

**REGIONAL COUNCIL MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 8, 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 7:00 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 Darryl Dalley, Councilmember Fred Carpenter, Councilmember Anita Hinojos, Supervisor Pete Rios, Councilmember Dave Waldron, Mayor Craig McFarland, Councilmember Vincent Manfredi, Mayor Mila Besich-Lira, Vice Mayor Micah Powell, Mayor Tara Walter, Councilmember Bobby Davis, Councilmember Thomas Lagunas

**Members Absent:** Mayor Jon Thompson, Mayor Joe Dietz, Mayor Debra Sommers, Mayor Ed Honea

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

**Guests:** Greg Stanley, Robin Barker, LaRon Garrett, Irene Higgs, Bryant Powell, Matt Busby, Rick Miller, Steven Turner, Kevin Adam, Paul Jepson, Jamie Bennett, Harvey Krauss, Christa Rizzi, Joe Heatherly, Andy Smith, Tim Wolfe, Eddie Caine

**IV. CALL TO THE PUBLIC**

No one answered the Call to the Public.

**V. CONSENT ITEMS**

Mayor Walter 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 January 25, 2017 were approved under Consent Item V-A.

**B. Review, Discussion and Decision on the Adoption of Resolution 2017-1 Supporting and Declaring April Fair Housing Month**

Resolution 2017-1 Supporting and Declaring April Fair Housing Month was approved under Consent Item V-B.

### **C. Approval of the CAG/Sun Corridor MPO Human Services Transportation Coordination Plan 2017-2019**

The CAG/Sun Corridor MPO Human Services Transportation Coordination Plan 2017-2019 was approved under Consent Item V-C.

## **VI. DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Ms. Robles provided her Director's Report in the Regional Council packet. This was an information item.

## **VII. NEW BUSINESS**

### **A. 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. Mayor McFarland made a motion to approve the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) FY 2017 – FY 2027. Mayor Gameros seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

### **B. CAG Budget Committee Update**

Ms. York provided an update from the February 27, 2017 Budget Committee meeting. She explained that the Budget Committee wants to conduct a survey with CAG Member entities to see what services our members are using and what services are needed from our members. Also discussed were options for cutting expenses, membership dues, office space and the WIOA Program. This was an information item.

### **C. Planning and Economic Development Update**

Mr. Mecham provided an update on activities in the Planning and Economic Development department. He informed the Council that the Town of Kearny General Plan is near completion. Mr. Mecham also updated the Council on tourism efforts and a new community development project with the Town of Winkelman that he is working on.

### **D. Review, Discussion and Decision to direct the Executive Director to remove the job posting for the CAG Finance Manager position**

Chairman Benning reported that the Budget Committee and Management Committee have requested that the advertisement for CAG's Finance Manager position be removed from all published locations. Questions, comments and discussion followed. Councilmember Carpenter made a motion to approve removing the advertisement for CAG's Finance Manager position from all published locations. Mayor Walter 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 Management Committee meeting is scheduled for April 26, 2017 in Apache Junction.

## **X. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Councilmember Waldron made a motion to adjourn and go into Executive Session. Mayor Besich Lira seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The Regional Council went into Executive Session at 7:42 pm.

### **A. Discussion and Possible Approval to recommend terms of resignation and separation agreement of employment of Executive Director**

Mayor Walter made a motion to approve the separation agreement for Mr. Hall for 60 days severance pay plus vacation time. The new agreement would cancel the previous agreement with Mr. Hall. The agreement would state that Mr. Hall would agree to waive his rights to a lawsuit against CAG, he would have a positive reference by separation, healthcare until the end of March and Mr. Hall would be required to turn over all CAG assets. Mayor Gameros seconded the motion. The motion passed. Councilmember Carpenter abstained from voting.

### **B. Review, Discussion and Decision to recommend to Regional Council the appointment of an Interim Executive Director from a list provided by the Management Committee**

Councilmember Carpenter made a motion to approve Andrea Robles, CAG Executive Assistant, as the Interim Executive Director with a 15% increase in pay. Supervisor Rios seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

### **C. Review, Discussion and Decision to recommend to Regional Council to provide the Management Committee with direction to develop a recommendation for a process to recruit a permanent Executive Director**

Councilmember Carpenter made a motion to direct the Management Committee to form a Subcommittee of members to lead the recruitment process for the Executive Director position. The top finalists would then go to Regional Council for final approval. Mayor Walter seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

### **D. Review, Discussion and Decision on Financial feasibility of costs associated with separation and recruitment of the vExecutive Director and all related expenses**

Councilmember Waldron, made a motion to direct CAG Staff to prepare the financial projections for the cost of the severance pay for the Executive Director and all related expenses. Vice Mayor Powell seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

## **XI. 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 9:05 p.m.

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