



CITY OF RIDGECREST

INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE

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

Tuesday, August 21, 2007 at 5:00 p.m.

Minutes

Present: Chair Tom Wiknich; Members Steve Morgan and Nellavan Jeglum

Absent: Member Lois Beres

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 July 10, 2007**
The minutes were approved.
4. **COMMENTS: (PUBLIC COMMENT)**
None
5. **DISCUSSION ITEMS:**
 - a. Street repairs – CE Pollock presented an overview of repairs done; approximately 1 ¼ miles of roads in Ridgecrest Heights were capped, Mahan (Las Flores to Ridgecrest Blvd) was widened adding about 10ft. We're in the 2nd year of CDBG and Norma is not authorized until the 5th year. The City is trying to do 20 miles a year of Topein C.
 - b. Traffic Light update – Lights are fully operation. Agreement for design specs has been signed for the Church and China Lake light. Staff is working with Caltrans on the Ward and China Lake signal; may be that City pays up front for the signal with Caltrans reimbursing when they get the funds. Currently working on a warrant study; after study done and project warranted we will work on cooperative agreement.
 - c. Walmart EIR (Street Plan) – CE Pollock reviewed the proposed plan. Member Morgan reviewed EIR for the project which includes a signalized intersection. Jim Falgatter asked that the City look at alternative design, more specifically roundabout. The Committee members, staff and public discussed the pros and cons of the designs for the intersection at length. The Committee requested staff to look at feasibility of roundabout and report back to the Committee whether it is or isn't feasible.

d. Proposal for bond program survey and campaign consultation – ACM Avery reviewed the proposal request and proposal received; still waiting for another proposal. If we move forward with bond there will be additional costs. The Committee expressed concern with cost and requested that staff contact the school district to see how they implemented their bond program and wait for other quote. The Committee was not interested in a survey.

E. Capital Improvement Plan (approval) – The committee reviewed the program requested corrections be made and presented at the next meeting.

f. Universal Trash collection/Source Reduction & Recycling (update) – PSD McRea reviewed the letter from the State's Waste Management. A new base year will be created and we can implement programs but it may not make a difference because Ridgecrest is Rural and the closest market is 150 miles. Benz representative Jeff Bunn presented the Committee with options for curbside recycling; will need to know what City wants to come with cost for the program.

6. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Pothole patcher (update) – staff has found five manufacturers of patching machines. The Cost is approximately \$183K with a 6 month delivery. Staff will have more information at the next meeting

PWD Speer distributed and reviewed manual on traffic control. The Committee was informed about the water leak on Gold Canyon.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:29 p.m.