

NORTHWEST MUNICIPAL CONFERENCE

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Municipalities and Townships
Representing a Population of Over One Million*

- Antioch
- Arlington Heights
- Barrington
- Bartlett
- Buffalo Grove
- Carpentersville
- Cary
- Crystal Lake
- Deerfield
- Des Plaines
- Elk Grove Twp.
- Elk Grove Village
- Evanston
- Fox River Grove
- Glencoe
- Glenview
- Grayslake
- Golf*
- Hanover Park
- Harwood Heights
- Hawthorn Woods
- Highland Park
- Hoffman Estates
- Inverness
- Kenilworth
- Lake Barrington
- Lake Forest
- Lake Zurich
- Libertyville
- Lincolnshire
- Lincolnwood
- Morton Grove
- Mount Prospect
- New Trier Twp.
- Niles
- Northbrook
- Northfield
- Northfield Twp.
- Palatine
- Park Ridge
- Prospect Heights
- Rolling Meadows
- Roselle
- Schaumburg
- Skokie
- Streamwood
- Vernon Hills
- Wheeling
- Wilmette
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**NWMC Board
Minutes
Wednesday, October 10, 2007
7:00 p.m.
Radisson Hotel
2875 North Milwaukee Avenue
Northbrook/Prospect Heights, IL**

- I. Call to Order**
President Arredia called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.
- II. Pledge of Allegiance**
President Arredia led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- III. Roll Call**
Diane Kopterski called the roll.

Members Present

- Arlington Heights, Manager Bill Dixon
- Barrington, President Karen Darch
- Buffalo Grove, President Elliott Hartstein
- Cary, Administrator Cameron Davis
- Des Plaines, Mayor Tony Arredia
- Elk Grove Township, Trustee Lou Petrone
- Evanston, Manager Julie Carroll
- Fox River Grove, Trustee Duane Figurski
- Glencoe, Manager Paul Harlow
- Glenview, President Kerry Cummings
- Hanover Park, Trustee Toni Carter
- Harwood Heights, President Margaret Fuller
- Hoffman Estates, President William McLeod
- Lake Barrington, Administrator Christopher Martin
- Lincolnwood, Mayor Jerry Turry
- Morton Grove, President Rick Krier
- Mount Prospect, Mayor Irvana Wilks, Trustee Arlene Juracek
- Niles, Trustee Louella Preston
- Northfield, Trustee Joan Frazier
- Palatine, Mayor Rita Mullins
- Prospect Heights, Mayor Pat Ludvigsen
- Schaumburg, Assistant Manager Kathleen Tempesta
- Skokie, Trustee Randall Roberts
- Wheeling, President Judy Abruscato, Manager J. Mark Rooney
- Wilmette, President Christopher Canning
- Winnetka, Trustee Sandra Berger

*Affiliate Member

Members Absent

Antioch	Lake Forest
Bartlett	Lake Zurich
Carpentersville	Libertyville
Crystal Lake	Lincolnshire
Deerfield	New Trier Township
Elk Grove Village	Northbrook
Golf	Northfield Township
Grayslake	Park Ridge
Hawthorn Woods	Rolling Meadows
Highland Park	Roselle
Inverness	Streamwood
Kenilworth	Vernon Hills

Others in Attendance

- Larry Bury, NWMC Policy Analyst
- Kristi DeLaurentiis, Metropolitan Planning Council
- Beth Dever, Metropolitan Mayors Caucus
- Mark Fowler, NWMC Executive Director
- Diane Kopterski, NWMC Executive Secretary
- Andy Plummer, Regional Transportation Authority
- Erin Sammon, NWMC Program Associate
- Bill Vollmer, ComEd
- Mike Walczak, NWMC Program Manager
- Lerisa Wilkins, NWMC Program Associate

IV. Approval of Minutes – September 19, 2007

Motion to approve the September 19, 2007 Meeting Minutes was made by President McLeod. It was seconded by Manager Rooney and approved by membership.

V. President’s Report – Anthony Arredia, NWMC President and Mayor, City of Des Plaines

A. October Board Meeting Program - Dialog with ComEd Regarding the August 23 Storm and Restoration Efforts

President Arredia introduced Bill Voller, External Affairs Director for ComEd, who stated that there were several common themes from his discussions with municipal officials after the August 23 storm crisis and from that, Com Ed put together seven major categories that they can improve upon. He stated that they would like to continue the dialog with a small group of municipal officials on a continuing basis between now and December 14 when they roll out their final plan.

Mr. Voller stated that as part of the improvement plan, they want to develop enhanced storm protocols and methods of communication, along with better quality information in a more timely manner. There is also an E-Outage tool available for municipalities to use and they will provide training on its use. Mr. Voller stated that ComEd plans to have an account manager to work directly with each municipality to identify critical facilities. Finally they will provide education to help customers to correctly report outages and provide material which can be used in municipal newsletters. Mr. Voller then answered questions from Presidents Cummings and Canning which were prepared by the Executive Board. Members further discussed their experiences during the storm and how ComEd responded to them individually.

B. Resolution Honoring Prospect Heights Mayor Rodney Pace

Mayor Arredia stated that the Executive Board recommended approval of a resolution to honor former Prospect Heights Mayor Rodney Pace.

Motion to approve the resolution was made by President Hartstein. It was seconded by Mayor Mullins and approved by membership.

C. MMC Executive Board Appointments

President Arredia stated that the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus requested that each of the councils of government appoint representatives to the MMC Executive Board for FY07-08. Traditionally, the Conference has appointed the organization's past president to serve as the delegate with the current president serving as the alternate delegate. Therefore, the Executive Board recommended that Skokie Mayor George Van Dusen serve as the delegate and Des Plaines Mayor Tony Arredia as the alternate delegate.

Motion to approve the appointments to the MMC Executive Board was made by President McLeod of Hoffman Estates. It was seconded by Mayor Mullins of Palatine and approved by membership.

D. Metropolitan Mayors Caucus "Homes for a Changing Region"

Metropolitan Mayors Caucus Housing Director Beth Dever discussed "Homes for a Changing Region," a report produced by the Caucus and Chicago Metropolis 2020 as part of a three-year analysis of the housing needs of the Chicago region. Ms. Dever stated that they were looking to create a forward looking projection of the Chicago metropolitan housing market between 2000 and 2030. The goal is to encourage local communities to update their local housing plans and to create a full range of housing choices including workforce housing. Phase I of the project culminated in the current report which reviewed how housing was being developed and looked at the changing demographics of the region.

Ms. Dever stated that Phase II of the report was started last year and the goal is to show how the recommendations could be implemented at the local level in the Chicago region. They have been working with three communities each year and their related councils of government.

Ms. Dever discussed the report's recommendations which were that communities work to create their own balanced housing types to meet the size and income needs of all their residents; that zoning codes and impact fees be conducive to balanced housing development and to generate interest in subregional planning and cooperation. Ms. Dever asked for members' support of the report and its distribution throughout the region.

Motion to approve the MMC "Homes for a Changing Region" report was made by President Turry. It was seconded by President Krier and approved by membership.

VI. Priority Issues

A. Legislative Committee – Karen Darch, President, Village of Barrington, Co-Chair and Rick Krier, Mayor, Village of Morton Grove, Co-Chair

1. Veto Session Update

Mr. Bury gave a report on the veto session. He stated that the governor had applied the amendatory veto to SB1553 (Firefighters Disability) by pulling out language in the agreement regarding the concurrence of three physicians opinions, but the

firefighters were successful in their push for an override of the veto of this bill by the Senate and the bill passed to the House side. He urged members to contact their representatives and voice their opinion on this bill.

Mr. Bury reported that HB962 (Municipal Vacancies) passed out of the House but had not yet been called in the Senate. HB664 (which extends the 7% property assessment exemption) is not expected to be called in the Senate and if no agreement is reached, the bill will die. Members questioned when the tax bills will be issued and recommended that the Legislative Committee discuss this topic at its next meeting. President Hartstein suggested that members authorize the Legislative Committee to take a position based on parameters members set and advocate it in Springfield.

Motion was made by President McLeod to authorize the Legislative Committee to formulate a position for the Conference on the tax cap issue. The motion was seconded by Mayor Turry and approved by membership. Hanover Park voted no.

Mr. Bury stated that the CMAP legislation veto was overridden in the Senate and that a series of hearings on SB1429 (Streamlines Sales Tax Legislation) have been scheduled. This bill would allow the state to collect sales tax on internet sales, but the tax revenue would go to the destination municipality.

2. *Cook County Automated Red Light Enforcement*

President Darch stated that Cook County has proposed an automated red light traffic safety system ordinance that would authorize their Highway Department and Sheriff to install automated enforcement devices at intersections under the county's maintenance jurisdiction and collect fees for red light violations.

Mr. Bury stated that the Attorney's Committee reviewed the ordinance and has significant legal questions as to the County's authority in this matter. The Attorney's Committee recommended that the Conference oppose this ordinance in its present form and request a meeting with the County Board President and the sponsor of the legislation to discuss some legal questions, the parameters of how such an ordinance would be implemented, and the need for an intergovernmental agreement for those areas under municipal jurisdiction. The biggest concern of the Attorney's Committee is the precedent this sets for county jurisdiction in municipal areas.

Motion was made by President Krier to oppose the Cook County Red Light Enforcement Ordinance. It was seconded by President McLeod and approved by membership.

B. Transportation Committee – Bill McLeod, President, Village of Hoffman Estates Co-Chair and Kerry Cummings, President, Village of Glenview, Co-Chair

1. *NW Council of Mayors Technical Committee Vacancies*

President McLeod stated that the Executive Board and the Northwest Council of Mayors Technical Committee recommended that Elk Grove Village Manager Ray Rummel and Rolling Meadows Mayor Ken Nelson fill vacancies on the Technical Committee. The Technical Committee is comprised of eight members who review all projects and proposals made to the Northwest Council of Mayors.

Motion to approve the Executive Board's recommendation for committee vacancies was made by President McLeod. It was seconded by Mayor Mullins and approved by members of the Northwest Council of Mayors present at the meeting.

2. *Canadian National Purchase of Elgin, Joliet, & Eastern Railroad*
President McLeod stated that the Canadian National Railroad has announced its intention to purchase the Elgin, Joliet, and Eastern railroad which runs through numerous Conference communities.

President Darch commented that freight traffic and the potential double tracking of the line could have an impact on the Metra STAR Line and existing and potential quiet zones, as well as increased disruption at crossings for communities along the line. President Darch stated that hearings will be held before the Canadian National transaction is completed and there is the opportunity for communities to be a part of the process. Conference staff will compile community concerns and explore potential avenues for public comment on the purchase.

3. *NWMC Bike Plan*
President McLeod stated that the Conference's Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee, working with consultants from TY Lin International, oversaw the updating of the Conference's Bicycle Plan. A link to the full plan and supporting maps is available on the NWMC website. The Executive Board recommended approval of the NWMC Bike Plan.

Motion to approve the Bicycle Plan was made by President Cummings. It was seconded by President Darch and approved by membership.

C. Program Services Committee – Craig Anderson, Manager, Village of Carpentersville, Chair

1. *NWMC Surplus Vehicle and Equipment Auction Results*
In Mr. Anderson's absence, Mr. Fowler gave the committee report. He stated that the Conference did very well with the surplus vehicle and equipment auctions this year and realized about \$1.4 million in gross sales. Mr. Fowler thanked all the municipalities that participated. Mr. Fowler reminded members that NWMC's internet auction service is available through Obenauf and asked members to avail themselves of this service when disposing of surplus products and equipment.
2. *2008 Crown Victoria Police Pursuit Vehicle Update*
Ms. Wilkins stated that the Crown Victoria Police Pursuit Vehicle bid was held and when the award is made that complete copies of the price sheet and specifications will be emailed to local governments across the region.

**D. Finance Committee – James Norris, Manager, Village of Hoffman Estates, Chair
FY06-07 Audit**

In Mr. Norris's absence, Mr. Fowler gave the report. He stated that it was a clean audit and net assets increased by \$127,000. Revenues and expenses were up, but the Conference was able to add significantly to the fund balance. The Executive Board and Finance Committee recommended acceptance of the FY06-07 NWMC Audit.

Motion to approve the FY06-07 audit was made by President Hartstein. It was seconded by Mayor Turry and approved by membership.

VII. Consent Agenda

Motion was made by President Krier to approve the items on the Consent Agenda. It was seconded by President Darch and approved by membership. The following items were approved on the Consent Agenda:

- TIP changes to Northwest Council of Mayorø Surface Transportation Program

VIII. Other Business

Mr. Fowler stated that the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus and other councils of government, through the efforts of the Citizens Utility Board, City of Chicago and Cook County, are going to be receiving hundreds of thousands of compact florescent light bulbs in the early part of 2008 for free distribution to area residents. He stated that they are working on the parameters of the program and there is a thought that the municipalities that passed the MMC Greatest Region Compact would have priority. Mr. Fowler stated that they are looking for six sites around the region to house these light bulbs temporarily and he asked members if they had any large empty facilities where these pallets of light bulbs could be stored until they are redistributed.

IX. For the Good of the Order

President Arredia stated that he received a phone call that FEMA voted not include Cook County as part of the federal declaration plan. An email was sent out to members and legislators were contacted, and he learned that a decision regarding federal disaster assistance was put off until Friday because they found out that the IEMA did not supply FEMA with updated information. He urged members to watch for emails from the Conference on this matter in case help is needed in securing this funding.

X. Next Meeting

The next NWMC Board meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, November 14, at 7:00 p.m., at the Radisson Hotel in Northbrook.

XI. Adjournment

There being no further business, motion to adjourn was made by President Hartstein. It was seconded by President Krier and approved by membership. The meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.