



**CITY OF RIDGECREST**  
100 West California Avenue  
Ridgecrest, California 93555-4054

MEETING OF THE CITY OF RIDGECREST INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE  
1<sup>ST</sup> FLOOR CITY COUNCIL CONFERENCE ROOM AREA B  
Wednesday July 11, 2012 at 5:00 pm

Committee Members: Chairman Jerry Taylor, Council Member Steven Morgan  
Planning Commissioner Craig Porter  
Planning Commissioner James Sanders  
Recording Secretary: Karen Harker  
Staff: Dennis Speer, Loren Culp

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. Projects for Highway Safety Improvement Projects (HSIP) Grant
  - B. Old Evergreen Facility on Ridgecrest Boulevard
  - C. Status Review/Progress Lawyer's Review of Municipal Code
  - D. List of Projects for FY 13 and other 4 Years for the Measure L Funds
  - E. Update on Real Estate Agreement with Navy for the Wastewater Expansion Project
  - F. Update on the Sewer Lines Inspections
  - G. Informational Items from the City Engineer
6. DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS
7. COMMITTEE'S COMMENTS
8. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS
9. ADJOURNMENT



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**DRAFT MINUTES**

1. CALL TO ORDER: Meeting was called to order at 5:08 pm
2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Councilman Morgan asked for a motion to approve the agenda. Planning Commissioner Craig Porter made the motion, seconded by Councilman Morgan. The Agenda was then approved as submitted.
3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Councilman Morgan asked for a motion to approve the agenda. Planning Commission Sanders made the motion, seconded by Planning Commission Craig Porter. The Minutes were then approved as submitted.
4. PUBLIC COMMENTS OF ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA  
Dave Matthews – there was a study to be done on the triangle up by the base entrance to make it one way what has been done with that. Dennis Speer stated that as soon as the Traffic Engineer has time to take a look at the project he will. It has not been placed off the radar.
5. DISCUSSION ITEMS:
  - A. Museum Lease with the County and how it Effects the Sports Complex  
Craig Porter is a member of the Navy Museum Foundation. Robert Campbell presented a presentation that was given to county staff. He also presented to Jon McQuiston this last Friday. He just wanted to define the lease agreements. The Foundations moved their intent from the front gate to the county area just east of the Maturango Museum. Need to raise enough money to build the building. Mr. Campbell discussed the phases of the development. They have a 3-5 year plan. He showed the impact of the City parcel impact to the Park area that Jim Ponek is working on with the County. It is .2 acres. Maturango Museum has agreed to give 2 acres and the County with 3 acres and if the City is willing to give the .2 of an acre. This will give us the best growth and access to the facilities. Need to modify the current lease with the county to reflect the .2 acres. Jim Ponek we need to make sure that we get the access road on the next lease so that we have access to the well. Porter discussed the way the process was handled. The county surveyor will need to make sure that these things are all addressed. Take a look at proposal from an engineering standpoint of infrastructure and planning needs to look at parking. Mr. Taylor asked that we take a look at renewing

our lease at this time also. Mr. Culp and the surveyor will work together on the surveying.

**Public Comment:**

Dave Matthews – what codes do we follow? We will be following the county codes. Let's not have the same issue that we have at the courthouse.

Stan Ratorja - Who owns the well; the city owns the well. The County could own the well if they decided to take it back but the city has owned and operated it.

B. How to Engage the Public regarding excess Street Lighting

1. What is a reasonable lighting spacing – type of lighting could be 250 to 350 ft. how high the luminaries are. Lighting is done by developer and we approve these plans. Mr. Morgan we demand at lighting at each intersection. Mr. Taylor what do we need engineering and police. What is a reasonable standard for a new development. Something that states the standard. Mr. Speer is what he needs as an engineer and Chief Strand is reluctant to take any out. What the public wants to be comfortable on the streets. We should be looking at a lighting a landscaping district for the entire community. Mr. Taylor feels that it should be equal for all and that. Dennis explained that a new development would be establishment would be for public safety. Porter – we need to update the lighting standard any new development would need to use that. For the old ones we use that standard to decide which ones we wanted to keep or which ones we want to take out. Dennis would like to pull a couple of other cities to see what their standards are.

**Public Comment:**

Stan Ratorja – Fresno has crime issues that our City doesn't have. The Roads funds should pay for the street lighting and any other lighting should be paid out of the general fund. Can a double head become a single head.

Morgan – can we disconnect just one side? Double head lighting cost – we are charged per light per head?

C. Land Development –

Dennis Speer indicated that the entire comparison and consistency has been turned over to the City Attorney Office between our code and the sub division map act. We will be working with Planning and Engineering departments to make sure that department are on the same page when it comes to making sure that the code works for all.

**Public Comment:**

Stan Ratorja – No one seems to know when the Attorney going to get back. Can we get a time frame? We will try and get a status on that.

Craig Porter – the legal aspects are quite complicated and I would think that it could take some time from the attorney.

Discussion of the Map Act and how it works within our community and the mandates took place within the committee.

D. What is the Strategy for upgrading the street repair/maintenance/reconstruction in light of RDA issues – Dennis Speer stated that we will be proceeding forward with our PMS Study. With preserving the best and then moving down the list for repairs. What maintenance are we going to be doing? We need to have the projects in the shelf ready.

Have a list of things we are going to be doing. Need to sharpen the pencil and know which ones need to be done. Have a number ready for the next 5 years.

Stan Ratorja – when will we know when tab funds available?

Is 100K the final number for the streets department in the budget. I would think that we can get funds from the other department to get that number up.

E. Left Turn On Langley off of Downs

- 1) cut the plants a reasonable site distance
- 2) A no left hand turn sign and turn right only

Dennis will use sight distance triangle with the help of Parks and Recreation Dept and see what I can do. What is a reasonable time line for you to get this done? Mr. Speer felt that we would have it accomplished in a reasonable time frame. Mr. Taylor was concerned about liability now that it was brought to our attention. Dennis explained that it is still the driver's responsibility to look for road obstacles before proceeding forward or making a turn.

**Public Comment:**

Dave Matthews – is the vegetation in the medians, does it fall under the volunteers who have taken over them. No that is only for weed control.

F. Informational Items from the City Engineer

I. CITY CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS

1. SIGNAL AT UPJOHN, awaiting environmental review approval from Caltrans, Design 60%

BIKE REST STATIONS, Notice of Award, Pre-Con 6/6/12, Materials Ordered, Notice to Proceed Approx. ± July 9<sup>th</sup>.

2. DRUMMOND, Notice of Award in prep, Start construction ± July 5<sup>th</sup>.
3. Downs Projects, Award June 20<sup>th</sup>, Start Construction, ± July 25<sup>th</sup>.
4. College Hts. III, Notice of Award 6/12/12, Start Construction, ± July 5<sup>th</sup>.
5. SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL
  - a. WARNER & CHURCH, STATE, CYCLE 8, \$331,200, Design 99%
  - b. GUAM, UPJOHN, LAS FLORES, UPJOHN, DOWNS, STATE CYCLE 9, \$100,833,
    - i) Design 99%,
    - ii) plans & specs in for City review.
    - iii) Project must be pared back to fit the budget
  - c. SRTS – Federal LAS FLORES/DOWNS; SIERRA VIEW/KEVIN AVE.; SIERRA VIEW/ MARY ANN; UPJOHN BETWEEN FOREST KNOLL AND S. FOUNTAIN; GATEWAY BETWEEN WHITE OAK AND LANGLEY; WARNER BETWEEN CHURCH AND RIDGECREST BLVD., FEDERAL CYCLE 3, \$583,352,
    - i) RFA to Caltrans complete
    - ii) Award environmental compliance, design, & CM to Willdan
6. RIDGECREST BLVD.
  - a. Additional R/W /Easements by Bender Rosenthal
  - b. Utility Notifications
  - c. Update Environmental Document
7. SUNLAND PROJECTS Funds from Measure L or TAB Funds
8. FINAL INVOICING
  - a. COLLEGE HTS. ARRA 1 & 2

- b. CHURCH & CHINA LAKE SIGNAL
    - c. RADER & CHINA LAKE SIGNAL
  - 9. CITY BUS GARAGE
  - 10. CMAQ & RSTP PROJECTS
    - a. SUNLAND RECLASSIFICATION
    - b. SUNLAND CMAQ APPLICATION
    - c. SIGNAL COORDINATION
    - d. CHINA LAKE RSTP
  - 11. DOWNS STREET, UPJOHN TO RIDGECREST BLVD. – in a hold
  - 12. HSIP GRANT, Awarded contract to Hall & Foreman, working on application – largest the state has done in history – they have 30 projects.
- II. PRIVATE DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS
  - 1. LAND DEVELOPMENT ISSUES
  - 2. D.R. HORTON, GRADING PLANS APPROVED, Building plans under pl. chk.
  - 3. DOWNS SENIOR APTS.
    - a. Developer wants relief of moving poles, too expensive. – meeting with SCE to discuss costs
  - 4. DIGITAL 395
    - a. Working on design of distribution lateral lines
    - b. City attorney working on right of way agreement
    - c. Planning Commission approved a hub.
  - 5. WALMART
    - a. Engineering looking at options for paring down project improvements at the request of Community and Economic Development due to cost discussions with Wal-Mart developer.
    - b. Gary Parson discussing project costs with Stan Rothbart, developer.
  - 6. HOTEL, CHINA LK. BLVD.
  - 7. DR. TAHARI PROJECT,
    - a. Dr. occupied structure without CoO. No gas meter installed.
  - 8. CHUCK ROLAND PROJECT, RIDGECREST BLVD.
  - 9. CHUCK CORDELL PROJECT, FELDSPAR
  - 10. PROPOSED DOLLAR GENERAL STORE, Planning Commission June 26<sup>th</sup>.  
Can you make sure that the curb cuts are away from intersection.
  - 11. REQUEST TO VACATE EXCESS R/W ON DOWNS, 833 W. CORAL AVE.
- III. OTHER PROJECTS
  - 1. CALTRANS CENTER MEDIAN PROJECT
  - 2. County Bowman Road Project, Griffin Construction – giving us notice
  - 3. County Park project at Leroy Jackson – approved and moving forward
  - 4. Navy Museum at Leroy Jackson
  - 5. Detour Plan for Highway 178 permit for parade at the request of PD.
  - 6. Monitoring sidewalk heave at 812 S. Chesapeake – morning to heat of day
  - 7. Demonstration & Test section of composite sidewalk materials
  - 8. Utilities meeting , Tuesday, June 5th
- 6. DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS
  - o 2 CMAQ projects – are being amended into the FTIP
  - o RSTP – is being amended into the FTIP
  - o Favored with an email from the Water Control Board in the San Joaquin Board. I provided a copy with a Papros report that was done. I informed the Board that I would follow up with an electronic copy of this report and keep them up to date with any new information.

- Caltrans is raising medians along China Lake Blvd.
- Left turn lane into St. Ann's. There are warrants studies that need to be done. 2) No abrupt changing 3) you have a variable site distance. It's not an ideal situation. I can look at it. I have to abide by engineering standards. Right in and Right out only.

7. COMMITTEE'S COMMENTS

Jerry Taylor - When was the Bike Path for the College Heights Project going to get started?  
Mr. Speer will find out and send an email

8. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

9. ADJOURNMENT: Meeting was adjourned by 6:58