



Capital Area Council of Governments General Assembly | Minutes

11:30 a.m. Wednesday, September 8, 2021
Austin Marriott South
4415 South IH 35
Austin, Texas 78744

Called to Order

Bastrop County Judge Paul Pape, Chair called the meeting to order at 12:06 p.m. after lunch.

He recognized CAPCOG Executive Director Betty Voights for reaching her 25th anniversary with the COG as the as executive director and highlighted her achievements throughout the years with CAPCOG's mission and work done. Judge Pape along with the other Executive Committee Officers, San Marcos Mayor Jane Hughson, Llano County Judge Ron Cunningham, and Taylor Mayor Bryant Rydell, presented Ms. Voights with a plaque and flowers for her service.

1. Approve Minutes for the December 9, 2020 Meeting

Judge Paul Pape, Chair

Judge Pape asked the General Assembly if they would approve the December 9, 2021 meetings minutes. A motion was made by Judge Cunningham to approve the minutes. Leander Mayor Christine Sederquist seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

2. Consider Amendment to CAPCOG Bylaws

Betty Voights, Executive Director

Ms. Voights explained the organization's bylaws have been amended many times, and two of the last changes allowed for the Executive Committee to fill vacancies on the committee by vote and allowed Executive Committee members who were no longer elected officials to serve the remainder of their term. To reduce end of the year turnover and help ensure Executive Committee members would be committed to at least a full year of service, Ms. Voights proposed a minor change to the bylaws to prohibit vacancies from being filled when a sitting Executive Committee member resigns after June 15. Because of the process required, joining after June 15th would only leave 2-3 months of the term for the new member to serve.

A motion was made by Mayor Sederquist to approve the bylaws change. Burnet County Commissioner Joe Don Dockery seconded the motion. Judge Pape called for a vote. Mayor Hughson voted against the motion, noting she also voted against it at July Executive Committee meeting. The motion passed.

3. Election of Nominating Committee for 2021-2022 Term

Betty Voights, Executive Director

Ms. Voights explained the process of selecting the Nominating Committee and its process for making recommendations for the upcoming year's Executive Committee members to the General Assembly. She went through the list of recommendations to serve on the Nominating Committee: Burnet County Commissioner Joe Don Dockery, Llano County Judge Ron Cunningham, Williamson County Commissioner Cynthia Long, Bastrop Mayor Pro Tem Lyle Nelson, Cedar Park Mayor Christine Sederquist, Giddings Mayor John Dowell, and Hays County Commissioner Lon Shell.

A motion was made by former Lakeway Mayor Sandy Cox to approve the Nominating Committee members. Mayor Rydell seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Adoption of Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Budget

Sheila Jennings, Director of Administration

Ms. Jennings presented a PowerPoint presentation with a summary overview of the Fiscal Year (FY) 2021-22 budget and told the General Assembly budget books were available to review the budget in detail at the meeting's registration table. She highlighted the agency's projected revenues of nearly \$32.38 million and expenditures of \$32.45 million noting that some large projects may not be expended by the end of the FY 2020-21 year, so their funds are rolled forward. She explained that the budget includes 71 staff positions, that CAPCOG's employees must be paid based on the state's pay schedule, and that the budget provides a two percent cost of living adjustment to current employees. Ms. Jennings showed graphs breaking down CAPCOG's local, state and federal funding and the percentage of how much is spent per division — Aging Services and Emergency Communications were denoted as the major programs with the largest cost and revenues.

A motion was made by Mayor Hughson to approve the FY 2021-22 budget. Mayor Sederquist seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

5. Regional Transportation Update

Tucker Ferguson, Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) Austin District Engineer

Mr. Ferguson discussed present and future TxDOT projects that will take place in the CAPCOG region. The state agency has plans for 158 projects for the region costing more than \$6.33 billion between FY 2022 and FY 2031. He presented on numerous projects for state and federal highways mentioning their proposed start and completion dates, cost, and length of improvements. Among them included SH 71 from RM 2322 to the Burnet County Line, U.S. 290 from McDade to Giddings, U.S. 281 in Blanco to the Comal County line, and multiple IH-35 projects called the I-35 Capital Express Program.

Mr. Ferguson also discussed six projects which had recently been refunded after their initial funding was diverted to IH-35 construction; the projects were smaller but significant roadway improvements in Burnet, Hays, Travis, and Williamson counties.

No action was required.

6. 2020 Census – How Our Region is Growing

Andrew Hoekzema, CAPCOG Regional Planning & Services Director

Mr. Hoekzema gave a presentation about the U.S. 2020 Census results. He noted that between 2010 and 2020 the region grew by 500,000 which is more people than lived in the region during the 1970 Census. Mr. Hoekzema showed a map denoting each counties population growth and stated that Hays County had the largest growth rate in region and state. In the region, it was followed by Williamson, Bastrop and Travis counties — Travis County's population grew by nearly 266,000 people. The Austin-Round Rock-Georgetown Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) had the largest growth rate among MSAs in the state.

Adjourn

Judge Pape thanked everyone for attending the meeting and adjourned it at 1:05 p.m.

Lew White

Mayor Lew White, Secretary
Executive Committee
Capital Area Council of Governments

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Date