



REGIONAL COUNCIL MEETING

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 28, 2007

GLOBE SENIOR CENTER

GLOBE, ARIZONA

M I N U T E S

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Hing called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

III. ROLL CALL AND INTRODUCTIONS

Members Present: Mayor Michael Hing, Supervisor Lionel Ruiz, Supervisor Joe Sanchez, Mayor Monica Badillo, Mayor Stanley Gibson, Councilmember Ray Webb, Councilmember Gail Barney, Mayor Debra Sommers, Mayor Byron Jackson, Councilmember John Wilson, Councilmember Anita Hinojos, Councilmember Paul Prechel, Mayor Craig Williams, Councilmember John Insalaco,

Members Absent: Mayor Kelly Anderson, Mayor Charles Walton, Mayor Tom Rankin, Mayor Chuck Heron

Management Committee Present: Bryant Powell, Sylvia Kerlock, Joe Blanton, Manny Gonzalez, Gary Eide, Fred Carpenter, Bob Flatley, Robert Mawson, Mark Young

Guests: Angel Medina, Maria Louisa Medina, Bruce Throckmorton, Michael Hing, Janet Gibson

Staff: Maxine Leather, Craig Ringer, Yvonne Kube, Cathy Melvin, Heather Patel, Peter Armenta, Bill Leister, Roy Chavez, Tanya Marez, Laura Winsor, Lee French, Andrea Robles

Consultants: Liz Rueter, Jack Tomasik

IV. CONSENT AGENDA

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

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes from January 24, 2007 were approved under the consent agenda item IV.

VI. FINANCIAL REPORT

The financial reports ending January 31, 2007 were approved under the consent agenda item IV.

VII. REPORTS

A. Director's Report

Ms. Leather briefed the Regional Council on the Statewide Regional Planning Consortium Briefing, which was provided as a handout. She informed the Council that CAAG will be hosting the Pre-Session for Pinal County Town Hall on Wednesday, April 25, 2007. Ms. Leather stated that Mr. Tomasik and Mr. Ringer would be presenting at this session. She provided handouts to the Council on the Pre-Session.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Discussion and Decision on the Appointment of a Budget Working Group

Ms. Leather stated that CAAG was working on the budget for FY 2008 and asked for the formation 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. She stated that Mr. Patel, Mr. Billingsley, and Mr. Tedeschi from the Management Committee had volunteered to serve on the Budget Committee. Mayor Hing asked for volunteers to participate on the Budget Committee. Supervisor Ruiz and Councilmember Insalaco volunteered. No action was taken at this time.

B. CAAG 208 Areawide Water Quality Management Plan Update Amendment for the City of Eloy Service Area and Designated Management Agency (DMA) Boundary Expansion

a. Review, Discussion and Decision on approving the above proposed amendment.

Mr. Armenta explained that the Environmental Planning Committee (EPC) and the Management Committee recommended approval of the CAAG 208 Areawide Water Quality Management Plan Update Amendment for the City of Eloy Service Area and Designated Management Agency. Mr. Courtney was present to answer any

questions for the Council. Mr. Armenta stated at build-out, the proposed service area will be comprised of approximately 101,206 acres, with an estimated population of 628,484 residents within the General Planning area for the City of Eloy. This area includes land within the City of Eloy as well as land currently under the jurisdiction of Pinal County. Mr. Armenta explained the combined design capacity of the Wastewater Reclamation Facility at build-out is 65.31 million gallons per day (MGD). Questions and discussion followed. Supervisor Ruiz made a motion to approve the CAAG 208 Areawide Water Quality Management Plan Update Amendment for the City of Eloy Service Area and Designated Management Agency Boundary Expansion. Mayor Williams seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

b. Review, Discussion and Decision on accepting Resolution No. 2007-2 in support of the above amendment.

Mr. Armenta stated that Resolution No. 2007-2 formally adopts the CAAG 208 Areawide Water Quality Management Plan for the City of Eloy Service Area and Designated Management Agency Boundary Expansion. Ms. Leather read the title of Resolution No. 2007-2. Mayor Gibson made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2007-2 in support of the above amendment. Mayor Williams seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

C. Review, Discussion and Decision on the Update and Change to the CAAG 208 Areawide Water Quality Management Plan Review Fee Schedule

Mr. Armenta explained at this time a flat fee of \$10,000 is charged for an amendment that goes through the full 208 Public Participation Process. However, there is no charge for an administrative or expedited review, such as a reassignment of a 208 area or expanding a DMA boundary to conform to city limits. Mr. Armenta stated the time spent on these short reviews are limited, CAAG should have the opportunity to recover the costs involved with these reviews. He explained as a result, staff is recommending that an Administrative or Expedited review of a 208 Amendment is subject to a \$90/hour fee. Questions and discussion followed. Mayor Williams made a motion to approve the CAAG 208 Areawide Water Quality Management Plan Review Fee Schedule, which equals \$90/hour for an Administrative or Expedited review of a 208 Amendment. Councilmember Insalaco seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

D. Review, Discussion and Decision on the Updated Job Descriptions for CAAG Staff in Upper Management Positions Moving Those Positions Forward to Exempt Status Under the FSLA

Ms. Leather stated the job descriptions included in the packet were reviewed by CAAG staff and are currently being reviewed by an employment attorney. She explained at this time she is requesting approval to enable CAAG to be relieved of the liability of comp time accrued by upper management personnel. Questions and discussion followed. Supervisor Ruiz motioned to approve the updated job descriptions for CAAG staff in upper management positions, moving those positions to exempt status under the Fair Labor Standards Act. Mayor Williams seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

E. Review, Discussion and Decision on the Proposed Policy and Fee Schedule Regarding CAAG Databases

Mr. Tomasik stated that CAAG staff has been asked by outside agencies for the databases the CAAG Planning Department is preparing. He stated all monies obtained through this policy would be classified as revenue to the Planning Department to offset the Department's expenses. Comments, questions and discussion followed. Mayor Gibson motioned to approve the proposed policy and fee schedule regarding CAAG databases. Councilmember Insalaco seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

F. Planning Department Update and Review, Discussion and Decision Regarding DES 2006 Population Estimates

Mr. Tomasik presented the DES 2006 Population Estimates. He reviewed the attachment that was in the packet. Mr. Tomasik stated that DES had finally accepted the figures. He also updated the Regional Council on the residential completions databases and the meeting with DES on revising history based on residential completions database. Questions, comments and discussion followed. Mayor Williams made a motion to approve the DES 2006 Population Estimates. Mayor Sommers seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

G. CDBG Update

Item VIII-G was approved under the consent agenda item IV.

H. Transportation Planning Update

Item VIII-H was approved under the consent agenda item IV.

I. Economic Development Update

Mr. Ringer presented CAAG's tourism promotional piece dedicated to military history-related sites throughout the Region. He stated it was released via inserts into the Phoenix and Tucson metropolitan areas newspapers. Mr. Ringer explained that 160,000 copies of the insert were printed and funded through a grant and sponsorship. Mr. Ringer handed out copies of the insert for the Regional Council. Questions, comments and discussion followed. This item was for information only.

J. Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) Update

Item VIII-J was approved under the consent agenda item IV.

IX. LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Mr. Adams and Mr. Young provided Legislative Updates for the Council.

X. DATE-TIME-LOCATION

Ms. Leather announced that the next Regional Council meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 25, 2007 and will be hosted by the City of Maricopa. 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 9, 2007.

XI. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Mayor Jackson announced that the City of Eloy has hired Joe Blanton as the City Manager.

XII. CALL TO THE COMMITTEE

No one answered the Call to the Committee.

XIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion to conduct an Executive Session for discussion or consultation for legal advice with legal counsel Pursuant to ARS 38-341.03(A)(3)(4) and (7) Discussion or consultation with attorney for legal advice regarding environmental assessment and lease of CAAG office building located at 271 Main Street in Superior.

Item XIII was moved to the beginning of the agenda. Mayor Gibson made a motion to move Item XIII to the beginning of the agenda. Mayor Williams seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Discussion and decision to go into Executive Session

Councilmember Insalaco motioned to go into Executive Session and allow the members present from the Management Committee to sit in on the Executive Session. Mayor Jackson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

XIV. RECONVENE

The meeting reconvened at 7:53 p.m.

XV. REVIEW, DISCUSSION AND DECISION REGARDING ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT AND LEASE OF CAAG OFFICE BUILDING LOCATED AT 271 MAIN STREET IN SUPERIOR.

Councilmember Wilson made a motion to move CAAG's Administration offices to Apache Junction. Mayor Jackson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

XVI. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Jackson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Insalaco seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Chair Hing adjourned the meeting at 8:45 p.m.

Approved on _____