

Regional Council Meeting
Wednesday, March 27, 2019 – 6:00 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 6:00 pm.

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, Bobby Davis, Jon Thompson, Tim Humphrey, Jim Ferris, Anita Hinojos, Pete Rios, Robert Schroeder, Craig McFarland, Vincent Manfredi, Robin Benning, Mila Besich, Micah Powell

Members Absent: Dean Hetrick, Darryl Dalley, Tara Walter, Joe Dietz, Debra Sommers, Ed Honea

Guests: Mary Springer, Gilbert Lopez, Ben Bitter, Paul Jepson, Samantha Samples, Garrett Goldman, Kevin Adam, Anna McCray, LaRon Garrett, Steven Turner, Greg Hitt, Heather Wilkey, Bill Carroll, Farhad Moghimi

Staff: Andrea Robles, Yvonne Tackett, Angela Gotto, Emily Smith, 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. Councilmember Davis, Town of Star Valley, seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

A. Approval of Regional Council Minutes – January 30, 2019

The January 30, 2019 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 the Town of Mammoth for the administration

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of a USDA project. Ms. Robles stated that the FY 2020 draft budget is currently being prepared. She explained that this year she would work with the Executive Committee to serve as the Budget Committee in an effort to have the budget approved in May. Ms. Robles thanked those who attended the Legislative day and stated that there were 65 in attendance. Questions, comments and discussion followed Ms. Robles's report. This was an information item.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Financial Report

Ms. Tackett presented the financial report for the period ending January 31, 2019. The report included department financials, CAG's check register and the accounts receivable log. Ms. Tackett explained that the receivables are approximately one month behind the expenditures due to waiting for reimbursements once the expense is incurred. Councilmember Davis made a motion to approve the financial report as presented. Vice-Mayor Benning seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

B. Review, Discussion and Decision on the CAG/SCMPO Human Services Transportation Coordination Plan 2019 Update

Mr. Eddie Caine, CAG/SCMPO Mobility Manager, presented the CAG/SCMPO Human Services Transportation Coordination Plan 2019 update. He explained the new changes within the program. Mr. Caine informed the Committee that this year the CAG Region requested almost \$800,000 in 5310 funds. He stated that this is the most the region has ever asked for. Mr. Caine stated that the funding for this program has moved to a two-year cycle instead of a one-year cycle. Mayor Besich, Town of Superior, made a motion to approve the CAG/SCMPO Human Services Transportation Coordination Plan 2019 Update. Councilmember Davis seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

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

Mr. Ashbaugh presented the CAG TIP Amendments for consideration. He stated that the amendments are Project #GIL 22-01C, Golden Hill Sidewalk; Project #GIL 18-01D/GIL 20-01C, Colcord Road; and Project #GIL 20-01C, Regional Traffic Counts. Councilmember Davis made a motion to approve the CAG TIP FY 2019 – FY 2029 Amendments. Mayor Besich seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

D. Review, Discussion and Decision on Resolution No. 2019-02 approving and adopting the CAG 208 Amendment for the Northern Gila County Sanitary District

Mr. Urban stated that Resolution No. 2019-02 authorizes the expansion of Northern Gila County Sanitary District's water treatment plant. The amendment was initiated during a permit review by the state where it was discovered that there was not an existing amendment for the sanitary district. Mr. Urban introduced Garrett Goldman, Northern Gila County Sanitary District, whom was available to answer any questions the Council may have. Supervisor Rios, Pinal County, stated that the Northern Gila County Sanitary District serves the Tonto Apache and questioned why this wasn't shown to give a more accurate depiction of the service area. Mr. Urban responded that the Tonto Apache are a paying customer and the district has no authority over them,



therefore they felt it was best to leave the area out. Mr. Urban stated that this is a landlocked service area and that there were no comments at the public hearings. He stated that the Forest Service did attend the public hearings, but did not provide comments. Councilmember Davis made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2019-02 approving and adopting the CAG 208 Amendment for the Northern Gila County Sanitary District. Supervisor Rios seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

E. Review, Discussion and Decision on Resolution No. 2019-03 approving and adopting the CAG 208 Amendment for Pima County

Mr. Urban stated that Resolution No. 2019-03 was initiated by Robson Developments for creation of a Senior Living Development, which currently has no one to offer service to it, across the highway from the existing Eagle Crest Ranch that is currently served by Pima County. He stated that there was previously an MOU for Pima County to serve Eagle Crest Ranch, but it was deemed inadequate. Mr. Urban stated that CAG is authorizing Pima County to establish a DMA within the CAG Region to give them the authority to serve the existing customers as well as the new development. He introduced Greg Hitt, Pima County Regional Wastewater, Bill Carroll, Engineering & Environmental Consultants and Farhad Moghimi, Pima Association of Governments, whom were available to answer any questions the council might have. Mayor Gameros asked if the new service won't protrude past the boundary. Mr. Urban stated that it is constrained by State Land property around the DMA's boundaries. Supervisor Rios made a motion to approve Resolution No 2019-03 approving and adopting the CAG 208 Amendment for Pima County. Mayor McFarland seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

F. Review, Discussion and Decision on approving the Interim Executive Director to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) with the Yuma Metropolitan Planning Organization (YMPO)

Ms. Robles informed the Council that the Yuma Metropolitan Planning Organization's (YMPO) Executive Board approved for the YMPO Executive Director, Paul Ward, to enter into an IGA with the CAG Interim Executive Director for a loan of up to \$150,000 with a 2% interest rate, which includes the legal and processing fees, to be paid back over the next 12 months. She stated that this loan is to assist CAG with financial stability, working capital and a back-up plan should another emergency arise (i.e. government shutdown). Ms. Robles stated that this is a one-time loan that will help CAG maintain operations and not rely on member agencies should another emergency arise. Mayor McFarland stated that he would like to see a plan to get CAG out of the financial situation they are currently in. Councilmember Davis stated that Ms. Robles and her team have demonstrated that they can come out of a financial crisis and that the financial situation is getting better. Supervisor Tim Humphrey, Gila County, stated that it is important to have working capital and that he would hate to see CAG have the opportunity for five projects but only have capital for one. Mayor McFarland asked if Ms. Robles could negotiate with YMPO to add an option to add a year for payback or a clause for emergency situations, such as another government shutdown. Vice-Mayor Benning stated that it is very fortuitous that YMPO wants to help CAG. He continued that CAG is an organization that does good things and the Council needs to continue supporting the organization. Vice-Mayor Benning made a motion to approve the Interim Executive Director to enter into an IGA with the YMPO with a payback plan. Supervisor Humphrey seconded the motion. Councilmember Robert Schroeder, City of Apache Junction, voted nay. Motion passed 12-1.



G. Discussion and Decision on the Executive Director position

Chairman Gameros explained that the Council had requested, at the September Regional Council meeting, to discuss a possible recruitment or appointment for the Executive Director position at the beginning of the CAG Budget process. He stated that the discussion was necessary so that the budget could be prepared accordingly. Chairman Gameros informed the Council that the Executive Committee met on March 4th and made a recommendation to appoint Ms. Robles as the full-time Executive Director. Ms. Robles stated that several granting agencies and partners have expressed that it is crucial for CAG to have a permanent full time Executive Director to provide stability to the agency. Mayor McFarland requested to hear the recommendations of the Management Committee. Mr. Steven Turner, Management Committee Chairman, addressed the Council and stated that the Management Committee made a recommendation to appoint Ms. Robles as the permanent Executive Director. The Committee also recommended to modify the Executive Director job position to include education and a combination of experience, change the Bachelor's degree requirement to state Bachelor or Master's Degree preferred. Mayor McFarland suggested that Ms. Robles continue her education and obtain her Certified Public Manager (CPM) certification. Vice-Mayor Benning stated that he was in favor of continuing education and would like CAG to pay for her continuing education to help strengthen her leadership and the organization as well as continuing education/training for all CAG Staff. Supervisor Rios stated that he would like to see Ms. Robles appointed due to her years of experience, relationships and qualifications. Vice-Mayor Benning made a motion to appoint Ms. Robles as the full time Executive Director of CAG with the proviso that CAG pay for her CPM certification and continuing education and to place a letter in Ms. Robles' employee file stating that the Council has taken into consideration Ms. Robles' tenure with the agency and progress and experience over the last two years as the Interim Executive Director. Mayor Besich seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

H. Department Updates

Ms. Robles stated that the department updates were included for the Councils review. She reviewed some of the projects and stated that staff was available to answer questions. There were no questions or comments. This was an information item.

VIII. CALL TO THE COMMITTEE

Mayor McFarland, City of Casa Grande, stated that the State of the City would be held on April 4, 2019 at their new rec center at 1:00 pm. Mayor Gameros, City of Globe, stated that their home tour is on April 6th and 7th.

IX. LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Kevin Adam provided the Legislative Update to the Council.

X. DATE, TIME, LOCATION OF NEXT MEETING

The next Regional Council meeting will be held on May 1, 2019 in Apache Junction.



XI. ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember Davis made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mayor Thompson seconded the motion. Chairman Gameros adjourned the meeting at 7:43 pm.