



CITY OF RIDGECREST

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MEETING OF THE CITY OF RIDGECREST INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE Wednesday January 11, 2012 at 5:00 pm

**Committee Members: Chairman Jerry Taylor, Council Member Steven Morgan
Planning Commissioner Craig Porter
Planning Commissioner James Sanders**

1. CALL TO ORDER:
2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
4. PUBLIC COMMENTS OF ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA
5. DISCUSSION ITEMS:
 - A. Call for Projects – List of RSTP and CMAQ
 - B. Wal-Mart Pilot Channel
6. DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS
7. COMMITTEE'S COMMENTS
8. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS
9. ADJOURNMENT



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Recording Secretary Karen Harker

Staff Members: Dennis Speer, Loren Culp, Jim McRea

DRAFT MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER: Meeting was called to order at 5:01
2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA Councilman Steve Morgan asked for a motion to approve the agenda. Planning Commissioner Craig Porter made the motion, seconded by Jim Sanders. The Agenda was then approved as submitted.
3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Councilman Steve Morgan asked for a motion to approve the minutes from November 9, 2011; Planning Commissioner Craig Porter made the motion to approve the minutes, motion was seconded by Planning Commissioner Jim Sanders. Minutes were approved as submitted.
4. PUBLIC COMMENTS OF ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA
Craig Stone has been a resident for 43 years. Comment on left turn signal. The City has been designing for left turn lanes where there is no reason. The City has been putting in traffic signal where there is no need for them. There are too many traffic lights within the City limits. He would like for the City to rethink not using funds for traffic lights.
5. DISCUSSION ITEMS:
 - A. Improvements to the Engineering Process
Loren Culp submitted to the committee for their review an outline of a Proposed Improvement to the Development Process. Mr. Culp identified key areas that would help the City and a Developer with the process from conducting educational workshops, developing new application forms, adjusting fees, updating certain Municipal codes, create improvement districts, grading, and drainage manual (see attached). Building Code has a grading plan but the County doesn't plan check. This poses a problem and creates a hole. The Drainage Design manual has not been adoption by resolution and should have formalization. Mr. Culp feels that the grading issue is what needs to be tackled first. He also feels that conducting educational workshops would be a good place to start so that we can function with the community. It needs to be an effort for the departments and the developers to work together and be on the same page. Education is the key for both staff and developers.

- Steve Morgan – Fee structure; would we need a study or can we make it internally
- Jim McRea – 1987 done by a consultant and came by fees
- Dennis Speer – we can do comps around desert areas and compare
- Jim McRea – this is against the law
- Steve Morgan - can we take this to our legal and make sure that we are within the right
- Loren Culp – current laws for fee structure need to be reviewed by the attorney
- Steve Morgan – grading is ready to go
- Loren Culp – grading ordinance has been prepared (draft)
- Steve Morgan – the three most important thing in your opinion to get taken care of
- Loren Culp – intercity, departmental issue – grading ordinance is substantial, and then fee structure
- Craig Porter – drainage manual can we take to city council to get approved
- Dennis Speer – I feel that the language can be redone in certain areas and that it would then be ready to go.
- Craig Porter – can we do this in the process.
- Jerry Taylor – Is this what needs to be done by the municipal code and do we need to listen to what the developers issues are.
- Jim McRea – explained that our municipal code doesn't follow the subdivision map act.
- When would it be reasonable to do an educational workshop?
- Loren Culp - I will take care of this in February.

Public Comments

Dave Matthews – You found the developers unsophisticated. Are there any fees associated with this workshop? Mr. Speer indicated that is would be a roundtable. Mr. Culp stated that the developers are not educated in the process of the cities codes and processes and maybe they have not received the right answers.

Jim Mckernan – explain the policies to the developers and they will be ok with them.

B. Call for Projects

Dennis Speer brought to the committee the call for projects by Kern Cog for Regional Surface Transportation Program (RSTP) and CMAQ Projects. Both need to be submitted by January 31, 2012. Discussed the issue of how to get the S. Sunland from Upjohn Ave to Bowman Ave. back on the Federal Roads List.

- Steve Morgan – Half street for the CMAQ. You have the PMS to look at and come up with the List for RSTP.
- Dennis Speer – discussed the criteria
- Steve Morgan – Kern Cog will look more favorable on asphalt on the ground.
- Jerry Taylor – Bike path class one where are we with our plan
- Jerry Taylor – you are the experts; bring back a list at the next meeting January 11, 2012.
- Dennis Speer – we will have a list
- Craig Porter – the Bike Path connects all the schools but believes that roads are more important than bikes paths

Public Comment

C. Sunland Avenue Project

Sunland Ave was programmed for funding through both the RSTP project with Downs and also 1B money with the Drummond. Both Projects needed to scope back and Sunland was lost. The City has complete design and specifications and cost estimates. This is a topic of great debate with our community. It doesn't show on the 5 year project list for the PMS. It would be staff's recommendation that we use TAB Funds to complete this project due to the community interest in this street.

Jerry Taylor – this should be a RSTP project

Committee discussed the drainage problem of Richmond Rd and why it can't be a RSTP. Committee discussed if it was better to have Sunland as an RSTP project or a TAB project. Mr. Speer felt that because we have design already that we would be better served to have it as a TAB project. The committee asked that Sunland Avenue be placed on the TAB list.

Public Comment

D. RDA TAB Street Priority List –

The committee was given the list of streets that shows the PMS study minus all programmed projects. Mr. Speer also explained that in the 3.6 million that was allocated at City Council that the Public Works Department still needs to have money for match funds and design work that needs to come from these funds for the programmed federally funded projects that the City is already committed to. We have around 1.5 million that needs to be allocated for these projects.

- Jerry Taylor – I would like to follow the PMS
- Steve Morgan – I would like to do Richmond with drainage
- Dennis Speer – modified by field review and ranking factor; by micro pave and chip seal.
- Jerry Taylor – would like to have a discussion item on the agenda for the 3.6 million;
- Speer – segments need street field review and need contractor to do that I don't feel I can do that by the 21st.
- Jerry Taylor – was my understanding that I would have a list to take to city council on the 21st.
- Steve Morgan – take Sunland and 6 to 7 more projects for the list and that would be the start of the 3.6 million
- Dennis Speer – my match money and design along with the Sunland and design of Downs needs to be shown as projects from this 3.6 million.
- Jerry Taylor – show the money that you need to complete these projects and the list and take to City Council on the 21st.

Public Comment

Dave Matthews – 3.6 millions was part of the 11 million that was on the

- E. Triangle: Inyokern Road and South China Lake Boulevard - one-way only
Our traffic engineer will take a look at it at the first of the year. Steve Morgan suggested that the traffic engineer look at one way in and two way out.

Public Comment

Dave Matthews – one way off of Inyokern and make the trucks. Make it easier for the trucks for a devoted one lane as a south bound.

F. Proposal for Programming of Corp Yard – Willdan

Willdan has prepared and submitted a proposal to the City of Ridgecrest for our consideration. It is scheduled to be presented to City Council on the 21st. The proposal is for Phase 1 Program Preliminary Design Engineering Services at the contract fee of \$44,640.00. Mr. Culp presented the proposal and asked the committee to review and for comments. This was prepared after taking the needs from departments and from the infrastructure committee.

- Jerry Taylor – what is the opinion of the price?
- Dennis Speer- a little pricey
- Jerry Taylor – what is the other option
- Loren Culp – We have no other option; explain the process of having one person be there to negotiate with the departments. Willdan needs to be more of a facilitator throughout the process.
- Steve Morgan – you need to move forward
- Craig Porter – good planning is important
- Jerry Taylor – It will be important that Willdan not become the negotiator for the departments and that the Department Heads step in and help with the process.

Public Comment

G. Wal-Mart Pilot Channel

I met with a rep today for a drainage product to conventional wrap. I will be asking for staff to look at this and getting input. End of January will be getting the plans from Walmart. Will be moving forward with second phase of plan check.

- Taylor – how much of the channel is our cost – 100%
- Dennis Speer – until the
- McRea – an earthen channel is all that the city has required

Committee discussed the advantages of conventional wrap and the new product propex. Mr. Culp will research the new product line and bring the result back to the committee.

Public Comment

Jim McKernan – are you going to fix the Norma

Jim McRea – yes there is a TAB project

6. DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS

Revisiting the selection processes of the projects for Kern Cog
TAB street project list

7. COMMITTEE'S COMMENTS

8. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- RSTP – List to the Committee
- Improvements to the Engineering Process – in February
- Triangle: Inyokern Road at S. China Lake Blvd – in February
- Wal-Mart Pilot Channel

9. ADJOURNMENT: Meeting was adjourned at 7:24