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FROM: Mayor Anders Ibsen and Bucoda Warren, Chief Policy Analyst to the Mayor
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SUBJECT: A resolution approving the cancellation of eight regular City Council meetings and study sessions in 2026; Tuesday, January 20; Tuesday, February 17; Tuesday, March 17; Tuesday, May 26; Tuesday, September 8; Tuesday, November 24; Tuesday, December 22; and Tuesday, December 29. – Requested for January 6, 2026
DATE: January 2, 2026

SUMMARY AND PURPOSE:

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COUNCIL SPONSORS:

Mayor Anders Ibsen

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.

The following dates are proposed options for the cancelled City Council meetings and study sessions in 2026:

- Tuesday, January 20
- Tuesday, February 17
- Tuesday, March 17
- Tuesday, May 26
- Tuesday, September 8
- Tuesday, November 24
- Tuesday, December 22
- Tuesday, December 29

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 2026 no observed holidays fall on a Tuesday.

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.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT/ CUSTOMER RESEARCH:

Staff connected with Mayor Woodards for guidance on cancelled meetings for the following year, and based on past practice and commonly canceled meetings, provide this initial list of cancelled meetings. Staff also reached out to



Council Members for any other known religious or community holidays that might make attendance at Council Meetings difficult.

2025 STRATEGIC PRIORITIES:

Equity and Accessibility:

Cancellation of meetings for holidays and known Council events allows the City and the public to be more proactive in planning for the year, allowing for time off and attendance at community events.

ALTERNATIVES:

Alternative(s)	Positive Impact(s)	Negative Impact(s)
1.Change cancelled meeting dates	NA	NA

EVALUATION AND FOLLOW UP:

At any time over the year the Council may amend these cancelled meetings to add more meetings to support the City Council in accomplishing its business, or cancel meetings for Council events and community events.

STAFF/SPONSOR RECOMMENDATION:

We recommend the cancellation of the proposed meetings for the City Council in 2026.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no direct fiscal impact to this legislation.