



MEMORANDUM

Council Agenda
Item No. IV. F
6/21/2022

The City of OKLAHOMA CITY

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Judiciary Committee

Resolution appointing Jeffery Black, Klint Cowan, Larry Hazelwood, Gary Henry, Shawnae Robey, Walter Suttle, Meltem Karla Tankut, Philip Winters, and Paula Wood as Special Judges to a term of office beginning July 1, 2022 and expiring June 30, 2024.
Judiciary Committee

Background:

The legislature has enacted 11 O.S. 2011, §28-105, which provides in part that the City governing body in the event of the disqualification, disability or absence of a regular Judge of the Municipal Court of Record shall have power to appoint a Special Judge to sit for the duration of such disqualification, disability or absence.

Section 33-24, of the Oklahoma City Municipal Code, 2010, provides that the Council shall appoint a minimum of five Special Judges who shall be subject to the same qualifications and restrictions as a Municipal Judge and who shall act as a Municipal Judge during the absence, illness or disqualification of a Municipal Judge. Each Special Judge shall be appointed to office for a term of two years and shall serve until their successor is appointed and qualified and the term of office for Special Judges shall expire on June 30 of the appropriate year.

The term of Jeffery Black, Klint Cowan, Larry Hazelwood, Gary Henry, Shawnae Robey, Walter Suttle, Meltem Karla Tankut, Philip Winters, and Paula Wood will begin July 1, 2022 and expire June 30, 2024.

The City Council at the July 2, 2013 meeting (Item X.F.) set the fee for services of Special Judges of the Oklahoma City Municipal Court at \$100 per court session.

Review:

Municipal Court

Recommendation: Resolution be adopted.