Park west field, and expand the space to provide improved soccer fields with room to rotate to protect the turf from deterioration as a result of overuse; and

WHEREAS, the expected scope of the new capital improvement project to upgrade the soccer fields will include the removal of the baseball field and related infrastructure, including lighting, fencing and asphalt, and bleacher pads; and

WHEREAS, additional improvements will include corrective grading, field leveling, aeration, and reestablishment of turf in highly worn areas to improve the area for soccer use; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors hereby authorizes and directs the Department of Administrative Services – Performance Strategy and Budget (DAS-PSB) to transfer $210,000 from Capital Improvement Project WP61701-Washington Park West Baseball Field within the Department of Parks, Recreation, and Culture to cash finance a new capital improvement project as follows:

* WP-63201 Washington Park Multi-Use Soccer Field Upgrades $210,000

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Director, Department of Parks, Recreation, and Culture is authorized and requested to coordinate, in conjunction with other appropriate staff, the implementation of this park improvement and provide an informational update as to the status of the project no later than the July 2017 cycle.