

**REGIONAL COUNCIL MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 26, 2017  
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 6:35 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:** Councilmember Robin Benning, Supervisor Tim Humphrey, Mayor Al Gameros, Mayor Bobby Smith, Mayor Darryl Dalley, Councilmember Fred Carpenter, Councilmember Bobby Davis, Councilmember Anita Hinojos, Supervisor Pete Rios, Councilmember Dave Waldron, Mayor Craig McFarland, Mayor Tara Walter, Mayor Debra Sommers, Mayor Joe Dietz, Councilmember Vincent Manfredi, Mayor Mila Besich-Lira,

**Members Absent:** Mayor Jon Thompson, Mayor Joel Belloc, Mayor Ed Honea

**Guests:** Greg Stanley, Charla Glendening, Amy St. Peter, LaRon Garrett, Bryant Powell, Matt Busby, Steven Turner, Kevin Adam, Don Jones, Paul Jepson, Jamie Bennett, Andy Smith, Kevin Camberg

**Staff:** Andrea Robles, Alan Urban, Brad Mecham, Travis Ashbaugh, Lee French, Bree York, Angela Gotto, Kenneth Hebert, Amber Garza

**IV. CALL TO THE PUBLIC**

Mr. Alan Urban addressed the Council in regards to the vacancy of the Executive Director position.

**V. CONSENT ITEMS**

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

**A. Approval of Regional Council Minutes**

The Regional Council minutes from March 8, 2017 were approved under Consent Item V-A.

**VI. INTERIM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Ms. Robles updated the Council on recent activities and meetings taking place at CAG. Questions, comments and discussion followed Ms. Robles' report. This was an information item.

## **VII. NEW BUSINESS**

### **A. Review, Discussion and Decision on the Draft FY 2016 CAG Annual Audit Report**

Mr. Kevin Camberg, Fester & Chapman, presented the FY 2016 CAG audit report and financials to the Council. Questions, comments and discussion followed. Mayor Walter made a motion to approve the FY 2016 CAG annual audit report and financials as presented. Mayor Besich-Lira seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

### **B. CAG Budget Committee Recommendations and Financial Update**

Ms. St. Peter, MAG Assistant Director, presented an update to the Council from the CAG Strategic Planning and Sustainability Committee meeting. Ms. St. Peter will be facilitating a planning session for CAG in the upcoming future. Ms. York provided a brief update on CAG's financials and provided information from the Budget Committee meetings. Mayor Smith made a motion to approve the Budget Committee recommendations and financial update. Mayor Besich-Lira seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

### **C. Executive Session**

Councilmember Carpenter made a motion to adjourn and move into Executive Session. Councilmember Manfredi seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The Council adjourned at 6:59 p.m.

## **RECONVENE**

Mayor Walter made a motion to reconvene the Regional Council meeting. Councilmember Waldron seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The Regional Council meeting reconvened at 8:06 p.m.

### **D. Review, Discussion and Decision on the CAG FY 2018 ADOT Work Program**

Mr. Ashbaugh reviewed the CAG FY 2018 ADOT Work Program with the Council. Questions, comments and discussion followed. Mayor Besich-Lira made a motion to approve the CAG FY 2018 ADOT Work Program. Councilmember Waldron seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

### **E. Review, Discussion and Decision on the Transportation Improvement Program**

Mr. Ashbaugh presented the amendments to the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) FY 2017 – FY 2027 and explained the changes to the Council. Questions, comments and discussion followed. Councilmember Waldron made a motion to approve the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) FY 2017 – FY 2027. Mayor Besich-Lira seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**F. Update on Subcommittee for the Executive Director Recruitment**

Ms. Robles informed the Council that Paul Jepson, City of Globe, Bruce Gardner, Town of Queen Creek, Bryant Powell, City of Apache Junction, Steven Turner, City of Casa Grande and Louis Andersen, Pinal County volunteered to serve on the Subcommittee for the Executive Director Recruitment. She stated that the Committee would be meeting in May to start the discussion of hiring an Executive Director. This was an information item.

**G. Pinal Regional Transportation Authority (RTA) Update**

Mr. Greg Stanley, Pinal County Manager and Andy Smith, Pinal County Planning Supervisor, provided an update on the Pinal Regional Transportation Authority (RTA). Mr. Stanley informed the Committee of the upcoming RTA Board meeting. Questions, comments and discussion followed. This was an information item.

**H. Transportation Planning Update**

Mr. Ashbaugh updated the Council on activities within the Transportation Planning Department. His update included the CAG Greater Gila County Transit Feasibility and Implementation Study, 5310 Transit Grants, Highway User Revenue Fund (HURF) Exchange Program and the Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP). This was an information item.

**I. Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) Update**

Ms. French provided an update on the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) Program. Her update included statistics on current participants and upcoming events in Pinal County for the Workforce Program. Ms. French announced that she would be retiring from CAG effective April 27, 2017. She thanked the Regional Council and CAG Staff for their support throughout her 15 years of employment with CAG. This was an information item.

**J. Community Development Update**

Mr. Urban provided an update on current activities in the Community Development department. His update included current projects in the region and new projects beginning in the Towns of Hayden and Mammoth. Questions and comments followed. This was an information item.

**K. Water Quality Planning Update**

Mr. Urban updated the Council on activities in the Water Quality Planning department. He stated that CAG has been contacted in regards to several potential 208 Amendments in the region. Mr. Urban also provided an update on the Tri-City Regional Sanitary District. This was an information item.

**L. Information Services Update**

Ms. Gotto provided an update on the Information Services department. She informed the Committee that the residential completions and annexations have been completed for the third and fourth quarters of 2016. She stated CAG has signed a GIS contract with the City of Apache Junction in

the amount of \$50,000, staff continues to receive data requests from the Office of Economic Opportunity (State Demographer) and CAC. Ms. Gotto informed the Committee that staff has met with the Town of Superior to discuss potential GIS contracts, the City of Eloy to discuss a potential Housing Assessment contract, and are currently in discussions with MAG regarding the renewal of previous GIS contracts. This was an information 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 June 23, 2017.

#### **X. ADJOURNMENT**

Councilmember Hinojos made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mayor Gameros seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Chair Benning adjourned the meeting at 8:50 p.m.

Approved on \_\_\_\_\_