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MAYORS CONVENE FOR FIRST
CENTRAL INDIANA COUNCIL OF MAYORS

INDIANAPOLIS – Mayor Greg Ballard today joined five other mayors from Central Indiana for the first ever Central Indiana Council of Mayors (CICOM) discussion in Indianapolis. The Central Indiana Council of Mayors convened to set the stage for future meetings about long-term opportunities and challenges facing the region.

“In these tough economic times, it is important that we work together with our neighboring cities to provide high-quality services while being responsible stewards of taxpayer dollars,” said Mayor Ballard. “The first step toward addressing complex regional issues and seizing available opportunities for our communities is to open new lines of communication.”

Increasingly, many of the issues facing Central Indiana communities are regional in nature. Joining forces through the CICOM will allow for greater productivity in efforts to improve water supply, ensure that energy sources are sufficient and clean, win economic development opportunities available to the region, get the best price on the goods and services or build a public transit system.

“We have so much in common here in Central Indiana and such a unique opportunity to come together as Mayors of our respective cities and coordinate our concerns,” said Westfield Mayor Andy Cook. “Our location is a huge asset and we must work together to leverage that to the best of our ability and I think this Council is a great way to do just that.”

Topics of discussion today focused on future cooperation that will allow Central Indiana to increase its competitiveness with other metropolitan regions across the country. The Council plans to hold quarterly meetings throughout the year.

Those participating in today’s conference along with Mayor Ballard were Mayor Jim Brainard of Carmel; Mayor Andy Cook of Westfield; Mayor Charles Henderson of Greenwood; Mayor Scott Furgeson of Shelbyville and Mayor Brad DeReamer of Greenfield.

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