



City of Hesperia Meeting Minutes – Draft City Council

City Council Chambers
9700 Seventh Ave.
Hesperia CA, 92345

Tuesday, July 21, 2026

6:30 PM

**REGULAR MEETING AGENDA
HESPERIA CITY COUNCIL
SUCCESSOR AGENCY TO THE REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY
HESPERIA HOUSING AUTHORITY
HESPERIA COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
HESPERIA WATER DISTRICT**

CLOSED SESSION – 5:15 PM

Roll Call

Present: 5 - Mayor Bennington, Mayor Pro Tem Pullen, Council Member Gregg, Council Member Lee, and Council Member Ochoa

Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation
Government Code Section 54956.9(d)1

1. *CA Arroyo Fund, Inc., et al. v. City of Hesperia, et al.* (SBSC Case No. CIVSB 2225409)
2. *LCTH Investment, LP, et al. v. City of Hesperia, et al.* (SBSC Case No. CIVSB 2303245)
3. *LCTH Investment, LP, et al. v. City of Hesperia, et al.* (SBSC Case No. CIVSB 2303246)
4. *LCTH Investment, LP, et al. v. City of Hesperia, et al.* (SBSC Case No. CIVSB 2310835)
5. *Desert-Candle, LP, et al. v. City of Hesperia, et al.* (SBSC Case No. CIVSB 2504950)

Personnel Matters - Performance Evaluations
Government Code Section 54957

1. Annual Performance Evaluation - City Attorney
2. Annual Performance Evaluation - City Manager

CALL TO ORDER - 6:32 PM

A. Invocation

B. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

C. Roll Call

Present: 5 - Mayor Bennington, Mayor Pro Tem Pullen, Council Member Gregg, Council Member Lee, and Council Member Ochoa

D. Agenda Revisions and Announcements by City Clerk

E. Closed Session Reports by City Attorney

ANNOUNCEMENTS/PRESENTATIONS

1. Presentation of City Hall Employee of the Quarter Recognition to Rubi Arellano, Community Development Supervisor, by Orlando Acevedo, Director of Development Services.
2. Presentation of 2025 Annual Water Quality Report by Jeremy McDonald, Water Operations Manager.

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS (For items and matters not listed on the agenda)

The following people commented:

Robert Davie

Donna

Kim Jones

Al Vogler

Brenda Dahl

Randon Lane Athens

Chuck Wolf

JOINT CONSENT CALENDAR

A motion was made by Ochoa, seconded by Gregg, that the Joint Consent Calendar minus item 4, 5 and 7 be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Bennington, Pullen, Gregg, Lee and Ochoa

Nay: 0

1. Consideration of the Draft Minutes from the Regular Meeting held Tuesday, June 16, 2026.

Recommended Action:

It is recommended that the City Council approve the Draft Minutes from the Regular meeting held Tuesday, June 16, 2026.

Staff Person: Assistant City Clerk Jessica Giber

2. Warrant Run Report (City- Successor Agency- Housing Authority- Community Development Commission- Water)

Recommended Action:

It is recommended that the Council/Board ratify the warrant run and payroll report for the City, Successor Agency to the Hesperia Community Redevelopment Agency, Hesperia Housing Authority, Community Development Commission, and Water District.

Staff Person: Assistant City Manager Casey Brooksher

3. Treasurer's Cash Report for the unaudited period ended May 31, 2026.

Recommended Action:

It is recommended that the Council/Board accept the Treasurer's Cash Report for the City, Successor Agency to the Hesperia Community Redevelopment Agency, Hesperia Housing Authority, Community Development Commission, and Water District.

Staff Person: Assistant City Manager Casey Brooksher

4. Acceptance of 2025 December Adverse Weather Emergency Repairs: Ranchero Rd. & Primrose and Maple & Muscatel Basin

Recommended Action:

It is recommended that the City Council and Board of Directors of the Hesperia Water District:

1. Accept the completed 2025 December Adverse Weather Emergency Road Repairs: Ranchero Rd. & Primrose and 2025 December Adverse Weather Emergency Maple & Muscatel Basin;
2. Authorize staff to record a Notice of Completion for each project; and
3. Authorize the release of all withheld retention amounts no sooner than thirty (30) calendar days following the date of recordation.

Staff Person: Director of Public Works/City Engineer Cassandra Sanchez

Robert Davie commented on item #4.

A motion was made by Gregg, seconded by Ochoa, that item 4,5, and 7 be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Bennington, Pullen, Gregg, Lee and Ochoa

Nay: 0

5. Acceptance of the FY 2024-25 CDBG Street Improvements, C.O. No. 7175

Recommended Action:

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Accept the completed FY 2024-25 CDBG Street Improvements project, Construction Order No. (C.O.) 7175;
2. Authorize staff to record a Notice of Completion; and
3. Authorize the release of all withheld retention amounts no sooner than (30) calendar days following the date of recordation.

Staff Person: Director of Public Works/City Engineer Cassandra Sanchez

Ella Rogers commented on item #5.

6. Award of Contract for Landscape Maintenance and Repair.

Recommended Action:

It is recommended that the City Council and Board of Directors of the Water District authorize the City Manager to enter into a (3) three year contract with Lasting Images Landscape in an amount of \$406,092 for routine landscape maintenance, and an additional 10% (\$40,609) for anticipated repairs and plant replacement over the (3) three years, for a total not to exceed amount of \$446,701.

Staff Person: Director of Public Works/City Engineer Cassandra Sanchez

7. Acceptance of the Maple Avenue Sewer Line Replacement, C.O. No. 9018

Recommended Action:

It is recommended that the City Council and Board of Directors of the Hesperia Water District:

Accept the completed Maple Sewer Line Replacement project, Construction Order No. (C.O.) 9018;
Authorize staff to record a Notice of Completion; and

Authorize the release of all withheld retention amounts no sooner than thirty (30) calendar days following the date of recordation.

Staff Person: Director of Public Works/City Engineer Cassandra Sanchez

Robert Davie and Kristin Guidry commented on item #7.

8. Acceptance of the FY 2023-24 CDBG Street Improvements, C.O. No. 7172

Recommended Action:

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Accept the completed FY 2023-24 CDBG Street Improvements project, Construction Order No. (C.O.) 7172;
2. Authorize staff to record a Notice of Completion; and
3. Authorize the release of all withheld retention amounts no sooner than thirty (30) calendar days following the date of recordation.

Staff Person: Director of Public Works/City Engineer Cassandra Sanchez

9. Recycled Water Master Plan Water Recycling Funding Program Grant Application.

Recommended Action:

It is recommended that the City Council and Board of Directors of the Hesperia Water District Adopt Joint Resolution No. 2026-34 and Hesperia Water District Resolution No. 2026-13 concurrently:

1. Approving submission of a grant application for a Water Recycling Funding Program (WRFP) planning grant from the State Water Resources Control Board for development of the Recycled Water Master Plan (RWMP);
2. Accepting the WRFP grant, if awarded, in an amount not to exceed \$150,000; and
3. Authorizing the City Manager or designee to execute the grant application and, if awarded, the Financial Assistance Application (Agreement), along with all other grant related documents, agreements, and amendments as necessary to implement and administer the grant.

Staff Person: Director of Public Works/City Engineer Cassandra Sanchez

10. Award Professional Services Agreements for On Call Geotechnical Engineering and Materials Testing Services.

Recommended Action:

It is recommended that the City Council and Board of Directors of the Hesperia Water District:

1. Award five (5) Professional Services Agreements (PSAs) to Converse Consultants, Geocon West, Inc., Certerra RMA Group, Fenagh Engineering and Testing, Inc., and NV5, Inc. for on call geotechnical engineering and material testing services, each for the not to exceed amount of \$200,000, with a term of three (3) years.
2. Authorize City Manager or designee to execute the agreements and any documents related thereto

Staff Person: Assistant Project Manager Dena Alcayaga

11. Townsend Public Affairs Contract Amendment.

Recommended Action:

It is recommended that the City Council authorize the City Manager to approve an amendment to the existing contract with Townsend Public Affairs (TPA) for an additional \$96,000, for a revised not to

exceed contract amount of \$360,000, and approve a one year contract extension for State and Federal Legislative Advocacy services.

Staff Person: Assistant to the City Manager Tammy Pelayes

12. Authorize Submittal of Applications for CalRecycle Grants.

Recommended Action:

It is recommended that the City Council adopt Resolution No. 2026-037 authorizing the submission of applications for all Department of Resources, Recycling, and Recovery (CalRecycle) grants for which the City is eligible for five (5) years from the date of adoption of this resolution.

Staff Person: Assistant to the City Manager Tammy Pelayes

13. Contract Amendment for Uniform Services

Recommended Action:

It is recommended that the City Council, the Board of Directors of the Hesperia Water District (District) authorize the City Manager to amend the current contract with Mission Linen Supply to extend the contract expiration date for an additional one year term and increase the contract authority by \$34,000 for a new not to exceed amount of \$141,146 for uniform rental and laundering services.

Staff Person: Management Analyst Jacquelyn Castillo

14. Special Assessment of Unpaid Fees for Services and Abatement Costs.

Recommended Action:

It is recommended that the City Council approve Joint Resolution No. 2026-27 and Resolution No. HWD 2026-08, confirming parcels of land upon which unpaid fees for services, and abatement costs remain, and Joint Resolution No. 2026-28 and Resolution No. HWD 2026-09, requesting that San Bernardino County place the unpaid fees for services and abatement costs on the property tax rolls.

Staff Person: Management Analyst Jacquelyn Castillo

PUBLIC HEARING

15. Ballot Measure for Transactions and Use Tax Ordinance.

Recommended Action:

Discuss and determine whether to place a measure on the November 3, 2026 ballot to provide voters the option of enacting a secure, locally controlled general fund revenue source. The measure for consideration would establish a local City sales tax of 1.0% and provide an estimated \$15,000,000 annually to maintain essential City services for residents and businesses, including paving and maintaining streets, fixing potholes, installing storm drains and related flood control infrastructure, repairing or replacing aging City infrastructure, keeping streets and public facilities safe, clean, and well maintained, crime prevention, and 911 emergency response.

Staff Person: City Attorney Pam K. Lee

The following commented on this item:

Anthony Archuleta

Robert Davie

Kim Jones

Al Vogler

Sophie Steeno

Ella Rogers

Chuck Wolf

Meeting recessed at 8:27 p.m. Meeting reconvened at 8:32 p.m.

A motion was made by Ochoa, seconded by Bennington, that this item be approved. The motion failed by the following vote (4/5 Council vote needed to approve this item):

Aye: 3 - Bennington, Pullen and Ochoa

Nay: 2 - Gregg and Lee

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS AND COMMENTS

The Mayor and Council Members reported from various events and Committees.

Council Member Gregg requested a report on City water line breaks and repairs.

Council Member Ochoa requested a discussion or workshop with the community on potential City program cuts.

CITY MANAGER/CITY ATTORNEY/STAFF REPORTS

City Manager thanked staff.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:09 p.m.in memory of Vietnam Veteran Gary Whited.

Jessica Giber, Assistant City Clerk