

# **CITY COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT**

DATE: JULY 20, 2023

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBERS

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SUBJECT: ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION NO. 2023-1855, ESTABLISHING

POLICIES AND PROCEDURES FOR COMPLIANCE WITH ASSEMBLY BILL 2449 RELATING TO TELECONFERENCE PARTICIPATION IN

**LEGISLATIVE MEETINGS** 

**MEETING** 

**DATE:** AUGUST 9, 2023

### **SUMMARY RECOMMENDATION:**

That the City Council adopt Resolution No. 2023-1855, establishing Policies and Procedures for compliance with Assembly Bill 2449, relating to Teleconference participation in legislative meetings.

### **BACKGROUND:**

Assembly Bill 2449, effective January 1, 2023, amends the Brown Act, California Government Code Sections 54950 et seq., as it pertains to teleconference meeting participation by legislative body member

AB 2449 will significantly curtail the ability of legislative body members to attend meetings virtually as compared to the relaxed teleconferencing laws that were enacted at the beginning of the COVID-19 and have seen been in effect. Addressing these complex new regulations uniformly across all of the City's legislative bodies will require the establishment of policy and procedure.

The City Council wishes to establish Policies and Procedures for compliance with Assembly Bill 2449, relating to Teleconference participation by Councilmembers and Commissioners in legislative meetings.

Resolution No. 2023-1855 shall sunset and be deemed rescinded on January 1, 2026, if not rescinded prior to that date. Notwithstanding the prior sentence, in the event AB 2449 is extended to apply to meetings after January 1, 2026, this Resolution shall be deemed to extend to conform to the extended date identified in any extension of AB 2449.

## FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact for the adoption of this policy. However, there will be associated costs to run hybrid meetings should the need arise.

## **RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

Staff recommends the City Council adopt Resolution No. 2023-1855, establishing Policies and Procedures for compliance with Assembly Bill 2449, relating to Teleconference participation in legislative meetings.

#### **ATTACHMENTS:**

Resolution No. 2023-1855 and accompanying policy.