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# Staff Report

## City of Manhattan Beach

**TO:** Honorable Mayor Cohen and Members of the City Council

**THROUGH:** Geoff Dolan, City Manager

**FROM:** Lindy Coe-Juell, Assistant to the City Manager

**DATE:** May 19, 2009

**SUBJECT:** Consideration of Cancelling the August 18, 2009 City Council Meeting

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**RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends that City Council approve cancelling the regularly scheduled August 18, 2009 City Council Meeting as consistent with the practice in recent years to allow for a one-meeting summer break.

**FISCAL IMPLICATION:**

There are no fiscal implications associated with the recommended action.

**BACKGROUND:**

The Manhattan Beach Municipal Code provides that City Council meetings shall be held on the first and third Tuesday of each calendar month. On July 3, 2007 the City Council adopted Ordinance No. 2104, which provides flexibility to reschedule or cancel any regular Council meeting by minute action.

**DISCUSSION:**

For the past several years, the City Council has gone dark twice a year. One meeting has been cancelled in August and one around the end of the year holiday season. This practice has enabled many people to plan vacation schedules around this time. It is recommended that City Council cancel the second meeting in August (August 18<sup>th</sup>) for a summer break. In early fall, we will review the Holiday schedule and the City Council can determine whether to cancel a meeting in December or January.