



# Visalia City Council

## City Council

### Meeting Agenda - Final

Visalia City Council  
303 E. Acequia  
Visalia, CA 93291

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**Tuesday, January 16, 2024**

**7:00 PM**

**Visalia Convention Center**

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**Please note the meeting of 1/16/24 will not be live streamed. Recorded audio of the 1/16/24 meeting will be available by the afternoon of 1/18/24.**

#### **ROLL CALL**

#### **CALL TO ORDER WORK SESSION - 5:00 PM**

#### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

People are now invited to comment on issues within the jurisdiction of the Visalia City Council. The Council asks that you keep your comments concise and positive. Each speaker will be allowed three minutes and a timer will notify you when your time is expired. Please begin your comments by stating and spelling your name and providing your city of residence.

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

1. **Presentation by the Arts Consortium** - Presentation of the activities undertaken by the Arts Consortium in 2023 as part of a contract for services with the City of Visalia and approval of a contract for services for 2024-2025, effective as of January 1, 2024. [24-0007](#)
2. **Review of Ordinance** - Review the City of Visalia Oak Tree Ordinance and direction to staff on recommend modifications. [23-0434](#)

#### **ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION - 6:00 PM (Or, immediately following Work Session)**

#### **CALL TO ORDER REGULAR SESSION - 7:00 PM**

#### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

#### **INVOCATION**

#### **ITEMS OF INTEREST**

#### **SPECIAL PRESENTATION / RECOGNITION**

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## PUBLIC COMMENTS

PUBLIC COMMENTS: NOTE NEW FORMAT

This is the time for people to comment on matters within the jurisdiction of the Visalia City Council. The Council asks that you keep your comments brief and positive. Creative criticism, presented with appropriate courtesy, is welcome.

This is the opportunity to address the Council on any matter of interest, whether on the agenda or not, other than the Consent Calendar.

People may comment one time during the evening for up to three minutes, unless additional time is authorized by the Council. Each speaker will be allowed three minutes, and a timer will notify you when your time is expired. Please begin your comments by stating and spelling your name and providing your city of residence.

## CONSENT CALENDAR

Consent Calendar items are considered routine and will be enacted in one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these matters unless a request is made and then the item will be removed from the Consent Calendar to be discussed and voted upon by a separate motion.

1. Authorization to read ordinances by title only. [24-0002](#)
2. **Grant to waive/lower pet adoption fees:** Authorize the acceptance of \$95,000 grant from California For All Animals to reduce or waive return to home fees for pets in the shelter and authorize the City Manager to execute the California For All Animals grant agreement. [23-0493](#)
3. **Parking Agreement for Mayor's Park** - First reading of Ordinance 2024-02, authorizing the City Manager to enter into an agreement with Dr. Christopher J. Wood, DDS, MS, for the use of 4 parking lot spaces at Mayor's Park. [23-0495](#)
4. **City of Exeter contract Animal Services** - Authorize the City Manager to execute an agreement between the City of Visalia and the City of Exeter to provide animal shelter services at a rate of \$216,900 per year and make any additional modifications to this draft agreement. [23-0496](#)
5. **City of Farmersville contract Animal Services** - Authorize the City Manager to execute an agreement between the City of Visalia and the City of Farmersville to provide animal shelter services at a rate of \$211,700 per year and make any additional modifications to this draft agreement. [23-0497](#)
6. **Authorization to execute a lease agreement with the Arts Consortium** for use of the Oval Park Service Center building at 808 N. Court. [23-0506](#)

7. **Request by Council Member Hernandez Soto** - Request by Council Member Hernandez Soto for the Council to consider placing an item on a future agenda for discussion of the limit of 12 street closures in a year in the newly adopted Ordinance for Special Events. [24-0001](#)
8. **Consideration of a fee waiver** - Request from Visalia Gadabouts to utilize the Visalia Senior Center for the purpose of providing programs and services for senior citizens. [24-0003](#)
9. **Certify Environmental Document - Stonebrook Street Culvert** - a resolution to adopt the Initial Study and Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Stonebrook Street Culvert Crossing at Packwood Creek (City of Visalia Project Number 2520-72000/CP0043-99, also referring to State Clearinghouse No. 2022020164). (Resolution No. 2024-01 required). [24-0005](#)
10. **Fire Department Grant Application Confirmation and Acceptance** - Confirm authorization for staff to apply for the 2023 California Water Service Firefighter Grant Program, authorize accepting the grant award, and appropriate funding for the purchase of six rescue tool batteries in the amount of \$5,367.24. [24-0006](#)
11. **Confirmation of Administrative Services Director** - Confirmation of the appointment of Michelle Speer to serve as the Administrative Services Director for the City of Visalia. [24-0009](#)
12. **Memorandum of Understanding** - Authorize the City Manager to enter into a five-year Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Visalia and the Tulare County Regional Transit Agency (TCRTA) to partner on a three-year micro transit pilot project. [24-0016](#)

## REGULAR ITEMS AND PUBLIC HEARINGS

Comments related to regular Items and Public Hearing Items are limited to three minutes per speaker, for a maximum of 30 minutes per item. The Mayor may reasonably limit or extend the public comment period to preserve the Council's interest in conducting efficient, orderly meetings.

## CLOSED SESSION REPORT

## ADJOURNMENT

1. For the purposes of reporting out, for the record, transactions that occurred as a result of Closed Session Real Property Negotiations: [24-0013](#)

Buyer: City of Visalia

Seller: Gerald Blankenship Jr. and Jean Kristy Blankenship, Trustees of the Blankenship Family Trust under Trust Agreement dated February 8, 1996, as to an undivided one-half interest, and Gerald B. Blankenship Jr., as to an undivided one-half interest

APN: 126-100-054 (portion)

Purpose: sale of surplus land

Brief Description: Caldwell Improvement Project Santa Fe to Lovers Lane

Price: \$21,017.21

Closing Date: 1/8/2024

Closed Session Council Date: 6/5/2023

Project Manager: Eric Bons

## UPCOMING CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

1. Upcoming Council Meetings: [24-0012](#)  
Monday, February 5, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. @ 707 W. Acequia  
Tuesday, February 20, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. @ 707 W. Acequia

If you have a disability and require a reasonable accommodation to fully participate in the meeting, please contact Michelle Nicholson, to discuss your accessibility needs: 559-713-4512 or

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