

Visalia City Council Action Agenda

For the regular meeting of: TUESDAY, September 4, 2007

Location: City Hall Council Chambers

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

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.

4:15 p.m.
Track 1

SWEARING IN CEREMONY – Police Chief Bob Carden will swear in one new police officer – Tricia Renee Hicks.

EMPLOYEE INTRODUCTIONS –

- Introduction of newly promoted Fire Captain Todd Stalker and Engineer Larry Garcia by Kevin Gildea, Battalion Chief
- Introduction of Nancy Loliva, Community Relations Manager, by Leslie Caviglia, Deputy City Manager

Track 2

WORK SESSION AND ACTION ITEMS (as described)
4:30 p.m.

Public Comment on Work Session and Closed Session Items –

1. Review of the Draft 2006-07 Program Year Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER) (CDBG & HOME funds)

Ricardo Noguera, Director Housing and Economic Development, Rhonda Haynes and Ruth Martinez presented the draft 2006-07 CAPER and responded to Council questions and recommendations. The public comment period is August 17 – September 17, 2007. Meetings are scheduled to receive input on the CAPER on August 20, September 5, September 10, and September 12 with the Washington Residents, Citizens Advisory Committee, Disability Advocacy Committee, and Neighborhood Advisory Committee. A public hearing is scheduled before the City Council on September 17, 2007.

5:15 p.m.
Track 3

2. Approve letter to the Department of Transportation making comments and recommendations regarding Essential Air Service proposals.

Mario Cifuentez, Airport Manager, presented staff recommendations and responded to Council questions. Council discussed the three proposals from Air Midwest, Great Lakes, and Vision Air.

GC/DL 4-0
Recommend
Great Lakes
Aviation

Mr. Lee Kimble, Vision Air, asked Council to recommend Vision Air's proposal to the

Department of Transportation.

GC/DL 4-0 to submit comments to the Department of Transportation conveying the community's support for Great lakes Aviation as the provider of Essential Air Service for Visalia.

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)

3. Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation
(subdivision (a) of Section 54956.9 G.C.)
Name of Case: Woodbridge v. City of Visalia; TCSC 07-222845
4. Conference with Real Property Negotiators (G.C. §54956.8)
Property: 440 N. Giddings
Under Negotiation: Price, terms, conditions of lease
Negotiators: Steve Salomon, Carol Cairns, Tom Seidler
5. Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation
(Subdivision (b) of Section 54956.9 G.C.) – one potential case
6. *Item removed at the request of staff*

REGULAR SESSION

7:00 p.m.

Track 4

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

INVOCATION – Pastor Brian Malison Christ Lutheran Church

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS/RECOGNITION - Issue Proclamation declaring Kidney Awareness Week September 9-15, 2007

Council Member Don Landers presented the Proclamation to Charles Douglas and Lisa Molina. Mr. Douglas invited the community to participate in a walk to benefit Kidney Awareness on September 15th at Central Valley Christian School.

Track 5

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.

No comments from the public.

Track 6

CHANGES TO THE AGENDA/ITEMS TO BE PULLED FOR DISCUSSION

Council Member Collins asked that consent item 7c be pulled from the consent calendar and discussed separately.

DL/GK 4-0
Balance of
Consent
Calendar
approved.

7. 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 August 27, 2007.

c) Request authorization to accept an "Irrevocable Offer to Dedicate Real Property" for Highland street right-of-way for roadway and public utilities purposes as offered per Parcel Map No. 3895 recorded in Book 39 of Parcel Maps/Page 99, Tulare County Records.

Resolution No 2007-74 required.

Andrew Benelli, Director of Public Works, responded to Council questions.

DL/GK 4-0
approve Item
7c

d) Introduction of Ordinance 2007-15 adding Ordinance Code Section 10.24.015, Designated STAA Terminal Access Truck Routes to include Cameron Avenue from Mooney Boulevard to 356 feet west of Stonebrook Street.

e) Authorization to file a Notice of Completion for Stonegate Estates containing 8 lots, located east side of Shirk Street 300 feet north of Hurley Avenue.

f) Authorization for Mayor Jesus Gamboa to be the voting delegate and Council Member Don Landers to be the voting alternate for the 2007 League of California Cities Annual Conference.

g) Adopt resolution authorizing the rejection of a portion of an Irrevocable Offer to Dedicate real property offered by Frank D. Bianco as shown on Parcel Map No. 4519. APN: 090-28-004. **Resolution 2007- 77 required.**

Track 7
GK/DL 4-0
Item #8
Uphold
appeal with
amendment

8. **Public Hearing** - an appeal by Jose Velasco (property owner) and Nixya Cantu (daughter representing property owner) of the Historic Preservation Advisory Committee's denial of HPAC Item No. 2007-04, a request by applicant to replace existing windows on the front of a single-family residence with new windows of different sizes and style. The site is located at 810 N. Willis Street. (APN: 093-155-020). **Resolution 2007-75 required.**

Tim Burns, Code Enforcement, presented the staff report and responded to Council questions.

The public hearing was opened at 7:30 p.m.

Nixya Cantu, daughter of applicant and property owner Jose Velasco, explained to Council the reasons the applicant wants to change the windows.

Bill Huott, neighbor, spoke in favor of upholding the applicant's appeal.

Jon Rains, a member of the Historic Preservation Committee, spoke in favor of upholding the Historic Preservation Committee's decision.

The public hearing was closed at 7:40 p.m.

GK/DL 4-0 to uphold the appeal and allow different-sized windows with grids at the front of the residence at 810 N. Willis Street with the additional amendment that staff is to work with the applicant to ensure that the framing and lap siding remain consistent where it is replaced.

Track 8
DL/GK 3-1
Collins - No
Item #9
approved

9. **Public Hearing** - Specific Plan Amendment 2007-11: A request by Costco Wholesale to amend the signage provisions of the South Packwood Creek Specific Plan to allow wall signage on a primary building elevation (Costco Wholesale) in excess of the signage provisions of the Sign Ordinance and the South Packwood Creek Specific Plan. APNs: 126-062-069, 126-730-013 and 126-730-015. **Resolution 2007-76 required.**

Paul Scheibel, Planning Department, presented the staff report and responded to Council questions. Council Member Kirkpatrick indicated that he is disappointed in the building, but the signage issue is minor. Council Member Collins indicated that he is not supportive of the request and also indicated his displeasure with the building.

The public hearing was opened at 8:00 p.m.

Amy Shuklian, neighbor, spoke in opposition to the signage request.

Kristy Bascome, Architect for the Costco project, spoke in favor of the increase in signage.

The public hearing was closed at 8:05 p.m.

DL/GK 3-1 (Collins - No) to approve adoption of Specific Plan Amendment No. 2007-11, by adoption of Resolution 2007-76.

REPORT ON ACTIONS TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION

REPORT OF CLOSED SESSION MATTERS FINALIZED BETWEEN COUNCIL MEETINGS

Adjourned
8:07 p.m.

Upcoming Council Meetings

- Monday, September 17, 2007, Work Session 4:00/Regular Session 7:00 - City Council Chambers, 707 W. Acequia
- Tuesday, September 18, 2007, 6:00 p.m. Joint City Council/Visalia Unified School District - Convention Center, 303 E. Acequia
- Monday, October 1, 2007, Work Session 4:00/Regular Session 7:00 - City Council Chambers, 707 W. Acequia

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Submitted by Donjia Huffmon, Chief Deputy City Clerk