

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

Monday, February 1, 2010

City Hall Council Chambers, 707 W. Acequia, Visalia CA 93291
 Work Session 4:00 p.m.; Closed Session immediately following
 Regular Session 7:00 p.m.

4:00 p.m. WORK SESSION AND ACTION ITEMS (as described)

Track 2

1. Provide direction to the Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) regarding the annual Public Opinion Survey and changes to the nonprofit grant funding application process. **Receive public comment.**

Item 1 –
 Information
 Only - No
 action taken

Eric Frost, Administrative Services Director introduced Nyla Halum and Chris Gomez, members of the Citizens Advisory Committee.

Ms. Halum discussed the Public Opinion Survey and requested Council suggestions and comments for this years' survey. Council discussed an on-line survey, adding a topical question to the survey, and additional locations for the conducting the survey.

Mr. Gomez discussed the CAC's task of awarding non-profit grants and the CAC's recommended changes in the funding application process. Council discussed making some changes to criteria, and postponing the application process until after the Council approves the 2-year budget.

Track 1

2. Update regarding Visalia's groundwater conditions and the City's water conservation program. **Receive public comment.**

Item 2 –
 Information
 Only - No
 action taken

Kim Loeb, Natural Resource Conservation Manager, presented the update. Council discussed landscape irrigation, Cash for Grass programs, a landscape ordinance for local climate, CalWater rate increases, working with the School District on water conservation efforts.

Mark Markarian, CalWater, spoke regarding the 60% rate increase proposed by CalWater and the reason it is needed.

Track 3

3. Receive update from the California League of Cities regarding the ballot measure "Local Taxpayer, Public Safety, and Transportation Protection Act of 2010" and consider adopting a resolution pledging support. **Resolution 2010-04 required. Receive public comment.**

ML/AS 5-0
 Item 3
 approved as
 submitted

Donjia Huffmon, Chief Deputy City Clerk, presented an update on the ballot measure proposed for the November 2010 ballot. Council discussed the importance of the measure for protecting local government monies.

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

Council Member Gubler complimented Redwood High School for their musical production. Council Member Shuklian welcomed Jerry Carroll , Visalia Times Delta, back to work.

Adjourned to CLOSED SESSION at 5:20 p.m. to discuss the following:

4. Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation - Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to subdivision (b) of Section 54956.9: 2 potential cases
5. Conference with Labor Negotiators (G.C. Section 54957.6)
Agency designated representatives: Steve Salomon, Eric Frost
Employee Organization: All employee groups
6. Conference with Real Property Negotiators (G.C.§54956.8)
Property: Lots E & F of Ashley Grove, Unit #12 per Parcel Map recorded 3-16-07 in Volume 42, Page 58 of Tulare Co. Maps (Portion of APN: 089-420-052)
Under Negotiation: Approval of purchase terms and conditions and reimbursement regarding landscaping costs
Negotiating Parties for City: Steve Salomon, Vince Elizondo, Paul Shepard
Negotiating Parties for Seller: Gary M. Smee of Porterville SM, LLC and Daryl C. Nicholson of VIC-NIC IV, LLC.

Track 4

7:00 p.m. CALL TO ORDER REGULAR SESSION

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

INVOCATION – Rev. Karl Schafer, Visalia First Presbyterian Church

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS/RECOGNITION

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.

Allan Wilkinson, Visalia Fire Fighters, commended City Administration and Group G for cooperating to temporarily suspend furloughs in the Fire Department.
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Track 5

7. **INFORMATION ITEMS** - (No action required)
a) Receive Planning Commission Action Agenda for the meeting of January 25, 2010.

AS/WG 5-0
approve all
consent
calendar
items as
submitted

8. **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.*

No items were removed from the Consent Calendar

- a) Authorization to read ordinances by title only.
- b) Reappointment of Juan Guerrero to the North Visalia Neighborhood Advisory Committee.
- c) Appoint Steven Cullen and Matthew Owdom as regular members of the Historic Preservation Advisory Committee and Retta Niday and Steve Pastis as alternates.
- d) Award the contract for the construction of Traffic Signal Improvements for the intersection of Caldwell Avenue and County Center to Loop Electric Inc. in the amount of \$146,100. Project No: 1241-00000-720000-0-8112.
- e) Update on Ben Maddox Way/198 Over crossing project update and authorization for the City Manager to enter into professional service agreements with Quad Knopf for construction engineering support and survey/construction services and Kleinfelder West, Inc. for materials testing. Project Number 3011-00000-720000-0-9242.
- f) Authorization to award bid for nine Solid Waste truck cab & chassis to E. M. Tharp Inc. for \$1,119,602 and sole source the purchase of nine Solid Waste truck bodies to Ruckstell Inc. for \$1,443,907.
- g) Review and accept the 2008/09 Measure T Audit Report, as recommended by the Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC).
- h) Authorize the City Manager to receive \$50,000 sub-grant from the California Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC), appropriate the money for cleanup activities, and amend contract with Brown and Caldwell Constructors for \$50,000 for completion of Brownfield Cleanup project.

Track 6

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.*

SN/AS 5-0
Item 9
approved as
submitted

9. Police Department update on current gang suppression activities to include recent multi-agency gang task force details; update on additional anti-gang strategies; update on efforts to obtain federal funding for gang intervention/prevention resources; acknowledgement of steps taken to fill five officer vacancies; authorization for a loan from the General Fund in the amount of \$242,000 to the Measure T Fund for the purpose of accelerating the hiring of two sworn officer positions; and request to release monies frozen in the FY 09/10 budget for the lease of an office building for the Department's Special Enforcement Bureau personnel (Gangs & Narcotics Units).

Police Chief Colleen Mestas, Lt. Jason Salazar, Sgt. Rick Haskill, and Sgt. Brian Abbott presented the update. Council discussed anti-gang strategies, the department's efforts to seek federal funding, the necessity of a larger Special Enforcement Bureau office, and the Intervention Coordinator position.

There were no comments from the public.

Track 7

Mayor Link left the meeting due to illness and Vice Mayor Shuklian assumed Mayoral duties.

SN/WG 4-0-1
(Link absent)
Item 10
approved as
submitted

10. Provide an update regarding the recommendations approved by Council regarding FEMA's revised Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRMs) and request authorizations for the City Manager to enter into a professional services agreement with Northwest Hydraulic Consultants in an amount not to exceed \$70,000; enter into a professional services agreement with URS Corporation in an amount not to exceed \$10,000; and to pursue up to \$7 million in "Section 205" funding toward "long-term" flood mitigation measures.

Chris Young, City Engineer, presented the update and recommendations. Council discussed timelines, Section 205 funding, and continuing to monitor what other cities are doing to help their citizens.

There were no comments from the public.

CLOSED SESSION REPORT - none

7:58 p.m.
Meeting
adjourned

Upcoming Council Meetings

- 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
- Tues, February 16, 2010, 4:00 p.m. Work Session; Regular Session 7:00 p.m., Council Chambers 707 W. Acequia

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A quote from
Visalia's past:

Officer DeVall wishes it stated that the young boys who for some time past have been carrying twenty-two rifles and shooting people's chickens, living in the outskirts of the city, will be tolerated no longer. 'This mischief has got to be stopped,' said officer DeVall, 'and any young boys caught carrying a rifle from this [time] on will be dealt with as the marshal sees fit.'" Daily Visalia Delta, January 7, 1906.