



CITY OF RIDGECREST

INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE

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

Tuesday, March 11, 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 February 12, 2008 and February 21, 2008
 4. COMMENTS: (PUBLIC COMMENT)
 5. DISCUSSION ITEMS:
 - a. Review of proposed City policy of prohibiting utility cuts in streets post repaving
 - b. Review of utility permit and inspection policy for utility cuts
 - c. Highway 395 and China Lake Blvd intersection
 6. DIRECTOR'S REPORT
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Adjournment



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

Draft Minutes

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

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 January 8, 2008**
The minutes were approved
4. **COMMENTS: (PUBLIC COMMENT)**
None
5. **DISCUSSION ITEMS:**
 - a. City Hall paper recycling (DART proposal) – PSD McRea indicated the City is looking at entering into an agreement with DART to recycle City Hall white paper product. The cost is \$150 per month and the program is needed to meet our compliance order. ACM Avery requested the animal shelter be included in the program. The Committee unanimously agreed to the program; it should be looked at in 6 months and the animal shelter should be included.
 - b. Ridgecrest Septic Service request – ACM Avery reviewed the request and indicated it is in conflict with the franchise agreement. Also, conflicting information has been received regarding pick up of commercial waste; city attorney is reviewing. Current contract is an exclusive 10 year agreement with an automatic renewal each year; City must notify franchise to start the 10 year clock ticking. City will be requesting Benz assistance with recycling. ACM Avery suggests the City not move forward; more information is needed and franchise needs to be updated.

Roger Begin – Impossible for business to make a choice, unable to compete, and it's not fair to small business. Looking at roll-offs, anything commercial and recycling.
 - c. Strategy for Streets Initiative – Chair Wiknich commented the City Council voted to proceed with the initiative; we're looking at a June ballot. There are no changes to the list. Currently doing a speaking tour. Communication is important and better communication is needed. Committee discussed comments received after today's

speech for the Chamber; there was concerns expressed about extending the time limit for the initiative. The answer is no; this initiative is for 10 years.

The Committee discussed marketing ideas and the possible creation of a political committee. Chair Wiknich and Member Morgan distributed and reviewed with those present their ideas for marketing.

Judy Dietrichson – Make sure you have talking points on Internet.

Alex ? – Asked if state can take these funds. Member Morgan commented we can't guarantee the state won't take funds but these funds are local funds with local control and the City will continue to budget for roads in the normal budget process.

The Committee will continue to discuss marketing strategy on a weekly basis with the next meeting scheduled for February 21, 2008 at 5:00 p.m.

6. DIRECTOR'S REPORT – PWD Speer attended KCOG on January 19th. There was unanimous approval of STIP; this includes Ridgecrest Blvd funding for \$6.2 million (project is underfunded). KCOG recommendation goes to the CTC in June.

To date there has been one accident on Balsam and Ridgecrest intersection. It's a work in process.

PWD Speer attended the APWA workshop on public liability this week. Conference presenter does not recommend marking crosswalks at non controlled intersections.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:27 p.m.



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Thursday, February 21, 2008 at 5:00 p.m.

DRAFT Minutes

Present: Chair Tom Wiknich; Members Lois Beres and Nellavan Jeglum
Absent: Member Steve Morgan

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
No action taken
4. COMMENTS: (PUBLIC COMMENT)
Manuel Farmer commented that Benz has not currently or in the past partnered with Ridgecrest Septic.
5. DISCUSSION ITEMS:
 - a. Strategy for Streets Initiative – Chair Wiknich updated the committee on the status of the initiative. City Council approved it at their meeting last night; the committee can take no action regarding the initiative. An oversight committee was part of the ordinance passed. New list was distributed and reviewed. Initiative will have to be marketed by a volunteer group; Chamber has expressed interest.

Member Jeglum – Glad College Heights was bumped down.

Mike Neel – Questioned whether funds will be available in 2012 for Ridgecrest Blvd. If not what happens to project status. Also, requested departments look at fund cuts to see what can be done. Chair Wiknich indicated the City would look for other funding sources; the intention is to stay with the list order. Second request needs to be referred to the City Organization Committee.

Dave Matthews – Commented that an EIR was done once but is now out of date on Ridgecrest Blvd.

The committee discussed different aspects of funding the projects including possibility of bonding or allowing funds to accumulate; any interest earned would go towards projects on list.

Walt ? – Has heard others comment that the City's trying to raises taxes again. Chair Wiknich reminded those present that the City has never raised taxes.

6. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

PW Director Speer contacted Caltrans regarding big rig parking on hwy 178. Vehicle code requires the City to submit a request to Caltrans for their review. Spoke with Caltrans representative who sees no problem with the request. **Action taken: Staff to draft request and include a map.**

KernCOG has forwarded the RTIP 2008 project recommendations to Caltrans this week

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 5:31 p.m.