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From the Director, Milwaukee County Zoo, requesting authorization to enter into an Adventure Africa Phase II Project Agreement with the Zoological Society of Milwaukee (the Society), in the amount of \$13,435,936, with \$4,329,357 provided in general obligation bonds, and \$9,106,579 provided by the Society, for the construction of a new hippopotamus exhibit at the Zoo, by recommending adoption of the following:

**A RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS, the February 11, 2014, adopted Memorandum of Understanding between Milwaukee County (the County) and the Zoological Society of Milwaukee County (the Society) requires that a specific agreement be executed for each new capital project at the Milwaukee County Zoo (the Zoo); and

WHEREAS, the Zoo and the Society wish to jointly construct a new hippopotamus exhibit at the Zoo as part of the Adventure Africa complex outlined in the 2013 Master Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Zoo’s 2019 Capital Budget included \$13,435,936, with \$9,106,579 contributed by the Society, for the construction of a new hippopotamus exhibit; and

WHEREAS, the Adventure Africa Phase II Project Agreement (the Agreement) describes the source of funds, contract documents, contractor selection process, and project management; and

WHEREAS, the new hippopotamus exhibit will address the Association of Zoos and Aquariums accreditation standards for maintaining hippopotamus’; and

WHEREAS, this Agreement has been reviewed and approved by the Office of Corporation Counsel, Risk Management, Community Business Development Partners, and the Society’s attorneys; and

WHEREAS, this Agreement has been concurred in by the Director of the Zoo, and the President/Chief Executive Officer of the Society; and

WHEREAS, the Committee on Finance and Audit, at its meeting of December 6, 2018, recommended adoption of File No. 18-858 (vote 7-0); now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, the Director, Milwaukee County Zoo, is hereby authorized and directed to enter into the said Adventure Africa Phase II Project Agreement with the Zoological Society of Milwaukee County.