



DATE: September 23, 2020
TIME: 6:00 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 6:10 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, Pete Rios, Tara Walter, Robert Schroeder, Bob Huddleston, Vince Manfredi, Mila Besich, Al Gameros, Sammy Gonzales, Jim Ferris, Robin Benning

Members Absent: Debra Sommers, Joe Dietz, Ed Honea

Guests: Kevin Camberg, Kevin Adam, Rick Miller, Tami Ryall

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

IV. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

No one answered the Call to the Public

V. CONSENT ITEMS

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

A. Approval of Regional Council Minutes – June 24, 2020

The June 24, 2020 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.

VI. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Ms. Robles updated the Council on recent activities and meetings taking place at CAG. She stated that the Pinal RTA has executed a contract with Wilson & Company to provide interim management services for the PRTA. Ms. Robles stated that Wilson & Company will be reaching out to members and that they will have a board meeting within the next month. She informed the Council that CAG was awarded a \$400,000 grant through the US Economic Development Agency (EDA) and that Mr. Robert Mawson would be providing more information about the grant during his update. Ms. Robles stated that she was pleased with the forward steps CAG has taken financially. She stated that all the annual grant requirements have been met and that the multi-year grants are on track. This was an information item.

VII. ACTION ITEMS

A. CAG Audits

Mr. Kevin Camberg, Fester & Chapman, presented the CAG FY 2017 Audit. He informed the Council that the Executive Committee made the decision to move forward with the 2017 audit with a disclaimer of opinion in relation to intergovernmental revenues. Mr. Camberg stated that the findings in FY 2017 Audit were prior to the current CAG leadership and expressed his thanks to Ms. Robles and Ms. Tackett for their hard work and cooperation during this audit. Mayor Jon Thompson, City of Coolidge, made a motion to approve the CAG FY 2017 Audit as presented. Councilmember Robert Schroeder, City of Apache Junction, seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

B. Financial Report

Ms. Yvonne Tackett presented the June 2020 year-end financial report and the August 2020 financial report. She stated that while the FY 2020 expenses exceeded the budgeted amount, revenues also exceeded the budgeted amount. Ms. Tackett stated that the FY 2020 expenditures were at 119% while the year-end revenues totaled 121% of the budgeted amounts. She stated that the increased percentages were due to a majority of the ASARCO lead based paint project being completed. Ms. Tackett stated that the revenues allowed CAG to cover shortfalls in the ADEQ fund and the required match amount for Transportation and Economic Development funds. Questions, comments, and discussion followed. Councilmember Robin Benning, Town of Queen Creek, made a motion to approve the financial reports as presented. Mayor Tara Walter, Town of Florence, seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

C. Confirmation of Regional Council Voting Membership

Ms. Andrea Robles informed the Council that each year Regional Council is asked to confirm the voting membership in accordance with the CAG Bylaws. Mayor Jon Thompson, City of Coolidge, made a motion to approve the Regional Council Voting Membership. Mr. Robert Schroeder, City of Apache Junction, seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

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

Mr. Travis Ashbaugh informed the Council that CAG and the Sun Corridor MPO will continue their JPA for Mobility Management services for FY 2021. He stated that the Mobility Manager position is fully funded by ADOT and is responsible for administering all transit programs within the CAG and Sun Corridor MPO planning boundaries. Mr. Ashbaugh informed the council that the JPA is an annual agreement and at this time the only changes were the dates of service. Questions, comments, and discussion followed. Councilmember Bob Huddelston, City of Casa Grande, made a motion to approve the Joint Project Agreement for Mobility Management Services between CAG and the Sun Corridor MPO. Mayor Jon Thompson, City of Coolidge, seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

E. Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

Mr. Travis Ashbaugh reviewed the TIP Amendments with the Council. The projects listed for approval were the design removal of Colcord Road due to the design phase being completed and adding the design of Golden Hill Road. He stated that both projects are in Gila County. Mr. Ashbaugh informed the Council that there was an additional 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. Councilmember Bob Huddelston, City of Casa Grande, made a motion to approve the CAG FY 2021 – FY 2031 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) as presented. Mayor Mila Besich, Town of Superior, seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

F. Economic Development Administration Update

Mr. Robert Mawson provided an update to the Council on the \$400,000 supplemental funding grant application. He stated that CAG was officially notified of the award on August 1, 2020. Mr. Mawson stated that the grant enables CAG to assist with the development of an economic recovery and resiliency plan that will be incorporated into the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) to help address the economic impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic. He stated that CAG will hire a full time Disaster Recovery Coordinator (DRC) to orchestrate the Region's response to the pandemic and that the DRC will be hired for the duration of the grant. Mr. Mawson informed the Committee that staff met with representatives of Northern Arizona University to discuss a partnership on the update of the five year CEDS to include a recovery resiliency plan and develop an economic recovery "tool kit" for communities, local businesses and stakeholders in the CAG Region. This was an information item.

G. Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Method of Distribution (MOD)

Mr. Alan Urban informed the Council that CAG is required to approve a Method of Distribution (MOD) for its distribution of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Regional Account funds allocated by the Arizona Department of Housing (ADOH). He stated that the CAG Regional Allocation was set at \$75,542 and will be used for planning the next cycle of applications until it is updated by Congress in their budget cycle. Councilmember Robin Benning, Town of Queen Creek, made a motion to the CDBG MOD for FFY20. Mayor Jon Thompson, City of Coolidge, seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

VIII. INFORMATION ITEMS

A. Department Updates

Information Services

Ms. Angela Gotto provided updates on the Information Services department. She stated that staff had successfully collected and reported residential completions to the Office of Economic Opportunity as part of the state's efforts to collect data for the development of the July 1, 2020 annual population estimates. Questions, comments, and discussion followed. This was an information item.

Community Development Block Grant

Mr. Alan Urban provided updates on the CDBG program, stating that Hayden's water system improvement project was able to add an additional 40% of pipe-work due to a favorable construction bid. He stated that Kearny (Water System Improvements) and Winkelman (Street Improvements) are in the Engineering stage of their projects and that Payson (Public Facilities Removal of Barriers) would complete their project next week. Mr. Urban stated that applications for the CDBG FY20 have been submitted for Superior (Blight Abatement and Prevention) and Winkelman (Purchase of new Fire Truck). He informed the Council that the Town of Miami applied for a Colonia project and that this is a competitive grant. Mr. Urban stated that five applications were received and that they had not received the award notifications at this time. Questions, comments and discussion followed. This was an information item.

Water Infrastructure Financing Authority (WIFA)

Mr. Alan Urban provided an update on the WIFA programs. He stated that CAG has entered into three contracts with private water providers (Jake's Corner Water System, The Arroyo Water Company and Sun Valley Farms Water

Company) to supply procurement and Labor standards monitoring for a water system improvement project using WIFA funds. 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 the Pinal County Transit Governance Study held two virtual workshops and that they were successful. Mr. Ashbaugh informed the Council that a contract was executed with AECOM for the Gila County Transit Governance Study and that a kick-off meeting with the project management team took place on August 12, 2020. He also congratulated Gila County for being awarded a \$21 million BUILD grant for the Tonto Creek Bridge Road. Questions, comments, and discussion followed. This was an information item.

IX. LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Kevin Adam provided the Legislative Update.

X. CALL TO THE COMMITTEE

The members present provided updates on their communities.

XI. UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

The next Regional Council meeting will be held on November 18, 2020 at 6:00 PM.

XII. ADJOURN

Mayor Jon Thompson, City of Coolidge, made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Supervisor Pete Rios, Pinal County, seconded the motion. Chairman Bobby Davis adjourned the meeting at 7:15 PM.