

City of Richmond

Report to Committee

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General Purposes Committee

Date:

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From:

To:

David Weber

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Re:

Director, City Clerk's Office

RESCHEDULING OF JANUARY 23RD, 2006 REGULAR COUNCIL MEETINGS

Staff Recommendation

That the regular open and closed Council meetings scheduled for Monday, January 23rd, 2006 be rescheduled to Tuesday, January 24th, 2006 to accommodate the Federal General Election.

David Weber

Director, City Clerk's Office

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FOR ORIGINATING DIVISION USE ONLY CONCURRENCE OF GENERAL MANAGER (Act)		
REVIEWED BY CAO	YES	NO

Staff Report

With the recent announcement that the Federal General Election will be held on Monday, January 23rd, 2006, it would be appropriate to address the *Election Act* requirement to provide three consecutive hours of voting time for staff (and Council). Another issue is accommodating the members of the public who may wish to attend the Council meeting scheduled for that evening, but who must instead use that time to vote. The circumstances whereby a Federal General Election fell on the day of a Council Meeting occurred in June, 2004, November, 2000, October, 1993, and in those years, the 4:00 p.m. closed (In Camera) meeting and the 7:00 p.m. regular Council meeting were rescheduled to the following day, and this is the procedure that I recommend for this Federal election. If Council agrees with this rescheduling, appropriate notices will be posted to advise the public, and an announcement can be made at the preceding meeting on January 9th, 2006 under 'Public Announcements and Events'.

David Weber

Director, City Clerk's Office

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