

City of Tacoma

City Council Action Memorandum

TO: Hyun Kim, Interim City Manager

FROM: Bucoda Warren, Chief Policy Analyst to the Mayor; Paige Armstrong, Office of the Mayor

COPY: City Council and City Clerk

SUBJECT: 2025 Revised Cancelled City Council Meetings - August 26, 2025

DATE: August 7, 2025

SUMMARY AND PURPOSE:

A resolution revising the approved cancellation of regular City Council meetings and study sessions in 2025: Tuesday, January 21; Tuesday, February 18; Tuesday, March 11; <u>Tuesday, April 8 study session</u>; Tuesday, May 27; Tuesday, September 2; Tuesday, September 23; Tuesday, November 4; <u>Wednesday, November 12</u>; Tuesday, November 25; Tuesday, December 23; and Tuesday, December 30.

COUNCIL SPONSOR:

Mayor Woodards

BACKGROUND:

Per Section 2.8 of the City Charter as amended by a vote of the people during the general election on November 5, 2024, entitled Procedure of the Council, the City Council shall hold at least 70 regular meetings each calendar year which includes Council meetings and study sessions.

At the December 10, 2024, study session, the City Council discussed the following dates as proposed options for the cancelled City Council meetings and study sessions in 2025. The proposed resolution would amend the approved cancellations as shown below:

- Tuesday, January 21
- Tuesday, February 18
- Tuesday, March 11
- Tuesday, April 8 (study session only)
- Tuesday, May 27
- Tuesday, September 2
- Tuesday, September 23
- Tuesday, November 4
- Wednesday, November 12
- Tuesday, November 25
- Tuesday, December 23
- Tuesday, December 30

Most of the dates selected fall one day before or after a legal holiday. Per Rule 1A of the Rules of the Procedure of the Council of the City of Tacoma, entitled Regular Meetings, if a legal holiday is on a Tuesday, the regular meeting shall be held on the next business day. In 2025, the City of Tacoma observes Veterans' Day on Tuesday, November 11, 2025, and would hold the regular meetings of that week on Wednesday, November 12, 2025.

To remain responsive to community needs and ensure Council participation in significant local events, adjustments to the Council meeting schedule have been made. These changes allow Council Members to be present and engaged in key community activities, while also maintaining an adequate number of business meetings, particularly through holiday months to ensure timely action on city matters.



ALTERNATIVES:

The City Council could determine alternative dates to cancel.

STAFF/SPONSOR RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that these City Council meetings and study sessions be cancelled in 2025 and requests City Council consideration at the August 19 Council meeting.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact.