

ICC

Intergovernmental Cooperation Council of Milwaukee County

c/o Mayor Tom Taylor, City of Franklin
9229 W. Loomis Road, Franklin, Wisconsin

Executive Council of the MMSD Monday, February 11, 2008

There will be no meeting of the MMSD Executive Council in February because of the Special Meeting of the ICC that will be held to discuss Transportation issues.

The next meeting of the MMSD Executive Council will be in March. Minutes from the January meeting will be provided in your March packet.

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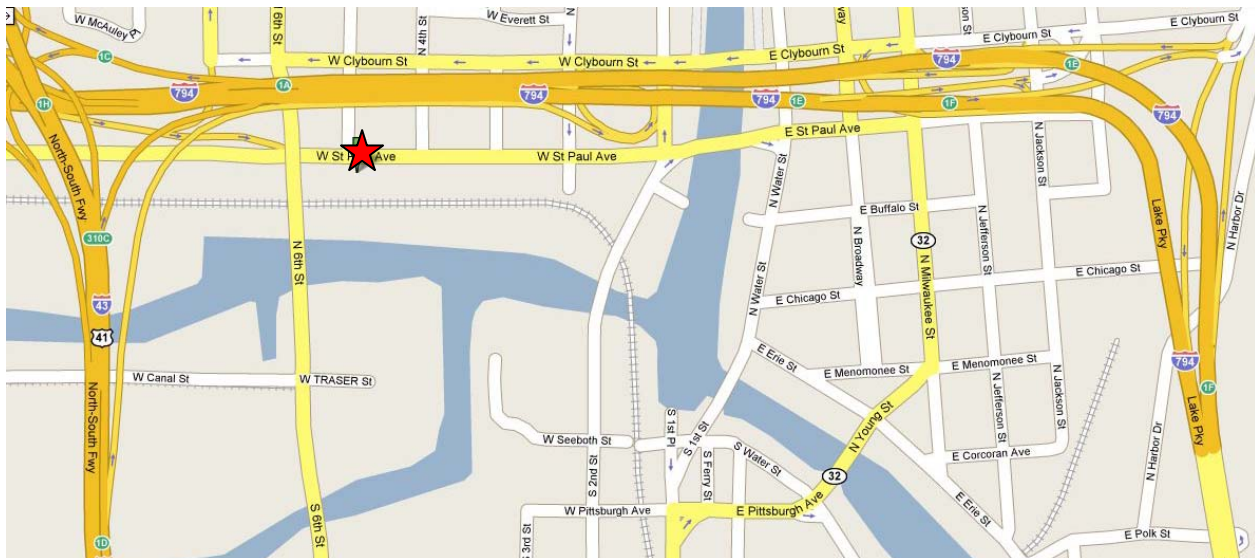
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A tour of the new State of Wisconsin Operational Center will begin at 1:10 p.m. and be followed immediately by the ICC meeting.

AGENDA

- I. Welcome
- II. Approval of the January 14, 2008 minutes
- III. Presentation by Rob Henken, the new President of the Public Policy Forum and former Director of Administration for Milwaukee County. Rob has agreed to lead a discussion on Transportation issues past, present and future that will affect Milwaukee Co. communities & SE Wisconsin. Mr. Henken has agreed to be the facilitator of this special meeting on transportation issues with the mayors and village presidents of municipalities within the borders of Milwaukee County that also includes Milwaukee county and the City of Milwaukee.
- XI. Schedule Future Meetings
Monday, March 10 – Shorewood (exact location to be announced at meeting)
- XII. Adjournment



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ICC Meeting Minutes ***Monday, January 14, 2008*** ***City of St. Francis***

Members Present:

Carl Krueger, Village of Brown Deer
Ryan McCue, City of Cudahy
Tom Taylor, City of Franklin
Jerry Tepper, City of Glendale
John R. Hermes, City of Greendale
Bob Ruesch, Village of Hales Corners
Darlene Wink, County of Milwaukee
Patrick DeGrave, City of Oak Creek
Bob Brunner, Village of River Hills
Alan Richards, City of St. Francis
Guy Johnson, Village of Shorewood
Tom Zepecki, City of South Milwaukee
Jim Archambo, City of Wauwatosa
Jeannette Bell, City of West Allis
Ronald Hayward, Village of West Milwaukee
Kathleen Pritchard, Village of Whitefish Bay

Guests present:

David DeAngelis, Village of Elm Grove
John Chianelli, Milwaukee County

Mayor Taylor called the Intergovernmental Cooperation Council of Milwaukee County meeting to order at 3:00p.m.

I. Welcome to St. Francis

Mayor Richards welcomed all of the ICC members to the City of St. Francis.

II. Approval of the December 10, 2007 minutes.

President Brunner moved and Mayor Bell seconded to approve the December 10, 2007 meeting minutes. All members present voted "Aye". Motion carried.

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III. Update on attempting to set a meeting with Milwaukee County Board Chairman Lee Holloway regarding Milwaukee County's policy on County Roads and cost sharing with local municipalities.

Mayor Taylor stated he has been trying to arrange a meeting with Chairman Lee Holloway to talk about the longstanding road project cost sharing practice and will follow up with a formal letter to the Chairman. Mayor Taylor is asking that it go to the Chairman of the County Board because the policy that had been in place was changed by virtue of a motion made by the County Board. Mayor Taylor reported he has had some discussions with folks from the Federal government and has been having discussions with people from State government to get a handle on what transpired; whose responsibility it is when grants are involved; do the municipalities have more say than when it's not, etc. Mayor Taylor stated Tim Seider's name has come up repeatedly in discussions because this whole thing has been played out in the past. It does appear that the ICC's policy is that Milwaukee County should pick up the entire share of the local costs

IV. Great Lakes Compact Resolution – Status.

Governor and the Milwaukee Delegation was sent the ICC's Great Lakes Compact Resolution and there are articles that have appeared on the World Wide Web concerning the resolution.

Mayor Taylor reported the Resolution from the ICC is on the internet and receiving some recognition. There is more discussion in articles coming from places like Waukesha and other places regarding the compact. He noted that the ICC has really done a very good job on getting this passed and getting the attention of the Governor and the State legislators.

V. Report on ICC Annual Dues and a financial report from Mayor Taylor to the members of the ICC as promised at the December meeting.

Mayor Taylor reported depositing the checks received and has seven to date. Contact Dana Kader-Robb for invoice if needed. As of today, we have \$41,848.66 in the account. Mayor Taylor will try to send out a year-to-date statement when he receives it from US Bank.

VI. Village President Bob Ruesch requests bringing the WisDOT STH 100 Corridor Study to the attention of his fellow ICC Members and to have his Village Planner Dyann Benson discuss this project. (Presentation to be limited to ten minutes with the additional time to be spent if a majority of members wish to continue the dialogue.)

Village of Hales Corners President Bob Ruesch received a report from WisDOT regarding Highway 100 and provided handout to ICC members. President Ruesch stated they opposed the expansion of Highway 100 through the commercial corridor of Hales Corners all the way to Layton Avenue. The Village of Hales Corners has great concerns of the impact on the quality of life for their community and is making this the number one priority.

President Ruesch introduced Zoning Administrator and Village Planner Dyann Benson.
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Village Planner Benson provided a report on the Wisconsin Department of Transportation plans to reconstruct and widen Highway 100. Village Planner Benson stated WisDOT has completed the first part of their planning study; they are planning to reconstruct Highway 100 round 2013 and 2014, at least through the Village of Hales Corners. This dates back to SEWRPC's 2020 Plan and since that time the Village has had that option removed in SEWRPC's 2035 Plan.

Village Planner Benson further stated the Village of Hales Corners has an ongoing opposition to any widening of Highway 100 which would have a significant impact on the Village in terms of loss of business. Depending upon the widening alternatives, (either six lanes or eight lanes, either to the east, west, or down the middle) anywhere from thirteen to fifty-five business and anywhere from ten parcels to about forty-five parcels could be eliminated. She indicated that would amount to anywhere from about \$5M to \$23M in assessed value and \$200,000 to \$500,000 in tax dollars affecting all taxing jurisdictions. She stressed that that is a significant portion of the Village's economy. She noted it would also impact residential areas if a significant buffer to the residential areas are eliminated. She indicated it's also about quality of life; residents that live within a community should have the opportunity to receive the basic services from within the community in which they live, and by losing that number of businesses, residents will now have to go outside the community to get those basic services. She further expressed that it minimizes the result and planning efforts the Village has strived for in the last couple of years in terms of the Village market redevelopment and the other efforts in developing stricter guidelines to create a character for Highway 100. She concluded by noting that the current proposal is detrimental to the Village and they are cautiously optimistic that in a second round the State will come back with something a little more realistic. She also noted that Hales Corners stated opposition to some of the intersection improvements.

Mayor Zepecki asked why DOT is planning the reconstruction of Highway 100.

President Ruesch stated a number of years ago they contracted with HNTB to track cars and at that time it was 46,000 cars per day.

Village Planner Benson stated the DOT has tracked cars at 44,000 vehicles a day; however, Highway 100 is slated for future construction. If we reconstruct Highway 100 it would have a life of around twenty years. In 2033, however, the traffic is expected to be 53,000 vehicles per day. The DOT doesn't believe that six lanes would be able to accommodate that growth in traffic.

Mayor Zepecki stated he has never waited more than one stop light at any intersection along Highway 100 and suggested widening the freeway might take the traffic pressure off everybody.

Mayor Tepper is curious as to the financial impact; \$200,000-\$500,000 a year is what in relationship to your budget.

President Ruesch answered that it was a \$6M budget and believes the effect to be about 7%.

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President Johnson asked whether this would affect other communities on Highway 100.

President Ruesch said that Franklin has more right-of-way area available and would be less impacted than Hales Corners.

Mayor Taylor concluded that what Hales Corners is looking for is cooperation from DOT in working through community/highway development issues.

VII. Potential Resolution from the Police Chiefs Association regarding mental health issues affecting municipalities within Milwaukee County.

Mayor Taylor has not heard back from Ann Weller and will take this item off the agenda if he does not hear back regarding the resolution.

Mr. Chianelli, Milwaukee County, reported they have a work group that is going to be meeting twice a month with representation of all the hospitals working on trying to divert as many people to the private hospitals as possible which helps keep down the County's volume.

Mayor McCue reported that in Cudahy they have St. Luke's-South Shore and that when the City of Milwaukee finds somebody that could be a Chapter 51 hold, they are putting them into an ambulance and sending them to St. Luke's-South Shore and then the City of Cudahy is the one that has to go over there and sit and wait.

VIII. Status and report from President West and Mayor Taylor regarding the award and such other items on behalf of President Jim Ryan.

Mayor Taylor reported the resolution is ready to be affixed to something; a date needs to be scheduled. President Ruesch will get back to Mayor Taylor with a possible date for the presentation.

President Pritchard said President West has been in contact with Sue Black and who has provided President West with a contact. Suggestion was that the tree be in Whitnall Park, the botanical gardens or potentially near the experimental garden area.

IX. Request from Mayor Al Richards of St. Francis for discussion of the RTA (Regional Transit Authority). Mayor Richards to lead the discussion on this topic.

Mayor Richards reported following the Regional Transit Authority, one of four or five or six different transit authorities trying to get organized in this part of the state. Mayor Richards stated he is a transit fan and has talked with Mayor Zepecki about this and that they disagree here and there but the problem is fighting over who within the region is going to get which piece of the pie. Mayor Richards has talked to Jeff Stone and some people at their last meeting and thinks it would be nice if the ICC would get involved and provide feedback for what they are trying to accomplish. Mayor Richards thinks this region has been lacking in long-term planning in this issue and should at least look into it or start

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thinking about it. He noted Milwaukee is the largest metropolitan area in the United States that does not have a transit authority plan.

Mayor Taylor stated there has been so much discussion, so many plans thrown out, so many acronyms. Mayor Taylor asked what is exactly on the table: is there discussion or is there an actual plan for this area.

Mayor Zepecki stated he is a big proponent of the extension of 794. He explained that somebody with vision looked at that plan and made a good decision about taking it down into Racine County and hooking it up with Highway 31, which is a boulevard all the way to the state line now. He would like to be in a corridor where people could get in their cars and maybe work twenty miles away but get there in twenty, twenty-five minutes. He noted that the State isn't providing sufficient funding while others suggest cutting bus lines.

Mayor McCue stated he expects solutions to come from Public Policy Forum with Rob Henken in the new position as director/president who knows and understands transit in Milwaukee County.

Mayor Taylor stated that DeWayne Johnson invited ICC members to the DOT facility at the new bus terminal and ICC should try to have a meeting there and see if Rob Henken can come in and talk about some of the ideas.

President Pritchard would like to reinforce that as Trustee of the Public Policy Forum that a coordinated effort would be very helpful.

Mayor Taylor asked if there would be any interest in setting up a special meeting.

President Hayward stated that last year Milwaukee Mayor Barrett said he had funds available but Scott Walker and Mayor Barrett disagree on how to use funds.

Mayor Hermes stated maybe it's time for ICC to be more vocal and take the lead and initiate the discussion to make sure that we are going forward. When transit is tied to local entities the thought process is going to remain small; the ICC needs to get this out from under the grips of the County and the grips of the City of Milwaukee into a regional entity.

Mayor Taylor will follow up on the DOT's invitation for a meeting.

X. Updates:

a. MADACC – President Hayward stated they officially started the Milwaukee Police Department training on animal violence and animal abuse on January 21 and will continue for eight weeks. This effort is in response to so many animal abuse cases.

b. MCFLS – Darlene Wink will check on status of a possible vacancy.

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c. EMS – President Brunner nothing to report. Some discussion on possible policy to eliminate flashing red lights and sirens when responding to emergency calls and the issue of the process for determining to which hospital the ambulance will take patients.

d. Legislative – State & County Issues – No report.

e. As needed: RTC, LDAC, MCAMLIS – RTC – Mayor Taylor has a letter from the Governor regarding the Video Bill and will provide copy to ICC members. No further reports.

XI. Roundtable

Mayor Zepecki expressed concerns with the possible legislative issue of elimination of Police and Fire Commissions and noted he feels Police and Fire Commissions should retain control rather than risk losing arbitration.

Mayor McCue reported that the Alliance of Cities is taking this issue up and there is a meeting scheduled on February 1, 2008 in Madison to speak with unions and other interested parties. Condolences to City of St. Francis in the passing of Mayor Rossin.

President Hayward was assigned the task of sending a letter of thanks to Bob Chernow who recently resigned from the Regional Telecommunications. Mayor Neitzke agreed to write the thank you letter. President Hayward suggested name plates for ICC members, following spring elections. Mayor Taylor reported on the ongoing investigation of the Buckhorn Tavern.

Darlene Wink, Milwaukee County, reported the County Executive State of the County Address is on Tuesday, January 29, 2008.

XII. Schedule Future Meeting(s).

Next meeting scheduled February 11, 2008 in the Village of Shorewood.

XIII. Adjournment

President Krueger moved and President Brunner seconded the motion to adjourn the ICC Meeting of January 14, 2008 at 4:01 p.m. All members present voted “Aye”. Motion carried.