



CITY OF RIDGECREST

INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE

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

Tuesday, April 10, 2007 at 4:30 p.m.

Minutes

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

1. CALL TO ORDER
The meeting was called to order at 4:30 p.m.
2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
The agenda was approved with the addition of stop sign on Sunland.
3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES March 13, 2007
The minutes were approved.
4. COMMENTS: (PUBLIC COMMENT)
None
5. DISCUSSION ITEMS:
 - a. Drainage Easement (Sonia/Randall) – CE Pollock updated the committee on the status of the easement. CE Pollock indicated the residents' attorney is trying to work out something with Lahontan to allow water to go into sewer. If it works out, there are several locations this could be done at.
 - b. Wastewater update – WW Supervisor John Bracken provided the committee with an overview and update on the wastewater plant. Upgrade is 95% complete and optimize the plan but there was no capacity gain. Member Morgan requested a site visit for committee members and public who can get access.
 - c. County landfill extension – PS Director McRea provided handouts with information on the landfill and updated the committee on the extension status. City may want an updated presentation and needs to push county on expanding landfill. *Action Item: Requested a formal presentation from County to City Council*
 - d. Mandatory Trash Collection – The committee was updated on trash service and recycling. State is questioning the City's diversion rate; this may result in two container curbside pick up with segregation. Chair Wiknich expressed

concern for senior citizens and recommended helping them. CM Rose offered several options. Mr. James Bell commented that supporting data will be needed for citizens if City does mandatory pickup. Benz representative Jeff Bunn informed the committee on the two types of MRF's; two container pickups will require two dump trucks. *Action item: Provide committee a copy of report from state and Benz fee setup, meeting with McQuiston.*

- e. Alley access (theater) – Planning Commission received complaints about traffic from businesses. PS Director McRea provided background information. This has been looked at several times. Ingress/egress is needed for businesses; City does not fence private property. Resident Joe Hibbs expressed his concern. Resident Joe Hibbs to speak with property owners to see if they would be willing to fence property.
- f. Roads initiative – CM Rose informed the committee on possible voting timeframes for the initiative. Chair Wiknich commented that City needs to earn trust; there should be specific projects, sunset clause, and very focused. Committee discussed and commented on several options for the roads initiative. A meeting for public input will be needed. Comment was made that budget cuts won't fix streets, but City needs to do what it can for others to buy in. Member Jeglum commented that the City needs to educate public on the budget. Chair Wiknich will work on proposal and bring it back to the committee
- g. Painting City Hall – CM Rose indicated the money is in the budget and project would require going out to bid. Painting is not a big deal; there are other major problems that need to be looked at. Need to do things that will keep the building standing. Chair Wiknich and Member Morgan agreed the white parts need to be painted. ACM Avery suggested painting a small area to see how it does.
- h. Stop sign on Sunland – Staff will resolve this issue.

6. DIRECTOR'S REPORT
None

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.