

RESOLUTION NO. 18-04

A RESOLUTION OBJECTING TO COUNTY IMPOSED PARKING FEES IN COUNTY PARKS LOCATED IN THE CITY OF SOUTH MILWAUKEE

WHEREAS, the Common Council and mayor, as representatives of the citizens who live, work and play in the City of South Milwaukee, offer support or opposition to other governmental entities when said entities' action will effect the quality of life and pleasure of the people of South Milwaukee; and

WHEREAS, for generations, the people of South Milwaukee have appreciated and adored the Milwaukee County Parks system within the South Milwaukee city limits; and

WHEREAS, Grant Park and Oak Creek Parkway are jewels of the city, and vehicular parking access to these park spaces should remain free so that all citizens may continue to experience their wonders, including Grant Park Beach, Seven Bridges and Oak Creek, and

WHEREAS, attempting to raise county revenue by charging a parking fee in parks will have an unintended consequence of visitors parking along neighborhood streets near the parks, which will cause increased traffic on otherwise quiet roadways and all the potential hazards associated with it; and

WHEREAS, the Office of the Mayor and Common Council object to Milwaukee County's plan to charge parking fees in county parks for the reasoning stated above and because parking fees will bring less people into the parks and into the City of South Milwaukee; and

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that the mayor and Common Council, on behalf of the citizens of South Milwaukee and visitors, hereby formally go on record through this resolution, hereby objecting to the installation of parking meters and paying for parking to utilize Milwaukee County Parks located in the City of South Milwaukee and, and hereby stand opposed to same. And, recognizing that there are ongoing issues with funding of county parks, we further ask that county leaders consider convening a task force of key stakeholders to discuss and recommend solutions to enhance park revenues that do no limit access or negatively impact the communities in which county parks reside – solutions that should not include parking fees.

Introduced and approved at a meeting of the Common Council of the City of South Milwaukee held this 6th day of February 2018.

Erik Brooks, Mayor

Attest:

Jim Shelenske, City Clerk

Approved as to form:
Christopher R. Smith
City Attorney – South Milwaukee
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