

# Visalia City Council Agenda

For the regular meeting of: MONDAY, March 2, 2009

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

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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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5:00 p.m.

## **5:00 p.m.**

### **INTRODUCTION: Police Department Employees of the Year**

Detective Brian Young, VPD Officer of the Year

Detective Osvaldo Dominguez, VPD Latino Officer of the Year

Reserve Officer Jim Jolly, VPD Reserve Officer of the Year

Administrative Technician Shawna Kneeland, Civilian Employee of the Year

Communications Operator Betty Shewey, Communications Operator of the Year

### **WORK SESSION AND ACTION ITEMS (as described)**

## **5:15 p.m.**

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

5:10 p.m.

1. Presentation on Census 2010 including update from Census Bureau Representative Dolores Gallegos, presentation of a proclamation, and report on City of Visalia's preparation for community outreach for the 2010 Census.

5:20 p.m.

2. Presentation/update on California High Speed Train by representatives of High Speed Rail Authority

*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 Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation  
Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to subdivision (b) of Section 54956.9: two potential cases
4. Conference with Labor Negotiators (GC 54957.6)  
Agency Designated Representatives: Eric Frost, Steve Salomon, Janice Avila  
Employee Organization: All Employee Groups
5. a. Conference with Real Property Negotiators (G.C. §54956.8)  
Property: 1616 North Shirk  
Under Negotiation: To be discussed: price, terms and conditions for inclusion in a potential purchase.  
Negotiating Parties: Steve Salomon, Andrew Benelli, Phil Kneeland
- b. Conference with Real Property Negotiators (GC 54956.8)  
Property: (APN 085-010-096)  
Negotiators: Steve Salomon, Mike Olmos, Sam Sciacca  
Under Negotiation: Terms and conditions of potential lease agreement

## **REGULAR SESSION**

**7:00 p.m.**

### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**INVOCATION** – Pastor Chad Stuart, Visalia Seventh Day Adventist Church

**SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS/RECOGNITION:** Present Proclamation for American Red Cross Month

**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) Receive Planning Commission Action Agenda for the meeting of February 23, 2009

#### 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.
  - a) Authorization to read ordinances by title only.
  - b) Approve the FY08 State Homeland Security Grant Program to the Visalia Fire Department in the amount of \$59,135.
  - c) Authorization to accept federal funds from a grant being sought by the Tulare County Office of Education that would provide the Visalia Police Department up to \$466,098 over a four year period for the purpose of reducing/preventing school violence in the City of Visalia.
  - d) Authorization to record the final parcel map of Tentative Parcel Map 2005-20, located at 400 West Mineral King Avenue. (APN: 094-312-001, 002, 003, 004, 005, 010, 017 & 094-311-015, 016, 017, 018).
  - e) Authorization to award the contract to construct Parking Lot No. 45 at 409 E. Murray Avenue (located between Bridge Street and Santa Fe Street) to Serna Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$81,375.44.
  - f) Second reading and adoption of Ordinance for Zoning Text Amendment No. 2008-12: A request by Copeland Properties to amend Zoning Ordinance Section 17.18.050 by amending Line 709 to conditionally allow drug store/pharmacy retail in the C-R (Regional Commercial Zone). **Ordinance No. 2009-02 Required.**
  - g) Authorize the application for a State of California Land and Water Conservation Fund grant in the amount of \$100,000 to construct a ten foot wide asphalt path along Modoc Ditch between the St. John's River Trail and Court Street in the northeast part of the City. **Resolution 2009-07 required.**
  - h) Authorization for leasehold improvements to be done by The Creative Center to install fencing around City property located at Bridge and Race Streets.
8. Award contract for the purchase of twelve (12) new marked Police patrol vehicles to the Gropetti Automotive Group in the amount of \$498,221, and award contract for an additional four (4) new marked Police patrol vehicles to the Wondries Fleet Group in the amount of \$166,272 from in-stock inventory.
9. *This public hearing is rescheduled to April 6, 2009.* Public Hearing – a) General Plan Amendment No. 2008-11: A request by Visalia Unified School District to amend the 129,000 Population Urban Development Boundary to include the project site, and to change the General Plan land use designation on 160 acres from Urban Reserve to Public Institutional. b) Annexation No. 2007-03 (Akers-Riggan NW): A request by Visalia Unified School District to

annex land and right-of-way totaling approximately 160 acres into the City limits of Visalia.  
c) Detachment of property from County Service Area No. 1. The site is located on the northwest corner of Akers Street and Riggin Avenue. APN: 077-100-097, 098.

10. Authorize staff to issue a Request for Proposals (RFP) to conduct a Downtown Traffic Circulation Study.
11. Continued discussion on the scope of Visalia's General Plan Update and direction for staff to develop a scope of work for the update.

## **REPORT ON ACTIONS TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION**

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

### **Upcoming Council Meetings**

- Monday, March 16, 2009, Work Session 4:00 p.m. Regular Meeting 7:00 p.m., Council Chambers, 707 W. Acequia, Visalia
- Thursday, March 19, 2009, 5:00 p.m. Joint Meeting with the Board of Supervisors, Convention Center, 303 E. Acequia, Visalia
- Monday, March 30, 2009, 5:00 p.m. Joint Meeting with the Parks & Recreation Commission, Convention Center, 303 E. Acequia.

*Note: Meeting dates/times are subject to change, check posted agenda for correct details.*

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