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Intergovernmental Cooperation Council Meeting Minutes

Monday, February 8, 2021

At 1:13 p.m.

Via Teleconference

Members Present:

Eido Walny, Village of Bayside
Wanda Montgomery, Village of Brown Deer
Tom Pavlic, City of Cudahy
Scott Botcher, Village of Fox Point
Steve Olson, City of Franklin
Bryan Kennedy, City of Glendale
Todd Michaels, Village of Greendale
Michael Neitzke, City of Greenfield
Dan Besson, Village of Hales Corners
Tom Barrett, City of Milwaukee
David Crowley, Milwaukee County
Daniel Bukiewicz, City of Oak Creek
Tammy LaBorde, Village of River Hills
Allison Rozek, Village of Shorewood
Erik Brooks, City of South Milwaukee
Ken Tutaj, City of St. Francis
Dennis McBride, City of Wauwatosa
Dan Devine, City of West Allis
John Stalewski, Village of West Milwaukee
Paul Boening, Village of Whitefish Bay

Excused:

None.

Guests Present:

Rachel Safstrom, City of Glendale
Anne O'Connor, UW-Madison Health Department
Cassandra Libal, OEM
David DeAngelis, Village of Elm Grove

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Kevin Shafer, MMSD

Andy Pederson, Village of Bayside

Michael Hall, Village of Brown Deer

Peggy Steeno, City of Franklin

Griselle Torres, City of Milwaukee Health Department

Craig Liermann, Franklin Police Department

Jon Cohn, Greenfield Fire Department

Robert Whitaker, North Shore Fire Department

Ann Christensen, North Shore Health Department

Jeff Stone, Kapur

Kim Egan, Village of West Milwaukee

Cassandra Libal, OEM

Chris McGowan, OEM

Darren Rausch, City of Greenfield Health Department

Joseph Knitter, City of South Milwaukee Fire Department

Virginia Small, Urban Milwaukee

Heather Puente, City of Cudahy

Jon Cohn, Greenfield Fire Department

Susan Sheppard, Greendale Health Department

Alec Knutson, Milwaukee County

Tom Durian, TMJ4

Darcy DuBois, Oak Creek Health Department

Courtney Day, Franklin Health

Laura Stephens, Wauwatosa Health Department

Mildred Colby, Employ Milwaukee

I. Call to order, roll call, recording of attendance of guests

Meeting was called to order at 1:13 p.m. by Mayor Kennedy. Full attendance was taken on the Zoom chat feature. Guests were also asked to indicate their presence on the call.

II. Approval of the January 11, 2021 minutes

It was moved by President Montgomery, seconded by President Rozek, to approve the January 11, 2021 minutes. The motion carried unanimously.

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III. Update on Covid-19 (Public Health Officials)

Ann Christiansen updated the ICC members on the decrease of COVID-19 cases, as well as the decrease in daily testing even though testing sites are available.

IV. Presentation by PHOs of detailed vaccination plan and progress report

Ann Christiansen explained that vaccinators are currently unable to get vaccines to the level of requests, which challenges the efforts to widely vaccinate. With this, primary care physicians are the primary way to receive vaccines, followed by local health departments, which are only receiving roughly 41% of their requested doses. Ann Christiansen also stated that retail pharmacy clinics will begin vaccination distribution next week and Walgreens will have a sign-up process. Finally, the City of Milwaukee is currently vaccinating 3,000 individuals weekly at the Wisconsin Center.

Mayor Kennedy requested confirmation on whether the secondary sites will have the second dose vaccinations available three weeks after the first vaccination is distributed. Ann Christiansen stated there are no current concerns regarding the second dose distribution through the federal government.

Mayor Neitzke questioned if there is a list of vaccine distribution locations and the amount being given. Ann Christiansen explained there is a state list of eligible vaccinators, but there is not a list of who has received the vaccine across the county and the amount received. Mayor Neitzke asked whether anyone has seen the modeling system for who receives the vaccines. Ann Christiansen stated local health officials were not involved in this process. Mayor Neitzke questioned whether the primary provider of the vaccine should be the local health departments due to the vaccine shortage. Mayor Kennedy stated he spoke with Ann Christiansen who suggested to wait for the state updates from public health officers and then draft a letter and submit with signatures, if desired. Ann Christiansen will convey to the state that elected officials have urgent concerns. Local health departments hold a coordinating role, and everyone needs to vaccinate their own patients due to high demand.

Mayor Neitzke and Mayor Brooks had concerns of whether individuals may receive the incorrect brand of their second vaccine dose, as well as the lack of transparency. Ann Christiansen admitted that it is complex to manage two vaccines at the same time. Mayor Brooks asked if local health officials could ask state officials the number of doses being requested and received on a state level, and Ann Christiansen agreed.

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Mayor Brooks also asked the percentage of doses that are projected to go through local health departments. Ann Christiansen stated it depends on the model of sites, but health care systems can provide roughly 20-25 thousand, facilities can offer about 10,000, and public health sites are able to deliver approximately 5,000 vaccines.

Mayor Olson and President Walny stated that the ICC members should express their concerns for the lack of information being provided from the state and create a letter for the governor. Mayor Olson and Ann Christiansen shared frustration on how some health providers have completed phase 1A and 1B when some facilities are not receiving the requested number of vaccines. Mayor Kennedy stated ICC members could potentially form a special meeting to create a letter regarding these concerns.

V. Introduction of County Board Chairwoman Marcelia Nicholson and remarks on the County Board Agenda for 2021

Chairwoman Marcelia Nicholson introduced herself and thanked the ICC members for the opportunity to participate in today's meeting. Chairwoman Nicholson shared updates regarding the Independent Redistricting Committee. Updates were provided on funding structures in Wisconsin and in the county, and Chairwoman Nicholson requests that ICC members advocate on the state level on behalf of the local sales tax option.

Mayor Olson stated that the sales tax issue is not a universally accepted idea. Chairwoman Nicholson added that revenue streams need to be diversified as property taxes are currently extremely high.

VI. Introduction of new OEM Deputy Director

Cassandra Libal welcomed Chris McGowan, the new deputy director. Chris McGowan introduced himself, adding that most of his experience has been through the airport fire department and military service. Chris McGowan shared his information in the Zoom chat feature.

VII. Discussion/Possible Action on an introductory letter to newly elected state representatives

Agenda item was moved to the March 2021 meeting as a discussion/possible action item.

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VIII. Discussion/Possible Action of a timeline to continue ICC meetings via Zoom

Mayor Kennedy stated there is an election of an MMSD Commissioner in June, and an in-person meeting will need to be held if there are two or more candidates.

It was moved by President Rozek, seconded by Mayor Neitzke, to continue ICC meetings through Zoom for March, April, and May, and to direct the Chair to work with the county to find a significant location to host a socially distanced in-person meeting in June.

The motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Devine suggested to host outdoor meetings during the summer, weather permitting. Mayor Kennedy indicated it may be possible if a location could be found that all members can hear the meeting. Mayor McBride offered the Wauwatosa Beer Garden as a meeting location.

IX. Discussion/Possible Action to begin collecting data on racial demographic information of municipalities (Director Roman)

Director Roman provided an update on exploring and understanding the issues in Milwaukee County. Director Roman identified information that was received from the eleven meetings held with Mayors and Village Presidents, including the support for the County's racial equity and health vision. The PowerPoint slides will be distributed to the ICC members, including a slide of resources for the equity efforts.

Issac Rowlett reviewed the strategic plan and identified the three objectives: create intentional inclusion, bridge the gap, and invest in equity.

Mayor Kennedy thanked the ICC members who have had meetings and encouraged the rest of the members to schedule a meeting.

X. Discussion concerning Milwaukee County zip codes (Mayor Neitzke)

Agenda item was moved to the March 2021 meeting as a discussion item.

XI. Reminder of the date and time for Reggie Jackson's racial equity training on equality—Thursday, February 25, 2021, 11:00 am to 1:30 pm

Mayor Kennedy stated Reggie Jackson's racial equity training on equality will occur on Thursday, February 25, 2021 at 11:00 a.m.

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

No Report.

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

Alec Knutson briefly updated the ICC members on current federal and state issues. For federal legislation, Milwaukee County is advocating for additional direct and flexible funding for local governments and is hoping to secure this by March 15, 2021. The infrastructure and transportation package is also being discussed. For state legislation, Governor Evers' budget will be announced on February 16, 2021, and Joint Finance will have public hearings in April 2021.

Kimberly Montgomery suggested having the ICC members write letters to congress requesting direct aid to local municipalities. Mayor Brooks stated that he prefers for aid to go directly to municipalities instead of funneling through the state. Mayor Barrett and Alec Knutson explained that funding may go through CDBG. Mayor Brooks requested a draft for potential language to use in this letter.

XIV. Updates from the members of the ICC regarding subjects listed below:

1. MADACC (Director Sparapani)

Mayor Kennedy stated the monthly MADACC information will be forwarded to the ICC members via email.

2. EMS (Mayor Olson, President Montgomery)

No Report.

3. Lakefront Development Commission (Mayor Bukiewicz)

Mayor Bukiewicz stated the commission met last week to consider allowing a for profit restaurant at Bradford Beach, which was formerly occupied by Bartolotta. A decision was not made, but another meeting will be held on February 17, 2021.

4. Community Development Block Grant (Victoria Toliver)

No Report.

5. Land Information Council (President Rozek)

No Report.

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6. County Emergency Management & Communications (Director Libal)

No Report.

7. Regional Transit Leadership Council (David Steele)

No Report.

8. Heroin Task Force (Mayor Bukiewicz)

No Report.

9. Employ Milwaukee (City of Milwaukee)

Mildred Coby stated there will be Fair Chance Thursday interviews on February 18, 2021 for employment opportunities. A flyer with more information will be distributed to the ICC members.

10. Legislative Update

No Report.

XV. Round Table Discussion

Village of Brown Deer stated the library remodel is moving quickly and the current location will be closing soon. The new library location will be open for drive-thru only for 2 weeks and fully open on March 1, 2021. There are two retirements, the Police Chief and Village Clerk, so the village is using GOVHR for recruitment.

City of Cudahy stated that South Shore secured the former K-Mart as a vaccination site, which will open March 1, 2021 with the ability to distribute 1,000 vaccinations per day.

Village of Fox Point thanked Ann Christensen for her service.

City of Franklin thanked the health departments. Industrial developments will be announced over the next 90 days, and there will be a commercial realtor meeting on February 25, 2021 in Franklin.

City of Oak Creek thanked the south mayors and health departments, especially Mayor Pavlic, for the work being done for the south shore vaccination location.

Village of Shorewood extended the local mask ordinance and is working on an open records policy. Local open records policy examples are appreciated.

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City of South Milwaukee mentioned the K-Mart projects and announced several businesses opening in the community.

City of Wauwatosa reported on development projects and how Wauwatosa continues to have a great unmet need for residential spaces. Indicated his displeasure in the relationship of certain County officials during the challenges Wauwatosa experienced in the past nine months.

XVI. Items for Future Meetings

Discussion/Possible Action on supporting I-94 completion project (March)

Discussion/Possible Action on an introductory letter to newly elected state representatives (March)

Discussion concerning Milwaukee County zip codes (Mayor Neitzke) (March)

Discussion on the decision to host large events within Milwaukee County due to COVID-19 (March)

Introduction of the State Superintendent Finalists (March)

Presentation from the Acting Director of DHS (Mayor Olson) (March)

Update on MCTS Next changes this spring from Milwaukee County Transit (Mayor Brooks) (April)

XVII. Schedule Future Meeting – March 8, 2021, 1:00 p.m., Location TBD

Mayor Kennedy stated the March 8, 2021 ICC meeting will be hosted via Zoom at 1:00 p.m. and future meetings will be held via Zoom until June.

XVIII. Adjournment

It was moved by Mayor Pavlic, seconded by Mayor Olson, to adjourn the ICC meeting of February 8, 2021 at 3:02 p.m.

The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by Mayor Kennedy, secretary

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