



Attachment 1
Daniel J. McLaughlin
Mayor, Village of Orland Park
Executive Board Chairman

Rahm Emanuel
Mayor, City of Chicago
Executive Board Vice Chairman

Jim Holland
Mayor, Village of Frankfort
Executive Board Secretary

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Executive Board Meeting
Monday, March 9, 2015

I. Call to Order and Welcome

Orland Park Mayor and Executive Board Chair Daniel McLaughlin, representing the Southwest Conference of Mayors, called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. at the offices of the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning, 233 S. Wacker Drive, Suite 800, Chicago, IL. Others in attendance included:

Directors

Mayor Jim Holland, Frankfort (representing the Will County Governmental League)
Mayor Thomas Weisner, Aurora (representing the Metro West Council of Governments) (via speaker phone)
Mayor Gerald R. Bennett, Palos Hills (representing the Southwest Conference of Mayors)
President Erin Smith, Lakewood (representing the McHenry County Council of Governments) (via speaker phone)
President Deborah M. Bullwinkel, Villa Park (representing the DuPage Mayors and Managers Conference)
President Sandra E. Frum, Northbrook (representing the Northwest Municipal Conference)
President Karen Darch, Barrington (representing the Northwest Municipal Conference)
Mayor Jeffery D. Schielke, Batavia (representing the Metro West Council of Governments)
Paul Lee, Legislative Assistant, Mayor's Office, City of Chicago

Others

Mark A. Baloga, Executive Director, DuPage Mayors and Managers Conference
Chalen Daigle, Executive Director, McHenry County Council of Governments
Clay Diette, Assistant to the Mayor, City of Chicago
Mark L. Fowler, Executive Director, Northwest Municipal Conference
Jill Hodge, Special Projects Assistant, Village of Orland Park
Bridget Lane, Director, Business Districts, Inc.
Cynthia McSherry, Executive Director and Technical Assistance Product Advisor, Urban Land Institute Chicago
Edward Paesel, Executive Director, South Suburban Mayors and Managers Association
Steven A. Quigley, Executive Director, Will County Governmental League
Douglas Whitley, Executive Director, Supply Chain Innovation Network of Chicago
David E. Bennett, Executive Director, Metropolitan Mayors Caucus
Allison Clements, Director of Housing Initiatives, Metropolitan Mayors Caucus
Charles Dabah, Program Assistant, Housing Initiatives, Metropolitan Mayors Caucus
Edith Makra, Director of Environmental Initiatives, Metropolitan Mayors Caucus
Jeffrey Walter, Project Coordinator, Environmental Initiatives, Metropolitan Mayors Caucus

II. Approval of Minutes

Mayor Schielke made a motion to approve the minutes from the January 20, 2015 Executive Board meeting. Mayor Bennett seconded and the motion was unanimously adopted.

City of Chicago · DuPage Mayors and Managers Conference · Lake County Municipal League · McHenry County Council of Governments
Metro West Council of Governments · Northwest Municipal Conference · South Suburban Mayors and Managers Association
Southwest Conference of Mayors · West Central Municipal Conference · Will County Governmental League

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III. Regional Truck Permitting and Routing Initiative

David Bennett, Executive Director, introduced Douglas Whitley, Executive Director of the Supply Chain Innovation Network of Chicago (SINC). Mr. Whitley explained that streamlining the truck permitting process in Illinois and the Chicago region is the priority issue of his organization and the trucking industry. Loyola University's Graduate Program conducted a study with phone interviews of frequent trucking permit users, which found that there are many obstacles in the process. Boston Consulting Group has done a world review of best practices, citing Australia and Virginia as having model processes. SINC has been involved with the Regional Truck Permitting and Routing Initiative since July 2014 when they were invited to a meeting of county executives that was called by Tony Preckwinkle, Cook County Board President.

A multi-jurisdictional advisory group has been created which meets every six months. It includes representatives of the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning. Mr. Bennett currently attends these meetings on behalf of the Caucus.

A Request for Proposals has been released for a \$250,000 project to establish a baseline for truck permitting practices in the region. Illinois currently has a very decentralized process, but it could be much better. Relative to other states, Illinois is lagging behind in its processes. The states of Oklahoma, Texas, and Virginia have made substantial progress in this area. The Chicago region has the largest inland port in the world, and Mr. Whitley argued that it is time that we acted accordingly with regard to collaboration between the transportation, logistics, and warehouse industries.

Winnebago County is a good best practices example. Every community is not affected in the same way; Will, Cook, and DuPage Counties have the largest trucking volume. The new western bypass of O'Hare will require a lot of heavy construction permitting, and about a dozen municipalities will be impacted. Mr. Whitley suggested this is a good place to start a pilot project of improved truck permitting. The overall project will last 1-2 years and focus on four fundamental issues: technology in a rapidly changing industry; intergovernmental collaboration; sharing revenues between relevant parties; and safely routing and re-routing vehicles around parades, bridge closings, water breaks, bridge heights clearances, etc. Intergovernmental collaboration is emerging as the most important focus of the project.

Finally, Mr. Whitley reported that SINC will be sponsoring an initial discussion on regional truck permitting on April 22. He encouraged municipal government officials to participate. The featured speaker will be an individual who does permitting for one of the largest trucking companies in the United States.

Mayor Holland explained that Frankfort is impacted by this issue because overweight trucks frequently drive through the community to avoid the weigh station on I-80 and have a negative impact on its roads. He asked what non-home rule communities like Frankfort can do to prevent this, as they have no local ordinances regarding this issue. Mr. Whitley didn't know, and explained that he understands Will County's main concern is grain containers coming from farms, which are often overweight.

Mayor Schielke explained that Batavia is impacted by the issue because there is a low hanging bike bridge going over a four lane county highway, citing a recent incident when trucks transporting large furnaces out of Batavia had to re-route through the downtown area, underscoring a lack of knowledge of where the obstacles are. He asked if there is data collected to provide information for trucks to avoid obstacles, to which Mr. Whitley replied yes, since the Illinois Department of Transportation has re-done their system, they have merged data with the tollway system.

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Chairman McLaughlin thanked Mr. Whitley for his presentation and expressed the importance of the affected parties to continue to work together on the truck permitting and routing issue.

IV. Policy Area: Legislative

A. Proposed Reduction in LGDF

Mayor Bennett remarked that reductions in the LGDF have been proposed by past governors, but never to the extent of the Rauner Administration's proposal. Municipal reaction has been swift, with over 2,500 letters being sent through the Illinois Municipal League's website to the Governor and to legislative leaders opposing the proposed LGDF cuts.

Two Senate Appropriations Committees are holding a joint subject matter hearing this afternoon on these issues in the Bilandic State Office Building this afternoon at 2:00 p.m. The IML, COGs, the City of Chicago and the Mayors Caucus have been working to coordinate the testimony to be offered by municipalities. In addition, over 220 municipal officials respond to a blast email last week to pack the hearing room.

Mayor Smith recapped that she had spent much of the prior week in Springfield meeting with leaders in both parties. Most concurred that the LGDF will indeed be reduced, but not by 50 percent, and not necessarily in FY 2015. She Smith suggested that rather than expressing outright opposition to the Governor's proposed budget cuts, lobbying efforts should instead concentrate on participating in the conversation and helping to identify new state revenue sources. She pointed out that Mayors walk a delicate balance between not wanting to surrender their share of the LGDF vs. wanting to be part of the solution to save the state, which is the campaign platform that Governor Rauner was elected to carry out in the first place. In addition, Mayor Smith noted that House and Senate leaders are currently being lobbied by homeless children pleading for their health care benefits. In light of such dire human services needs, lawmakers are unlikely to be sympathetic about putting off road projects. Police and fire services may be the only areas where they'll be sympathetic.

Mayor Bennett stated the view that there can be no compromise or bargaining on the part of mayors in protecting the LGDF. Mayor Weisner advocated for fighting tooth and nail to preserve the full share of the LGDF.

Mayor Bennett also pointed out that communities must act fast to gain resident support for maintaining LGDF levels. Mayor Schielke stated that the members of the Metro West Council of Governments is in the process of calculating how many police and fire salaries would be eliminated by the proposed LGDF cuts.

Mayor Darch pointed out that negotiating the budgets for 2015 vs. 2016 will require different strategies. She explained that one of the proposed sweeps could be sales tax revenues, and that Caucus would need to choose between focusing their lobby efforts on maintaining LGDF or keeping sales tax revenues. Mayor Bennett pointed out that 80 percent of Illinois communities are non-home rule and depend on LGDF funding. Mayor Bullwinkel reported that the proposed LGDF cuts equate to a \$1.1 million loss to the Village of Villa Park.

B. Proposed Property Tax Freeze

Mayor Bennett explained that state representatives understand the consequences of a property tax freeze for both municipalities and schools, so it is unlikely it will be approved as part of the end result of the session. Mayor Weisner reported that he was invited to Elgin to a meeting with Governor Rauner that was organized for several local Kane County mayors. During the discussion, Governor Rauner clearly argued that he would appeal to residents on the property tax freeze in order to turn them against their local elected officials. He does not seem to understand that property taxes are so high because Illinois is last among all states in funding public

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education. Mayor Weisner described Governor Rauner's demeanor as arrogant and condescending, as if he sees mayors as incidental to achieving his mission.

C. Governor's Local Consolidation Task Force

Dave Bennett reported that the Caucus has reached out to the Lieutenant Governor's Office and offered to be a resource to a new task force on consolidation and unfunded mandates given the work it has done on Shared services and consolidation. He noted that the membership of the task force is expected to be named soon.

D. Fire Minimum Manning Trailer Bill: SB 1246

Mark Fowler, Executive Director, Northwest Municipal Conference reported that the trailer bill to the Minimum manning legislation adopted in the fall has passed out of the Senate Executive Committee. All parties have agreed to the bill which is sponsored by Senator John Mulroe.

E. Other

Mayor Smith reported that she met in Springfield with State Representative David McSweeney who has proposed several pieces of legislation that will be disagreeable to mayors. They include bills on red light cameras and TIF.

V. Pension Reform Update

A. IL Supreme Court Oral Argument: March 11

Mayor Weisner updated the board that the Illinois Supreme Court would be hearing oral arguments on March 11 in the case challenging the constitutionality of the State system pension reforms passed last year. The Mayors Strategy Group would then be having a phone call the following day, Thursday, March 12, to recap the court proceedings and discuss possible strategies for pursuing police and fire pension reform.

B. Benefit Reforms

Mayor Weisner underscored the importance of having tools and strategies in place to address the issue of Pension reforms for when an opportunity to act on legislation presents itself. He reviewed Attachment 2 which is a two-page summary of the wish list of benefit reforms the Mayors Strategy group has proposed.

C. Fund Consolidation

Mayor Weisner reported that the Illinois Municipal League is preparing a draft legislative framework for possible consolidation legislation. The framework will explore merging the existing police and fire systems into one unified fund as well as into separate funds, meaning one fund for police and another for fire.

D. Additional Revenues

Mayor Weisner reported that while the expansion of sales tax services is a potential source of additional revenue for pensions, it appears Governor Rauner and others may have designs on these funds as well, so it may or may not be a viable source of revenue to reduce local unfunded liabilities.

VI. Report on Legislative and Public Relations Consultant Interviews

Mayor McLaughlin reported that an RFQ had been sent out to 37 legislative and public relations firms, of which 19 responded. After an initial review, the Search Committee, which also included Mayors Schielke, Darch, Bullwinkel and Weisner as well as Directors Baloga and Quigley) interviewed seven firms. Mayor McLaughlin stated that the Committee had reached consensus on four finalists. They included McGuire Woods Consulting and Dorgan McPike & Associates for the legislative consultant, and Serafin & Associates and Resolute Consulting for the public relations firm.

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Mayor Darch noted that the Search Committee asked for COG feedback, as they also have lobbyists, to make sure there were no conflicts of interest with the four finalist firms. Mr. Bennett reported that seven have replied that there would be no conflicts, and two had yet to respond.

Mayor McLaughlin stated that the intent today is to get the Board's approval of the four finalists so that he and Mr. Bennett could meet with them to discuss proposed fee structures. He noted that the Caucus has budgeted \$75,000 to cover the cost of both the legislative and public relations consultants. This included \$66,000 in funds raised from the recent Gala and a portion of the dues increase approved in the fall. He expressed a personal concern for using the dues increase for the consultants, stating a preference that it be used for the Caucus' regular operational expenses instead. How that works out, though, is dependent on the negotiations.

Mayor Weisner made a motion to approve moving ahead with negotiations with the final four firms. Mayor Schielke seconded and the motion was unanimously adopted.

Mr. Bennett stated that Mayor McLaughlin and he will return to the Caucus officers and the Executive Board to present recommendations on the consultants for their consideration and approval.

VII. March 13 Quarterly Business Meeting

Dave Bennett updated the Board that the next quarterly meeting would be hosted by ComEd in the main lounge of the Union League Club. Attendees should plan to arrive at 11:45 for a sit down lunch, with the business portion to follow at 12:45pm. Arrangements are being made to have each of the four legislative leaders attend or at least be represented at the meeting to discuss key legislative issues. In addition, there is a possibility Governor Rauner may be able to attend as well.

VIII. ADA 25 Task Force Report

Mayor Smith reported on a successful initial meeting of the Caucus' ADA 25 Task Force. The Chicago Community Trust's ADA25 initiative would be hosting a number of events throughout the region to celebrate the official 25th anniversary of the passing of the Americans with Disabilities Act in July. The Task Force is considering hosting a friendly competition for inclusionary best practices.

IX. Sales Tax Sourcing Update

Mayor Schielke reported that the Department of Revenue has requested another meeting with a group the Caucus put together to draft proposed changes to the Department's sales tax sourcing rules which went into effect last year. The Department has completed its internal review of the Caucus' change and would like to respond to them.

Mr. Bennett indicated that he will be coordinating the meeting with Paul Berks, Deputy General Counsel of the Department. He expressed the hope it could be scheduled for some time within the next two weeks.

X. Urban Land Institute Chicago's Retail Initiative

Mayor McLaughlin introduced Cindy McSherry, Executive Director of the Urban Land Institute, Chicago and Bridget Lane, Director of Business Districts Inc., a ULI member who is actively involved in retail work. Ms. McSherry explained that ULI conducts research and education on land use and development. Its members are primarily in the commercial retail industry, including developers and service providers. The organization has 30,000 global members and 1,300 members in the Chicago group. The group works with municipalities in small groups of 3-4 mayors to help assess best practices to maximize the effectiveness of suburban retail

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corridors. They would welcome any mayor's participation. The group is also conducting a regional best practices toolkit to guide municipalities delivering of retail services most effectively.

Mayor Bullwinkel reported that Nancy Firfer, Senior Advisor of the Metropolitan Planning Council, has already reached out to the Village of Villa Park about participating in this initiative. Mayor Bennett commented that ULI has previously conducted two studies for the City of Palos Hills, and that the City hosted luncheons for retail developers who may be interested in ULI's work. Mayor McLaughlin noted his enthusiasm for ULI's work.

XI. Policy Area: Environment

A. Update re ICC Rulemaking on Electric Aggregation

Mr. Bennett reported that the Joint Committee on Administrative Rules pulled back on the Illinois Commerce Commission's proposed rulemaking. Concerns were expressed by electric services providers and aggregators about how some of the rules govern program marketing. A decision was made to move forward with some of the changes. The full rules must now go back to the ICC, then return to JCAR. Hopefully a decision will be made in the next three to four months..

B. Feasibility of Natural Gas Aggregation

Mr. Bennett reported that a number of communities have approached the Caucus about having a discussion on the feasibility of aggregation for natural gas services. A meeting has been organized for Wednesday, March 11, at the DuPage Mayors and Managers Conference between interested officials and Mark Pruitt, former director of the Illinois Power Agency, to discuss options.

Mayor Schielke reported having been solicited by natural gas providers offering aggregation services, but has declined them because the City of Batavia pays almost nothing for gas thanks to their franchise agreement. Mr. Bennett replied that the upcoming discussion will focus on aggregating on behalf of residential and small commercial customers, not municipal accounts. Pertaining to the City of Batavia, he explained that with Nicor and North Shore, each municipality receives a certain amount of free therms as part of their franchise agreement. Some communities have free gas year-long depending on their usage, whereas others use up their free supply after three to six months and then must pay for the rest of the year.

C. Governor's Proposed Sweep of PSEE Program

Edith Makra, the Caucus' Director of Environmental Initiatives, reported that Governor Rauner is attempting to sweep state funds that are allocated to the state's Illinois Energy Now program, which is a significant source of revenue to the Caucus through its Public Sector Energy Efficiency pass-through grant program. DCEO's program totals \$75 million and is beneficial to communities both environmentally and economically, in that substantial energy cost savings result from doing projects.

D. Environment Committee Meeting: Tuesday, March 17, Romeoville, 10:00 a.m.

Ms. Makra announced the upcoming meeting, which will focus on the topic of aquatic nuisance species control. Thirteen species of aquatic nuisance species are threatening to transfer to the Great Lakes from the Mississippi River.

XII. Policy Area: Economic Development

A. Housing and Community Development Committee 2015 Policy Agenda

Allison Clements, the Caucus' Director of Housing Initiatives, explained that at the February 10 meeting of the Caucus' Housing and Community Development Committee, the Committee approved a new 2015 Policy

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Agenda.

The purpose of the document is to provide broad guidance on the Committee's priorities in order to guide its projects and programs. The document was last updated in 2011. In order for the Caucus to officially approve the document, it will need to be approved by all COGs and Chicago. Allison will circulate the document to all COG directors in the coming week for approval.

B. Homes for a Changing Region Toolkit Webinar: Wednesday, March 18, 12:00 Noon

Mrs. Clements stated that the Caucus, in partnership with CMAP and MPC, is excited to announce the release of the Homes for a Changing Region Toolkit, an online tool that will enable municipalities to complete their own comprehensive housing plans. This toolkit provides a step-by-step guide to the Homes process, which has been tested and refined during the development of housing policy plans completed for over 30 communities. The toolkit builds the capacity of local municipalities to develop and implement their own Homes for a Changing Region plans to meet their future housing needs. Funding to develop the toolkit was provided by the National Foreclosure Settlement Awards as distributed by the Illinois Attorney General. Mayors are encouraged to have their staff participate in a webinar to learn more on Wednesday, March 18, at noon.

C. Release of Housing Policy Case Study Library: "Home Grown: Local Housing Strategies in Action"

As a part of the Homes for a Changing Region toolkit, the Caucus and partners have created an online library of case studies of successful housing policies, developments, programs, and financing strategies, explaining how they work, why they were successful, and how they were funded. The case studies can be accessed on the Caucus' website and are meant to serve as the policy resource for the Homes for a Changing Region toolkit. Allison thanked Charles Dabah, Program Assistant at the Caucus, for all of his hard work on this project.

XIII. Other Business

None.

XIV. Next Executive Board Meeting: May 11, 2015, DuPage Mayors and Managers Conference, 9:00 a.m.

Chairman McLaughlin announced that the next Executive Board meeting will be held on May 11, 2015 at 9:00 a.m. at the DuPage Mayors and Managers Office.

XV. Adjournment

Mayor Holland made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Mayor Schielke seconded. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 11:17 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Holland
Executive Board Secretary
and, Mayor Village of Frankfort