

Special Meeting Action Agenda

Visalia City Council



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

Monday, April 12, 2010

Visalia Convention Center, 303 E. Acequia, Visalia CA 93291

Work Session 4:00 p.m.

Closed Session 6:00 p.m. (or immediately following Work Session)

4:05 p.m.



[Track 1](#)

Item 1
Information
only - no
action taken

WORK SESSION AND ACTION ITEMS (as described)

1. Presentation by Tulare County United Way regarding Call 2-1-1, a new information line that will provide information on a variety of services available in Tulare County. **Receive public comment.**

Leslie Caviglia, Deputy City Manager, introduced Ernie Hernandez, Executive Director for the United Way. Mr. Hernandez gave a brief overview of the new Call 2-1-1 information line. The line is staffed with a live person 24/7, provides multi-lingual service and works with land lines as well as cell phones. The call line provides social service referrals for non-emergency situations. Information only - no action taken.

4:15 p.m.

[Track 2](#)

Item 2
Information
only - no
action taken

2. Overview of biennial budget process. **Receive public comment.**

Eric Frost, Administrative Services Director reviewed the process for Council review of the 2010-12 budget. The two-year budget, which begins in July 2010, consists of an operating budget and capital budget. The budget document is a "living" document that can be amended by Council as needed. Council has discretion in planning capital projects and may revise project priorities. The operational budget's revenues and expenditures must be balanced and are supported by anticipated revenues for that budget year. Salaries and benefits make up 68.8% of the 2009-10 General Fund Operating Budget. Council indicated that they would like to see comparisons of past years as they relate to personnel costs. Eric Frost responded to Council budget questions.

4:55 p.m.

[Track 3](#)

Item 3
information
only - no
action taken

3. Administration Department overview of Airport and Transit divisions. **Receive public comment.**

Leslie Caviglia, Deputy City Manager, introduced the item and reported that the Airport and Transit Divisions are both enterprise divisions of the Administration Department that are completely funded by federal and/or state funding, user fees and service fees and do not receive any general fund subsidy.

Mario Cifuentez, Airport Manager, reviewed the Visalia Airport program, operating costs, staffing, funding, facilities, revenues, air service and responded to Council questions.

Monty Cox, Transit Manager, reviewed Transit services provided to Visalia residents including fixed route buses, trolley, dial-a-ride, Sequoia shuttle, and the Loop bus. Cox also discussed future challenges for the Transit division as well as revenues to fund the transit program.

Item 4 – tentative approval given. Final action to occur at budget adoption

- 4. Review of select (Airport, Wastewater, Solid Waste, Transit) FY 2010/11 & 2011/2012 Capital Improvement budgets and future Capital Improvement Program (CIP) requests. **Receive public comment.**

Melody Murch, Finance division, reviewed the Airport, Wastewater, Solid Waste and Transit Capital Improvement budgets and requests with the Council. Managers from these divisions were available to answer Council questions. Tentative approval was given by the Council and formal action will be taken when the Council adopts the City’s Operating Budget in June 2010.

[Track 4](#)

Item 5 – no action taken

- 5. Presentation on City Council meetings locations. **Receive public comment.**

Leslie Caviglia, Deputy City Manager, compared costs for holding a Council meeting at the Convention Center versus the Council Chambers and responded to Council questions. Council agreed to continue the current practice of using the Convention Center to accommodate a large crowd and for special meetings that conflict with another scheduled meeting in the Council Chambers. The Council will review costs to refurbish the Council Chambers during the review of the Capital Improvements Project process.

6:05 p.m. adjourned to Closed Session

CLOSED SESSION (immediately following Work Session)

- 6. Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation - Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to subdivision (b) of Section 54956.9: 1 potential case
- 7. Conference With Real Property Negotiators (G.C. §54956.8)
Property: Approximately 50 acres located north of Riggins and approximately one quarter mile west of Demaree. APN 077-060-005.
Under Negotiation: Price, terms, conditions of potential purchase
Negotiating Parties: Steve Salomon, Alex Peltzer, Doug Damko, Andrew Benelli, Dennis Keller, Modoc Ditch Company
- 8. Conference with Labor Negotiators (G.C. §54957.6)
Agency designated representatives: Steve Salomon, Eric Frost, Diane Davis
Employee Organization: All employee groups

7:05 p.m. Adjourned Closed Session – no action reported

Upcoming Council Meetings

- Monday, April 19, 2010, 4:00 p.m. Work Session; Regular Session 7:00 p.m., Council Chambers 707 W. Acequia
- Monday, April 26, 2010, 5:00 p.m. Joint Work Session with the Parks and Recreation Commission, Convention Center, 303 E. Acequia
- Monday, May 3, 2010, 4:00 p.m. Work Session; Regular Session 7:00 p.m., Council Chambers 707 W. Acequia

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

Submitted by Donjia Huffmon, Chief Deputy City Clerk