

# Visalia City Council Action Agenda

For the regular meeting of: TUESDAY, January 22, 2008

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

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

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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.

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Track #1  
Introductions  
No Action  
Taken

**5:30 P.M.**

## **EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION**

Police Chief Bob Carden will give recognize the following:

- Joe Paddock, VPD Officer of the Year
- Robert Gonzales, Latino Police Officer of the Year
- Chris Wilson, VPD Reserve Officer of the Year
- Andrew Lockman, VPD Communications Operator of the Year
- Judy Morgan-Ronding, VPD Civilian Employee of the Year

Chief Carden introduced staff and gave a brief history of their work history with the City of Visalia. Families of honored staff were asked to stand and be recognized for their support.

Track # 2  
5:40 p.m.  
Item #1  
Update  
No Action  
Taken

## **WORK SESSION AND ACTION ITEMS (as described)**

### **Public Comment on Work Session and Closed Session Items -**

#### **1. Visual demonstration of the new City of Visalia website**

Community Relations Manager Nancy Loliva and System Analyst Jason Bowling gave a description and demonstration of the new website for the City of Visalia. Council had several questions regarding the navigation and contents of the site pertaining to committee and commissions applications, how to apply for employment, demographics, aerial photo, flood zone area, meeting times of council meetings, history of Visalia, zoning districts, flow chart on how to apply for a condition use permit, published studies i.e. - East Downtown, Waterways Plan and Bike Path Plan, etc. Jason Bowling and Nancy Loliva addressed Council's questions.

*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.*

Track #3  
6:03 p.m.

## **ITEMS OF INTEREST**

Council Member Amy Shuklian states she attended the Tulare County Mooney Grove

Master Plan meeting and asked for direction on providing feedback regarding the consultants who made presentations at the meeting. Mayor Gamboa directed Assistant Mike Olmos and Council Member Amy Shuklian to make recommendation on the behalf of Council by Friday, January 25, 2008 to the County.

City Manager Steve Salomon advised Council - System Analyst, Jason Bowling had taken a position with the City of Tulare and this was his last day of employment with the City of Visalia. Council congratulated Jason and thanked him for all his hard work

Adjourned to  
Closed  
Session  
6:07 p.m.

## **CLOSED SESSION**

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

2. Conference with Legal Counsel - Anticipated Litigation (Subdivision (b) of 54956.9 GC) One potential case
3. Conference with Legal Counsel - Existing Litigation (Subdivision (a) of 54956.9 GC)  
Name of Case: Gomez-Thompson v. City of Visalia (TCSC 07-222372)
4. Conference With Real Property Negotiators (G.C. §54956.8)  
Property: APN:100-020-011, 012, 013; 100-030-015, 005,007, 018; 100-040-038, ; Caltrans property along north side of Noble Avenue between Ben Maddox Way and Lovers Lane; Union Pacific Railroad parcel at southwest corner of Ben Maddox Way and Noble Avenue identified as S.B.E.872-54-24K-34  
Under Negotiation: Consideration and approval of appraisals; Authority to negotiate price, terms and conditions of potential purchase or easement  
Negotiating Parties: Steve Salomon, Andrew Benelli, Colleen Carlson, Caltrans, Mary's Vineyard, Inc., Union Pacific Railroad, Galante & Galante Properties, a California Partnership; Freddie J. Galante, Jr., Anthony H. Galante, Wal-Mart Real Estate Business Trust, a Delaware Trust, Galante, Galante and Bellman, a California Partnership; Freddie R. Galante, Rena M. Bellman.

Track #4  
7:02 p.m.

## **REGULAR SESSION**

### **7:00 p.m.**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** - Council member Collins

**INVOCATION** - Pastor Floyd Westbrook, Visalia Christian Ministries

### **SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS/RECOGNITION**

**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.

None

Track #5  
Item 5  
7:06 p.m.  
APPROVED  
DL/AS 5-0  
Balance of the  
Consent  
Calendar

### CHANGES TO THE AGENDA/ITEMS TO BE PULLED FOR DISCUSSION

Council Member Collins pulled 5b for more discussion

5. 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 January 14, 2008.

Council Member Collins asked if the Planning Commission had any consideration or discussion in regards to the appropriateness of having an office (AAA office) in a regional shopping center. Paul Scheibel from Planning Division addressed Council Member Collins questions regarding the AAA office.

c) Authorization for the City Manager to enter into a contract with Spitzer Sound Stage for the purchase and installation of a new Crestron audio/visual controller for the Council Chambers, and appropriation of up to \$15,000 from the general fund to cover the cost.

d) Authorize the Transit Division to accept a grant in the amount of \$150,000 from the California Energy Commission for the CNG fueling station and authorize the Transit Manager to execute all necessary agreements. **Resolution 2008-05 required.**

e) Adoption of Resolution in support of a University of California School of Medicine in the Valley. **Resolution 2008-06 required.**

f) Second reading of Ordinance for Change of Zone No. 2007-08: A request by Fairway Properties (Quad Knopf, agent) to change the zoning designation from R-M-3 (Multi-family Residential, 1,500 square foot minimum/unit) to R-M-2 (Multi-family Residential, 3,000 square foot minimum/unit) on approximately 7.9 acres, located at the southeast corner of Ferguson Avenue and Conyer Street (APN: 090-280-004). **Ordinance 2008-01 required.**

g) Request authorization to file a Notice of Completion for the 2007 Major Street Overlays Project with the final contract amount of \$738,386.59. Project No. 1111-00000-720000-0-09225-2007

Item #5b  
7:07 p.m.  
APPROVED  
DL/AS  
4 -1  
Collins-NO

6. PUBLIC HEARING - Request for abandonment of Princeton Street Right of Way between Lovers Lane and Cedar. *(The Public Hearing is cancelled. If and when it is rescheduled, public notice in accordance with all applicable laws will be given at that time)*

Public Hearing was cancelled and to be re-noticed by City. Assistant City Manager Mike Olmos stated it may be in the next 60 to 90 days before it comes back to Council due to several changes of item.

Track 6  
Item #6  
APPROVED  
to Cancel  
Public  
Hearing  
GC/DL  
5-0

### REPORT ON ACTIONS TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION

## REPORT OF CLOSED SESSION MATTERS FINALIZED BETWEEN COUNCIL MEETINGS

Buyer	Seller	APN Number	Address	Purpose	Closing Date	Project Manager
City of Visalia	Donald P. Belillo	A Portion of APN No. 121-090-063 (665.51 sf.)	2211 W. Whitendale	Right of Way acquisition and Intersection Improvement Mooney/ Whitendale Street Project 1241-0-72-0-9252	1/11/08	Andrew Benelli

### Upcoming Council Meetings

- Friday/Saturday, January 25-26, 2008; City Council Strategic Planning; Fri 12-9 p.m. Sat 8-3 p.m. - Convention Center
- Tuesday, January 29, 2008 Special Meeting 4:00 p.m. - City Council Chambers 707 W. Acequia
- Tuesday, January 29, 2008; 6:00 p.m. - Joint Meeting with Visalia Unified School District - 5000 West Cypress Avenue, VUSD Board Room

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*Submitted by Susie Alter, Executive Assistant on behalf of Leslie Caviglia, Deputy City Clerk*