



Visalia City Council

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Meeting Minutes - Final

Visalia City Council
707 W. Acequia
Visalia, CA 93291

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

Tuesday, December 2, 2025

6:00 PM

City Council Chambers

Special Meeting

ROLL CALL

Present: Council Member Brian Poochigian, Mayor Brett Taylor, Council Member Steve Nelsen, Council Member Emmanuel Hernandez Soto, and Vice Mayor Liz Wynn

*Mayor Brett Taylor arrived at 4:31 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER WORK SESSION - 4:30 PM (Unless otherwise noted)

Vice Mayor Liz Wynn called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Citizens are now invited to comment on issues within the jurisdiction of the Visalia City Council and items listed on the Closed Session agenda. 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. Presentation by the Traffic Operations Division - Presentation and updates on the Traffic Maintenance Division's annual tasks and accomplishments. [25-0532](#)

Public Works Director Nick Bartsch, Public Works Manager Danny Galindo, and Traffic Operations Supervisor Tony Pires introduced department staff, and provided a presentation and update on the Traffic Maintenance Division's annual tasks and accomplishments. The presentation included an overview of traffic operations and maintenance responsibilities.

Staff responded to Council's questions.

No formal action was taken, and Council thanked staff for the presentation and update.

This Work Session item was received and filed.

2. Park & Recreational Facilities Impact Fee Fund Overview - Review currently approved park projects and available funding for future projects. [25-0546](#)

Finance and Technology Director Renee Nagel and Parks and Recreation Director Jason Glick presented an overview of the Parks and Recreation Impact Fee program. Staff reviewed current and pending park and recreation projects included in the Capital Improvement Plan, discussed the status of the Park Master Plan and the aquatic center, and outlined the projected costs associated with these projects. Staff also provided an update on available funding, existing shortfalls, and funding considerations related to the impact fee program.

Council discussed the information presented, including the identified recreation projects, potential funding options, and the possibility of sponsorships. Staff responded to questions and provided clarification regarding the Park Master Plan, the aquatic center, and related project costs. No formal action was taken, and Council thanked staff for the presentation and update.

This Work Session Item was received and filed.

ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION - 5:30 PM (Or, immediately following Work Session)

Mayor Brett Taylor adjourned the meeting to closed session at 5:13 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER REGULAR SESSION - 6:00 PM

Mayor Brett Taylor called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

INVOCATION

Invocation was led by Pastor Johnny Renteria of the Heart of the Valley Christian Fellowship.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION / RECOGNITION

PUBLIC COMMENTS

This is the time for general public comment on issues within the jurisdiction of the Visalia City Council. Each speaker tonight may speak for up to 3 minutes during this general comment period on a matter that is not on this agenda.

The public may also make one comment for up to 3 minutes prior to the consideration of the Consent Calendar, and immediately before any regular agenda item is heard. 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.

Public comment was received from Warren Coddle.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

CONSENT CALENDAR

Consent Calendar items are considered routine and will be enacted in one motion.

This is the time for members of the public to provide public comment on an item on the Consent Calendar. Comments will not be taken individually by the public if an item is pulled by a Council Member. Each speaker is allowed up to 3 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.

Approval of the Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Council Member Nelsen, seconded by Council Member Poochigian, to approve the Consent Agenda. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Brian Poochigian, Brett Taylor, Steve Nelsen, Emmanuel Hernandez Soto, Liz Wynn

- 1. Authorization to read ordinances by title only. [25-0427](#)
approve

2. Award Design Contract - Authorize the City Manager to award a professional design services contract to Peters Engineering, Inc. for the SB1 Street Rehabilitation - Center & Acequia project in the amount of \$699,120 [25-0475](#)

approve
3. Record Final Map - Request authorization to record the final map for Belissa Phase 1 subdivision located at the northwest corner of North Demaree Street and West Pratt Avenue (147 lots); and the formation of Landscape and Lighting Assessment District No. 25-09, "Belissa Subdivision" and levying the annual assessments (Resolution Nos. 2025-77 and 2025-78 required). [25-0505](#)

approve
4. NEOGOV Software Agreement - Authorize the City Manager to enter into a three-year sole source contract to renew the software license with NEOGOV and consolidate the contract for a three-year term for an amount not to exceed \$246,924.47. [25-0536](#)

approve

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. The Mayor may reasonably limit or extend the public comment period to preserve the Council's interest in conducting efficient, orderly meetings.

1. Sanitary Sewer Master Plan Adoption - Approve and Adopt the Sanitary Sewer System Master Plan. [25-0496](#)

Associate Engineer Katherine Woodfull-Fuget presented the item and was available to answer Council questions and provided clarification regarding the Sanitary Sewer System Master Plan.

A motion was made by Council Member Brian Poochigian, seconded by Council Member Steve Nelsen, to Adopt. The motion carried by the following unanimous vote:

Aye: Brian Poochigian, Brett Taylor, Steve Nelsen, Emmanuel Hernandez Soto, Liz Wynn

- 2. Ordinance Adoption - Public hearing and first reading of an Ordinance to adopt Zoning Text Amendment No. 2025-04: A request by the City of Visalia to amend Visalia Municipal Code Title 17 (Zoning Ordinance), as to implement Program 2.7 for Missing Middle Housing, Program 3.17 for Planning for Large Sites, and Program 5.2 for Emergency Shelters, all contained in the City of Visalia 6th Cycle Housing Element. The regulations will apply Citywide to properties within the city limits of the City of Visalia.

[25-0520](#)

Principal Planner Brandon Smith presented the proposed Zoning Text Amendment to implement Middle Housing, Planning for Large Sites, and Emergency Shelters programs as contained in the City’s 6th Cycle Housing Element. Council provided comments regarding affordable housing and long-term development planning. Staff responded to Council questions.

Mayor Taylor opened the public hearing for public comment. There being no one to speak on the matter, the public hearing was then closed.

A motion was made by Council Member Steve Nelsen, seconded by Council Member Brian Poochigian, to Adopt. The motion carried by the following unanimous vote:

Aye: Brian Poochigian, Brett Taylor, Steve Nelsen, Emmanuel Hernandez Soto, Liz Wynn

CLOSED SESSION REPORT

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Brett Taylor adjourned the meeting at 6:24 p.m.

UPCOMING CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

1. Upcoming City Council Meetings

[25-0534](#)

Monday, December 15, 2025 @ 7:00 p.m. at 707 W. Acequia

Tuesday, January 20, 2026 @ 7:00 p.m. at 707 W. Acequia

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Respectfully Submitted,

Reyna Rivera
Chief Deputy City Clerk