

Regular Meeting Action Agenda

Visalia City Council



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

Tuesday, January 19, 2010

City Hall Council Chambers, 707 W. Acequia, Visalia CA 93291

Closed Session 4:00 p.m. - Work Session 5:00 p.m.

Regular Session 7:00 p.m.

4:00 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION

1. Conference with Legal Counsel - Anticipated Litigation - Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to subdivision (b) of Section 54956.9: 3 potential cases
2. Conference with Labor Negotiators (G.C. Section 54957.6)
Agency designated representatives: Steve Salomon, Eric Frost
Employee Organization: All Bargaining Units

5:10 p.m.

WORK SESSION AND ACTION ITEMS (as described)

Track 1

3. Update on progress toward the implementation of the recommendations approved by Council regarding FEMA's revised Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRMs). **Receive public comment.**

Item 3 - no action taken information only

Chris Young, Assistant Community Development Director, reviewed the number of parcels in the Special Flood Hazard Area and the progress made to remove as many parcels as possible from the SFHAs.

Council provided comments to staff including collaboration with other cities and sharing information with legislators.

No action taken - information only.

Track 2

4. Update on progress made toward implementation of the recommendations made by the Downtown Parking Committee regarding: on-street parking opportunities; parking signage; Acequia parking structures; parking enforcement. **Receive public comment.**

Chris Young, Assistant Community Development Director, reviewed the Downtown Parking Committee's recommendations regarding change in enforcement hours and tiered citations for parking enforcement. Chris Tavarez, Management Analyst, reviewed the recommendations regarding pay for parking in structures and discussed the parking structure maintenance is funded by the General Fund. Eric Bons, Senior Civil Engineer, discussed the recommendations

regarding on street parking opportunities and parking signage for parking structures.

The following persons spoke regarding the parking recommendations: 1) William Martin, PBID Chairperson and downtown property owner and member of the downtown parking committee. 2) Darlene Mata, Visalia Community Forum. 3) George Ouzunian, W. Main. 4) Kelly Howard, Downtown Alliance. 5) Sgt. Brian Winter, Visalia Police Department parking supervisor.

Council discussed the recommendations and offered comments.

The following motions were made:

AS/WG 5-0 - accept the update and authorize staff to work with PBID to install parking directional signs (paid for by PBID) for parking structures and other downtown parking.

AS/SN 5-0 - authorize staff to continue to survey the downtown area to increase parking where feasible.

SN/WG 4-1 (Link - No) - authorize staff to complete further study and cost analysis for charging in the parking structures and changing parking enforcement hours and to include input from the Police Department.

WG/SN 4-1 (Link - No) - authorize additional study on the development of a tiered parking citation policy and to include input from the Police Department.

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.

5:45 - p.m.
adjourn back
to Closed
Session

The Council will return to closed session (if needed) following the Work Session in order to complete any remaining items of business noted on the closed session agenda above.

7:07 p.m.
Track 3

CALL TO ORDER REGULAR SESSION

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

INVOCATION –Mayor Bob Link

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS/RECOGNITION

ITEMS OF INTEREST

Councilmember Shuklian commented on the upcoming retirement of Janice Avila, Human Resources Manager.

Councilmember Nelsen commented on the Knights of Columbus event that honored public safety employees.

Convene
regular
meeting

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.

There were no public comments.

5. **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.*

SN/AS 5-0
approve all
consent items
as submitted

- a) Authorization to read ordinances by title only.
- b) Receive, review and file the 2008-2009 Impact Fee Report as required by State law.
- c) Award the landscape maintenance contract for the Shannon Ranch District to Erin Bell, Westscapes Inc. per specifications of RFB 09-10-14.

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.*

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, November 16, 2009 and January 11, 2010 at request of applicant.*

Track 4

AS/ML 4-1
(Nelsen-No)
to postpone
to 2/1/10 or
2/16/10 and
re-notice

City Attorney Alex Peltzer, indicated that staff has received a proposal to amend the variance and are closely working with the applicant to come to an agreement. Peltzer recommended postponing the decision until the Council meets on either February 1, 2010 or February 16, 2010, depending on how soon the applicant and staff can complete the details. The item will be re-noticed since it is not being continued to a “date certain”.

7:15 p.m.
adjourn back
to Closed
Session

CLOSED SESSION REPORT - none

8:20 p.m.
Closed
Session
adjourned –
no action
reported

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

- Monday, January 25, 2010, 6:00 p.m. Joint 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
- Tues, February 2, 2010, Joint Meeting with VUSD Board of Trustees, 6:00 p.m. 5000 W. Cypress
- Fri/Sat, February 5-6, 2010, Council Workshop, Fri. Noon-8 pm; Sat 8-5 pm; Convention Center 303 E. Acequia

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*A quote from
Visalia's past:*

"That the practice of dumping trash in the streets, alleys and side walks of the city must cease was the declaration of City Street Superintendent Henry, Saturday. The equivalent of 1,000 ordinary wagon loads of trash were hauled away by the city, the Street Superintendent said, during the recent cleanup campaign. The cost to the city was about \$400." Visalia Morning Delta, May 3, 1914.