

Visalia City Council Action Agenda

For the regular meeting of: MONDAY, August 18, 2008

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

Mayor: Jesus J. Gamboa - *absent*
Vice Mayor: Bob Link - *present and presiding*
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.

4:30 p.m.

Track 1

SWEARING IN CEREMONY

Visalia Police Department - Officers Isaac Stephens and Brett Calloway

WORK SESSION AND ACTION ITEMS (as described)

Public Comment on Work Session and Closed Session Items -

Tracks 3 & 4

1. Presentation by Great Lakes Airlines regarding new airline service from Visalia to Ontario beginning September 8, 2008.

Monica Taylor representing Great Lakes Airlines, updated the City Council on the new air service from Visalia to Ontario, CA which will begin on September 8. There are approximately 30 destinations that can be reached directly from Ontario. Tickets can be purchased from FlyGreatLakes.com, Expedia, Orbitz, and Travelocity as well as through travel agents. The Council expressed their excitement about the beginning of the air service.

Track 2

2. Visalia Police Department update on Gang Suppression, Intervention Prevention strategies and gang violence update for 2008

Police Chief Bob Carden, and Lt. Jason Salazar updated the City Council on efforts to break the gang cycle in Visalia. The suppression efforts are the result of a multi-agency approach with support from the business community. As a result of civil gang injunctions the city had an 18.5% reduction in gang violence from January-July 2008.

Council questions were answered by Lt. Salazar and Chief Carden and the Council commended the Visalia Police Department on its efforts in this area.
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Track 5

DL/AS 4-0
Item 3
approved as
recommended

3. Adoption of the City of Visalia Cultural Arts Plan and initial implementation strategies

Leslie Caviglia, Deputy City Manager, introduced Arthur Greenburg, the consultant who prepared the draft Cultural Arts Plan. Mr. Greenburg reviewed the methods that were used to collect information from more than 500 Visalians about how they participate in cultural activities.

A number of persons in the audience were part of the Steering Committee for the Cultural Arts Plan and they were recognized by the Council.

The following persons spoke in regard to the Plan: 1) Bill Balsley spoke about the special event application process; 2) Carol Firstman, urged the Council to read the plan and make sure it is used; 3) Toni Best asked about the possibility of reinstating grants for special events.

Track 6

GC/DL 4-0
Item 4
approved as
recommended

4. Report by the Environmental Committee outlining proposed next steps as part of the City's commitment to being a "Cool City" in keeping with the U.S. Mayors Climate Protection Agreement, and implementation recommendations from staff.

Leslie Caviglia, Deputy City Manager, introduced Nathan Garza, Natural Resources Technician, Dr. Mann and Brian Rouch both members of the Environmental Committee as well as other members of the Environmental Committee who were present in the audience. Dr. Mann and Brian Rouch reported the Environmental Committee's proposed next steps.

Council questions and comments were responded to by staff.

5. *Item removed at the request of staff*
6. *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

CLOSED SESSION - no items

Track 7

REGULAR SESSION

7:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

INVOCATION - Rev. Paul Gendron, Chaplain, Workforce Chaplaincy

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS/RECOGNITION

Introduction of this year's Teen Idol winner - Alyssa Almaguer by Vince Elizondo, Parks and Recreation Director

Alyssa Almaguer sang the song that won her this year's Teen Idol winner.

Track 8

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.

Susan Mangini, Crowley Court Visalia, urged the City to look into the possibility of purchasing the lumber yard property in East Visalia for a site to recreate Fort Visalia.

Joseph Cusenza, asked the Council to look into purchasing the lumber yard property, which recently fell out of escrow, for a possible future city park, historical district or focal point for downtown.

7. INFORMATION ONLY - Receive Planning Commission Action Agenda of August 11, 2008.

Track 9

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balance of
consent
calendar
approved as
recommended

CHANGES TO THE AGENDA/ITEMS TO BE PULLED FOR DISCUSSION

Council Member Collins requested that items 8e, 8h and 8i be removed from the consent calendar and discussed 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) Appointment of Christopher Gardner Unti, Joshua T. Miller, and Phillip Jarrett Cline to the Transit Advisory Committee

c) Appoint Diane Biehle as a regular member and appoint Jim Evans and Nick Seals as alternates to the Citizens Advisory Committee.

d) Appoint Kathleen Papove and Homberto Little as Disability Advocacy Committee Members and Nathaniel Andrews and Liz Ahumad-Lopez as alternates members.

e) Authorization for the Mayor to sign a letter of support for the Amgen Tour of California that will start stage 6 in Visalia on February 19, 2009.

Council Member Collins complimented staff on their work to get the Amgen Tour stop in Visalia and offered support.

GC/DL 4-0
Item 8e
approved as
recommended

f) Acknowledge receipt of letter dated August 4, 2008, from Wilson F. Wendt, attorney with Miller Starr Regalia representing the Imperial Group. This is a request for continuance on the appeal filed for CUP 2007-50; Social Security Administration's proposed relocation to 1337 S. Lovers Lane to Monday, October 20, 2008.

g) Authorization to renew a Memorandum of Understanding with the Tulare County Probation Department for the assignment of a Deputy Probation Officer to the Police Department's Special Enforcement Bureau for FY 2008/09.

h) Approve the purchase contract for a new Ladder Truck in the amount of \$763,504.26 for the Fire Department.

Council Member Collins had questions regarding maintenance of the ladder truck and possibility of selling the old one on the secondary market. Council Member Landers favored a more frugal vehicle for responding to medical emergencies.

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Item 8h
approved as
recommended

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Item 8i
approved as
recommended

- i) Authorize a contract with TPG Consulting to prepare a Traffic Study with accompanying documents for the Oval Park Area.

Council Member Collins discussed looking at alternative routes for the State Highway that cuts through this area.

- j) Authorization to enter into an agreement with Visalia Unified School District for after school enrichment program services.
- k) Notice of Completion for the Cameron Creek Storm Basin (adjacent to the South Cameron Creek Unit No. 2 subdivision) located at the southwest corner of Cameron Avenue and West Street.
- l) Notice of Completion for Amber Crossing Unit No. 3 (a subdivision) located at the southeast corner of Roeben Street and Oriole Avenue containing 19 single family lots.
- m) Notice of Completion for Ashley Grove Unit No. 3 subdivision located at the northwest corner of Ferguson Avenue and County Center Street containing 55 single family lots.

Track 10

9. Discussion of the State budget crisis, its impact upon Visalia and appropriate local actions.

Eric Frost, Administrative Services Director, discussed concerns of the State budget crisis. Council discussed measures the State may take in order to balance the budget. Staff will draft a letter to be considered at the next Council of Cities meeting for cities of the surrounding areas to consider endorsing.

GC/DL 4-0
Item 9
approved as
recommended

REPORT ON ACTIONS TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION
REPORT OF CLOSED SESSION MATTERS FINALIZED BETWEEN COUNCIL MEETINGS

Buyer	Seller	APN Number	Address	Purpose	Closing Date	Project Manager
City of Visalia	COOPER, Jim & Lana and RADISH, Ron & Patricia	.41 acres along south side Millcreek between Bollinger & Chinowth APN: 085-080-043	Parcel B of Parcel Map 4801, in Book 49 of Parcel Maps, County of Tulare	Riparian setback-eventual Mill Creek Trail Westward	8/8/08	Paul Shepard

Upcoming Council Meetings

- Tuesday, September 2, 2008, Work Session 4:00 p.m. Regular Session 7:00 p.m. – Council Chambers, 707 W. Acequia
- Monday, September 15, 2008, Work Session 4:00 p.m. Regular Session 7:00 p.m. – Council Chambers, 707 W. Acequia
- Tuesday, September 16, 2008, 6:00 p.m. Joint meeting of City Council and Visalia Unified School District Board of Trustees, Conference Room 4, VUSD, 5000 West Cypress Avenue

Adjourn
8:05 p.m.

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Submitted by Donjia Huffmon, Chief Deputy City Clerk

