



City of San Antonio

Agenda Memorandum

Agenda Item Number: 2

Agenda Date: May 26, 2022

In Control: Municipal Court Advisory Committee

SUBJECT:

Appointment of part-time Municipal Court Judges.

SUMMARY:

The Municipal Court Advisory Committee, in interviewing applicants for part-time San Antonio Municipal Court Judges, was unable to concur on a final nominee for one position, and wished to expand the pool to include applicants for a full-time position instead. Pending confirmation from Human Resources, additional applicants were contacted to ascertain interest. Terms for the judges are two years, expiring April 30, of even-numbered years. Duties include the performance of Magistrate duties, as assigned by the Presiding Judge.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

Municipal Court Judges are appointed by City Council every two years (even-numbered) years, with an effective date of May 1. Municipal Court Judges must: (1) be a U.S. citizen; (2) a Texas resident; (3) a licensed attorney in good standing; (4) have practiced law in Texas for a minimum of two years; and (5) a resident of the City of San Antonio for at least three years immediately preceding appointment.

The Subcommittee of the Municipal Court Advisory Committee undertook the appointment process in the Spring of 2022 to consider the applications and make recommendations for appointments.

ISSUE:

One part-time Municipal Court Judge position remains with no recommendation from the Committee. The Committee is meeting to discuss and possibly take action to recommend an applicant for Council appointment.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Judicial salaries and compensation are part of Municipal Court's General Fund FY 2022 Adopted Budget.

ALTERNATIVES:

The alternative would require qualification of new applicants and leave this position unfilled until such time as the Committee reaches consensus on an appointee.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends the Subcommittee recommend appointment of a qualified applicant.