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Executive Board Meeting

Monday, July 11, 2016

1. Call to Order and Welcome

Frankfort Mayor and Executive Board Chairman Jim Holland, representing the Will County Governmental

League, called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. in the Du Page County Room at the Chicago Metropolitan

Agency for Planning/Metropolitan Mayors Caucus offices, 233 S. Wacker Drive, Suite 800, in Chicago,

Illinois. Others in attendance included:

*Directors*

President Karen Y. Darch, Barrington (representing the Northwest Municipal Conference)

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

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

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

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

Mayor Thomas J. Weisner, Aurora (representing the Metro West Council of Governments)

Claudia E. Chavez, Assistant to the Mayor, City of Chicago (via conference call)

*Others*

Nancy Firfer, Senior Advisor, Metropolitan Planning Council

Mandi Florip, Executive Director, Lake County Municipal League

Marisa Novara, Director, Housing and Community Development, Metropolitan Planning Council

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

Suzette Quintell, Deputy Executive Director, Du Page Mayors and Managers Conference

Gordon Smith, Director, Government Affairs, Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning

Victoria Smith, Executive Director, Southwest Conference of Mayors

Joseph C. Szabo, Executive Director, Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning

David E. Bennett, Executive Director, Metropolitan Mayors Caucus

Allison Clements, Director of Housing Initiatives, Metropolitan Mayors Caucus

Edith Makra, Director of Environmental Initiatives, Metropolitan Mayors Caucus

II. Approval of Minutes

David Bennett, Executive Director, noted that Mayor John Ostenburg of Park Forest had pointed out an

error in the May 9, 2016 Minutes in an email over the weekend. The error is in Section IV.D. on page 4.

The reference to the “IVEW” facility in the second paragraph should be the “IBEW” facility.

Mayor Jeffery D. Schielke of Batavia made a motion to approve the minutes with this correction. Mayor

Robert J. Nunamaker of Fox River Grove seconded and the motion was unanimously approved.

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III. Economic Cost of Segregation: An Introduction to a Two-Year Study by Metropolitan Planning

Council and Urban Institute

Chairman Holland greeted the guests from the Metropolitan Planning Council (MPC) to present on the

organization’s economic cost of segregation study. Ms. Marisa Novara indicated that the study is

first getting underway and stated that MPC welcomed the opportunity to brief the Mayors Caucus early on.

The hypothesis of the study is that the economy of a region is negatively impacted when its residents

are separated by income and race. It will quantify the cost of this segregation in the Chicago region, identify

the disparities which create segregation and then identify policy recommendations local governments in the

area can implement in order to address and resolve the disparities and the resulting segregation.

Ms. Novara stated that MPC expects to complete the date phase of the study by late fall. They will then turn

their attention to developing policy recommendations. Right now, the study is targeted for final release by

the summer of 2017. MPC would very much like to engage the Mayors Caucus and get our input throughout

the study process. Chairman Holland suggested it would be appropriate to ask the Caucus’ Housing and

Community Development Committee to take on this responsibility. The rest of the Executive Board

concurred.

IV. Policy Area: Legislative

Mayor Holland stated that something had come up and Mayor Jerry Bennett of Palos Hills, the Legislative

Chair, was unable to attend this morning’s meeting. He asked Executive Director Bennett to present the

Legislative Report.

A. Stopgap Budget Report

Mr. Bennett directed the Board’s attention to Attachment 2, a report on the stopgap budget recently

adopted by the Illinois General Assembly and signed into law by Governor Bruce Rauner. The report

was prepared by the Caucus’ legislative consultants, McGuireWoods Consulting.

Mr. Bennett stated that while the stopgap is not a final budget and does not address a number of key issues

that have gone unresolved since the budget impasse started with the State’s FY 2016, it does include good

news for local governments. The stopgap does authorize the release of motor fuel tax funds, LGDF, video

and casino gaming tax funds, the use tax and 9-1-1 program funding for the full FY 2017. It also includes

capital appropriations for IDOT and EPA projects and some Capital Development Board projects that would otherwise have had to shut down mid-construction. Another bit of good news is that the stopgap finally reauthorizes funding for the Public Sector Energy Efficiency Program which the Caucus has

administered for the last five years.

Mr. Bennett noted that the end of session deal which resulted in the stopgap budget also included legislation which extended several TIF districts throughout the State and allows Chicago to create transit TIF districts. Another bill included in the package requires the State to pay into the Chicago Teachers Pension Fund as it

does now for the Downstate Fund. The pension bill does not go into effect until June 1, 2017, however, and

will not be sent to the Governor for his signature until comprehensive pension reform is approved by the

General Assembly.

V. Comprehensive Regional Planning Funding Update & Continued Discussion re CMAP Policy

Statements re Land Use and Local Control

Chairman Holland moved this agenda item up to accommodate the schedule of CMAP Executive Director,

Joseph Szabo.

Mr. Szabo reported that the passage of the stopgap budget was mostly good news for CMAP. State

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V. Comprehensive Regional Planning Funding Update & Continued Discussion re CMAP Policy

Statements re Land Use and Local Control (cont.)

transportation funding will continue to flow through FY 2017. This will ensure that any federal monies

Illinois receives will not be placed in jeopardy.

If there is a loose end, it is on the comprehensive regional planning fund proposal Mr. Szabo presented to

the Caucus Executive Board in March. No action was taken on that bill during the spring session although

CMAP did receive positive feedback from legislative leaders and the Governor’s office in private

discussions.

Mayor Thomas Weisner of Aurora asked if the stopgap budget included funds are available for planning other than for transportation purposes. Mr. Szabo responded that it did not, unfortunately, which is all the more

reason CMAP intends to pursue the comprehensive regional planning fund bill when the General Assembly

reconvenes in the fall.

As for having a continued discussion on CMAP’s policy statements regarding land use and local control,

with Mayor Joseph Mancino of Hawthorn Woods not present, a decision was made to postpone it until

another time. Mr. Szabo did say that he has had a recent phone conversation with Mayor Mancino about his concerns. Ms. Mandi Florip indicated that she knows Mayors Mancino appreciated the conversation.

VI. Policy Area: Transportation

A. Federal Rail Administration Public Hearing on Proposed Train Crew Size Rule

President Karen Darch of Barrington provided an update on the Federal Rail Administration’s rulemaking

on train crew size. She stated that her biggest concern is that the railroads wish to be allowed to have

complete control over the size of train crews without any oversight from the FRA. She believes the best

outcome of the rule would be that the FRA would have to approve all changes in crew size where there

is a proposed reduction from two to one. She asked rhetorically how catastrophic it would be if there was a hazmat situation or a derailment with a train with only one crew member especially in an urban area like

Chicago. A number of other Board members voiced concern as well. Chairman Holland thanked President

Darch for her leadership on this and all other railroad-related issues.

B. Truck Permitting Task Force Update

Mr. Bennett gave an update on the regional truck permitting project being managed by CMAP. The project

has been delayed for the last few months due to the lack of State funds. CMAP staff is encouraged, though,

that work will resume now that a stopgap budget has passed.

C. Public Safety Radio Bandwidth Concerns

Mayor Schielke brought to the Board’s attention concerns he has regarding the “perfect storm” that

seems to be headed our way with the legislative mandate from Springfield which requires the consolidation

of joint radio dispatch centers and the federal law which requires all users of UHF T-Bandwidth to vacate the

Band by 2023. He presented an overview of concerns prepared by Batavia’s Fire Chief, principal among them

was the fact that these mandates will cost municipalities hundreds of thousands, if not millions of dollars.

Several Mayors shared the experiences their communities have had on these issues. They expressed

concerns over the seemingly limited choices available to municipalities as they attempt to make decisions

on dispatch consolidation options and the equipment needs of their public safety personnel.

Mayor Schielke suggested that this topic might be a good one for a future Mayors Caucus meeting. The

other members of the Board agreed. Mr. Bennett stated he was having a meeting with some police chiefs

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C. Public Safety Radio Bandwidth Concerns (cont.)

within the next week. He would seek their input on individuals who could be part of a panel discussion on

the topic. Mayor Nunamaker suggested that someone from the State who is familiar with the State bid

package with StarCom should be included on the panel.

VII. Policy Area: Environment

A. Public Sector Energy Efficiency Program Funds Authorized -- Finally

Edith Makra, Director of Environmental Initiatives, provided additional details on the Public Sector

Energy Efficiency Program grant funding which will be made available through the Mayors Caucus now

that the stopgap budget has been adopted. She reminded the Board that the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity had approved a grant of $2.76 million earlier in the year. However, understanding

that a full program year has been lost due to the State budget impasse, the Department recently gave

grantees the opportunity to modify their funding requests.

In discussing this possibility with the consultants to our PSEE program, 360 Energy, a decision was made to double the Caucus’ funding request to $5.5 million. The consultants believe this is a realistic amount given

their knowledge of the demand for funding assistance among the local governments in the region.

B. Powering Safe Communities Grant Selections

Ms. Makra briefed the Executive Board on the Powering Safe Communities, a grant program which the

Caucus was asked to administer this year by its sponsor, ComEd. $170,000 in total grant funding is to be

awarded to communities in ComEd’s service territory. The maximum award to any one town is $10,000.

Ms. Makra reported that eighty-three applications were received. A reviewing panel was created to assist

with their review. Given funding constraints, twenty-two applications were recommended for award. They

are currently being reviewed for approval by ComEd. Grant awards are to be announced at a breakfast

event next month.

C. Next Environment Committee Meeting

Mayor Ostenburg announced that the next Environment Committee meeting will be held on July 19 in

Niles. The topic of discussion will be green infrastructure. The meeting will include a tour of Niles’

community rain garden. Mayor Ostenburg invited Board members to attend.

VIII. Policy Area: Housing and Community Development

A. Regional Housing Market Segmentation Analysis Project Update

Allison Clements, Director of Housing Initiatives, provided a quick report on the housing market

segmentation analysis being conducted by DePaul University with grant assistance from the Chicago

Community Trust. DePaul is cataloging common housing sub-market challenges in the Chicago region.

A preliminary analysis will be presented to housing policy leaders later this week for their review. The

next phase of the project will include identifying unique policy tools which can be used to address the

sub-market challenges.

B. Latest Homes For A Changing Region Report: Lake County Cluster

Ms. Clements stated that the Caucus, CMAP and MPC have recently initiated a Homes for A Changing

Region analysis for five communities in the Hainesville/Round Lake area in Lake County. The

communities have decided to focus the analysis on rental housing regulations.

IX. Chicago Community Trust GO Grant: Invitation to Apply

Director Bennett briefed the Board on a new funding opportunity from the Chicago Community Trust.

Called the General Operating or GO Grant, the Trust has recently decided to award special recurring

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IX. Chicago Community Trust GO Grant: Invitation to Apply (cont.)

grants to organizations with which it has had a long standing relationship. The Mayors Caucus was

invited to submit for a GO Grant. The application was due this past Friday.

Unlike other grant applications where a specific dollar amount is requested for a specific project, the

Trust will decide the dollar amount to be awarded. The award will be based on the average amount

the Caucus has received on the average annual amount it has received over the past fifteen years. Mr.

Bennett also stated that the grant can be used for general operating support. The Caucus should be notified

of the award in the September-October time frame.

X. 501(c)(3) Filing Update

Mr. Bennett notified the Board that he has followed up with Holland & Knight about engaging the firm in

assisting the Caucus in establishing a 501(c)(3) foundation. The firm will conduct an internal conflicts

review which is standard procedure. If it comes back okay, an engagement letter will be prepared.

XI. Other Business

A. Mayor Weisner brought the Great Lakes Basin Initiative to the Board’s attention. The railroad industry

initiated a study to look at re-directing railroad traffic away from the Chicago region. The cost of

accomplishing this is approximately $8 billion.

B. Mayor Holland stated that a concern that he has with organizations like the Mayors Caucus is that they

are viewed by legislators as being primarily opponents to legislative initiatives. One thing he would like to

try to focus on in his year as Board Chairman is to change this perception so we are viewed more as a

resource and an organization which can be of help to the State. Given the current political climate in

Springfield, he realizes this will be difficult. However, he encouraged the Board to give this issue some

thought and share ideas of how this change could be affected.

The General Assembly is not scheduled to re-convene until after the November election. There is a growing

expectation that the Governor and legislative leaders will finally begin to work to resolve the issues that have been at impasse for the past two years in the Fall Veto Session. Mr. Bennett suggested that the Board could convene the leadership of the various COGs and the City of Chicago to discuss the legislative strategy the organizations can jointly pursue in the fall and beyond, if necessary. Part of that discussion can be about

proposing ways the Mayors Caucus, the COGs and the City can work to be part of the solution. Mayor

Holland welcomed this idea and indicated he would like to develop it further with Mr. Bennett.

XII. Next Meeting

Chairman Holland announced that the next Board meeting will be held at 9:00 a.m. on Monday,

September 12, 2016, at the Du Page Mayors and Managers Conference in Oak Brook.

XIII. Adjournment

President Darch made a motion to adjourn at 10:55 a.m. The motion was seconded by Mayor Nunamaker

and unanimously adopted.

Respectfully submitted,

David E. Bennett

Executive Director