
Visalia City Council
Regular Meeting Action Agenda



Mayor	Bob Link – present
Vice Mayor	Amy Shuklian - present
Council Member	Warren Gubler – present
Council Member	Steve Nelsen – present
Council Member	Don Sharp - present

Monday, November 07, 2011
City Hall Council Chambers
707 W. Acequia, Visalia, CA 93291
WORK SESSION 4:00 PM; CLOSED SESSION 6:00 PM;
REGULAR SESSION 7:00 PM

4:00 PM PUBLIC COMMENTS

This is the time for citizens to comment on subject matters that are not on the agenda that are within the jurisdiction of the Visalia City Council. Each speaker will be allowed three minutes (timing lights mounted on the lectern will notify you with a flashing red light when your time has expired). Please begin your comments by stating and spelling your name and providing your street name and city.

[Track 1.](#) There were no public comments at this time.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW EMPLOYEE

1. Josh McDonnell - Assistant Community Development Director (Planning)
Chris Young, Community Development Director, introduced Josh McDonnell. Mr. McDonnell gave brief remarks and the Council welcomed him.

WORK SESSION AND ACTION ITEMS (as described)

2. Award the construction contract for the Plaza Drive Interchange Modification and Widening Project to the low bidder Emmett's Excavation, Inc. in the amount of \$15,884,953.65 and authorize budget appropriations in the capital improvement program.

[Track 2.](#) Fred Lampe and Adam Ennis, Engineering staff reviewed the project and recommendations and responded to Council questions. Motion DS/WG 5-0 to approve Item 2 as recommended.

3. Update on Animal Care Campus Design and approval of the Animal Control Subcommittee recommendations to: a) authorize the architect to move forward with construction document drawings; b) approve the bidding of the project with the kennel pods as bid alternatives; c) authorize of staff to enter into negotiations with partner cities regarding future use of the new facility; d) authorize staff to solicit funding for the new facility from local lending institutions.

[Track 3.](#) Mario Cifuentez, City Liaison, presented the update and responded to Council

questions. Council discussed facility costs and expandability. The following persons spoke in favor of the project: Tammy Crawford, Director SPCA and Willdean Reitz, volunteer.

Motion AS/SN 5-0 to approve Item 3 as recommended.

4. Item removed at the request of staff
5. Award Construction Management Services contract for the Water Conservation Plant upgrade project to Jacobs Engineering in the amount not to exceed of \$4,718,578.

[Track 4.](#) Michael Olmos, Assistant City Manager and Jim Ross, Public Works, gave the status report and responded to Council questions.

Motion SN/DS 5-0 to approve Item 5 as recommended.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

[Track 5.](#) Councilmember Steve Nelsen commended staff for these events – VPD Motorcycle competition, Parks and Recreation Healthy Visalia, AYSO Pink Day.

Councilmember Warren Gubler commended staff on the Make a Difference Day.

Vice-Mayor Shuklian commented on the Soroptimist International Convention that was recently held in Visalia.

Mayor Link commended staff member John Bradley for organizing the Healthy Visalia event. Mayor Link announced that City Manager Steve Salomon is receiving an award from ICMA for 40 years of public service.

ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION

Closed Session will commence immediately following Work Session. See separate Closed Session agenda for details.

7:00 PM **CALL TO ORDER REGULAR SESSION**

[Track 6](#)

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Councilmember Warren Gubler

INVOCATION - Pastor Eric Putman, Grace Community Church

PUBLIC COMMENTS

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This is also the time for citizens to comment on items listed on the Consent Calendar or to request an item from the Consent Calendar be pulled for discussion purposes. Comments related to Regular or Public Hearing Items that are listed on this agenda will be heard at the time that item is discussed or at a time the Public Hearing is opened for comment.

In fairness to all who wish to speak tonight, each speaker will be allowed three minutes (timing lights mounted on the lectern will notify you with a flashing red light when your time has expired). Please begin your comments by stating and spelling your name and providing your street name and city.

Track 7. The following persons spoke:

1. Stan Simpson, regarding All State Football games for 5-8 grade students.
2. Derek Burrell, regarding All State Football games becoming a signature event for the City and asked for city support.
3. Peter Salerno, S. Church, regarding the need for stop signs on S. Church.
4. Irene Lapin, W. Feemster, request to pull Item 17 from Consent Calendar.
5. Ryan Park, Conyer, AYSO Area Director, regarding the city's policy that doesn't allow tournaments or games to be played on the fields during rainy weather. Vince Elizondo, Parks & Recreation Department Director responded.
6. Kayla Benevedes, Conyer, regarding city's policy for playing soccer during rainy weather.
7. Sam and Marlene Sciacca, W. Main, regarding holiday events in downtown Visalia.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS/RECOGNITION

6. Presentation by Stan Simpson and Curtis Allen regarding upcoming California State Youth Football Games November 24-27, 2011

See public comments above.

7. Update on Taste of the Arts

Track 8 – Track 9. Mayor Link presented a Resolution of Commendation to Mary Jo Eastes for her volunteer work in the community.

8. Recognition of Council Member Don Sharp

Track 10. Mayor Link recognized Don Sharp for his service to the City since July 2011 after he was appointed to fill the council vacancy left by the resignation of Councilmember Mike Lane. Councilmembers remarked that it was an honor to serve with Mr. Sharp.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Consent Calendar items are considered routine and will be enacted in one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these matters unless a request is made and then the item will be removed from the Consent Calendar to be discussed and voted upon by a separate motion.

[Track 11.](#) Items 13 and 17 were removed from the consent calendar for separate discussion and action.

Motion SN/DS 5-0 to approve the balance of the consent calendar.

9. Authorization to read ordinances by title only.
10. Approve application for \$1,450,000 in grant funds for funding the permanent demolition, remediation and development of the former Stasio property located at Dinuba and River Way and authorize the City Manager to negotiate, submit documents for and execute the contract for funding; and appropriate \$40,000 to make the property safe and secure on an immediate basis. Resolution 2011-69 required.
11. Authorize extension of the sunset date for the collection of the service fee for the Abandoned Vehicle Abatement Program in Tulare County to April 30, 2022. Resolution 2011-71 required.
12. Authorize a grant application submittal for the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD), by the passage of Proposition 1C, the Housing and Emergency Shelter Trust Fund Act of 2006 for funding within the CalHOME Programs (First Time Homebuyer Mortgage Assistance) in the amount of \$1,000,000. Resolution 2011-66 required.
13. Receive report on the establishment of a team of City staff to implement the new 9-1-1 Communications Center/Public Safety Building project.

Captain Jason Salazar responded to Council questions. Motion SN/AS 5-0 to approve item 13 as recommended.

14. Notification of a DUI Enforcement grant award from the Governor's Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) and authorization for the City Manager to execute the grant agreement.
15. Accept the City of Visalia Cash and Investment Report for the first quarter ending September 2011.
16. Authorize the Recordation of the Final Map for Pheasant Ridge Unit No. 3E, located east of Denton Street at Wren Avenue (12 lots) and the Annexation of Pheasant Ridge 3E into Landscape and Lighting Assessment District No. 05-19, Pheasant Ridge. Resolutions 2011-67 and 2011-68 required.

17. Appointment of Diane Biehle to the Election Process Task Force as recommended by the Election Process Task Force and the Council subcommittee on the Election Process, consideration of filling a vacancy on the Election Process Task Force due to the resignation of Paul Chao, and announcement by the Mayor of the Chair(s) of the Task Force.

Irene Lapin, W. Feemster discussed the need to set uniform qualifications for representatives on the Task Force and that members should represent the city's demographics. Ms. Lapin asked that her calculations regarding the make-up of the task force be included with the record.

Alex Peltzer, City Attorney, discussed that due to the technical nature of the task force, future vacancies on the committee will not be filled, but will be left vacant.

Motion AS/DS 5-0 to appoint Diane Biehle and Erma Montion to the Task Force.

Vice Mayor Shuklian motioned to change the responsibility for selecting the chairperson from the Mayor to the Task Force. Motion died for lack of second.

REGULAR ITEMS AND PUBLIC HEARINGS

Comments related to regular Items and Public Hearing Items are limited to three minutes per speaker, for a maximum of 30 minutes per item, unless otherwise extended by the Mayor.

18. Request to table Public Hearing for Initiation of Proceedings for Annexation 2009-01 (Doe), including LAFCO Sphere of Influence Amendment to an undetermined date. Public Hearing to be re-noticed.

Property located at the northwest corner of Plaza Drive and Riggin Avenue, adjacent to the City of Visalia, and inside the County of Tulare. (APN: 077-120-012, 015)

[Track 12.](#) Motion SN/DS 5-0 to table Item 18 to an unspecified time. The public hearing will be re-noticed.

19. HEARING - to consider and adopt a Resolution of Necessity on a portion of the following property: APN: 103-040-028 (Near the St. John's River west of Cutler Park – no current address). Resolution 2011-70 required.

[Track 13.](#) Mayor Link opened the public hearing at 7:55 p.m. There were no public comments and the hearing was closed. Motion SN/DS 5-0 to approve Item 19 as recommended.

CLOSED SESSION REPORT – City Attorney Alex Peltzer reported the following:

20. Transactions that occurred as a result of Closed Session Real Property Negotiations: Buyer - City of Visalia; Seller - Kent & Tracy Encarnacion; 1010 S. Chinowth St., APN: 087-110-009 (portion); Purpose - Safe Route to Schools; Closing Date - 10/20/11; Project Manager - Greg Dais, Engineering

ADJOURNMENT – the meeting was adjourned at 7:57 p.m.

Upcoming Council Meetings

- City Council Closed Session, Monday, November 21, 2011
- City Council Regular Meeting, Monday, November 21, 2011
- City Council Regular Meeting, Monday, December 05, 2011

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Submitted by Donjia Huffmon CMC, Chief Deputy City Clerk