

Regional Council Meeting
Wednesday, January 30, 2019 – 5:55 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 5:55 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, Jon Thompson, Tim Humphrey, Dean Hetrick, Darryl Dalley, Bobby Davis, Anita Hinojos, Pete Rios, Robert Schroeder, Craig McFarland, Debra Sommers, Vincent Manfredi, Robin Benning, Mila Besich

Members Absent: Joel Belloc, Tara Walter, Joe Dietz, Ed Honea, Thomas Morrissey

Guests: Gail Barney, Darren Farar, Heather Wilkey, Mary Springer, Rick Miller, Ben Bitter, Samantha Samples, Chip Wilson, Anna Flores, Kevin Adam, Robin Barker

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

IV. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

No one answered the Call to the Public.

V. CONSENT ITEMS

Vice-Mayor Benning, Town of Queen Creek, made a motion to approve the consent agenda items as presented. Supervisor Rios, Pinal County, seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

A. Approval of Regional Council Minutes – December 3, 2018

The December 3, 2018 minutes were approved under Consent Item V-A.

VI. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Ms. Robles updated the Council on recent activities and meetings taking place at CAG. She provided information about a contract that had been executed with TRA to conduct traffic counting in CAG's Transportation Region. She also spoke about the Designated Management Area (DMA) workshop that staff held with the Town of Miami, City of Globe and Tri-City Sanitation District. Ms. Robles asked the committee for their input on the best way to send them meetings and appointments. The majority of the Regional Council requested text messages going forward. Questions, comments and discussion followed Ms. Robles's report. This was an information item.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Title VI Training

Mr. Ashbaugh provided Title VI Training to the Council. Mr. Ashbaugh stated that as a recipient of Federal funds through the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT), this training would be provided on an annual basis to ensure that compliance is being met per federal requirements. He informed the Council that CAG is held to a standard of non-discrimination as described within the CAG Title VI Plan. Mr. Ashbaugh provided an overview on what Title VI is and what the responsibilities are as well as the complaint process. Questions, comments and discussion followed. This was an information item.

B. Financial Report

Ms. Tackett presented a summary of all funds for the period ending December 31, 2018. She reviewed the financial report ending December 31, CAG's check register and accounts receivable. Ms. Tackett explained that due to the government shutdown many of CAGs funding agencies are being affected and that, at this time, the agency does not have access to the majority of its reimbursable funds including EDA, USDA, some Transportation funds and required EPA approvals on quarterly billings. She stated that Ms. Robles called an emergency Executive Committee meeting on January 3, 2019 to discuss the impact of the shutdown and to seek guidance and discuss options with the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee recommended that it be requested of CAGs member agencies to step up and help if possible to provide some temporary relief funds to carry CAG through until funding becomes available. A temporary furlough has been implemented whereby CAG staff work a reduced workweek in an effort to decrease expenses while still maintaining the work that is required to keep up with CAGs grant projects. Ms. Robles thanked the City of Globe for prepaying \$50,000 on upcoming projects to be administered by CAG, to assist CAG with cash flow. Councilmember Davis, Star Valley, stated that he would like to thank Ms. Robles for coming to the Executive Committee so quickly with the issues CAG was facing. He also thanked Ms. Robles for making the necessary changes and corrections to CAGs line of credit. Mayor Gameros, City of Globe, expressed his appreciation to Ms. Robles and Staff for working through the difficulty of the situation. He also stated that he thinks it's important for staff to be able to recoup their wages after funds become available to CAG. Vice-Mayor Benning, Town of Queen Creek, expressed his appreciation to the City of Globe for making an advance payment to CAG to help with relief funding. He stated that he would be willing to go to his council to make a contribution to CAG as well. Mayor McFarland, City of Casa Grande, made a motion to accept the financial report. Vice-Mayor Benning, Town of Queen Creek, seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

C. Review, Discussion and Decision on the acceptance of the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) Audit

Ms. Robles stated that at the December 3, 2018 Regional Council meeting, the Council directed her to meet with the Executive Committee so that they could provide a recommendation back to the Regional Council on how to proceed with the ADOT Audit report. Ms. Robles stated that the Executive Committee made the recommendation to accept the ADOT Audit without further presentation. Mayor McFarland, City of Casa Grande, made a motion to accept the ADOT Audit. Vice-Mayor Benning, Town of Queen Creek, seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

D. Review, Discussion and Decision on the CAG Legislative Day Issues and Priorities

Ms. Robles informed the Council that CAG and the Sun Corridor Metropolitan Planning Organization will host a joint Legislative Day for both organizations. She stated that the event would be held on February 4, 2019 at 10:00 am at the League of Arizona Cities and Towns building. She stated that Staff will provide the agenda including legislative issues and priorities for the Region prior to the event. Ms. Robles asked the Council to RSVP if they had not confirmed attendance. She also asked for issues, priorities, ideas or questions for discussion purposes to be submitted to her. There was no action taken on this item.

E. Overview of the 208 Planning Process

Mr. Ashbaugh provided an overview of the 208 Wastewater planning program. He stated that the last 208 Plan Amendment was processed in 2012 and since that time, several new members are now part of the CAG Management Committee and Regional Council. He provided a quick overall description of the CAG 208 process as several amendments are currently under review and more are expected. Mr. Ashbaugh stated that it depends on what the applicant is doing and it varies by project. This was an information item.

F. Review, Discussion and Decision on Resolution No. 2019-01 approving and adopting the expansion of the Town of Queen Creek's Designated Management Agency Boundary

Mr. Ashbaugh stated that the Town of Queen Creek began the CAG 208 Plan Amendment process in October 2017 to expand the Town's current Designated Management Agency's (DMA) boundary within Pinal County by 9.7 square miles. He stated that the proposed DMA expansion is bounded primarily of vacant State Lands to the north and east, mid to rural residential to the south and industrial to the west. Mr. Ashbaugh stated that the designation of a DMA provides the Town the right to effectively plan for wastewater services and obligates the Town to provide for the maintenance and protection of water quality in the proposed area. He informed the Council that the Town has demonstrated that it meets the legal, financial and technical capabilities to carry out water quality planning for the proposed expansion. Mayor McFarland, City of Casa Grande, asked if the town intends to annex the land. Mr. Ashbaugh stated that they will annex. Mayor Thompson, City of Coolidge, asked what the expansions boundaries are. Mr. Ashbaugh stated that the proposed expansion is bound by Meridian, Pima Road, CAP canal, and the Frye road alignment. Supervisor Rios, Pinal County, asked if there is any pushback from Supervisor Goodman or Supervisor House. Mr. Ashbaugh stated that Supervisor Goodman was initially opposed to the expansion, but now is in support of the expansion and the communication showing such is included in the amendment. He stated there was no communication with Supervisor House. Mr. Ashbaugh stated that at this



time, the City of Mesa has not attended any public meetings, including the public hearing, the Environmental Planning Committee meeting, Management Committee meeting or Regional Council meeting to address their objection. He stated that the City of Mesa will officially withdraw their objection once the Queen Creek IGA is finalized. This communication is present in Appendix F of the Queen Creek 208 Plan Amendment. Mayor Gameros, City of Globe, asked if the expansion will hook into the current system. Mr. Ashbaugh stated that it would. Vice-Mayor Benning, Town of Queen Creek, stated that this is an expansion of their current system and that the Town has no new facilities being built at this time. Vice-Mayor Benning made a motion to approve Resolution 2019-01 adopting Queen Creek's 208 Plan Amendment. Councilmember Davis seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

G. Transportation Planning Update

Mr. Ashbaugh updated the Council on current transportation planning matters in the CAG Region. He included an update on the Mobility Management grant cycle and stated that CAG will be applying for \$120,000 to fund a full time position and continue a three-month transitional period with Eddie Caine Consulting. Mr. Ashbaugh also stated that CAG applied for \$150,000 in transit 5305(e) funds to complete a Transit Governance Study for Pinal County. This was an information item.

H. Census 2020 Programs Update

Mr. Ashbaugh provided an overview on the upcoming Census 2020 programs. Mr. Ashbaugh stated that CAG will be contacting all local agencies within Pinal and Gila County to conduct the Participant Statistical Areas Program (PSAP) program. He informed the Council that he would be reaching out for feedback from the jurisdictions for PSAP. Mr. Ashbaugh stated that the communities should be receiving an invitation in December to update their City/Town limits as part of the Boundary Annexation Survey (BAS). He noted that the BAS is important to ensure that city/town limits are correct so that the 2020 Census tabulations are accurate for the jurisdictions. Mayor McFarland, City of Casa Grande, asked if the boundary is the physical boundary of the jurisdiction or the planning boundary. Mr. Ashbaugh stated that it is the physical city limits. Mr. Ashbaugh informed the Council that now is a good time to begin a Complete Count Committee, especially if their jurisdiction has a history of being hard to count. The objective of the Complete Count Committee is to create awareness in that community about the importance of everyone being counted for the Census. Supervisor Rios asked if the Census still asks if the person is a US Citizen. Mr. Ashbaugh stated that it is currently in the appeals court. Supervisor Rios stated that if it remains in the questionnaire people do not have answer it. Mayor Gameros, City of Globe, stated that a person only needs to answer how many are in the household for the survey to be valid. Mayor McFarland asked if the homeless can be surveyed. Mr. Ashbaugh stated that you can survey the homeless. Mayor Gameros asked how does a jurisdiction count the residents that live in their community but have a mailing address that may be outside their community. Mr. Bitter, Town of Florence, informed the Council that the Governor put \$5 million in the budget that will be distributed to the cities for Census outreach. This was an information item.



I. Economic Development and Planning Department Update

Mr. Mecham provided updates on projects related to the Economic Development and Planning Department. Mr. Mecham provided information regarding the ASARCO Lead Based Paint Abatement contract. He stated that CAG has entered into a contract with Adams & Wendt for the testing phase of this project. The second phase will include the identification of schools, libraries and other public buildings that will be tested. Mr. Mecham stated that staff is creating the RFP for the abatement portion of the project. Mayor Hetrick, Town of Hayden, inquired about sign up deadlines for the residents. Mr. Mecham stated that there currently isn't a cutoff date and that residents can still sign up. Councilmember Davis, Town of Star Valley, asked if people were being moved out when tests return with high numbers. Mr. Mecham stated that initially they aren't being displaced, but that could happen as testing continues and the project moves forward. Supervisor Rios, Pinal County, asked if the displacement would be permanent. Mr. Mecham stated that it is temporary and that residents will be provided with a hotel room and food vouchers while they are displaced. Mayor Gameros asked if the abatement affects clothes and furniture. Mr. Mecham stated that dust doesn't affix itself and all of the dust from any abatement will be cleaned and removed from the home. This was an information item.

J. Review, Discussion and Decision on the Election of Officers

Vice-Mayor Benning, Town of Queen Creek, nominated Mayor Al Gameros, City of Globe as Chairperson for 2019. Supervisor Humphrey seconded the nomination. Supervisor Rios, Pinal County made a motion to close the nominations and appoint Mayor Gameros for Chairman. Vice Mayor Benning seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Mayor Dalley nominated Councilmember Davis, Town of Star Valley as Vice-Chairperson. Mayor Thompson seconded the nomination. Supervisor Rios made a motion to close the nominations and appoint Councilmember Davis for Vice Chairman. Mayor Dalley seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Councilmember Davis nominated Mayor Thompson as Secretary/Treasurer. Supervisor Rios seconded the nomination. Supervisor Rios made a motion to close the nominations and appoint Mayor Thompson as Secretary/Treasurer. Councilmember Davis seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

VIII. CALL TO THE COUNCIL

Members of the Council provided updates about current activities in their communities. Vice-Mayor Benning stated that he would like to have call to the council moved on the agenda to after the Legislative Update.

XIV. LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Kevin Adam provided the Legislative Update to the Council.

XVI. DATE, TIME, LOCATION OF NEXT MEETING

The next Regional Council meeting will be held on March 27, 2019 in Apache Junction.

XVII. ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember Davis made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Vice-Mayor Benning seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Chair Gameros adjourned the meeting at 7:40 p.m.