



DATE: June 24, 2020
TIME: 5:00 p.m.
LOCATION: 2540 W. Apache Trail, Suite 108; Apache Junction, AZ 85120

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Davis called the meeting to order at 5:04 PM.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

III. ROLL CALL AND INTRODUCTIONS

Members Present: Bobby Davis, Jon Thompson, Micah Powell, Tim Humphrey, Sammy Gonzales, Jim Ferris, Anita Hinojos, Pete Rios, Robert Schroeder, Bob Huddleston, Vincent Manfredi, Robin Benning, Mila Besich

Members Absent: Al Gameros, Dean Hetrick, Tara Walter, Debra Sommers, Joe Dietz, Ed Honea

Staff: Andrea Robles, Angela Gotto, Yvonne Tackett, Alan Urban, Travis Ashbaugh, Robert Mawson

IV. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

No one answered the Call to the Public

V. LOCAL, REGIONAL, STATE & FEDERAL UPDATES

A. Legislative Update

Kevin Adam provided the Council with a Legislative Update

B. Census Update

Mr. James Hodges provided an update on the Census 2020. He stated that Pinal County had a better response rate than Gila County, but noted that this was due to the fact that Gila County has a large portion located in the update leave area. He stated that COVID postponed some of the efforts of enumerators going out to communities but they did begin two weeks ago. Mr. Hodges stated that in the current climate, they will start going door to door in mid-August to collect responses. He stated that the current goal is to increase self-response rates and that signage and information will be going out to communities to help increase responses. Mr. Hodges stated that the areas of Kearny, Hayden and Winkelman were not performing as well as they had hoped, but they are hopeful that the signage and information will help with the response rates in this area.

VI. CONSENT ITEMS

Councilmember Bob Huddleston, City of Casa Grande, made a motion to approve the consent agenda item as presented. Vice-Mayor Robin Benning, Town of Queen Creek, seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

A. Approval of Regional Council Minutes – April 29, 2020

The April 29, 2020 minutes were approved under Consent Item V-A.

VII. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Ms. Robles updated the Council on recent activities and meetings taking place at CAG. She stated that the Rural Transportation Summit has been postponed to October 2021. She informed the Council that staff will be reaching out to those who have already registered to discuss refunding their registration. Ms. Robles stated that staff had a meeting with the new Town Manager for Town of Kearny, Mr. Jeff McCormick, to explain CAG's programs and welcome him to the Region. She informed the Council that a contract was executed with MAG on April 18, 2020. Ms. Robles stated that CAG was in discussions to partner with SEAGO, NACOG and NAU for funding from the EDA CARES Act Recovery Assistance Program. She stated that the grant would be approximately \$400,000 to assist member agencies with economic recovery during and after COVID-19. Ms. Robles stated that this would be a two-year grant. Questions, comments and discussion followed.

VIII. ACTION ITEMS

A. Financial Report

Ms. Yvonne Tackett presented the April financial report. She stated that we are currently at 95% of our projected revenues and expenditures of 107%. Ms. Tackett explained the increase in expenditures is due to increased activity with the ASARCO project. She explained the positive and negative impacts on the line items due to COVID-19 including salaries, travel, supply, utilities, etc. Questions, comments and discussion followed. Councilmember Bob Huddleston, City of Casa Grande, made a motion to approve the financial report as presented. Vice-Mayor Robin Benning, Town of Queen Creek, seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

B. Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) Update

Mr. Robert Mawson provided the Council with an update on the changes to the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy. He reviewed the updates which includes new economic development projects identified by the CEDS Committee and by local governments; edits to goals and objectives, and opportunity zones. Questions, comments and discussion followed. Vice-Mayor Robin Benning, Town of Queen Creek, made a motion to approve the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) Update. Mayor Sammy Gonzales, Town of Miami, seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

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

Mr. Travis Ashbaugh reviewed the TIP Amendments with the Council. The project listed for approval was the Broad Street construction. He stated that there was a credit back from a previous project and that the Transportation Technical Advisory Committee (TTAC) made a recommendation to repair a culvert for the City of Globe. Mayor Mila Besich, Town of Superior, made a motion to approve the CAG FY 2020 – FY 2030 Transportation Improvement Program. Supervisor Pete Rios, Pinal County, seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

IX. INFORMATION ITEMS

A. Department Updates

CAG Septic System Use Study

Mr. Travis Ashbaugh stated that staff has received a majority of the data requested from Gila and Pinal County. He stated that at this time staff is drafting the non-analytical portions of the report while data is being cleaned up. Questions, comments and discussion followed. This was an information item.

Water Quality Planning

Mr. Ashbaugh provided an update on the Johnson Utilities (EPCOR) CAG 208 Plan Amendment. He informed the Council that CAG will facilitate a meeting between Johnson Utilities and Queen Creek to resolve any issues every 30 days within the next 90 days. Questions, comments and discussion followed. This was an information item.

Community Development Block Grant

Mr. Urban provided updates on the CDBG program, stating that staff is continuing projects for the Town of Hayden (Water System Improvements) and Town of Payson (Public Facilities removal of barriers). He stated that a project for Town of Superior (Park System Improvements) was completed. Mr. Urban stated that a Fair Housing Training would be held in July via Zoom. Questions, comments, and discussion followed. This was an information item.

Transportation Planning

Mr. Ashbaugh provided updates on the Transportation Planning department programs. He stated that CAG received a preliminary award letter for federal fiscal year 2021 and that the grant is partially funded by the CARES Act. Mr. Ashbaugh stated that information regarding the Pinal County Transit Governance Study can be found on the CAG website. He informed the Council that two proposals were submitted for the Gila County Transit Governance City and that a contract with AECOM was expected to be in place by the end of July. Questions, comments, and discussion followed. This was an information item.

X. CALL TO THE COUNCIL

The members present provided updates on their communities.

XI. UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

The next Regional Council meeting will be held on September 23, 2020 at 5:00 PM.

XII. ADJOURN

The Regional Council meeting was adjourned at 6:02 PM.