

REGIONAL COUNCIL MEETING
FRIDAY, JUNE 20, 2014
PAYSON QUALITY INN CONFERENCE CENTER
PAYSON, ARIZONA

M I N U T E S

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Wheeler called the meeting to order at 3:18 pm.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Wheeler led the Regional Council, guests and CAG staff in the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. ROLL CALL AND INTRODUCTIONS

Members Present: Mayor Terry Wheeler, Supervisor Michael Pastor, Councilmember Thomas Lagunas, Mayor Rosemary Castaneda, Mayor Kenny Evans, Councilmember Anita Hinojos, Supervisor Pete Rios, Councilmember Dave Waldron, Councilmember Jon Thompson, Mayor Joseph Nagy, Mayor Tom Rankin, Mayor Sam Hosler, Mayor Ed Honea, Mayor Christian Price, Councilmember Robin Benning, Mayor Jayme Valenzuela

Members Absent: Mayor Ronnie McDaniel, Mayor Bob Jackson, Mayor Alvaro Barcelo, Councilmember Jewel Whitman, Councilmember Wendsler Nosie

Staff: Ken Hall, Andy Smith, Sooraz Patro, Alan Urban, Bree'na York, Ken Hebert, Zeena Torres, Angela Gotto, Amber Garza, Randy Simms, Andrea Robles

Guests: Jess Knudson, Jerry Barnes, Bryant Powell, Matt Busby, Tracy Corman, Bob Flatley, Kevin Adam, Kathy Boyle, Representative Coleman, Craig Barnes, John Marcanti, Senator Crandall, Barbara Hartwell, Louis Bracamonte, Debra Galbraith, Anna Flores, Bill Leister, Carolyn Leister, Vern Leis, Patti Comerford, Sylvia Kerlock, Greg Stanley, Rick Croy, Tom Smith, Gilbert Davidson, Gilbert Aguilar, Representative Peshlakai

IV. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Mayor Evans welcomed the Regional Council and guests.

V. CONSENT ITEMS

Mayor Rankin made a motion to approve the consent agenda items. Mayor Nagy seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

A. Approval of Regional Council Minutes

The Regional Council minutes from May 7, 2014 were approved under Consent Item VI-A.

B. Financial Report

The Financial Report was approved under Consent Item VI-B.

VI. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Hall updated the Council on several meetings that he has attended. He informed the Council that he has been meeting with the CAG Assessment Committee and they have come up with a plan to reduce the CAG Assessments over the next few years. He stated that CAG will be changing banking services and finance/accounting software. He stated that CAG is currently advertising for a Senior Community Development Planner. In closing Mr. Hall stated that CAG is in the process of updating the webpage and it will be available in the near future. Questions, comments and discussion followed Mr. Hall's report. This item was for information only.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Review, Discussion and Decision on CAG's FY 2015 Assessments

Mr. Hall explained the findings of the CAG Special Assessment Subcommittee pertaining to the elimination of the CAG Special Assessment, and the reduction of the CAG Assessment between FY 2015 and FY 2017. He stated that the Committee met several times throughout the year to review CAG's needs, services, and expenditures and to create a long term plan to reduce CAG's Assessments. Mr. Hall explained that the Rural Transportation Advisory Committee (RTAC) Assessment is a pass through assessment. Questions, comments and discussion followed. Mayor Rankin made a motion to approve the CAG FY 2015 Assessment for \$275,000 and the RTAC Assessment for \$35,131. Mayor Hosler seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

B. Review, Discussion and Decision on the adoption of CAG's FY 2015 Budget

Mr. Hall presented CAG's FY 2015 budget. He explained that the Budget Committee and Management Committee reviewed the budget and recommended approval. Questions, comments and discussion followed. Mayor Hosler made a motion to approve CAG's FY 2015 Budget. Councilmember Thompson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

C. Review, Discussion and Decision on the Transportation Technical Advisory Committee (TTAC) Bylaws

Mr. Smith informed the Council that the Transportation Technical Advisory Committee (TTAC) Bylaws needed to be updated to reflect the changes in membership. He reviewed the amendments made to the Bylaws. Questions, comments and discussion followed. Mayor Evans made a motion to approve the Transportation Technical Advisory Committee (TTAC) Bylaws as presented. Councilmember Waldron seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

D. Review, Discussion and Decision on the CAG Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment

Mr. Smith explained that San Carlos requested to delete the High School Turning Lanes project and move funding to the US 70/BIA Route 6 intersection improvement project. Questions and discussion followed. Mayor Evans made a motion to approve the TIP as presented. Mayor Hosler seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

E. Review, Discussion and Decision on the update to the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS)

Mr. Hall explained that an annual update of the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) is required by the Economic Development Administration as a condition of

their annual planning grant award to CAG for Economic Development. He reviewed the updates made to the document. Mayor Hosler made a motion to approve the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS). Councilmember Waldron seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

F. Town of Superior Housing Assessment Update

Mr. Hall presented the Town of Superior Housing Assessment. He provided details on the contents of the study, and how it will be used by the Town of Superior. Mr. Hall informed the Council that CAG will be working on more of these projects in the near future. Questions, comments and discussion followed. This item was for information only.

G. Community Development Update

Mr. Urban provided a follow up to Mr. Hall's presentation on the Town of Superior Housing Assessment. He also updated the Council on the Community Development Department activities including Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), Section 208 and Economic Development. Questions, comments and discussion followed. This item was for information only.

H. Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) Update

Mr. Smith updated the Council on the Transportation Planning Department activities. He provided a status update on the CAG Regional Transportation Plan (RTP). Questions, comments and discussion followed. This item was for information only.

I. Review, Discussion and Decision on the change of road functional classification – Gila County

Mr. Smith stated that the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) was recently notified by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) that a Gila County project listed on the current CAG Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP) needs a Federal Functional Classification of major collector to be qualified for federal monies. Currently the road is classified as a minor collector. Mayor Evans made a motion to approve the request to change functional classification of Old SR 188 from rural minor collector to rural major collector. Supervisor Pastor seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

VIII. LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Senator Crandall, Representative Coleman, Representative Peshlakai and Kevin Adam provided the Council with Legislative updates.

IX. DATE, TIME AND LOCATION OF NEXT REGIONAL COUNCIL MEETING

The next Regional Council Meeting is scheduled for September 24, 2014 in Apache Junction.

X. ADJOURNMENT

Supervisor Pastor made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Benning seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Chair Wheeler adjourned the meeting at 4:32 p.m.

Approved on _____