



MEETING OF THE CITY OF RIDGECREST INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE
1ST FLOOR CITY COUNCIL CONFERENCE ROOM AREA B
Thursday April 28, 2016 at 5:00 pm

Committee Members: Chair Mike Mower, Vice Chair Matt Baudhuin
Vice Mayor James Sanders Planning Commissions Warren Cox
Staff: Dennis Speer, Loren Culp
Recording Secretary: Karen Harker

**Approved Minutes
Meeting – 5:00 p.m.**

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CALL TO ORDER: Meeting was called to order at 5:05 pm

ROLL CALL: Chair Mike Mower, Vice Chair Matt Baudhuin, Mayor Pro Tem James Sanders
Planning Commissioners Warren Cox
Absent:
Staff: Dennis Speer, Public Works Director; Loren Culp, City Engineer
Recording Secretary: Karen Harker

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: *Motion To Approve the Agenda Was Made By Commissioner Mr. Cox, Seconded by Mr. Sanders Motion Carried By Voice Vote of 3 Ayes (Mower, Sanders, Cox,) 0 Nays, 1 Absent (Baudhuin), 0 Abstain*

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: *Motion To Approve the Minutes of **March 25, 2016** as amended by Mr. Zdeba from Indian Wells Valley Water District Comments at the end of the last page. Motion was Made By Commissioner Cox to approve the minutes as amended, Seconded by Mr. Sanders. Motion Carried By Voice Vote of 3 Ayes (Cox, Sanders, Mower,) 0 Nays, 1 Absent (Baudhuin), 0 Abstain*

Don Zdeba on the minutes from March 25, 2015 in the last paragraph would like the wording to reflect "the Indian Wells Valley Water District has the resources to repair/replace service laterals that leak or proactively replace laterals that are exposed within the excavation where a leak occurs. However, the District does not possess the resources to replace all of the existing poly-ethylene service laterals prior to street repaving on the premise that they might leak".

PUBLIC COMMENT OF ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

DISCUSSION AND OTHER ACTION ITEMS

➤ **Striping on Downs Street**

Chair Mower spoke with Les Wood who indicated this problem was being resolved.

➤ **Landscaping on Oriole Homes (formally DR Horton Tract)**

Chair Mower indicated that this track area was being cleaned it up but not very fast. Mr. Culp informed the developer that the landscape is unacceptable and the City will not accept the landscaping in its current condition. Travis Reed, from the IWWWD explained to the committee 2-3 weeks ago that the developer contacted him to see if the District had a key to the water box. They were having a hard time finding the key to get to the service for irrigation.

➤ **Bulb Outs on West Ridgecrest Boulevard**

Mr. Speer reiterated that he received confirmation from District 6 and District 9 that adjustments can be made to the bulb-outs for any purpose that deemed necessary for the safety of vehicles maneuvering. He informed the Committee a citizen had filed a Title II complaint with the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and staff has been working diligently getting the information that they have requested. There will be an on-site review from someone at the FHWA office on Tuesday, May 17, 2016. Staff will be looking at what needs to be done with the bulb outs after this time.

➤ **Street Sweeping**

Mr. Speer discussed that the street sweeping is discretionary but is being done for all projects. Is it advantages for Waste Management to do the work? Mr. Speer indicated that we would need to have the community pay for the service. He does have a former Council Member working with Waste Management to see if there can be a fee structure with the trash pick-up.

➤ **Trenching Ordinance: Discussion of Enabling Resolution for a Fee Schedule**

Loren Culp discussed the Ordinance that was place by the City Council in 2013. This is an enabling ordinance that allows for the City to charge fees. Staff researched other communities that have similar ordinances with fee structures and came up with a fee schedule determined by the Pavement Management System. Discussion with the committee informed them that the fees would be put into a separate account for the maintenance of the patch and or area around the patch.

Mr. Culp discussed with the committee how cutting into a street new or old compromises the integrity of the street.

Mr. Reed informed the committee the numbers of repairs that the District has over the years. He went on to inform the committee that they patch with a temporary patch and then once a year during paving season will have a company come in and do all of the patch work at one time. He indicated that they are using a slurry with a fiber and will make sure that the asphalt is brought up to the height of the roadway no matter how thick the asphalt is.

Mr. Cox indicated to the chair that he is not for these fees. He feels that the ordinance is not clear on when the fees are collected how they are to be used and if the company cutting into the street is obligated to maintain the patch for 5 years along with paying these fees. He feels this could be double dipping.

Mr. Sanders asked for a version two, based on the maintenance costs that we would incur as a city. Fees are appropriate, when being used properly and justified.

Mr. Speers did indicated that he would be firm on a fee for the 5 years and especially if it is a major arterial.

➤ **A Walk Through Of The Master Drainage Plan**

Loren Culp made a presentation regarding the Master Drainage Plan. He indicated that the executive summary gives you a good overview of the plan and especially Chapter 7. The Master Drainage Plan shows the existing facilities and any deficiencies within the facilities. Discussion of how the water flows within our valley and that a Master Drainage Plan needs to be a cooperative effort among Kern County, San Bernardino County, Naval Weapons Center, and the City.

➤ **Presentation of Reusable Water – postponement of presentation to next meeting**

COMMITTEE COMMENTS

SUPPORT STAFF COMMENTS

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- **Trenching Ordinance: Discussion of the Second Version of the Enabling Resolution**
- **Presentation of Reusable Water**

NEXT MEETING:

- **May 26, 2016**

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned 7:15