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A resolution by Supervisor Haas, requesting the Department of Parks, Recreation, and Culture, in conjunction with the Department of Administrative Services, the Office of the Comptroller, and the Milwaukee Kickers, explore the mutual benefits of Milwaukee County financing an indoor, full-sized soccer field and sports facility at Uihlein Soccer Park, by recommending adoption of the following:

**A RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS, the Milwaukee Kickers Soccer Club, Inc. (the Kickers) have leased Uihlein Soccer Park (the Park) from Milwaukee County (the County) since 1994; and

WHEREAS, the County originally paid for the construction of the Park, and the Kickers agreed to repay the annual debt payments over the initial term of the lease; and

WHEREAS, the initial lease term was 20 years, with three, optional 10-year extensions; and

WHEREAS, the Kickers made their last debt payment for the original Lease on August 1, 2011; and

WHEREAS, the optional extensions were renewed in 2004 and, most recently, in 2014; and

WHEREAS, in 2014, File No. 14-814 was adopted, and the lease was amended to include a 15-year extension term, with two additional, optional 15-year extensions; and

WHEREAS, the current lease term ends on October 31, 2029, and can be extended for two, additional 15-year extensions, ultimately expiring in 2059; and

WHEREAS, the Kickers also agreed to provide additional soccer programming in under-served areas of the County by committing at least \$70,000 in annual funding for such outreach goals; and

WHEREAS, the Kickers have also made improvements to both the land and the facility since 2001, including two outdoor, artificial turf fields, stadium seating, and bleachers; and

WHEREAS, the total value of the land improvements since 2001 is \$2,463,625, and the total value of the facility improvements since 2001 is \$958,406; and

WHEREAS, in addition to its outdoor offerings, the Kickers would like to offer indoor space to accommodate the large amounts of players and groups that would like to practice and compete all year; and

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WHEREAS, Milwaukee is the only major city in the Midwest that does not have a publicly accessible, full-size, indoor, turf field; and

WHEREAS, the Kickers would like to build an air-supported structure to meet the needs of the community adjacent to the existing facility at the Park; and

WHEREAS, the structure would be used for a variety of sports including soccer, lacrosse, softball, field hockey, rugby, flag football, ultimate frisbee, and football; and

WHEREAS, the Kickers have been exceptional tenants at the Park, and have expanded Milwaukee's public sports offerings and rentals; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the County and the Kickers to continue this successful partnership; and

WHEREAS, the Committee on Parks, Energy, and Environment, at its meeting of December 10, 2019, recommended adoption of File No. 19-959 (vote 4-0); now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors (County Board) requests that the Department of Parks, Recreation, and Culture, in conjunction with the Department of Administrative Services, the Office of the Comptroller, and the Milwaukee Kickers Soccer Club, Inc. (the Kickers), explore the mutual benefits of Milwaukee County financing the construction of a publicly accessible, full-size, indoor, turf field at Uihlein Soccer Park; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, any debt service and ancillary costs related to the project would be incorporated into an amended lease agreement with the Kickers; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the feasibility of their partnership shall be presented to the County Board no later than the March 2020 meeting cycle.

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