



"Raising Expectations"



ACTION AGENDA
Joint Meeting
Visalia Unified School District Board of Trustees/Visalia City Council

Tuesday, January 29, 2008 - 5000 West Cypress Avenue
5:00 p.m. Dinner - C4 (Elected officials and senior staff)
6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Meeting - Board Room

City of Visalia
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

Visalia Unified School District
President: Juan Guerrero - present
Clerk: Rodney Elder - present
Board Member: William A. Fulmer - present
Board Member: Larry Jones - present
Board Member: Michael Lane - present
Board Member: Donna Martin -present
Board Member: Jim L. Qualls - present

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PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

MOMENT OF SILENCE

INTRODUCTIONS/COMMENTS

CITIZENS REQUESTS - This is the time for members of the public to comment on any matter within the jurisdiction of the Visalia Unified School District Board/Visalia City Council. The Board Members and Council ask that you keep your comments brief and positive. The Board/Council members 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 or a total of 20 minutes per topic. Please begin your comments by stating your name and providing your address.

None

- 1. VUSD Mid-Year Facilities Update - Randy Groom, Administrative Services Director, VUSD

Joe Haley, Facilities & Maintenance presented a PowerPoint presentation, of the projects that were completed during Winter break. Robert Groeber gave an update of new construction in the district.

- 2. Civic Facilities Authority Update - Jerry Walkowiak VUSD

Jerry Walkowiak gave a PowerPoint presentation of an update of the 2006-07 operations, and completed and planned upgrades, of the three theaters under the jurisdiction of the

Visalia Civic Facilities Authority: LJ Williams, Rotary, and El Diamante.

3. Update on Gang Intervention Efforts – Police Chief Bob Carden

Police Chief Bob Carden gave a PowerPoint presentation on gang intervention and suppression efforts in the City of Visalia during 2007 and upcoming efforts for 2008. Board Member Guerrero asked the age groups of the 928 certified gang members in the City. Chief Carden indicated that that information could be obtained.

VUSD Board Members discussed the need for police officer presence in relation to driver etiquette, j-walking before/after school and behavior. Chief Carden indicated that the Youth Service Officer's will be given this task.

4. Possible impacts of the State Budget on local resources – Robert Gröeber, Assistant Superintendent Administrative Services VUSD; Christine Statton, CFO VUSD; Eric Frost, Administrative Services Director City of Visalia

Christine Statton discussed the impact of the current budget crisis on the school district and VUSD's proposed action to protect programs and services.

Eric Frost discussed the impacts on the City of Visalia and indicated that the final impacts of the State budget won't be known until possibly August or September.

5. Visalia Community Growth Data – Assistant City Manager Mike Olmos, City of Visalia

Mike Olmos gave a presentation on the building permit statistics for Single Family Units, Multiple Family Units, and Commercial Buildings in the City of Visalia from 1998 – 2007 and the current trends. On-going new commercial construction in North Visalia includes Target, Home Depot, and Lowes.

6. Update of the Traffic Signal at Walnut and Pinkham – Eric Bons, Senior Civil Engineer, City of Visalia

Eric Bons discussed the new traffic signal to be installed at Walnut and Pinkham near the new Annie Mitchell School. The light will be going to bid in approximately 1-2 months and the project should be completed in time for the new school year in August 2008.

Board Member Larry Jones indicated the need for a signal light at Demaree/Ferguson and Board Member Bill Fulmer asked that more street lights around Washington School be considered. Steve Salomon indicated the City will set priorities for lighting and signals.

7. VUSD "Program Improvement" Status Update – Stan Carrizosa, VUSD Superintendent

Carlyn Lambert gave an update on the Program Improvement Status of the VUSD and the plans to address all student achievement needs including special needs students and English language learners.

**8:10 p.m. ADJOURNMENT**