



City of Denton

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AGENDA INFORMATION SHEET

DEPARTMENT: Human Resources
CM/ DCM/ ACM: Cassey Ogden, Interim City Manager
DATE: May 5, 2026

SUBJECT

Consider adoption of an ordinance of the City of Denton, appointing an Interim Municipal Judge to serve as the Presiding Judge of the Municipal Court of Denton for the remainder of the current term ending on September 30, 2026; approving an agreement in substantial form setting the compensation and terms for the Interim Presiding Judge with an effective date of May 18, 2026 and ending date of September 30, 2026; authorizing the Mayor to execute said agreement; authorizing the expenditure of funds; and providing an effective date.

BACKGROUND

In April 2026 City Council received notice of resignation from Municipal Judge Tyler Atkinson, effective May 17, 2026. Staff is bringing forward for Council consideration the interim appointment of Cynthia Burkett, who is currently an assistant judge with the City, to be appointed for the remainder of the current Municipal Court Judge term.

A Closed Session placeholder has been included on the May 5, 2026, agenda should Council have additional questions or wish to further discuss this matter.

Due to the time-sensitive nature of this transition, this item is being presented on the consent agenda for adoption, barring any additional questions or requested revisions.

OPTIONS

Approve the ordinance as proposed, do not approve the ordinance, or make modifications.

EXHIBITS

Exhibit 1 – Agenda Information Sheet
Exhibit 2 – Ordinance
Exhibit 3 – Interim Municipal Judge Agreement

Respectfully submitted:
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Director of Human Resources