Lake County Illinois

Lake County Courthouse and Administrative Complex
18 N. County Street
Waukegan, IL 60085-4351

Meeting Minutes - Final

Tuesday, August 2, 2022

1:00 PM

Assembly Room, 10th Floor or register to virtually attend at https://bit.ly/3Ox4uuo

Legislative Committee

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Individuals providing Public Comment will provide the following information:
*** Meeting: Legislative Committee (Subject line for written Public Comment)**
*** Name (REQUIRED)**
*** Topic or Agenda Item # (REQUIRED)**
*** Street Address, City, State (Optional)**
*** Phone Number (Optional)**
*** Organization/Agency/etc. Represented (If representing yourself, put "Self")**

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1. Call to Order

Chair Wasik called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Vice Chair Casbon led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Roll Call of Members

Present 5 - Vice Chair Casbon, Member Frank, Member Hunter, Member Snarski and Chair Wasik

Absent 2 - Member Kyle and Member Sbarra

**Electronic Attendance: Chair Wasik*

Others Present:
Alexis Mickler, Public
Bob Winchester, Public
Chris Kessler, Public
Derek Blaida, Strategic Advocacy Group
Eric Waggoner, Planning, Building and Development
Frank D'Andrea, Finance
Gavin Good, Chicago Tribune
George Dewald, Public
James Hawkins, County Administrator's Office
Janna Philipp, County Administrator's Office
Jennifer Muccianti, Public
Jessica Vealitzek, Board Member
Joe Arcus, Planning, Building and Development
Jolanda Dinkins, County Board Office
Kevin Quinn, Communications
Krista Braun, Planning, Building and Development
Kristy Cechini, County Board Office
Kyle Spriegel, Public
Marah Altenberg, Board Member
Mary Ross Cunningham, Board Vice Chair
Matt Meyers, County Administrator's Office
Mike Grady, Strategic Advocacy Group
Nick Muccianti, Public
Ryan Boyle, Public
Sonia Hernandez, County Administrator's Office
Sandy Hart, County Board Chair
Sarah Surroz, Public
Sharon Langlotz-Johnson, Public
Theresa Glatzhofer, County Board Office
Travis Haley, Public

4. Addenda to the Agenda

There were no additions or amendments to the agenda.

5. Public Comment (Items not on the agenda)

There were no public comments for items not on the agenda.

6. Chair's Remarks

Chair Wasik stated his commitment to working with Highland Park community leaders and colleagues and noted that the Legislative Committee will do everything within its power to apply every possible legislative approach to end this epidemic of violence and to ensure that public spaces are safe places. Chair Wasik expressed his thoughts, prayers, and tears for the Highland Park community and for every community torn apart by firearm violence. Chair Wasik urged the Committee to discuss effective common sense remedies to help save lives.

7. Unfinished Business

There was no Unfinished Business to discuss.

8. New Business

CONSENT AGENDA (Item 8.1)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

8.1 **22-1012**

Minutes from May 3, 2022.

Attachments: LEG 5.3.22 Final Minutes

A motion was made by Vice Chair Casbon, seconded by Member Snarski, that the minutes from May 3, 2022 be approved. Motion carried by the following voice vote:

Aye: 5 - Vice Chair Casbon, Member Frank, Member Hunter, Member Snarski and Chair Wasik

Absent: 2 - Member Kyle and Member Sbarra

REGULAR AGENDA

8.2 **22-1087**

Update and discussion on the State of Illinois 2022 Legislative Sessions.

Derek Blaida and Mike Grady of Strategic Advocacy Group gave a brief summary of the 2022 state legislative session.

Mr. Blaida noted that the spring legislative session adjourned on April 8, 2022 and that the fall veto session is scheduled to begin on or around Tuesday, November 15, 2022. Mr. Blaida added that there may be a special session scheduled to discuss solutions in response to the mass shooting in Highland Park. However, as of today, no such session has been scheduled. Mr. Blaida also noted that State Representative Bob Morgan was

appointed the lead of the Firearm Safety and Reforms Working Group, as established by the Speaker of the House. Mr. Blaida further noted that State Representative Morgan will reach out to gather input and suggestions.

Mr. Grady also noted that for any session that occurs prior to January, any legislation with an immediate effective date will require a super majority to pass. Mr. Grady added that a final lame duck session will take place in January.

Discussion ensued.

8.3 22-1088

Discussion regarding possible amendments to the 2022 Legislative Agenda related to firearm regulations.

Public comment was given in-person by Jennifer Muccianti and Travis Haley.

Member Frank proposed that the Committee consider a County policy change that would add to the County's Legislative Agenda support of: banning the sale of assault rifles, firearm safe storage law, and amendments to the FOID process.

Discussion ensued.

Matt Meyers, Assistant County Administrator, clarified that today's discussion is for committee consensus, not for formal committee action.

A motion was made by Member Frank, seconded by Vice Chair Casbon, to amend the 2022 Legislative Agenda and to include in the 2023 Legislative Agenda, the firearms regulation language put forth by Member Frank.

Discussion ensued.

Assistant County Administrator Meyers summarized the request from the Committee. He stated the amendments would move forward, bypassing a formal Committee action, per the County Board rules, with approval from the Committee Chair and the Board Chair. It would then be placed on next week's County Board agenda. Chair Wasik voiced his approval and requested a roll call to verify committee consensus.

Aye: 3 - Vice Chair Casbon, Member Frank, and Chair Wasik

Nay: 2 - Member Hunter and Member Snarski

Absent: 2 - Member Kyle and Member Sbarra

8.4 22-1089

Discussion regarding Lake County's Fiscal Year 2023 Legislative Agenda.

Matt Meyers, Assistant County Administrator, noted that communication was sent out to all County-wide elected officials and department heads regarding ideas to add to Lake County's 2023 Legislative Agenda. Assistant County Administrator Meyers noted that Robin Grooms, Sustainability Programs Manager, and Walter Willis, Director of SWALCO, have been invited to speak about their ideas at the next Legislative Committee meeting. Assistant County Administrator Meyers then invited Eric Waggoner, Planning, Building and Development (PB&D) Director, to give a summary of his idea for the 2023 Legislative Agenda.

Director Waggoner explained that, in order to move forward with certain sustainability policy initiatives related to the development and use of County land, some changes need to be made through state law to allow the County to create and enforce sustainability zoning regulations. He noted that staff is proposing clarification of the County Zoning Enabling Act to explicitly provide for the mitigation of environmental hazards through zoning authority; thus allowing the County to adopt requirements for a number of sustainability-related issues.

Discussion ensued.

The consensus of the Committee was to support the proposed amendment to the County Zoning Enabling Act. Assistant County Administrator Meyers noted that he will work with Director Waggoner to draft specific language to include in the draft 2023 Legislative Agenda.

Assistant County Administrator Meyers noted that he will circle back on requests from other department heads and County-wide elected officials with the goal of presenting the draft 2023 Legislative Agenda for the Committee to vote on in October.

9. County Administrator's Report

There was no County Administrator's Report.

10. Executive Session

The Committee did not enter into Executive Session.

11. Members' Remarks

Vice Chair Casbon gave a brief update on the Honoring our PACT Act of 2022.

Chair Wasik thanked Vice Chair Casbon for the update and for initially bringing attention to the issue of veterans' exposure to burn pits.

12. Adjournment

Chair Wasik declared the meeting adjourned at 2:19 p.m.

Next Meeting: September 6, 2022

Meeting minutes prepared by Theresa Glatzhofer.

Respectfully submitted,

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Legislative Committee Chair