

Visalia City Council Action Agenda

For the regular meeting of: MONDAY, April 21, 2008

Location: CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 707 W. Acequia, 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

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.

4:00 p.m.
Track 1

SWEARING IN CEREMONY

Police Chief Bob Carden will swear in Police Officer William Hanson

WORK SESSION AND ACTION ITEMS (as described)

4:05 p.m.

Public Comment on Work Session and Closed Session Items -

1. Presentation by Craig Sharton , CEO for Central Valley Business Incubator (CVBI), regarding CBVI services.

Presentation not given - to be rescheduled.

Track 2
GC/AS 5-0
As
Recommended

2. Presentation of Visalia Smart Growth Principles prepared by Council-appointed task force.

Fred Brusuelas gave an introduction and background of the formation of the Smart Growth Taskforce. Members of the Task Force discussed the recommendations: Ben Filiponi discussed leading issues; Harvey May discussed the desired outcomes; Greg Kirkpatrick reviewed the three Growth Management Principles; and Bruce Race discussed the 8 Community Design Principles.

Council commented on the draft and directed staff to proceed with public review.
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Track 3

3. Update - East Central Visalia Framework Plan and recommendation on a concept for continued work.

Fred Brusuelas summarized the numerous tasks to implement the East Downtown Strategic Plan. One task is the preparation of a Framework Plan that will interface with the East Downtown project. Bruce Race presented and discussed two preliminary concept plans for City Council review and comment.

Staff will incorporate the comments of the City Council, meet with the School District and the Farm Bureau and return to Council with a revised plan.

- 4. Presentation by Bill Delain, Region Manager for Southern California Edison, and discussion regarding revised alignment proposal and future steps for the San Joaquin Cross Valley Loop Transmission Project .

Leslie Caviglia summarized and gave background information regarding the proposal for the San Joaquin Cross Valley Transmission Project. Bill Delain, SCE, discussed SCE’s preferred route Alternative 1 and spoke about the environmental impacts for route 1. Mike Olmos, Assistant City Manager addressed Council questions.

The following persons spoke regarding the project: Brian Blain in opposition to the chosen route; Mike Santana, City of Farmersville, supporting Route 3; Greg Kirkpatrick supporting Routes 2 or 3; George McKuen, Exeter, supporting Route 3.

Council requested more detailed information from SCE in answer to their concerns before making a final determination on a preferred route.

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

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

- 5. Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation (Subdivision (a) of Section 54956.9)
Name of Case: Avila v. City of Visalia – (TCSC 07-225702)
- 6. Conference with Legal Counsel - Existing Litigation (Subdivision (a) of Section 54956.9)
Name of Case: Gomez-Thompson v. City of Visalia; (TCSC 07-222372)
- 7. *Item removed at the request of staff*
- 8. Conference with Legal Counsel - Anticipated Litigation
Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to subdivision (b) of Section 54956.9: one potential case
- 9. Public Employee Employment - GC 54957
Title: Fire Chief

REGULAR SESSION

7:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

MOMENT OF SILENCE

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS/RECOGNITION

- Proclamation declaring May 1, 2008, as Happy Hearts Day

At the request of Mayor Gamboa, Assistant City Manager Mike Olmos gave a description of the action to be taken in regards to Item 12 for the benefit of those in the audience.

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.

David McElroy and Pamela Drake spoke about their challenges in riding the City Coach.

Bill Huott, spoke about an upcoming meeting at the Oval Park.

The following persons spoke about item #12 on the agenda regarding Acequia Street: Darlene Mata presented Council with a letter from the Downtown Visalians and PBID; Barbara Hood, PBID; Carl Anderson; Roy Kliburn; Vernon Barr; Lindsey Lockwood; Jeff Lack; Lindsey Bailey.

- 10. Receive Planning Commission Action Agenda for the meeting of April 14, 2008. No action required.

CHANGES TO THE AGENDA/ITEMS TO BE PULLED FOR DISCUSSION

Councilmember Collins asked that item 11g be pulled from the Consent Calendar and discussed separately.

DL/AS 5-0
remainder of
consent
calendar
approved

- 11. 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) Adopt the annually updated Investment Policy and Delegating authority to invest funds for the City to the Administrative Services Director/Treasurer. **Resolution 2008-19 required.**
 - c) Request authorization to accept State CalGRIP grant monies in the amount of \$280,417.00 and authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with Proteus, Inc. to implement the "Stepping Up for Visalia Youth" project.
 - d) Second Reading of Ordinance 2008-04 repealing Section 9.04.050 Chapter 9.04 of the Visalia Municipal Code Relating to Possession of Intoxicating Beverages and replacing it with Section 9.04.050 Intoxicating Beverages – Consumption on Public Streets, etc., and on Commercial Parking Lots and Adjacent Land unlawful. (2nd reading). **Ordinance 2008-04 required.**
 - e) Authorization to expand the Targeted Tax Area (TTA) boundaries north of Riggin Avenue in the industrial park and approval of site inclusions. **Resolution 2008-20 required.**

f) Request authorization to file a Notice of Completion for Four Creeks Estates II, Phase 1 Subdivision, containing 49 lots, located on Buena Vista Avenue between Burke Street and Ben Maddox Way.

GC/BL 5-0
Item 11g
approved as
recommended

g) Authorization to Record the Final Map for Oakwest No. 7 located at the northeast corner of Shirk Street and Hillsdale Avenue (59 lots), authorize the City Manager to sign the Subdivision and Reimbursement agreements and the Formation of Landscape and Lighting District No. 07-08, Oakwest No.7. **Resolutions 2008-21 and 2008-22 required.**

Andrew Benelli, Director Public Works, responded to Councilmember Collins' questions.

12. Initiation of amendment to the General Plan Circulation Element pertaining to the following:
1) Conversion of Acequia Avenue from a one-way to two-way direction of travel; 2) amendment of the Visalia Bikeway Plan to add Acequia Avenue from Conyer Street to Bridge Street as a Class II bike route.

Track 7
BL/AS 4-1
Landers-No
Item 12
approved as
recommended

Andrew Benelli, presented the staff recommendation to initiate a General Plan Amendment that designates Acequia Avenue between Conyer Street and Bridge Street as a two-way road and changes the Visalia Bikeway Plan to show Acequia as a Class II bike route between Conyer Street and Bridge Street. Staff will work with the City Attorney's Office to determine if additional environmental review is required.

Track 8
No action
taken - info
only

13. Housing, Economic Development and Public Improvements completed, planned and proposed (2004-11)

Ricardo Noguera, reviewed housing activities in the past, present and future. Rhonda Haynes answered Council questions about CHDO funds and loan recapture programs.

Track 9
GC/DL 5-0
Item 14
approved as
recommended

14. **PUBLIC HEARING** - 2008-09 Action Plan for the use of the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME Investment Partnership Grant Funds (HOME) from the Federal Government through Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)

Rhonda Haynes reviewed the final Action Plan. At 8:32 p.m. the public hearing was opened. The following persons spoke regarding the Action Plan: Bill Huott and Barbara Hood. The public hearing was closed at 8:35 p.m.

Convene jointly as the Visalia City Council and the Community Redevelopment Agency

15. **PUBLIC HEARING** (*motion to continue to May 5, 2008 at 7:00 p.m.*)

Track 10
GC/DL 5-0
Moved to
5/5/08

Authorize the City Manager to execute the following Affordable Housing Agreements:

- 1) Between the City of Visalia and Visalians Interested In Affordable Housing (VIAH)
- 2) Between the Visalia Redevelopment Agency & Kaweah Management Company;
- 3) Between the City of Visalia; Kaweah Management Company and VIAH

Property Location: located at the north corner of South Court Street and East Paradise Avenue. 1526 -1536 South Court Street, APN:097-261-022; 1544 S Court Street and 110 -148 East Paradise; APN's 097-261-037, 038, 039 and 040.

Public Hearing is moved to May 5, 2008 at staff's request.

Track 10
BL/DL 5-0
Item 16
approved as
recommended

16. Financial analysis of Visalia's Four Redevelopment Project Areas

Ricardo Noguera gave the staff recommendation. Don Fraser, Fraser & Associates, reviewed the project areas, status of financial limits under the Redevelopment Plan, possible amendments, and the financial situation of each project area.

Adjourn as the joint Visalia City Council and Community Redevelopment Agency and remain seated as the Visalia City Council

Track 11

17. Continued review of select FY 2008-09 & 2009-10 Capital Improvement budgets and future Capital Improvement Program (CIP) requests.

Melody Murch gave the second presentation to Council regarding the Capital Improvement Project budgets. The remaining 2 presentations will be heard on May 5th and May 19th. Council review and comment only, no action taken.

REPORT ON ACTIONS TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION - none

Meeting
Adjourned
9:47 p.m.

**REPORT OF CLOSED SESSION MATTERS FINALIZED BETWEEN COUNCIL MEETINGS-
none**

Upcoming Council Meetings

- Monday, May 5, 2008, Work Session 4:00 p.m. Regular Session 7:00 p.m. – City Council Chambers, 707 W. Acequia
- Monday, May 12, 2008, Joint Meeting City Council and Visalia Unified School District – 6:00 p.m. - Convention Center, 303 E. Acequia
- Monday, May 19, 2008, Work Session 4:00 p.m. Regular Session 7:00 p.m. – City Council Chambers, 707 W. Acequia

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Submitted by Donjia Huffmon, Chief Deputy City Clerk