

CITY OF PORT HUENEME AND OXNARD HARBOR DISTRICT

CITY / PORT STANDING COMMITTEE

TUESDAY, AUGUST 21, 2007

MINUTES

A meeting of the City of Port Hueneme and the Oxnard Harbor District City/Port Standing Committee was called to order at 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 21, 2007, at 250 North Ventura Road, Port Hueneme, California.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Council Member Jonathan Sharkey, Council Member Murray Rosenbluth, Commissioner Jess Herrera and Commissioner Michael A. Plisky.

MINUTES:

Commissioner Plisky moved to approve the July 16, 2007 meeting minutes as presented, seconded by Council Member Rosenbluth. The motion carried unanimously.

TRUCK TRAVEL TRAFFIC STUDY:

Public Works Director Andres Santamaria reported that the cities of Port Hueneme and Oxnard have received approval from the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) to conduct a study on truck routes throughout the two cities. The study will consider de-designating Ventura Road, Channel Islands Boulevard, and Oxnard Boulevard/Highway 1 as truck routes and re-routing to Port Hueneme Road once the Rice Avenue freeway interchange is completed. The Port and the Navy are also invited to participate in the six-month study. Trucks are defined as six-wheel commercial vehicles. The study will include a destination/origination study of all trucks.

DISCUSSION OF SHORELINE PROTECTION PROJECT (LIGHTHOUSE PROMENADE):

Oxnard Harbor District Executive Director Anthony Taormina reported that the groundbreaking on August 10 was a successful event. Staff coordinating the project are working on modifications to the design of the Lighthouse Promenade and the City is still attempting to get the easement from the Navy.

DISCUSSION OF CHANNEL ISLANDS RAIL CROSSING REPAIR:

City Manager David Norman reported that the City is still seeking funding mechanisms and a determination should be made within the next thirty days. Mr. Norman and Mr. Taormina are working on creating an agreement among the City, Ventura County Railway, and Ventura County Railroad (Rail America), regarding funding and implementation.

DISCUSSION OF CALIFORNIA MARITIME SECURITY COUNCIL AND MARITIME SECURITY GRANTS RELATED TO PROPOSITION 1B:

Mr. Taormina reported that the grant request would focus on seeking funding for six security categories for the Port and first responders (police and fire):

1. Tactical survey
2. Enhancing perimeter security
3. Improving surveillance capabilities
4. Security for railroad and roundhouse
5. Instituting scanning equipment for vehicles
6. Installing security improvements for the City's infrastructure and Emergency Center

Mr. Taormina also stated that the Department of Homeland Security has announced additional funding for surveillance, up to \$400,000 per grant. The Harbor District will submit an application in the next few weeks. Proposition 1B funds are eligible as matching funds for Homeland Security money.

ITEMS FOR FUTURE DISCUSSION:

Commissioner Plisky asked about SB 9, to which Mr. Taormina stated that the Harbor District has been keeping City staff informed about the Port's actions and has been working with Assembly Member Pedro Nava's office on the amendment. Rice Ave/Highway 101 interchange is one of the projects that could receive funding.

Commissioner Herrera requested that the City and Port work together on outreach to a potential customer that would be of mutual benefit to both parties, once the Port has identified a target business.

Mr. Taormina stated that a 35-member Chinese Delegation from Shanghai will be visiting the Port soon and invited the City to participate in welcoming them.

Council Member Sharkey expressed his gratitude for the Port's involvement in transportation issues in the Southwest corridor.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS: No one spoke.

NEXT MEETING DATE: To be determined.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before the City/Port Standing Committee the meeting was adjourned at 4:20 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michelle Ascencion, Executive Specialist
City of Port Hueneme