



COUNCIL JUDICIAL COMMITTEE MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 8, 2012

The City of Austin Council Judicial Committee convened on Wednesday, August 8, 2012 in the Executive Session Room, First Floor Room 1027, City Hall, 301 West Second Street, Austin, Texas. Present were Mayor Lee Leffingwell and Council Member Martinez.

1. Call meeting to order:
The meeting was called to order by the Mayor at 9:34 a.m.
2. Citizen communication:
Mr. Gene Anthes, Jr., Attorney, expressed concern about the difficulties he and other attorneys have interacting with Substitute Judge Sonego when she is acting as a magistrate at the Travis County Justice Center. The Committee members asked Judge McKee to follow up on the issues.
3. Minute consideration:
A motion was made by Council Member Martinez, seconded by the Mayor, to approve the minutes of the June 6, 2012 meeting without objection. The motion carried with both members voting AYE.
4. Briefing, discussion and possible action regarding the process and additional information needed for the Committee to make recommendations to the City Council concerning candidates for appointment to the City of Austin Municipal Court of two Substitute Judges for the unexpired 2010-2013 judicial term:
Karen Sharp, Assistant Director of Human Resources, reviewed a notebook with information regarding the applicants for the two Substitute Judge positions.

The Mayor announced that the Committee would go into executive session to discuss personnel matters pertaining to the appointment of Substitute Judges. The executive session began at 9:50 a.m. The Committee returned and went back into open session at 9:58 a.m. with no decisions being made.

5. Discuss and recommend to Council finalists for appointment of two Substitute Judges to the Municipal Court for the unexpired 2010-2013 judicial term:
A motion was made by Council Member Martinez, seconded by the Mayor to recommend to the City Council to appoint Frank McCullough and Olivia Ruiz as Substitute Judges for the unexpired terms and to direct the staff to place this item on the August 23rd City Council agenda. There being no further discussion, the motion carried with both members present voting AYE.

6. Discuss and recommend to Council the compensation for two Substitute Judges being appointed for the unexpired 2010-2013 judicial term:

It was determined that an ordinance exists that sets the salary until the end of the term for all Substitute Judges and therefore, a recommendation is not needed.

7. Adjourn:

There being no further agenda items, the meeting adjourned without objection at 10:00 a.m.

Prepared by:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rebecca Stark". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Rebecca" being more prominent than the last name "Stark".

Rebecca Stark
Clerk of the Municipal Court

APPROVED:

Approved by Mayor Leffingwell and Council Member Martinez (Council Member Spelman was not in attendance for this agenda item) at the Council Judicial Committee meeting held on April 16, 2013.

Rebecca Stark