

Visalia City Council Action Agenda

For the regular meeting of: MONDAY, March 3, 2008

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

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

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.

Track 1
4:04 p.m.

WORK SESSION AND ACTION ITEMS (as described) 4:00 p.m.

Public Comment on Work Session and Closed Session Items -

Item 1
No Action
Taken

1. Update on the San Joaquin Valley Blueprint Process by Elizabeth Wright from Tulare County Association of Government (TCAG).

Elizabeth Wright introduced item and addressed Council's questions & comments. A PowerPoint slide presentation outlining the San Joaquin Valley Blueprint Process was presented. Discussion was held concerning the upcoming final workshop on April 15, 2008 at the Visalia Convention Center.

Track 2
Item 2
GC/AS 4-1
Landers - NO
Approved as
amended

2. Presentation and discussion of Acequia Avenue Two-Way Conversion Project between Bridge Street and Conyer Street and three alternatives for street striping. Requesting City Council to direct staff on the preferred alternative.

City Planner Adam Ennis and Public Works Director Andrew Benelli presented item and a PowerPoint slide presentation with the three alternatives for the street striping. The item was opened for public comment by Mayor Gamboa. Several citizens and representatives of businesses gave their request and preferred alternative for the Acequia Two Way Conversion Project. Council requested staff to create a 4th alternative with the combining of alternative 1 and 3. Names of the public that spoke: Dale Simmons (alternative 1), Anil Chagan from Comfort Suites (alternative 2), Jessie Snider (alternative 1), Fred Barr (alternative 1), Vernon Barr- President of Downtown Visalians (alternative 2), Barbara Hood- Chairperson of PBID (alternative 2), Herb Simmons (alternative 1), Mike Williams - Planning Director - Kaweah Delta District Hospital (alternative 2), Steven Tootle (alternative 1), Roy Cliburn (alternative 1), Dean Mann (alternative 1), Carla Calhoun (alternative 1), Brandon Smith (alternative 1), Sharon Sheltzer (alternative 1), also Lindsay Bailey committee member presented a PowerPoint on behalf of the Visalia Bicycle, Waterways and Trails supporting alternative 1.

Track 3
Item 3
BL/GC 4-1
Landers - NO
Approved

3. East Downtown Update and Form Based Code

Assistant Public Works Director Fred Brusuelas and Assistant City Manager Mike Olmos updated and gave an overview of the item to the Council. Both Fred and Mike addressed Council's questions and comments.

4. *Item removed at the request of staff*

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

City Manager Steve Salomon announced the Governor allocated four million dollars for Gang Prevention Programs. City of Visalia was approved for \$280,417.

Adjourned to
Closed
Session

CLOSED SESSION

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

5. Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation (Subdivision (a) of 54956.9 GC)
Name of Case: Gomez-Thompson v. City of Visalia (TCSC 07-222372)

6. *Item removed at the request of staff*

Reconvene to
Regular
Session
Track 4

REGULAR SESSION

7:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

INVOCATION – Pastor Steve Creel – Visalia United Methodist Church

Mayor Gamboa announced the City of Visalia received a grant from the State of California for Gang Prevention Programs.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS/RECOGNITION

- Resolution of Commendation presented to Justin Mosley
- Resolution of Commendation presented to Sam Feil

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 street name and city.

Irene Lapin requested item 8g and 8h be pulled for discussion.

7. INFORMATION ONLY - no action required. Receive Planning Commission Action Agenda for the meeting of February 25, 2008.

CHANGES TO THE AGENDA/ITEMS TO BE PULLED FOR DISCUSSION

Item 8
Balance of
Consent
Calendar
Approved
DL/AS
5-0
Approved

Councilman Collins pulled items 8b, 8d, 8g for discussion and comments.

8. 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) Authorize execution of an Application-Agreement with CalPERS for Medicare coverage for employees who have elected to participate in the program and authorization for the Administrative Services Director to enter the agreement on behalf of the City. **Resolution 2008-10 required.**

Administrative Director Eric Frost gave an overview of this program to the Council and addressed questions posed by Council.

- c) Accept the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD), CalHome First Time Homebuyer Mortgage Assistance Program Grant of \$600,000; approve program guidelines, authorize amendment to CSet and AmeriNational Community Service contracts to execute program administration, implementation and underwriting; and authorize Housing & Economic Development Director as additional designated signer through resolution. **Resolutions 2008-11 and 2008-12 required.**

- d) Acceptance of the work program for implementing the action plans identified at the 2008 Council retreat.

Councilmember Collins wanted to get on the work program list for the Fire Department "continued efforts to add paramedics to our Fire Department." Interim Fire Chief Greg Glass stated that we are in the final stages of hiring five firefighters and all are paramedics.

- e) Resolution of Intention to amend the contract between the City and the Board of Administration of the California Public Employees' Retirement System (CalPERS), and introduction of Ordinance 2008-02 authorizing the contract amendments. **Resolution 2008-13 required.**

- f) Authorize the Recordation of the Final Map for Valley Oak subdivision, located on the southeast corner of Walnut Avenue and Shirk Street (28 lots) and authorize the City Manager to execute the Subdivision Improvement and Reimbursement Agreements, and the Formation of Landscape and Lighting District No. 08-01, Valley Oak. APN: 119-540-017 & 119-620-008. **Resolution Nos. 2008-14 and 2008-15 required.**

- g) Update regarding the Citizen Advisory Committee's (CAC) progress on addressing Commission and Committee guidelines and processing, and recent staff actions relating to Committees and Commissions.

Update only per Deputy City Manager Leslie Caviglia. Visalia resident Irene Lapin has concerns regarding the conflict of interest in the City's guidelines. City Attorney Alex Peltzer addressed questions posed by Council

Item 8g
No Action
Information
Only

- h) Appointments of new members to the Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC).

Item 8h
BL/AS 5-0
Approved

Deputy City Manager Leslie Caviglia introduced item for Council’s consideration. Citizen Irene Lapin spoke of her concerns regarding the conflict of interest in the City’s guidelines. City Attorney Alex Peltzer addressed questions posed by Council and Irene Lapin.

- i) Authorization to direct staff to conduct a selection process for the Planning Commission term that is concluding in June of this year.
- j) First reading of Ordinance 2008-03 authorizing the Grant of Easement to Southern California Edison Company to construct & maintain electric distribution facilities on a portion of City owned property, APN 073-210-001, and authorize the City Manager to execute the agreement related to the grant of easement.
- k) Authorize the City Manager to execute a Joint Use Agreement (REL05135113 - J.O. 2252) between Southern California Edison Company and the City of Visalia for the relocation of facilities on the west side of Ben Maddox Way and south of Walnut Avenue
- l) Accept and issue written report describing measures being taken to alleviate the conditions which led to the adoption of Ordinance 2006-03 (Zone 1), an Interim Ordinance establishing prohibited and permitted uses and development standards for a portion of the East Downtown Strategic Plan Area.
- m) Authorization to purchase two (2) additional under 30 ft. buses to operate the internal and external shuttle at the Sequoia/Kings Canyon National Parks (SEKI) and appropriate funds (from grants already approved) in the amount of \$2,038,296 for capital and operating expenses for the 2nd and 3rd years of the 3 year pilot project.

9. Consideration of annexation of a parcel located at 26543 Mooney Blvd.

Track 6
Item 9
DL/AS 5-0
Approved

Assistant City Manager Mike Olmos introduced item and addresses Council’s comments and questions.

10. Accept the guaranteed maximum price of \$6,876,810 as presented by BJ Perch Construction to complete the northwest fire project located at Shirk and Ferguson, authorize a General Fund advance of \$3.0 million to fund the project and adopt an inducement resolution that the City may issue tax exempt debt to finance the cost of the Fire Station. **Resolution 2008-16 required.**

Track 7
Item 10
DL/BL 5-0
Approved

Finance Manager Gus Aiello and Administrative Service Director Eric Frost updated Council on this item with a PowerPoint slide presentation. Construction Manager B.J. Perch responded to questions posed by Council.

REPORT ON ACTIONS TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION

None

REPORT OF CLOSED SESSION MATTERS FINALIZED BETWEEN COUNCIL MEETINGS

Buyer	Seller	APN Number	Address	Purpose	Closing Date	Project Manager
City of Visalia	Bianco, Mary	Portions of APN 079-071-018 1.348 acres	3506 N. Dinuba Blvd.	Orchard Walk – Right of Way	2/27/08	Andrew Benelli

Track 8
No Action Taken

City Attorney Alex Peltzer reports on the finalization of the above item - Orchard Walk - Right of Way

SUBMITTED: Susie Alter, Executive Assistant for Leslie Caviglia, Deputy City Clerk