



CITY OF RIDGECREST
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MEETING OF THE CITY OF RIDGECREST INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE
1ST FLOOR CITY COUNCIL CONFERENCE ROOM AREA B
Thursday April 12, 2012 at 5:00 pm

Committee Members: Chairman Jerry Taylor, Absent - Council Member Steven Morgan
Planning Commissioner Craig Porter
Planning Commissioner James Sanders
Recording Secretary: Karen Harker
Staff: Absent - Dennis Speer, Loren Culp

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER: Meeting was called to order at 5:09.
2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Chairman Jerry Taylor asked for a motion to approve the agenda. Planning Commissioner Craig Porter made the motion, seconded by Planning Commission James Sanders. The Agenda was then approved as submitted.
3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Chairman Jerry Taylor asked for a motion to approve the agenda. Planning Commission Craig Porter made the motion, seconded by Planning Commission James Sanders. The Minutes were then approved as submitted.
4. PUBLIC COMMENTS OF ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA
5. DISCUSSION ITEMS:
 - A. How to Engage the Public regarding excess Street Lighting
Councilman Taylor discussed the issue of street lights and how the lights are maintain and costs. Loren Culp brought to the committee 2 maps for reductions of street lights. One in a 24X36 and one in an 8x10. Staff didn't have the time to go through the maps and identify which lighting needs to go. Primary criteria are that intersection is lite and that any other lighting is a convenience to the public. Needs to confer with the Chief for what might be the criteria. Other municipalities found a standard that of 150ft. Cul-de-sac at the end of the street and midline to bulb. The City of Ridgecrest doesn't have criteria in our municipal code. Discussed the legend on the map and how it works. Would like to know how many lights the City of Ridgecrest owns. Discussed if the black dots are maintained and cost goes to a home owners association. Also need to check with the Chief to see if the crime rate would increase in the areas if the lighting was to be reduced. **Chairman Taylor would like to know what a reasonable lighting spacing is. **Can we get together with the Chief, Mr. Speer and Mr. Culp and any committee member that would like to attend at a block and take a look at what it would be like if we removed lights?

Public Comment:

David Matthew – is the map available online – might consider getting it online. Mentioned earlier that that we only need at the intersection. Need to consider tree

growth. Possible reducing the hours of operation. Chairman Taylor indicated that there a fee for this and that the benefits might not be enough.

Nathan Murphy – would like to have the lights at Leroy Jackson Park (skate park) turned off when the park closes at 10:00pm. They seem to be on all the time even when the park is closed.

Committee Comments: discussed how poles are placed in the developments. That is done/by SCE. Would like to come up with a reasonable standard.

B. Signage for Handicap on Vulcan from Downs to Mahan

Dennis Speer had contacted his source at the Traffic Safety Committee and wanted to let the Committee members know that the sign pictured on Las Flores is not an official sign and that he will be working with the Traffic Safety Committee to determine an acceptable sign for the area. Chairman Taylor would like to know if this is a possible candidate for the development committee.

C. Building Inspector In-House vs County Inspector

Loren Culp indicated that there were no proposals. No contractual services. No comparison study. Chairman Taylor asked that we share services between the two entities. Mr. Culp indicated that the fees going to the county our minimal. When looking over the information that he found Mr. Culp came to the conclusion that we should have the county services vs in house services. We have trained county services that we would have available to us that we don't employ in house services. Discussed the fees and how it works between the city and the county. Mr. Taylor would like to have *** a one page of budget for last fiscal year, plan checks, bldg inspection, commercial, so that we can show the public that this is a none issue.

Public Comments

Dave Matthews - Any date on the list that you found: I thought that the City had their own inspector 20or 30 years ago.

Loren Culp - there were two building inspectors.

Chairman Taylor would like for Mr. Culp to get the numbers to him so that we can put this to bed.

D. Informational Items from the City Engineer

I. CITY CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS

- a. RFP's For College Hts, Downs 1 & 2 – Went Out To Bid For Construction Management, Bids Are Due Back On May 3rd.
- b. Signal At Upjohn - HSIP
- c. Bike Rest Stations, Bids Due May 3rd
- d. Drummond – Ready To Go Out To Bid On This Project.
- e. Safe Routes To School
- f. Warner & Church, State, Cycle 8, \$331,200
- g. Guam, Upjohn, Las Flores, Upjohn, Downs, State Cycle 9, \$100,833
- h. Las Flores/Downs; Sierra View/Kevin Ave.; Sierra View/ Mary Ann; Upjohn Between Forest Knoll And S. Fountain; Gateway Between White Oak And Langley; Warner Between Church And Ridgecrest Blvd., Federal Cycle 3, \$583,352
- i. Ridgecrest Blvd.
- j. Projects
- k. Final Invoicing

- i) College Hts. ARRA 1 & 2
 - ii) Church & China Lake Signal
 - iii) Rader & China Lake Signal
 - I. City Bus Garage
 - m. Sanders Street Improvements
 - n. CMAQ & RSTP Projects
 - i) Sunland Reclassification
 - ii) Sunland CMAQ Application
 - iii) Signal Coordination
 - iv) China Lake RSTP
 - o. Downs Street, Upjohn To Ridgecrest Blvd.
- II. Private Development Projects
 - a. Land Development Issues And Workshop
 - b. D.R. Horton, Grading Plans Approved, Street Improvements
 - c. Downs Senior Apts.
 - d. Digital 395
 - e. Wal-Mart
 - f. Hotel, China LK. Blvd.
 - g. Dr. Tahari Project – Might Have An Issue With The Street Improvements
 - h. Chuck Roland Project, Ridgecrest Blvd.
Planning Commission Approved Mr. Roland Improving Inyo Instead Of Ridgecrest Blvd.
 - i. Chuck Cordell Project, Felspar
 - j. Proposed Montessori School
 - k. Proposed Dollar General Store

III. OTHER PROJECTS

2. CALTRANS CENTER MEDIAN PROJECT

Light at Church and China Lake – Final invoice
Downs cuts – extending fire

E. Wal-Mart Pilot Channel

No further work is being done on the pilot channel. There is no more capital improvement project. Can come off the Agenda

6. DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS

7. COMMITTEE'S COMMENTS

8. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- A. How to Engage the Public regarding excess Street Lighting
 - a. what is a reasonable lighting spacing
 - b. double head lighting cost
- B. Land Development

9. ADJOURNMENT: Meeting was adjourned at 6:44.