

EUGENE CITY COUNCIL

AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY



Approval of Presiding Judge Term Extension

Meeting Date: July 14, 2014
Department: Municipal Court
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Agenda Item Number: 3C
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ISSUE STATEMENT

This is a consent calendar item to extend Presiding Judge Wayne Allen's term through December 2014.

BACKGROUND

Judge Wayne Allen has decided to seek reappointment in his role as Presiding Judge. The reappointment process is prescribed by Eugene Code, Section 2.011, which allows for a formal evaluation of the City's Presiding Judge once every four years by a citizen evaluation committee. This process takes approximately three months with the anticipated start date projected to be late August or early September. Judge Allen's four-year term expires in August 2014; therefore, it is requested the City Council extend the Presiding Judge's term through December 2014 to provide the committee additional time to complete the proper evaluation for reappointment.

The projected timeline would be to provide a City Council consent calendar item and process information by July 14, 2014. Upon approval, citizen evaluation committee members will be selected and begin meeting in September. A report will then be completed and returned to the council in November, with the council being in a position to take action on reappointment before winter break.

RELATED CITY POLICIES

Eugene Code, Section 2.011 allows for a formal evaluation of the City's Presiding Judge once every four years by a citizen evaluation committee. The last formal evaluation was conducted in 2010. Citizen evaluation of a judge's performance is an opportunity for citizen involvement in local government, and is a practice which is unique to the City of Eugene.

COUNCIL OPTIONS

The council has the following options:

1. Approve the City Manager's recommendations and, by consent, extend Presiding Judge Wayne Allen's term through December 2014.

CITY MANAGER'S RECOMMENDATION

The City Manager recommends extending Presiding Judge Wayne Allen's term through December 2014 to provide for appointment of the citizen evaluation committee to complete the four-year formal evaluation process required for reappointment.

SUGGESTED MOTION

Move to extend Judge Wayne Allen's term through December 2014 to provide ample time for completion of the four-year formal evaluation process as prescribed by Eugene Code, Section 2.011 required for reappointment.

ATTACHMENTS

No attachments.

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