

JUDICIAL ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES

March 5, 2003

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 5, 2003 at 6:00 p.m.

COMMITTEE PRESENT

Chairman Joe Shipley
James Keppel
Judith O'Neill
Cecil Patterson
Linda Rottman
Joan Ruffennach
Marilyn Wilson

COMMITTEE ABSENT

None

STAFF PRESENT

Denise Bleyle
Kathleen Broman
Debbie Spinner

City Attorney Debbie Spinner provided a brief overview of the procedures to be followed by the members of the Board during the meeting.

It was moved by Boardmember Keppel, seconded by Vice Chairman O'Neill, that the interviews of Magistrates Norine Richardson and Karl Eppich be limited to 45 minutes per person.

Carried unanimously.

Ms. Spinner reminded the Boardmembers that much of the information contained in their packets is confidential and should not be disclosed during the public hearing. She commented that if members of the Board have questions concerning any of the confidential information, the Board has the option of postponing its decisions tonight and requesting that an Executive Session be set to address those concerns.

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

Chairman Shipley declared a public hearing for the purpose of receiving comments on Magistrate Norine Richardson at 6:06 p.m. There being no one present wishing to speak on this issue, Chairman Shipley declared the public hearing closed at 6:07 p.m.

2. Interview Magistrate Norine Richardson.

The members of the Judicial Advisory Board posed selected interview questions to Magistrate Norine Richardson. Chairman Shipley thanked Magistrate Richardson for her input.

(Chairman Shipley declared a recess at 6:46 p.m. The meeting reconvened at 7:00 p.m.)

3. Conduct a public hearing to receive comments on Magistrate Karl Eppich.

Chairman Shipley declared a public hearing for the purpose of receiving comments on Magistrate Karl Eppich at 7:00 p.m. There being no one present wishing to speak on this issue, Chairman Shipley declared the public hearing closed at 7:01 p.m.

4. Interview Magistrate Karl Eppich.

The members of the Judicial Advisory Board posed selected questions to Magistrate Eppich. Chairman Shipley thanked Magistrate Eppich for his input.

5. 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 of Judge

It was moved by Boardmember Keppel, seconded by Boardmember Patterson, that an Executive Session be convened at 7:29 p.m. to discuss and consider the reappointments of Magistrates Norine Richardson and Karl Eppich.

Carried unanimously.

(At 8:14 p.m., the Board reconvened their regular meeting and the Executive Session adjourned.)

6. Discuss and make recommendations on the reappointment of Judge Norine Richardson for a four-year term and Judge Karl Eppich for a two-year term.

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

Carried unanimously.

It was moved by Vice Chairman O'Neill, seconded by Boardmember Ruffennach, that Magistrate Karl Eppich be reappointed for a two-year term.

Carried unanimously.

Chairman Shipley, on behalf of the members of the Board, thanked Magistrates Richardson and Eppich for their dedication and hard work at the City of Mesa.

Boardmember Keppel advised that tonight is his last meeting he will attend in the capacity of a member of the Board and stated that he would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the Boardmembers and staff for their hard work and the courtesy that they have shown him during his tenure on the Board. He added that it has been an honor to serve the City of Mesa and he wished everyone well in their future endeavors.

Boardmember Wilson noted that her term on the Board has also ended and commented that her service has been a great learning experience. She added that she has gained great respect for the ability demonstrated by the City Court Magistrates in dealing effectively with a myriad of different problems and situations on a daily basis.

Boardmember Peterson informed the Boardmembers that there is a possibility that he may retire in the near future, which would result in his inability to continue to serve on the Board. He concurred with Boardmembers Keppel and Wilson's comments and stated that he has enjoyed the opportunity to serve on the Board.

Boardmember O'Neill stated that she too has concluded her tenure on the Board and thanked everyone for the opportunity to participate in such an educational and interesting experience.

Chairman Shipley commented that it has been a distinct pleasure and privilege to serve with all of the departing Boardmembers and thanked them for their service to the City of Mesa.

7. Adjournment.

Without objection, the meeting of the Judicial Advisory Board adjourned at 8:21 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 5th day of March 2003. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

BARBARA JONES, CITY CLERK