

City of Copperas Cove

Information Item

February 18, 2015

Municipal Court Associate Judge's Term of Office

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SUBJECT: Clarification of the appointed term of office for Municipal Court Associate Judge

1. BACKGROUND/HISTORY

City Council originally appointed Bernard C. Jones as Municipal Court Judge on February 17, 2004. His reappointment was last approved by City Council December 3, 2013 for a two year term ending December 2, 2015. On February 17, 2015, the City Council took action not to reappoint B. C. Jones as the Associate Judge.

2. FINDINGS/CURRENT ACTIVITY

The City Council agenda item for February 17, 2015 did not provide the last reappointment term ending December 2, 2015. Therefore, B.C. Jones remains the Associate Judge through December 2, 2015 barring any subsequent action by City Council. The action taken on February 17, 2015 by City Council was simply to not reappoint B.C. Jones as the Associate Judge. City Council's action did not remove him from the position.

Staff will request direction from City Council on the process of seeking and appointing another Associate Judge by December 2015. It is anticipated that direction will be obtained through an agenda item presented in March 2015. Should the City identify and propose a new Associate Judge to replace B.C. Jones prior to the end of his current term, it would require City Council take specific action to remove B.C. Jones as the Associate Judge.

3. FINANCIAL IMPACT

No financial impact is associated with the preparation of the update.

4. STAFF RECOMMENDATION

N/A