

# Visalia City Council Action Agenda

For the Special meeting of: MONDAY, February 9, 2009

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

Mayor: Jesus J. Gamboa - present  
Vice Mayor: Bob Link - present  
Council Member: Greg Collins - present  
Council Member: Donald K. Landers - absent  
Council Member: Amy Shuklian - present

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All items listed under the Consent Calendar are considered to be routine and will be enacted by one motion. If anyone desires discussion on any item on the Consent Calendar, please contact the City Clerk who will then request that Council make the item part of the regular agenda.

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Track 1

## **REGULAR SESSION**

**7:00 p.m.**

### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**INVOCATION** - Chaplain Kent Mishler, Kaweah Delta Hospital

### **SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS/RECOGNITION**

Proclamation for Future Business Leaders of America Week - February 9-13, 2009

**ITEMS OF INTEREST** - Mayor and Vice Mayor's report on meetings with federal legislators in Washington D.C.

Mayor and Vice Mayor gave an update on the variety of meetings they attended to represent the City of Visalia and Stimulus Package.
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Track 2

**CITIZENS REQUESTS** - This is the time for members of the public to comment on any matter within the jurisdiction of the Visalia City Council. This is also the public's opportunity to request that a Consent Calendar item be removed from that section and made a regular agenda item for discussion purposes. Comments related to Regular or Public Hearing Items listed on this agenda will be heard at the time the item is discussed or at the time the Public Hearing is opened for comment. The Council Members ask that you keep your comments brief and positive. Creative criticism, presented with appropriate courtesy, is welcome. The Council 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 (speaker 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.

None.
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1. INFORMATION ITEMS - (No action required)

a) Receive Planning Commission Action Agenda for the meeting of January 26, 2009.

## CHANGES TO THE AGENDA/ITEMS TO BE PULLED FOR DISCUSSION

Track 3  
BL/AS 4-0  
(Landers  
absent)  
Approve  
balance of  
consent  
calendar

2. CONSENT CALENDAR - Consent Calendar items are considered routine and will be enacted by a single vote of the Council with no discussion. For a Consent Calendar item to be discussed, or voted upon individually, it must be removed at the request of the Council.

Council Member Collins requested item 2c for questions

- a) Authorization to read ordinances by title only.
- b) Appointment of Patsy Chester to serve as an alternate to the Transit Advisory Committee.
- c) Authorization to execute a Letter of Intent to negotiate the terms of a definitive agreement for sale and development of the Acequia/Mineral King/Stevenson/Conyer Block.

Council Member Collins asked about a timeline. Cliff Ronk, Development Project Manager responded to Councils questions.

- d) *Item removed at the request of staff*
- e) Request authorization to file a Notice of Completion for project No. 4411-00000-720000-0-9981, the Parking Lot Improvements for the Compressed Natural Gas Facility (phrase 1) located at the Corporation Yard.
- f) Authorize the City Manager to execute the Cooperative Agreement between the City of Visalia and the County of Tulare, wherein the County will acquire road right-of-way within the city limits of the City of Visalia for the widening of Road 108 (Demaree Street) from Avenue 280 (Caldwell Avenue) south. Project 1241-0000-720000-0-9668.
- g) Authorization to file a Notice of Completion for the St. Johns River Trail Project No. 3011-0-72-0-9716, for the construction of on-site improvements at a final cost of \$79,955.
- h) Confirm City of Visalia's support for and participation in the Tulare Irrigation District's application for a System Optimization Review Study Grant, which would include up to \$5,000 in staff support from the City of Visalia

Track 4  
Item 3  
BL/AS 4-0  
(Landers  
absent)  
Approved as  
recommended

3. **PUBLIC HEARING** - Zoning Text Amendment No. 2008-12: a request by Copeland Properties to amend Zoning Ordinance Section 17.18.050 by amending Line 709 to conditionally allow drug store/pharmacy retail in the C-R (Regional Retail Commercial) Zone. **Introduction of Ordinance 2009-02.**

Paul Scheibel, Planning Division updated the Council on the recommendations requested. Also responded to Council's questions. Mayor Gamboa opened Public Hearing. Darlene Mata spoke on behalf of Copeland Properties and will take Councils recommendations back to the property owners. Public Hearing Closed.

Track 5  
Item 4  
AS/BL 2-2  
(Landers  
absent) Motion  
Fails-

4. Authorize staff to issue a Request for Proposals (RFP) to conduct a Downtown Traffic Circulation Study.

Eric Bons, Senior Civil Engineer presented staffs recommendation for the study. Council member Collins and Mayor Gamboa had concerns regarding funds for this project at this time.

5. Update on the accelerated design process of the Transit Center Expansion, Transit Bus Operations Facility Expansion, and the new Sequoia Shuttle Visitor Center.

Transit Manager Monty Cox gave an overview of the upcoming projects and responded to Council's questions.

**REPORT OF CLOSED SESSION MATTERS FINALIZED BETWEEN COUNCIL MEETINGS -**  
 City Attorney Alex Peltzer reported on the following:

Buyer	Seller	APN Number	Address	Purpose	Closing Date	Project Manager
City of Visalia	California Water Service	.51 acre portion of APN 077-058-002	North of Prospect Ave. btw Linwood and Cindy Street	Soroptimist Park	1/20/09	Vince Elizondo

**Upcoming Council Meetings**

- Tuesday, February 17, 2009, Work Session 4:00 p.m. Regular Meeting 7:00 p.m., Council Chambers, 707 W. Acequia, Visalia
- Monday, February 23, 2009, 6:00 p.m. Jt. Meeting City Council and Kaweah Delta Health Care District Board of Directors, Kaweah Delta Medical Center, 400 W. Mineral King, Acequia Wing Lobby, Visalia
- Monday, March 2, 2009, Work Session 4:00 p.m. Regular Meeting 7:00 p.m., Council Chambers, 707 W. Acequia, Visalia

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Submitted by Susie Alter, Executive Assistant