

**REGIONAL COUNCIL MEETING
WEDNESDAY, MAY 7, 2014
CITY OF APACHE JUNCTION MULTI-GEN CENTER
APACHE JUNCTION, ARIZONA**

M I N U T E S

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Wheeler called the meeting to order at 7:13 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, Mayor Charles Vega, Mayor Rosemary Castaneda, Supervisor Pete Rios, Councilmember Dave Waldron, Councilmember Jon Thompson, Mayor Joseph Nagy, Mayor Sam Hosler

Members Absent: Supervisor Michael Pastor, Mayor Kenny Evans, Councilmember Anita Hinojos, Mayor Ronnie McDaniel, Mayor Bob Jackson, Mayor Tom Rankin, Mayor Alvaro Barcelo, Vice Mayor Ed Farrell, Councilmember Robin Benning, Mayor Ed Honea, Mayor Jayme Valenzuela, Councilmember Jewel Whitman, Councilmember Wendsler Nosie

Staff: Ken Hall, Liz Rueter, Andy Smith, Sooraz Patro, Alan Urban, Bree'na York, Ken Hebert, Lee French, Zeena Torres, Angela Gotto, Andrea Robles

Guests: Jess Knudson, Jerry Barnes, Matt Busby, Paul Jepson, Jill Dusenberry, Harvey Krauss, Kevin Adam, Kevin Camberg, Kathy Boyle

IV. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

No one answered the Call to the Public.

V. CONSENT ITEMS

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

A. Approval of Regional Council Minutes

The Regional Council minutes from March 26, 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 the total Assessments for FY 2015 will be reduced to \$275,000 from \$337,524 in FY 2014. Mr. Hall also updated the Council on staff changes. Questions, comments and discussion followed Mr. Hall's report. This item was for information only.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Review, Discussion and Decision on the FY 2013 Central Arizona Governments Audit

Mr. Hall introduced Kevin Camberg, of Fester & Chapman, who presented the FY 2013 Audit. He reviewed the Audit with the Council and explained the findings and how they will be corrected for the upcoming year. Questions, comments and discussion followed. Mayor Vega made a motion to approve the FY 2013 CAG Audit. Mayor Hosler seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

B. Review, Discussion and Decision on the CAG FY 2014 Amended Method of Distribution (MOD)

Mr. Urban explained that there were minor edits made to the FY 2014 MOD based on changes in Arizona Department of Housing (ADOH) timelines and processes that were identified in the current CDBG Application Handbook. Questions, comments and discussion followed. Councilmember Waldron made a motion to approve the CAG FY 2014 Amended Method of Distribution (MOD) as presented. Mayor Vega seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

C. Review, Discussion and Decision on the CAG FY 2015 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Method of Distribution (MOD)

Mr. Urban reported that each year CAG is required to approve a MOD for its distribution of CDBG Regional Account funds allocated by the Arizona Department of Housing (ADOH) for rural Councils of Governments (COG's). This MOD is based on previous methods where each community receives an equal allotment but some communities may partner with others on a rotational basis to pool their money for a larger project. Mayor Castaneda made a motion to approve the FY 2015 CDBG MOD as presented. Councilmember Thompson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

D. Resolution of Support Extending the Border Zone in Arizona

Mr. Hall provided the Council with an update on the Resolution of Support for requesting to extend the border zone in Arizona from 25 miles beyond the border (75 miles if entering through selected ports), to all areas throughout the state of Arizona. The Resolution of Support would allow travel throughout the entire state, and jointly support the streamlining of the Mexican Visa process to be more effective in enabling business travelers and tourists to cross the border. To date, this resolution is being supported by the Pima Association of Governments (PAG), the Southeastern Arizona Governments Organization (SEAGO), the Western Arizona Council of Governments (WACOG), the Yuma Metropolitan Planning Organization (YMPO), the Maricopa Association of Governments (MAG) and the Flagstaff Metropolitan Planning Organization (FMPO). Questions, comments and discussion

followed. Mayor Hosler made a motion to approve the Resolution of Support for Extending the Border Zone in Arizona. Mayor Nagy seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously

E. Workforce Investment Act (WIA) Report

Ms. French presented on the WIA adult program. She reviewed the goals and accomplishments for the program and the number of clients served for this fiscal year. Ms. French also shared some of the WIA success stories with the Committee. Questions, comments and discussion followed. This item was for information only.

F. Transportation Planning Report

Mr. Smith provided the Committee with an update on the Transportation Planning activities including the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), Regional Transportation Plan (RTP), Mobility Management, Rural Transportation Safety Plan and the Rural Transit Plan. Question, comments and discussion followed. This item was for information only.

VIII. LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Kevin Adam provided the Council with the Legislative update.

IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Pursuant to Personnel ARS §§38-431.03 (A) (1), (2), (3) and (4).

Discussion of performance evaluation of Executive Director, Discussion of Performance Evaluation with Executive Director and if requested consultation with attorney for legal advice.

Mayor Vega made a motion to approve the Regional Council move to Executive Session to discuss the performance evaluation of CAG's Executive Director, and discussion of performance evaluation with Executive Director and if requested consultation with attorney for legal advice. Mayor Hosler seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

X. RECONVENE

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

The next Regional Council Meeting is scheduled for June 20, 2014 in Payson.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember Thompson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mayor Vega seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Chair Wheeler adjourned the meeting at 9:06 p.m.

Approved on _____