



AGENDA SUMMARY PAGE
City Council
Meeting of: February 5, 2025

Agenda Item No.:
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DEPARTMENT: City Manager
DIRECTOR: Mike Janssen

DISCUSSION

SUBJECT:

Discussion for possible action regarding the appointment of an Interim Municipal Court Judge, Department 1, from the following nominees: Madilyn Cole, Amanda Pellizzari, and Matthew Walker (\$214,849 - General Fund)

FISCAL IMPACT:

Budget Funds Available
Amount: \$214,849 + Benefits
Funding Source: General Fund
Dept./Division: Municipal Court

PURPOSE/BACKGROUND:

Department 1 Municipal Court Chief Judge Cynthia S. Leung retired effective January 15, 2025. Pursuant to Section 1.160 of the Las Vegas City Charter, any vacancy in the office of Mayor, Council Member, or Municipal Judge must be filled by a majority vote of the full City Council within 30 days of the vacancy. Following directions from the Mayor and City Council at the December 4, 2024 Council Meeting, Human Resources conducted an open recruitment for the Interim Municipal Court Judge position. A panel consisting of Mayor/Council designees and representatives from the City Attorney's Office, Human Resources, and Municipal Court conducted the initial round of interviews. The top three candidates – Madilyn Cole, Amanda Pellizzari, and Matthew Walker – were advanced to a second round of interviews with participating Councilmembers, which concluded on January 30, 2025.

RECOMMENDATION:

Appointment of a qualified individual to fill the seat of Municipal Court Judge Department 1 until the 2026 election cycle, when the seat will be up for election to fill the remainder of the term ending in 2028.

BACKUP DOCUMENTATION:

1. Submitted at Meeting – PowerPoint Presentation by Staff