

**Regional Council Meeting**  
**Wednesday, September 26, 2018 – 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 6:05 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, Tim Humphrey, Bobby Davis, Darryl Dalley, Anita Hinojos, Pete Rios, Dave Waldron, Fred Carpenter, Tara Walter, Debra Sommers, Vincent Manfredi, Jon Thompson, Joe Dietz, Robbing Benning, Craig McFarland, Mila Besich-Lira, Joel Belloc

**Members Absent:** Ed Honea, Bobby Smith

**Guests:** Paul Jepson, LaRon Garrett, Bruce Gardner, Rick Miller, Ben Bitter, Samantha Samples, Kevin Adam

**Staff:** Andrea Robles, 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 McFarland made a motion to approve the consent agenda items as presented. Councilmember Carpenter seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

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

The June 27, 2018 minutes were 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/Sun Corridor Municipal Planning Organization Joint Project Agreement (JPA) for Mobility Management services was approved under Consent Item V-B.



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

The membership of CAG’s Committee were approved under Consent Item V-C.

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

The CAG FY 2019 – FY 2029 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendments were approved under Consent Item V-D.

## **VI. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT**

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

## **VII. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. Financial Report**

Ms. Tackett provided the Council with a financial report for each fund, as well as a summary of all funds for the period ending July 31, 2018. Handouts also included CAG’s check register for May-July and the Accounts Receivable log. Questions, comments and discussion followed. Councilmember Benning made a motion to accept the financial report. Councilmember Davis seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**B. Update on the Executive Director Position**

Ms. Robles updated the Council on the Executive Committee’s recommendation to wait until the next budget process to begin recruitment for CAG’s Executive Director. She also shared the Management Committee’s concerns on waiting to start the recruitment process. Questions, comments and discussion followed. Councilmember Carpenter made a motion to approve the recommendation of the Executive Committee. Councilmember Benning seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

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

Chairman Gameros informed the Committee that several members of Management Committee and Regional Council have requested a discussion to increase the Interim Executive Director’s salary. The increase would take effect immediately and would be retroactive to the time Ms. Robles was appointed as the Interim Executive Director. The retroactive pay would be paid when funds are available. Question, comments and discussion followed. Mr. Carpenter made a motion to approve Ms. Robles’s salary at \$85,000 and directed Ms. Robles to work with the Executive Committee on continuing her education in this field. Councilmember Benning seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

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

Ms. Tackett and Ms. Robles presented the FY 2019 Budget. They reviewed the summary of the budget



in detail explaining all of the changes from FY 2018 to FY 2019. Ms. Tackett and Ms. Robles explained in detail changes made by the Staff and Budget Committee which included the reduction of employee covered benefits for Staff, removing staff's longevity pay and a reduction in force. Councilmember Davis made a motion approve the CAG FY 2019 Operating Budget. Councilmember Benning seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

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

Ms. Robles explained that the Regional Council is asked to confirm voting membership in accordance with the CAG Bylaws every September. She informed the Committee that the invoices for membership dues have been mailed out to CAG's Members. Questions, comments and discussion followed. Mr. Davis made a motion to confirm the Regional Council voting membership. Councilmember Waldron 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. Mecham explained to the Committee that this year's Joint Planning Advisory Council's (JPAC) Sun Corridor Economic Development for the Global Economy (EDGE) Event, a resolution of collaboration was proposed. He explained that the COG's and MPO's in the JPAC Region were adopting the Resolution in an effort to collaborate on a unified vision of the Sun Corridor EDGE Program, mega-regional freight planning and data sharing. Mr. Carpenter made a motion to approve the JPAC resolution. Mr. Thompson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**G. Transportation Planning Update**

Mr. Ashbaugh provided an update on the Transportation Planning program and the activities that are being completed. This item was information only.

**H. Pinal Regional Transportation Authority Update**

Mr. Smith provided an update to the committee on the status of the Pinal Regional Transportation Authority. This item was information only.

**I. Community Development Block Grant Update**

Mr. Urban provided an update to the committee on the CDBG activities and projects. This item was information only.

**J. Planning and Information Services Update**

Mr. Urban provided an update to the committee on the activities taking place within the Planning and Information Services Department. This item was information only.



**K. Water Quality Planning Update**

Mr. Urban provided an update to the committee on the activities taking place within the Water Quality Planning Department. This item was information only.

**VIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Pursuant to Personnel ARS §38-431.03 (A) (1), (3) and (4). Review, discussion and possible legal advice regarding Executive Director recruitment process.

The Regional Council did not go into Executive Session.

**IX. RECONVENE**

**X. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. Review, Discussion and Decision regarding a new Executive Director recruitment process**

**XI. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Pursuant to Personnel ARS §38-431.03 (A) (1), (3) and (4). Review, Discussion and possible legal advice regarding the Interim Executive Director salary increase.

The Regional Council did not go into Executive Session.

**XII. RECONVENE**

**XIII. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. Review, Discussion and Decision regarding the Interim Executive Director salary increase**

**XIV. LEGISLATIVE UPDATE**

Kevin Adam provided the Legislative Update to the Council.

**XV. CALL TO THE COUNCIL**

Members of the Council provided updates about projects in their communities.

**XVI. DATE, TIME, LOCATION OF NEXT MEETING**

The next Regional Council meeting will be held on December 3, 2018 in Apache Junction.

**XVII. ADJOURNMENT**

Councilmember Waldron made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Davis seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Chair Gameros adjourned the meeting at 8:01 p.m.

Approved on \_\_\_\_\_