

CITY OF FLAGSTAFF STAFF SUMMARY REPORT



To: The Honorable Mayor and Council
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Date: October 19, 2011
Meeting Date: November 1, 2011

TITLE: CONSIDERATION OF APPOINTMENT OF PRESIDING MAGISTRATE AND MAGISTRATE

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Discuss in Executive Session and make appointments at the Council meeting.

ACTION SUMMARY:

- Appoint Thomas L. Chotena as the Presiding Magistrate of the Flagstaff Municipal Court for a two year term beginning August 1, 2011; appoint Micheal Araujo and Charlotte Beyer as Magistrates of the Flagstaff Municipal Court for two year terms beginning August 1, 2011.
- Policy Decision or Reason for Action:
 - As required by charter and state statute the Flagstaff City Council has established and supported a Municipal Court for the City of Flagstaff. The Municipal Court hears and disposes of criminal, local code and traffic violations that occur within the city limits. In order to accomplish it's mandates the Court requires experienced and qualified judges on the bench.
- Connection to Council Goal:
 - The Municipal Court is a key player in the criminal justice system within the Flagstaff community. It's role is crucial to public safety concerns.
- Options
 - If the Council chose not to appoint any of these individuals it would create a vacant judicial position at the Municipal Court that would need to be filled through a public application process.
- Financial Impact
 - Appointments are for approved and budgeted positions and will require no changes to the City general funds.

Division Director (*Acknowledgment that all reviews have been completed and required approvals initialed below.*)