



REGIONAL COUNCIL MEETING

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25, 2009

**WINKELMAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
WINKELMAN, ARIZONA**

M I N U T E S

I. CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chair Insalaco called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Insalaco led the Regional Council, guests and CAAG staff in the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. ROLL CALL AND INTRODUCTIONS

Members Present: Mayor John Insalaco, Mayor Fernando Shipley, Supervisor Shirley Dawson, Supervisor Bryan Martyn, Mayor Bob Jackson, Mayor Craig Williams, Vice Mayor Gail Barney, Mayor Chuy Canizales, Vice Mayor Jon Thompson, Mayor Monica Badillo, Councilmember Mike Vogel, Mayor Debra Sommers, Councilmember Anita Hinojos, Councilmember Darrell Gerlaugh

Members Absent: Mayor Michael Hing, Mayor Byron Jackson, Vice Mayor Tom Smith, Mayor Ed Honea, Councilmember Edward Farrell, Town of Star Valley

Management Committee Present: Manny Gonzalez, Debra Galbraith, Gary Eide, Sylvia Kerlock, Mark Young, Ruth Giese, Jess Knudson, Bob Flatley

Guests: Chris Martin, Maria Munoz, Nannette Quesada, Nolberto Waddell

Staff: Maxine Brown, Craig Ringer, Cathy Melvin, Peter Armenta, Vickie Smith, Roy Chavez, Cindy Schofield, Andrea Robles

Consultant: Jack Tomasik

IV. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Mayor Insalaco presented Chris Martin, Director of Southern Gila County Economic Development District, with a plaque in recognition of his dedication to the CAAG Region. The Town of Winkelman, Town of Miami and City of Globe also presented Mr. Martin with plaques.

GILA COUNTY: GLOBE, HAYDEN, MIAMI, PAYSON, STAR VALLEY, WINKELMAN

PINAL COUNTY: APACHE JUNCTION, CASA GRANDE, COOLIDGE, ELOY, FLORENCE, KEARNY, MAMMOTH, MARANA, MARICOPA, QUEEN CREEK, SUPERIOR
TRIBAL GOVERNMENT: AK-CHIN INDIAN COMMUNITY, GILA RIVER INDIAN COMMUNITY, SAN CARLOS APACHE TRIBE

V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Review, Discussion and Decision on the CAAG Strategic Action Plan 2008-2010 to Form a Transportation Policy Committee

1. Pinal County

Ms. Brown informed the Regional Council of the representatives submitted for the Pinal County Transportation Policy Committee. She stated that the Committee would be holding a meeting in the upcoming months. Vice Mayor Thompson motioned to approve the Representatives submitted for the Pinal County Transportation Policy Committee. Mayor Williams seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

2. Gila County

This item was tabled to allow Gila County time to submit Representatives to the Transportation Policy Committee.

VI. CONSENT ITEMS

Mayor Shipley made a motion to accept the consent agenda items. Vice Mayor Thompson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

VII. Approval of Minutes

The Regional Council minutes from January 28, 2009 were approved under the consent agenda item VI.

VIII. Financial Report

The financial reports ending January 30, 2008 February 28, 2009 were presented by Ms. Smith. She presented the February 2009 financials in a new format which would condense the financial packet and reduce the cost of printing and postage to CAAG. Mayor Shipley motioned to approve the January and February 2009 financials for filing and to approve the new format presented by Ms. Smith. Councilmember Hinojos seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

IX. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Ms. Brown introduced Councilmember Darrell Gerlaugh, Gila River Indian Community, as CAAG's newest member to join. She stated that the Management Committee requested she research the possibility of teleconference/video conference the Management Committee Meetings. She also presented how CAAG is cutting costs to meet the down turn in the economy. This item was for information only.

X. PRESENTATIONS

A. Pinal County Town Hall

Mr. Armenta provided a Power Point Presentation on Pinal County Town Hall. The Town Hall will take place April 22-24, 2009 at the Holiday Inn in Casa Grande. This item was for information only.

XI. NEW BUSINESS

A. Review, Discussion and the Appointment of a Budget Working Group

Ms. Brown stated that CAAG was working on the budget for FY 2010 and asked for the appointment of a Budget Working Group. She explained in the past years the Budget Working Group consisted of the Regional Council Executive Committee, some Management Committee members, and on occasion, some entities' budget personnel. Ms. Brown stated at the Management Committee Meeting Pinal County, Apache Junction, Casa Grande, Queen Creek and Marana volunteered to participate on the Budget Working Group. She stated the Budget Committee Meeting would be held on April 7th at the CAAG Office during lunch. No action was taken.

B. Review Discussion and Decision on Resolution No. 2009-1 Supporting and Declaring April Fair Housing Month

Mr. Armenta stated April is Fair Housing Month and all CDBG participants are required to participate in activities and/or disseminate information, supporting the Fair Housing Acts of 1968 and 1988. He stated CAAG will distribute Fair Housing information to all CAAG members, post information on the CAAG website and on April 7th CAAG will hold a Fair Housing workshop. Mr. Armenta explained as a final required activity the Regional Council is asked to adopt a Resolution supporting the Fair Housing Act. Mr. Armenta read the title of Resolution No. 2009-1. Mayor Williams made a motion to approve Resolution 2009-1 Supporting and Declaring April Fair Housing Month. Vice Mayor Barney seconded the motion. The motion passed.

C. Review, Discussion and Decision of the Proposed Plan for Hiring CAAG's Executive Director

Ms. Brown stated at the January Regional Council Meeting a plan regarding the hiring of CAAG's next Executive Director was requested for the March Meeting. She included in the packet an outline of events to begin in September 2009 and ends July 31, 2010. Mayor Shipley motioned to approve the Proposed Plan for Hiring CAAG's Executive Director. Mayor Williams seconded the motion. The motion passed.

D. Review, Discussion and Decision on CAAG's General Assessment, Special Assessment and Rural Transportation (RTAC) Liaison Assessment

Ms. Brown stated that the Regional Council had appointed a special committee to review the Special Assessment earlier this year. She explained that the Committee had met several times and requested a bare bones budget for a basic scope of work and any additional work members request will be in a separate contract with a fee determined in advance. Ms. Brown explained to the Council that the General Assessment would remain the same this year in the amount of \$75,000 and the RTAC Assessment is based on \$0.07 per capita as voted on by the RTAC Board. Questions, comments and discussion followed. Vice Mayor Thompson made a motion to approve the General, Special and RTAC Assessments. Mayor Sommers seconded the motion. The motion passed.

E. Planning Department Update

Mr. Tomasik provided a Power Point Presentation as part of his update on CAAG's Planning Department. He presented on CAAG's databases. Mr. Tomasik stated that the Planning Department would be hosting Projection Study workshops in the upcoming months. This item was for information only.

F. Transportation Planning Update

Item XI – F was approved under the consent agenda item VI.

G. Workforce Investment Act Update

Item XI – G was approved under the consent agenda item VI.

H. Election of Officers

Ms. Brown stated due to Mayor Heron's resignation a Chairman of the Regional Council would need to be elected. Mayor Canizales motioned to nominate Mayor Insalaco as Chairman. Councilmember Hinojos seconded the motion. The motion passed. Mayor Canizales motioned to close nominations. Councilmember Hinojos seconded the motion. The motion passed. Mayor Canizales made a motion to elect Mayor Insalaco as the Regional Council Chairman. Councilmember Hinojos seconded the motion. The motion passed.

XII. LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

XIII. DATE-TIME-LOCATION

Ms. Brown announced that the next Regional Council meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 22, 2009 and will be hosted by the City of Casa Grande. She stated that due to a conflict with the Pinal County Town Hall the date is usually changed. The Council agreed to change the next meeting date to Wednesday, May 6, 2009.

XIV. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

No one answered the Call to the Public.

XV. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Shipley made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mayor Williams seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Chair Insalaco adjourned the meeting at 8:07 p.m.

Approved on _____

