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## Southwest Conference of MAYORS

### MEETING AGENDA

October 30, 2023 - Monday

5:30 P.M. – Refreshments

6:00 P.M. – Cal Sag WSPC Meeting

7:00 P.M. – SCM Business Meeting

Orland Park Village Hall

14700 South Ravinia Avenue, Orland Park, IL

Village of Alsip  
Village of Bedford Park  
City of Blue Island  
Village of Bridgeview  
City of Burbank  
Village of Chicago Ridge  
Village of Crestwood  
Village of Evergreen Park  
City of Hickory Hills  
City of Hometown  
Village of Justice  
Village of Lemont  
Village of Merrionette Park  
Village of Oak Lawn  
Village of Orland Hills  
Village of Orland Park  
City of Palos Heights  
City of Palos Hills  
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Village of Willow Springs  
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Mayor, City of Palos Hills

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**Rhonda Hyde**

Treasurer  
Treasurer, Village of  
Bedford Park

**Victoria A. Smith**

Executive Director

- I. **Call to Order, Welcome & Approval of the September 27, 2023 Meeting Minutes** Mayor Bennett
- II. **Guest Speakers**
  - Trinity Christian College*  
Aaron J. Kuecker, President; Sundeep Vira, Dean of Business Department;  
Cote Soerens, Director of Tuition Transparency & Access
  - Drinking Water 1-2-3 Academy 2023*  
Sheila Sutton, Manager – Metropolitan Planning Council
- III. **President’s Report** Mayor Bennett
- IV. **Executive Director’s Report** Vicky Smith
- V. **Committee Reports**
  - A. **Transportation Committee**
    - 1. IDOT Program Update Tavis Farmer
    - 2. IDOT Local Roads Update Chad Riddle
    - 3. Local STP Report/Planning Liaison Update Brittany Matyas
    - 4. CMAP Report
    - 5. Cook County Highway Department Update Eva DeLaurentiis
    - 6. Illinois Tollway Kelsey Passi
  - B. **Legislation Committee Report** Mayor Bennett
  - C. **Utilities Committee Report**
    - 1. Update Given by Utilities Companies’ Representatives
  - D. **Public Works Committee Report** Brittany Matyas
  - E. **Cal Sag Watershed Planning Council Report** Vicky Smith

- VI. Other Business
  - A. CSCVB Update
  - B. MVCC
  - C. Pathlights
  - D. Miscellaneous Task Forces/Committee Updates

Jim Garrett  
Steve Pappageorge  
Elaine Grande

VII. Old Business /New Business

VIII. Next Meetings/Events

January 31, 2024- Wednesday

*Cal-Sag WSPC/SCM Business Meetings*

5:30 P.M. – Refreshments

6:00 P.M. – Cal Sag WSPC Meeting

7:00 P.M. - SCM Business Meeting

**Location To Be Announced**

IX. Adjournment

**Southwest Conference of Mayors  
September 27<sup>th</sup>, 2023 – Meeting Minutes  
Palos Hills City Hall**

<b>NAME</b>	<b>TITLE</b>	<b>REPRESENTING</b>
John Ryan	President	Village of Alsip
Keith Pekau	President	Village of Orland Park
Jerry Bennett	Mayor	City Palos Hills
Paul Mallo	Trustee	Village of Oak Lawn
Chuck Tokar	Mayor	Village of Chicago Ridge
Dave Brady	President	Village of Bedford Park
Gary Lewis	Trustee	Village of Bridgeview
Ken Klein	Mayor	Village of Crestwood
Adam Jasinski	Public Works Director	City of Palos Heights
Rick Boehm	Manager	Village of Palos Park
Jim Garrett	President/CEO	CSCVB
Lance Beigh	Village Engineer	Village of Justice
Adriana Carrasquillo	External Affairs Manager	ComEd
Kathy Hilton	Commissioner's Aide	C.C. Comm. Sean M. Morrison
Matthew Zarebczan	Economic Dev. Dir.	Village of Justice
Eva DeLaurentiss	Programming Manager	Cook County
Brian O'Neill	Village Administrator	Village of Orland Hills
Sam Balark	External Affairs	AT & T
Steve Pappageorge	Executive Director	Moraine Valley Community College
Housam Hajyous	CTO	GSI
Scott Luken	Village Engineer	Village of Orland Park
Coleen Barkmeier	Grant Administrator	Village of Oak Lawn
Adam Metz	Finance Director	Village of Oak Lawn
Joel Van Essen	Public Works Director	Village of Orland Park
Kelsey Passi	Outreach Manager	Illinois Tollway
Pamela Haney	President	Moraine Valley Community College
Elaine Grande	Executive Director	Pathlights
Yohan Fernando	Senior Manager Govt. Affairs	Comcast
Brad Cole	Executive Director	Illinois Municipal League
Brittany Matyas	Program Coordinator	Southwest Conference of Mayors
Vicky Smith	Executive Director	Southwest Conference of Mayors

*Attachments referred to in these minutes can be obtained by contacting the Southwest Conference of Mayors' office at (708) 701-2232.*

Mayor Bennett called the meeting to order at 7:10 P.M. On a motion by President Ryan and seconded by President Brady the May 24<sup>th</sup>, 2023 Meeting Minutes were approved.

**Guest Speakers**

Dr. Pam Haney, Moraine Valley Community College President, introduced herself and gave a brief update on the College. The SCM Mayors/Presidents welcomed Dr. Haney, congratulated her and noted that they look forward to working with her.



### **Executive Director's Report**

Ms. Smith thanked everyone who participated in the SCM's August 30<sup>th</sup> golf outing and she thanked the many sponsors who greatly contributed to the success of the outing. Ms. Smith noted that this was the SCM's first outing at Cog Hill and it was a success and she acknowledged the staff at Cog Hill for all their assistance. Ms. Smith noted that the 2024 outing will take place at Cog Hill on June 19<sup>th</sup>. Ms. Smith reported that the SCM will host their annual Joint Municipal Auction on Saturday, October 14<sup>th</sup> at Palos Hills Public Works Facility – a new location for the auction. She also reported an update on the Thomas Dodge Vehicle Cooperative Purchase Program and encourage the SCM Municipalities to participate in the program if they are looking to purchase new vehicles.

### **Committee Reports**

#### **Transportation Committee**

President Brady presented the updated SCM STP Project Selection Methodology. On a motion by President Brady and seconded by President Pekau the SCM Members approved the updated STP Project Selection Methodology.

#### **IDOT Program Update**

Ms. Smith announced that Earl Dunn has retired and the temporary replacement was unable to attend the meeting.

*Handout – Attachment A*

#### **IDOT Local Roads Update**

*Handout – Attachment B*

#### **Local STP Report**

Ms. Matyas gave an update to the SCM STP Program. Ms. Matyas noted that the SCM website has the SCM's most recent STP Program posted. She noted that the website shows the marks for 2024-2029. Ms. Matyas reminded everyone that quarterly status updates are due September 30<sup>th</sup>. The Mayors had a discussion on the lack for response from IDOT staff and it would be helpful to have IDOT staff at SCM meetings.

#### **CMAP Report**

Mayor Bennett, CMAP Board Chairman, gave a CMAP update and specifically spoke on the PART study CMAP is undertaking on behalf of the Illinois General Assembly.

#### **Cook County Highway Department Update**

Ms. DeLaurentiis gave an update on the Cook County Transportation Program. Ms. DeLaurentiis congratulated the Members who received funding from the County.

*Attachment C*

#### **Illinois Toll Highway**

Ms. Passi gave an update on the Illinois Toll Highway.

*Attachment D*

### **Legislative Committee Report**

Mayor Bennett acknowledged Mayor Tokar on his recent announcement of his retirement as Mayor of Chicago Ridge. Mayor Bennett gave a Legislative update. The items noted were LGDF, the Paid Leave Act, Pensions and other items. Brad Cole, IML Executive Director contributed to the Legislative Update.

### **Utilities Committee Report**

Ms. Carrasquillo, ComEd, gave a brief update on the multi-year rate plan. Sam Balark, AT & T, was present for questions. Yohan Fernando, Comcast, was present to answer questions.

### **Public Works Committee**

Ms. Matyas reported that the SCM Public Works Committee met last on September 19<sup>th</sup> at Palos Heights and a tour was given of their new lift station. The next meeting will be held on November 14<sup>th</sup> and she is looking for a host community for the meeting. She asked the Mayors to encourage their Public Works Directors to attend the SCM Public Works Committee meeting.

### **Cal Sag Watershed Planning Council Report**

Ms. Smith noted that the next meeting for the Cal Sag Watershed Planning Council will be held on October 30<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 P.M. at Orland Park Village Hall.

### **Other Business**

#### **CSCVB Update**

Jim Garrett gave an update on the happenings of the CSCVB.

#### **MVCC Update**

Steve Pappageorge gave a brief update on the happenings at MVCC including new programs being offered at MVCC and that enrollment is up.

#### **Pathlights**

Elaine Grande, Executive Director, gave an update on the happenings of Pathlights including programs they offer to assist residents.

### **Adjournment**

Mayor Bennett thanked the staff Palos Hills, more importantly Marge, for hosting the meeting.

On a motion by President Brady and seconded by Mayor Tokar the Southwest Conference of Mayors' Business Meeting was adjourned at 8:15P.M.