



**TO:** Elizabeth Pauli, City Manager  
**FROM:** Doris Sorum, City Clerk, City Attorney’s Office  
**COPY:** City Council  
**SUBJECT:** **2019 Cancelled City Council Meetings – December 18, 2018**  
**DATE:** December 4, 2018

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**SUMMARY:**

A resolution approving the cancellation of six regular City Council meetings in 2019: January 2<sup>nd</sup>, March 12<sup>th</sup>; May 28<sup>th</sup>; September 3<sup>rd</sup>; November 26<sup>th</sup>; and, December 26<sup>th</sup>.

**SPONSOR:**

Mayor Woodards

**BACKGROUND:**

Per Section 2.8 of the City Charter, entitled Procedure of the Council, the City Council shall hold at least forty-six regular meetings each calendar year. Therefore, the City Council, by a majority vote, can cancel up to six meetings in 2019, and still meet the regular meeting requirements.

At the December 4, 2018 Study Session, the Mayor discussed options for the six meetings that the City Council can consider cancelling in 2019. The Mayor recommended canceling the following six City Council meetings: January 2<sup>nd</sup>, March 12<sup>th</sup>; May 28<sup>th</sup>; September 3<sup>rd</sup>; November 26<sup>th</sup>; and December 26<sup>th</sup>. Because some of the City Council meetings in 2019 fall on holidays, they will be moved to the next business day. Per the Tacoma City Council Rules of Procedure (Rule 1-Meetings, Section A-Regular Meeting), the January 1<sup>st</sup> Council meeting would be moved to the next business day which is Wednesday, January 2<sup>nd</sup>, and December 24<sup>th</sup> Council meeting would be moved to Thursday, December 26<sup>th</sup>. To remain consistent in holding Council meetings on Tuesdays, it is recommended these two meetings be canceled. In addition, most of the other dates selected fall near a legal holiday, with the exception of March 12<sup>th</sup>, during the Annual National League of Cities Conference in Washington D.C., which several Council Members typically attend.

**STRATEGIC PRIORITY:**

- Encourage and promote an open, effective, results-orientated organization

**ISSUE:**

For agenda planning purposes, each year the City Council discusses their preference for which City Council meetings to cancel in the next calendar year. They must hold at least forty-six regular meetings each year, which gives the Council the option of canceling six meetings in 2019.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Mayor is recommending these six City Council meetings be canceled in 2019 and requests City Council consideration of the resolution at the December 18<sup>th</sup> Council meeting.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

No fiscal impact.