

**CITY OF ALBANY
CITY COUNCIL AGENDA
STAFF REPORT**

Agenda Date: 01/21/09

Reviewed by: BP

SUBJECT: Change in Start Time for City Council Meetings

REPORT BY: Jacqueline L. Bucholz, City Clerk

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Approve Resolution No. 09-1 – A Resolution of the Albany City Council Changing the start time of the City Council Meetings to 7:30 p.m.

BACKGROUND

At the November 4, 2008, election the voters approved Measure CC, which provides that the City change the start time of the Council meetings by either Resolution or Ordinance.

DISCUSSION

Section 2.04 of the City Charter states that City Council meetings start at 8:00 p.m. and has been in effect for many decades.

The length of the agenda and the complexity of issues have changed drastically since the 8:00 p.m. start time that is currently in the Charter. Meetings frequently go to 11 p.m. or later and the revision would allow more participation by the community especially for those that find late night meetings unworkable.

The 7:30 p.m. time is being recommended so that the meeting starts a little earlier but gives enough time before the start of the regular meeting for work sessions or executive sessions.

SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT

Not Applicable.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

None.