

Report to Committee

To:

General Purposes Committee

Date:

December 2, 2014

From:

David Weber

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Director, City Clerk's Office

Re:

2015 Council and Committee Meeting Schedule

Staff Recommendation

That the 2015 Council and Committee meeting schedule, attached to the staff report dated December 2, 2014, from the Director, City Clerk's Office, be approved, including the following revisions as part of the regular August meeting break and December holiday season:

- (1) That the Regular Council meetings (open and closed) of August 10, August 24, and December 29, 2015 be cancelled; and
- (2) That the August 17, 2015 Public Hearing be re-scheduled to Tuesday, September 8, 2015 at 7:00 pm in the Council Chambers at Richmond City Hall.

David Weber

Director, City Clerk's Office

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REPORT CONCURRENCE	
CONCURRENCE OF GENERAL MANAGER	
REVIEWED BY STAFF REPORT / AGENDA REVIEW SUBCOMMITTEE	INITIALS:
APPROVED BY CAO	

Staff Report

Origin

Under the *Community Charter* and the Council Procedure Bylaw, Council must provide for advance public notice of Council and Committee meetings and, at least once per year, advertise the availability of the Council meeting schedule. Accordingly, the 2015 Council meeting schedule is being presented at this time (see Attachment 1) to provide certainty and advance notice of Council's regular meeting schedule.

Analysis

August Meeting Break

In accordance with the Council Procedure Bylaw No. 7560, Council resolutions are required for any changes to the prescribed Council meeting schedule. Therefore, to accommodate the August meeting break, it is recommended that the Regular Council meetings of August 10 and 24, 2015 be cancelled. Also, as a result of the City Hall closure over the holiday season, it is recommended at the Regular Council meeting of December 29, 2015 also be cancelled.

Changes to the Committee meeting dates can be altered at the call of the Chair as circumstances arise closer to the dates of the meetings, and do not require a Council resolution. The only changes that staff propose to the Committee schedule is a change to the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Committee (PRCS) meeting that would normally fall on July 28, 2015, the day after the last Council meeting before the August meeting break. Instead, and in order for Council to consider any recommendations from this meeting at the Regular Council meeting of July 27, 2015, it is proposed that the PRCS Committee meeting be moved to the previous week (Thursday, July 23, 2015).

With regard to the August Public Hearing, in keeping with past practice, staff propose that it be re-scheduled from August 17, 2015 to September 8, 2015. This change to the Public Hearing schedule minimizes the delay, due to the August meeting break, for consideration of land use applications that have been given first reading. There would be no need for a second scheduled Public Hearing during the third week of September.

December Holiday Season

City Hall will be closed from Friday, December 25, 2015, and will be re-opening on Monday, January 4, 2016 in recognition of the holiday season. Staff propose that the December 22, 2015 Public Works and Transportation Committee meeting be moved to the previous week (December 16, 2015). Also, as with the last PRCS meeting prior to the summer meeting break, it is proposed that the PRCS meeting of December 29, 2015 be moved to December 16, 2015 – immediately following Public Works and Transportation Committee. A Special Council meeting would likely be called in conjunction with the last Committee meetings of the year in order to deal with any business arising from the committees that is of a time-sensitive nature.

Financial Impact

None.

Conclusion

It is recommended that the 2015 Council and Committee meeting schedule be approved with the suggested allowances for the Regular Council meeting break in August, and the holiday season in December, on the understanding that a Special Council meeting can be called with 24 hours notice should any unusual or urgent circumstances arise outside of the usual schedule. Such a meeting may be facilitated using a conference call, as permitted by the Council Procedure Bylaw No. 7560, for those Council members who wish to participate but are unable to attend in person.

David Weber

Director, City Clerk's Office

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Att. 1 – Proposed 2015 Council and Committee Meeting Schedule

2015

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CO Regular Council Mtg., 7:00pm Regular (Closed) Council Mtg., 4:00pm

CS Community Safety, 4:00pm

DP Development Permit Panel, 3:30pm

FC Finance, following 1st General Purposes Meeting of each month

GP General Purposes, 4:00pm

PC Planning, 4:00pm

PH Public Hearing, 7:00pm

PRC Parks, Recreation & Cultural

Services, 4:00pm

PWT Public Works &

Transportation, 4:00pm

Note: All meeting dates are subject to change.