

Visalia City Council Action Agenda

For the regular meeting of: Monday, May 21, 2007

Location: City Hall Council Chambers, 707 W. Acequia, Visalia, CA 93291

Mayor: Jesus J. Gamboa (absent)
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.

4:00 P.M.

NEW EMPLOYEE INTRODUCTION

4:00 p.m.
Track 1

Introduction of new City Park Ranger, Homero Alcazar, by Vince Elizondo, Director of Parks and Recreation

WORK SESSION AND ACTION ITEMS (as described)

Public Comment on Work Session Items -

4:05 p.m.
Track 2

1. Presentation by Paul Saito, Saito & Associates, on the conceptual site plan for Miki City Park recommended by the Parks and Recreation Commission.

Vince Elizondo, Director of Parks and Recreation, introduced Paul Saito who reviewed the two conceptual site plans for Miki City Park which will be located at Mineral King and Stevenson. The Parks and Recreation Commission recommends Plan A.

4:35 p.m.
Track 3

2. Update on Sequoia Shuttle

Leslie Caviglia, Deputy City Manager, acknowledged Monty Cox and the transit staff for their work in getting the Sequoia Shuttle project completed. Monty Cox reviewed the project which has been in preparation for almost four years. The shuttle launch is scheduled for Thursday, May 24th and will begin making 5 trips per day to Sequoia Park. Council members were pleased and commended staff for their work and indicated that this will be a tremendous asset to the community.

5:00 p.m.
Track 4

3. Receive presentation from Brian Lewis, County Librarian, regarding the Visalia Library Remodel and Expansion Program; and authorization to contribute \$500,000 to the Visalia/Tulare County Expansion and Rehabilitation Project from the General Government Facilities Library Impact Fee Fund and authorize the City Manager to enter into an agreement for payment.

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Brian Lewis, County Librarian, reviewed the plans for remodeling and expanding the Visalia Library. The City of Visalia will contribute \$500,000 to the project which will be jointly funded by the City, State and County agencies. Construction will start on June 18th and will take nine months to complete. The library will remain open during this time with a minimum reduction of services.

5:25 p.m.
Track 5

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4. Discuss and refer to the Parks and Recreation Commission, the Northeast Downtown Advisory Committee, the Board of Directors of ImagineU, adjacent property owners, and the East Downtown Task Force, the conceptual plan relating to the extension of Tipton Street and Liberty Street north to Douglas Avenue, the reconfiguration of Soroptimist Park including the location of the proposed new ImagineU Children’s Museum building, a new park pond, and integrating these concepts into the Northeast Downtown Master Plan that is being discussed by various advisory groups and organized by Race Studios. Authorize the City Manager to execute an amendment to an existing contract with Sierra Design, Inc. for the preparation of the landscape plans for the Park/Basin area at an estimated cost of \$8,000.

Andy Benelli, Director Public Works, reviewed the conceptual plans prepared by Race Studios for Soroptimist Park which is located at Douglass and Santa Fe and said that staff is looking for direction from council on the street development and authorization for the preparation of landscape plans for the park/basin area.

The Board members from ImagineU museum were introduced and said they are pleased to be part of this project. A representative from Soroptimist Park was also present and said she is delighted with the plans.

Council members indicated that this will be good for the community and improve the area.

** The time listed for each work session item is an estimate of the time the Council will address that portion of the agenda. Members of the public should be aware that the estimated times may vary. 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)

5. Conference with Legal Council – Anticipated Litigation (G.C. §54956.9)
Significant Exposure to Litigation pursuant to subdivision (b): one potential case
6. *Item removed at the request of staff*
7. Conference with Real Property Negotiators (G.C. §54956.8.)
Property: Right of way acquisition from a portion of a parcel located at the southwest corner of Riggin Avenue and Demaree Street (APN 077-180-011) for the widening of Riggin Avenue associated with the commercial development within The Village at Willow Creek Specific Plan area.
Under Negotiation: Consideration and approval of appraisal; Authority to negotiate price, terms and conditions of purchase
Negotiating Parties: Steve Salomon, Andrew Benelli, Donald A. Joseph

Track 6

REGULAR SESSION

7:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

INVOCATION – Pastor Paul Gendron, First Presbyterian Church

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS/RECOGNITION - None

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.

Cynthia Koval, asked the Council to support SB 840 the California Universal Health Care bill and invited Council to attend an informational event on June 5th.

Track 7

Adjourn as Visalia City Council and convene as Visalia Public Finance Authority (VPFA)

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VPFA CONSENT CALENDAR

8. Annual status report for the Visalia Public Finance Authority (VPFA) and appointment of directors and officers to the VPFA Board.

Adjourn as Visalia Public Finance Authority and reconvene jointly as Visalia City Council and Visalia Redevelopment Agency Board

**CHANGES TO THE AGENDA/ITEMS TO BE PULLED FOR DISCUSSION - City Council/
Redevelopment Agency**

Track 8
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and #10

JOINT CITY COUNCIL/REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY CONSENT CALENDAR

9. Authorization for the Administrative Services Director to enter into a loan agreement with Citizens Business Bank for the Mooney and Mooney Amendment Redevelopment Areas that will be used to complete projects in the Mooney Area.
10. Authorization to file Notice of Completion for the West Acequia Parking Structure located at 222 W. Acequia, project No. 3011-00000-720000-0-9536-2007, and; b) approval of Community Redevelopment Agency appropriation of \$800,000 from the Central Visalia Project Area to the West Acequia Parking Structure Project. *(Two separate motions required)*

Adjourn as Joint City Council and Redevelopment Agency Board and remain seated as Visalia City Council

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Council member Collins asked to discuss items 11b, 11c, and 11e separately.

Track 8

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11. 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) Receive Planning Commission Action Agenda for the meeting of May 14, 2007.

Council member Collins indicated he will appeal Tentative Parcel Map No. 2006-01 and Tentative Parcel Map 2007-04.

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- c) Accept the City of Visalia Cash and Investment Report for the third quarter ending March 31, 2006 and approve Resolution Number 2007-40 adopting the City of Visalia's annually updated Investment Policy and Delegating authority to invest funds for the City to the Administrative Services Director/Treasurer or his/her designee. **Resolution 2007-40 required.**

Council member Collins had questions for staff regarding the City's investment policies.

- d) Adoption of Resolution 2007-41 determining unpaid assessments, providing for bond issuance and guaranteeing purchase of bonds for Village West Special Assessment District. **Resolution 2007-41 required.**

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- e) Introduction of Ordinance No. 2007-08 authorizing the City Manager to execute a new Lease Agreement with the PNK Hospitality Group for approximately 90,000 square feet of City of Visalia owned property located adjacent to the Visalia Airport, for the purpose of constructing and operating a hotel and restaurant.

Council member Collins had questions about the elevation drawings for the site. Staff said that the project will go through the planning process, and the item on the agenda tonight is the introduction of the ordinance authorizing the lease agreement.

- f) Introduction of Ordinance 2007- 09 authorizing the Grant of Easement to Pacific Bell/ATT for an underground communications facility on a portion of City - owned properties, APN #'s 119-060-061 and 119-060-071 for a fee of \$10,000 and authorize the City Manager to execute the agreement related to the grant of easement.
- g) Authorization for the Administrative Services Director to re-allocate an additional \$70,000 in CDBG funding for the Village Park/Wittman Center project and authorize staff to re-scope the project to meet the new project budget of \$393,857.00.
- h) Authorization to hire RRM Design Group to prepare a Master Plan for City-owned properties located in the two block West Downtown area bounded by Conyer Street, Mineral King Avenue, Johnson Street and Acequia Avenue, for a fee of \$42,452, and to authorize the Administrative Services Director to allocate these funds from the General Fund.
- i) Authorization for the City Manager to execute a contract for professional services with Environmental Consulting Services to prepare an Environmental Impact Report for the proposed Wal-Mart expansion located at 1819 E. Noble Avenue. (APN 100-040-038, 100-050-001.007,013,014)
- j) Award of park design contracts to The HLA Group for the design of two neighborhood parks for \$142,000; Royston, Hanimoto, Alley, and Abey for two neighborhood parks and an accessible playground at Recreation Park for \$202,310; and Sierra Design to develop schematic designs for two neighborhood park/storm basins and a playground at Mill Creek Garden Park for \$112,250 and authorize the City Manager to execute the consultant agreements for each project.
- k) Authorization to participate in the State and Federal Surplus Personal Property Program and adopt **Resolution No. 2007-43 required.**

Authorization to file Notice of Completion on the following:

- l) Request authorization to file a Notice of Completion for project No. 4511-00000-720000-0-9831, the new Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) fueling facility located at 439 N. Cain.

m) Request authorization to file a Notice of Completion for Pheasant Ridge Unit No. 2, Phase 1 Subdivision, containing nine lots located east of Shirk Street at Delaware Court.

n) Request authorization to approve a partial Notice of Completion for Project #1231-00000-720000-0-9741, Shirk Sanitary Sewer trunk line, located in the Shirk Road alignment near Ferguson Ave. for the amount of \$325,000

o) Request authorization to file a Notice of Completion for the Main Street Storm Sewer Project adjacent to Redwood High School. (Final Construction Cost \$79,496.84); Project No. 1222-00000-720000-0-8020

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12. **Public Hearing** – Authorization to amend the City’s Rates and Fees for Solid Waste and Sanitation (wastewater) effective for five (5) fiscal years beginning July 1, 2007. **Resolution 2007-42 required.**

Eric Frost, Administrative Services Director, reviewed the multi-year rate increase and the reasons the increase is necessary. The public hearing was opened at 7:35. No public comments were received and the hearing was closed.

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13. Award the computer-aided public safety dispatch system upgrade to Public Safety Systems, Inc. for \$472,275.

Eric Frost, Administrative Services Director, reported that Public Safety Systems, Inc. has reduced their initial bid to upgrade the computer-aided public safety dispatch system from \$669,000 to \$472,000. A representative from PSSI was present to answer council questions.

Councilman Landers expressed disappointment that the concept of a regional dispatch center wasn’t supported by surrounding agencies but appreciated the fact that PSSI sharpened their pencil to come up with a new price.

The Chief of Police and the Fire Chief both indicated that they have reviewed the system and it will meet the needs of both agencies.

14. *Continue to June 4, 2007 at applicant’s request.* An Appeal by Cary S. Winslow (an interested person) of the Planning Commission’s denial of the Appeal of the Site Plan Review Committee’s approval of SPR 2006-162, a tenant improvement for a new market & meat shop in a 5,500 sq.ft. building on a 13,285 sq.ft. site in the P-C-DT (Planned Central Business District Retail) zone. The site is located at 118 NE 3rd Street [SPR Applicant: Munoz & Associates, Oscar Ramirez (Property Owner)] APN: 094-034-013.

Continued to 6/4/07 – no motion needed.

Track 10

REPORT ON ACTIONS TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION

Approved - Labor Negotiators (G.C. §54957.6a) Employee organization: unrepresented

REPORT OF CLOSED SESSION MATTERS FINALIZED BETWEEN COUNCIL MEETINGS

Upcoming Council Meetings

Tuesday, May 29, 2007 – City Hall Council Chambers (Special Meeting for Planning Commissioner interviews - 4:15 p.m.)

Monday, June 4, 2007 - City Hall Council Chambers

Monday, June 11, 2007 – Jt. City Council/Planning Commission – Convention Center

Monday, June 18, 2007 – City Hall Council Chambers

Work Session 4:00 p.m.
Regular Session 7:00 p.m.
City Hall Council Chambers
707 West Acequia Avenue

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Submitted by Donjia Huffmon, Chief Deputy City Clerk