

Special Meeting Agenda

Visalia City Council



Mayor: Bob Link
Vice Mayor: Amy Shuklian
Council Member: Warren Gubler
Council Member: Mike Lane
Council Member: Steve Nelsen

Monday, January 11, 2010

Visalia Convention Center, 303 E. Acequia, Visalia CA 93291
Special Recognitions 5:00 p.m. and Closed Session immediately following
Regular Session 7:00 p.m.

5:00 P.M. SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS

Visalia Police Department - presented by Chief Mestas

- Officer of the Year - Detective Curtis Brown
- Reserve Officer of the Year - Jim Jolly
- Communications Operator of the Year - Stacy Handley
- Civilian Employee of the Year - Carina Mello

Visalia Fire Department - presented by Chief Nelson

- Fire Fighter of the Year - Captain Teresa Lovero
- Fire Fighter of the Year - Engineer Paramedic Tony Colbert
- Fire Fighter of the Year - Fire Fighter Paramedic Nick Branch

ITEMS OF INTEREST

ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION

1. Conference with Legal Counsel - Existing Litigation (Subdivision (a) of G.C. Section 54956.9)
 - a) City of Visalia Retirees v. City of Visalia TCSC #09-232173
 - b) Chavez v. City of Visalia TCSC #09-231177
2. Conference with Real Property Negotiators (G.C. Section 54956.8)
Property: 300 E. Oak St.,
Under Negotiation: Potential acquisition
Negotiating Parties for City: Steve Salomon, Mike Olmos, Ricardo Noguera
Negotiating Parties for Landowner: Scott Ellis, Realtor
3. Conference with Legal Counsel - Anticipated Litigation
Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to subdivision (b) of G.C. Section 54956.9: two potential cases.

7:00 P.M. CALL TO ORDER REGULAR SESSION

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

INVOCATION – Chaplain Kent Mishler, Kaweah Delta Hospital Care District

PUBLIC COMMENTS - *This is the time for citizens to comment on subject matters that are not on the agenda that are within the jurisdiction of the Visalia City Council.*

This is also the time for citizens to comment on items listed on the Consent Calendar or to request an item from the Consent Calendar be pulled for discussion purposes. Comments related to Regular or Public Hearing Items that are listed on this agenda will be heard at the time that item is discussed or at the time the Public Hearing is opened for comment.

In fairness to all who wish to speak tonight, each speaker from the public will be allowed three minutes (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.

4. **CONSENT CALENDAR** - *Consent Calendar items are considered routine and will be enacted in one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these matters unless a request is made and then the item will be removed from the Consent Calendar to be discussed and voted upon by a separate motion.*

a) Authorization to read ordinances by title only.

b) Authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract for professional services for labor relations, negotiations and/or other mediation services with Liebert Cassidy Whitmore, a Professional Law Corporation, for an amount not to exceed \$60,000.

c) Authorization to file a Notice of Completion for River Run Ranch, Phase No. 2, a subdivision (containing 35 single family lots), located on the East side of McAuliff Street between St. Johns River and Houston Avenue.

d) Approve extension of a lease agreement with the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection, and the California Department of General Services, for space located at 1968 S. Lovers Lane.

e) Reappointment of Ben Arellano to the Visalia Environmental Committee.

f) Designate Visalia as a Federal Recovery Zone pursuant to the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 for the purpose of pursuing Recovery Zone Bonds. **Resolution 2010-01 required.**

g) Authorize the City Manager to approve a reimbursement request in the amount of \$643,726 (of which \$162,246 is due in a cash payment) per the "Riverwood Unit #2" Subdivision Reimbursement Agreement for improvements made to arterial streets (Mineral King Avenue and McAuliff St.).

h) Authorize staff to use Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP) Funds to acquire and rehabilitate a foreclosed multi-family complex and contract with a non-profit agency to manage the property.

- i) Establish and/or recertify existing prima facie speed zones at the following locations:
- Riggins Avenue from Demaree Street to Dinuba Highway
 - Pinkham Street from Caldwell Avenue to Noble Avenue
 - County Center Drive from Houston Avenue to Shannon Parkway
 - Demaree Street from Goshen Avenue to Pratt Avenue
 - Roeben Street from Buena Vista Avenue to Riggins Avenue.

Resolution 2010-02 required.

REGULAR ITEMS AND PUBLIC HEARINGS - *Comments related to Regular Items and Public Hearing Items are limited to three minutes per speaker, for a maximum of 30 minutes per item, unless otherwise extended by the Mayor.*

5. Consider and adopt Retiree Health Care premiums for 2010.
6. **PUBLIC HEARING** –Appeal of the Planning Commission’s denial of Variance No. 2009-10 by Ad Art Sign Company and Visalia Properties to erect a 35-foot high/72 square foot double face freestanding sign for the Orchard Supply Hardware store located in the C-R (Regional Retail Commercial) Zone. The site is located at 2230 West Walnut Avenue. (APN: 095-134-045 & 046). **Resolution No. 2010-03 required.** *Postponed from October 19, 2009 and November 16, 2009 at request of applicant.*

CLOSED SESSION REPORT (if any)

ADJOURN MEETING

Upcoming Council Meetings *(Meeting dates/times are subject to change, check posted agenda for correct details)*

- Tuesday, January 19, 2010, 4:00 p.m. Work Session; Regular Session 7:00 p.m., Council Chambers 707 W. Acequia
- Monday, January 25, 2010, 6:00 p.m. Jt. Meeting with Kaweah Delta Health Care District, 400 W. Mineral King, Blue Room Conference Room
- Monday, February 1, 2010, 4:00 p.m. Work Session; Regular Session 7:00 p.m., Council Chambers 707 W. Acequia
- Fri/Sat, February 5-6, 2010, Council Strategic Planning Workshop, Fri. Noon-8 pm; Sat 8-5 pm; Convention Center 303 E. Acequia

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A quote from
Visalia’s history:

“We are pleased to note that the large hole at the corner of Court and Acequia streets has been filled up. Many a nocturnal pedestrian has waltzed around on his ear and cussed after unwarily plunging up to the knees in its slush and water. It had been there so long that it had become to be regarded as an institution of Visalia.” Visalia Weekly Delta, November 28, 1879