

**REGIONAL COUNCIL MEETING
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 25, 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 6:40 pm.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

ROLL CALL AND INTRODUCTIONS

Members Present: Councilmember Robin Benning, Supervisor Tim Humphrey, Mayor AL Gamos, Mayor Bobby Smith, Mayor Darryl Dalley, Councilmember Fred Carpenter, Councilmember Anita Hinojos, Supervisor Pete Rios, Councilmember Dave Waldron, Mayor Craig McFarland, Mayor Jon Thompson, Mayor Joe Dietz, Councilmember Vincent Manfredi, Mayor Mila Besich-Lira

Members Absent: Mayor Ronnie McDaniel, Mayor Joel Belloc, Mayor Tara Walter, Mayor Debra Sommers, Mayor Ed Honea

Staff: Ken Hall, Lee French, Bree York, Alan Urban, Brad Mecham, Travis Ashbaugh, Angela Gotto, Kenneth Hebert, Andrea Robles

Guests: Robin Barker, Bryant Powell, Matt Busby, Rick Miller, Steven Turner, Kevin Adam, Paul Jepson, Jamie Bennett, Jeff Struble, Marvin Mull, Al Anaya

III. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

No one answered the Call to the Public.

IV. EXECUTIVE SESSION

V. CONSENT ITEMS

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

A. Approval of Regional Council Minutes

The Regional Council minutes from November 16, 2016 were approved under Consent Item V-A.

B. Review, Discussion and Decision on the CAG Strategic Transportation Safety Plan (STSP)

The CAG Strategic Transportation Safety Plan (STSP) was approved under Consent Item V-B.

VI. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Hall updated the Council on recent activities, meetings and conferences that he has attended. He stated that he is continuing to present at the City/Town Council meetings. Mr. Hall informed the Committee that CAG's Legislative Day is scheduled for February 23, 2017. He reviewed the Rural Transportation Advocacy Council (RTAC) Assessment increase and Population Estimates from July 1, 2016 with the Council. Questions, comments and discussion followed Mr. Hall's report. This was an information item.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Financial Report

Ms. York presented a semi-annual financial report on CAG's finances. She stated that the Audit process has begun. Ms. York reported that budget preparation for FY 2018 will begin at the end of January. Questions, comments and discussion followed. Councilmember Waldron made a motion to approve CAG's Financial Report. Mayor Thompson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

B. Appointment of a CAG 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 Steven Turner, City of Casa Grande, Jamie Bennett, Town of Queen Creek, Joe Heatherly, Town of Miami and Bryant Powell or Matt Busby, City of Apache Junction volunteered to serve on the Budget Committee. Questions, comments and discussion followed. Councilmember Waldron, Councilmember Carpenter and Mayor Dalley volunteered to serve on the Budget Committee. Mayor McFarland made a motion to appoint the members listed above to serve on the Budget Committee. Mayor Besich-Lira seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

C. Review, Discussion and Decision on hosting the Annual Regional Council meeting

Mr. Hall explained that the Annual Regional Council Meeting is currently scheduled for June 23, 2017. He stated at the June 24, 2016 Regional Council meeting, a motion was passed to allow any CAG government to submit a proposal to host the Annual Regional Council meeting. Mr. Hall informed the Council that a discussion needed to take place on whether to keep the Annual Regional Council meeting in the Town of Payson, or to allow other interested governments to submit proposals for consideration by the CAG Regional Council. Questions, comments and discussion followed. Mr. Paul Jepson, City of Globe, addressed the Regional Council stating that the City of Globe would like to submit a proposal to host the Annual Meeting. Mayor Dally made a motion to allow the City of Globe to submit a proposal to host the Annual Meeting in June. Councilmember Waldron seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

D. CAG's Legislative Day Issues and Priorities

Mr. Hall asked the Council to submit their Legislative Issues and Priorities to Andrea prior to CAG's Legislative Day on February 23, 2017. No action was taken on this item.

E. Review, Discussion and Decision on the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) FY 2017 – FY 2027 Amendments

Mr. Ashbaugh reviewed 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 Carpenter made a motion to approve the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) FY 2017 – FY 2027. Mayor Thompson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

F. Review, Discussion and Decision on the authorization to apply for a 5310 Grant Application

Mr. Ashbaugh informed the Council that he was seeking authorization to submit for 5310 grant funds through ADOT's application process to fund the Coordinated Mobility Management Program. He stated that the grant application requires CAG to seek permission from Regional Council to apply due to fiscal obligations of Local Matching funds. Questions, comments and discussion followed. Councilmember Carpenter made a motion to approve and authorize Staff to apply for a 5310 Grant Application. Mayor Besich-Lira seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

G. Appointment of a Regional Council Representative and Alternate to the Rural Transportation Advocacy Council (RTAC)

Mr. Hall explained that new Rural Transportation Advocacy Council (RTAC) Representatives needed to be appointed. Councilmember Waldron volunteered to serve as the Representative to the RTAC and Mayor Besich-Lira volunteered to serve as the alternate. Questions, comments and discussion followed. Mayor McFarland made a motion to approve the Representatives to the RTAC. Mayor Thompson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

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, CAG Human Services Transportation Coordination Plan (2017) and the 5304 Transit Planning Funds. Questions, comments and discussion followed. 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. She informed the Council that the Casa Grande WIOA office has relocated to 318 N. Florence Street in Casa Grande. Ms. French reported on trainings she has attended and upcoming Job Fairs and Expos that the WIOA Staff will be attending in the Region in the upcoming months. Questions, comments and discussion followed. This was an information item.

J. Area-Wide 208 Water Quality Management Plan

Mr. Urban informed the Council that the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Region IX Water Division Director has approved the 2016 CAG Area Wide Water Quality Management Plan. Mr. Urban thanked those for assisting with the Plan. Questions, comments and discussion followed. This was an information item.

K. Election of Officers

Councilmember Waldron nominated Councilmember Benning as Chairman. Supervisor Rios seconded the nomination. Mayor Dalley nominated Mayor Gameros as Vice Chairman. Councilmember Carpenter seconded the nomination. Councilmember Waldron nominated Councilmember Hinojos as Secretary/Treasurer. Mayor Dalley seconded the nomination. Supervisor Rios made a motion to close nominations. Mayor Besich-Lira seconded the motion. Councilmember Waldron made a motion to approve Councilmember Benning as Chairman, Mayor Gameros as Vice Chairman and Councilmember Hinojos as Secretary/Treasurer of the Regional Council. Mayor Dalley seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

VIII. LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Kevin Adam provided the Legislative Update.

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

The next Regional Council Meeting is scheduled for March 22, 2017 in Apache Junction.

X. ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember Waldron made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Carpenter seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Chair Benning adjourned the meeting at 8:22 p.m.

Approved on _____