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**Sponsor:** Parks & Recreation

**Meeting Date:** 9/21/2021

**Title:** Pipeline Right of Entry Agreement with the Metropolitan Council  
in Long Lake Regional Park

**File Number:** 2021-478

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**Background and Rationale:**

The Metropolitan Council (Met Council) operates an existing underground sanitary sewer utility that currently runs through a section of Long Lake Regional Park. The Met Council has a need to undertake a public improvement project (MCES Project No. 808862), for rehabilitation of Interceptors (2-NB-100 and 8451) in the park for the purposes of maintaining existing infrastructure and protecting public health and the environment.

The project includes the installation and operation of temporary conveyance systems (pumps and piping), followed by replacement or rehabilitation of manhole structures and interceptor sewers, and site restoration. Access to the Met Council manhole locations in the park will require utilization of the Parks boat launch parking lot and surrounding areas, construction of temporary access roads and creek crossings. The Right of Entry Agreement enables the required rehabilitation work to be completed on county property, provides access locations, and establishes construction requirements for the sanitary sewer project. Construction staging for equipment and materials will be located within a portion of the existing Long Lake boat launch parking lot. The Met Council will notify Parks and Recreation, 72 hours prior to the start of construction. The Met Council will be responsible for restoration of impacted areas including hard surface bituminous and concrete pavement areas, turf, natural areas, and park related site amenities within the project area. Temporary conveyance piping will be placed within the project limits and removed at no cost to the county.

The Met Council has prepared project plans, specifications, and necessary agreements in coordination with Parks and Recreation, and the Ramsey County Attorney's Office. The Met Council is planning to complete project improvements October 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022. After all sanitary sewer construction activities are completed, the Met Council agrees to restore the impacted park property to as near original condition as is reasonably possible at no cost to the county.

**Recommendation:**

The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners resolved to:

1. Approve a Right of Entry Agreement with the Metropolitan Council for access to Long Lake Regional Park for the completion of a sanitary improvement project.
2. Authorize the Chair and Chief Clerk to execute the agreement.
3. Authorize the County Manager to approve and execute amendments to extend the term of the access agreement in accordance with the provisions of the agreement and with all other terms and conditions remaining the same, in a form approved by the County Attorney's Office.

A motion to approve was made by Commissioner Frethem, seconded by Commissioner MatasCastillo.

Motion passed.

Aye: - 6: Frethem, MatasCastillo, McDonough, McGuire, Ortega, and Reinhardt

Absent: - 1: Carter

By: 

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Mee Cheng, Chief Clerk - County Board