



COUNCIL JUDICIAL COMMITTEE MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
FEBRUARY 13, 2008

The City of Austin Council Judicial Committee convened on Wednesday, February 13, 2008 in the Boards and Commissions Room 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 11:25 a.m.
2. A motion was made by Council Member Martinez, seconded by Mayor Wynn, to approve the minutes of the October 19, 2007 regular meeting. There being no discussion, the motion carried unanimously with all members present voting AYE.
- 3a. Rebecca Stark, Court Clerk, discussed an updated PowerPoint presentation and answered questions pertaining to her request 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. An issue from the October 19, 2007 Judicial Committee meeting regarding joint vehicle ownership was provided in November by the Law Department and it will be the policy of the Court that joint owner vehicles will not be included in this program. Council Member Martinez requested an opinion from the Law Department about liability issues resulting from program errors. There being no further discussion, a motion was made by Council Member Martinez, seconded by Mayor Wynn, to recommend approval to the City Council with follow-up on liability issues by the Law Department. There being no further discussion, the motion carried unanimously.
- 3b. A meeting schedule, generally for 11:00 a.m. on the second Tuesday of every other month for the remainder of 2008, was presented. A motion was made by Council Member Martinez, seconded by Mayor Wynn, to approve the schedule. The motion carried unanimously with all members present voting AYE.
4. Greg Toomey, Court Administrator for the Downtown Austin Community Court (DACC), gave a brief presentation on the asbestos abatement situation at Project Recovery, the DACC's rehabilitation program for class 'b' enhanced public intoxication offenders. No action was taken.

5. There being no further business and no need for an executive session, the meeting was adjourned by the Mayor at 11:25 a.m.

Prepared by:

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