***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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**Monday, September 14, 2015**

1. **Call to Order and Welcome**

Orland Park Mayor and Executive Board Chairman, Daniel J. McLaughlin, representing the Southwest

Conference of Mayors, called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. The meeting was held at the DuPage

Mayors and Managers Conference, 1220 Oakbrook Road, Oak Brook, IL. Others in attendance included:

*Board Members:*

Mayor Gerald R. Bennett, Palos Hills (representing the Southwest Conference of Mayors)

Mayor Paul S. Braun, Flossmoor (representing the South Suburban Mayor and Managers Association)

President Karen Y. Darch, Barrington (representing the Northwest Municipal Conference) – via speaker phone

Mayor Jim Holland, Frankfort (representing the Will County Governmental League)

Mayor Teresa Kernc, Diamond (representing the Will County Governmental League)

President Robert J. Nunamaker, Fox River Grove (representing the McHenry County Council of Governments)

Mayor John A. Ostenburg, Park Forest (representing the South Suburban Mayors and Managers Association)

Mayor Jeffery D. Schielke, Batavia (representing Metro West Council of Governments)

Mayor Jeffrey T. Sherwin, Northlake (representing the West Central Municipal Conference)

Claudia Chavez, Assistant to the Mayor, City of Chicago

*Others*

Mark A. Baloga, Executive Director, DuPage Mayors and Managers Conference

Mark L. Fowler, Executive Director, Northwest Municipal Conference

Hugh O’Hara, Executive Director, Will County Governmental League

Edward Paesel, Executive Director, South Suburban Mayors and Managers Association

Mary Randle, Executive Director, Metro West Council of Governments

Victoria Smith, Executive Director, Southwest Conference of Mayors

David Bennett, Executive Director, Metropolitan Mayors Caucus

Allison Clements, Director of Housing Initiatives, Metropolitan Mayors Caucus

John F. Dunn, Senior Vice President, McGuireWoods Consulting LLC

Edith Makra, Director of Environmental Initiatives, Metropolitan Mayors Caucus

1. **Approval of Minutes: July 10, 2015 Meeting***)*

Mayor Schielke of Batavia moved the approval of the minutes of the July 10, 2015 Executive

Board meeting. Mayor Sherwin of Northlake seconded. The motion was approved with one abstention:

Mayor Braun of Flossmoor who was absent at the July 10 meeting.

 **III. State Budget Impasse: Any End in Sight?**

Chairman McLaughlin introduced John Dunn, the Mayors Caucus’ Legislative Consultant, who provided a

 glum status report on the Illinois General Assembly’s ongoing spring legislative session. Mr. Dunn stated that

 the Governor and the legislative leaders have not met since late May to negotiate the FY 2016 budget. In

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 **III. State Budget Impasse: Any End in Sight? (cont.)**

addition, and quite possibly even more telling, the budget staffs for the Governor and the leaders have not

 met since May either. All signs are pointing to the impasse dragging out for a very long time.

 While the Governor and the General Assembly may have not yet reached agreement on a budget, Mr. Dunn reported that about 90 percent of the 2016 budget has been approved by other means: Courts have issued

 orders in recent weeks mandating the State to appropriate funds for certain purposes; the State is obligated to

 continue to make payments in compliance with previously issued consent decrees; the State is required by the Constitution to make its debt payments; and finally, Governor Rauner did sign one of the appropriation bills

 passed by the General Assembly in May, that being the legislation authorizing spending for public education.

 Mr. Dunn noted that organizations, agencies and local governments that rely on the 10 percent of the budget

 that is not otherwise being funded were able to get through the summer without much concern because they

 were still receiving funds from FY 2015. Starting September 1, however, they will no longer be paid without

 an approved budget. The funds in jeopardy include those that pay for many social and health service programs,

 motor fuel tax proceeds, the local 9-1-1 surcharge, gaming funds and lottery winnings, to name a few.

 Chairman McLaughlin asked Mr. Dunn to speculate on when the budget impasse might end. Mr. Dunn stated

 that it’s anyone’s guess at this point. There has been talk that an agreement could come after the petition

 filing deadline for legislative races in early December. Other people have suggested agreement will come in January 2016. Still others predict the impasse will end after the March 2016 primary. Whenever the end comes

 the question has to be, who’s going to blink first?

 Several Board Members expressed their frustration with the State budget situation. Mayor Sherwin said he

 refuses to expend anymore energy on the situation. Mayor Braun of Flossmoor stated that he is appalled that

 the State’s leadership seems more interested in political gamesmanship than in doing what’s best for the people

 of Illinois. Mayor Bennett of Palos Hills pointed out that the situation is becoming a problem for the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning and other Metropolitan Planning Organizations in the State. They are likely

 to run out of funding sometime in October or November without a State budget.

 Mr. Dunn noted that if there is one bit of good news in the budget mess it is that LGDF funds should continue

 to flow to municipalities and other local governments. This is because they are being treated as a continuing

 appropriation.

**IV. Policy Area: Environment**

**A. Chicago Area Waterways System Advisory Committee: Consensus Framework to Reduce**

 **Threat of Aquatic Nuisance Species (Asian Carp)**

 Mayor Ostenburg of Park Forest and Edith Makra, Director of Environmental Initiatives, briefed the Executive Board on the discussions that have been taking place in the region on solving the problem with

 invasive species in Chicago Area Waterways (CAWS). The discussions have been going on for a number of years. Consensus has started to form around studying control measures which would be located in the Sanitary and Ship Canal and the Cal-Sage Channel. Ms. Makra noted that stormwater management, transportation, water quality, recreation and ecology will all be taken into account as a framework for the control measures is developed.

 Ms. Makra has represented the Mayors Caucus at meetings of the CAWS Advisory Committee. She has

 provided regular progress reports to the Caucus’ Environment Committee on the Advisory Committee’s

 discussions. She noted that the Advisory Committee intends to send a letter to Congress by December 15,

 2015 to explain the proposed framework and request funding to study it. Mayor Ostenburg indicated

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 **A. CAWS Advisory Committee (cont.)**

 that the Caucus’ Environment Committee approves the proposed study framework in principal and

 recommends that the Mayors Caucus be a signatory to the letter provided it does not call for any substantive changes to the framework. Mayor Bennett moved to concur with the Environment Committee’s

 recommendation. Mayor Schielke seconded and the motion was unanimously adopted.

**B. Clean Energy/Smart Grid Legislation Update**

 Mayor Ostenburg stated that the Environment Committee is in the process of reviewing three energy bills

 Currently pending in Springfield. One is ComEd’s Future Energy Plan bill which was discussed at the July

 Executive Board meeting. The second is the Illinois Clean Jobs Coalition legislation. The third is a bill introduced on behalf of ComEd’s parent company, Exelon.

 It is expected that the General Assembly will look to combine the bills at some point once the budget impasse

 is resolved. At present, a dialogue has been initiated which is being led by environmental groups, industry and the utilities. Mayor Ostenburg indicated that the Caucus will have a seat at the table to assert municipal

 interests to improve reliability (micro grids); bring more investment in renewable energy and energy efficiency; and bring favorable outcomes for ratepayers.

 Ms. Makra noted that fundamental to the ComEd and Clean Jobs bills are measures to ‘fix’ the flawed

 renewable portfolio standard that has caused renewable energy investment to stagnate in state funds.

 AECOM is analyzing the bills to recommend elements that municipalities should support. McGuire Woods

 will also provide advice on asserting municipal priorities when the bills are taken up by the legislature.

 **C. Greenest Region Compact 2 Update**

 Ms. Makra reported that the Greenest Region Compact framework is updated and ready for review. Nine sustainability goal categories are synthesized from all 30 published municipal sustainability plans and eight regional/national sustainability plans. More than 1100 specific goals are consolidated into the draft framework representing a consensus sustainability path. The “GRC2” will be vetted with issue experts and then crafted into

 a template sustainability plan accessible to communities of all sizes and capacity.

**D. Public Section Energy Efficiency (PSEE) Program Delay**

 Ms. Makra reported on an application the Mayors Caucus has submitted to the Illinois Department of

 Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO)to continue the highly successful public sector energy

 efficiency grant program. The total request is for $4.6 million, with $3.9 million available for grants to public agencies.

 The Caucus is also proposed as a partner in a grant proposal submitted by Elevate Energy, a non-profit group,

 for an additional $4 million for street lights. In addition, it is expected to partner with the University of Illinois’ Energy Resource Center on a future proposal to provide assistance for energy efficiency work at wastewater treatment facilities.

 Unfortunately, while DCEO has requested organizations to submit applications, given the State budget impasse,

 it is unknown when the grants will be approved and, more importantly, when the awards will be made.

**V. Policy Area: Housing and Economic Development**

**A. Livable Communities Collaborative**

In the interest of time, Mayor Sherwin asked Allison Clements, Director of Housing Initiatives, to

 handle the next several reports.

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 **A. Livable Communities Collaborative (cont.)**

Ms. Clements stated that she has been participating in a strategic planning process over the last several

 months with a group of six other organizations (AARP, CMAP, Enterprise Community Partners, Health & Medicine Policy Research Group, MPC and UIC) to create a regional strategy to address aging. They

 have drafted the "Livable Communities Collaborative" description which was included as Attachment 3 in the

 agenda packet as well as a three-year plan that will result in concrete policies across the region that promote and support citizens as they age in place. The Collaborative will be announced at the AARP/MPC event on October 5, 2015.

 **B. AARP Illinois/ MPC Event: How Livable Is Your Community?**

And speaking of the AARP/MPC event, Ms. Clements reported that it will take place on Monday, October 5, from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. at the Union League Club of Chicago. Julia Stasch from the MacArthur

 Foundation will moderate a discussion between Former U.S. HUD Secretary Henry Cisneros and AARP Executive Vice President Nancy LeaMond. AARP will also be presenting their "Livability Index." Space is limited so Mayors and other municipal officials are encouraged to RSVP as soon as possible if they plan to

 attend.

 **C. How to Draft a Rental Regulation Ordinance Session**

 Through the support of the Caucus' grant from the IL Attorney General's Office, the Mayors Caucus has been working in partnership with the Center for Community Progress and the law firm of Ancel Glink et al to draft a guide for creating rental regulation ordinance for both home rule and non-home rule municipalities. Ms. Clements announced that the guide will be officially released at an event on Tuesday, October 13, 2015 at 9:00 a.m.

 at DePaul University's Loop Campus. In addition, representatives from the Center for Community Progress

 and also Brooklyn Center, MN and Addison, IL will be on hand to discuss their performance-based rental programs. Ms. Clements stated that additional information on this meeting will be emailed later in the week.

**VI. ADA 25 Chicago Update**

 **A. Model Resolution/Proclamation**

Executive Director Bennett reported that over 60 municipalities have adopted the model resolution/

 proclamation the Caucus’ ADA 25 Chicago Task Force has drafted in celebration of the 25th anniversary

 of the passage of the federal Americans with Disabilities Act. A few members of the Board asked Mr.

 Bennett to re-send the model document so they could put it on their Board/Council agendas for approval.

 **B. Holiday Parades**

Members of the ADA 25 Task Force attended parades around the region over the 4th of July and Labor Day

 Holidays this summer. They walked with the disability community to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the ADA. Mr. Bennett singled out Mayor Erin Smith of Lakewood and Mayor Christopher Nelson

 of West Dundee for taking the lead in coordinating the marchers.

 **C. ADA Compliance Coordinators Inaugural Meeting**

Mr. Bennett stated that the Caucus’ Task Force is interested in planning a meeting of local ADA compliance coordinators later in the year. This would be the first time individuals responsible for ADA compliance from across the entire Chicago region would be brought together to share ideas and best practices.

**VII. Shared Services Report Update**

 **A. Final Report Availability**

Mr. Bennett announced that the final version of the shared services report Jennifer Kim reported on at the Executive Board’s July meeting is now available on the Caucus’ website. He encouraged Board Members

 and the COG Directors to check it out at [www.mayorscaucus.org](http://www.mayorscaucus.org).

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 **B. Meeting with LTG Evelyn Sanguinetti’s Staff**

Mr. Bennett reported that he will meet with the Lieutenant Governor’s staff next week to review the findings

 of the Shared Services Report as well as the work of the Caucus’ Service Delivery Task Force. The Caucus had

 previously reached out to the Lieutenant Governor’s staff to ask to make a presentation to the Local

 Government and Unfunded Mandates Task Force that Governor Rauner created and which Lieutenant

 Governor Sanguinetti chairs. Mr. Bennett thanked President Darch of Barrington for her assistance in

 facilitating the meeting. She is a member of the Governor’s Task Force. President Darch expressed the hope

 that the meeting with staff will result in the Caucus being scheduled to appear before the Task Force at its next meeting.

 **VIII. FY 2016 Mayors Caucus Budget Approval Postponed**

Executive Director Bennett requested that the Executive Board postpone approval of the Caucus’ FY 2016

 budget until its November meeting. He stated that the main reason to postpone is tied to the State’s budget

 impasse. The Mayors Caucus has administered the Public Sector Energy Efficiency Grant Program in the

 Chicago region for the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity for the past four years.

 Due to the budget impasse, DCEO has delayed approval of this year’s grant request which is approximately

 $4.6 million. This obviously has a significant impact on the Caucus’ FY 2016 budget.

 Chairman McLaughlin stated that the Caucus Officers have discussed this request on their most recent weekly

 Call. He stated that they believe the request is reasonable. He also warned that if the DCEO grant situation is

 not resolved by the Board’s November meeting other steps regarding the Caucus’ FY 2016 budget may need to

 be taken.

Mayor Holland moved that approval of the FY 2016 budget be postponed until the November Board

Meeting. The motion was seconded by Mayor Bennett. Mr. Bennett clarified that the FY 2015 budget would remain in place until the November meeting. There being no other comments, the motion was unanimously approved.

**IX. Other Business**

 **A. Joint Dispatching Consolidation**

 Mayor Schielke expressed a strong concern regarding the law passed this past spring which requires

 the consolidation of dispatching services. This mandate could cost local governments multi-million dollars

 especially if they are socked with the expense of buying all new equipment.

 **X. Next Board Meeting: November 9, 2015, CMAP, 9:30 a.m.**

 Mayor McLaughlin announced that the next Board meeting will be at CMAP on Monday, November 9, 2015

 at 9:30 a.m.

 **XI. Adjournment**

Mayor Bennett made a motion to adjourn that was seconded by Mayor Braun. The motion was

 unanimously approved and the Board meeting adjourned at 10:40 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

 Jim Holland

 Mayor, Village of Frankfort

 and Executive Board Secretary