



REGIONAL COUNCIL MEETING  
**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2007**  
**PINAL COUNTY EMERGENCY OPERATION CENTER**  
**FLORENCE, ARIZONA**

M I N U T E S

## I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Hing called the meeting to order at 6:30 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 Byron Jackson, Councilmember Paul Prechel, Mayor Craig Williams, Mayor Stanley Gibson, Councilmember Paul Licano, Councilmember Anita Hinojos, Councilmember Mike Vogel, Vice Mayor Gail Barney, Mayor Tom Rankin, Mayor John Insalaco, Mayor Debra Sommers, Councilmember Bill Heath, Chris Martin

**Members Absent:** Mayor Monica Badillo, Mayor Bob Jackson, Mayor Kelly Anderson

**Management Committee Present:** Manny Gonzalez, Robert Mawson, Gary Eide, Joe Blanton, Mark Young, Ruth Giese., Jess Knudson, Jill Dusenberry, Manoj Vyas, Debi Galbraith

**Guests:** Mayor Angel Medina, Maria Luisa Medina, Susan Griffith, John Rickus, Ron Ober, Roc Arnett, Jack Lunsford, Heather Murphy, Kevin Adam, Hank Gutierrez, Tina Gutierrez, Juanita Thomas, Anita Tedeschi, Anna Jeffrey, Sylvia Barrett

**Staff:** Maxine Leather, Craig Ringer, Cathy Melvin, Peter Armenta, Heather Patel, Bill Leister, Vickie Smith, Roy Chavez, Joe Hughes, Andrea Robles

**Consultants:** Jack Tomasik

## IV. CONSENT AGENDA

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

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. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes from June 15, 2007 were approved under the consent agenda item IV.

## **VI. FINANCIAL REPORT**

The financial reports were taken off the consent agenda, as they will be presented at the November meeting.

## **VII. DIRECTOR'S REPORTS**

### **A. Director's Report**

Ms. Leather announced that the Workforce Investment Act (WIA) Program had exceeded their performance measures this year. She thanked Ms. Melvin and Gila County staff for a job well done. Ms. Leather briefed the Council on an e-mail that was sent out about the I-10 project that was awarded. She explained that she has met with Patrick Ibarra on conducting CAAG's Strategic Plan. She referred to the memo that was a handout. The memo provided a brief background on Mr. Ibarra and the dates for the Strategic Plan sessions. In closing Ms. Leather presented Ms. Patel with a plaque thanking her for her years of service to the CAAG Region. Ms. Patel has resigned from CAAG effective September 28, 2007.

## **VIII. PRESENTATIONS**

### **A. Resolution No 2007-7 in Support of Signifying the Region's fullest support to the Southern Arizona Land Exchange Bill just introduced in the Senate and the House of Representatives of the United States Congress and to the Resolution Copper Company for its investments and efforts towards enhancement of our Region's, State's, and the Nation's economy**

Mr. Rickus provided the Council with background information on Resolution Copper Company and the Southern Arizona Land Exchange Bill. Questions and discussion followed. Mr. Armenta was asked by the Council to address any environmental issues. Questions and discussion followed. Ms. Leather read the title of Resolution No. 2007-7. Councilmember Vogel motioned to approve Resolution No. 2007-7 in support of Signifying the Region's fullest support to the Southern Arizona Land Exchange Bill just introduced in the Senate and the House of Representatives of the United States Congress and to the Resolution Copper Company for its investments and efforts towards enhancement of our Region's, State's, and the Nation's economy. Mayor Jackson seconded the motion. The motion passed.

### **B. TIME Coalition**

Mr. Lunsford and Mr. Arnett presented a Power Point Presentation on the TIME Coalition. They discussed who the TIME Coalition is, membership, principles, goals and actions. Questions and discussion followed. This item was for information only.

### **C. Planning Director's Report**

Mr. Tomasik provided a Power Point presentation on Database progress and population. He provided handouts for the council. This item was for information only. Ms. Leather presented Mr. Tomasik with a NADO plaque that CAAG's Planning Department received. Ms. Leather

stated a plaque had been ordered for each of the communities and she would be presenting them at the council meetings.

## **IX. NEW BUSINESS**

### **A. Confirm Regional Council Voting Membership**

Ms. Leather informed the Regional Council that all of the members have paid their assessments. Vice Mayor Barney made a motion to approve the Regional Council voting membership. Supervisor Ruiz seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

### **B. Confirm Regional Council Private Representation**

Ms. Leather explained that the Regional Council Private Representation needed to be confirmed once a year which takes place at the September meeting. The Private Representatives who serve on the Regional Council consists of four individuals (two from each county) who will review and take action on Economic Development District (EDD) issues only. Ms. Leather stated that at this time the Economic Development Board has three vacancies which are Globe, Casa Grande and Apache Junction. Questions and discussion followed. Mayor Insalaco motioned to approve the Regional Council Private Representation. Councilmember Licano seconded the motion. The motion passed.

### **C. Review, Discussion and Decision on FY 2008 Method of Distribution**

Ms. Patel stated it is a requirement each year, that the rural Councils of Governments (COG's) throughout the State of Arizona adopt a Method of Distribution (MOD) in order to receive CDBG funding from the Arizona Department of Housing. She stated that the MOD and Management Committees voted on equal distribution. Questions and discussion followed. Mayor Gibson made a motion to equally distribute the FY 2008 CDBG funds. Supervisor Sanchez seconded the motion. The motion passed.

### **D. Review, Discussion and Decision on Map for Framework Study Area, Management of Studies, and Suggested Time Frame for Proposed Elections**

Ms. Leather presented a white paper on the framework study area, management studies, and suggested time frame for proposed elections. She reviewed the maps with the Council. Questions and discussion followed. Councilmember Prechel made a motion to approve map number five, and have CAAG staff to assist ADOT with management of its studies. The Council felt there was not enough information regarding the timing of its elections to make a decision and recommendation. Mayor Jackson seconded the motion. The motion passed.

### **E. Review, Discussion and Decision on TTAC Statewide Priority Program Requests**

Mr. Leister explained that the Transportation Technical Advisory Committee (TTAC) made specific recommendations and that the Management Committee recommended approval of the Statewide Priority Program Requests. He stated that the list was included in the packet. Questions and discussion followed. Mayor Rankin motioned to change the order of the two projects in the Globe District making the passing lanes from Globe to Winkelman number one and the four lane divided highway from Globe to New Mexico number two and approving the remainder of its priority programming as presented. Supervisor Sanchez seconded the motion. The motion passed.

### **F. Review, Discussion and Decision on accepting Resolution No. 2007-6 in Support of delaying the proposed construction of a traffic signal at the**

**intersection of US-60 and Pinto Valley Road until further study is completed to determine if a safer alternative exists**

Mr. Leister stated there has been a request made to ADOT to install a traffic signal at the intersection of US-60 and Pinto Valley Road. He explained that the intersection is at the top of uphill passing lanes with limited sight distance to both directions. Questions and discussion followed. Ms. Leather read the title of Resolution No 2007-6. Mayor Gibson made a motion to approve Resolution 2007-6 in Support of delaying the proposed construction of a traffic signal at the intersection of US-60 and Pinto Valley Road until further study is completed to determine if a safer alternative exists. Councilmember Licano seconded the motion. The motion passed.

**G. Transportation Planning Update**

Mr. Leister provided an update on the Transportation Department. He briefed the Council on the status of projects in the Region. Questions and discussion followed. This item was for information only.

**H. Environmental Planning Committee Membership Recommendations**

Mr. Armenta explained that the EPC recommended that all municipalities that possess DMA status appoint an appropriate representative to the EPC. He stated the municipalities that have DMA status and the communities who have members on the EPC. Questions and discussion followed. Mayor Williams made a motion to approve the Environmental Planning Committee Membership recommendations. Mayor Rankin seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**I. Approval of Members of All CAAG Committees**

The approval of member of all CAAG Committees was approved under the consent agenda item IV.

**J. Election of Officers**

The Election of officers was tabled and will be voted on at the November 2007 meeting.

**XI. NEW BUSINESS – ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BOARD**

**A. Review, Discussion and Decision of the CAAG 2007 Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy**

Mr. Ringer stated that each year CAAG is required to submit an update of its Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS). He informed the Council that this year's update is the complete document. Mr. Ringer provided the Council with a CD of the CEDS document. Mayor Insalaco made a motion to approve the CAAG 2007 CEDS. The Regional Council seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**XI. TRANSFER OF GAVEL**

This item has been tabled for the November 2007 meeting.

## **XII. LEGISLATIVE UPDATE**

Kevin Adam provided the Council with a Legislative update.

## **XIII. RECOGNITIONS**

Ms. Leather presented Ms. Patel with a plaque during her Director's Report. She presented Mr. Tomasik with a plaque after his Planning Department presentation.

## **XIV. DATE-TIME-LOCATION**

The next Regional Council meeting is scheduled for November 28, 2007 and will be hosted by the Town of Hayden.

## **XV. CALL TO THE PUBLIC**

Sylvia Barrett addressed the council under call to the public. (See attached letters)

Mayor Medina announced that the Town of Miami fiesta would be on Saturday, September 29<sup>th</sup>.

## **XVI. ADJOURNMENT**

Councilmember Prechel made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mayor Gibson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Chair Hing adjourned the meeting at 9:46 p.m.

Approved on \_\_\_\_\_