

Council Agenda Report

From	Thomas Frutchey, City Manager
Subject:	Cancellation of January 3 and July 4, 2017 Regular Meetings
Date:	December 6, 2016

Facts

- 1. The Council generally meets at 6:30 p.m. on the first and third Tuesdays of every month. A regular schedule is beneficial for several reasons, including allowing the public to rely on the knowledge of upcoming meetings and to plan ahead.
- 2. During 2017, however, he first Tuesday of January falls on January 3 and the first Tuesday of July falls on July 4, Independence Day.
- 3. Given the likelihood that many Paso Robles residents and business owners will be either out of town or otherwise engaged over those two holiday weekends, holding a meeting on January 3 or July 4 (or even later in each of those two weeks) would not facilitate efforts by the public to be aware of the meetings, undertake any necessary efforts to become reasonably informed on the issues to be addressed, and provide appropriate and desired input to the Council.

Options

- 1. Take no action;
- 2. Cancel the January 3 and July 4 regular Council meetings
- 3. Provide alternative direction.

Analysis and Conclusions

Cancelling a Council meeting doesn't have to delay a Council decision needed by an individual constituency or by the public at large. There are no time-sensitive items that have been scheduled for the January 3rd meeting. If Council cancels the July 4 meeting, staff can plan ahead, ensuring there is no delay in a time-sensitive item that would otherwise be addressed at that meeting.

Cancelling a meeting does not lessen the number or range of items to be addressed by the Council or its workload. All the issues that would otherwise have been addressed on those two dates will be addressed at other regular meetings (which will then go later into the evenings) or at special meetings called by the Council.

Finally, cancelling one or two meetings a year is an accepted practice and tends to enable Councilmembers to take vacations during those open windows. This increases the number of other meetings during the year that benefit from having all five Councilmembers present.

Fiscal Impact

None.

Recommendation

Cancel the regular Council meetings scheduled for January 3 and July 4, 2017 and direct the City Manager to ensure that no City business is unreasonably delayed by the cancellations.

Attachments

1. 2017 Current Calendar

City of Paso Robles ~ 2017

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