

**MINUTES
IMPROVEMENT AGENCY MEETING
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2007**

CALL TO ORDER Chair Lieberman called the meeting to order at 9:35 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers, 154 South Eighth Street, Grover Beach, California.

ROLL CALL

Agency: Board Members Ashton, Bright, Nicolls, Vice Chair Shoals, and Chair Lieberman were present.

Staff: Executive Director Perrault, General Counsel Koczanowicz, Agency Secretary McMahon, Deputy Director Hansen, and Public Works Superintendent Ford were also present.

Also present was City Engineer Garing.

PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS The Chair opened the floor to any member of the public for comment on items of interest which were within the jurisdiction of the Improvement Agency but were not listed on the agenda. No one responded and the Chair closed the Public Communications segment for this portion of the meeting.

IMPROVEMENT AGENCY - CONSENT

Upon consensus of the Agency, Consent Agenda Item. No. IA-1 was approved as submitted:

IA-1. Minutes of the Improvement Agency Meeting of July 2, 2007.
(Action: Approved as submitted.)

IMPROVEMENT AGENCY - BUSINESS

IA-2. Analysis of Property to the South of the Train Station on Highway 1 As a Possible Location for Additional Bus and Rail Improvements.

Chair Lieberman read the title to the foregoing item and deferred to staff for a report. Executive Director Perrault gave an overview of the Wilbur Smith Associates study, conducted in June 2004, regarding various alternatives to improve bus facilities on the east side of the railroad tracks. Although the alternatives were identified and thoroughly examined, a clear unequivocal course of recommended action was not included as a part of the study. He stated that Agency funds had been set aside in the FY 08 Budget to analyze the options. He then introduced Executive Director Ron DeCarli from the San Luis Obispo Council of Governments (SLOCOG),

Mr. DeCarli explained that the original design for the train station site had been revised, dividing it into two sections with bus service located on one side of the tracks and rail service located on the other side, in order to complete the facility on schedule and address environmental concerns raised by Caltrans. He then spoke in support of pursuing one of the alternatives identified in the Wilbur Smith study regarding relocating all transportation services to the west side of the railroad tracks. He stated that transportation funds would likely be available through the passage of Proposition 1B to assist with these improvements, and that the County was interested in partnering with the City to complete these improvements, as well as in developing the County-owned property located south of the train station. He suggested the City act quickly to prepare the necessary environmental documents, and offered to assist with that process.

Chair Lieberman invited comments from those in the audience who wished to be heard on this matter. There were no public comments received.

Brief discussion was held regarding completing both the engineering and environmental documents for transportation improvements on the west side of the train station, and potential concerns with developing the property south of the train station.

Action: Upon consensus of the Agency, staff was authorized to issue a request for proposals to analyze two of the strategies identified in the Wilbur Smith study regarding transportation improvements on the west side of the train station only, specifically strategy 3 and strategy 4.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Improvement Agency, Chair Lieberman adjourned the meeting at 9:52 p.m.

/s/STEPHEN C. LIEBERMAN, CHAIR

Attest:

/s/DONNA L. McMAHON, AGENCY SECRETARY
(Approved at IA Mtg. 12/3/07)