

Ad Hoc Judicial Nomination Committee Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: Monday, April 08, 2019

Convened: 12:22 P.M.

Adjourned: 12:40 P.M.

Committee Members Present:

Council Member B. Adam McGough, Chair
Council Member Philip T. Kingston, Vice Chair
Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Adam Medrano
Mayor Pro Tem Casey Thomas
Council Member Carolyn King Arnold
Council Member Kevin Felder

Committee Members Absent:

Council Member Sandy Greyson
Council Member Jennifer S. Gates

Staff Present:

Genesis D. Gavino
Jon Fortune
Maxime Faye
Gloria Lopez Carter
Judge Preston Robinson
Chris Caso

AGENDA:

Call to Order

1. Judicial Salaries

Presenter(s): Nicole Williams, Vice Chair of the Judicial Nominating Commission (JNC)

Information Only:

This briefing provided the committee with recommendations for judicial compensation. The JNC looked at compensation in surrounding cities and recommended an increase of 28% or \$125,00 for full-time municipal judges, \$115,000 for part-time, and \$140,000 for Administrative Judges. JNC requested a proposal to be approved by Council as funds have already been allocated. Budget information had already been provided by the City Manager's Office and the fully loaded impact would be \$405,000. JNC also requested that City Council make these changes retroactive to August 1, 2018.

Action Taken/Committee Recommendation(s):

Committee requested further information from Staff to review prior to taking up the item at the April 22, 2019 meeting.

Motion made by:

Item passed unanimously:

Item failed unanimously:

Motion Seconded by:

Item passed on a divided vote:

Item failed on a divided vote:

2. Judicial Hearing Officer Recommendations

Presenter: Judge Preston Robinson, Municipal Courts

On September 28, 2017, the Dallas City Council passed an ordinance amending Chapter 27, "Minimum Urban Rehabilitation Standards," of the Dallas City Code. Section 19(a), of the Dallas City Code as amended, states the judicial hearing officers shall be recommended by the administrative judge and appointed by the City Council. On March 13, 2019, the administrative judge and 3 panel members interviewed 10 of 13 candidates for the vacant associate hearing officer positions. After reviewing all the written materials submitted by the candidates and conducting the interviews, the administrative judge respectfully recommends to the full City Council the candidates listed for appointment to 4 associate hearing officer positions- Lana Novak Byrne, Shereen El Domeiri, Shasta R. Brown, and Rachael Arien.

Action Taken/Committee Recommendation(s):

Motion to forward the JNC’s judicial hearing officers list to full council without changes.

Motion made by: CM McGough

Item passed unanimously:

Item failed unanimously:

Motion Seconded by: CM Kingston

Item passed on a divided vote:

Item failed on a divided vote:

APPROVED BY:

B. Adam McGough, Chair
Ad Hoc Judicial Nomination Committee

ATTEST:

Genesis D. Gavino, Coordinator
Ad Hoc Judicial Nomination Committee

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