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Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

May 7, 2007

Cook County Conference Room
Suite 800, 233 S. Wacker Drive, Sears Tower, Chicago, Illinois

Board Members Present: Rita Athas (Deputy Chief of Staff, City of Chicago), Gerald R. Bennett-Chair (Mayor, City of Palos Hills), via tele-conference, Elliott Hartstein (Mayor, Village of Buffalo Grove), via tele-conference, Al Larson (President, Schaumburg), Michael Smith (Mayor, New Lenox) and Nigel Telman (Partner, Sidley Austin, LLP)

Others Present: Jonathan Tremper-RTA and CMAP Executive Director Randy Blankenhorn, Jill Leary, Dolores Dowdle, Don Kopec, Gordon Smith, Tom Garritano and Sherry Kane.

1.0 Call to Order

Mayor Gerald Bennett of Palos Hills and Chair of the Executive Committee of the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning, called the meeting to order at 8:37 a.m.

2.0 Agenda Changes and Announcements

There were no agenda changes.

3.0 Approval of Minutes

A motion to approve the minutes of the April 11, 2007 Executive Committee Meeting as presented, was made by Mayor Mike Smith and seconded by Mayor Al Larson. All in favor, the motion carried.

4.0 Current Fiscal Year Funding Status

Chief of Staff Jill Leary distributed and explained the contents of a timeline report of events connected with IDOT/NIPC agreement dated July 1, 2006 as well as the Council of Mayors 07/PL agreement providing for IDOT to make payments on the first day of each quarter. First and 2nd quarter invoices and payments had been generated promptly. However, the third quarter invoices under both agreements totaling \$1,275,000 that were mailed March 7, 2007 have not been paid. This has placed the agency in a serious cash-flow situation and the necessity to activate the line of credit at a cost of approximately \$4,000.

5.0 Legislative Update

Executive Director Randy Blankenhorn reported on the status of HB 1134 explaining that the "1/2 of 1%" funding had been taken out with IDOT committing to matching federal funds. The Executive Committee asked that staff attempt to schedule a meeting with Acting Secretary Milt Sees to discuss the Memo of Understanding. Further, Blankenhorn reported that Will County had raised issue with the bill related to projects of regional importance.

6.0 Fiscal Year 2008 Budget

The FY 2008 budget presented in two scenarios, version A with a full match and version B with a \$1 million reduction (roughly the amount of voluntary contributions) for review by the Executive Committee. Version B reflected a reduction in staff (86 versus 90), and reductions in environmental initiatives and transportation funding.

7.0 Role of the Executive Committee

Staff raised questions about the role the Executive Committee would serve related to the review of finances. While it is agreed that Executive Committee should take on the role, a suggestion was also made that the committee receive tutoring, especially in the area of reviewing credit card reporting, conference attendance and travel. Staff will set time aside at the June meeting to walk the committee through the various reports (operating income and expense, weekly disbursement and monthly warrants), perhaps bringing someone in from IGFOA to explain the board's fiduciary responsibilities.

8.0 Other Business

There was no other business before the Executive Committee.

10.0 Public Comment

There were no public comments.

11.0 Adjournment

At approximately 9:15 a.m. a motion to adjourn that was made by Mayor Hartstein and seconded by Mayor Smith passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Sherry Kane, Executive Assistant

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Approved, as presented by unanimous vote June 13, 2007.