

NORTHWEST MUNICIPAL CONFERENCE

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NWMC Board

Agenda

Wednesday, September 11, 2024

6:00 p.m.

**NWMC Offices, 1600 East Golf Road, Suite 0700, Des Plaines
Or**

Via Videoconference: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83243365339>

Dial: (312) 626-6799

Meeting ID: 832 4336 5339

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- I. Call to Order**
- II. Pledge of Allegiance**
- III. Roll Call**
- IV. Approval of Regular and Executive Session Meeting Minutes – June 12, 2024 (Attachment A & B – Note: Attachment B to be sent under separate cover)**
- V. President’s Report – Rodney Craig, NWMC President and Mayor, Village of Hanover Park**
 - A. Consideration of Local Grocery Tax (Attachment C)**
Staff surveyed the membership regarding potential consideration of enacting local grocery taxes (see attached) and will discuss.
Action Requested: Discussion
 - B. NWMC Strategic Plan Preparations**
Staff met with members of Northern Illinois University’s Center for Governmental Studies to solicit a proposal for the strategic planning process and will provide an update.
Action Requested: Informational
 - C. FY 2023-2024 NWMC Annual Report (Attachment D)**
Attached is the FY 2023-2024 NWMC Annual Report, which highlights the past year’s accomplishments as well as organizational information including the NWMC leadership, committees, membership and staff.
Action Requested: Informational
 - D. FY 2024-2025 NWMC Work Plan – Q1 Update (Attachment E)**
Staff will present the first quarter update to the FY 2024-2025 NWMC Work Plan.
Action Requested: Informational
 - E. Metropolitan Mayors Caucus Executive Committee Appointments**
Executive Board requests that the membership appoint the NWMC representatives to the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus (MMC) for FY 2024-2025. Traditionally, the Conference has appointed the organization’s Past President to serve as the delegate with the current President serving as the alternate delegate. However, former NWMC President Nancy Rotering is currently the Second Vice-Chair of the Caucus and is in line to become Caucus chair. Therefore, Executive Board recommends the

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appointment of Mayor Rotering as the NWMC delegate and Schaumburg Mayor Tom Dailly as the alternate delegate to the MMC.

Action Requested: Approve recommendation

F. Metropolitan Mayors Caucus Annual Gala

On Saturday, October 26 at 6:00 p.m., the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus will host its Annual Gala at Wrigley Field. This is the first Mayors Caucus Gala since the pandemic and is a unique opportunity to gather and celebrate the work of the organization. Attendees will be able to enjoy tours of the ballpark and the batting tunnel will be open. For tickets and additional information, please visit the Gala [Eventbrite](#) page.

Action Requested: Please RSVP

G. October 9 Oakton College Open House and NWMC Board Meeting Location/Time Change

Oakton College is again hosting an Open House for legislators and municipal elected and appointed officials prior to the NWMC Board meeting on October 9. The event will begin with networking and hors d'oeuvres at 5:30 p.m., followed by a short College Update/presentation from Oakton's Small Business Development Center and optional campus tour. Please RSVP to Oakton College Director of Communications and External Relations Steve Butera, sbutera@oakton.edu.

Therefore, the NWMC Board meeting will be held in person at Oakton College and will begin at 7:00 p.m.

Action Requested: Please RSVP and note NWMC Board meeting location/time change

H. October ComEd Data Center Location Presentation

ComEd representatives will present to the Conference membership at the October 9 NWMC Board meeting on issues related to locating and constructing data centers.

Action Requested: Informational

I. FY 2024-2025 NWMC Board Meeting Dates (Attachment F)

Attached is the NWMC membership meeting schedule for FY 2024-2025.

Action Requested: Informational

J. FY 2024-2025 NWMC Committee Assignments (Attachment G)

Executive Board recommends approval of the attached FY 2024-2025 NWMC Committee Assignment list.

Action Requested: Approve recommendation

K. NWMC Fall Surplus Vehicle & Equipment Auction

The fall NWMC Surplus Vehicle and Equipment Auction is scheduled for Tuesday, October 22 and is the last live auction of the year. As a reminder, vehicles and equipment can be listed for disposal at the NWMC auction right up to the morning of the auction day.

In addition, America's Auto Auction hosts online sales on par with other government surplus Internet auctions. Please remember that a portion of the proceeds help support the organization's operations.

Action Requested: Informational

VI. Priority Issues

A. Legislative Committee – Eric Smith, President, Village of Buffalo Grove, Co-Chair and Greg Lungmus, President, Village of Northfield, Co-Chair

1. Veto Session

The General Assembly will convene for the fall veto session from Tuesday, November 12 to Thursday, November 14 and Tuesday, November 19 to Thursday, November 21. Staff will review potential issues under consideration.

Action Requested: Informational

2. LGDF Strategy

On August 14, the Illinois Municipal League convened a meeting to determine a statewide approach to legislative advocacy in support of an increase to the Local Government Distributive Fund (LGDF). The consensus of the attendees was to pursue an 8% LGDF target in the 2025 spring session. Staff will report.

Action Requested: Discussion

3. Pension Fairness Coalition Update

The Pension Fairness for Illinois Communities Coalition partners entered into an agreement with Serafin and Associates for public relations consulting through the end of 2024. Staff will provide an update.

Action Requested: Discussion

**B. Transportation Committee – Donna Johnson, Mayor, Village of Libertyville, Co-Chair and Rodney Craig, President, Village of Hanover Park, Co-Chair
Senate Transportation Committee Hearings Regarding the Metropolitan Mobility Authority Act (Attachment H)**

The Senate Transportation Committee, chaired by Senator Ram Villivalam, has hosted four subject matter hearings throughout the Chicago area on potential reforms to public transit. The next hearing is scheduled for the northern Cook County and Lake County area on September 18 with a focus on how “transit mitigates climate impact”. One additional hearing is scheduled for October 16 in Springfield. In addition, the House recently announced the formation of a mass transit working group. It is unknown if this working group will also conduct similar hearings.

Staff expects that the NWMC will be invited to testify at the next hearing as part of a local government panel. Over the summer, the Executive Board approved the attached set of guiding principles. Staff will discuss the status of the hearings and requests discussions of potential strategies going forward as this issue evolves.

Action Requested: Discussion

VII. Other Business

VIII. For the Good of the Order

IX. Next Meeting

The next Board meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 9, 7:00 p.m. at Oakton College, Rooms 1604-1606, in Des Plaines.

X. Adjournment