



DATE: January 29, 2020
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 6:03 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, Bobby Davis, Pete Rios, Robert Schroeder, Bob Huddleston, Jon Thompson, Micah Powell, Debra Sommers, Joe Dietz, Vincent Manfredi (Phone), Robin Benning, Mila Besich

Members Absent: Jim Ferris, Tara Walter, Anita Hinojos, Ed Honea

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

Guests: Kevin Adam, Jennifer Evans, Joe Heatherly, Rick Miller, Andy Smith, Anna Flores, Havala Schumacher, Michelle Yerkovich

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. 2020 CENSUS

Ms. Havala Schumacher provided an overview on the 2020 Census and activities taking place. She stated that the Census would be mailing out an invitation to respond and provided the Council with a sheet of important dates throughout the Census. Ms. Schumacher also informed the council that areas whose residents receive mail at a post office box would not receive any mail from the Census, however they would receive invitations to respond on their doorstep and encouraged those communities to mail out information to their residents regarding the Census and watching for the invitation to respond that will be left at their homes.

VII. CONSENT ITEMS

Mayor Mila Besich, Town of Superior, made a motion to approve the consent agenda items as presented. Councilmember Robin Benning, Town of Queen Creek, seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

A. Approval of Regional Council Minutes – September 25, 2019

The September 25, 2019 minutes were approved under Consent Item VII-A.

B. Approval authorizing staff to apply for 5310 grant funds through ADOT

The authorization of staff to apply for 5310 grant funds through ADOT was approved under Consent Item VII-B.

C. Approval of the CAG POPTAC Committee Membership

The CAG POPTAC Committee Membership was approved under Consent Item VII-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 CAG was awarded \$210,000 to complete a 3-year Economic Development Planning and Implementation grant from the Economic Development Administration (EDA). She also stated that CAG applied for and was awarded \$160,000 to complete a Gila County Transit Governance Study. Ms. Robles stated that CAG has also executed contracts with the Town of Superior to administer a USDA grant and the City of Globe for a regional housing study for the Globe/Miami area.

Ms. Robles informed the Council that she attended the National Association of Regional Councils Conference at the end of October. She stated that this was the most beneficial conference that she's attended to date and that she has established contacts with other directors who remain in contact as they try to help each other strengthen their leadership and organizations.

Ms. Robles introduced Robert Mawson as the full time mobility manager. She stated that the position is funded by ADOT and facilitates all transit needs in the CAG and Sun Corridor Regions.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

A. Title VI Presentation

Mr. Travis Ashbaugh provided Title VI Training to the Council. He stated that as a recipient of Federal funds through the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT), this training is provided on an annual basis to ensure that compliance is being met per federal requirements. Mr. Ashbaugh informed the Council that CAG is held to a standard of non-discrimination as described within the CAG Title VI Plan. He 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. Update on CAG Audits

Ms. Robles informed the Council that she was looking for direction on how to proceed with the CAG Audits. She stated that Management Committee made a recommendation that CAG Staff finish the FY 2017 audit with Fester & Chapman and then go out to RFQ for CAG's FY 2018, FY2019 and FY 2020 audits. Councilmember Robin Benning, Town of Queen Creek, made a motion to accept the Management Committee's recommendation of finishing the FY 2017 audit with Fester & Chapman and proceed with an RFQ for FY 2018, FY 2019 and FY 2020. Mayor Mila Besich, Town of Superior, seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

C. Financial Report

Ms. Tackett presented the financial report and stated that with 42% of the year complete, CAG's budget is currently at 43% in expenditures. She stated that all payables are current. Ms. Tackett reviewed for the Council a comparison of CAG's financial situation at this time last year, with CAG's current financial situation. She stated that CAG is in a much more favorable financial position than it was a year ago. Mayor Jon Thompson, City of Coolidge, made a motion to approve CAG's financial report as presented. Mayor Darryl Dalley, Town of Miami, seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

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

Mr. Ashbaugh informed the council that there were seven amendments to the CAG TIP. He reviewed each of the amendments for the council. The amendments to the TIP were Longhorn & McLane Roundabout, West Forest Drive and Goodnow Road (Payson), Houston Mesa Road Phase II (Gila County), CAG Regional Traffic Counts, Hill Street (Globe) and San Carlos. Questions, comments and discussion followed. Councilmember Robin Benning, Town of Queen Creek, made a motion to approve the TIP Amendments as presented. Mayor Joe Dietz, Town of Mammoth, seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

E. Appointment of the Rural Transportation Advocacy Council (RTAC) Representative and Alternate

Ms. Robles informed the Committee that the representatives for the RTAC were reviewed on an annual basis. She stated the appointed representatives are required to serve and attend at the RTAC Board meetings held on a monthly basis in Phoenix. Ms. Robles stated that Mayor McFarland is the current representative with Supervisor Humphrey serving as alternate to the RTAC. Councilmember Robin Benning, Town of Queen Creek, made a motion to appoint Supervisor Tim Humphrey as the representative to RTAC and Vincent Manfredi, City of Maricopa, as the alternate. Bobby Davis, Town of Star Valley, seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

F. Approval of the 2020 CAG/Sun Corridor MPO Human Services Transportation Coordination Plan

Mr. Mawson stated that the CAG/SCMPO Human Services Transportation Coordination Plan is updated annually. He stated that the purpose of the plan is to identify transportation needs of individuals within the CAG and Sun Corridor MPO Regions. Mr. Mawson stated that providers must be listed in the plan to be eligible for the 2020 grant cycle. He stated that there was a copy available if the council had any questions. Mayor Mila Besich, Town of Superior, made a motion to approve the 2020 CAG/SCMPO Human Services Transportation Coordination Plan. Mayor Darryl Dalley, Town of Miami, seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

G. Direction on the Executive Director Evaluation Process

Ms. Robles informed the council that the Executive Director evaluation will be held at the March Regional Council Meeting. She stated that she reached out to the COG's and MPO's for samples of their evaluations and the process they follow. Ms. Robles stated that most are evaluated by their Executive Committee and she was looking for the Council's direction on how to proceed. Mayor Mila Besich, Town of Superior, made a motion to recommend that the Executive Committee perform the Executive Director evaluation with any comments, questions or concerns from Regional Council directed to the Executive Committee prior to the evaluation. Councilmember Robin Benning seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

X. INFORMATION ITEMS

A. CAG Legislative Day Issues and Priorities

Ms. Robles stated that Legislative Day was being held on February 3, 2020. She stated that at this time she had received RSVP's from 48 member agencies and 13 Legislators. The list of confirmed attendance was provided. 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 December 2019, there is \$27.3 million in the PRTA Escrow Account. He stated that the Pinal RTA won their law suit, but that Goldwater Institute would be appealing. Mr. Smith

stated that he will keep the council apprised of the status of the appeal. Questions, comments and discussion followed. This was an information item.

ASARCO Lead Abatement Project

Ms. Gotto informed the council that she has stepped in to assist with the ASARCO Lead Abatement project. She stated that staff meets with Adams & Wendt and Spray Systems every two weeks for project updates. Ms. Gotto stated that as of December 110 homes have been tested in Hayden and Winkelman and 33 homes have had the abatement work completed. She stated that there has been positive feedback regarding the project and work completed on those homes. Ms. Gotto informed the council that the project has expended approximately \$1.1 million to date. Supervisor Pete Rios asked how much was remaining to be spent in the towns. Ms. Gotto stated that there is approximately \$900,000 remaining. 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 the Pinal County Transit Governance Study held the first technical working group meeting on October 30, 2019 and the next meeting will be held on January 30th. Mr. Ashbaugh informed the council that staff applied and was awarded \$160,000 to conduct a transit governance study for Gila County. Questions, comments and discussion followed. This was an information item.

Economic Development and Planning Department

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 staff was able to negotiate the match requirement down to \$90,000 from \$210,000 over three years. Mr. Mecham informed the council that he attended the National Association of Development Organizations (NADO) Annual Conference and felt it was one of the more beneficial conferences he has attended.

Mr. Mecham informed the council that CAG was approved to conduct a Housing Study for the Globe/Miami area and the contract was executed on January 15th. He stated that CAG also applied and was awarded a 2019 Community Challenge Grant for the Town of Superior. Questions, comments and discussion followed. This was an information item.

XI. Election of Officers

Councilmember Robin Benning, Town of Queen Creek, nominated Councilmember Bobby Davis, Town of Star Valley, as Chairperson for 2020. Mayor Al Gameros, City of Globe, seconded the nomination. Mayor Darryl Dalley, Town of Miami, made a motion to close the nominations and appoint Councilmember Davis as Chairman. Councilmember Robin Benning seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Mayor Darryl Dalley nominated Mayor Jon Thompson, City of Coolidge, as Vice-Chairperson. Mayor Mila Besich, Town of Superior, seconded the nomination. Mayor Darryl Dalley made a motion to close the nominations and appoint Mayor Thompson as Vice Chairman. Mayor Besich seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Supervisor Pete Rios, Pinal County, nominated Vice-Mayor Micah Powell, City of Eloy, as Secretary/Treasurer. Councilmember Bobby Davis seconded the nomination.

Supervisor Rios made a motion to close the nominations and appoint Mayor Thompson as Secretary/Treasurer. Mayor Besich seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Supervisor Pete Rios, Pinal County, made a motion to elect Councilmember Bobby Davis as Chair, Mayor Jon Thompson as Vice Chairman and Vice-Mayor Micha Powel as Secretary/Treasurer for the CAG Regional Council officers for 2020. Mayor Besich, Town of Superior, seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

XII. CALL TO THE COUNCIL

Members in attendance provided updates on community events.

Ms. Robles thanked Chairman Gameros for his leadership and dedication to CAG as the Regional Council Chairman for the past two years. Ms. Robles thanked the Executive Committee for coming together to make CAG a priority and working with staff to help overcome many of the challenges the agency has faced over the last two years.

Mayor Gameros and members of the Executive Committee expressed their thanks to Ms. Robles and her staff for hanging in there and working together to get the job done.

Vice-Chair Davis presented Mayor Gameros with a plaque of appreciation. The Council shared comments of appreciation to Mayor Gameros.

XIII. UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

The next Regional Council meeting will be held on March 25, 2020 at 6:00 PM.

XIV. 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.