

City of Hesperia STAFF REPORT



DATE: August 18, 2026
TO: Mayor and Council Members
FROM: Rachel Molina, City Manager
BY: Melinda Sayre, Deputy City Manager/City Clerk
SUBJECT: City Council Meeting Start Time Implementation

RECOMMENDED ACTION

It is recommended that the City Council provide direction to staff regarding the implementation date for the previously adopted 5:30 p.m. City Council meeting start time.

BACKGROUND

On June 16, 2026, the City Council adopted the new City Council Meeting start time of 5:30 p.m. in response and to accommodate the implementation of SB 707 which requires the City to pause City Council Meetings for up to one hour per meeting disruption in conjunction with the use of two-way audio platforms.

ISSUES/ANALYSIS

Senate Bill 707 (SB 707), adopted in 2025, amended the Ralph M. Brown Act to expand public participation in local government meetings. While some provisions took effect on January 1, 2026, major requirements became effective on July 1, 2026.

SB 707 requires that City Council provide remote participation to Council Meetings through a two-way telephonic or audiovisual platform and enforce a policy addressing telephonic or internet service disruptions during meetings, including meeting pauses of up to 60 minutes per disruption while staff attempts to restore service.

In response, the City Council voted to adjust the Council Meeting start time to 5:30 p.m. subject to a future Council item that would identify an implementation date for the new start time.

CITY GOAL SUPPORTED BY THIS ITEM

Organizational Health – Foster a high-performing organization that provides opportunities for professional growth.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact associated with approval of the recommended action.

ALTERNATIVE(S)

1. Provide alternative direction to staff.

ATTACHMENT(S)

1. June 16, 2026 City Council Meeting Minutes
2. Resolution 2026- 43