



City of Pflugerville

Minutes - Final - Final

City Council

Tuesday, April 17, 2018

6:00 PM

100 East Main Street, Suite 500

Worksession

1. Call to order

Mayor Victor Gonzales called the worksession to order at 6:00 p.m. Mayor Pro Tem Omar Peña and Councilmembers Doug Weiss, Jeff Marsh, Rudy Metayer, Mike Heath and Jim McDonald were in attendance. City employees attending: Trey Fletcher, Interim City Manager; Charles Zech, City Attorney; Cameron Cox, City Prosecutor; Lauri Gillam, Assistant City Manager; Caroline Davis, Interim Municipal Judge/Court Administrator; Karen Thompson, City Secretary.

2. Discuss only

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Discussion regarding the roles and responsibilities of the municipal judge and associate municipal judge.

Court statistical data and job descriptions for municipal judge and court administrator were distributed. There was discussion regarding the court statistics. Mayor Pro Tem Peña stated a need to look at code compliance violation rates and trends and there was related discussion. Discussion followed regarding dismissal rates.

Discussion followed regarding what changes the Council might like to see regarding the municipal court. Mr. McDonald suggested holding court three days a month to include the weekend. He noted a need for a weekend alternative as the population grows and diversifies. Mr. Weiss suggested trying one additional night or weekend court once a quarter on a trial basis. Mayor Gonzales agreed that they need to try different approaches. He stated that they need to hire a municipal judge to allow the judge to evaluate and make changes as needed. Mr. Zech stated that they have just implemented a third day each month for the prosecutor which will give another opportunity for people to come to an agreement with the prosecutor and that Judge Davis can approve those arrangements.

Mayor Gonzales stated that he thinks that Mr. Metayer believes that the judge should oversee the court and be a department that reports to the Council. Discussion followed. Mr. Zech provided information on cities which are run similarly to the City of Pflugerville. Discussion followed. Mr. Metayer stated that the court administrator runs the court and that should be the judge. Ms. Davis explained that area cities: Round Rock, Leander, Cedar Park, and Georgetown, are run similarly with court administrators and part-time judges. Mr. Wiess asked Mr. Metayer if he wants to hire a full-time judge and to give him/her the administration of the court. Mr. Metayer stated that he is not sure,

that he wanted to discuss. Mr. Heath requested to look at other cities' roles and responsibilities, cost structure, job descriptions and day to day operations. Ms. Gillam stated that they could look at the neighboring cities and provide the information. She asked for six weeks to compile it. There was continued discussion regarding court operations with Ms. Davis.

Mr. McDonald requested an item be placed on the April 24, 2018 agenda to discuss and consider action to appoint an interim municipal judge. There was some discussion if this item could be requested at this worksession.

3. Adjourn

Mayor Pro Tem Peña made a motion to close the worksession. Mr. Heath seconded the motion. The vote was: Mr. Weiss-no; Mr. Marsh-yes; Mayor Pro Tem Peña-yes, Mr. Metayer-no; Mr. Heath-yes; Mr. McDonald-no; Mayor Gonzales-yes. The motion carried. The worksession was adjourned at 7:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Thompson
City Secretary

Approved as presented on May 8, 2018.