



**REGIONAL COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, JANUARY 29, 2008
APACHE JUNCTION COUNCIL CHAMBERS
APACHE JUNCTION, ARIZONA**

M I N U T E S

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Elect Rankin called the meeting to order at 5:45 p.m.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

III. ROLL CALL AND INTRODUCTIONS

Members Present: Mayor Tom Rankin, Mayor Chuck Heron, Mayor John Insalaco, Mayor Michael Hing, Supervisor Lionel Ruiz, Supervisor Joe Sanchez, Mayor Craig Williams, Mayor Stanley Gibson, Mayor Byron Jackson, Mayor Angel Medina, Councilmember Mike Vogel, Vice Mayor Gail Barney, Mayor Bob Jackson, Councilmember Paul Prechel, Councilmember Edward Farrell, Chris Martin

Members Absent: Mayor Monica Badillo, Councilmember Anita Hinojos, Mayor Debra Sommers

Management Committee Present: Terry Doolittle, Gary Eide, Ruth Giese, Vito Tedeschi, Debi Galbraith, Himanshu Patel, Mark Young

Guests: Ken Buchanan, Greg Stanley, Doug Hansen, Carter Smitherman, Bob Hazlett, Janet Gibson, Anita Tedeschi

Staff: Maxine Leather, Craig Ringer, Cathy Melvin, Peter Armenta, Bill Leister, Vickie Smith, Roy Chavez, James Clancy, Andrea Robles

Consultants: Liz Rueter, Jack Tomasik

IV. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

No one answered the Call to the Public.

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

PINAL COUNTY: APACHE JUNCTION, CASA GRANDE, COOLIDGE, ELOY, FLORENCE, KEARNY, MAMMOTH, MARICOPA, QUEEN CREEK, SUPERIOR

V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Approval of FY 2007 CAAG Audit

Ms. Smith informed the Council that the Final Draft of the CAAG Audit was included in their packet. She stated that Mr. Smitherman was present should they have any questions. Mayor Insalaco made a motion to approve the FY 2007 CAAG Audit for filing. Mr. R. Jackson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

VI. CONSENT ITEMS

Mayor Gibson made a motion to accept the consent agenda items. Mayor Williams seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

A. Approval of Minutes

The minutes from November 28, 2007 were approved under the consent agenda item VI.

B. Financial Report

The financial reports ending November 30, 2007 were approved for filing under the consent agenda item VI.

C. Transportation Planning Update

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

VII. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Ms. Leather thanked everyone for attending the Strategic Planning Meeting earlier that day. She also thanked the Regional Council and the Management Committee members who sat in on her evaluation.

VIII. PRESENTATION

A. Building a Quality Arizona (bqAZ)

Mr. Hazlett provided a Power Point Presentation on Building a Quality Arizona (bqAZ). Some of the topics he explained were the purpose of bqAZ, the Transportation Partners, growth, population projections, and why we need framework studies. Questions and discussion followed. This item was for information only.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

A. Ratification of the November Slate of Officers

Ms. Leather explained that the tape of the November Regional Council Meeting indicates nomination for the officers of the Regional Council were made, nominations were closed; but no formal vote was taken electing them to office. She stated that ratification of the slate of officers will remedy the situation. Vice Mayor Barney made a motion to elect Mayor Rankin as Chairman, Mayor Heron as Vice Chairman and Mayor Insalaco as Secretary/Treasurer. Councilmember Prechel seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

1. Transfer of Gavel

As newly elected Chair, Mayor Rankin accepted the gavel.

B. Planning Department Updates

Mr. Tomasik provided a Power Point Presentation updating the Regional Council on the databases, operational adjustments, county projections study, and other Planning Department activities. Questions and discussion followed. Mr. Clancy informed the Council of deadlines for the 2010 Census LUCA Program. Questions and discussion followed. This item was for information only.

C. Review, Discussion and Decision on Proposed Change to CAAG By-Laws Adding One Additional Private Representative to the Regional Council

Ms. Leather explained Mayor Williams, Town of Mammoth, requested to allow each of the Economic Development Regions of the two counties to be represented by a Private Representative on Regional Council. She stated in order to do this the By-laws would need to be amended. Questions and Discussion followed. Mr. Williams thanked Ms. Leather for placing this item on the agenda. Mayor B. Jackson made a motion to approve the Proposed Changes to the CAAG By-laws adding one additional Private Representative to the Regional Council. Supervisor Sanchez seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

D. Review, Discussion and Decision of the SFY 2009 Social Service Block Grant (SSBG) Allocations

Ms. Melvin stated that staff has recommended to the Human Service Advisory Committee (HSAC) and its Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) that the allocation percentages remain the same. She stated due to the lack of a quorum there was no recommendation made on behalf of the HSAC and TAC. Supervisor Ruiz made a motion to approve the SFY 2009 SSBG Allocations (See Attachment A). Mayor B. Jackson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

E. Review, Discussion and Decision on Legislative Issues and Priorities

Ms. Leather stated that CAAG's Legislative Day will be held on Thursday, February 28, 2008. Some of the issues and concerns suggested are how to fund current and future transportation needs, LTAF Funding Issues, State Land Department Reform, funding for

Planning Departments at COG levels in Rural Arizona and Reauthorization of Federal Highway Funding Bill. Questions and discussion followed. No action was taken at this time.

X. LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

A. CAAG Legislative Day

Ms. Leather stated that CAAG's Twelfth Annual Legislative Day will be Thursday, February 28, 2008 at the League of Arizona Cities and Towns Building.

XI. DATE-TIME-LOCATION

The next Regional Council meeting is scheduled for March 26, 2008 with the location to be determined.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Williams made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Supervisor Ruiz seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Chair Rankin adjourned the meeting at 7:25 p.m.

Approved on _____