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### **Intergovernmental Cooperation Council Meeting Minutes**

**Monday, December 11, 2023**

**1:20 p.m. or directly after the Executive Council of the MMSD**

Village of Bayside

Schlitz Audubon Nature Center

1111 E. Brown Deer Road

Bayside, Wisconsin 53217

#### **Members Present:**

Bryan Kennedy, City of Glendale

Wanda Montgomery, Village of Brown Deer

Christine Symchych, Village of Fox Point

Dennis McBride, City of Wauwatosa

Dan Devine, City of West Allis

Dan Besson, Village of Hales Corners

Eido Walny, Village of Bayside

John Stalewski, Village of West Milwaukee

Mike Neitzke, City of Greenfield

Christopher Noyes, Village of River Hills

Casey Griffiths, City of Cudahy

Jim Shelenske, City of South Milwaukee

#### **Excused**

Ken Tutaj, City of St. Francis

Dan Bukiewicz, City of Oak Creek

Tom Pavlic, City of Cudahy

Jason Cyborowski, Village of Greendale

Ann McCullough McKaig, Village of Shorewood

John Nelson, City of Franklin

Kevin Buckley, Village of Whitefish Bay

Jim Shelenske, City of South Milwaukee

#### **Guests Present:**

Diane Tsounis, Milwaukee County CDBG

Tiffany Henry, Office of Senator Baldwin

James Bohl, Government Relations, City of Milwaukee

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Kelly Hirsch, City of Franklin

Millie Coby, Employ Milwaukee

Kevin Shafer, MMSD

Jeff Stone, MMSD

Paula Phillips, Milwaukee County OOE

Tony Panciera, Milwaukee County OOE

Karen Sparapani, MADACC

**I. Mayor Devine called the meeting to order at 1:26 pm.**

**II. Welcome to the Bayside**

Welcome to Bayside by President Walny. Bayside has a population of 4,421. Executive Director Helen Boomsma welcomed the ICC to the Schlitz Audubon Nature Center. The nature center covers 185 acres of forests, wetlands, restored prairies, ravines, bluffs, and Lake Michigan shoreline. This center is the largest Audubon chapter in country and is 58 years old. There are six miles in hiking trails. They have 500 adult programming opportunities per year. Bringing in 20,000 children a year from about 350 schools, 5,000 from underdeveloped areas. There is a fully licensed preschool, celebrating its 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary. They also have a raptor program which houses rehomed raptors. There are 15 birds in captivity that have been injured and rehabbed in hospitals across the country. The center protects the birds and they are valuable teachers for the center. The center is reaching out to new populations and people of color and ADA including the public from all backgrounds.

**III. Approval of the November 13, 2023 meeting minutes.**

President Montgomery moved to approve the meeting minutes of the November 13, 2023, Mayor Kennedy second, all voted aye.

**IV. Treasurer Update – Mayor Neitzke**

Balance of ICC fund is \$102,385.48. There are three municipalites that still owe memebership fees for 2023, they are Milwaukee County, Fox Point and West Milwaukee.

**V. ICC Secretary Stipend Determination and Motion**

The current stipend amount paid to the Chair municipality for Secretary services is \$78.00 per month. Mayor Kennedy moved to modify the monthly amount to \$125.00. Discussion was held and Mayor Neitzke moved to modify the motion to increase the monthly amount to \$150.00, Mayor McBride second. All voted aye. Mayor Neitzke

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suggested to create website on behalf of ICC. Mayor Neitzke also suggested creating a budget as prescribed in the bylaws of the ICC. President Besson agreed that budget would be appropriate. Mayor Kennedy advised that he would collaborate with Mayor Neitzke to create a budget into May of 2024.

### **VI. Sustainability Shared Services concept Discussion**

Erick Shambarger, Environment Director for the City of Milwaukee, presented information regarding sustainability. The City of Wauwatosa has a Sustainability Committee. The City of Milwaukee created this office in 2006 to address environmental topics and to obtain federal grants. Solar issues and energy efficiency currently have funding availability. This office would be happy to partner with municipalities to bring more services and opportunities to the County residents. Mayor McBride advised this discussion was an introduction of the subject and that he would bring a more formal proposal to the upcoming ICC meeting for discussion and motion. He stated Wauwatosa began discussing environmental sustainability during budget discussions. The hope is to encourage residents to buy into sustainability as well. As the fiscal cliff is looming there are no funds to hire a position, only to then to have the need to lay off in the future years. Wauwatosa is looking towards a regional approach, partnering with other municipalities to form sustainability initiatives. Mayor McBride also suggested the possibility of the ICC contracting with a consultant to work on a proposal for these efforts. Mayor McBride referenced the Climate Pollution Reduction Grant Program, working with SEWRPC to meet a deadline of April 1, 2024 to apply for the grant.

### **VII. Review the contracts of shared services between Milwaukee County and the municipalities (recurring item)**

None.

### **VIII. Discussion and decision(s) regarding pending legislation which may have an impact on the ICC communities (recurring item)**

None.

### **IX. Updates from the members of the ICC regarding subjects listed below:**

#### **1. MADACC (Director Sparapani, Mayor Neitzke)**

Director Sparapani discussed backyard fowl. They are creating a place on the website for FAQ's and rehoming information. MADACC does not have housing for stray fowl. There is a proposal in the legislature prohibit

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local municipalities to prohibit residents raising fowl which include ducks, geese, quail, and guinea fowl. There is a proposed limit of four fowl, however with the rate of egg laying it is difficult to manage, and many would need to be surrendered. MADACC is struggling to hire and retain staff. They may hold a special meeting to approve modifications to the 2024 budget.

James Bohl stated that there is a draft bill that would required municipalities accept fowl and it does have bipartisan support. The City of Milwaukee advised the bill is still in draft stage and does not believe that the bill has not been formally introduced, it would have to be presented in January. At this point there is a 50/50 chance that the bill will passage. There are issues such as loud geese, a permit process needed to be created, there are also cleanliness concerns.

2. **EMS (President Besson, President Montgomery)**

President Besson advised they did meet on Thursday. Supervisor Gomez is new chair as the County representative. The committee is getting ready for the RNC. They discussed trauma centers in Milwaukee County, currently Froedtert is the number one, there is no number two, and St. Lukes is number three. Fourteen Fire Chiefs advised they are looking at a better reporting system for patient information. State EMS board said new policy that they can disclose any discipline against any provider. President Besson stated that Medicare will see a 2.4% increase this year.

municipalities will need to provide their own supplies. Mayor Neitzke asked about the shared service agreement, he discussed that ICC should be reviewing if all municipalities are contributing equally. NorthShore Fire Chief commented that there is a tracking of usage, and they are open to have discussions. Department are able to track numbers through the CAD system and IT departments would be able to assist with producing the report.

3. **Lakefront Development Commission (Mayor Bukiewicz, John Stalewski)**

No report.

4. **Community Development Block Grant (Diane Tsounis)**

Thank you to all for signing the amendments. They went to the County Board this morning for 2024 approvals.

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**5. Land Information Council (Mayor Neitzke)**

Just had the annual meeting, link to all information was sent week of December 5, 2023. Mayor Neitzke advised they are doing a great job.

**6. County Emergency Management & Communications (Director Libal)**

No report.

**7. MobilISE (David Steele)**

Mayor McBride advised that MobilISE are conducting ride alongs on the Flex Ride program,

**8. Heroin Task Force (Mayor Bukiewicz)**

No report.

**9. Employ Milwaukee (City of Milwaukee)**

Millie advised they are instrumental in staffing the warming sites. They are working with the fellowships to be employed at the shelters. Flex Ride programs for parents provides transportation for parents and children. Employ Milwaukee is paying a portion of those costs.

**10. Legislative Update – James Bohl**

James Bohl gave an update on the following bills; Stormwater Utility regulated by the PSC bill SB457 AB 455. This would preempt local municipalities to determine and regulate project costs. It would require the municipalities to go to the PSC and submit for cost approval. The concern is that this would be a twelve to sixteen-month process for rate cases and impacts local budget process. Any particular work local would require approval. It would require additional staffing of the PSC, which is not funded in the bill. Mayor McBride is hoping that the ICC takes a position on this bill as it further reduces local control for local governments. There is a strong republican support of this bill.

The second bill requires notices to property owners by certified mail, this would allow for first class mail be acceptable for neighborhood business improvement district. This bill would remove certified public accounting of finances on an annual basis. It would also allow municipalities to create a multi-jurisdictional district.

No additional information on redistricting at this time.

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Tiffany Henry reported that Senator Baldwin is looking to introduce a bipartisan bill Safe Response Act, that addresses critical training response for overdose deaths. This will allow access to Federal grant funds for local municipalities to fund training and more. Another bill supports spending rail of Wisconsin. The Senator supported the Infrastructure Act and is looking to support expanding rail service in Wisconsin. There is discussion around out of state developers purchasing property and not pricing equitably The Senator is talking with Federal agencies that can regulate rents/pricing allowing more affordable homes for residents.

**11. Racial Equity and Inclusion Committee (President Ann McCullough McKaig)**

No report.

**12. Parks Committee – (Mayor Neitzke)**

No report. Committee on hold until May 2024. There was discussion on greenspace improvements needed in local parks and parking lots.

**X. Roundtable**

President Besson advised Whitnall Park reconstruction to being in 2025. Hales Corners is looking at an old municipal well that had 180 families on it. Water system will connect to Milwaukee water.

President Walny advised that the new NorthShore library is up and running. There is housing as part of the 180-million-dollar development in bayside.

Mayor Kennedy advised they had their holiday lighting with approximately 1500 people showing up at the event which included a drone show.

President Montgomery advised their skyline is changing, they had two office buildings that had been vacant for about twenty years. They are being redeveloped.

Mayor McBride advised they hosted their first Kindlmarket opened last week in the Village. Tree lighting occurred last week and the market goes until the 17<sup>th</sup> of December.

Mayor Devine stated that on their upcoming Plan Commission agenda Michaels restaurant is looking to put up a food truck park on a vacant lot next to the restaurant. The location is right across from McCarty Park. Working towards consolidating health departments with Greenfield.

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### **XI. Items for Future Meetings**

PSAP Updates Quarterly

Mayor McBride Sustainability Initiative

### **XII. Schedule Future Meetings**

Next meeting is January 8, 2024 Village of Brown Deer

### **XIII. Adjournment**

It was moved by Mayor McBride, seconded by President Stalewski, to adjourn the ICC meeting of December 11, 2023 at 2:37 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.

*Respectfully submitted by Mayor Daniel Bukiewicz, secretary*

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