

# Mayor and Council Communication

**DATE:** 03/21/23

**M&C FILE NUMBER:** M&C 23-0213

**LOG NAME:** 38SUBSTITUTE JUDGE APPOINTMENT 2023

**SUBJECT**

(ALL) Adopt Ordinance Appointing the Substitute Municipal Judges for a Two-Year Term Commencing April 1, 2023, and Ending March 31, 2025

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**RECOMMENDATION:**

It is recommended that the City Council appoint Thelma Anderson, Meng-Chi Ballard, Kim Marie Catalano, Laura E. Ganoza, Faye R. Harden, Joseph Henderson, and Terry Reeves as Substitute Municipal Judges for a two-year term commencing April 1, 2023 and ending March 31, 2025, or until a successor is qualified and appointed in accordance with state law.

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**DISCUSSION:**

**Appointment of Substitute Municipal Judges**

Chapter 30 of the Texas Government Code (the Uniform Municipal Courts of Record Act) sets out the requirements for appointment of judges for Municipal Courts of Record. Section 30.00008 of the Texas Government Code (the Uniform Municipal Courts of Record Act) states that the governing body of a municipality may appoint one or more qualified persons to be available to serve for a Municipal Judge who is temporarily absent due to illness, family death, continuing legal or judicial education programs or any other reason. The presiding judge shall select one of the qualified persons appointed by the governing body to serve during the absence of a Municipal Judge. The Substitute Judge, while serving as a Municipal Judge, has all the powers and shall discharge all the duties of a Municipal Judge.

On March 7, 2023, Chief Judge Rodgers presented an Informal Report to the Mayor and Members of the City Council concerning the Judicial Appointment Process. That process has now been completed. Chief Judge Rodgers is recommending to the City Council that Thelma Anderson, Meng-Chi Ballard, Kim Marie Catalano, Laura E. Ganoza, Faye R. Harden, Joseph Henderson, and Terry Reeves be appointed as Substitute Municipal Judges for a two-year term commencing April 1, 2023, and ending March 31, 2025.

If approved by Mayor and Council, the individuals listed above will be appointed as Substitute Municipal Judges for a two-year term commencing April 1, 2023, and ending March 31, 2025.

**Compensation of Substitute Municipal Judges**

Compensation for Substitute Municipal Judges is \$50.00 per hour worked.

A Form 1295 is not required because: This M&C does not request approval of a contract with a business entity.

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**FISCAL INFORMATION / CERTIFICATION:**

The Director of Finance certifies that approval of this recommendation will have no material effect on City funds.

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