



COUNCIL JUDICIAL COMMITTEE MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2011

The City of Austin Council Judicial Committee convened on Wednesday, November 2, 2011, in the Boards and Commissions Room of City Hall, 301 West Second Street, Austin, Texas. Present were Mayor Lee Leffingwell, Council Member Martinez, and Council Member Bill Spelman.

The meeting was called to order by the Mayor at 3:07 p.m.

1. Citizen Communication: None

2. Minute consideration:

A motion was made by Council Member Spelman, seconded by the Mayor, to approve the minutes of the August 9, 2011 meeting without objection. The motion carried with all members present voting AYE.

3. Staff briefing and discussion regarding a Municipal Court/Northeast Substation:

Howard Lazarus stated that there have been no significant changes since the last Committee meeting. Several interested parties toured the united court system's building in Charlotte/Mecklenburg County, North Carolina in order to gain more information about "shared" courthouses. The Court Clerk also advised that there is significant vandalism at the Home Depot at St. Johns and IH-35, the site purchased a few years ago for the new courthouse and police substation. Building Services and the Project Manager are aware of this situation.

4. Discussion and possible action to approve a resolution relating to juvenile case manager ethics, requirements and training in accordance with recently enacted legislation:

Several requirements regarding juvenile case managers were enacted during the last legislative session. A motion was made by Council Member Spelman, seconded by Council Member Martinez, to approve the resolution. This resolution will be brought before the entire City Council on November 10th.

Discussion and possible action relating to a proposed city charter amendment governing the length of terms of Municipal Court judges

Presiding Judge Evelyn McKee brought up the possibility of a charter amendment providing for 2 year terms for newly appointed judges yet retaining the 4 year terms for re-appointed judges. Following discussion, it was suggested that Judge McKee get with the Law Department to check any legal issues and then she can request that this item be added to the list to be considered by the charter Amendment Task Force.

There being no further business or objection, the meeting was adjourned by the Mayor at 3:28 p.m.

Prepared by:

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Rebecca Stark".

Rebecca Stark
Clerk of the Municipal Court

APPROVED:

Approved by all members present at the Council Judicial Committee meeting held on June 6, 2012.

Rebecca Stark