

Visalia City Council Agenda

For the regular meeting of: MONDAY, May 4, 2009

Location: Convention Center, 303 E. 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.

WORK SESSION AND ACTION ITEMS (as described)

4:00 p.m.

Public Comment on Work Session and Closed Session Items -

- 4:00 p.m. 1. Updated discussion on the Business Research Park (BRP) zone and potential moratorium on BRP-zoned land in the vicinity of Plaza Drive, north of Hwy 198.
- 4:30 p.m. 2. Progress Report on the Housing Element Update and Recommended Strategies for Increasing the Affordable Housing Land Inventory.
- 5:00 p.m. 3. Update on the Recreation Park Stadium Right Field Improvements Project, Dugout Reconstruction and Regrading of the Playing Field. (Project #0017-15152-720000-0-8037)
- 5:30 p.m. 4. Presentation and acceptance of the Sequoia Shuttle Visitor's Center Design and authority to enter into a contract with Taylor Teter to develop working drawings.

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)

5. Conference with Legal Counsel - Existing Litigation (Subdivision (a) of Section 54956.9)
LaBerge v. City of Visalia TCSC # 08-227856

6. Conference with Labor Negotiators (GC 54957.6)
Agency Designated Representatives: Eric Frost, Steve Salomon, Janice Avila
Employee Organization: All Employee Groups
7. Conference with Legal Counsel - Existing Litigation (Subdivision (a) of Section 54956.9)
City of Visalia Retirees v. City of Visalia TCSC #09-232173
8. Conference with Legal Counsel - Anticipated Litigation - Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to subdivision (b) of Section 54956.9: one potential case
9. Conference with Real Property Negotiators
Property: 309 N. Santa Fe (APN 094-284-006)
Under Negotiation: Authority to negotiate terms of sale
Negotiating parties for City: Steve Salomon, Mike Olmos, Cliff Ronk
Negotiating parties for Seller: Harry Foster & Ruben Chavez with Family Healthcare Network

REGULAR SESSION

7:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

INVOCATION - Pastor Arthur Escobedo, Praise Center Church

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS/RECOGNITION

Proclamation declaring May 9, 2009 - "Happy Hearts 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.

10. **INFORMATION ITEMS** - (No action required)

- a) Receive Planning Commission Action Agenda for the meeting of April 27, 2009.

CHANGES TO THE AGENDA/ITEMS TO BE PULLED FOR DISCUSSION

11. **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) Adopt a new Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Race Conscious Implementation Agreement.
 - c) Second reading and adoption of Ordinance 2009-03 authorizing the execution of a grant of utility easement over a small area on the northwest corner of the Acequia Parking Structure property to Southern California Edison. **Ordinance 2009-03 required.**
 - d) Second reading and adoption of Ordinance 2009-04 amending Ordinance 2007-13 to reduce Council salaries during the 2009-2010 budget year. **Ordinance 2009-04 required.**
 - e) Request authorization to file a Notice of Completion for Kaweah Gardens Subdivision, containing 21 lots, located at the southeast corner of Pinkham Street and Cherry Avenue.
 - f) Authorization for staff to prepare the grant application for the 2009 Assistance to Firefighter Grant (AFG) in the amount of \$840,000 from FEMA with emphasis on three categories; Equipment, Apparatus and Training.
12. Report on FEMA's revised Flood Insurance Study and Flood Insurance Rate Maps for Tulare County to be effective on June 16, 2009.

REPORT ON ACTIONS TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION

REPORT OF CLOSED SESSION MATTERS FINALIZED BETWEEN COUNCIL MEETINGS

Upcoming Council Meetings

- Tuesday, May 5, 2009, 6:00 p.m. Joint Meeting City Council and Visalia Unified School District Board of Trustees, 5000 West Cypress Avenue
- Monday, May 18, 2009, 4:00 pm. Joint Meeting City Council and Planning Commission, Convention Center, 303 W. Acequia
- Monday, May 18, 2009, 7:00 p.m. Regular Meeting, Convention Center, 303 W. Acequia

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

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