

JUDICIAL ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES

March 7, 2007

The Judicial Advisory Board of the City of Mesa met in the lower level meeting room of the Council Chambers, 57 East 1st Street, on March 7, 2007 at 5:45 p.m.

COMMITTEE PRESENT

Chairman Marlon E. Branham
Stella Hunsaker
Linda Rottman
Joan Ruffennach
Murray G. Snow
David M. Talamante

COMMITTEE ABSENT

Michael B. Cowan

STAFF PRESENT

Kathleen Broman
Michael Claspell

(Chairman Branham excused Boardmember Cowan from the meeting.)

1. Approve minutes from the February 7, 2007 Board meeting.

It was moved by Boardmember Talamante, seconded by Boardmember Rottman, that the February 7, 2007 minutes be approved.

Chairman Branham declared the motion carried unanimously by those present.

2. Conduct a public hearing to receive comments on Magistrate Norine Richardson.

Presiding City Magistrate Matt Tafoya addressed the Boardmembers and recommended Magistrate Norine Richardson's reappointment for another four-year term. He acknowledged the presence of Magistrate Robin Allen, Court Administrator Paul Thomas and Administrative Support Assistant III Susan Bozile, who were also present to show their support for Magistrate Richardson.

Magistrate Tafoya stated that Magistrate Richardson's work ethic is exemplary. He commented that she completes courtroom assignments in a timely manner, presides over an orderly courtroom, and maintains her court calendar very efficiently. Magistrate Tafoya added that Magistrate Richardson is one of two magistrates selected to participate in the design process for the new Mesa Municipal Court Building.

There being no additional citizens present wishing to speak on this issue, Chairman Branham declared the public hearing closed at 5:52 p.m.

3. Interview Magistrate Norine Richardson.

The members of the Judicial Advisory Board posed selected interview questions to Magistrate Norine Richardson.

Chairman Branham thanked Magistrate Richardson for her input.

4. Convene an Executive Session.

a. Discussion or consideration of employment, assignment, appointment, promotion or resignation of a public officer, appointee or employee of the City. (A.R.S. 38-431.03A(1))

1. Reappointment items for Magistrate Richardson

It was moved by Boardmember Snow, seconded by Boardmember Rottman, that an Executive Session be convened at 6:45 p.m. to discuss the reappointment of Magistrate Norine Richardson.

Chairman Branham declared the motion carried unanimously by those present.

(At 6:55 p.m., the Board adjourned the Executive Session and reconvened its regular meeting.)

5. Discuss and make recommendations on the reappointment of Magistrate Norine Richardson for a four-year term.

It was moved by Boardmember Rottman, seconded by Boardmember Snow, that Magistrate Norine Richardson be reappointed for a four-year term.

Chairman Branham declared the motion carried unanimously by those present.

Chairman Branham stated that it was the consensus of the Board that it would be unnecessary to schedule further meetings until this fall, at which time the Board would begin to prepare for the 2008 reappointments.

6. Adjournment.

It was moved by Boardmember Snow, seconded by Boardmember Talamante, that the meeting of the Judicial Advisory Board be adjourned at 6:58 p.m.

I hereby certify that the foregoing minutes are a true and correct copy of the minutes of the Judicial Advisory Board meeting of the City of Mesa, Arizona, held on the 7th day of March 2007. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

LINDA CROCKER, CITY CLERK

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