

# Visalia City Council Action Agenda

For the regular meeting of: MONDAY, June 2, 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

## **INTRODUCTION OF NEW FIREFIGHTER PARAMEDICS**

Battalion Chief Danny Wristen will introduce Zach DeMoss, Michael Durham, Geoff Randall, Darrin Woodbridge, new Firefighter Paramedics

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

**5:00 p.m.**

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

Track 2

1. Authorization to hire Willdan Financial Services to conduct a nexus study for implementation of an Agricultural Land Conversion Mitigation Program.

GC/AS 5-0

Fred Brusuelas and Chris Tavaréz, Planning Department, reviewed the selection process for the hiring of a consultant to complete the nexus study. Council asked staff to contact the Cities of Farmersville and Exeter to see of their interest in partnering with the City of Visalia and the City of Tulare in this project.
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Track 3

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

Melody Murch, Finance Department, presented the fourth installment for review of the Capital Improvement Budgets for 08-09 and 09-10. Andy Benelli, Public Works Director, reviewed projects: traffic safety highlights, corp yard expansion, transportation fund highlights, Measure R regional projects. No action taken.
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3. *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**

Councilmember Collins requested that staff meet with the Environmental Committee to make a
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recommendation to Council on aggressive water conservation measures that can be taken.  
Leslie Caviglia responded to request.

6:25 p.m. Adj.  
to closed  
session

## **CLOSED SESSION**

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

4. Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation (Subdivision (a) of 54956.9 GC)  
Name of Case: Elliot Farms LTD v. City of Visalia TCSC No. 08-228038
5. Conference With Real Property Negotiators (G.C.§54956.8)  
Property: 1910 Linwood (Portion of APN: 077-087-052)  
Under Negotiation: Approval of purchase terms and conditions  
Negotiating Parties for City: Steve Salomon, Vince Elizondo, Don Stone, Colleen Carlson  
Negotiating Parties for Seller: Phil Mirwald, California Water Service
6. Conference with Real Property Negotiators (G.C. §54956.8)  
Property: A portion of APN # 085-190-004 for riparian setback purposes on Mill Creek  
Under Negotiation: Price, terms, conditions of purchase  
Negotiators: Steve Salomon, Vince Elizondo, Don Stone, Paul Shepard, Lee Akins and Bill Allen.

Track 5

## **REGULAR SESSION**

**7:00 p.m.**

### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

### **MOMENT OF SILENCE**

### **SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS/RECOGNITION**

Track 6

**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

7. INFORMATION ONLY - no action required. Receive Planning Commission Action Agenda for the meeting of May 27, 2008.

*Convene jointly as the Visalia City Council and the Community Redevelopment A*

Track 7

DL/GC 5-0  
Item 8  
approved

RDA CONSENT CALENDAR

8. Authorization for the City Manager to execute an Addendum to Master Agreement between the City of Visalia, the Redevelopment Agency and Kaweah Delta Health Care District designating 84 parking spaces in the West Acequia Parking Structure to Kaweah Delta Health Care District.

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

Track 8

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

Councilmember Landers requested item 9b; Councilmember Collins requested items 9d, 9f and 9h be removed from the consent calendar and discussed separately.

DL/BL 5-0  
approve  
balance of  
consent  
calendar

9. 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) Authorization to adopt the 2007 Transit Planning Study and authorize transit staff to implement its recommendations as outlined.

BL/AS 5-0  
Item 9b  
approved

Councilmember Landers discussed the transit study. Monty Cox responded to Council concerns and measures that have been taken to remedy issues.

c) Authorization to award the contract for a Short Range Transit Plan to Moore & Associates in the amount of \$69,832.96.

GC/BL 5-0  
Item 9d  
approved

d) Authorize a grant application submittal to the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD), funding within the CalHOME Programs (First Time Homebuyer Mortgage Assistance and Owner-Occupied Rehabilitation) in the amount of \$900,000. **Resolution 2008-30 required.**

Councilmember Collins had questions regarding income limits, the neighborhoods that will be focused on and the loan paybacks. Ricardo Noguera responded to questions.

e) Authorize support of AB 3034 (Galgiani and Ma) High Speed Rail and Authorize staff to send letters to the appropriate entities.

BL/DL 5-0  
Item 9f  
approved

f) Authorization to support the Tulare County Economic Development Corporation's (TCEDC) State Enterprise Zone application and contribute City's financial share in the amount of \$62,189.

Ricardo Noguera responded to Councilmember Collins' questions about cost.

g) Authorize support for AB 844 (Berryhill and Maze) Junk Dealers and authorize staff to send letters to the appropriate entities.

GC/AS 5-0  
Item 9h  
approved

h) Authorization to implement fuel cell technology at the waste water treatment plant while further assessing the feasibility of solar installations at the plant and other energy efficiency measures.

Councilmember Collins commended staff for their decision to wait on the solar installations

until further information is available.

Track 9

DL/AS 4-1  
Collins - No  
Item 10  
approved  
(waive fee for  
Geraldine  
Oliver)

- 10. **PUBLIC HEARING** - To place Miscellaneous Special Assessments on the Tulare County secured property tax roll for Sewer Connection, Business Incentive Zone, Curb and Gutter, Landscape and Lighting, Northeast Improvement District, Sewer, Weed and Lot Clearing, Code Enforcement, Los Rios/Casa Blanca and Property and Business Improvement District. **Resolution 2008-31 required.**

Eric Frost, Administrative Services Director, reviewed the special assessments to be placed on the County property tax roll. The Public Hearing was opened at 7:35 p.m.

Geraldine Oliver, a Visalia resident on Meadow Lane discussed her particular assessment of \$233.97.

No other public comments were received and the public hearing was closed at 7:44. p.m.

Council voted 4-1 (Collins no) to approve the assessments as recommended by staff and to waive the assessment for Geraldine Oliver.

Track 10

GC/AS 5-0  
Item 11  
approved per  
staff  
recommend.

- 11. **PUBLIC HEARING** - Biennial amendments to the City's Rates & Fees document effective for the Fiscal Years 2008/09 and 2009/10. Proposed adjustments include, but are not limited to the following services; administrative, community development, public safety, public works and parks and recreation. **Resolution 2008-32 required.**

Tim Fosberg, Finance Department, reviewed the proposed rates and fees for 2008-09 and 2009-10. Council discussed the fees and recovery of certain fees to other agencies. The Public Hearing was opened at 8:15 p.m.

Bob Keenan, HBA, requested Council not to increase the Impact Fees.

No other public comments were received and the public hearing was closed at 8:18 p.m.

### REPORT OF CLOSED SESSION MATTERS FINALIZED BETWEEN COUNCIL MEETINGS

Alex Peltzer, City Attorney, reported the following actions that were finalized between Council meetings:

Settlement Agreement with Bonnie Gomez-Thompson in the amount of \$17,500.00

Buyer	Seller	APN Number	Address	Purpose	Closing Date	Project Manager
City of Visalia	Colegio De Le Tierra	6,226 sf portion of APN 079-071-020	Along Dinuba Blvd, north of Shannon Ave.	Road Widening purposes	05/23/08	Andrew Benelli

Meeting adjourned:  
8:30 p.m.

### Upcoming Council Meetings

- Monday, June 9, 2008, Work Session 4:00 p.m. Special Session 7:00 p.m. - Convention Center 303 E. Acequia

- Monday, June 16, 2008, Work Session 4:00 p.m. Regular Session 7:00 p.m. – City Council Chambers, 707 W. Acequia
- Monday, June 23, 2008, Special Session 5:30 p.m., Joint City Council and Kaweah Delta District Hospital Board – Visalia Convention Center, 303 East Acequia
- Monday, July 14, 2008, Work Session 4:00 p.m. Special Session 7:00 p.m. – Convention Center 303 E. Acequia

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