

Visalia City Council Action Agenda

For the SPECIAL meeting of: MONDAY, July 14, 2008

Location: Visalia Convention Center, 303 E. 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

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.

3:30 p.m.
Track 3

PROMOTIONAL AND NEW EMPLOYEE INTRODUCTIONS

Police Department new hires: Assistant Chief of Police Colleen Mestas; Police Officers, Richard Cressall, Ricardo Loza, Blake McEwen, Julian Lopez, Andrew Souza, Corey Kuykendall

Police Department newly promoted: Allyn Wightman Police Lieutenant; Greg Byerlee Police Sergeant; Chris McLain Agent

INTRODUCTION OF STUDENTS SELECTED TO VISIT MIKI CITY

4:00 p.m.
Track 4

WORK SESSION AND ACTION ITEMS

Public Comment on Work Session and Closed Session Items - None

1. Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) presentation of the 2007 Public Opinion Survey

Eric Frost, Administrative Services Director; Songjie Li, Finance intern; Phil Mirwald, CalWater; and George Ouzounian, CAC member; discussed the Citizens Advisory Committee annual public opinion survey. This was the 21st annual survey completed and 400 respondents were surveyed. Council comments included options for getting a better representation of the community and other options to conduct the survey.

Track 5
BL/AS 3-2
Collins - No
Landers - No
Item 2
approved

2. Discussion of the Master Plan improvements at the Waste Water Conservation Plant and approval to retain Carollo Engineers to develop a Master Reclamation Permit.

Jim Ross, Public Works; and David Stringfield, Carollo Engineers, discussed the Master Plan for improvements at the Waste Water Conservation Plan and responded to Council questions.

Track 6
GC/AS 5-0
Item 3
approved as
amended

3. Authorization of additional water conservation efforts including increased enforcement of the water conservation ordinance, development of a stage four of the water conservation ordinance, authorization to apply for Drought Assistance Grants, and formation of a task force to work on a landscape ordinance, and review other measures being considered.

Leslie Caviglia, Deputy City Manager, presented the staff report regarding water conservation efforts. Council questions and concerns were answered by Caviglia and Phil Mirwald, CalWater.

GC/AS 5-0 to approve staff recommendations as recommended and add the following additional recommendations: 5) Accelerate the installation of water meters, 6) recommend a 10% voluntary reduction in irrigation.

4. *Item removed at the request of staff*

Convene as Visalia City Council and Redevelopment Agency

Track 7

5. RDA CONSENT CALENDAR - Authorize the retention of Rosenow Spevacek Group, Inc. (RSG) to prepare an amended 5-year Implementation Plan for the Visalia Redevelopment Agency's four (4) project areas.

DL/BL 5-0
Item 5
approved

Adjourn as City Council and Redevelopment Agency and remain seated as Visalia City Council

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

Council Member Shuklian reported on the Dump on Us Day and congratulated staff for the efficient event.

CLOSED SESSION

5:50 p.m. (Or, immediately following Work Session)

- 6. Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation
Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to subdivision (b) of Section 54956.9: three potential cases
- 7. Public Employee Performance Evaluation (GC 54957)
Title: City Manager

REGULAR SESSION

Track 8

7:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

INVOCATION – Reverend Karl Schafer, Associate Pastor, First Presbyterian Church

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS/RECOGNITION

Present Resolution of Commendation to CSUF World Series Championship Team – accepted by Kris Tomlinson, Pitcher and Matt Curtis, Assistant Head Coach

Track 9

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, Feemster St. Visalia, asked that item 8d be pulled from the consent calendar to discuss separately.

Track 10

CHANGES TO THE AGENDA/ITEMS TO BE PULLED FOR DISCUSSION

DL/BL 5-0
Approve
balance of
consent
calendar

Council Member Collins requested that item 8i be pulled from the consent calendar to discuss separately.

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) Amend the current agreement with Proteus, Inc. to operate the Wittman Village Community Center from July 1, 2008 through June 20, 2013.

c) Authorize City Manager to approve Cooperative Agreements, for transportation related projects and facilities, between the City of Visalia and the California Department of Transportation and/or any public entities. **Resolution 2008-38 required.**

d) Appoint Emily Magill and Tim Stark to the Visalia Environmental Committee.

BL/AS 5-0
Item 8d
approved

Irene Lapin, Feemster Street requested that announcements for committee vacancies be made more than the required once per year and commented on the length of time that it takes to recruit for vacancies. Leslie Caviglia responded to Council questions.

e) Authorize Council Member Greg Collins as the voting delegate and Vice Mayor Bob Link as the alternate voting member for the 2008 League of California Cities Annual Conference.

f) Authorize the implementation of the City of Visalia's first "Citizens in the Know" Academy.

g) Appoint Rachel Rosenberry to the Bicycle, Pedestrian and Waterway Trails Committee and to reduce the size of the committee from 15 to 13 members.

h) Reappointment of City Attorney and renewal of legal agreement with Dooley, Herr, Peltzer and Richardson for two years.

BL/GC 5-0
Item 8i
approved

i) Suspend the Parking In-lieu Fees for "change in use" projects in the Property Based Improvement District (PBID) areas if an annual payment is made by PBID to the City's Central Business District Parking Zones Parking In-lieu Fund. **Resolution 2008-39 required.**

Council Member Collins suggested that businesses in the district do some façade renovation.

j) Introduction of Ordinance amending Section 17.30.045 A and B regarding the Parking In-

lieu Fee Program which would replace the existing five (5) year payment program with a ten (10) year payment program . **Ordinance 2008-06 required.**

k) Authorization for the City Manager to release a Request for Proposal (RFP) for the disposition of city-owned properties located between Mineral King and Acequia Avenues and Stevenson and Conyer Streets.

l) Accept and issue the written report describing measures being taken to alleviate the conditions which led to the adoption of Ordinance 2006-10 (Zone 2), an Interim Ordinance establishing prohibited and permitted uses and development standards for a portion of the area known as East Central Visalia.

m) Authorization to award the contract for the Remarketing of Runway 12/30 and add lighting for Declared Distances; installation of a security access gate and related electrical improvements at the Visalia Municipal Airport to Cindy Bales Engineering in the amount of \$791,445. Project numbers 4011-720000-0-0-8068 & 4011-720000-0-0-8069, corresponding to FAA AIP Project number 3-06-0271-23.

Track 11

9. **PUBLIC HEARING**

GC/AS 5-0
Item 9a
approved

a) Adoption of Negative Declaration No. 2008-28. **Resolution No. 2008- 40 required.**

GC/AS 4-1
Link = No
Item 9b
approved

b) General Plan Amendment (GPA) No. 2008-01, a request by the City of Visalia to amend the Circulation Element to convert Acequia Ave. from one-way to two-way traffic, and to amend the Bikeway Plan to add Class II and Class III bikeways to Acequia Ave., between Conyer St. and Santa Fe Avenue. **Resolution No. 2008-41 required.**

Adam Ennis presented the staff report and PowerPoint. The public hearing was opened at 7:40 p.m. Russ Dahler, a member of the Bicycle Committee, spoke in favor of the proposal. There were no other public comments and the public hearing was closed at 7:42 p.m.

Council Member Link stated his opposition of the proposal is due to the safety of the bicycle riders.

Track 12/13

10. Authorization to hear public input and consider specific bus route changes to begin in August 2008, and follow up to questions raised regarding rider ship and service levels.

DL/GC 5-0
Item 10
approved

Monty Cox presented the staff report and reviewed the proposed changes. The following persons spoke: Elizabeth Lopez Ahumada, a bus rider, spoke regarding the reliability of the buses. Corrie Mozder, bus rider, spoke about the need for more buses and the location of the routes.

Ed Bednarczyk, General Manager MV Transportation, was present to answer Council questions and concerns.

Discussion regarding methods to notify riders of the bus route changes.

Track 14

11. **PUBLIC HEARING** Proposed first amendment to the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME Program FY 2007-08 Annual Action Plan.

DL/BL 5-0
Item 11
approved

Ruth Pena and Nancy Renovato, Community Development, presented the staff report. Vince Elizondo was present to answer questions regarding the project at Village Park. The public

hearing was opened at 8:35 p.m. There were no public comments.

Track 15

DL/BL 5-0
Item 12
approved

12. PUBLIC HEARING – Extension of the Redevelopment Agency Project Areas: Introduction of Ordinances extending the duration of the East Visalia and Mooney Boulevard Redevelopment Project Areas and the time limit for the receipt of tax increment and debt repayment period pursuant to California Health & Safety Code Section 33333.6, and reaffirming, clarifying, correcting and extending certain time limits previously adopted with respect to the Redevelopment Plans for the East Visalia, Mooney Boulevard, Mooney Boulevard Amendment, Central and Downtown Redevelopment Project Areas. **Ordinances 2008-07, 2008-08, 2008-09, and 2008-10 required.**

Ricardo Noguera, Housing and Economic Development Director, presented the staff report. The public hearing was opened at 8:40 p.m. There were no public comments and the hearing was closed.

REPORT ON ACTIONS TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION

REPORT OF CLOSED SESSION MATTERS FINALIZED BETWEEN COUNCIL MEETINGS

City Attorney, Alex Peltzer, reported the following:

Buyer	Seller	APN Number	Address	Purpose	Closing Date	Project Manager
City of Visalia	MINSON, Roy (Trust)	APN 097-121-020 (346.55 sf portion)	508 So. Santa Fe	Santa Fe Overcrossing	6/26/08	Andrew Benelli

8:42 p.m.
Meeting
adjourned

Upcoming Council Meetings

- Monday, August 4, 2008, Work Session 4:00 p.m. Regular Session 7:00 p.m. – Council Chambers, 707 W. Acequia
- Monday, August 18, 2008, Work Session 4:00 p.m. Regular Session 7:00 p.m. – Council Chambers, 707 W. Acequia
- Tuesday, September 2, 2008, Work Session 4:00 p.m. Regular Session 7:00 p.m. – Council Chambers, 707 W. Acequia

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