

CITY OF RIDGECREST

INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE

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

Tuesday November 8, 2005 at 5:00 p.m.

Minutes

Present: Chairman Steve Morgan; Members Duke Martin, Jim Smith, and Chuck Roulund. Staff and public.

1. **CALL TO ORDER**
The meeting was called to order at 5:03 p.m.
2. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**
The agenda was approved.
3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES October 11, 2005**
The minutes were approved.
4. **COMMENTS: (PUBLIC COMMENT)**
5. **DISCUSSION ITEMS:**
 - a. **Mervyn's exit on China Lake Blvd.**
Information only. The City has been authorized to put in a right turn only and will have to fund it. The Pink mall's driveway is big; need to look at decreasing driveway. Looking at permanent island on China Lake the entire length to block off other driveways. Staff applied for a grant for this project but it didn't qualify

Member Roulund commented the City should take care of the immediate need. APW Pollock stated the immediate need is 700-800 feet of median (50' pass Coldwell). Member Roulund recommended a left turn only into pink mall and funding it next year.

Member Martin suggested temporary pylons like at Walgreen's.

Dave Mathews commented that he remembers a "no left turn" sign on exit by Arby's, but not on Drummond.
 - b. **Diesel Emissions Standards.**
Information only. The City has been granted a two year extension.
 - c. **Corporation Yard.**
Information only. City has received purchase proposals from interested parties for land surrounding the corp yard and has been scheduled for City Council closed session on November 16, 2005
 - d. **Grading Requirements in the Ridgecrest Heights Area.**
Information only. APW Pollock explained this is an ongoing issue. Ridgecrest heights created in the 1940's, grading was not required. Annexed in the early 60's. Some lots have a natural slope away from street and back lower than street. Require front 2/3 to drain to street. County

building inspection position is that it should drain to street and doesn't like slopes to side yards. Can solve with retaining walls. This will increase cost of construction and in some cases require 5' to 6' retaining walls.

Member Roulund commented that it would be insane to require retaining walls. What's been done that's reasonable? Contractor Bill Freund explained slope of pads.

Chairman Morgan asked what it will take to solve this. APW replied the County will accept a letter from the City stating the City's position on this issue (i.e., what drainage requirements are allowed in this area). Request was made to direct staff to write a letter to the County.

Member Martin commented that there is not an easy fix when dealing with the whole area. Write letter and give to attorney. Contractor will have to absorb cost for draining. This needs to be explained to the attorney.

Contractor Chuck Cordell inquired into the possibility of draining into the 10' easements. APW Pollock indicated that may not be adequate. Also asked about what happens to existing houses in construction. Staff replied that depends on attorney.

The committee directed staff to write a letter to be reviewed by the City attorney.

- e. Ridgecrest Blvd. Project environmental status. Staff has a meeting tomorrow with interested parties. Will be looking at satisfying Fish and Game, mitigation and new study in February. Dave Mathews asked if WEMO would've taken care of this. DCM McRea responded no, WEMO is a permit.
- f. Rubberized Paving Grants.
Information only. This is a new program that grinds tires into street pavement. It's hard to work with. Dave Mathews informed the committee that I10 was shut down in Phoenix to apply this pavement. Member Martin mentioned that Arizona was doing a pilot program.
- g. Grading Requirements in Ridgecrest Heights Area.
Information only. (Same as item d)
- h. Upjohn St. from Downs/Sunset to China Lake Blvd.
Information only. The street department put a cap on it. Have RSTP money to grind out south travel lanes. Working with CDBG to get money and will be talking to them exit week. Member Martin mentioned there is funding leftover from Norma. The Committee discussed funding, farming out development designs and tract map plan checks. Comment was made that we need to quit talking about and do it. A vote, 4-ayes and 0-noes, was taken to move this project and matching funds to Priority 1 on the project list.
- i. PG&E Presentation on CNG Filling applications.
Information only. There was no report.

6. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Member Martin asked if the missed spots from the chip seal that was recently done will be done. APW responded when they come over they will pick up missed spots. There are strips that weren't filled.

The question was asked on what the City's policy is on PODS. Comment was made that they should not be abolished but permits required. Code is needed for these.

Staff is applying for KernCOG grant for CNG facility.

Kudos were given for the Stop sign on Gold Canyon

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:05 p.m.