



TO: Elizabeth Pauli, City Manager
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SUBJECT: **2020 Canceled City Council Meetings – December 17, 2019**
DATE: December 4, 2018

SUMMARY:

A resolution approving the cancellation of seven regular City Council meetings in 2020: January 2nd, January 21st, March 10th; May 26th; September 8th; December 22nd; and, December 29th.

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 seven meetings in 2020, and still meet the regular meeting requirements, since there are 53 Tuesdays.

At the December 3, 2019 Study Session, the Mayor discussed options for meetings that the City Council can consider cancelling in 2020. The Mayor recommends canceling the following seven City Council meetings: January 2nd, January 21st, March 10th; May 26th; September 8th; December 22nd; and, December 29th. Because one of the City Council meetings in 2019 falls on New Year’s Eve, per the Tacoma City Council Rules of Procedure (Rule 1-Meetings, Section A-Regular Meeting) the meeting will be moved to the next business day, which is Thursday, January 2, 2020. To remain consistent in holding Council meetings on Tuesdays, it is recommended the first meeting in 2020 be canceled. In addition, most of the other dates selected fall near a legal holiday, with the exception of March 10th which is during the Annual National League of Cities Conference in Washington D.C. Several Council Members typically attend the conference which would make it difficult to have a quorum at that City Council meeting.

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 seven meetings in 2020.

RECOMMENDATION:

Mayor is recommending these seven City Council meetings be canceled in 2020 and requests City Council consideration of the resolution at the December 17th Council meeting.

FISCAL IMPACT:

No fiscal impact