

# Visalia City Council Action Agenda

For the regular meeting of: MONDAY, November 3, 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 - *absent*  
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.

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Track 1

## **WORK SESSION AND ACTION ITEMS (as described) 5:00 p.m.**

### **Public Comment on Work Session and Closed Session Items -**

1. Informational update on Youth Fire Camp Program.

Charlie Norman, Fire Battalion Chief, introduced fire camp students and reviewed accomplishments of the program that was held this past summer. No action – info only.

Track 2

2. Make a Difference Day Power Point Presentation

Jim Bean, Parks and Urban Forestry Manager, reviewed the projects that were completed by 350 volunteers on October 25, 2008. No action – info only.

Track 3

3. Update on the City of Visalia's and the Multi-Agency Gang Intervention Taskforce efforts to reduce gang participation and violence in the greater Visalia area.

Police Chief Bob Carden reviewed the efforts of the Multi-Agency Gang Intervention Taskforce in addressing gang participation and gang violence issues. No action – info only.

4. *Item removed at the request of staff*

Track 4

5. Recognition of the participants of the city's first Citizens in the Know Program.

Nancy Loliva, Community Relations Manager, reported on the city's first Citizens in the Know program and recognized the program's participants with certificates of completion. Slade Childers, spokesperson for the first class, gave highlights of the sessions. Council had positive comments for the program. No action – info only.

*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.*

Track 5

**ITEMS OF INTEREST -**

Chief Carden and Chief Nelson invited participation in the Battle of the Badges Blood Drive.

**CLOSED SESSION**

**6:00 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: one potential case
- 7. Conference With Real Property Negotiators (G.C.§54956.8)  
 Property: 327 N. Shirk (APN: 081-040-006)  
 Under Negotiation: Authority to negotiate purchase terms  
 Negotiating Parties for City: Steve Salomon, Mike Olmos, Adam Ennis, Colleen Carlson  
 Negotiating Parties for Seller: Jim Olivas, Pearson Realty

Track 6

**REGULAR SESSION**

**7:00 p.m.**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**INVOCATION** – Pastor Richard Hansen, First Presbyterian Church

**SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS/RECOGNITION**

**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 Ave., commented regarding the Citizens in the Know program.

- 8. **INFORMATION ITEMS** - No Action Required
  - a) Receive Planning Commission Action Agenda for the meeting of October 27, 2008.

Track 7

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

Council Member Collins pulled items 9d and 9l for further discussion. Council Member Link pulled items 9f and 9g for further discussion. Council Member Shuklian pulled item 9i for further discussion.

GC/BL 4-0  
(Landers  
Absent)  
approve  
balance of  
consent  
calendar

- 9. **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 an Agreement with Wal-Mart and Cal-Trans, for Transportation Impact Mitigation.

GC/BL 4-0  
Item 9d  
approved

d) Authorization to hire MintierHarnish planning consultants for preparation of a Housing Element update in the amount of \$90,850.

Council Member Collins questioned if the Housing Element update could be prepared in-house. Principal Planner Paul Scheibel responded there is not the level of expertise in-house.

e) Second reading and adoption of Ordinance amending Section 17.56.050 of the Visalia Municipal Code relating to the Historic Preservation Committee. **Ordinance 2008-11 required.**

f) First reading of Ordinance amending Section 2.16.020 of the Visalia Municipal Code relating to terms of Planning Commissioners. **Ordinance 2008-12 required.**

BL/GC 4-0  
Item 9f  
approved

Council Member Link questioned the length of terms for Commissioners (staff reports for 9f and 9g). Deputy City Manager Leslie Caviglia responded to council questions.

g) First reading of Ordinance amending Section 2.12.010 of the Visalia Municipal Code relating to Appointment of Members of the Parks and Recreation Commission. **Ordinance 2008-13 required.**

BL/AS 4-0  
Item 9g  
approved

h) Adopt Resolution approving the application for a California River Parkways Grant to develop trail and riparian landscaping along Packwood Creek, and authorize the City Manager to execute agreements related to the grant application. **Resolution 2008-55 required.**

GC/AS 4-0  
Item 9i  
approved

i) Authorization to award the contract for a comprehensive transit marketing plan to Multi Marketing Corp, for one year, with four one year options not to exceed \$80,000 per year.

Council Member Shuklian questioned if local companies were considered for the contract. Monty Cox Transit Manager responded to Council questions.

j) Approval of changes in Council committee representatives.

k) Approval of a new Memorandum of Understanding for Public Safety Communications Shelter located on top of Town Meadows at 115 W. Murray Ave.

BL/AS 3-1  
Collins = No  
Item 9l  
approved

l) Authorization for the City Manager to execute the reimbursement agreement for the Midstate Hayes 184 Distribution Center (APN 077-360-022, 023, & 024).

Council Member Collins questioned the amount of reimbursement. Chris Young, Assistant Public Works Director responded to Council questions and explained the basis of current fees. City Manager Salomon explained that new impact fees are proposed for the future, but the city must honor the current fees until new impact fees are adopted.

Track 8

BL/AS 4-0  
Item 10  
approved as  
recommended

10. **PUBLIC HEARING** of the proposed Substantial Amendment to the 2008/09 Annual Action Plan for the use of Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP) funds, considered Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds, from the Federal Government through the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

Housing and Economic Development Director Ricardo Noguera and Rhonda Haynes, Housing Specialist reported the City will receive an allocation of \$2.3 million from HUD for the purpose of assisting in the redevelopment of abandoned and foreclosed homes. Council Member Collins and Mayor Gamboa asked staff to look at the opportunity to install solar in the rehabilitated homes. The public hearing was opened at 8:15 p.m. There were no public comments and the hearing was closed.

Tracks 9,10,  
&11

GC/BL 3-1  
Shuklian=No  
Item 11  
approved as  
amended to  
expand list of  
committee  
members

11. Status report on General Plan Focus Update; Authorization to release a Request for Proposal (RFP) for preparation of a Focused Land Use Element and East Downtown Implementation Plan Program EIR; Authorization to form a Technical Review Committee to assist with examining the Focused Update content and EIR.

Paul Scheibel, Principal Planner, reviewed staff recommendations and discussed the difference between a focus update v. comprehensive update.

Council voted to accept staff recommendations along with expanding the list of groups represented on the General Plan Update Review Committee. In addition to the members listed in the staff report add members from the following: Board of Realtors, Citizens Advisory Committee, North Visalia Neighborhood Advisory Committee, Visalia Unified School District, Tulare County Farm Bureau, Bicycle, Pedestrian, Waterways Trails Committee, Kaweah Delta Hospital, College of the Sequoias, Hispanic Chamber of Commerce.

**REPORT ON ACTIONS TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION - None**

**REPORT OF CLOSED SESSION MATTERS FINALIZED BETWEEN COUNCIL MEETINGS - None**

Meeting  
Adjourned  
9:15 p.m.

**Upcoming Council Meetings**

- 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 4:00-6:00 p.m. Council Chambers, 707 W. Acequia, Visalia
- Monday, December 15, 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