



"Raising Expectations"



SUMMARY MINUTES

Joint Meeting
Visalia Unified School District Board of Trustees/Visalia City Council

Tuesday, February 2, 2010

5000 West Cypress Avenue, Visalia, CA

5:00 p.m. Dinner - Conference Room 4 (Elected officials and senior staff)

6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Meeting - Board Room

City of Visalia

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

Visalia Unified School District

- President: Jim L. Qualls - present
Clerk: William A. Fulmer - present
Board Member: Tim Chaney - present
Board Member: Rodney Elder - present
Board Member: Larry Jones - present
Board Member: Donna Martin - present
Board Member: Charles Ulmschneider - present

AGENDA - 6:00 P.M.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

MOMENT OF SILENCE

INTRODUCTIONS/COMMENTS

CITIZENS REQUESTS - This is the time for members of the public to comment on any matter within the jurisdiction of the Visalia Unified School District Board/Visalia City Council. The Board Members and Council ask that you keep your comments brief and positive. The Board/Council members 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 or a total of 20 minutes per topic. Please begin your comments by stating your name and providing your address.

There were no public comments.

1. VUSD Budget Reductions for 2010 - Christine Statton, CFO VUSD

Christine Statton, VUSD Chief Financial Officer, provided a summary of the proposed reductions facing VUSD based on the Governor's proposed budget for 2010-11 and state funding reductions for 2009-10, and the \$5/5 million of reductions VUSD has adopted to be implemented in 2010. No action taken.

2. City of Visalia Budget for 2009/10 and 2010/11 – Eric Frost, Administrative Services Director City of Visalia

Eric Frost, City Administrative Services Director, presented a financial update for the City of Visalia. Revenues in Transient Occupancy Tax, property tax, and sales tax, are down. Frost identified challenges the city is facing including staffing, pension costs and state take-aways. No action taken.

3. VUSD Trustee Area Election Boundary Update – Randy Groom, Administrative Services Director

Randy Groom, VUSD Administrative Services Director, reviewed the efforts of the District to comply with current state and federal election regulations, as well as to update election procedures based upon current population and voter demographics. The District is in the process of revising both the manner in which Trustees are elected and the geographic boundaries within which they are elected. A newly formed Citizen Advisory Committee has been convened to participate in the process and special counsel has been engaged to analyze the process. No action taken.

4. Visalia Technical Education Center (VTEC) Update – John Ramirez, VUSD Alternative Education/CTE/ROP Director

John Ramirez, VUSD Alternative Education Director, discussed the Visalia Technical Educational Center is an effort to reduce district drop-out rate, develop a vocational high school, increase educational options and partner with COS. VTEC will target students in 10th grade that are seeking career pathways. The experience will allow a smaller learning environment, hands on learning, internships. Years 1 and 2 of the program will have an agricultural focus, Year 3 will add manufacturing and building trades. Enrollment will be limited to 70 in the Fall of 2010, 140 in 2011, 280 in 2012, and will top out at 350-400 in 2013. No action taken.

5. Stimulus Funding Expenditures by VUSD and City of Visalia - Robert Groeber, Assistant Superintendent, Administrative Services/Chris Tavarez, Management Analyst, and Nancy Loliva, Community Relations Manager City of Visalia.

Robert Groeber, VUSD, and Chris Tavarez, Management Analyst for the City of Visalia, each provided updates on the status of projects funded in whole or in part by Stimulus Funding. The school district's expenditures for \$10 million in State Fiscal Stabilization Funds include staff training, student support, facility and modernization projects, career technicians, automated irrigation systems, and management systems for HVAC. The City's projects include the Ben Maddox interchange, Police Department equipment and new positions, Jefferson Park sidewalk improvements, Anthony Community Center renovations, Transit Center expansion, Traffic signal retrofits among other projects. No action taken.

6. Update on Riverway Sports Park Phase II completion – Vince Elizondo, Director Parks and Recreation

Vince Elizondo, Parks and Recreation Director, reviewed the improvements of Phase II of the Visalia Riverway Sports Park, comprised of 83 acres. The initial phase included 46 acres primarily devoted to soccer fields, picnic areas, restroom/concession facilities, playgrounds, water feature, parking and other developments. The 2nd phase of 12 acres will be devoted to providing youth baseball fields, that can accommodate local, regional, and state tournaments. Grand Opening for Phase II is scheduled for late May 2010. No action taken.

7. Transportation Projects Update – Chris Young, City Engineer

- McAuliff Street “Overcrossing” at Mill Creek – (completion date early March)
- Houston Avenue (Santa Fe – Ben Maddox) – (completion date early March)
- Santa Fe Bridge (at Highway 198) – (completion date early March)
- Ben Maddox Bridge (at Highway 198) (will start end of February 2010 – 15 month project)
- Caldwell Street and County Center - Traffic Signal Improvements (will start early March 2010 – complete in August 2010)
- Visalia Parkway (Dans – County Center) – pursuing funding for 2013
- Mooney Boulevard at Goshen Avenue – Traffic Signal Improvements – currently working with Utilities Commission – Nov/Dec 2010 completion schedule)
- Burke Street extension (Houston – Roosevelt) – (completion by end of 2010)

Chris Young, City Engineer, provided an update on transportation projects – see above. No action taken.

8. Review of 2009 Building Permit statistics – Michael Olmos Assistant City Manager

Michael Olmos, Assistant City Manager, reviewed the 2009 building permit statistics. Included were total building permits from 2000-2009, new construction permits from 2000-2009, permit valuation 2000-2009. No action taken.

ADJOURNMENT 7:45 p.m.

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

- 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
- Monday, March 1, 2010, 4:00 p.m. Work Session; Regular Session 7:00 p.m., Council Chambers 707 W. Acequia

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