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Intergovernmental Cooperation Council Meeting Minutes

Monday, July 13, 2020

At 1:09 p.m.

Via Teleconference

Members Present:

Eido Walny, Village of Bayside
Wanda Montgomery, Village of Brown Deer
Tom Pavlic, City of Cudahy
Douglas Frazer, Village of Fox Point
Steve Olson, City of Franklin
Bryan Kennedy, City of Glendale
Jim Birmingham, 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
Steve Anderson, Village of River Hills
Ken Tutaj, City of St. Francis
Allison Rozek, Village of Shorewood
Erik Brooks, City of South Milwaukee
Dennis McBride, City of Wauwatosa
Dan Devine, City of West Allis
John Stalewski, Village of West Milwaukee
Julie Siegel, Village of Whitefish Bay

Excused:

None

Guests Present:

Rachel Safstrom, City of Glendale
Christine Westrich, Milwaukee County OEM
Chytania Brown, Employ Milwaukee
Lowell Raven, Employ Milwaukee
Alec Knutson, Milwaukee County
Andy Pederson, Village of Bayside

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Kimberly Montgomery, City of Milwaukee
Rebecca Ewald, Village of Shorewood
Jeff Stone, MMSD
Kim Egan, Village of West Milwaukee
Kevin Shafer, MMSD
Victoria Toliver, Milwaukee County Housing
Isaac Rowlett, MEOC
Jennifer Harris, City of Milwaukee County
Ann Christiansen, North Shore Health Department

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

Meeting was called to order at 1:09 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 June 8, 2020 minutes

It was moved by Mayor Barrett, seconded by President Montgomery, to approve the June 8, 2020 minutes. The motion carried unanimously with one abstention from Mayor Olson.

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

Ann Christiansen from North Shore Health Department briefed the ICC members on the covid response updates. Ms. Christiansen stated there has been a recent increase in positive covid test results, as more tests have been given. With this, there has been a lot of community transmission, as well as a large spread within family celebrations, out-of-state travel, and sporting events among school-aged youth.

The North Shore Health Department is currently recommending Phase C of the reopening plan, which allows establishments to reopen and gatherings up to 50 people. With this, it is also recommended to wear face coverings when in public.

Ann Christiansen also stated the UEOC's recent rollout is moving forward and currently seeking Executive Sponsorship Group representatives. Ann Christiansen requested two ICC members to represent the ICC.

President Montgomery, President Rozek and Mayor Brooks volunteered to be ICC representatives for the UEOC.

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IV. Discussion on whether to make mask wearing mandatory in public places

Mayor Kennedy briefly stated that the Milwaukee County Board is currently discussing making mask wearing mandatory in public, and the Village of Shorewood recently made a mandatory mask ordinance.

Mayor Olson questioned how this agenda item evolved and was placed on the agenda.

Mayor Kennedy explained that following the last Wednesday ICC meeting, Jackie Ove followed up on behalf of the UEOC and the additional terminology was suggested from the eleven public health officers.

President Stalewski suggested that the ICC members focus on the guidelines of how, when, where and why masks should be worn. President Stalewski also stated he would fully support an extension of the health department's recommendations; but he is hesitant about being involved in a municipal ordinance.

Mayor Brooks agreed with President Stalewski. Mayor Brooks stated he does not believe the public health officials are suggesting a county-wide mask mandate and requested for clarification on the public health officials' recommendations.

Ann Christiansen responded that the public health officials are supportive of municipalities who would like to follow a mask mandate. However, she added that although the public health officials are advocating for mask usage, they are also recognizing the limitations of policies.

Mayor Kennedy stated he would like to propose a statement regarding mandating mask wearing in public.

President Besson stated that this item is written as a discussion item; therefore, it would be deemed legally inappropriate to propose a statement and vote on this item during today's meeting.

President Birmingham agreed with President Besson.

Mayor Kennedy stated President Besson could challenge the ruling of the chair and have a vote amongst the ICC members for whether a statement can be presented.

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It was motioned by President Besson, seconded by President Birmingham, to challenge the chair's ruling on whether or not the agenda as written, 'A discussion on whether to make mask wearing mandatory in public places' precludes any ability to have a vote on a statement about mask wearing.

President Siegel stated that Whitefish Bay's agenda also solely states the topic as a discussion item and action will not be taken.

Mayor Devine agrees that this item is for discussion only.

President Stalewski encouraged the ICC members to focus on the public health officials' recommendations to further discuss with individual municipalities.

President Besson and President Birmingham withdrew their motion.

Mayor Kennedy changed the ruling of the chair that there will solely be discussion, not a statement.

Ann Christiansen stated that the public health officials will not issue orders for a mask ordinance; however, if municipalities want to mandate ordinances, they may. Ms. Christiansen explained that the public health officials are willing to issue a statement or a resolution of support for mask wearing in public.

President Rozek stated the Village of Shorewood recently passed an ordinance for mandatory mask wearing in public and the enforcement is currently weak and cumbersome. President Rozek recommends municipalities consider enforcement mechanisms if planning to make an ordinance.

Mayor Barrett stated that business owners are seeking guidance from each municipality.

V. Nomination to the County Executive ICC Member for the Emergency Medical Service Council for Milwaukee County (second member)

Mayor Kennedy stated that Mayor Olson currently serves on the Emergency Medical Service Council and there is an additional vacancy for ICC representation.

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Director Westrich briefly described race bias and how OEM is focusing on cardiac arrest, which the EMS council could study and present to the municipalities to pursue further.

It was motioned by President Neitzke, seconded by President Besson, to recommend to the County Executive to appoint President Montgomery to serve as the second ICC member on the Emergency Medical Service Council for Milwaukee County.

The motion carried unanimously.

VI. Report of the Ad Hoc Committee on Racial Equity

Isaac Rowlett explained that while making progress on racial equity, the county has learned that this will be a long journey.

Jennifer Harris then described the lessons learned throughout this process, as well as the proposed next steps. Ms. Harris stated the county has a specified vision of achieving racial equity to become one of the healthiest counties in Wisconsin and the county is working alongside GARE to declare racism as a public health crisis.

Kelly McKone then commented on the productivity of Friday's meeting regarding the balance among learning history, understanding training, and pursuing action items.

Mayor Kennedy mentioned that this will be an action item on the September ICC agenda.

President Rozek asked whether training on racial equity could be funded by ICC for each municipality.

Mayor Kennedy responded that the ICC could provide funding for the ICC members and chief administrators, but each municipality is responsible for all other employees.

Ms. Harris reviewed the data concerning racial equity.

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President Olson questioned if instead of concentrating on ‘black and brown’, Ad Hoc would consider ‘minority’ as a more accurate term, as the City of Franklin’s minority are Asian and middle eastern.

Ms. Harris explained that Ad Hoc leads with race and is focused on the most desperately impacted by how society currently is, which is the black and brown communities.

Mr. Rowlett added that county data shows that overall, the black and brown populations are most heavily impacted, and their overall health is significantly worse.

President Montgomery stated Ad Hoc is not emphasizing individual municipalities, but instead is focusing on Milwaukee County as a whole.

Ms. Harris reviewed the suggestions to move forward with declaring racial equity as a health emergency.

Mayor Neitzke asked what the next steps are for the ICC regarding this agenda item.

Mayor Kennedy explained that there will be an action item to employ someone for racial equity training on segregation and bias, as well as the funding. Then, a motion will be made to begin collecting data.

Mayor Brooks questioned if some of the tactical information, such as the police recommendations, can either be removed or changed to considerations instead of proposals.

Mayor Kennedy explained that the current focus is on the first five items of racial equity.

VII. Approval of Employ Milwaukee’s yearly fiscal budget

Chytania Brown from Employ Milwaukee introduced Employ Milwaukee’s Finance Director, Director Lowell Raven, C.P.A. to speak on Employ Milwaukee’s yearly fiscal budget.

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Director Raven reviewed and explained not only the 2021 yearly budget, but also the comparison between the 2020 and 2021 budgets.

Mayor Kennedy motioned to approve Employ Milwaukee's yearly fiscal budget for 2021.

It was moved by President Anderson, seconded by Mayor Bukiewicz, to approve Employ Milwaukee's yearly fiscal budget for 2021.

The motion carried unanimously.

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

No Report

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

Kimberly Montgomery stated the governor is seeking federal approval to resume rebuilding of the I-94 corridor. Also, the League of Wisconsin Municipalities recently offered an opinion on transportation utility fees for street improvement. Additionally, Ms. Montgomery explained the Common Council voted 15-0 in favor of requiring mask coverings in public settings and the League of Wisconsin Municipalities has a survey in their newsletter for all municipalities to complete.

Alec Knutson stated that federal legislature is currently negotiating the subsequent federal relief package, which will be the last federal relief package granted prior to the election. A bill is expected to pass the senate during the week of July 27, 2020. Additionally, the county board will be discussing the remainder of the allocation of Milwaukee County's Cares Act funds this week.

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

1. MADACC (Director Sparapani)

Mayor Neitzke gave a brief update on MADACC, stating intake is currently low for dogs, but close to normal for cats. MADACC has resumed in-person licensing and vaccinations, and has expanded its lobby hours until 7:00 p.m. The next board meeting to approve the MADACC budget will be a virtual event on Tuesday, October 20, 2020 at 1:30 p.m.

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2. EMS (Mayor Olson)

No Report

3. Lakefront Development Commission (Mayor Bukiewicz)

Mayor Bukiewicz informed Mayor Kennedy that Lakefront Development Commission needs another ICC representative.

Mayor Kennedy stated he will retrieve this information and place this item on September's agenda.

4. Community Development Block Grant (Victoria Toliver)

Victoria Toliver stated she has received 4 of 15 cooperation agreements and is waiting on 11 municipalities so she can forward the information to HUD. Ms. Toliver then stated that the cooperation agreements must be approved and sent to HUD no later than the second week of August and these agreements affect funding for the next three years.

5. Land Information Council (President Rozek)

President Rozek stated she will report on the Land Information Council at the September meeting.

6. County Emergency Management & Communications (Director Westrich)

Director Westrich stated she recently hired an Inaugural OEM Deputy Director, as Director Westrich is resigning with Milwaukee County as of Monday, August 3, 2020. Director Westrich then thanked the ICC members for the joined efforts during her seven years with OEM.

7. Regional Transit Leadership Council (David Steele)

Mayor Brooks stated that ICC members should have received a survey via email in late June for the Regional Transit Leadership Council and everyone is encouraged to complete this survey regarding RTLC's mission.

8. Heroin Task Force (Mayor Bukiewicz)

Mayor Bukiewicz stated the Heroin Task Force did not meet this month due to the Holiday and lack of a quorum.

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9. Employ Milwaukee (City of Milwaukee)

The yearly fiscal budget was discussed above in item VII.

10. Census Campaign Updates

Mayor Kennedy touched on the census briefly, reiterating that the deadline has been extended and the County Executive's office has been encouraging municipalities to complete their census.

11. Legislative Update

No Report

XI. Round Table Discussion

Fox Point stated Moody's Investors Service has renewed the Village of Fox Point's bond rating to AAA, which is the highest possible rating.

Franklin stated that socially distanced baseball is occurring, and Milkmen is ranked Number 1 in the American Association.

Glendale explained that the transformation of Bayshore is moving forward.

Shorewood stated passed a mask ordinance last week. Also, the Village President had an affidavit filed against her, calling a curfew as a racist act, so President Rozek would like suggestions on how to handle this complaint.

Mayor Kennedy then stated that this topic will be noticed on the September agenda.

XII. Items for Future Meetings

Action item to employ someone to provide racial equity training on segregation and bias and begin funding for this (Ad Hoc).

Motion to begin collecting data on racial equity in the county (Ad Hoc).

Appointment of Lakefront Development Commission Representative from the ICC.

Discussion on handling an affidavit regarding racist acts (President Rozek).

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- XIII. Schedule Future Meeting – September 14, 2020, 1:00 p.m., at Bayside**
Mayor Kennedy stated the September 14, 2020 ICC meeting will be hosted by Village of Bayside at 1:00 p.m.

- XIV. Adjournment**
It was moved by President Birmingham, seconded by Mayor Brooks, to adjourn the ICC meeting of July 13, 2020 at 2:50 p.m.

The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by Mayor Kennedy, Secretary

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