

**VISALIA CITY COUNCIL
STRATEGIC PLANNING WORKSHOP
JANUARY 23-24, 2009**

Visalia Convention Center – 303 E. Acequia, Visalia, CA 93291

AGENDA

JANUARY 23, 2009

The following agenda items are not time specific. The times indicated are approximate.

12:00 p.m. – Lunch

1:00 p.m. - Opening Comments

(20 min) Jesus Gamboa, Mayor
Steve Salomon, City Manager
Mike Ramsey, Facilitator

(20 min) Public Comment

(10 min) **REPORT:** Progress on projects from the 2008 Strategic Planning Workshop (Salomon)

(1 hr.) **REPORT:** Visalia’s economic picture (Frost)

(10 min) **REPORT:** East Downtown Specific Plan. What’s next and when? (Brusuelas)

(20 min) **REPORT:** Circulation. Update on progress with major traffic projects. (Young & Ennis)

DISCUSSION ISSUES:

The City Council will raise and discuss issues that they believe are important to Visalia now and in the future. These items are expected to include, but may not be limited to:

(1 hr.) **1. Sustaining Visalia’s “Place” in the Region**

(30 min) **2. Improving Visalia’s Economy**

(30 min) **3. Entertainment and Alcohol in the Downtown**

(20 min) **4. Neighborhood Preservation**

(15 min) **5. Project List Exercise:** City Council members will present their lists of five “one time” projects they would like staff to address in the next year, and the Council as a whole will prioritize the list to the top 5 projects for further work. Staff will incorporate the highest priority projects into their departmental work programs and report back to City Council at a later date on their progress.

7:30 p.m. **Adjourn to Closed Session**

Conference with Labor Negotiators (GC 54957.6)
Agency Designated Representatives: Eric Frost, Steve Salomon,
Janice Avila
Employee Organization: All Employee Groups

Adjourn from Closed Session to 8:30 a.m. on January 24, 2009

Breaks will be taken as needed, and an approximately 45 minute dinner break will occur, probably about 5:00 p.m.

JANUARY 24, 2009

8:00 a.m. - Continental Breakfast

8:30 a.m. - Convene Workshop

(20 min) Public Comment

DISCUSSION:

The City Council will raise and discuss issues that they believe are important to Visalia now and in the future. These items are expected to include, but may not be limited to:

5. Community Planning Issues: The following topics relate to community planning but do not deal with any specific project under consideration by the City Council, Planning Commission or staff.

(1 hr.) **A. Mooney Blvd. from Main Street to Caldwell Ave.**

(45 min) **B. Economic Viability of the Commercial Development In and Around Northern Highway 63**

(30 min)

C. Smart Growth and Infill Land Use Planning

(2 hrs.)

D. General Plan Update Process Discussion and Request for Decision

(30 min.)

6. Gang Prevention and Suppression

(30 min)

7. Homeless Services

(20 min)

8. Communicating with the Public

4:00 p.m. Adjourn Workshop

Breaks will be taken as needed, and a lunch break will occur, probably about 12 noon.