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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: September 1, 2009

SUBJECT: Consideration of Cancelling the January 5, 2010 City Council Meeting

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that City Council approve cancelling the regularly scheduled January 5, 2010 City Council Meeting as consistent with the practice in recent years to allow for a one-meeting Holiday 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 during the holiday season. This practice has enabled many people to plan vacation schedules around this time. In May, City Council took action to cancel the second meeting in August (August 18th) for the summer break. Looking ahead to this year's holiday schedule, it seems that the most logical choice for a winter break will be January 5th. Many people take vacation between the Christmas and New Year Holidays making it difficult to prepare for a meeting having the packets delivered on December 31st. Council action this evening would allow for plenty of advance notice for the public and planning purposes.