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NWMC BOARD MINUTES
Wednesday, March 10, 2010
7:00 p.m.
Crowne Plaza Hotel
2875 N. Milwaukee Avenue
Northbrook, IL

- I. Call to Order**
President Turry called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
- II. Pledge of Allegiance**
President Turry led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- III. Roll Call**
Diane Kopterski called the roll.

Members Present

Arlington Heights, Mayor Arlene J. Mulder
 Barrington, President Karen Darch
 Buffalo Grove, President Elliott Hartstein
 Carpentersville, Manager Craig Anderson
 Cary, Mayor Tom Kierna
 Des Plaines, Mayor Marty Moylan
 Elk Grove Village, Trustee James Petri
 Fox River Grove, Trustee Duane Figurski
 Glenview, President Kerry Cummings
 Hanover Park, Trustee Bill Cannon
 Hoffman Estates, Mayor Bill McLeod
 Lincolnwood, Mayor Jerry Turry
 Morton Grove, Trustee Larry Gomberg, Administrator Joe Wade
 Mount Prospect, Trustee Arlene Juracek
 Niles, Trustee Louella Preston
 Northbrook, President Sandra Frum
 Northfield, President Fred Gougler
 Park Ridge, Manager Jim Hock
 Prospect Heights, Mayor Dolly Vole, Administrator Pam Arrigoni
 Rolling Meadows, Manager Sarah Phillips, Assistant Manager Barry Krumstok
 Roselle, Administrator Jeff O'Dell
 Skokie, Trustee Randy Roberts, Assistant Manager John Lockerby
 Streamwood, Manager Gary O'Rourke
 Wheeling, Manager Jon Sfondilis
 Wilmette, Manager Tim Frenzer
 Winnetka, Trustee E. Gene Greable

Members Absent

Antioch	Inverness
Bartlett	Kenilworth
Crystal Lake	Lake Barrington
Deerfield	Lake Forest
Evanston	Lake Zurich
Glencoe	Libertyville
Golf	Lincolnshire
Grayslake	Northfield Township
Hawthorn Woods	Palatine
Highland Park	Schaumburg
	Vernon Hills

Others in Attendance

Larry Bury, NWMC Policy Director
Kristi DeLaurentiis, Metropolitan Planning Council
Marina Durso, NWMC Program Associate
Diane Kopterski, NWMC Executive Secretary
Andy Plummer, RTA
Laurie Roche, Cook County Sheriff Tom Dart's office
Chris Staron, NWMC Program Associate
Jim Tansor, NICOR Gas
Mike Walczak, NWMC Program Manager
Kitty Weiner, Congressman Peter Roskam's Office
Larry Widmer, NWMC Deputy Director

Mayor Turry welcomed Trustee Arlene Juracek who is Mount Prospect's Acting Mayor in the absence of Mayor Wilks who had an accident. He extended wishes for a quick recovery to Mayor Wilks.

IV. **Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes and Executive Session Minutes – February 10, 2010**

Motion to approve the February 10 Regular Meeting Minutes was made by Mayor Mulder. It was seconded by President Hartstein and approved.

Motion to approve the February 10 Executive Session Minutes was made by Trustee Preston. It was seconded by President Darch and approved.

V. **President's Report – Jerry Turry, NWMC President and Mayor, Village of Lincolnwood**

Pension Fairness for Illinois Communities Coalition Public Relations Contract
Mayor Turry stated that the Pension Fairness Coalition was launched March 3 in Springfield and was well received. He stated that they have spent a significant amount of time lobbying and meeting state legislators.

The Executive Board recommended approval of the contract with Carolyn Grisko and Associates (CG&A) to continue their work on behalf of the Pension Fairness for Illinois Communities Coalition. Funding for the Coalition is provided by statewide memberships from municipalities and associations and the Conference is acting as

fiscal agent for the Coalition. Mayor Turry requested that Conference members approve resolutions supporting the Coalition and funding for its efforts.

Motion to approve the Executive Board recommendation was made by President Hartstein. It was seconded by President Darch and approved.

President Turry stated that the Governor's budget address called for a 30% reduction in the Local Distributive Fund. Mr. Bury stated that a letter to the editor under President Turry's signature opposing this reduction was being sent out and a spreadsheet on the local impact of the reduction was distributed to members. President Hartstein suggested sending a formal resolution to the governor opposing this reduction and its impact on local government. Mayor Mulder stated that budgets are already set in many municipalities and now they must deal with further revenue reductions. President Cummings stated that members should let legislators know that the cuts to the Distributive Fund are unacceptable to municipalities.

VI. Priority Issues

A. Legislative Committee – Al Larson, President, Village of Schaumburg, Co-Chair and Chris Canning, President, Village of Wilmette, Co-Chair

1. *Pension Fairness for Illinois Communities Coalition*

Mr. Bury stated that the Coalition has received support from Conference members, various other municipalities, councils of government and associations, and they have reached out to a significant number of legislators. Mr. Bury reported that the Senate version of the legislation is SB2574 which passed out of the Senate Pensions and Investment Committee last week by a unanimous vote and is on second reading in the House pending the negotiations. Mr. Bury reported that Senator Link is leading the negotiations process with the police and fire union representatives and municipal representatives.

2. *Positions on Pending Legislation*

Mr. Bury reviewed HB4657 which would allow firemen to establish creditable service for time spent as on-call or volunteer firefighters. Members recommended that while the pension issue is being negotiated, any pension bills that increase the burden on municipalities should be placed on hold in the legislature and not voted upon.

The Executive Board and Legislative Committee recommended that the Conference adopt positions on legislation pending before the General Assembly as outlined in the memorandum in the Board packet.

Motion to approve the recommendation was made by President Frum. It was seconded by President Cummings and approved.

3. *Metropolitan Mayors Caucus 2010 Legislative Program*

Mr. Bury stated that the Mayors Caucus 2010 Legislative Program does not include education funding reform. There were two items of concern from the Legislative and Executive Committee. The first was the need for CREATE to consider a second phase of projects that take into account changes in regional rail traffic caused by the Canadian National (CN) purchase of the EJ&E. The second item was the language on the

streamlined sales tax which needs to include a mitigation plan for municipalities that are retail sales centers.

The Executive Board and Legislative Committee recommended approval of the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus' 2010 Legislative Program along with a transmittal letter that highlights: 1) the need for CREATE to begin consideration of a second phase of projects that take into account changes in rail traffic; and, 2) the need for any streamlined sales tax legislation to include a mitigation plan to prevent losses for municipalities that are retail centers.

Motion to approve the recommendation was made by President Cummings. It was seconded by Mayor Mulder and approved.

B. Finance Committee – Bob Kiely, Manager, City of Lake Forest, Chair
Stipend for NWMC Pension Negotiating Teams

Deputy Director Widmer stated that the Executive Board and Finance Committee recommended approval of a stipend for members of the NWMC pension negotiating teams who will be traveling to Springfield. The recommended stipend is \$50 per trip and would be funded through use of reserve funds.

Motion to approve the recommendation was made by Trustee Preston. It was seconded by President Frum and approved.

C. Program Services Committee – Ray Rummel, Manager, Elk Grove Village, Chair

Deputy Director Widmer stated that the Program Services Committee met to review several Conference programs. Due to low utilization and unsuccessful efforts to revamp the program, the Committee and the Executive Board recommended that the Conference terminate its involvement in the online Dynamic Government Performance Measurement program.

Motion to approve the recommendation was made by Mayor Mulder. It was seconded by Manager Phillips and approved.

D. Transportation Committee – Kerry Cummings, President, Village of Glenview, Co-Chair and Ken Nelson, Mayor, City of Rolling Meadows, Co-Chair

1. North Shore Council of Mayors ARRA Program

President Cummings stated that the Executive Board and the North Shore Council of Mayors Technical Committee recommended using the leftover ARRA funding as outlined in the board packet attachment on February 10. However, there were not enough North Shore Council of Mayors present at the February 10 meeting to take formal action and the matter was deferred for vote to March 10. There being a quorum of North Shore Council members present at the March 10 meeting, a vote was taken on the matter.

Motion to approve the recommendation was made by President Cummings. It was seconded by President Frum and approved.

2. *Metra North Central Enhanced Service Resolution*

The Executive Board and Transportation Committee recommended approval of a resolution requesting that Metra increase service on the North Central Line, including additional suburb-to-suburb, reverse commute and express train options. There was discussion by members regarding the effect on quality and frequency of other Metra service and members suggested a change to the resolution to reflect this.

Motion to approve the resolution with the change was made by Mayor Vole. It was seconded by President Hartstein and approved.

VII. Consent Agenda

Motion was made by Mayor McLeod to approve the items on the Consent Agenda. It was seconded by President Gougler and approved. The following items were approved on the Consent Agenda:

- Monthly Budget Report and Warrant List for January 2010

VIII. Other Business

None.

IX. For the Good of the Order

None.

X. Next Meeting

President Turry stated that the next NWMC Board meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 21, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Northbrook.

XI. Adjournment

There being no further business, motion to adjourn was made by Mayor Mulder. It was seconded by Mayor Moylan and approved. The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.