

**ITEM 6B**

**JOINT MEETING OF THE  
EXECUTIVE AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEES  
FEBRUARY 24, 2020  
REVISED MINUTES**



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**1. CALL TO ORDER OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

The Executive Committee portion of the February 24, 2020 joint meeting was called to order at 4:31 p.m. by Chairman Jeff Grubbe, Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians, at 73-710 Fred Waring Dr., Suite 119 in Palm Desert, CA.

**2. ROLL CALL OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Councilmember Joseph DeConinck  
Mayor John Aguilar  
Mayor Steven Hernandez  
Mayor Scott Matas  
Mayor Ty Peabody  
Mayor Glenn Miller  
Mayor Linda Evans  
Councilmember Sabby Jonathan  
Mayor Geoff Kors  
Supervisor V. Manuel Perez  
Supervisor Jeff Hewitt  
Tribal Chair Jeff Grubbe

**AGENCY**

City of Blythe  
City of Cathedral City  
City of Coachella  
City of Desert Hot Springs  
City of Indian Wells  
City of Indio  
City of La Quinta  
City of Palm Desert  
City of Palm Springs  
County of Riverside 4<sup>th</sup> District  
County of Riverside 5<sup>th</sup> District (*Arrived during item 9A*)  
Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians

**MEMBERS NOT PRESENT**

Mayor Pro Tem Dana Hobart  
Tribal Chair Douglas Welmas  
Supervisor Kevin Jeffries  
Supervisor Karen Spiegel  
Supervisor Chuck Washington

**AGENCY**

City of Rancho Mirage  
Cabazon Band of Mission Indians  
County of Riverside 1<sup>st</sup> District  
County of Riverside 2<sup>nd</sup> District  
County of Riverside 3<sup>rd</sup> District

**3. CALL TO ORDER OF THE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE**

The Transportation Committee portion of the February 24, 2020 joint meeting was called to order at 4:32 p.m. by Chair Robert Radi, City of La Quinta, at 73-710 Fred Waring Dr., Suite 119 in Palm Desert, CA.

4. **ROLL CALL OF TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE**

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Councilmember Joseph DeConinck  
Mayor Pro Tem Raymond Gregory  
Mayor Steven Hernandez  
Mayor Scott Matas  
Mayor Ty Peabody  
Mayor Pro Tem Elaine Holmes  
Councilmember Robert Radi  
Councilmember Jan Harnik  
Councilmember Dennis Woods  
Supervisor V. Manuel Perez  
Tribal Councilmember Anthony Purnel

**AGENCY**

City of Blythe  
City of Cathedral City  
City of Coachella  
City of Desert Hot Springs  
City of Indian Wells  
City of Indio  
City of La Quinta  
City of Palm Desert  
City of Palm Springs  
County of Riverside 4<sup>th</sup> District  
Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Brad Anderson  
Lauri Aylaian  
Julie Bornstein  
Pat Cooper  
Tom Davis  
Ryan Domino  
Gustavo Gomez  
Dan Horn  
Charles McClendon  
Jon McMillen  
Tony Mize  
Brian Nestande  
Araceli Palafox  
Bill Pattison  
John Plata  
Luke Rainey  
David Ready  
Greg Rodriguez  
Paul Rodriguez  
David Salgado  
Erin Sasse  
Mark Scott  
Boomer Shannon  
Paul Slama  
Brittney Sowell  
Heather Vaikona  
Jocelyn Vargas

**AGENCY**

Rancho Mirage Resident  
City of Palm Desert  
Coachella Valley Housing Coalition  
County of Riverside  
Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians  
LSL CPAs and Advisors  
City of Indio  
Palm Communities  
City of Cathedral City  
City of La Quinta  
National Cure  
County of Riverside  
Lift to Rise  
City of Coachella  
Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians  
City of Desert Hot Springs  
City of Palm Springs  
County of Riverside  
Rodriguez Consulting  
Southern California Association of Governments  
League of California Cities  
City of Indio  
County of Riverside  
Cabazon Band of Mission Indians  
SunLine Transit Agency  
Lift to Rise  
Lift to Rise

**STAFF PRESENT**

Tom Kirk  
Gary Leong  
Katie Barrows  
Martin Magaña  
Erica Felci  
Jim Sullivan

Bassam Al-Beitawi  
Tom Cox  
Joanna Stueckle  
Oscar Vizcarra  
Lutfi Kharuf

CVAG Legal Counsel

5. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Chairman Grubbe led the members of both committees in the Pledge of Allegiance.

6. **PUBLIC COMMENTS ON JOINT COMMITTEE AGENDA ITEMS**

Brad Anderson, Rancho Mirage resident, provided a letter for the record and spoke in opposition to any sales tax.

Tony Mize, National Core, spoke in favor of legislation that would allow a future sales tax initiative.

Dan Horn, Palm Communities, commented about impact that sales tax revenue could have for affordable housing.

7. **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE CHAIR / TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE CHAIR ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Chairman Radi thanked Transportation Committee members for attending the meeting on short notice and indicated that he requested the members be included in the Executive Committee's consideration of potential legislation to create funding options.

8. **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Tom Kirk discussed item 14e (CalEnviroscreen's Negative Impact on Eligibility for Rooftop Solar Program). Mr. Kirk stated that the scoring of the Coachella Valley region in CalEnviroscreen's map of census tracts means that the region is not accurately represented.

Mr. Kirk also discussed the California Transportation Commission (CTC) allocation of \$29 million for CV Link project, pointing out that this was not "new money" but that the allocation was significant progress of getting the project constructed.

Mr. Kirk's comments concluded with the announcement of the signal synchronization pilot project starting in the cities of Cathedral City and Palm Springs later in the week.

9. **JOINT DISCUSSION / ACTION**

A. **Consideration of Legislation to Create Funding Options for Affordable Housing and Related Programs in the Coachella Valley – Erica Felci**

Erica Felci presented the staff report. Ms. Felci introduced Julie Bornstein, Coachella Valley Housing Coalition, to discuss issues related to sales tax measures for affordable housing, including items members could consider in developing an expenditure plan.

Extensive member discussion ensued starting with Supervisor Perez, who had requested that CVAG members consider possible legislation in order to have a steady funding stream for affordable housing in the region.

Ms. Felci responded to member inquiries. Various members discussed their need to take the issue back to their individual Councils for discussion, while other members indicated support if there was a clear focused plan. A discussion also ensued related to housing dollars available in jurisdictions earmarked for affordable housing and Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA) credit. Members also considered the timeline for legislation in the Capitol.

The Transportation Committee took up the item for a vote, followed by the Executive Committee.

**IT WAS MOVED BY COUNCILMEMBER HARNIK AND SECONDED BY MAYOR PEABODY TO DIRECT THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, WITH AUTHORIZATION TO SPEND UP TO \$50,000, TO WORK WITH A CONSULTANT TO DEVELOP A SCOPE OF WORK RELATED TO RESEARCHING HOMELESSNESS, HOUSING AND RELATED PROGRAMS WITHIN 90 DAYS.**

**THE MOTION CARRIES UNANIMOUSLY WITH 12 AYES.**

<b>COUNCILMEMBER DeCONINCK</b>	<b>AYE</b>
<b>COUNCILMEMBER GREGORY</b>	<b>AYE</b>
<b>MAYOR HERNANDEZ</b>	<b>AYE</b>
<b>MAYOR MATAS</b>	<b>AYE</b>
<b>MAYOR PEABODY</b>	<b>AYE</b>
<b>MAYOR PRO TEM HOLMES</b>	<b>AYE</b>
<b>COUNCILMEMBER RADI</b>	<b>AYE</b>
<b>COUNCILMEMBER HARNIK</b>	<b>AYE</b>
<b>COUNCILMEMBER WOODS</b>	<b>AYE</b>
<b>COUNCILMEMBER WEILL</b>	<b>AYE</b>
<b>SUPERVISOR PEREZ</b>	<b>AYE</b>
<b>TRIBAL COUNCILMEMBER PURNEL</b>	<b>AYE</b>

The item moved forward for Executive Committee consideration, additional discussion and action. Member discussion elaborated on many of the same points discussed by Transportation Committee members.

It was moved by Councilmember Jonathan and seconded by Mayor Evans to direct the Executive Director to refer this matter to the CV HEART subcommittee of the CVAG Homelessness Committee and, within 90 days, come up with a workplan for moving forward on a report that would identify options to consider in the future.

Member discussion continued, including discussion about the need for resources. A substitute motion was made, and the original motion died with no vote having been taken.

**IT WAS MOVED BY MAYOR KORS AND SECONDED BY MAYOR HERNANDEZ TO DIRECT THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO REFER THIS MATTER TO THE CV HEART SUBCOMMITTEE OF THE CVAG HOMELESSNESS COMMITTEE AND, WITHIN 90 DAYS, COME UP WITH A WORKPLAN FOR MOVING FORWARD ON A REPORT THAT WOULD IDENTIFY OPTIONS TO CONSIDER IN THE FUTURE, AND AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTIVE**

DIRECTOR TO, IF NECESSARY, HIRE A CONSULTANT(S) TO ASSIST IN THIS RESEARCH AT A COST UP TO \$50,000.

THE MOTION CARRIED WITH 10 AYES, 2 NAYS AND 5 MEMBERS ABSENT

COUNCILMEMBER DECONINCK	AYE
MAYOR AGUILAR	AYE
MAYOR HERNANDEZ	AYE
MAYOR MATAS	AYE
MAYOR PEABODY	AYE
MAYOR MILLER	NAY
MAYOR EVANS	NAY
COUNCILMEMBER JONATHAN	AYE
MAYOR KORS	AYE
MAYOR PRO TEM HOBART	ABSENT
SUPERVISOR JEFFRIES	ABSENT
SUPERVISOR SPIEGEL	ABSENT
SUPERVISOR WASHINGTON	ABSENT
SUPERVISOR PEREZ	AYE
SUPERVISOR HEWITT	AYE
TRIBAL CHAIR GRUBBE	AYE
TRIBAL CHAIR WELMAS	ABSENT

**B. Contract Amendment Number One for the Cathedral Canyon Bridge for Additional Engineering Design and Construction Work – Martin Magaña**

Martin Magaña presented the staff report. Member discussion ensued.

The Transportation Committee took up the item for a vote, followed by the Executive Committee.

**IT WAS MOVED BY COUNCILMEMBER HARNIK AND SECONDED BY MAYOR HERNANDEZ TO APPROVE AMENDMENT NUMBER ONE TO THE REIMBURSEMENT AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF CATHEDRAL CITY FOR THE CATHEDRAL CANYON BRIDGE PROJECT TO PROVIDE IMPROVEMENTS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$681,272.58.**

THE MOTION CARRIES UNANIMOUSLY WITH 12 AYES.

COUNCILMEMBER DeCONINCK	AYE
COUNCILMEMBER GREGORY	AYE
MAYOR HERNANDEZ	AYE
MAYOR MATAS	AYE
MAYOR PEABODY	AYE
MAYOR PRO TEM HOLMES	AYE
COUNCILMEMBER RADI	AYE
COUNCILMEMBER HARNIK	AYE
COUNCILMEMBER WOODS	AYE
COUNCILMEMBER WEILL	AYE
SUPERVISOR PEREZ	AYE
TRIBAL COUNCILMEMBER PURNEL	AYE

The item was considered by the members of the Executive Committee with the following result.

**IT WAS MOVED BY MAYOR EVANS AND SECONDED BY MAYOR MILLER TO APPROVE AMENDMENT NUMBER ONE TO THE REIMBURSEMENT AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF CATHEDRAL CITY FOR THE CATHEDRAL CANYON BRIDGE PROJECT TO PROVIDE IMPROVEMENTS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$681,272.58.**

**THE MOTION CARRIED WITH 12 AYES AND 5 MEMBERS ABSENT**

COUNCILMEMBER DECONINCK	AYE
MAYOR AGUILAR	AYE
MAYOR HERNANDEZ	AYE
MAYOR MATAS	AYE
MAYOR PEABODY	AYE
MAYOR MILLER	AYE
MAYOR EVANS	AYE
COUNCILMEMBER JONATHAN	AYE
MAYOR KORS	AYE
MAYOR PRO TEM HOBART	ABSENT
SUPERVISOR JEFFRIES	ABSENT
SUPERVISOR SPIEGEL	ABSENT
SUPERVISOR WASHINGTON	ABSENT
SUPERVISOR PEREZ	AYE
SUPERVISOR HEWITT	AYE
TRIBAL CHAIR GRUBBE	AYE
TRIBAL CHAIR WELMAS	ABSENT

**10. TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE ANNOUNCEMENTS AND ADJOURNMENT**

Upcoming Committee Meeting at 73-710 Fred Waring Drive, Suite 119, Palm Desert:

**Transportation Committee – Monday, April 6, 2020 at 10:00 a.m.**

There being no further business, Chair Radi adjourned the meeting at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Joanna Stueckle*

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Executive Assistant