

CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS • 11465 WEST CIVIC CENTER DRIVE • AVONDALE, AZ 85323

SPECIAL MEETING

June 9, 2014

6:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER BY MAYOR WEISE

1. **ROLL CALL BY THE CITY CLERK**

2. **INSTALLATION OF MAYOR KENNETH N. WEISE**

3. **INTERVIEW OF APPLICANTS FOR THE POSITION OF CITY JUDGE**

City Council will conduct interviews of the three best qualified candidates as recommended by the Judicial Advisory Board.

TIME	LAST NAME
6:10	Alison Ferrante
6:30	Craig Jennings
6:50	Michael Parascandola

4. **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The Council may hold an executive session pursuant to Ariz. Rev. Stat. § 38-431.03 (A)(1) for discussion regarding (i) the interviews of the finalists for the position of city judge, and (ii) the process for the appointment of a resident to fill the vacancy in the City Council.

5. **APPOINTMENT OF CANDIDATE TO FILL VACANCY IN THE OFFICE OF CITY JUDGE**

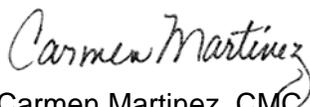
City Council will deliberate and may take action on the appointment of a candidate as City Judge for the City of Avondale. The Council will take appropriate action.

4. **APPOINTMENT OF CANDIDATE TO FILL VACANCY IN THE CITY COUNCIL**

City Council will discuss the process to follow for the appointment and possibly take action on the appointment of a resident to fill Council Member's Weise unexpired term. The Council will take appropriate action.

5. **ADJOURNMENT**

Respectfully submitted,



Carmen Martinez, CMC
City Clerk

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CITY COUNCIL AGENDA

SUBJECT:

Consideration of Candidates for Appointment as
City Judge

MEETING DATE:

6/9/2014

TO: Mayor and Council**FROM:** Carmen Martinez, City Clerk (623) 333-1214**THROUGH:** David Fitzhugh, Acting City Manager**PURPOSE:**

City Council will conduct interviews in consideration of the three candidates recommended by the Judicial Advisory Board for potential appointment as City Judge.

BACKGROUND:

In the fall of 2013, the Judicial Advisory Board was established to advise the City Council on the appointment of a new City Judge in anticipation of the retirement of the former Judge. Membership in the Judicial Advisory Board includes:

The Honorable Joseph Kreamer, Superior Court Judge
The Honorable Elizabeth Finn, Presiding Judge, Glendale City Court
Nonnie Shivers, Arizona State Bar Association
Edward Maldonado, Maricopa County Bar Association
Betty Lynch, Avondale Resident
Kathryn McKinney, Avondale Resident
Allan Switalski, Avondale Resident
Andi Welsh, Avondale Resident

Recruitment for the position was handled by the Human Resources Department. A notice of the vacancy was published on the Arizona Bar Career Center website, West Valley View, Arizona Supreme Court municipal judge vacancy website and the League of Arizona Cities and Towns. A press release was also issued. The position closed on March 2, 2014. Eighty-three applications were received.

DISCUSSION:

The JAB held its first meeting on April 8, 2014 to establish the process they would follow. Under the direction of Judge Finn, who was appointed Chairperson, they prepared a supplementary questionnaire to mirror the Supreme Court Judicial application. The questionnaire was forwarded to all 83 applicants; 62 applicants returned the completed questionnaire.

The JAB met again on May 14, 2014 to review the complete application packets of all 62 applicants and selected ten applicants which to interview on May 27, 2014. In accordance with the establishing ordinance, the JAB then selected three finalists to recommend to the City Council for

interview. The minutes of the Judicial Advisory Board's May 27th meeting are attached.

These three finalists have been invited to be interviewed by the City Council according to the following schedule:

6:10 pm	Alison Ferrante
6:30 pm	Craig Jennings
6:50 pm	Michael Parascandola

The interviews are scheduled to be conducted during an open meeting of the City Council. Upon conclusion of the interviews, the Council will adjourn to executive session to discuss the candidates and will return to the public meeting to deliberate further.

The City Council may accept or reject the board's advice and recommendations. The City Council may also refer a specific appointment back to the board for more investigation and findings and may request that the board recommend additional candidates for consideration. If the City Council elects to appoint a City Judge, the successful candidate will be installed at a future meeting.

RECOMMENDATION:

For information, discussion and action.

ATTACHMENTS:

Description

[JAB Meeting Minutes - 5.27.14](#)

CITY OF AVONDALE
JUDICIAL ADVISORY BOARD

TUESDAY, MAY 27, 2014

1:30 p.m.

Avondale City Hall Mesquite Conference Room
11465 W Civic Center Drive
Avondale, AZ 85323

MINUTES

The following members were in attendance:

Hon. Elizabeth Finn
Hon. Joseph Kreamer
Betty Lynch
Edward Maldonado
Kathryn McKinney
Nonnie Shivers
Allan Switalski
Andi Welsh

The following staff members were in attendance:

Cheryl Carrasco
Callie McGraw

Public Session:

Call to Order 1:35 pm

City Attorney Andrew McGuire entered the meeting

Approval of Meeting Minutes

Approved 4-8-2014 Meeting Minutes
Approved 5-14-2014 Meeting Minutes

Adjourned to Executive Session at 1:36p

Review of due diligence findings.

Moved out of executive session 2:15 pm

City Attorney Andrew McGuire exited the meeting

Break

Returned to Public Session at 2:28 pm:

Interviews commenced as follows:

Charlie Adornetto began interview at 2:29 p.m. He was asked the standard interview questions by the Board. His interview ended at 2:45 p.m.

Brian Burke began interview at 2:51 p.m. He was asked the standard interview questions by the Board. His interview ended at 3:05 p.m.

Sherri Rollison began interview at 3:13 p.m. She was asked the standard interview questions by the Board. Her interview ended at 3:24 p.m.

Steve Holding began interview at 3:27 p.m. He was asked the standard interview questions by the Board. His interview ended at 3:36 p.m.

Craig Jennings began interview at 3:42 p.m. He was asked the standard interview questions by the Board. His interview ended at 3:57 p.m.

Stephen Kupiszewski began interview at 4:16 p.m. He was asked the standard interview questions by the Board. His interview ended at 4:30 p.m.

James Morrow began interview at 4:38 p.m. He was asked the standard interview questions by the Board. His interview ended at 4:56 p.m.

Michael Wawro began interview at 5:03 p.m. He was asked the standard interview questions by the Board. His interview ended at 5:19 p.m.

Michael Parascandola began interview at 5:23 p.m. He was asked the standard interview questions by the Board. His interview ended at 5:38 p.m.

Alison Ferrante began interview at 5:44 p.m. She was asked the standard interview questions by the Board. Her interview ended at 5:57 p.m.

Adjourned to Executive Session at 6:12 pm

City Attorney Andrew McGuire entered the meeting

The board members discussed the interviews.

Return to Public Session at 7:05 pm:

The board identified the following three best qualified candidates for the vacancy, in alphabetical order:

Alison Ferrante – Boardmember Welsh moved to nominate. Motion seconded by Boardmember Lynch and carried unanimously.

Craig Jennings - Boardmember Welsh moved to nominate. Motion seconded by Boardmember Maldonado and carried unanimously.

Michael Parascandola - Boardmember Lynch moved to nominate. Motion seconded by Boardmember Walsh and carried unanimously.

A motion to request City staff prepare the written notice to the Council of those recommended for interview, and authorizing the Chair to attend the Council's e-session to provide input, if requested by the Council.

There being no further business before the Board, Chairperson Finn moved to adjourn the meeting. Motion seconded and carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 7:10 pm