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MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor Pruyn and Carie Anne Ergo, Village Administrator
FROM: Deanne Curelo, ATVA
DATE: January 5, 2024
SUBJECT: Adopt the Municipal Legislative Priorities of the DuPage Mayors and Managers Conference for the 2024 Legislative Session

RECOMMENDED MOTION: Motion to Adopt the Municipal Legislative Priorities of the DuPage Mayors and Managers Conference for the 2024 Legislative Session.

INTRODUCTION

The purpose of this Resolution is to reaffirm the Village's support of DMMC's 2024 LAP and allow the Mayor or his designee(s) to advocate for legislation in the 2024 Legislative Session which supports the Village's interests.

DISCUSSION

The DuPage Mayors and Managers Conference (DMMC) facilitates collaboration and information sharing among municipal leaders in DuPage County. It aims to address common challenges, promote regional interests, and enhance effective governance across the municipalities in the county through advocacy, networking, and shared resources.

The DMMC's Legislative Committee develops a Legislative Action Plan (LAP) to establish positions on legislative issues impacting its members every year. This year, Mayor Pruyn and ATVA Deanne Curelo actively participated in shaping these priorities as members of the committee. The LAP was then forwarded to the Board of Directors for final approval on November 15th, which Mayor Pruyn and Administrator Ergo also serve on.

The priorities for this year's LAP are summarized below and detailed in the attachment:

- Restoration of the Local Government Distributive Fund (LGDF); and
- Sustainable public pensions; and
- Common-sense amendments to the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) and Open Meetings Act (OMA).

This item is being forwarded to the Board so that it may reaffirm its support of the Conference and its platform to advance legislation impacting DuPage municipalities, as outlined in the LAP.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends the item be forwarded to the Committee of the Whole Meeting on January 9, 2023, for consideration and approval.

ATTACHMENTS

DMMC Legislative Action Plan
Resolution



DuPage Mayors & Managers Conference 2024 Legislative Action Program

A coalition of cities and villages working together, the Conference fosters collaboration and advocates for excellence in municipal government.

Restore the Local Government Distributive Fund

Restoration of the Local Government Distributive Fund to 10% will allow local elected and appointed officials to invest in their communities where it is needed most. This per capita funding benefits all municipalities, returning locally generated tax revenue to support critical community services without raising taxes on residents & businesses.

Roads, Bridges, & Sidewalks ♦ Public Safety ♦ Snow Removal
Pensions ♦ Social Services ♦ Forestry ♦ Stormwater Management
Police Training & Body Cameras ♦ Lead Service Line Replacement

Sustainable Public Pensions

The consolidation of public safety pension fund assets in 2019 fully addressed federal “safe harbor” requirements for downstate police and firefighters. Public pensions, and the taxpayers that fund them, must be protected by preventing further Tier 2 pension sweeteners for police, fire, and IMRF.

Freedom of Information Act/Open Meetings Act

Common-sense amendments to the Freedom of Information Act and Open Meetings Act will allow for transparency of government without costly and time-consuming misuse of the system.

- Permit public meetings to be held remotely at the discretion of local officials.
- Extend the response period for non-commercial FOIA requests, allow fees for producing electronic records, and clarify the definition of a recurrent requester.
- Add exemptions to FOIA disclosure for automatic license plate readers (LPRs).
- Clarify inconsistent language regarding attorney/client privilege during litigation.
- Address burdensome FOIA requests for police body camera footage of arrests.

RESOLUTION 1505-24

**A RESOLUTION ENDORSING THE LEGISLATIVE ACTION PROGRAM OF THE
DUPAGE MAYORS AND MANAGERS CONFERENCE
FOR THE 2024 LEGISLATIVE SESSION**

WHEREAS, the Village of Itasca is a member of the DuPage Mayors and Managers Conference (DMMC); and

WHEREAS, the DuPage Mayors and Managers Conference develops its annual Legislative Action Program with the goal of establishing a comprehensive platform on legislative issues in order to protect and benefit the interests of its member municipalities, residents and businesses in these municipalities, and the region generally; and

WHEREAS, on November 15, 2023, the DuPage Mayors and Managers Conference Board of Directors voted unanimously to adopt its 2024 Legislative Action Program, attached hereto; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Itasca, will individually benefit by formally establishing positions on legislative issues affecting municipalities, thereby giving clear direction to officials and employees of the Village of Itasca regarding legislative positions that may be represented in official capacity or on behalf of the municipality:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the President and Board of Trustees of the Village of Itasca, DuPage County, Illinois as follows:

SECTION ONE: The Village of Itasca hereby adopts the DuPage Mayors and Managers Conference's 2024 Legislative Action Program which is attached and includes the following listed legislative priorities:

- a. Restoration of the Local Government Distributive Fund (LGDF); and
- b. Sustainable public pensions; and
- c. Common-sense amendments to the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) and Open Meetings Act (OMA).

SECTION TWO: The Mayor or his designee(s) may represent the Village of Itasca's position on state or federal legislation that is consistent with the approved DMMC 2024 Legislative Action Program.

SECTION THREE: A copy of this Resolution should be forwarded to the DuPage Mayors and Managers Conference, to all state legislators representing the Village of Itasca, and to the Office of the Governor.

SECTION FOUR: SEVERABILITY. If any section, paragraph, or provision of this Resolution shall be held to be invalid or unenforceable for any reason, the invalidity or unenforceability of such section, paragraph or provision shall not affect any of the remaining provisions of this Resolution.

SECTION FIVE: REPEAL OF PRIOR RESOLUTIONS. All prior Resolutions and Ordinances in conflict or inconsistent herewith are hereby expressly repealed only to the extent of such conflict or inconsistency.

SECTION SIX: EFFECTIVE DATE. This Resolution shall be in effect immediately from and after its passage and approval.

	Trustee Aiani	Trustee Daly	Trustee Gavanese	Trustee Leahy	Trustee Madaras	Trustee Powers	Mayor Pruyn
Aye	<input type="checkbox"/>						
Nay	<input type="checkbox"/>						
Absent	<input type="checkbox"/>						
Abstain	<input type="checkbox"/>						

APPROVED and ADOPTED by the Village President and Board of Trustees of the Village of Itasca this 23rd day of January, 2024.

APPROVED:

Village President Jeffery J. Pruyn

ATTEST:

Village Clerk Jody Conidi