

From the Executive Director of Parks, requesting authorization to execute a permanent easement with WE Energies to replace and extend underground electric facilities and install a transformer at the corner of E Brady St. and N Prospect Ave, by recommending adoption of the following:

A RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Wisconsin Electric Power Company (WE Energies) received a request from Unifiber for electric service, related to the buildout of fiber in the City of Milwaukee (the City); and

WHEREAS, after reviewing the site plan and considering all existing conflicts, WE Energies determined the best route is to extend the current underground electric cable, and install a transformer at the corner of East Brady Street and North Prospect Avenue, which will be located on parkland; and

WHEREAS, the proposed final easement acreage is .008 acre; and

WHEREAS, WE Energies has requested that Milwaukee County (the County) grant a permanent easement (the Easement) to allow for the construction, operation, and maintenance of the underground electric cable, and installation of a transformer, and is offering a one-time payment of \$2,000 as compensation, based on comparable land values; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Parks, Recreation, and Culture (DPRC), has reviewed this request, and based on the de minimis size of the Easement, the existing utility conflicts, and inability of WE Energies to place the transformer in the Right of Way, the overall benefit to the community as it relates to improving fiber infrastructure in the City, and the decreased cost to the County if there are future needs of electric or fiber in that area, is recommending approval of this Easement; and

WHEREAS, the Director, DPRC, has recommended that the authority to prepare, review, approve, execute, and record all documents, as required to execute the attached underground electrical Easement, be granted to the DPRC, the Department of Administrative Services, Corporation Counsel, Risk Management, County Clerk, Register of Deeds, and the County Executive; and

WHEREAS, the Committee on Parks, Energy, and Environment, at its meeting of September 14, 2021, recommended adoption of File No. 21-768 (vote 5-0); now, therefore,

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BE IT RESOLVED, the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors hereby authorizes the Director, Department of Parks, Recreation, and Culture, the Department of Administrative Services, the Register of Deeds, Corporation Counsel, and Risk Management, to prepare, review, approve, execute, and record all documents, and take all actions, as required to grant the Wisconsin Electric Power Company (WE Energies) the required permanent easement (the Easement), for the construction, operation, and maintenance of the attached underground electric cable, and related improvements at East Brady Street and North Prospect Avenue; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, WE Energies will pay a one-time payment of \$2,000, as compensation for the Easement; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the County Executive and County Clerk are authorized to execute the Easement and other required documents.

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