



## Minutes of Ridgecrest's City Organization Committee

January 11, 2007  
5:00 p.m.

City Council Conference Room  
100 West California Avenue  
Ridgecrest, California 93555

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**CALL TO ORDER – 5:11p.m.**

**PRESENT:** Council Members Ronald Carter and Steve Morgan

**STAFF:** Harvey Rose, City Manager; Mike Avery, Assistant City Manager; Jim McRea, Public Services Director; Jim Winegardner, Administrative Services Director; Dennis Speer, Public Works Director; Ron Strand, Deputy Chief of Police; Eva Peterson, Executive Secretary; Darlene, Administrative Secretary

**OTHER ATTENDEES:** John Ciani, Daily Independent Reporter; Captain Tom Lillard, Kern County Fire Department; John Smith, Kern County Fire Department

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Moved by Ron Carter, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Steven Morgan

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### **ORGANIZATIONAL ISSUES:**

#### **Cal Trans**

Due to poor weather conditions in Utah, Cal Trans representatives scheduled to be at the City Org meeting today were unable to attend since their flight was grounded. No future meeting date has been scheduled.

#### **Departmental Budget Presentation – Public Works**

D. Speer began his Powerpoint presentation with an introduction of the four divisions of the public works department – Streets, Wastewater, Engineering and Transit. D. Speer stated his department comprises five (5) funds, general – 001, gas tax – 002, TDA- 003, wastewater – 005 and fleet – 140. Along with D. Speer's Powerpoint presentation he provided a supplementary Public Works Budget Review which provided program information, resource information and D. Speer's observations and recommendations.

D. Speer stated that we need to have a contingency plan – i.e. set aside money for machinery. We also need to have an analysis of Public Works expenditures in order to seek cost savings and funding sources. R. Carter mentioned that TDA (Article 8 money) was used for streets and R. Carter will be interested in D. Speer's study on how this money should be used. R. Carter would like to have this money go where it was intended. S. Morgan questioned why PW salary % is high and our supplies and

equipment % is low? Are we spending too much on people or not enough money on supplies and equipment? D. Speer stated we have minimal people, we just do not have enough money in the supply budget. H. Rose agreed that our biggest issue is that there is not enough money in the budget. We need money in PSR's, (project study report), in order to get ready to match money for grants and not just for transportation projects.

**Other Items**

Captain Tom Lillard asked where the Committee thought the next fire station would be placed? H. Rose answered that the next station, which may be 15 years out, would generally be SE of the city. S. Morgan suggested providing Captain Lillard with the proposed housing development map and setting up a discussion time between the Captain and J. McRea.

**Next Meeting - February 15<sup>th</sup> at 5:00pm.**

**Adjourned - 5:35p.m.**