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**City Council**  
**Meeting of: March 6, 2024**

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 (Caretaker) Municipal Court Judge, Department 5, from the following nominees: Peter Cleary and Mark Rouse (\$207,584 - General Fund)

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

Budget Funds Available  
Amount: \$207,584 + Benefits  
Funding Source: General Fund  
Dept./Division: Municipal Court

**PURPOSE/BACKGROUND:**

Department 5 Municipal Court Judge Cedric Kerns has submitted his resignation effective March 4, 2024. In accordance with the Las Vegas City Charter 1.160, 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. The interim judge must meet the following criteria:

1. Must devote full time to the interim position
2. Be a duly licensed member of the State Bar of Nevada in good standing, and have other such requirements as prescribed by any ordinance and City Charter
3. Be a resident of the City of Las Vegas
4. Not currently subject to disciplinary action by the State Bar of Nevada or any other court or tribunal
5. Not have been previously removed or retired from Judicial Office by the Commission on Judicial Discipline

The candidate selected will acknowledge, prior to appointment by the City Council, on the public record, that they understand the appointment is temporary and with the understanding that the candidate selected will not run for the office in the 2024 Municipal Election.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Appointment of a qualified individual to fill the seat of Municipal Court Judge Department 5 as a caretaker until a permanent judge is elected in the 2024 Municipal Election.

**BACKUP DOCUMENTATION:**

1. Judge Kerns' letter of retirement
2. Supporting Documentation for the Qualified Nominees