

City of Hesperia STAFF REPORT



DATE: May 5, 2026

TO: Mayor and Council Members
Chair and Board Members, Hesperia Housing Authority
Chair and Board Members, Hesperia Fire Protection District
Chair and Board Members, Hesperia Water District

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SUBJECT: FY 2026-27 Budget Workshop #1 – Operating Budget

RECOMMENDED ACTION

It is recommended that the City Council/Board receive and file this staff report, which provides information about the current status of the City of Hesperia's proposed operating budget for Fiscal Year (FY) 2026-27.

BACKGROUND

In compliance with the City Council's policy direction, staff annually develops an expenditure budget. While the budget gives the City the legal authority to secure goods and services, it is also a communication tool that provides citizens with information about the City's programs and projects. To ensure that the budget is developed to meet the City Council's direction, a series of budget workshops have been developed. This first workshop will highlight the proposed operating budget. During the first City Council meeting in June, the proposed annual operating budget will be presented.

ISSUES/ANALYSIS

This first budget workshop will provide a brief overview of the City's operating budget. The operating budget includes planned ongoing revenues and expenditures for the upcoming fiscal year, as well as revisions to the FY 2025-26 Budget. It should be noted that the goal for developing the FY 2026-27 Budget was to minimize the use of reserves and enhance cash reserves. This goal will be highlighted during the presentation.

CITY GOAL SUPPORTED BY THIS ITEM

Financial Health - Maintain a balanced budget and adequate reserves.

FISCAL IMPACT

There are no financial impacts at this time, as this is a workshop to discuss the proposed FY 2026-27 Operating Budget.

ALTERNATIVE(S)

1. Provide alternative direction to staff.

ATTACHMENT(S)

None