

Visalia City Council Action Agenda

For the special meeting of: Monday, October 29, 2007

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

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

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.

WORK SESSION AND ACTION ITEMS (as described) 4:10 p.m. (or immediately following regular adjourned meeting)

Track #3

Public Comment on Work Session and Closed Session items -

1. Presentation on new California Building Codes and proposed Council adoption as recommended by the Construction Review Committee

Update only
no action
taken

Dennis Lehman, Chief Building Inspector, Charlie Norman, Fire Department Battalion Chief, and Jeff Dearborn, Building Inspector, reviewed updates on the new California Building Codes.

Bob Keenan, Home Builders Association, spoke regarding handicap access in new residences.

Council asked that the following be incorporated in the revisions: handicap accessibility issues, streamlining the timeline for abatement of dangerous buildings, and rehabilitation of 2nd story areas of historical buildings.

Track #4
Update only
no action
taken

2. Update from the Tulare County Economic Development Corporation regarding industrial recruitment and retention and tourism attraction efforts

Carol Cairns, Assistant City Manager, and Paul Saldana, CEO of the Tulare County Economic Development Corporation presented an update on the Corporation's efforts to attract and retain industry and promote tourism in Visalia. TCEDC staff Karen Ford, Laurie Dunnigan, Amy Ricole, Frank Miramontez were introduced along with Steve Peck, Board of Directors .

Track #5
Update only
no action
taken

3. Update on California State University Fresno/College of the Sequoias Campus Center (four year degree program) and update on Sequoia Region Institute for Higher Education.

Carol Cairns, Assistant City Manager, Paul Saldana, CEO Tulare County Economic Development, and Dr. Don Goodyear updated Council on efforts to achieve the Council's objective to have a 4-year institution opportunity in the Tulare/Kings County area.

Council would like to know the number of students from the County who attend private colleges and discussed how these figures could be attained.

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

Track #6

Council Member Link discussed parking difficulties at the Convention Center during large events. Deputy City Manager Leslie Caviglia responded that staff will work with the Police Department and report back to Council.

Council Member Link discussed reserved parking spaces for Council on Council meeting nights.

Council Member Link asked that an item authorizing a letter of support to the Governor regarding support of water storage be placed on the next agenda.

Council Member Link discussed Make a Difference Day.

CLOSED SESSION

6:00 p.m. (Or, immediately following Work Session)

4. Conference with Real Property Negotiators (G.C. §54956.8); Basin acquisition of approximately 4.63 acres located at the northeast corner of Pinkham Street and Caldwell Ave. APN 126-790-055
Property owner: Centex Homes
Under Negotiation: Price, terms, conditions of purchase
Negotiating Parties: Steve Salomon, Peter Spiro, Centex Homes
5. Conference with Real Property Negotiators (G.C. §54956.8)
Property: Two parcels; a 1.3 acre and a 0.85 acre parcel (2.15 acres total) located on the east side of Road 76 approximately 600 feet north of Ferguson Avenue.
Under Negotiation: Price, terms and conditions for inclusion in a potential purchase and sale agreement.
Negotiating Parties: Steve Salomon, Andrew Benelli, David Hernandez (Allen Group)

REGULAR SESSION

7:00 p.m.

Track #7
7:05 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

INVOCATION - Pastor Jon Venema, Grace Community Church

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS/RECOGNITION - Presentation to Richard Rodriguez from Assistant Police Chief Swiney

Richard Rodriguez was recognized for his assistance in a robbery incident that happened on September 21.

Council Member Link introduced Council candidates Tim Fosberg and Amy Shuklian.

CITIZENS REQUESTS - This is the time for members of the public to comment on any matter

Track #8

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.

Rick Morse, Americans for Safe Access, gave Council a copy of the California Legal Manual and spoke about his meetings with the Planning Department,

Graciella Martinez, commended the young people who are involved in the KFSE radio project and who held a concert and candidates forum at Oval Park.

Lindsey Bailey spoke regarding bike lanes on Acequia.

CHANGES TO THE AGENDA/ITEMS TO BE PULLED FOR DISCUSSION

Track #9

Council Member Collins asked that Item 6d be pulled from the consent calendar for discussion. Council Member Link asked that Item 6f be pulled from the consent calendar for discussion. Council Member Landers asked that Item 6g2 be pulled from the consent calendar for discussion,

DL/GC 3-0
Approve
balance of
consent
calendar

6. 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 October 22, 2007.
- c) Authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract, in an amount not to exceed \$22,500 (including expenses), with Gary Brown and Avery and Associates, for assistance in the recruitment and selection efforts to fill the position of Assistant Police Chief.
- d) Authorization for the City Manager to execute a sole source standard consultant agreement between Robert N. Trout, P.E. and the City of Visalia for the signal, striping and signage design for the Acequia Avenue conversion from one-way to two-way between Conyer Street and Bridge Street at a cost of \$45,500 and also authorize the City Manager to execute an agreement not to exceed \$30,000 to a consultant to be determined for a CEQA environmental review, if required.

Track #10

DL/GC 3-0
Item 6d
approved
with
addendum to
include
Bicycle
Committee in
design
meetings

Lindsey Bailey recommended that bike lanes be developed on Acequia .

Council asked that the Bicycle Committee be included in the meetings on the design of Acequia.

- e) Authorize the City Manager to sign a contract, in the amount not to exceed \$85,000.00 for

the 2007-2008 fiscal year, with Safety Striping Service of Visalia for the annual striping contract for maintenance of painted traffic lines. (Project No. 1613-0-72-0-9226)

Track #11
DL/GC 3-0
Item 6f
approved

f) Authorize the Engineering Staff to apply for California’s Safe Routes to School Program grants and authorize the Public Works Director to sign the necessary applications for the Safe Routes to School Program.

Council Member Link commented that this item is an example of the City of Visalia and Visalia Unified School District working together to keep students safe.

g) *Authorization to file Notice of Completion on the following:*

1. Ashley Grove 5 & 6 containing 96 single family lots, located at the Southeast corner of Demaree Street and Modoc Avenue.
2. Riverway Sports Park, Phase 1 Project No. 3011-720000-0-0-9141 for the construction of on-site improvements at a final cost of \$9,400,808.

Track #11
2:07
DL/GC 3-0
Item 6g2
approved

Council Member Landers asked for clarification of budget and commended project manager Don Stone for a great job of staying on budget.

h) *Authorization to Record Final Map for the following:*

1. Luisi Ranch Unit No. 1, located at the northeast corner of Demaree Street and Houston Ave (126 lots) and the Formation of Landscape and Lighting District Nos. 07-14, Luisi Ranch (278 lots) APN 089-020-025. **(Resolution Nos. 2007-88, and 2007-89 required).**
2. Final Parcel Map #2006-23, located at the northeast corner of Packwood Avenue and Demaree Street (15 parcels), office complex

7. Status Report on Neighborhood Revitalization efforts

Track #11
3:50 and #12
No action -
info only

Ricardo Noguera, Director of Housing and Economic Development , Tim Burns, Code Enforcement, Julie Pereira, Code Enforcement and St. David Jarrett, Visalia Police Department gave a six month progress report on the Washington and Oval neighborhoods.

Public Comments included: Graciella Martinez, Carlos Serrano, Bill Huott, Mildred Romanizzi, and Terry Slinde.

Council Member Collins asked for staff to develop a “scorecard” to indicate progress made in these neighborhoods for inclusion in the next report, which would include calls for service to the Police Department for crime related issues. Council Member Link suggested that Council continue to discuss this at their next strategic planning session in January.

8. **PUBLIC HEARING** for introduction of Ordinance 2007-18 to adopt the 2007 California Fire Code, 2007 California Administrative Code, 2007 California Referenced Standard Code, 2007 California Building Code, 2007 California Plumbing Code, 2007 California Mechanical Code, 2007 California Electric Code, 2007 California Historical Building Code, 1997 Uniform Housing Code, 1997 Uniform Code for the Abatement of Dangerous Buildings and the 2006 Uniform Swimming Pool, Spa and Hot Tub Code.

Track #13
GC/DL 3-0
Approve 1st
reading of
ordinance
Incorporate
items as
addressed in
Work Session

The public hearing was opened at 8:30 p.m. There were no public comments.

REPORT ON ACTIONS TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION

8:30 p.m.
adjourned

REPORT OF CLOSED SESSION MATTERS FINALIZED BETWEEN COUNCIL MEETINGS

Upcoming Council Meetings

- Monday, November 19, 2007; Work Session 4:00/Regular Session 7:00 p.m. – City Council Chambers 707 W. Acequia
- Monday, December 3, 2007, Work Session 4:00/Regular Session 7:00 p.m. – City Council Chambers 707 W. Acequia
- Monday, December 17, 2007, Work Session 4:00/Regular Session 7:00 p.m. – City Council Chambers 707 W. Acequia

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Submitted by Donjia Huffmon, Chief Deputy City Clerk