

Visalia City Council Action Agenda

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For the special meeting of: Monday, January 8, 2007

Location: Visalia Convention Center

Mayor: Jesus J. Gamboa
Vice Mayor: Greg Kirkpatrick
Council Member: Greg Collins
Council Member: Donald K. Landers
Council Member: Bob Link

All items listed under the Consent Calendar are considered to be routine and will be enacted by one motion. If anyone desires discussion on any item on the Consent Calendar, please contact the City Clerk who will then request that Council make the item part of the regular agenda.

EMPLOYEES INTRODUCTION:

Introduction of Donjia Huffmon, new Chief Deputy City Clerk by Leslie Caviglia, Deputy City Manager, and introduction of Heather Robertson, Office Assistant in the Fire Department, by George Sandoval, Fire Chief.

WORK SESSION AND ACTION ITEMS (as described)

4:00 p.m.

Public Comment on Work Session Items

Convene a joint meeting of the Visalia City Council, the Visalia Planning Commission, the Visalia Parks and Recreation Commission and the Visalia Bicycle, Pedestrian and Waterway Trails Committee to consider the following items:

Item 1
GK/DL 5-0
Approved

1. Update from Provost and Pritchard's report relating to year round water in Mill Creek, near Tipton and Ben Maddox.

Richard Moss, Provost and Prichard's reviews hydrology study for Jennings Ditch and Mill Creek water feature. Sharon Seltzer reviews next steps. Council members agree with recommendation of staff to implement report recommendations and next steps with the additional feature added to recharge the groundwater. Approved.

4:55 p.m.
5:05 p.m.

Adjourn the joint meeting and reconvene as the Visalia City Council to consider:

Item 2
GK/DL 5-0
Approved

2. Presentation of the recommendations of consultant Bruce Race and the Civic Center Master Plan Task Force regarding the direction proposed for the final phase of the Civic Center Master Plan study.

Bruce Race reviews staff recommendations that RACESTUDIO complete the Civic Center Master Plan for Blocks 1-3. Councilmen discussed staff recommendations and the location of the Civic Center. Council

authorizes RACESTUDIO to proceed with the next steps of the Civic Center project ad recommended .
Approved.

3. *Item removed at the request of staff.*

**Any items not completed prior to Closed Session may be continued to the evening session at the discretion of the Council.*

ITEMS OF INTEREST

CLOSED SESSION

6:00 p.m. (Or, immediately following Work Session. If the closed session is not concluded prior to the start of the regular session, it may continue after the regular session.)

4. Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation (1)
(Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to subdivision (b) of Section 54956.9 GC)
5. Conference with Legal Council – Existing Litigation
(Subdivision (1) of Section 54956.9 GC)
Name of case: City of Visalia v Harrah et al. (TCSC No. 04-210016)
6. Conference with Labor Negotiators
Agency Designated Representatives: Eric Frost
Employee organization: All
7. Conference with Real Property Negotiators (GC54956.8)
Property: Approximately 50 acres located north of Riggin and approximately one quarter mile west of Demaree. APN 077-060-005.
Under Negotiation: Price, terms, conditions of acquisition and/or disposition
Negotiators: Steve Salomon, Andrew Benelli, property owner

Convene jointly as the City Council and the Redevelopment Agency

8. Conference with Real Property Negotiators (G.C. 54956.8)
Property: 700 E. Race (094-100-022) and 701 E. Murray (094-250-020)
Under Negotiation: Terms, price and conditions
Negotiators: Steve Salomon, Michael Olmos, Colleen Carlson, California Department of Transportation.
9. Conference with Real Property Negotiators (GC54956.8)
Property: Property bounded by Murray, Burke, Ben Maddox and Douglas, APN: 119-010-021, 118-020-037, 118-020-036.
Under Negotiation: Price, terms and conditions
Negotiators: Steve Salomon, Michael Olmos, Colleen Carlson, Tulare County Farm Bureau, Livestock Salesyard, Inc.

Adjourn as the Redevelopment Agency and remain in session as the City Council

10. *Removed at the request of staff*

5:50 p.m.
Adjourn to
Closed
Session

11. Conference with Real Property Negotiators (G.C. 54956.8)
Property: 210-216 N. Tipton (APN: 094-240-030 and 031) and 1401 E. Goshen (APN:098050-033)
Under Negotiation: Price, terms and conditions
Negotiators: Steve Salomon, Michael Olmos, Colleen Carlson, Duval, Margaret and Ken Kugler.

12. *Item moved at the request of staff.*

Reconvene to
Regular
Session
7:15 p.m.

REGULAR SESSION

7:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

INVOCATION - Pastor Bob Granier

MOMENT OF SILENCE IN HONOR OF FORMER PRESIDENT GERALD FORD.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS/RECOGNITION

Presentation of Heritage Grant check to the Fire Department from Cliff Dunbar, of Buckman Mitchell Insurance, and a representative from Fireman's Fund.

Check in the amount of \$5200.00 was presented to the Fire Department from Cliff Dunbar of Buckman Mitchell Insurance and Gary Gargano of Fireman's Fund.

CITIZENS REQUESTS - This is the time for members of the public to comment on any matter within the jurisdiction of the Visalia City Council. This is also the public's opportunity to request that a Consent Calendar item be removed from that section and made a regular agenda item for discussion purposes. Comments related to Regular or Public Hearing Items listed on this agenda will be heard at the time the item is discussed or at the time the Public Hearing is opened for comment. The Council Members ask that you keep your comments brief and positive. Creative criticism, presented with appropriate courtesy, is welcome. The Council cannot legally discuss or take official action on citizen request items that are introduced tonight. In fairness to all who wish to speak tonight, each speaker from the public will be allowed three minutes (speaker 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 address.

CHANGES TO THE AGENDA/ITEMS TO BE PULLED FOR DISCUSSION

Councilman Collins takes items k and item o(iii) off the consent calendar to be considered separately. Councilman Kirkpatrick pulls item l from the consent calendar.

DL/GK 5-0
Balance of
Consent
Calendar
approved

CONSENT CALENDAR - Consent Calendar items are considered routine and will be enacted by a single vote of the Council with no discussion. For a Consent Calendar item to be discussed, or voted upon individually, it must be removed at the request of the Council.

- a) Authorization to read ordinances by title only.
- b) Authorization for the City Manager to enter into an agreement with Visalia Unified School District to provide an after school enrichment program for Valley Oak students at the Manuel F. Hernandez Community Center.
- c) Approve award of professional service contract with William Wagenhalls not to exceed

\$48,000 to provide services as a project manager for the design and construction of various park projects.

- d) Award Temporary Staffing Services Contracts (1) Clerical and Administrative Staffing, and (2) General Labor and/or Light Industrial Staffing to (1) Kelly Services and (2) Labor Ready per specifications of RFP 06-07-20.
- e) Approval of Dirk Holkeboer and John Gomez as appointed new members to the Citizens Advisory Committee and George Ouzounian, Sylvia Baggs, and Lawrence Pendergrass as alternate members.
- f) Approval of the 2006/07 Transit Agreement with Tulare County.
- g) Approval of an amendment to the operating agreement between the County of Tulare and the City of Visalia regarding the Public Household Hazardous Waste Collection Center to accept a \$122,000 grant for improvements to the facility.
- h) Authorization to accept an "Irrevocable Offer to Dedicate Real Property" for Riggin Avenue and Roeben Street right-of-way for roadway purposes as offered per Document No. 2004-0120373, Dated November 19, 2004, generally located on the east side of Roeben Street north of Robin Avenue and on the south side of Riggin Avenue east of Roeben Street. **Resolution 2007-01 required.**
- i) Award Landscape Maintenance Contracts (1) Santa Fe Trail & Roadside, Houston Triangles, Goshen Bike Path and (2) Various Medians & Roadsides to Sacramento Weed and Growth Regulators per specifications of RFB 06-07-07.
- j) Accept Engineer's report, call for construction bids, set a public hearing and direct the recordation of assessment district map for the proposed Village West Street assessment district and adoption of Resolution No. 2007-02. **Resolution 2007-02 required .**
- k) Authorization for staff to work with potential partners to develop a proposal for a Visitor's Center, submit a concept proposal, and if accepted, a subsequent grant application for a \$250,000 California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley seed grant.

GK/DL 5-0
Items K & L
approved

Leslie Caviglia provided a brief overview on the proposed project and the SEKI shuttle project. Upon the consent of city attorney the Council took items k and l in one motion. Items approved.

- l) Authorization for the City Manager to negotiate and acquire buses necessary to operate the internal & external shuttles at the Sequoia/Kings Canyon National Parks (SEKI), and appropriate funds, from grants already approved and fees for service, in the amount of \$2,024,235 for the bus acquisition and operation of the shuttle services.
- m) The City Council receives, review, and file the 2005-06 Impact Fee Report as required by State Law.
- n) Authorization to record the following final maps:
 - i. Parcel Map No. 2006-16, located at Tracy Street between Douglas Avenue and Goshen Avenue. APN: 098-050-004.
 - ii. American Industrial East, located along American Street, and the formation of Landscape and Lighting District No. 07-02, American Industrial East. ANP: 081-130-001. **Resolutions**

2007-04 and 2007-05 required.

o) Authorization to file the final notice of completion on the following:

- i. Ashley Grove Units No. 10, containing 64 residential lots, located at the southwest corner of Riggins Avenue and Mooney Blvd
- ii. Kirkwood Estates Unit No. 3, containing 37 lots, located on the south side of Douglas Avenue between Vista Street and Manzanita Street.
- iii. Sierra Point Villas Subdivision, containing 48 lots, located on the northwest corner of the Mineral King Avenue and McAuliff Street intersection.

GC/GK 5-0
Item o (iii)
approved

Councilman Collins received clarification that the subdivision is for a planned senior development.

- iv. Request authorization to file a Notice of Completion for Gunn Ranch subdivision, containing 70 lots, located at the northwest corner of Demaree Street and Visalia Parkway.

BL/DL 5-0 to
continue item
"p" to
1/16/07

- p. Appointment of City nominee to the Measure R Citizen's Oversight Committee
(Recommendation to be distributed at meeting)

GK/DL 4-0
BL Abstain
Item 14
approved

14. Authorization for Mayor to sign the "Cool Cities" Mayor's Climate Protection Agreement, and to submit a concept proposal for a Partnership Seed Grant in the amount of \$25,000 to conduct a City global warming emissions inventory.

Sharon Seltzer reviewed the agreement. Seltzer recommended that the council sign the agreement.

Council discussed the project. Don Landers recommended that traffic signal coordination be added to the agreement. Greg Kirkpatrick said he has issue with the language stating the fact of global warming; Greg Collins said he is in support of the agreement; Bob Link agrees with the concept but has some issues with it and wants more information so he will abstain from the vote; Jesus Gambob said it is a flexible document where we can control the outcome and objectives and is a good program.

Comments from the Public: Vicki Stasch, Brian Raul, Mario Orosco, Dean Mann, Martin Baninno spoke in support of the Council signing the agreement.

15. Update from Police Chief Bob Carden regarding his first eight months as Chief, including partnerships with other City departments and agencies, and the outcomes from the recent senior staff goal setting session.

Police Chief Bob Carden reviewed the department's mission statement and their organizational structure. Carden will be reorganizing the department and will have his draft to the City Manager later this month. Carden reviewed the department's objectives regarding gang issues and reviewed the accomplishments that he has seen in the department during his past eight months. Carden reviewed the partnerships that the Police Department has with other city departments and other agencies.

Councilmen responded that they are pleased with the job Carden is doing, commended him and his department, and applaud his emphasis on training and collaboration, his visibility in uniform, and responsiveness to inquiries. Councilman Kirkpatrick asked for a gang intervention task force update for a meeting in January or February.

REPORT ON ACTIONS TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION:

None

REPORT OF CLOSED SESSION MATTERS FINALIZED BETWEEN COUNCIL MEETINGS:

Buyer	Seller	APN	Address	Reason for purchase	Closing Date
City of Visalia	Centex/Bennett	N/E Corner of Min. King Ave & McAuliff Street		Riparian Setback and Right of Way for future public street/possible interchange	12/29/06
Farley, Lampe	City of Visalia	094-335-006	120 W. Center St.	Restoration For commercial use/offices	12/29/06

SUBMITTED: Donjia Huffmon, Chief Deputy City Clerk