

General Information

Municipal Court Chief Judge Cynthia Leung retired on January 13, 2025

City Charter, Section 1.160 states that a vacancy in the office of Mayor, Council Member or Municipal Judge must be filled by the majority vote of the entire City Council within 30 days after the occurrence of that vacancy.

Direction for Filling Judicial Vacancy

At the December 4, 2024 City Council meeting, City Council directed Human Resources to:

- Conduct an open recruitment to source candidates for the vacancy
- Council agreed to identify one representative each, along with a representative from the City Attorney's Office, Human Resources, and Municipal Court, to serve on the initial interview panel
- Council directed the interview panel to identify the top three candidates to proceed to a final interview with the following Council members: Councilwoman Seaman, Councilwoman Diaz, Councilwoman Allen-Palenske, Councilwoman Summers-Armstrong, and Councilwoman Brune

Recruitment Process

The position opened on December 9, 2024, and closed on December 16, 2024

We received a total of 15 applications; 11 applicants qualified; one candidate withdrew

Interviews with the following candidates occurred on January 6, 7, 8, 2025:

Kathleen Bergquist
Michael Brunet
Raeshann Canady
Peter Cleary
Madilyn Cole

Diana Collins
Patrick Ferguson
Allycia Murphy
Amanda Pellizzari
Matthew Walker

Recruitment Process (cont.)

The following were the initial interview panelists:

Jeff Rogan

John Abel

Ozzie Fumo

Richard Harris

Karen Bennet-Harom

Maggie Lambrose

Nechole Garcia

Jack Eslinger

Vincent Zamora

The initial interview panel identified Madilyn Cole, Amanda Pellizzari, and Matthew Walker as their top three candidates to advance to interviews with the previously mentioned Council members (Seaman, Diaz, Allen-Palenske, Summers-Armstrong, and Brune)

Recruitment Process

(cont.)

Interviews with the five Council members took place on January 30, 2025. Interviews were conducted in two separate rooms in order to comply with open meeting laws

The result of the interviews is as follows:

<u>Candidate Names</u>	<u>Final Rank</u>
Matthew Walker	1
Amanda Pellizzari	2
Madilyn Cole	3



Questions?