



CITY OF RIDGECREST

INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE

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

Tuesday, September 11, 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 amended and approved. Item 5a was removed.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES August 21, 2007

The minutes were amended and approved.

4. COMMENTS: (PUBLIC COMMENT)

None

5. DISCUSSION ITEMS:

a. Street encroachment - removed from agenda

b. Bowman Road corridor plan, continued discussion – PS Director McRea updated the committee on project status and indicated the engineering firm has been requested to consider a roundabout. Staff is not sure we want it. Member Jeglum likes concept but is concern with location. Chair Wiknich asked how we get to saying yes or no. ACM Avery indicated there are several reasons not to do it; roads coming in are at an angle/curve and the affect it will have on emergency vehicles response. PW Director Speer commented that guidelines for a rotary require equal volume of traffic at all directions and 5 or more streets intersecting; these are more often seen in town squares. Member Morgan mentioned that the empty property to the NE and NW could be additional lanes. Public- Dave Mathews asked this item be taken off the agenda. Don't have real estate to do and have drainage problem there.

PS Director McRea reviewed the EIR process; it's the City's EIR. Wal-Mart paid for it. Indicated offsite improvements were negotiated early on. There will be some reimbursement agreements.

Action item: Staff to report costs to committee for 4 lanes from back of Wal-Mart to Norma.

c. General plan update (traffic circulation valley wide and Ridgecrest's impact) – PS Director McRea indicated the Housing Element requires the circulation element of the General Plan to be updated. It's in the beginning stages. Member Lois Beres is part of the group looking at the circulation and will report back.

d. Traffic Light update – CE Pollock spoke with Caltrans; currently waiting for a letter on Caltrans position with regards to City paying upfront for light on China Lake and Ward. City has contracted with engineering firm for design and specs on the light at Church and China Lake.

e. Bond program – ACM updated the committee. School paid upfront for survey, but did not pay for bond upfront. Requested three proposals and received one. Chair Wiknich questioned the need for a survey. Member Jeglum and Beres were not in a favor of a survey. The Committee opted not to forward a recommendation to Council.

f. Trash Source Reduction & Recycling (mtg. update) – PS Director McRea informed the Committee a letter will be received; a Local Assistance Plan will be required to be completed by January 2008 with compliance by 2010.

g. Future street repairs – CE Pollock indicated next spring the Streets crew will finish Ridgecrest Heights residential streets; this is road mix. **Action:** *Staff to present program for the future.*

6. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

PW Director Speer presented a brief overview on gas tax funds.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

