

## SULTAN CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM COVER SHEET

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ITEM #: Consent C 6

DATE: May 13, 2010

SUBJECT: Excused Absence

CONTACT PERSON: Laura Koenig, Clerk/Deputy Finance Director

**ISSUE:**

The issue before the Council is to approve the request from Councilmember Wiediger for excused absences from the May and June 2010 Council meetings.

**SUMMARY STATEMENT:**

Due to an ongoing medical problem, Councilmember Wiediger is unable to attend the Council meetings during the months of May and June 2010. Councilmember Wiediger will continue to receive and review the council meeting packets and staff will continue to keep him apprised of current issues.

The Council Meeting Procedures adopted in April 2007 provides the following procedure for excused absences:

**1.3 Attendance, Excused Absences:** RCW 35A.12.060 provides that a Councilmember shall forfeit his/her office by failing to attend three (3) consecutive regular meetings of the Council without being excused by the Council. Members of the Council may be so excused by complying with this section. The member shall contact the Chair prior to the meeting and state the reason for his/her inability to attend the meeting. If the member is unable to contact the Chair, the member shall contact the City Clerk, who shall convey the message to the Chair. The Chair shall inform the Council of the member's absence, state the reason for such absence and inquire if there is a motion to excuse the member. Upon passage of such motion by a majority of members present, the absent member shall be considered excused and the Clerk will make an appropriate notation in the minutes. If the motion is not passed the Clerk will note in the minutes that the absence is unexcused.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

Approved the excused absence of Councilmember Wiediger from the May and June 2010 Council meetings.