



CITY OF RIDGECREST

INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE

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

Tuesday, July 10, 2007 at 5:00 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 5:00 p.m.
2. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**
The agenda was approved.
3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES June 12, 2007**
The minutes were approved.
4. **COMMENTS: (PUBLIC COMMENT)**
Mr. Dave Matthews inquired on the status of Walmart progress; heard City is holding them up. Staff responded the environmental documents have been received. There's a 45 day period before public hearing on the EIR; there are no hold ups procedurally.
5. **DISCUSSION ITEMS:**
 - a. Flood Management – CE Pollock explained that FEMA no longer pays for updated maps; current map is dated 1982. Have received inquiries from citizens regarding updating maps. Committee further discussed and mentioned that updated the maps could be costly and would not just include looking within city limits but at the surroundings. It was noted that individual citizens can appeal requirement for flood insurance. The committee requested staff to look into the cost of updated flood maps.
 - b. Budget update (i.e., capital expenses, street repairs, pothole patcher, items not budgeted) – PW Director Speer reviewed with the committee what the approved budget included (i.e., sweeper, dump truck, roller, \$300K for road material). The pothole patcher would take about 6 months for delivery from time order. The Committee recommended this be forwarded to Council with warranty information.
 - c. CIP – Chair Wiknich made several comments on pages 1, 4-5 and requested acronyms be identified. This item was continued to next agenda.

- d. Master street plan for the Bowman/China Lake – Member Morgan provided an update from the Community Development Committee (CDC) standpoint. The CDC is trying to process funding for development and conceptual design. The street comes first and what's left can be used for park.

As a result of the Walmart project there will be 4 lanes, box culverts under China Lake Blvd., traffic signal and turning lanes.

Skip Gorman requested that the City implement trash mitigation and keep bike path.

Dale Howard commented on drainage and recommended the City look at channel and removal of dirt/dam. Both Boydston and Bertrand would be willing to do this.

The committee asked for staff recommendations and requested staff to contact Boydston and Bertrand.

- e. PWD Optimal – PW Director Speer distributed handouts and reviewed with the committee what positions would be needed to have a fully operational Public Works Department.

6. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Air Resource Board – status. PW Direct Speer informed the Committee the City will be in compliance for 2007. Next year's compliance is unknown but staff will be attending a workshop.

LaMirage/French stop sign – status. Handouts were distributed explaining requirements for stop signs. After discussing and receiving comments, the Committee unanimously voted to deny the request for a stop sign.

Landfill extension – status. County is not finished with report.

Mandatory trash pickup – status. City's base year is changing. Member Morgan commented that the City needs to be progressive. Mr. Skip Gorman commented that the general public may find trash/recycling pick up palatable if it was rephrased from mandatory. The Committee agreed and requested this item be referred to as Universal Trash Pick Up.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:23 p.m.