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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

Monday, February 2, 2026

7:00 PM

City Council Chambers

ROLL CALL

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

CALL TO ORDER REGULAR SESSION - 7:00 PM

Mayor Taylor called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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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 by: Irene Lapin and Louisa Carson.

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.

A motion was made by Council Member Steve Nelsen, seconded by Council Member Brian Poochigian, to approve the Consent Calendar as read. The motion carried by the following unanimous vote:

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

1. Authorization to read ordinances by title only. [25-0633](#)

This Consent Item was approve.

2. Award professional services contract - Authorize the City Manager to award a professional services contract to Roadway Asset Services for the update of the City's pavement management program in the amount of \$499,929 and appropriate \$190,000 from the Gas Tax Fund. [25-0587](#)

This Consent Item was approve.

3. Award Local Road Safety Action Plan Contract - Authorize the City Manager to award the contract to Kimley-Horn and Associates to develop a Local Road Safety Action Plan in the amount of \$268,912.36, and appropriate an additional \$259,900 from the Transportation Fund to be reimbursed by the Tulare County Association of Governments. [25-0598](#)

This Consent Item was approve.

4. Authorization to award a contract with ProForce - Request authorization to award a three (3) year purchase contract to ProForce Law Enforcement DBA ProForce Marketing, Inc., located in Prescott, Arizona for an amount not to exceed \$158,000 for replacement ballistic vests and vests for new hires for the Visalia Police Department. [25-0608](#)

This Consent Item was approve.

5. Approve a contract amendment with Mike Clark Trucking - Approve an amendment to the contract with Mike Clark Trucking to increase the annual not-to-exceed amount from \$226,800 to \$331,800 to haul biosolids from the Visalia Water Reclamation Facility and appropriate an additional \$273,000 from the Wastewater Fund. [25-0631](#)
- This Consent Item was approve.
6. Approve a contract amendment with Holloway Environmental Solutions - Approve an amendment to the contract with Holloway Environmental Solutions to increase the not-to-exceed amount from \$144,000 to \$312,000 to provide disposal services for the 2024 biosolids stockpile generated at the Visalia Water Reclamation Facility. [25-0632](#)
- This Consent Item was approve.
7. Authorization to apply for the CHP Cannabis Tax Fund Grant - Authorize the Visalia Police Department to apply for the California Highway Patrol Cannabis Tax Fund Grant Program for up to \$157,000 and submit the application by the February 23, 2026 deadline, if awarded, authorization to accept, and to appropriate the \$157,000 from the General Fund. [25-0624](#)
- This Consent Item was approve.
8. Contract for the transport of road materials- Authorize the City Manager to award an annual contract to Mike Clark Trucking Services for the transport of road materials. The contract shall not exceed \$126,000 annually and is renewable each year for a potential total of (5) years. [25-0635](#)
- This Consent Item was approve.
9. Contract award for total compensation and comprehensive classification study - Authorize the City Manager to award the contract to conduct a total compensation and comprehensive classification study to Gallagher Benefit Services, Inc., in the amount of \$391,600 and authorize the appropriation of \$141,600 from the General Fund. [25-0637](#)
- This Consent Item was 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. Citizens Advisory Committee 2026 work plan calendar presentation

[25-0628](#)

Public Works Manager Jason Serpa introduced Citizen Advisory Committee Chair Edward Jones. Chair Jones and Manager Serpa presented a power point presentation on the overview of the Citizen Advisory Committee's work.

Council members thanked Chair Jones and the members of the Citizen Advisory Committee for their presentation and noted that no action was required on this item.

This Regular Item was receive and filed.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Taylor adjourned the meeting at 7:21 p.m.

UPCOMING CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

1. Upcoming City Council Meetings

[25-0634](#)

Tuesday, February 17, 2026 @ 7:00 p.m. at 707 W. Acequia

Monday, March 2, 2026 @ 7:00 p.m. at 707 W. Acequia

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Respectfully Submitted,

Reyna Rivera
Chief Deputy City Clerk