



STAFF REPORT

DATE: 01/07/2026
TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council Members
FROM: City Manager's Office – City Clerk

2026-05

REQUEST FOR CITY COUNCIL ACTION

SUBJECT:

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2026

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

This staff report asks City Council to approve the regular meeting start time for the 2026 calendar year, establishing the official schedule for City Council meetings in accordance with the requirements of the Corona Municipal Code. This action ensures that the City's meeting schedule is set in advance, providing clarity and predictability for Council members, staff, and the public, and supports ongoing efforts to maintain transparent and accessible local governance.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

That the City Council adopt Resolution No. 2026-001, approving the City Council meeting schedule for calendar year 2026.

BACKGROUND & HISTORY:

On February 5, 2025, staff presented a report in response to a request from former Mayor Steiner to consider adjusting the regular meeting start time for City Council meetings. The staff report outlined a proposal to change the start time from 6:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., with the intent of improving accessibility and public participation by shifting more agenda items to evening sessions and reducing reliance on afternoon study sessions. The report also recommended amending Corona Municipal Code (CMC) Section 2.08.010 to allow the

City Council to set its regular meeting start times by resolution, thereby providing greater flexibility for future adjustments. These actions established the current framework for designating regular meeting start times and schedules by annual resolution, as reflected in the procedures now being applied for the 2026 calendar year.

ANALYSIS:

In preparing the proposed schedule for 2026, staff reviewed the current meeting structure and start time. Based on this review, staff is recommending that the regular meeting start time for the 2026 calendar year remain at 6:00 p.m.

The 6:00 p.m. start time has provided a consistent and accessible schedule for both Council members and the public, supporting participation from a broad cross-section of the community. Staff have not identified any significant operational or community concerns associated with the current start time. As such, maintaining the 6:00 p.m. start time is expected to continue to meet the City's objectives for transparency, public engagement, and community participation.

The proposed resolution for 2026 reflects the City's ongoing commitment to providing predictable and inclusive meetings. Exhibit 2 presents the proposed 2026 City Council meeting schedule for the Council's review and approval. Consistent with past practice, staff is recommending going dark for the second meeting in July.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

There is no financial impact associated with this recommended action.

ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS:

This action is exempt under Section 15061(b)(3) of the Guidelines for the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), which states that a project is exempt from CEQA if the activity is covered by the commonsense exemption that CEQA applies only to projects that have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment. Where it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity in question may substantially affect the environment, the activity is not subject to CEQA. This action seeks council approval to approve the start time of regular council meetings and thus has no potential for having a significant effect on the environment.

PREPARED BY: SYLVIA EDWARDS, CITY CLERK

REVIEWED BY: JUSTIN TUCKER, ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Exhibit 1 – Resolution No. 2026-001
2. Exhibit 2 – 2026 City Council Meeting Schedule