

Visalia City Council Agenda

For the regular meeting of: MONDAY, October 20, 2008

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

Mayor: Jesus J. Gamboa
Vice Mayor: Bob Link
Council Member: Greg Collins
Council Member: Donald K. Landers
Council Member: Amy Shuklian

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.

SWEARING IN CEREMONY

4:30 p.m. Police Chief Bob Carden will swear in new Police Officer Ken Smythe

WORK SESSION AND ACTION ITEMS (as described)

Public Comment on Work Session and Closed Session Items

4:45 p.m. 1. Update on City's 2008/09 budget, the impact of the economy on revenues, expenditure reductions since budget adoption and the State's continuing struggles.

5:15 p.m. 2. Accept the West Downtown Development Update report.

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

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

3. Conference with Real Property Negotiators (G.C. §54956.8)
Property: 1968 S. Lovers Lane
Lessor: Cal Fire
Lessee: City of Visalia
Under Negotiation: Price, terms and conditions of potential lease
Negotiating Parties: Steve Salomon, Mark Nelson

4. Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation
Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to subdivision (b) of Section 54956.9: one potential case

5. Conference With Real Property Negotiators (G.C.§54956.8)
Property: 6832 Avenue 280
Owner: Visalia Unified School District
Under Negotiation: Price, terms and conditions of potential purchase or lease
Negotiating Parties: Steve Salomon, Andrew Benelli, Stan Carrizosa, Randy Groom

REGULAR SESSION

7:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

INVOCATION - Reverend Jim Rouse, Visalia Rescue Mission

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS/RECOGNITION

- Recognition of Bill Dillberg's 8 years of service to the Parks & Recreation Commission
- Make a Difference Day

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.

6. **INFORMATION ITEMS** - No Action Required
 - a) Receive Planning Commission Action Agenda for the meeting of October 13, 2008.

CHANGES TO THE AGENDA/ITEMS TO BE PULLED FOR DISCUSSION

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.
 - b) Authorization to read ordinances by title only.
 - c) Authorization for the City Manager to execute a professional services agreement with Advocation, Inc., (State Lobbyist) in the amount of \$5,000 per month plus expenses for continuing legislative advocacy services through March 31, 2009. Authorize staff to solicit proposals from qualified firms to provide State-level legislative advocacy services.

- d) Authorization for the City Manager to execute a Renewed Professional Services Agreement with Jefferson Government Relations (Washington, D.C.) in the amount of \$6,500 per month plus expenses for continued federal legislative advocacy services through March 31, 2009. Authorize staff to request proposals from firms for federal legislative advocacy services
 - e) Appointment of Sean Fitzgerald to the Bicycle, Pedestrian and Waterway Trails Committee
 - f) Appointment of Jeff Boswell to the Parks and Recreation Commission.
 - g) Appointment of Susan Sevier and Virginia Strawser to the Historic Preservation Advisory Committee as regular members and Newell Bringhurst and Steven Cullen as alternate members.
 - h) First reading of Ordinance amending Section 17.56.050 of the Visalia Municipal Code relating to the Historic Preservation Committee. **Ordinance 2008-11 required.**
 - i) Award contract for the construction of the Plaza Park softball backstop renovation project for the bid amount of \$216,875 to Nick Champi Enterprises of Hanford in accordance with bid specifications of RFB 07-08-45.
 - j) Authorize the City Manager to amend the Professional Services Contract with Mr. Bill Wagenhalls to include an additional \$60,000 per year for the 2008-10 budget period for construction management services related to the design and construction of City parks.
 - k) Initiation of a potential joint effort of the City of Tulare, County of Tulare and Tulare County Association of Governments to identify proposed alignment and local station location for future High Speed Rail.
8. Presentation and discussion of alternate sites for the new Animal Control Facility, and request for City Council direction on the preferred location.
9. Initiation of General Plan Amendment and Ordinances necessary for supplemental annexation policies, pre-annexation agreement terms, and a policy pertaining to a lot increase for approved residential subdivisions maps; authorization to request proposals for a nexus study regarding a potential infill mitigation program.
10. Consideration of an amendment to the Transportation Sales Tax Measure Expenditure Plan. **Resolution 2008-54 required.**
11. **PUBLIC HEARING** - Proposed adjustments to selected City Rates and Fees for fiscal years 2008-09 and 09-10. Proposed adjustments may include, but are not limited to the following services; administrative, community development, parks and recreation, public safety, and public works. **Resolution 2008-53 required.**

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	Copley, Steven & Helen	996 sf portion of APN 097-121-010	502 S. Santa Fe	Right of Way	9/22/08	Andrew Benelli
City of Visalia	Dowling, Shoemaker & Cusenbary	379.12 sf portion of APN 097-054-012	426 S. Bridge St.	Right of Way	10/10/08	Andrew Benelli
City of Visalia	Lennar Homes	Lot B of Oakwest # 7 Portion of APN 085-010-100	1.94 ac. along Mill Creek N/E corner Shirk & 198	Right of Way	10/14/08	Paul Shepard

Upcoming Council Meetings

- Monday, November 3, 2008, Work Session 4:00 p.m. Regular Session 7:00 p.m. – Council Chambers, 707 W. Acequia, Visalia
- Monday, November 17, 2008, Work Session 4:00 p.m. Regular Session 7:00 p.m. – Council Chambers, 707 W. Acequia, Visalia
- Monday, December 1, 2008, Work Session & Regular Session 4:00 -6 p.m. Council Chambers, 707 W. Acequia, Visalia

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