



AGENDA MEMORANDUM
City Council Meeting of March 8, 2022

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Briefing on Municipal Court's Backlog of Ordinance Citations and Warrant Roundup

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ISSUE:

There was a backlog of Municipal Court cases, specifically ordinance citations. This briefing will provide an update on the Municipal Court's action plan outcome after addressing these cases, and an update on the Warrant Roundup.

BACKGROUND:

Prior to COVID-19, all ordinance violations were automatically scheduled to an ordinance arraignment docket. In March of 2020 when the Court closed and due to scheduling restrictions, the case load increased and fell behind. As of January 3, 2022, there were 3,604 people who have a total of 10,713 City ordinance violations pending to be scheduled. These violations include people who were previously scheduled to in-person and virtual dockets and failed to appear, and new violations pending to be scheduled.

ACTION PLAN RESULTS:

The Court held in-person ordinance pretrial dockets at the American Bank Center (ABC). Below are the results of those cases:

- # of violations scheduled: 14,000,
- # of people scheduled: 3,274
- # of people that appeared: 293 with 1,267 cases
- # of warrants issued: 6,088
- # of pending warrants: 2,502
- # of cases resolved: 475
- # of cases dismissed or closed: 2,524
- # of cases reset: 867
- # of cases with no status change: 1,477

LIST OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:

PowerPoint – (Municipal Court 2021) Not included