



# Visalia City Council

## City Council

### Meeting Agenda - Final

Visalia City Council  
707 W. Acequia  
Visalia, CA 93291

Mayor Brian Poochigian  
Vice Mayor Brett Taylor  
Council Member Emmanuel Hernandez Soto  
Council Member Steve Nelsen  
Council Member Liz Wynn

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**Monday, December 4, 2023**

**7:00 PM**

**City Council Chambers**

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#### **ROLL CALL**

#### **CALL TO ORDER WORK SESSION - 4:00 PM (Unless otherwise noted)**

#### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Citizens are now invited to comment on issues within the jurisdiction of the Visalia City Council. The Council asks that you keep your comments concise and positive. Creative criticism, presented with appropriate courtesy, is welcome.

Each speaker will be allowed three minutes and a timer will notify you when your time is expired. Please begin your comments by stating and spelling your name and providing your city of residence.

#### **WORK SESSION AND ACTION ITEMS (as described)**

**1. New Employee Introductions:**

**[23-0447](#)**

##### **Public Works**

Ben Litwack, WWTP Superintendent  
Jason Villalva, Streets Maintenance Worker  
Michael May, Solid Waste Operator  
Mark Bradley, Solid Waste Operator

##### **Parks & Recreation Department**

Lance Turner, Park Ranger  
Christopher Godinez, Lead Custodian  
Zach Huff, Parks & Urban Forestry Supervisor  
Guy Schiff, Landscape & Irrigation Technician  
Julia Kirkman, Landscape Inspector  
Brian McAlister, Landscape Inspector  
Anthony De la Cruz, Park Maintenance Worker/Trails

2. **Federal Lobbyist Presentation** - Receive presentation from Thorn Run Partners on 2023 national legislative activity and authorize City Manager to extend annual contract with this firm for one additional term. [23-0449](#)

## **ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION - 6:00 PM (Or, immediately following Work Session)**

### **SPECIAL PRESENTATION**

1. Tour of the Visalia Transit, New Flyers bus. [23-0478](#)

### **CALL TO ORDER REGULAR SESSION - 7:00 PM**

### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

### **INVOCATION - Archpriest Rev. Father Vartan, Armenian Apostolic Church.**

### **ITEMS OF INTEREST**

### **SPECIAL PRESENTATION / RECOGNITION**

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

This is the time for citizens to comment on subject matters that are not on the agenda and within the jurisdiction of the Visalia City Council. The Council asks that you keep your comments brief and positive. Creative criticism, presented with appropriate courtesy, is welcome.

This is also the time for citizens to request an item from the Consent Calendar be pulled for discussion purposes. Public comments related to all pulled Consent Calendar items and Regular or Public Hearing items listed on the agenda will be heard at the time that item is discussed or when the Public Hearing is opened.

Each speaker will be allowed three minutes, and a timer will notify you when your time is expired. Please begin your comments by stating and spelling your name and providing your city of residence.

### **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.

1. Authorization to read ordinances by title only. [23-0473](#)

2. **Contract for Land Surveyor** - Authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with Bedrock Engineering for, to provide professional land surveyor services for a one-year term, with the option to renew for four additional one-year terms, in an amount not to exceed \$200,000 per year. [23-0128](#)
3. **Encampment Grant Application** - Authorize staff to apply for the Encampment Resolution Program grant in the amount of approximately \$2.5 million for operational funds for the Visalia Navigation Center on N. Court to provide interim shelter, and a combination of operating and development funds for Majestic Gardens on W Noble for permanent housing. [23-0424](#)
4. **Railroad Reimbursement Agreement** - Adopt Resolution 2023-58 authorizing City Manager to execute a reimbursement agreement with San Joaquin Valley Railroad for engineering services associated with the design of the Goshen Trail Reconstruction Project, authorize an additional appropriation of \$75,000 from the Measure R Trailways and authorize an amendment to the Measure R Supplemental Agreement. [23-0435](#)
5. **COPS Grant** - Authorize and accept expenditures for training, equipment, salary & benefits for 1.5 police officer positions through the State of California Citizens Option for Public Safety (COPS) Program funds of \$222,386 and \$189,083 for fiscal year 2022-23 COPS Growth funds for a total Grant \$411,469, and appropriate \$111,300. [23-0387](#)
6. **4Creeks Design Contract** - Authorize the City Manager to bypass the public bidding process and award a professional design services contract to 4Creeks, Inc., for the design of Riggin Avenue Widening from Roeben St to Akers St for an amount not to exceed \$470,035. [23-0453](#)
7. **Project List For Grant Funding** - Authorization to submit a \$25.7 million project list to Tulare County Association of Governments (TCAG) to be prioritized for upcoming SB125 funding which is transit related funding. [23-0454](#)

8. **Cemetery District Zone Change** - Second reading and adoption of the second reading of Ordinance No. 2023-04 pertaining to the approval of Change of Zone No. 2022-02, a request by the Visalia Public Cemetery District to change the zoning designation of 14 parcels totaling 3.17 acres from R-1-5 (Single Family Residential, 5,000 sq. ft. minimum site area) to Q-P (Quasi-Public), and to change the zoning designation of one parcel totaling 0.24 acres from R-M-2 (Multi-Family Residential, 3,000 sq. ft. minimum site area per dwelling unit) to Q-P (Quasi-Public). The project sites are located at 919 West Allen Avenue, 618, 700, 706, 808, 918, 1010 North Rinaldi Street, 1410, 1420, 1430 West Sady Avenue, and 816 North Turner Street. [23-0462](#)
9. **Notice of Completion Highland Park 1** - Request authorization to file a Notice of Completion for Highland Park, Unit No. 1 subdivision containing 76 single-family residential lots located at the northwest corner of North Conyer Street and West Riggins Avenue. [23-0463](#)
10. **Notice of Completion Highland Park 2** - Request authorization to file a Notice of Completion for Highland Park, Unit No. 2 subdivision containing 49 single-family residential lots located at the northeast corner of North Giddings Street and West Riggins Avenue. [23-0464](#)
11. **Consideration of state grant** - Authorize the Visalia Police Department to apply for the State Homeland Security Grant Program for up to \$500,000 towards the purchase of a replacement vehicle for the Central Valley Regional Bomb Squad. [23-0469](#)
12. **Street Light On Call Contract** - Authorize the City Manager to award an annual contract for On-Call Electrical Services for Street Light Repairs to A-C Electric Company of Visalia for an amount not to exceed \$160,000 per year, with an option to renew annually for up to four (4) additional one-year terms. [23-0470](#)
13. **Traffic Signal On Call Contract** - Authorize the City Manager to award an annual contract for On-Call Electrical Services for Traffic Signal Repairs to A-C Electric Company of Visalia for an amount not to exceed \$160,000 per year, with an option to renew annually for up to four (4) additional one-year terms. [23-0471](#)
14. **Department Head Appointment** - Request by City Manager for Council approval of the reassignment/appointment of Jason Huckleberry to a Department Head position overseeing Engineering, Development Services and Building Safety Divisions at the salary of \$175,000. [23-0479](#)

## REGULAR ITEMS AND PUBLIC HEARINGS

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Comments related to regular Items and Public Hearing Items are limited to three minutes per speaker, for a maximum of 30 minutes per item. The Mayor may reasonably limit or extend the public comment period to preserve the Council's interest in conducting efficient, orderly meetings.

1. **Special Event Ordinance** - A Public Hearing and First Reading of Ordinance No. 2023-12, a request by the City of Visalia to amend Visalia Municipal Code Section 12.48 "Special Events". [23-0378](#)

## **CLOSED SESSION REPORT - None**

## **ADJOURNMENT**

## **UPCOMING CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS**

1. Upcoming City Council Meetings: [23-0472](#)  
Monday, December 18, 2023 @ 7:00 p.m., Location: 707 W.  
Acequia Ave, Visalia, CA  
Tuesday, January 16, 2024 @ 7:00 p.m., Location: 707 W.  
Acequia Ave, Visalia. CA

If you have a disability and require a reasonable accommodation to fully participate in the meeting, please contact Michelle Nicholson, on or before Monday, December 4, 2023 to discuss your accessibility needs: 559-713-4512 or [Michelle.Nicholson@Visalia.City](mailto:Michelle.Nicholson@Visalia.City)  
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If you would like to more information regarding a specific item, contact Michelle Nicholson at 559-713-4512.