
Visalia City Council
Regular Meeting Action Agenda



Mayor	Amy Shuklian – present
Vice Mayor	Steve Nelsen - present
Council Member	Greg Collins-present
Council Member	Warren Gubler-present
Council Member	Bob Link-present

Monday, December 05, 2011
City Hall Council Chambers
707 W. Acequia, CA 93291
WORK SESSION 4:30 PM; CLOSED SESSION 6:00 PM;
REGULAR SESSION 7:00 PM

4:30 PM **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

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

WORK SESSION AND ACTION ITEMS (as described)

1. Presentation by Greg Burns, federal lobbyist with Van Scoyoc Associates representing the City of Visalia, with updates on 2011 legislative activity and issues of interest in 2012.

Michael Olmos, Assistant City Manager, introduced Greg Burns from Washington DC. Mr. Burns reviewed progress made on a variety of issues, including FEMA flood insurance. Other matters that the firm assists with are federal programs, grant opportunities, and airport issues. Mr. Burns responded to Council questions. Information only, no action taken.

2. Update of efforts by a temporary ad hoc group addressing Downtown infrastructure needs and a strategy for implementation of infrastructure upgrades.

[Track 2](#): Jason Huckleberry, Engineering; Phil Mirwald, CalWater; Harvey May, and Don Celillo were present to discuss the ad hoc group's efforts to address Downtown infrastructure needs and upgrades. Council discussed that this is a great start and that financing the upgrades will be key. Jason Huckleberry discussed next steps which include estimates for the upgrades and identifying funding. Information only, no action taken.

3. Provide City Council with an update for the new 9-1-1 Communications Center/Public Safety Facility project and authorize the Core Project Committee to proceed with the Request for Proposal (RFP) process to hire a qualified Architect/Engineering and Design Consultant for this project.

[Track 3](#): Veronica McDermott, Visalia Police Department, reviewed the recommendation of the committee and responded to Council questions. Council discussed their preference for a 9-1-1 Communications Center and Public Safety Facility and for the project site identified by Bruce Race in 2008. Motion SN/BL 5-0 to approve Item 3 as recommended.

Councilmembers Collins and Nelsen asked the Mayor to be considered for serving on the Core Project Committee.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

Councilmember Nelsen discussed the success of the recent Police Activities League pancake breakfast and congratulated Fire Chief Nelsen on the Fire Department's badge pinning event.

ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION – 5:30 p.m.

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

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

[Track 4](#): The meeting was called to order by Mayor Shuklian.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

INVOCATION - Pastor Michael Lopes, Grace Community Church

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS/RECOGNITION

PUBLIC COMMENTS

The following persons spoke:

Allen Wilkinson, McCormick St., Visalia Firefighters, congratulated successful city council candidates Shuklian, Link and Collins for their recent win. Wilkinson presented a check for the amount of \$350 to Visalia Emergency Aid. The check was the result of winning the Home Expo Chili Cook-Off.

Iris Sees, Visalia Emergency Aid, received the check presented by Allen Wilkinson and the Visalia Firefighters and thanked them.

Peter Salerno, S. Church, discussed speeding on Church Street and bicycles riding on city sidewalks.

Irene Lapin, W. Feemster, discussed addressing the homeless situation; city priorities; election campaigns; and social media.

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 5](#): The following items were removed from the Consent Calendar to be discussed and acted upon by separate motions: Item 6 (Collins) and Item 8 (Collins). Motion SN/WG 5-0 to approve the balance of the consent calendar.

4. Authorization to read ordinances by title only.
5. Approve the Tulare County Regional Gang Enforcement Team (TARGET) Memorandum of Understanding.
6. Request authorization to file a Notice of Completion for Shannon Ranch 2 Units 3 & 5, a subdivision containing 175 single family lots located at the southwest corner of Mooney Boulevard and Shannon Parkway.

Chris Young responded to questions and will report back on specifics after further research. Motion GC/BL 5-0 to approve Item 6 as recommended.

7. Authorization to contract with the California Water Institute at California State University Fresno in partnership with Tulare Irrigation District to study potential impacts of agriculture use of recycled water from the Water Conservation Plant; appropriate \$30,000 from the Wastewater Fund to pay the City's share of this work.
8. Authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with the lowest responsive bidder to construct the Santa Fe Bike Path from Avenue 272 to Tulare Avenue for a price not to exceed \$2,181,500. CIP Project Number 1611-8117.

Chris Young responded to questions. Motion SN/WG 5-0 to approve Item 8 as recommended.

REGULAR ITEMS AND PUBLIC HEARINGS

9. Public Hearing to approve the recommended expenditure of the State of California 2011 Citizens Option for Public Safety (COPS) program funds of \$203,238 and the unappropriated money, \$54,902 from the 2010 COPS grant, and appropriate the same. (Resolution 2011-78 required).

[Track 6](#): Police Chief Colleen Mestas introduced the item. Mayor Shuklian opened the public hearing at 7:20 p.m. There were no public comments and the public hearing was closed. Motion WG/BL 5-0 to approve Item 9 as recommended.

10. Authorize City Manager to negotiate a Purchase & Sales Agreement with Summitt Buffett, Inc. for city-owned parcels (APNs 125-041-34 & 35) and Introduction of First Reading of Ordinance No. 2011-14 for the disposition of the property.

Track 7: Ricardo Noguera, Housing and Economic Development Director, presented the item and responded to Council questions. Chris Young, Community Development Director, responded to questions about engineering and design.

Martin Zeeb, W. Grove, representing the group interested in purchasing the property spoke in support of the project.

WG/SN 5-0 to approve Item 10 as recommended. Ordinance 2011-14 introduced for first reading.

CLOSED SESSION REPORT – none

ADJOURNMENT 7:38 p.m.

Submitted by Donjia Huffmon, Chief Deputy City Clerk

Upcoming Council Meetings

- City Council Regular Meeting, Monday, December 19, 2011
- City Council Closed Session, Monday, December 19, 2011
- City Council Regular Meeting, Tuesday, January 17, 2012
- City Council Closed Session, Tuesday, January 17, 2012

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