

JUDICIAL ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES

January 5, 2000

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 January 5, 2000, at 8:08 a.m.

COMMITTEE PRESENT

James R. Hart, II
James Keppel
Judith O'Neill
Joe Shipley
Marilyn Wilson

STAFF PRESENT

Denise Bleyle
Linda Crocker
Ellen Pence
Walter Switzer
Kelly Walsh
Others

OTHERS PRESENT

None

COMMITTEE ABSENT

Chairman John Kerr
Cecil Patterson

Acting Chairman O'Neill excused Chairman Kerr and Boardmember Patterson from the meeting. Boardmember Hart joined the meeting at 8:10 a.m.

1. Approve minutes of the October 4, 1999 meeting.

It was moved by Boardmember Wilson, seconded by Boardmember Shipley, that the minutes of the September 8, 1999 meeting be approved.

Acting Chairman O'Neill declared the motion carried unanimously by those present.

2. Further discussion and consideration of the process for reappointment of magistrates.

A. Finalize the schedule for five reappointments.

Assistant to the City Manager Ellen Pence referred to a proposed schedule of meetings that will be held to conduct the reappointment process. Ms. Pence informed the Board that Boardmember Patterson's schedule conflicts with the proposed February 2, 2000 meeting and has asked that the date be changed to February 1, 2000. Hearing no objections from the members of the Board, Ms. Pence stated that the schedule will be changed to reflect the revised February 1, 2000 meeting date.

Ms. Pence also informed the Board that the proposed dates for the public hearings/interviews are February 29, 2000 (Switzer, Standage and Allen; 4-year reappointments) and March 8, 2000 (McKay and Lue Sang; 2-year reappointments) and said that the hearings will be conducted between 6:00 and 9:00 p.m.

Discussion ensued among the members of the Board relative to reappointment terms and the fact that the Board will submit their recommendations to the City Council for their consideration and action.

B. Finalize questions.

(At this time the Board entered into an Executive Session to discuss the issues listed under this agenda item.)

It was moved by Boardmember Keppel, seconded by Boardmember Wilson, that the Board enter into an Executive Session at 8:12 a.m.

Acting Chairman O'Neill declared the motion carried unanimously by those present.

3. Reconvene Judicial Advisory Board meeting.

The meeting of the Judicial Advisory Board reconvened at 8:40 a.m.

4. Discuss a report on expenses for pro-tem judges.

Presiding City Magistrate Walter Switzer stated that a report on expenses for pro-tem judges has been prepared in response to questions previously posed by Boardmember Shipley. Judge Switzer stated the opinion that the analysis will address Boardmember Shipley's inquiries into this matter.

Judge Switzer also expressed the opinion that the current policy of utilizing pro-tem judges should remain unchanged and noted that the judges are used on a sporadic rather than consistent basis. Judge Switzer informed the Board that the current process is more efficient and cost effective than hiring an additional full-time judge.

Boardmember Keppel concurred with Judge Switzer's remarks.

5. Adjournment.

Without objection, the meeting of the Judicial Advisory Board adjourned at 8:44 a.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 January, 2000. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

Dated this ____ day of _____ 2000

BARBARA JONES, CITY CLERK