

Regional Council Meeting
Wednesday, June 27, 2018 – 7:00 pm
CAG Conference Room
2540 W. Apache Trail, Suite 108
Apache Junction, Arizona

M I N U T E S

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Gameros called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

III. ROLL CALL AND INTRODUCTIONS

Members Present: Al Gameros, Dave Waldron, Bobby Davis, Pete Rios, Darryl Dalley, Craig McFarland, Jon Thompson, Debra Sommers, Vincent Manfredi, Robin Benning, Mila Besich-Lira, Anita Hinojos

Members Absent: Tim Humphrey, Bobby Smith, Fred Carpenter, Joel Belloc, Tara Walter, Joe Dietz, Ed Honea

Guests: Kevin Adam, Rick Powers, Anna Flores, Joe Heatherly, Steven Turner, Ben Bitter, Rick Miller, Paul Jepson, Irene Higgs, Mary Springer, Anna McCray,

Staff: Rob MacDonald, Andrea Robles, Angela Gotto, Brad Mecham, Travis Ashbaugh, Alan Urban, Yvonne Tackett, Ken Hebert

IV. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

No one answered the Call to the Public.

V. CONSENT ITEMS

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

A. Approval of Regional Council Minutes – June 27, 2018

The Six-Year Traffic Count Location Plan for FY 2019 to FY 2024 was approved under Consent Item V-A

B. Approval of the CAG/Sun Corridor Municipal Planning Organization Joint Project Agreement (JPA) for Mobility Management services

The CAG 2018 Title VI Non-Discrimination Program Implementation Plan was approved under Consent Item V-B

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C. Review, Discussion and Decision on the membership of CAG’s Committees

The CAG 2018 Title VI Non-Discrimination Program Implementation Plan was approved under Consent Item V-B

D. Review, Discussion and Decision on the CAG FY 2019 – FY 2029 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendments

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VI. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT

Mr. MacDonald updated the Council on recent activities and meetings taking place at CAG. He provided information about the CAG annual audit, the CAG ADOT Audit, and potential contracts that were in progress. Questions, comments and discussion followed Mr. MacDonald’s report. This was an information item.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Financial Report

Mr. Mecham presented the 2018 CEDS update and reviewed the changes made to the plan. Questions, comments and discussion followed. Councilmember Davis made a motion to approve the 2018 CEDS Update. Councilmember Benning seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

B. Update on the Executive Director Position

Mr. Ashbaugh reviewed the amendments to the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) FY 2018 – FY 2028 and explained the changes to the Council. Questions, comments and discussion followed. Councilmember Davis made a motion to approve the CAG Transportation Improvement Program FY 2018 – FY 2028 Amendments as presented. Councilmember Benning seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

C. Review, Discussion and Decision on the Interim Executive Director’s salary increase

Mr. Ashbaugh presented the ADOT Annual Work Program to the council. The FY 2019 ADOT Annual Work Program provides \$195,000 Federal dollars to the CAG Transportation Department to carry out the elements that are identified within the work plan. CAG provides a local match of \$42,000. Mayor Besich-Lira made a motion to approve the ADOT Annual Work Program as presented. Mayor McFarland seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

D. Review, Discussion and Decision on the adoption of the CAG FY 2019 Operating Budget

Rick Powers, Jacobs Engineering, presented the findings of the Greater Gila County Transit Study Feasibility Report and Implementation Plan. Questions, comments and discussion followed. Councilmember Waldron made a motion to approve the Greater Gila County Transit Study.



Councilmember Benning seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

E. Review, Discussion and Decision on the confirmation of the Regional Council Voting Membership

Ms. Tackett presented a summary of CAG's financial activities since the last meeting. She reviewed the financial reports with the Council. Questions, comments and discussion followed. Councilmember Waldron made a motion to approve the financial report. Councilmember Benning seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

F. Review, Discussion and Decision to Execute a Resolution with the Joint Planning Advisory Council (JPAC) to Collaborate on Areas of Mutual interest while reaffirming planning coordination with the Central Arizona Governments (CAG), Central Yavapai Metropolitan Planning Organization (CYMPO), Maricopa Association of Governments (MAG), Pima Association of Governments (PAG) and the Sun Corridor Metropolitan Planning Organization (SCMPO)

Mr. MacDonald presented the FY 2019 Annual Member Dues Assessment. He stated that the assessment was not changing from the previous year and it would remain \$175,000. Questions, comments and discussion followed. Councilmember Waldron made a motion to approve the FY 2019 annual membership dues in the amount of \$175,000. Councilmember Benning seconded the motion. The motion passed.

G. Review, Discussion and Decision on the FY 2019 RTAC Assessment

Mr. MacDonald presented the FY 2019 RTAC Assessment. He stated that the RTAC Assessment for FY 2019 would be \$45,166 and that these funds are a pass through to NACOG for the Rural Transportation services provided to the rural COG's. Questions, comments and discussion followed. Councilmember Davis made a motion to approve the FY 2019 RTAC Assessment in the amount of \$45,166. Supervisor Rios seconded the motion. The motion passed.

VIII. LEGISLATIVE SESSION RECAP

IX. CALL TO THE COUNCIL

The members in attendance provided updates for their Communities.

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

The next Regional Council meeting is scheduled for September 26, 2018 in Apache Junction.

XI. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Councilmember Davis made a motion to adjourn the regular session of the Regional Council and enter into Executive Session at 9:16 p.m. Supervisor Rios seconded the motion. The motion passed.

The regular session of Regional Council was reconvened at 11:20 p.m.

A. Discussion of possible recommendation regarding a performance evaluation

No action was taken on this item



B. Discussion and possible action concerning the employment contract with the Executive Director and possible action on a separation agreement of employment of Executive Director

Councilmember Davis made a motion to terminate Rob MacDonald’s contract with immediate suspension, with a three month payout and appoint Ms. Robles as the Interim Executive Director of CAG, and directed the attorney to provide Mr. MacDonald with a separation agreement. Councilmember Waldron seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Mayor Gameros, Mayor Dalley, Councilmember Davis, Councilmember Waldron, Mayor Thompson, Mayor Sommers and Vice-Mayor Manfredi voted aye. Supervisor Pete Rios, Mayor McFarland, Councilmember Benning and Mayor Besich-Lira voted nay. The motion passed 7-4.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

Dave Waldron made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Jon Thompson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Chair Gameros adjourned the meeting at 11:15 p.m.

Approved on _____