

Visalia City Council Agenda

For the regular meeting of: MONDAY, April 20, 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

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.

5:00 p.m.

SWEARING IN CEREMONY

Chief Carden will swear in Police Officer Christopher Montoya and Reserve Police Officer Jed Grant

SPECIAL RECOGNITION - Recognition of Visalia Police Department Explorers

WORK SESSION AND ACTION ITEMS (as described)

5:10 p.m.

Public Comment on Work Session and Closed Session Items -

5:10 p.m.

1. Presentation on Dispatch Consolidation and allocation of \$66,000 for an implementation study.

5:30 p.m.

2. Updated discussion on the Business Research Park (BRP) zone.

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 Labor Negotiators (GC 54957.6)
Agency Designated Representatives: Eric Frost, Steve Salomon, Janice Avila
Employee Organization: All Employee Groups
4. Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation (Subdivision (a) of Section 54956.9)
Plumlee v. COV TCSC # 07-225495
5. Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation
Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to subdivision (b) of Section 54956.9: two potential case

REGULAR SESSION

7:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

INVOCATION – Pastor Paul Gendron, Workforce Chaplaincy

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS/RECOGNITION –

- Proclaim April 26 – May 2 National Crime Victim’s Rights Week
- Recycling Essays written by Linwood Elementary students Becky Irvine and Kirsti Dunkel in honor of Earth 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 April 13, 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 resolutions relating to the regular municipal election to be held on Tuesday November 3, 2009 consenting to consolidation of elections and setting specifications of the election order; and requesting the County Registrar of Voters to render specific services to the City of Visalia. **Resolutions 2009-13 and 2009-14 required.**
 - c) Authorization for the City Manager to extend a Renewed Professional Services Agreement with Akerman Senterfitt, formerly Jefferson Government Relations in Washington D.C., for continued federal legislative advocacy services on a month-to-month basis through no later than September 30, 2009, and authorization for staff to review proposals from firms for federal legislative advocacy services in July, 2009.
 - d) Update on federal stimulus funding allocated to date to the City for projects in transit, energy, public safety, community development block grants, and transportation.
 - e) Approve User Agreement and Procedural Guide with the County of Tulare for the AlertTC - Tulare County Notification System.
 - f) Approval of Resolution declaring support and participation in an energy partnership between Southern California Edison and the San Joaquin Valley Clean Energy Organization. **Resolution 2009-15 required.**
 - g) *Item removed at the request of staff*
 - h) Update on the 2009 Council "Quick" Priorities.

Authorize filing Notice of Completion on the following:

- i) The Country Club, Phase 2 subdivision located at Houston Ave. and County Center St. containing 134 lots.
- j) Silver Oaks, Unit No. 3, containing 85 single family lots, located at the southwest corner of Ferguson Avenue and Demaree Street.

Authorize recording final map for the following:

- k) Pinkham Ranch, located on the west side of Pinkham Street, approximately 200 feet south of Laura Avenue (18 lots), authorize the City Manager to execute the Subdivision Improvement Agreement, and authorize the formation of Landscape and Lighting District No. 09-01. APN: 126-320-046. **Resolution 2009-16 and 2009-17 required.**

8. **PUBLIC HEARING** of the 2009-2010 Action Plan for the use of the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME Investment Partnership Grant Funds (HOME) from the Federal Government through the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and 2nd Amendment to 2006/07 funding and 1st Amendment to the 2008/09 Action Plan.

9. **PUBLIC HEARING** to approve the recommended expenditure of and appropriate the State of California 2008 Citizens Option for Public Safety (COPS) Program funds of \$192,868. **Resolution 2009-18 required.**
10. Authorization to set a Public Hearing to consider amending the City's Rates & Fees beginning July 1, 2009; for a multi-year rate increase program for Sanitation (Wastewater) and Solid Waste and to reduce solid waste's commercial recycling rates.
11. Authorization for staff to prepare the grant application for the Energy Block Grant with an emphasis on energy retrofits and alternative transportation, and creation of a Conservation Account to fund future conservation measures.
12. First reading of Ordinance 2009-04 amending Ordinance 2007-13 to reduce Council salaries during the 2009-2010 budget year. **First reading of Ordinance 2009-04 required.**

REPORT ON ACTIONS TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION

REPORT OF CLOSED SESSION MATTERS FINALIZED BETWEEN COUNCIL MEETINGS

Upcoming Council Meetings

- Monday, April 27, 2009, 4:00 p.m., Joint Meeting with the Planning Commission, Convention Center, 303 E. Acequia.
- Monday, May 4, 2009, Work Session 4:00 p.m.; Regular Meeting 7:00 p.m., Council Chambers 707 W. Acequia
- Tuesday, May 5, 2009, 6:00 p.m. Joint Meeting City Council and Visalia Unified School District Board of Trustees, 5000 West Cypress Avenue

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

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