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Meeting Minutes - Draft

Municipal Court Committee

Thursday, June 30, 2022

1:30 PM

Staff Conference Room, 1st Floor City Hall

PUBLIC NOTICE

COUNCIL MEMBERS: John Martinez (Chair), Roland Barrera, Michael Hunter, and Ben Molina.

A. Call meeting to order

Chairman Martinez called the meeting to order at 1:45 pm

B. Roll Call

Assistant City Secretary Ruth Bocchino called the roll and confirmed a quorum was present to conduct the meeting.

Staff present: City Manager Peter Zanoni, Chief Financial Officer Constance Sanchez, City Attorney Buck Brice, and Executive Management Assistant Vickee Soliz.

Present: 4 - Council Member John Martinez, Council Member Roland Barrera, Council Member Michael Hunter and Council Member Ben Molina

C. Public Comment

Chairman Martinez asked for public comment. There were no comments.

D. Approval of minutes

1. [22-1146](#) Minutes of the March 10, March 24, and March 28, 2022 Meetings.

Chairman Martinez referred to Item 1.

Council Member Barrera made a motion to approve the minutes of March 10, March 24, and March 28, 2022 meetings, seconded by Council Member Molina and passed unanimously.

E. Executive Session:

The Committee went into Executive Session at 1:47 pm and returned at 2:30 pm.

2. [22-1147](#) Executive Session pursuant to Texas Government Code § 551.071 and

Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct Rule 1.05 to consult with attorneys concerning legal issues related to appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of all Municipal Court Judges and **Texas Government Code § 551.074** (Personnel Matters) to deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of all Municipal Court Judges with possible discussion and action in open session.

This E-Session Item was discussed in executive session.

F. Action Items: (NONE)

G. Briefings:

3. [22-1148](#) Update on Municipal Court Operations

Chairman Martinez referred to Item 3.

Board Members, Judge Jackie Chapa, and Director of Municipal Court Operations Gilbert Hernandez discussed hiring three part time judges, scheduling interviews, and a decision package for one more full-time judge; over budget with part-time employees; operations and dockets; Board Member would like a flow chart of operations; working on case loads; working with Information Technology to run status reports; municipal court clerks process reports and review to make status changes; process to send out citations; the court does not get citations on the same day they are issued; defendants are to pay every month via a payment plan; warrants issued for non-payment; collection agency fee is 30% charged to the defendant.

4. [22-1150](#) Review Municipal Court Matrix

Chairman Martinez referred to Item 4.

Council Members, Judge Chapa, and Director of Municipal Court Operations Gilbert Hernandez reviewed and discussed the matrix chart which is monitored monthly.

5. [22-1151](#) Recommendation to include \$50,000 in the FY2023 proposed operating budget for an outside agency to review the operations of Municipal Court in its entirety.

Chairman Martinez referred to Item 5.

Council Members and Chief Financial Officer Constance Sanchez discussed the recommendation to include \$50,000 in the FY 2023 budget for an outside agency to review Municipal Court operations. All members agreed to this recommendation.

H. Adjournment

Chairman Martinez adjourned the meeting at 3:16 pm.