

**REGIONAL COUNCIL MEETING
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 23, 2016
CITY OF APACHE JUNCTION COUNCIL CHAMBERS
APACHE JUNCTION, ARIZONA**

M I N U T E S

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Benning called the meeting to order at 6:47 pm.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

III. ROLL CALL AND INTRODUCTIONS

Members Present: Supervisor Michael Pastor, Mayor Terry Wheeler, Mayor Bobby Smith, Councilmember Anita Hinojos, Councilmember Paty Henderson, Supervisor Pete Rios, Councilmember Dave Waldron, Mayor Jon Thompson, Mayor Joel Belloc, Mayor Sam Hosler, Mayor Don Jones, Councilmember Vincent Manfredi, Councilmember Robin Benning

Members Absent: Mayor Darryl Dalley, Mayor Kenny Evans, Mayor Bob Jackson, Mayor Tom Rankin, Mayor Ed Honea, Mayor Jayme Valenzuela, Councilmember Jewel Whitman, Councilmember Wendsler Nosie, William Antone

Staff: Ken Hall, Bree York, Alan Urban, Brad Mecham, Angela Gotto, Travis Ashbaugh, Ken Hebert, Amber Garza, Andrea Robles

Guests: Jamie Bennett, Paul Jepson, Matt Busby, Kevin Adam, Harvey Krauss, Bryan Martyn, Carol Hosler

IV. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Chairman Benning introduced Bryan Martyn.

V. CONSENT ITEMS

Supervisor Pastor made a motion to approve the consent agenda item. Mayor Thompson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

A. Approval of Regional Council Minutes

The Regional Council minutes from January 27, 2016 were approved under Consent Item VI-A.

VI. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Hall updated the Council on recent activities and meetings that he has attended. He reported on the Joint Planning Advisory Committee (JPAC) follow-up meetings being held. Mr. Hall thanked those who attended CAG's 20th Annual Legislative Day held on February 25, 2016. Questions, comments and discussion followed Mr. Hall's report. This was an information item.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Financial Report

Ms. York presented the Financial Report. She provided an update on the status of CAG's Audit. Ms. York reported that CAG had completed an Unemployment Tax Audit and the report came back with no actions or findings. Questions, comments and discussion followed. Mayor Wheeler made a motion to approve CAG's Financial Report. Mayor Hosler seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

B. Appointment of a Budget Committee

Mr. Hall explained that in the past a Budget Committee is appointed to review the CAG budget, including worksheets and formulas in the preparation of the budget. CAG staff presents the budget to the Budget Committee in detail and describes the issues within the CAG budget. He informed the Council that Management Committee members; Jess Knudson, Town of Florence, Bryant Powell, City of Apache Junction, Jamie Bennett, Town of Queen Creek, Steven Turner, City of Casa Grande and Paul Jepson, City of Globe volunteered to serve on this committee. Chairman Benning, Councilmember Waldron and Mayor Belloc volunteered the City of Eloy's Finance Director to serve on the Budget Committee. Mayor Belloc made a motion to appoint and approve the members listed above to serve on the Budget Committee. Mayor Hosler seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

C. Adoption of Resolution No. 2016-1 Supporting and Declaring April Fair Housing Month

Mr. Urban informed the Council that April is Fair Housing Month and all CDBG participants are required to participate in activities and/or disseminate information, supporting the Fair Housing Acts of 1968 and 1988. Questions and discussion followed. Mayor Hosler made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2016-1, supporting and declaring April Fair Housing Month. Mayor Belloc seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

D. Review, Discussion and Decision on the Administrative Amendment Transportation Improvement Program

Mr. Hall presented the Administrative Amendment Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), for which CAG staff is programming the available Surface Transportation Program (\$474,160 per annum) and Highway Safety Improvement Program dollars (\$519,767 per annum). He stated that the CAG FY 2016 – FY 2026 TIP is now programming STP dollars for the next 10 years in alignment with the State Transportation Improvement Program. Mr. Hall explained that ADOT's Financial Section will loan \$215,000 for the FY 2018 Globe Oak Street

Project. He stated since the payback was outside of the 5-year STIP program, ADOT will not allow the loan payback to be shown in FY 2022. This payback will be made through project cost savings and the un-programmed STP funding in FY 2022. Questions and discussion followed. Mayor Thompson made a motion to approve CAG's Administrative Amendment Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). Mayor Hosler seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

E. Pinal County Regional Transportation Authority (RTA) Update

Mr. Hall provided an update on the Pinal County Regional Transportation Authority (RTA). He reported on the Open Houses being held for the RTA. He stated that Staff was working on the website for the RTA. Mr. Hall informed the Council that a RTA Board meeting will be held at the next Regional Council meeting. Questions, comments, concerns and discussion followed. This was an information item.

F. Transportation Planning Department Update

Mr. Hall informed the Council that Andy Smith had resigned from CAG in February and was now employed with Pinal County. He introduced Travis Ashbaugh as the new Transportation Planning Manager. Mr. Ashbaugh began employment with CAG on March 21, 2016. Questions, comments and discussion followed. This was an information item.

G. Review, Discussion and Decision on the formation of a Strike Team

Mr. Hall explained that Chairman Benning requested adding a discussion on the formation of a "Strike Team" to visit the legislators and senators in their individual offices. The Team would consist of three to four members from the Regional Council. The goal of this Committee is to force more interaction with our legislators and to have our issues before them prior to the Committee processes, and before voting takes place on certain bills of interest to the CAG Region. Questions, comments and discussion followed. No action was taken on this item.

VIII. LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Mr. Kevin Adam provided the Legislative Update.

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

The next Regional Council Meeting is scheduled for May 11, 2016 in Apache Junction.

X. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Thompson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mayor Hosler seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Chair Benning adjourned the meeting at 8:00 pm.

Approved on _____