



REGIONAL COUNCIL MEETING
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2009
CASA GRANDE RUINS
COOLIDGE, ARIZONA

M I N U T E S

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Insalaco called the meeting to order at 6:50 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 Bryan Martyn, Mayor Bob Jackson, Councilmember Gail Barney, Mayor Michael Hing, Mayor Byron Jackson, Mayor Chuy Canizales, Vice Mayor Jon Thompson, Vice Mayor Mike Vogel, Mayor Debra Sommers, Councilmember Anita Hinojos, Mayor Craig Williams, Vice Mayor Tom Smith, Mayor Ed Honea, Mayor Tony Smith, Mayor Bill Rappaport

Members Absent: Mayor Monica Badillo, Councilmember Darrell Gerlaugh, Supervisor Shirley Dawson

Management Committee Present: Debra Galbraith, Gary Eide, Jess Knudson, Bob Flatley, Joe Blanton, Ken Buchanan, Wendy Kaserman, Ray Pini, Gilbert Davidson

Guests: Robin Barker, Doug Hansen, Bob Hazlett, Tim Strow, Curtis Brown, Judee Jackson, Heather Patel, Mary Luisa Canizales, Meredith Madison, Jason Betnke, Michael Hing, Bob Iannarino, Mike Caporaso, Russ Wachter, Dana Jackson, Jerry Anglin, Mark Weinberg

Staff: Maxine Brown, Cathy Melvin, Jack Tomasik, Bill Leister, Peter Armenta, Vickie Smith, Roy Chavez, Cindy Schofield, Andrea Robles

IV. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Park Superintendent Cordova welcomed the Regional Council and guests to the Ruins. Mayor Byron Jackson informed the Council that Mr. Bill Gaither had passed away on September 11th.

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. Discussion of a possible CAAG County split and possible Decision on Recommendation from Regional Council on how to proceed

Ms. Brown explained that this item was tabled at the June Regional Council meeting. Questions and discussion followed. Vice Mayor Vogel made a motion to establish a Committee to continue research on this issue. Mayor Hing seconded the motion. The motion passed.

VI. CONSENT ITEM

Mayor Smith made a motion to accept the consent agenda items and take Item XI-K off the consent agenda. Mayor Bob Jackson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

VII. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Executive Session and Regional Council minutes from June 19, 2009 were approved under the consent agenda item VI.

VIII. FINANCIAL REPORT

The financial reports ending June 30, 2009 were approved under the consent agenda item VI.

IX. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Ms. Brown announced the Management Committee Officers for 2009-2010. Chairman is Manny Gonzalez, Pinal County and Vice Chairman is Bob Gould, Gila County. Ms. Brown informed the Council that CAAG Staff would be attending a Staff Retreat on October 21st and 22nd. She updated the Council on a grant that CAAG is applying for with the National Association of Regional Councils (NARC). In closing Ms. Brown reported on the status of video conferencing for CAAG meetings. This item was for information only.

X. PRESENTATIONS

A. Review, Discussion and Decision on Resolution No. 2009-6 in support of the I-8/I-10 Hidden Valley Transportation Framework Study

Mr. Hazlett with Maricopa Association of Governments presented on the I-8/I-10 Hidden Valley Transportation Framework Study. He provided handouts for the Council. Questions and discussion followed. Mayor Smith motioned to approve Resolution No. 2009-6 in support of the I-8/I-10 Hidden Valley Transportation Framework Study. Mayor Shipley seconded the motion passed.

XI. NEW BUSINESS

A. Confirm Regional Council Voting Membership

Ms. Brown informed the Council that all of the members had paid their assessments. Supervisor Martyn motioned to approve the Regional Council Voting Membership. Mayor Williams seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

B. Confirm Economic Development District Board Members

Ms. Brown explained that the Economic Development District (EDD) Board Members need to be confirmed once a year which takes place at the September meeting. The EDD Board consists of the Regional Council plus five individuals, who will review and take action on EDD issues only. Councilmember Barney made a motion to approve the Economic Development District Board Members. Mayor Byron Jackson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

C. Appointment of a Selection Committee to Recommend Hiring Executive Director

Ms. Brown stated that the appointment of a Selection Committee to develop the qualifications for the Executive Director position needed to take place at the September Meeting. Questions and discussion followed. Ms. Brown reported at the September 11th Management Committee Meeting Gary Eide, Town of Kearny and Bryant Powell, City of Apache Junction volunteered to serve on the Committee. Mayor Canizales volunteered Ray Pini, Town of Miami to serve on this committee. Mayor Bob Jackson and Mayor Hing also volunteered to serve on this committee. Mayor Shipley made a motion to approve the names recommended for the Selection Committee to recommend the hiring of the Executive Director. Mayor Canizales seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

D. Review, Discussion and Decision on FY 2010 Method of Distribution

Ms. Schofield explained that each rural Council of Governments (COG) is required to adopt a Method of Distribution (MOD) to receive funds from the Arizona Department of Housing (ADOH). Questions and discussion followed. Vice Mayor Thompson made a motion to approve the FY 2010 Method of Distribution. Mayor Smith seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

E. Review, Discussion and Decision on Resolution 2009-3 approving and adopting the CAAG 208 Areawide Water Quality Management Plan Update Amendment for Red Rock Utilities Company

Mr. Armenta stated that the Environmental Planning Committee and Management Committee recommended approval of the CAAG 208 Amendment for Red Rock Utilities Company, contingent upon the issuance of a Certificate of Convenience and Necessity (CC&N). He explained that Red Rock Utilities Company has submitted an amendment to expand its service area. At buildout, the service area will include approximately 34,034 dwelling units, on 20, 834 acres. Questions and discussion followed. Mayor Smith made a motion to approve the CAAG 208 Amendment for Red Rock Utilities Company, contingent upon the issuance of a CC&N. Mayor Canizales seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

F. Review, Discussion and Decision on Resolution 2009-4 approving and adopting the CAAG 208 Areawide Water Quality Management Plan Update Amendment for Picacho Cove Utilities Company

Mr. Armenta stated that the Environmental Planning Committee and Management Committee recommended approval of the CAAG 208 Amendment for Picacho Cove Utilities Company, contingent upon the issuance of a Certificate of Convenience and Necessity (CC&N). He explained that Picacho Cove Utilities Company, a subsidiary has submitted an amendment for the construction of six new Water Reclamation Facilities. At buildout, the service area will include approximately 418,954 residents on 88 square miles. Questions and discussion followed. Vice Mayor Vogel motioned to approve the CAAG 208 Amendment for Picacho Cove Utilities Company, contingent upon the issuance of a CC&N. Mayor Canizales seconded the motion. The motion passed.

G. Review, Discussion and Decision on Resolution 2009-5 approving and adopting the CAAG 208 Areawide Water Quality Management Plan Update Amendment for the City of Casa Grande Designated Management Agency

Mr. Armenta stated that the Environmental Planning Committee and Management Committee recommended approval of the CAAG 208 Amendment for the City of Casa Grande Designated Management Agency. He stated the City has submitted an amendment to the CAAG 208 Areawide Water Quality Management Plan, requesting to be named as a Designated Management Agency for the Region. Comments, questions and discussion followed. Mayor Bob Jackson made a motion to approve Resolution 2009-5 approving and adopting the CAAG 208 Areawide Water Quality Management Plan Update Amendment for the City of Casa Grande Designated Management Agency. Vice Mayor Thompson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

H. WIA Update

Ms. Melvin stated that the WIA Staff recruited 174 youth throughout the two counties and placed them in work experience positions over the summer throughout 132 worksites. The program will end September 30th. Ms. Melvin informed the Council at this time staff is focusing on the Adult Program, in which they will enroll 35 adults pursuant to additional ARRA funds received this year. This item was for information only.

I. Regional Planning Update

Mr. Tomasik updated the Council on Planning Projections, possible Transportation Planning projects and the EDA Adjustment Strategy. Questions and discussion followed. This item was for information only.

J. Transportation Update

The Transportation Planning Update was approved under the consent agenda item VI.

K. Approval of Members of all CAAG Committees

Ms. Brown explained that she had received some updates to the Committee lists. She provided the changes for the Council. Supervisor Martyn motioned to approve the changes to the Committee lists. Vice Mayor Vogel seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

L. Election of Officers

Vice Mayor Thompson nominated Mayor Insalaco for Chairman. Mayor Byron Jackson seconded the nomination. Mayor Bob Jackson nominated Mayor Shipley for Vice Chairman. Vice Mayor Thompson seconded the nomination. Supervisor Martyn nominated Mayor Bob Jackson for Secretary/Treasurer. Mayor Williams seconded the nomination. Supervisor Martyn motioned to close and elect the nominations. Mayor Williams seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

XII. TRANSFER OF GAVEL

The gavel will remain with Chair Insalaco.

XIII. LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

There was no Legislative Update.

XIV. DATE-TIME-LOCATION

Mayor Smith motioned to schedule the November Regional Council Meeting for Wednesday, November 18th. Supervisor Martyn seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

XV. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Byron Jackson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mayor Bob Jackson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Chair Insalaco adjourned the meeting at 8:42 p.m.

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