



## ***City of Ridgecrest***

### **INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE**

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

**Wednesday, February 10, 2010 at 5:00 p.m.**

#### **Minutes**

Infrastructure Committee Member: Chairman Tom Wiknich, Councilmember Jerry Taylor,  
Members Lois Beres and Craig Porter  
Recorder: Karen Harker, Administrative Secretary

1. CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by Chairman Wiknich at 5:02 pm.
2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Lois Beres asked for a motion to approve the agenda. Motioned, seconded by Jerry Taylor. The Agenda was then approved as submitted.
3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion was made by Jerry Taylor to approve the minutes from November 10, 2009 minutes as written; motion was seconded by Lois Beres. Minutes were then approved as submitted.

#### 4. COMMENTS: (PUBLIC COMMENT)

*Stan Ratjora – Mr. Ratjora asked if the City had in this year's budget the capability to map the road and sewer lines or the entire infrastructure. Mr. Speer indicated that the City has plans for a GPS map along with the video camera to do just this sort of thing. Mr. Ratjora had always heard the number of 128 million dollars to fix the roads and asks why it is now lower to 110 million (stated in an article in the paper) with a pool and other big ticket others in the mix. Chairman Wiknich cautioned using numbers – people using a number as a relative number for a proposition - not as a definite dollar amount. Mr. Ratjora stated it would be nice for the public to know how much it would cost for the City to bring the infrastructure up to standard.*

*Dave Matthews –Mr. Matthews was very impressed with what he saw and heard this afternoon. He was very enthused with how the City was working with private*

*companies to bring industry into the community. He felt the process was very viable.*

5. DISCUSSION ITEMS:

A. Jack Irvin – Driveway and Drainage Issues 508 W. Dolphin Ave.

Mr. Speer provided background regarding the issue and passed out a large map. Mr. Irvin lives on lot 130 at Dolphin. When he purchased the property Dolphin went through to Allen. 20 years ago the City turned it into a cul-d-sac. The City created a driveway approach for Mr. Irvin. Mr. Irvin has approached the City to fix a section of curb and sidewalk 3x3. Mr. Speer read the section of the law and code (State Highway, Municipal Code) and gave his interpretation of these laws and the City is not responsible for anything from the curb on back. Jack Irvin feels that there is more than one slab and has been moving and probably not on stable ground. He would like for the City to take responsibility of the street and maintain the street and fix the concrete that is breaking up due to undermining of the water going through the property. He would like to it in writing that the City will fix this issue. Mr. Irvin understands that maybe it can't be fixed now but in the future. In a normal situation the City should have abandoned the property with right a way for utilities. Lots 132 and 133 had extensions to driveways and by code back of sidewalk is the responsibility of the property owner. This is an exception of a very long driveway. Mr. Roberts who designed and signed the plans and designed the drainage did meet the specification to meet the 10 year flood.

Chairman Wiknich – I'm concerned with the precedent it sets. Please have staff take a look at the drainage and then do the vacate paperwork. Lois Beres agrees that it would be unprecedented and feels that the City should look at abandonment. Member Taylor would like staff to report on the drainage and abandonment. Please report next month or at the next meeting. Mr. Irvin would like to be notified when it will be discussed again. Karen Harker will either notify him by email or phone.

B. Update: Call for Projects

Dennis Speer, Public Works Director, discussed the decision of Kern Cog Board on the Call for Projects that were submitted in December. The City of Ridgecrest received no additional money for any of the projects submitted only that of the RSTP in the amount of \$423,885K. The three projects that go forward will be Downs, Sunland and Gateway. This money

will not be available until after it gets approved by CTC in June 2010. There is matching money involved and money is given out in two years. CMAQ we submitted Bowman and this was approved and forwarded to Kern Cog for review. TE – Class I Bike lane Dolphin to CCCC was denied. The last one is the Traffic Signal at Upjohn was HSIP through Caltrans and we were denied. We didn't have a high enough safety and more as congestion.

C. Update: Selection "City Advisor" Wastewater Treatment Facility.

Dennis Speer, Public Works Director, advised that we received 5 Statement of Qualification. The Selection Committee reviewed the proposal and the top three were selected. The oral board interview will begin next Thursday, February 18, 2010. The final firm will be asked to move forward into the negotiations process. Mr. Speer discussed the function of the City Advisor.

D. Selection Committee for Engineering Services –

Our RFQ was sent out for General Engineering Services. Mr. Speer gave some background about the history of needing a new contract for engineering services. On Tuesday, February 16, 2010 all proposal need to be submitted to the City Clerk's Office. We need to put together a selection committee. The Selection Committee will be made up of members Tom Wiknich, Lois Beres, and Jerry Taylor. Karen Harker will ask someone from the Planning Commission to complete the committee.

E. Ridgecrest Blvd & Shovel Ready Status Project – Request of Kern COG

Chairman – There was a call for potential new project and can Ridgecrest Blvd project be on it. Chairman was told Ridgecrest Blvd couldn't be on it. Congress will need to pass a second stimulus for this 2<sup>nd</sup> round of ARRA. Ridgecrest Blvd ended up on the list due to our Mayor. Mr. Speer will be attending a workshop on this tomorrow on how things work. We will need to deliver a project within a 90 day. Ridgecrest Blvd could not be ready for bid in ninety days. We are only at 30 percent design. Mr. Speer is hoping that the 90 day is too soon for most projects and that maybe the money will be there for projects that can be ready at a later date. Mr. Speer feels confident that Ridgecrest blvd could be bid ready by October. We need to design the entire project for drainage issues.

*Public Comment: Dave Matthews – drainage issue at the Knights of Columbus and how are they going to address the issue. Mr. Speer stated*

*that all drainage issues will be addressed with the new design of the roadway.*

F. Director's Comments

1. City Engineer - 2 Contingent job offers have been issued and backgrounds are being done to move the process forward.
2. Council will be seeing certification of acceptance at the Ward Traffic Signal so that Caltrans can start the construction phase.
3. College Height I and II – The City has the E-76 to construct on both of these projects. We will be moving forward as soon as we receive the program supplements.
4. On the council agenda will be the bond list that this committee has seen over the last couple of years. Mr. McRea discussed the sale of the bonds and went over the bond list as this committee has seen it before and as they have approved it.

6. COMMITTEE COMMENTS

7. FUTURE AGENDA ITEM

March 10, 2010 will be the next meeting

The Committee would like to see a presentation from Mark Thomas  
Committee Member Taylor would like to discuss the crossing at La Mirage  
and French Street.

8. ADJOURNMENT: Meeting was adjourned at 6:31 pm.