

# Visalia City Council Action Agenda

For the regular meeting of: MONDAY, September 15, 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 - *arrived at 6:50 pm during closed session*  
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.

Track 1

6:00 p.m.

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**6:00 p.m.**

## **SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS/RECOGNITION**

Resolution of Commendation presented to Stan Carrizosa, Jr.

## **CLOSED SESSION**

Adj. to closed  
session 6:10  
pm

**6:05 p.m. (or immediately following Special Presentation)**

1. Conference with Real Property Negotiators (G.C. §54956.8)  
Property: 435 N. Burke Street (APN: 094-250-031); 404 Tipton (APN 094-250-036; SE #149-54-5G-6)  
Under Negotiation: Authority to negotiate purchase terms and conditions  
Negotiating Parties for City: Steve Salomon, Michael Olmos, Ricardo Noguera, Cliff Ronk, Adam Ennis, Colleen Carlson  
Negotiating Parties for Seller: John Raibley; Southern California Gas Company
2. Conference with Real Property Negotiators (G.C. §54956.8)  
Property: 1.26 acres located on the south side of Goshen Avenue, between Burke Street and Ben Maddox Way. APN 094-170-002  
Owner: Tulare County Farm Bureau, Livestock Salesyard Inc.  
Under Negotiation: Price, terms and conditions of sale  
Negotiating Parties: Steve Salomon, Mike Olmos
3. Conference with Real Property Negotiators (G.C. §54956.8)  
Property: portion of city-owned Waste Water Treatment Plan located on the north side of Caldwell Avenue, west of State Highway 99. Portion of APNS 118-020-37, 118-020-036 & 119-010-021  
Owner: City of Visalia  
Under Negotiation: Price, terms and conditions of lease  
Negotiating Parties: Steve Salomon, Mike Olmos, Tulare County Farm Bureau, Livestock Salesyard Inc.
4. Conference with Legal Counsel - Existing Litigation (Subdivision (a) of Section 54956.9)  
Name of Case: Young, et al. v. City of Visalia TCSC 08-228056

Track 2 **REGULAR SESSION**

Reg. Session opened at 7:25 p.m. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**INVOCATION** – Rev. Fr. Vartan Kasparian, St. Mary Armenian Church of Yettem

**SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS/RECOGNITION**

Proclamation declaring September 21-27 as Mitochondrial Disease Awareness Week

Proclamation declaring September 28 to October 5 as Kidney Awareness Week

Charles Douglas invited Council to attend the KAT walk on October 5<sup>th</sup>.

**ITEMS OF INTEREST - none**

Track 3 **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.

Council Member Landers remarked about his new position in Fullerton, CA.

Track 4 5. **INFORMATION ONLY** – Receive Planning Commission Action Agenda of September 8, 2008.

*Convene jointly as the City Council and the Redevelopment Agency*

6. **RDA CONSENT CALENDAR**

GC/AS 5-0 Item 6a approved

- a. Authorization to enter into a new agreement between the Redevelopment Agency of the City of Visalia and Habitat for Humanity of Tulare County for use of Redevelopment Agency Low/Mod Housing set-aside funds, to provide for a loan up to \$300,000 for acquisition and pre-construction costs for affordable housing.

Council Member Collins had questions and comments which were answered by Rhonda Haynes and Ricardo Noguera, Housing and Economic Development.

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

Track 5 **CHANGES TO THE AGENDA/ITEMS TO BE PULLED FOR DISCUSSION**

Council Member Landers requested Item 7d be pulled for discussion. Council Member Collins requested Item 7f be pulled for discussion, Council Member Link requested 7m be pulled for discussion.

DL/GC 5-0 balance of Consent approved

- 7. **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) *Item removed at the request of staff.*
- c) *Item removed at the request of staff.*
- d) Award contract for the construction of the new Soroptimist Neighborhood Park in northwest Visalia (Linwood & Prospect) for the bid amount of \$633,680.53 to Sierra Range Construction of Visalia in accordance with bid specifications of RFB 07-08-59.

DL/BL 5-0  
Item 7d  
approved

Council Member Landers requested a sign be posted on the site indicating when construction will begin.

- e) Authorize the Mayor to sign an amended and restated employment agreement between the City of Visalia and Steven M. Salomon, City Manager, effective July 1, 2008.

DL/BL 5-0  
Item 7f  
approved

- f) Authorization to bid the public improvements for Murray Avenue Parking Lot between Bridge Street and Santa Fe Street without the requirement for the payment of prevailing wages pursuant to Resolution No. 83-02. Project No. 6111-00000-720000-0-9695

Council Member Collins had questions and comments regarding priority and costs associated with the project. Mike Olmos, Assistant City Manager responded.

- g) Notice of Completion for Riverbend Village Unit 6, containing 17 lots, located north of Modoc Ditch, west of Bridge Street.
- h) Notice of Completion for Riverbend Village Unit 7, containing 18 lots, located north of Modoc Ditch and east of Bridge Street.
- i) Notice of Completion for Maddox @ Caldwell 5, Phase 4, consisting of 16 lots and located west of Ben Maddox Way and north of Monte Verde Avenue.
- j) Notice of Completion for River Run Ranch Phase One, containing 26 lots, located east side of McAuliff Street between Houston Avenue and St. John's River.
- k) Authorization to record the final parcel map of Tentative Parcel Map 2006-17, located on the north side of Hurley Avenue, east of Plaza Drive in the Light Industrial Zone District. APN 081-010-088/089.
- l) Authorize the City's support for Proposition 1A, the Safe, Reliable High-Speed Passenger Train Bond Act, to be presented for voter's approval at the November 4, 2008 general election.

BL/GC 5-0  
Item 7m  
approved

- m) Award a construction contract and authorize the City Manager to execute an agreement for the Acequia Avenue Two Way Traffic Conversion Project to the low bidder Cruco Construction Group, Inc., in the amount of \$550,446.00. Project # 3011-00000-720000-0-8056-2008.

Council Member Link spoke about the timing of the project in relation to the high traffic time of year, and requested that construction be completed before Thanksgiving or to delay the project until after the new year. Adam Ennis responded that staff will meet with the contractor to discuss.

Track 6

8. **PUBLIC HEARING** - Approve 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment to the 2007-08 Action Plan; and Review of the final 2007-2008 Program Year Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER) (CDBG & HOME funds). **Resolution No. 2008-45 required.**

GC/AS 5-0  
Item 8  
approved

Ruth Pena, Financial Analyst presented the item and responded to Council questions and concerns. Mayor Gamboa had questions about the homeless population and Police Chief Bob Carden responded to questions.

Mayor Gamboa opened the public hearing at 8:25 p.m. Bill Huott, Willis Street, gave a suggestion for dealing with the homeless situation and spoke about successes in his neighborhood. The public hearing was closed at 8:30 p.m.

Track 7

9. Status report on Recreation Park Stadium Project

Item 9 - No  
action taken -  
information  
only

Phyllis Coring presented an update on the baseball stadium project. Tom Siedler, Oaks Baseball was present to respond to council questions in regards to attendance and field maintenance concerns.

**REPORT ON ACTIONS TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION**

No items to report out

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

Meeting  
adjourned  
8:55 p.m.

**Upcoming Council Meetings**

- Monday, October 6, 2008, Work Session 4:00 p.m. Regular Session 7:00 p.m. - Council Chambers, 707 W. Acequia, Visalia
- Tuesday, October 7, 2008, 6-8 p.m., Joint Meeting City Council/Visalia Unified School District, 5000 W. Cypress, Visalia
- Monday, October 20, 2008, Work Session 4:00 p.m. Regular Session 7:00 p.m. - Council Chambers, 707 W. Acequia, Visalia

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Submitted by Donjia Huffmon, Chief Deputy City Clerk