



Las Vegas

Agenda Item No.: 11.

AGENDA SUMMARY PAGE
CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF DECEMBER 20, 2006

DEPARTMENT: CITY CLERK
DIRECTOR: BARBARA JO ROXEMUS

Consent Discussion

SUBJECT:
BUSINESS ITEMS:

Discussion and possible action to appoint a Municipal Court Judge, Department 6 (\$136,560 - General Fund)

Fiscal Impact

- No Impact Augmentation Required
 Budget Funds Available

Amount: \$136,560
Funding Source: General Fund
Dept./Division: Municipal Court

PURPOSE/BACKGROUND:

Department 6 Municipal Court Judge Abbi Silver has submitted her resignation effective December 31, 2006. In accordance with Las Vegas City Charter 1.160, it will be necessary to fill this vacancy by majority vote of the entire City Council within 30 days after the occurrence of that vacancy.

The qualifications for election as a Municipal Court Judge are: Shall devote full time to the duties of his/her office; is a duly licensed member in good standing of the State Bar of Nevada; has never been removed or retired from any judicial office by the Commission on Judicial Discipline; is a qualified elector who has resided within the City for a period of not less than 30 days immediately before the last day for filing a declaration for candidacy. For an appointment to fill a vacancy, the appointee must have the same qualifications as are required of the elective official.

The Department 6 seat is an at-large, six-year term position that will be considered by City of Las Vegas voters during the 2007 Municipal Election process

RECOMMENDATION:

Appointment of a qualified individual to fill the seat of Municipal Court Judge Department 6

BACKUP DOCUMENTATION:

Judge Silvers letter of resignation

Motion made by OSCAR B. GOODMAN to Approve the appointment of Rob Bare as Municipal Court Judge, Department 6, with the understanding that he will not run for office in the 2007 Municipal Election

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Passed For: 7; Against: 0; Abstain: 0; Did Not Vote: 0; Excused: 0

LOIS TARKANIAN, LAWRENCE WEEKLY, LARRY BROWN, OSCAR B. GOODMAN, GARY REESE, STEVE WOLFSON, STEVEN D. ROSS; (Against-None); (Abstain-None); (Did Not Vote-None); (Excused-None)

Minutes:

MAYOR GOODMAN announced that JUDGE ABBI SILVER'S successful election to another judicial position left a vacancy in Municipal Court Department 6 as of December 31, 2006. The newly appointed judge for Department 6 will not be sworn in until January 3, 2007.

CITY CLERK RONEMUS addressed the Council regarding the information under the Purpose/Background section.

MAYOR GOODMAN indicated that Nevada is very fortunate to have such a wonderful Bar, from which to select someone to appoint to fill the vacancy left by JUDGE SILVER. The Mayor made the motion to appoint ROB BARE, Bar Counsel for the State Bar, with the understanding that he will not run for office in the 2007 Municipal Election.

MR. BARE noted that, as a citizen, he is very impressed by the many accomplishments of this Council. He then expressed sincere appreciation to the Council members for their confidence in appointing him. He also thanked the members of his office for all their assistance, and gave special thanks to his mother and father for his upbringing. He noted that his mom, his best friend, traveled to Las Vegas for this occasion, and he will follow her advice, as Department 6 Judge, of treating everyone that comes before him with respect and kindness.

COUNCILMAN WOLFSON stated that MR. BARE is a great addition to Municipal Court.