



DATE: September 25, 2019
TIME: 6:00 p.m.
LOCATION: 2540 W. Apache Trail, Suite 108; Apache Junction, AZ 85120

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Gameros called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

III. ROLL CALL AND INTRODUCTIONS

Members Present: Al Gameros, Tim Humphrey, Dean Hetrick, Darryl Dalley, Jim Ferris, Bobby Davis, Anita Hinojos, Pete Rios, Robert Schroeder, Jon Thompson, Micah Powell, Joe Dietz, Vincent Manfredi, Robin Benning, Mila Besich

Members Absent: Robert Huddleston, Tara Walter, Debra Sommers, Ed Honea

Staff: Andrea Robles, Travis Ashbaugh, Brad Mecham, Yvonne Tackett, Catherine Mancha, Alan Urban, Ken Hebert

Guests: Kevin Adam, Gilbert Lopez, Paul Jepson, Heather Wilkey, Christina Estes-Werther, Irene Higgs, Mary Springer, Ben Bitter, Andy Smith

IV. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

No one answered the Call to the Public

V. LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Kevin Adam provided the Legislative Update to the Council.

VI. OPEN MEETING LAW OVERVIEW

Christina Estes-Werther, League of Arizona Cities and Towns provided an overview of the Open Meeting Law for the Council. Ms. Estes-Werther covered topics including meeting requirements, when open meeting law applies, violations of open meeting law, social events, email, texting and other electronic communications and social media.

VII. CONSENT ITEMS

Mayor Darryl Dalley, Town of Miami, made a motion to approve the consent agenda items as presented. Councilmember Bobby Davis, Town of Star Valley, seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

A. Approval of Regional Council Minutes – June 26, 2019

The June 26, 2019 minutes were approved under Consent Item V-A.

B. Approval of the membership of CAG Committees

The membership of CAG Committees was approved under Consent Item V-B.

C. Approval of a Joint Project Agreement (JPA) for Mobility Management Services between CAG and the Sun Corridor MPO

The JPA for Mobility Management Services between CAG and Sun Corridor MPO was approved under Consent Item V-C.

VIII. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Ms. Robles updated the Council on recent activities and meetings taking place at CAG. She informed the council that the first round of Employee Performance Evaluations had been completed for staff. She stated that after auditing personnel files, she discovered that evaluations had not been completed since 2011. Ms. Robles stated that she and staff attended the Rural Transportation Summit held at Casino Del Sol in Tucson October 16th – 18th.

Ms. Robles informed the council that CAG has executed contracts with Nelson/Nygaard for the Pinal County Transit Governance Study, ADEQ for a regional Septic System Project and two contracts with WIFA for procurement assistance and Davis/Bacon Monitoring under Clean Water and Drinking Water. Questions, comments and discussion followed. This was an information item.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

A. Financial Report

Ms. Tackett presented the financial report and stated that CAG is currently in favorable conditions and there is a positive trend in CAG's finances. She stated that with 8% of the year complete, CAG's budget is currently at 3% in expenditures and 10% in revenues collected. Ms. Tackett stated that all payables are current. She informed the council that ADOT has gone to a new system for reimbursements so we have not been able to submit any reimbursement requests at this time, however we should be able to request reimbursement within the month. Mayor Darryl Dalley, Town of Miami, made a motion to approve CAG's financial report as presented. Vice-Mayor Robin Benning, Town of Queen Creek, seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

B. Confirm Regional Council Voting Membership

Ms. Robles informed the council that each year Regional Council is asked to confirm the voting membership in accordance with CAG Bylaws. She stated that all membership dues have been collected at this time. Councilmember Bobby Davis, Town of Star Valley, made a motion to approve the Regional Council voting membership. Mayor Joe Dietz, Town of Mammoth, seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

C. CAG FY 2020 – FY 2030 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

Mr. Ashbaugh informed the council that there were six amendments to the CAG TIP. He reviewed each of the amendments for the council. The amendments to the TIP were Jesse Hayes/Pinal Creek Bridge & Intersection, Broad Street and Oak/Hill Street (Globe), FY 2022 and FY 2023 Regional Traffic Counting (CAG), Houston Mesa Rd and Control Rd (Gila County). Questions, comments and discussion followed. Vice-Mayor Robin Benning, Town of Queen Creek, made a motion to approve the TIP Amendments as presented. Mayor Darryl Dalley, Town of Miami, seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

D. Population Estimates

Mr. Ashbaugh presented the 2018 State Annual Estimates that would be provided to the Office of Economic Opportunity (OEO). He stated that CAG collects data, such as residential completions and group quarters, from each member agency and provides these counts to the OEO for the community's annual population estimates. Questions, comments and discussion followed. This was an information item.

E. Pinal County 2055 Population Projections

Mr. Ashbaugh provided the Council with a general summary of how the population projections are developed. He stated that the Pinal County 2055 Population Projections were developed by Maricopa Association of Governments (MAG) in coordination with CAG. Mr. Ashbaugh stated that population projections through 2055 for these municipalities are provided to the State Demographers Office by MAG and also include population estimates for the communities based on municipal planning area. He stated that CAG adopts projections at the jurisdiction level based on the wishes of the majority of the Council. Mr. Ashbaugh stated that members were given the opportunity to review the first draft of projections in April 2019. He stated that any comments from members were then incorporated into the draft projections that were sent out for final review in May 2019. Vice-Mayor Robin Benning thanked staff for working with the Town of Queen Creek on this item. Vice-Mayor Robin Benning, Town of Queen Creek, made a motion to approve the Pinal County 2055 Population Projections at the jurisdiction level and for the municipalities that are provided to the State Demographer's Officer by MAG also include population estimates for the communities based on municipal planning area. Mayor Darryl Dalley, Town of Miami, seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

F. Re-Establishment of the CAG POPTAC Committee

Mr. Ashbaugh stated that staff is recommending to re-establish the CAG POPTAC Committee for the purpose of reviewing and approving data sets, annual population estimates/population projections and any Census related activities. He provided a history of the POPTAC Committee and its general functions. Questions, comments and discussion followed. Mr. Ashbaugh stated that the POPTAC Committee can be used to address questions that members may have regarding population estimates, population projections and any of the data sets that feed these numbers. Vice-Mayor Robin Benning, Town of Queen Creek, made a motion to approve re-establishment of the CAG POPTAC Committee. Mayor Darryl Dalley, Town of Miami, seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

X. INFORMATION ITEMS

A. 24th Annual Legislative Day

Ms. Robles stated that last year's Legislative day was hosted on February 4, 2019 and was the best attended to date with over 65 attendees and 13 Legislators. She stated that the Management Committee recommended hosting early in February at the same location. Regional Council recommended holding the event on February 3, 2020. Questions, comments and discussion followed. This was an information item.

B. Department Updates

Pinal Regional Transportation Authority

Mr. Smith, Pinal RTA General Manager, stated that as of August 2019, there is \$21.2 million in the PRTA Escrow Account. He stated that staff is compiling data on the costs of projects within Pinal County. Mr. Smith provided an update on the status of the Pinal RTA lawsuit. Questions, comments and discussion followed. This was an information item.

ASARCO Lead Abatement Project

Mr. Ken Hebert provided an update on the status of the ASARCO Lead Abatement Project, stating currently 93 homes have been tested with 50 homes returning a positive result. He stated that nine homes have had the abatement work completed. Questions, comments and discussion followed. This was an information item.

Transportation Planning Department

Mr. Ashbaugh provided updates on the programs within the transportation planning department. He stated that interviews for a Mobility Manager were held on September 3, 2019 and Robert Mawson would begin employment on October 15th as the CAG & Sun Corridor MPO's full time Mobility Manager. Mr. Ashbaugh also reminded the council that the Arizona Rural Transportation Summit was being held October 16-18, 2019 at Casino Del Sol in Tucson, Arizona and it was not too late to register. Questions, comments and discussion followed. This was an information item.

Economic Development and Planning Department

Mr. Mecham informed the council that CAG successfully obtained funding through the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ) to complete a septic system study for the region. He stated that the initial kickoff meeting was held on September 11, 2019.

Mr. Mecham stated that CAG was awarded a 3-year \$210,000 Economic Development Planning and Implementation grant from the Economic Development Administration (EDA). He stated that the match requirement is \$90,000 over three years. Questions, comments and discussion followed. This was an information item.

XI. CALL TO THE COUNCIL

City of Globe stated that Mike Pastor was appointed to the City Council. Apache Jii Day will be held on October 19, 2019.

City of Eloy – A Skydiving competition will be held October 7-12, 2019.

Town of Miami – Thanked the City of Globe, Tri-City Fire and surrounding areas for the mutual aid provided during their fire.

XII. UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

The next Regional Council meeting will be held on December 4, 2019 at 6:00 PM.

XIII. ADJOURN

Councilmember Bobby Davis, made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Anita Hinojos, Town of Winkelman, seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 7:49 PM.