



"Raising Expectations"

Joint Meeting
Visalia Unified School District Board of Trustees/Visalia City Council

Monday, January 12, 2009
Visalia Convention Center - 303 E. Acequia, Visalia, CA 93291

5:00 p.m. Dinner - (Elected officials and senior staff)
6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Meeting

Table with 2 columns: City of Visalia and Visalia Unified School District. Lists Mayor, Vice Mayor, Council Members, President, Clerk, and Board Members with their names and attendance status.

ACTION AGENDA

Track 1

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

MOMENT OF SILENCE

INTRODUCTIONS/COMMENTS

CITIZENS REQUESTS - This is the time for members of the public to comment on any matter within the jurisdiction of the Visalia Unified School District Board/Visalia City Council.

Track 2

- 1. Mid-Year Facility Projects Update (PowerPoint Presentation) - Randy Groom, Administrative Services Director, VUSD

Randy Groom reviewed the projects that were completed during winter break at 24 sites. Groom responded to Council and board questions.

Track 3

- 2. VUSD 9-12 Career Technical Education (CTE) & TCOVE/ROP Update - John Ramirez, Alternative Education/CTE/ROP Director, VUSD.

John Ramirez discussed applying for a charter school with a career technical focus. The school will focus on advanced manufacturing, construction technology, and criminal justice technology. Stan Carrizosa, Superintendent responded to Council questions.

Track 4

- 3. Budget Update (State/City/School) - Eric Frost, City of Visalia Administrative Services Director and Robert Groeber, VUSD Assistant Superintendent

Eric Frost presented the effects to the City of Visalia of the country's economic downturn

and explained the budget challenges with the uncertainty of the State's budget. Frost reported revenues from both sales tax and property taxes are down.

Robert Groeber, presented the effects of the State's budget deficits on the districts budget and reviewed the cuts that will be coming from the State and what possible solutions the district may have to protect programs and minimize layoffs.

Track 5

4. City Development Update - Michael Olmos, Assistant City Manager City of Visalia
Michael Olmos reviewed the building permits statistics for 2008 are down compared with previous years. The forecast for 2009 is also very slow.

Track 6

5. Foreclosure Update - Ricardo Noguera, Housing and Economic Development Director
Ricardo Noguera reported that the city has approximately 1700 pre-foreclosed, auctioned and foreclosed properties as of December 31, 2008. Noguera reviewed the City's efforts to acquire and resell foreclosed homes through the Neighborhood Stabilization Program.

Track 7

6. Update on Annexation Timeline (Akers/Riggin) - Fred Brusuelas, Assistant Community Development Director City of Visalia
Michael Olmos reviewed the annexation timeline for the 160 acre VUSD property located at the northwest corner of Akers Street and Riggin Avenue. The annexation should be completed during the summer of 2009.

Track 8

7. City Street Projects Update - Chris Young, Assistant Community Development Director, City of Visalia

- Santa Fe Bridge
- Ferguson Avenue Extension (Mooney Blvd. - Hall St)
- Houston Avenue (North Dinuba Blvd - Ben Maddox Way)
- McAuliff at Mill Creek Overcrossing
- Mooney Blvd at Goshen Avenue traffic signal
- Tulare Avenue Extension (Lovers Lane - McAuliff St.)
- Visalia Parkway (Dans Lane - County Center)

Chris Young reported on the street projects and responded to Council questions.

ADJOURNMENT

Upcoming Council Meetings:

- Tuesday, January 20, 2009, Work Session 4:00 p.m. Regular Session 7:00 p.m. Council Chambers, 707 W. Acequia, Visalia
- Friday, January 23, 2009, 12:30 - 9 p.m. Council Retreat, Convention Center, 303 E. Acequia, Visalia
- Saturday, January 24, 2009, 8:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Council Retreat, Convention Center, 303 E. Acequia, Visalia

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