



AGENDA MEMORANDUM

First Reading for the City Council Meeting of June 25, 2024
Second Reading for the City Council Meeting of July 16, 2024

DATE: June 14, 2024
TO: Mayor and Council
FROM: Municipal Court Committee:
Council Member Roland Barrera, Chair
Council Member Sylvia Campos
Council Member Michael Hunter
Council Member Mike Pusley

Ordinance staggering the Presiding Judge term from the Full-time and Part-Time Judge
Municipal Court Judge terms

CAPTION:

Ordinance ending Presiding Judge Jacqueline Del Llano Chapa's current term and reappointing Jacqueline Del Llano Chapa as Presiding Judge for a two-year term of office beginning August 1, 2024, and ending August 1, 2026, effectively staggering the Presiding Judge term from Full-time and Part-time Municipal Court Judges' terms.

SUMMARY:

Currently, all Municipal Court judges serve two-year terms beginning March 28, 2023 and ending March 28, 2025. The proposed ordinance would effectively stagger the appointment date of the Presiding Judge to a two-year term beginning August 1, 2024 and ending August 1, 2026.

BACKGROUND AND FINDINGS:

The Municipal Court Committee met on June 14, 2024 to consider an ordinance staggering the term of Presiding Judge Jacqueline Del Llano Chapa from the full-time and part-time municipal court judge terms. The main advantage to staggering the presiding judge's term comes during the performance evaluation process. The presiding judge conducts annual performance evaluations on part-time and full-time judges. It would be difficult to have her own performance evaluation conducted at the same time. Staggering the presiding judge's term allows for a more efficient and equitable performance evaluation process. The committee approved the ordinance and recommended it for council consideration.

ALTERNATIVES: The Council could choose not to stagger the judges' terms.

FISCAL IMPACT: None

Funding Detail: N/A

Fund:

Organization/Activity:

Mission Element:

Project # **(CIP Only)**:

Account:

RECOMMENDATION:

The Municipal Court Committee recommends approval of the ordinance.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:

Ordinance