



# City of Corpus Christi

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## Meeting Minutes - Final

### Municipal Court Committee

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Thursday, November 4, 2021

9:30 AM

City Council Chambers

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#### PUBLIC NOTICE

##### **COUNCIL MEMBERS:**

**John Martinez, Chairman**

**Roland Barrera**

**Michael Hunter**

**Ben Molina**

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

Chairman Martinez called the meeting to order at 9:35 a.m.

**B. City Secretary Rebecca Huerta to call the roll.**

City Secretary Huerta called the roll and verified that a quorum was present to conduct the meeting. The following staff members were also present: Presiding Judge Gail Loeb; Assistant City Attorney Buck Brice; and City Manager Peter Zaroni.

**C. Public Comment**

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

**D. Approval of minutes**

**1. [21-1279](#) Minutes of the April 2, 2021 Meeting**

A motion was made by Council Member Ben Molina, seconded by Council Member Roland Barrera, that the Minutes be approved as presented. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

**E. Agenda items: (NONE)**

**F. Briefings:**

**2. [21-1529](#) Report on Backlog of Cases at Municipal Court**

Presiding Judge Gail Loeb provided a chronology of COVID restrictions as they affect ordinance cases. Judge Loeb, City Manager Zaroni and committee members discussed

the following issues: has the backlog been completely addressed; the difference between disposed cases and set cases in defining the backlog; technology and resources need could be better allocated; compared to top 7 cities, Corpus Christi disposes of fewer cases; a contributing factor to the backlog was that judges were not working in person for a time; Municipal Court uses Encode to track cases, which is an improvement over the previous system, but not perfect; Municipal Court did not submit a budget request for new software in the most recent budget; request to increase the number of cases heard at the American Bank Center from 15 cases to 40 cases; perceived lack of prosecutors affects the number of cases that can be heard; committee direction for better coordination needed between city administration and Municipal Court. (NOTE: Items 3 and 4 were discussed in combination with Item 2.)

3. [21-1280](#) Review of municipal court data regarding case loads and dispositions, including, but not limited to collection of fees and costs.

This Briefing was presented (see Item 2).

4. [21-1528](#) Comparative analysis of other municipal courts in the state.

This Briefing was presented (see Item 2).

**G. Executive Session:**

5. [21-1281](#) **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 Municipal Court 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.**

The Committee went into executive session at 10:27 a.m. and returned at 10:53 a.m. No action was taken in open session.

**H. Adjournment**

There being no further business, Chairman Martinez adjourned the meeting at 10:54 a.m.