

Ad Hoc Judicial Nomination Committee Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: Tuesday, September 4, 2018 **Convened:** 1:00 P.M. **Adjourned:** 1:15 P.M.

Committee Members Present

CM Adam McGough, Chair
CM Philip Kingston, Vice-Chair
CM Sandy Greyson
CM Jennifer Gates
CM Kevin Felder
Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Adam Medrano

Committee Members Absent

Staff Present

Maxime Faye
Judge Preston Robinson
Jon Fortune
Genesis Gavino
Chris Caso

AGENDA:

Call to Order

1. Approval of Minutes

Meetings March 26, 2018, April 23, 2018, and June 11, 2018 Ad Hoc Judicial Nomination Committee. CM Greyson noted that the minutes from January 8, 2018 also needed approval. An adjustment was made to approve January meeting minutes as well.
Amendment: Approve minutes from January 8, 2018.

Motion made by: CM Kingston

Motion seconded by: CM Greyson

Item passed unanimously:

Item passed on a divided vote:

Item failed unanimously:

Item failed on a divided vote:

2. Forward nominations for vacant municipal judge positions for recommendation by Ad Hoc Judicial to City Council.

Presenter: Mark Melton, JNC Chair

Information Only:

Chair Melton briefed the committee about a formerly approved municipal judge nominee withdrawing their name. The JNC met and voted to go to the next name on the list of candidates, Marsha Tillman. Chair Melton contacted Ms. Tillman and asked if she would accept the position and she said yes. Ms. Tillman is currently an associate judge so moving her to full-time would mean there will be an opening for a part-time judge. Another part-time judge resigned the preceding week and so the JNC has not been able to meet regarding these vacant positions. Chair Melton provided a rank order list of candidates that have already been approved by the Ad Hoc Committee and asked that they consider names 17-23 for approval. The City Attorney's office confirmed that the committee can approve the former list without having another meeting. From that list, #17, Mr. Crumpler, and #19, Ms. Sela, were contacted and they confirmed that they would accept the job. CM Kingston moved to approve the recommendations for all three positions. Council members Felder and Greyson were concerned about number 18 on the list and wanted to know how she had been contacted in regard to the position since she was ranked higher. The motion was not seconded.

CM Gates put forth a motion for Ms. Tillman to be nominated. CM Kingston seconded.

Action Taken/Committee Recommendation(s):

Committee to approve the full-time judge candidate, Ms. Tillman, for Council approval.

Motion made by: CM Gates

Motion seconded by: CM Kingston

Item passed unanimously:

Item passed on a divided vote:

Item failed unanimously:

Item failed on a divided vote:

CM Felder put forth a motion to hold off on nominating the associate judges to give time for the JNC to contact number 18. CM Greyson seconded his motion to hold. CM Kingston opposed holding due to the judges already being approved and qualified. CM Gates wanted to clarify the need for associate judges if they are as needed. Administrative Judge Robinson clarified that there are only 8 judges on average who are able to work the court. CM Gates put forth a motion to approve number 17 and 18 and if the Chair is not able to get a hold of them, the Ad Hoc committee recommends moving on to name 19.

Action Taken/Committee Recommendation(s):

Committee to recommend names 17 and 18 but if Chair Melton does not hear back from name 18, name 19 will be moved for approval.

Motion made by: CM Felder

Motion seconded by: CM Gates

Item passed unanimously:

Item passed on a divided vote:

Item failed unanimously:

Item failed on a divided vote:

APPROVED BY:

ATTEST:

B. Adam McGough, Chair
Ad Hoc Judicial Nomination Committee

Genesis D. Gavino, Coordinator
Ad Hoc Judicial Nomination Committee