From the Interim Director, Department of Parks, Recreation, and Culture, requesting authorization to execute a Gas Distribution Easement to We Energiesat the intersection of South 76<sup>th</sup> Street and West Grange Avenue, within the Root River Parkway, for the installation of replacement natural gas infrastructure, and to accept a one-time payment of \$7,720 for the easement, by recommending adoption of the following:

## **A RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS, the Department of Parks, Recreation, and Culture (DPRC) frequently coordinates with WE Energies for the purpose of utility services both to DPRC's facilities and across parkland; and

WHEREAS, the current request from WE Energies is for an easement that would allow for the installation of a replacement natural gas infrastructure, including a station on the southwest corner of the intersection of South 76<sup>th</sup> Street and West Grange Avenue within Root River Parkway; and

WHEREAS, it has been determined that for the reliability, safety, and constructability of the natural gas system, a request to use parkland is warranted due to the following factors:

 The replacement high pressure gas main and gas distribution header will be located on the south side of Grange Avenue in the right-of-way, therefore locating the station on adjacent parkland will be in line with that alignment.

  The roadway(s) in this area contain many existing utilities, and therefore construction within the right-of-way poses a risk to damage one or more utility lines.

 The proposed locations accommodate future turn lanes contemplated by the Village of Greendale

; and

WHEREAS, a permanent natural gas easement (in two parts, on the southeast and southwest corners of the intersection) would have a total size of 7,375 square feet and the temporary easement for construction purposes would have a size of approximately 3,000 square feet; and

WHEREAS, WE Energies has offered \$7,720 for this easement transaction, and after a review and consideration that the offer has factored in assessed land value, payment for the temporary easement area, and cost savings from the waiver and appraisal, DPRC has determined this offer to be fair and equitable; and

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16	WHEREAS, the Committee on Parks, Energy, and Environment, at its meeting of
<b>1</b> 7	March 13, 2018, recommended adoption of File No. 18-196 (vote 4-0); now, therefore,
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19	BE IT RESOLVED, the Department of Parks, Recreation, and Culture, the
50	Department of Administrative Services, Office of Corporation Counsel, and
51	Risk Management staff is hereby authorized to negotiate, prepare, review, approve,
52	execute, and record all documents, and to perform all actions required to transfer the
53	requested permanent and temporary easement rights within the Root River property to
54	WE Energies.
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