

**Meeting Date** (?) 11/21/2016

**Subject Matter**\* (?) Ordinance - Appointment of Associate Municipal Court Judges  
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**Department of Origin**\* MUNICIPAL COURT

**Submitted By**\* Chad Eixmann

**Type of Meeting**\*  BCD  Special  Regular

**Classification**\*  Public Hearing  Consent  Statutory  Regular

**Ordinance**\*  None  First Read  Second Read  First & Only Read

**Strategic Initiative**\*  Public Safety  Service  
 Economic Development  Infrastructure  
 Quality of Life

**Agenda Item Description**\* First Reading of an Ordinance - Associate Municipal Court Judges

First reading of an ordinance of the City Council of the City of Bryan, Texas, appointing Associate Municipal Court Judges for the Bryan Municipal Court of Record and setting length of term of appointment. Authorize the Mayor to sign two-year contracts with the Associate Judges.

**Summary Statement**\* The Bryan Municipal Court became the Bryan Municipal Court of Record when the City Council adopted Ordinance No. 1941, effective January 1, 2012. State law requires judges of a Municipal Court of Record be appointed by ordinance. The attached ordinance confirms the appointments of Associate Judges Colleen Batchelor, Michele Esparza, and Stephanie Imbrie. Presiding Judge Albert Navarro was appointed on June 1, 2015, and continues to serve as the Presiding Judge of the Court.

**Staff Analysis & Recommendation**\* State law sets out that judges of a Court of Record are appointed for either two (2) or four (4) year terms. Ordinance No. 1941, previously adopted by the Bryan City Council, established the term for the Bryan Municipal Court of Record judges as two (2) years. The work of the Bryan Municipal Court of Record addresses the City Council's strategic initiative of public safety. The Mayor should also be authorized to sign contracts with the Associate Judges once the ordinance is adopted.

**Options**\* (In Suggested Order of Staff Preference)

1. Adopt the ordinance.
2. Delay action.
3. Take no action.

**Funding Source**\* Judges are paid from the Municipal Court Budget (General Fund).

**Attachments** ORDINANCE\_APPPOINTING\_ASSOCIATE\_MUNICIPAL\_COURT\_JUDGES.docx 22.88KB

Please detail attachments and note attachments available for viewing in City Secretary's Office:

1. Proposed ordinance

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