



COUNCIL JUDICIAL COMMITTEE MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2013

The City of Austin Council Judicial Committee convened on Thursday, September 12, 2013 in the Boards and Commissions Room, First Floor Room 1100, City Hall, 301 West Second Street, Austin, Texas. Present were Mayor Leffingwell, Council Member Martinez, and Council Member Spelman.

1. Call meeting to order:
The meeting was called to order by the Mayor at 10.33 a.m.
2. Citizen communication:
No citizens signed up to speak.
3. Minute consideration:
A motion was made by Council Member Martinez, seconded by Mayor Leffingwell to approve the minutes of the August 15, 2013 meeting without objection. The motion passes on vote of two to zero. Council Member Spelman was not on the dais.
- ~~6.~~ 4. Mayor had to leave at 11:15 and asked to reorder the agenda and make item number (6) item number (4) on the agenda. Discussion and possible action regarding appointment or reappointment of Associate Judges, Substitute Judges, and the Presiding Judge to the City of Austin Municipal Court for terms beginning January 1, 2014:

Christina Willingham, Human Resource Department, distributed to council results from the surveys conducted in June/July and an updated timeline with next steps from today that the City recommends. Council Member Martinez made a motion to reappoint all the Judges. Council Member Spelman requested further discussion in executive session.

Executive Session

The mayor announced that they would go into executive session pursuant to 551.074 of the code to take up agenda item number (4) to evaluate the performance of the Presiding Judge, Associate Judges, and Substitute Judges of the Austin Municipal Court. Then they moved to executive session room at 10:38 p.m.

The Mayor and Council returned from Executive Session at 11:23 a.m. The Mayor called the meeting back to order. Council Member Martinez explained they were going through the surveys and found some outliers that they have asked Paul Lloyd, Analysis, Human Resource Department to break down the surveys further before any decisions are made. This should be done over the next few weeks and we will reconvene in October. Council Member Martinez' motion was withdrawn and a substitute motion

was made to postpone item numbers 4, 5, and 6 by Council Member Spelman, seconded by Council Member Martinez and passes on vote 3 to 0.

4.5. Discussion regarding the Judicial Support Task Force (JSTF) of the City of Austin/Travis County/Austin Independent School District Joint Subcommittee:
- Item not brought up for discussion due to time constraints.

5.6. Discussion regarding the use of electronic recording of court proceedings in lieu of court reporters:
- Item not brought up for discussion due to time constraints.

7. Adjourn:
The meeting adjourned without objection at 11:24 a.m.

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APPROVED:

Approved by all members present at the Council Judicial Committee meeting held on November 25, 2013.
Yolanda McKnight.