



City of Corpus Christi

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Meeting Minutes - Draft

Municipal Court Committee

Thursday, September 29, 2022

9:00 AM

1st Floor Staff Conference Room

PUBLIC NOTICE

COUNCIL MEMBERS: Chairman John Martinez; Roland Barrera; Michael Hunter; and Ben Molina

A. Chairman John Martinez to call the meeting to order.

Chairman Martinez called the meeting to order at 9:15 a.m.

B. City Secretary Rebecca Huerta to call roll.

City Secretary Huerta called the roll and verified that a quorum was present to conduct the meeting.

Staff present: Presiding Municipal Court Judge Jackie Chapa; Gilbert Hernandez, Director of Municipal Court Services; Constance Sanchez, Chief Financial Officer; Miles Risley, City Attorney; and Buck Brice, Sr. Assistant City Attorney.

Present: 3 - Council Member John Martinez, Council Member Roland Barrera and Council Member Ben Molina

Absent: 1 - Council Member Michael Hunter

C. Public Comment

Chairman Martinez opened public comment. There were no members of the public present.

D. Approval of minutes

1. [22-1662](#) Minutes of the June 30, 2022 and September 21, 2022 meetings

A motion was made by Council Member Ben Molina, seconded by Council Member Roland Barrera, to approve the minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

E. Executive Sessions: (NONE)

F. Agenda items: (NONE)

G. Briefings:

2. [22-1663](#) Report to committee regarding the case load.

Judge Chapa reported on the following issues related to caseload: when she first took office, the court had a backlog of cases from 2008 forward; now, there is no longer a backlog since all cases have been touched - e.g. scheduled, warrant issued or dismissed; by statute, the judge can issue an order determining that cases are uncollectible if over 15 years old, and a process has been created to identify these cases; if statute of limitations applies to a case, a process has been created to identify these cases so judge can issue an order to dismiss; all cases have been touched; the goal is for all cases to be touched within 30 days; city ordinances have been amended to allow fines to be paid online rather than require people to come to court, send a summons right away rather than wait 14 days, and allow for a plea option; worked with City Attorney's Office to deal more efficiently with cases involving corporations; a request for more resources to allow Director Hernandez to make an extra effort to contact people with outstanding cases (e.g. text messages, calls, letters)

3. [22-1664](#) Municipal Court Monthly Statistics

H. Adjournment

There being no further business, Chairman Martinez adjourned the meeting at 9:54 a.m.