



## *CITY OF RIDGECREST*

### **INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE**

City Council Conference Room  
100 W. California Avenue.  
Ridgecrest, CA 93555

**Tuesday, February 12, 2008 at 5:00 p.m.**

#### **Agenda**

Infrastructure Committee Members: Chairman Tom Wiknich; Members Steve Morgan, Lois Beres and Nellavan Jeglum

1. CALL TO ORDER
2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES January 8, 2008
4. COMMENTS: (PUBLIC COMMENT)
5. DISCUSSION ITEMS:
  - a. City Hall paper recycling – DART proposal
  - b. Ridgecrest Septic Service request
  - c. Strategy for Streets Initiative
6. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Adjournment



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#### **DRAFT Minutes**

Present Chairman Tom Wiknich; Members Steve Morgan, Lois Beres and Nellavan Jeglum; City staff

1. CALL TO ORDER  
The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m.
2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA  
The agenda was approved.
3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES December 11, 2007  
The minutes were approved with modifications. Mike Neely was changed to Mike Neal
4. COMMENTS: (PUBLIC COMMENT)  
Mr. Dave Matthews commented that the Daily Independent blogs deserve answers
5. DISCUSSION ITEMS:
  - d. Review of Updated Streets Initiative Project List – Chair Wiknich presented an updated list. New construction has been removed from the list, projects added and priorities reorganized. Input received from the public was that we need to repair what we have existing; Norma street was moved up in ranking. Item 17 is a joint project with the County.
    - Ms. Dorothy Brown – requested Gold Canyon be looked at. It's a residential street with commercial usage
    - Mr. Frank ? – concerned with Sunland; street is crumbling

Member Morgan recommended forwarding with modification to Council and looking into Gold Canyon. Staff was directed to get numbers and make recommendations on Gold Canyon ranking.
  - e. Discussion of utility cuts and repairs – Chair Wiknich asked if the City could implement a policy that does not allow utility cuts for one year in new streets. PW Director Speer distributed handouts and reviewed the current City requirements; there are some utilities that are not in compliance. PW Director Speer indicated that all utilities need to operate under an encroachment permit and follow City codes. Member Morgan questioned the appropriateness of the City code and if changes are needed. Should we require more extensive repairs and require payment for repairs.  
**Action taken: Committee directed staff to look at policy.**

- f. Proposition 1B funds (possible projects) – Funds have not been earmarked, City will receive approximately \$400K. When given the okay will present ideas of what can be done with these funds.
- g. CNG refueling station (cost, timeline, matching requirements) - PW Director Speer indicated the original plan was to design in FY07-08, construct in FY 08-09. If City can't do need to request to amend to a doable year. This project is tied to the corporate yard. Member Morgan explained the idea behind the station; it would be the only public station between Mojave and Bishop.

6. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

PW Director Speer updated the Committee on TTAC and distributed the Kern COG staff recommendations which include \$6.2 million for Ridgecrest Blvd. It's short but may be enough to phase the project (i.e. China Lake to Norma). PW Director Speer also distributed a summary from ASCE and reviewed the rankings for infrastructure.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:07 p.m.

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Attn: Infrastructure Committee

- Harvey Rose
- Mike Avery
- Jim McCray

Ridgecrest Septic Service would like to compete for business in the city limits for roll off boxes and commercial boxes with rights to sort and recycle the waste we receive. There are restrictions to open and fair pricing to the commercial public due to the franchise in place now with our competitor. Due to this franchise Ridgecrest Septic cannot service it's city customers with boxes. We are losing customers because we are unable to offer the same services as our competitor such as portable toilet and roll off box combos. Most commercial customers prefer to do business with a company that can provide all of their sanitation needs.

Ridgecrest Septic Service has been in this area for longer than their current competitor. In the beginning we used to help and work with the current competitor. Since the franchise was awarded and they had the ability to monopolize we have been cut out of the loop. Our competitor has the protection of the franchise and receives a fuel allotment which in turn allows them to keep their prices lower. The door to door trash is not what we want to have access to. That is already in place and working just fine. The commercial industry however should be allowed a choice. We have written permission to operate in the county and the NAWS certified letters are in my office.

Times are changing. You have more than one restaurant in town to eat in, more than one store to shop in, and more than one fuel station to buy from, so why not have more than one roll off service?

Sincerely,

Roger H Begin

