

# Visalia City Council Action Agenda

For the regular meeting of: TUESDAY, February 19, 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  
3:45 p.m.

**SWEARING IN CEREMONY** - Police Chief Bob Carden swore in the following Police Officers:

- Jason Tejada
- Matthew Jones
- Todd Johns

Track 2  
4:00 p.m.

**SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS/RECOGNITION** - Interim Fire Chief Glass recognized Captain Rob Henry - Fire Fighter of the Year

Police Chief Carden and Interim Fire Chief Glass recognized the following employees for their heroic efforts in a structure fire on Crenshaw Street:

- Battalion Chief Doyle Sewell
- Captain Darrin Hughes
- Captain Miguel Oseguera
- Firefighter/Paramedic Dameon Malek
- Firefighter/Paramedic Chris Fischer
- Police Officer Jared Hughes
- Police Officer Daniel Ford

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

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

Tacks 4 and 5

BL/GC 5-0  
Approve  
increase.

1. Effective May 1, 2008, increase the city and retiree health contribution by \$23.03 per month for a total increase of \$46.06 per month, the same as increases already implemented with current employees, and set May 5, 2008 as the date to consider other proposed changes to the retiree health benefits.

Eric Frost delivered a PowerPoint presentation regarding retiree health benefit proposals and responded to Council questions.

The following persons were present and spoke in opposition to the proposed changes: Diane Guzman, Pearl Call, Gary Orr, Shirley Setzer; Robin Brown, Tammy Price, Mario Cifuentez, Joan Grant, and Tim Fosberg. In addition, 35 protest letters, signed by current retirees or spouses of current or deceased retirees were presented to council as well as a CD with video and audio record of the 2/12/08 meeting that Eric Frost had with retirees.

The Council will consider the other proposed changes to the retiree health benefits at their May 5, 2008 meeting.

Track 3  
No action  
taken

## 2. Analysis of Airport Solar Installation

Shawn Ogletree gave the presentation and reviewed the analysis of the airport solar installation and proposed recommendations for increased efficiency. Council had several questions which were answered. No action taken, information only.

*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 (immediately following work session)

3. Conference with Legal Counsel - Anticipated Litigation  
Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to subdivision (b) of Section 54956.9: one potential case

Track 6

## REGULAR SESSION

7:00 p.m.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

INVOCATION - Pastor Bob Grenier, Calvary Chapel

RECOGNITION - Mayor Gamboa recognized Boy Scout Troop 338 that was present in the audience.

EMPLOYEE INTRODUCTION - Introduction of Chris Young, Assistant Director of Public Works by Andrew Benelli, Public Works Director

**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 street name and city.

None

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

Council Member Collins asked that item 4b be pulled for further discussion.

BL/AS 5-0  
approve  
balance of  
consent items

4. 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 February 11, 2008.

Council Member Collins discussed item 8 on the Planning Commission agenda and the necessity of holding a joint meeting with the Planning Commission.

DL/AS 4-1  
Gamboa - No  
Approve item  
4b

c) Consideration to amend the South Ben-Maddox Auto Center Architectural Design Standards, to allow changes in the sign layout and related standards for building signage. The south Ben Maddox Auto Center is located on the east side of Ben Maddox Way between Noble Avenue and Tulare Avenue, Don Groppetti property owner.

d) Approval of the appointment of Amy Shuklian to serve as the City's alternate to the Tulare County Consolidated Waste Management Board.

e) Authorization to "sole source" the purchase of Primary and Secondary clarifier equipment to D. C. Frost in the amount of \$176,500 and \$120,900 respectively.

f) Authorization to file Notice of Completions:

- River Run Ranch Phase 3, containing 24 lots, located East of McAuliff Street and North of St. Johns Parkway.
- River Run Ranch Phase 4, containing 26 lots, located East of McAuliff Street and North of St. Johns Parkway

g) Authorization to submit a grant application to the Federal Transit Administration for funding for additional buses from the Alternative Transportation in Parks and Public Lands program for the Sequoia Shuttle service.

h) Adopt a resolution terminating the City of Visalia's participation in California Public Entity Insurance authority (CPEIA). **Resolution 2008-08 required.**

i) Authorize the refinancing of a portion of a debt to PERS by issuing Pension Obligation Bonds and direct staff to proceed with participating in the pooled pension obligation bond program offered through the California Statewide Communities Development Authority (CSCDA). **Resolution 2008-09 required.**

j) *Item removed at the request of staff*

k) Review and approve project plan for Proposition 1B – Local Streets and Roads Improvement, Congestion Relief, and Traffic Safety Account Funds of \$1,893,832.07

Track 7

BL/DL 5-0  
Accept report

5. Receipt of the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) for the City of Visalia, the Single Audit Report, and the Component Unit Financial Statements for the Redevelopment Agency of the City of Visalia for the 2006-07 fiscal year.

Eric Frost reviewed the report and answered Council questions. The report is also available on the City's web site.

GC/DL 5-0  
Adjourn  
regular  
meeting to  
2/25/08, 5:30  
pm @ City  
Hall Council  
Chambers

6. Adjourn this regular meeting to Monday, February 25, 2008, 4:00 p.m., at the City Hall Council Chambers for the following: **(motion required)**

A. Approval of Amendment to the Lease of Recreation Park Stadium with Top of the Third, Inc.

B. Authorization to award the construction contract for the Recreation Park Right Field Improvements project to Seals/Biehle General Contractors of Visalia in the amount of \$7,740,000. Project No. 0011-15152-72-0-8037.

#### **REPORT ON ACTIONS TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION - None**

#### **REPORT OF CLOSED SESSION MATTERS FINALIZED BETWEEN COUNCIL MEETINGS - None**

**Adjourned 8:15 p.m.**

#### **Upcoming Council Meetings**

- Monday, March 3, 2008, Work Session 4:00/Regular Session 7:00 p.m. – City Council Chambers, 707 W. Acequia
- Monday, March 17, 2008, Joint Meeting with COS Board 4:00 p.m. - Convention Center, 303 E. Acequia
- Monday, March 17, 2008, Work Session 5:00 p.m. (following joint meeting); Regular Session 7:00 p.m. – Convention Center, 303 E. Acequia
- Monday, March 31, 2008, Joint Meeting with Parks and Recreation Commission – 5:00 p.m. Convention Center, 303 E. Acequia

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Submitted by Donjia Huffmon, Chief Deputy City Clerk