



COUNCIL JUDICIAL COMMITTEE MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
OCTOBER 19, 2007

The City of Austin Council Judicial Committee convened in regular session on Friday, October 19, 2007 in the City Council Chambers of City Hall, 301 West Second Street, Austin, Texas. Present were Mayor Will Wynn, Council Member Mike Martinez and Council Member Sheryl Cole.

1. The meeting was called to order by the Mayor at 2:30 p.m.
2. A motion was made by Council Member Martinez, seconded by Council Member Cole, to approve the minutes of the June 5, 2007 regular meeting. There being no discussion, the motion carried unanimously.
- 3a. Following a PowerPoint presentation, Rebecca Stark, the Court Clerk requested that the Judicial Committee recommend to the City Council to enter into an interlocal agreement with the Texas Department of Public Safety to withhold vehicle registration renewals of defendants with outstanding traffic warrants issued out of the Austin Municipal Court until such time that the warrants are satisfied by the defendants. A motion was made by Council Member Martinez, seconded by Council Member Cole, to recommend approval to the City Council with follow-up on joint vehicle ownership and any resulting liability. There being no further discussion, the motion carried unanimously.
- 3b. Rebecca Stark, Court Clerk, requested that the Mayor proclaim November 5 – 9, 2007 as Austin Municipal Court weeks in conjunction with the Legislature's delegating the same week as Municipal Courts Week. It will be placed on the November 1st or 8th Council meeting agenda.
- 3c. Because the schedule has not yet been set for the City Council meetings in 2008, the schedule for the Judicial Committee could not be set. It is to be brought back to the December 11, 2007 regular committee meeting.
- 4a. Rebecca Stark, Court Clerk, briefed the Committee members on some of the most significant legislation that affected Municipal Court from the last legislative session.
- 4b. Rebecca Stark, Court Clerk, advised the Committee members of the status of the "cameras at red lights" program. Council Member Martinez asked that this item

be placed on the next Public Safety Committee meeting and the next Judicial Committee meeting.

- 4c. Presiding Judge Evelyn McKee presented the annual performance evaluations of the Municipal Court and Downtown Austin Community Court Judges. The Committee members will review the evaluations and let Judge McKee know if they need anything else from her.
5. There being no further business and no need for an executive session, the meeting was adjourned by the Mayor at 3:21 p.m.

Prepared by:

Rebecca Stark
Clerk of the Municipal Court