



City of Goodyear

Meeting Minutes

City Council Work Session

Meeting Location:
Goodyear Justice Center
14455 W. Van Buren St.,
Suite B101
Goodyear, AZ 85338

Mayor Georgia Lord
Vice Mayor Sheri Lauritano
Councilmember Joanne Osborne
Councilmember Joe Pizzillo
Councilmember Wally Campbell
Councilmember Bill Stipp
Councilmember Sharolyn Hohman

Monday, January 9, 2017

Goodyear Justice Center

Immediately following the Community Facilities District meeting that begins at 5:00 p.m.

1 CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Lord called the Work Session to order at 5:20 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

3. AGENDA ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:

- 3.1** [16-5932ws](#) Council will receive an update of judicial branch activity for the Goodyear Municipal Court for FY14-15 and FY15-16, as well as future Court initiatives.

Presiding Judge Michael Simonson and Court Administrator Crystal McCreery presented.

OPERATING HIGHLIGHTS

- *Total caseload decreased from 8,218 (FY15) to 7,764 (FY16).
- *The number of civil traffic cases decreased by approximately 600 while the number of misdemeanor, non-traffic (criminal) citations increased approximately 275. The increase is not easy to explain, but could be due to a number of factors.
- *Protective orders increased from 214 to 253.
- *The number of cases where a hearing is requested is also increasing. These cases involve more of the court's time and resources.

Clearance Rate:

- FY15: 113%
- FY16: 118%

The Administrative Office of the Courts auditor last conducted an operational review in 2010. Due to the Court's exceptional performance, no audit will be conducted in 2017.

TRAINING, DEVELOPMENT AND SUCCESSION PLANNING

Most city courts cannot continue to be a one-stop court dealing with all types of defendants and

all types of problems. The Court is starting to see more cases dealing with alcohol, substance abuse and mental health issues. As a result, the Court has undergone training with the Maricopa County Superior Court, Mental Health Court, to learn to handle "Rule 11" cases.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH AND PARTNERSHIPS

- *Partnership with the Goodyear Police Department for e-Citation project.
- *Intergovernmental agreement with the city of Litchfield Park Municipal Court.
- *Continued participation with Glendale Municipal Court Annual Stand Up for Veterans event.
- *Partnership with Maricopa County Regional Homeless Court.

4. INFORMATION ITEMS

None.

5. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, Mayor Lord adjourned the Work Session at 5:56 p.m.

Maureen Scott, City Clerk

Georgia Lord, Mayor

Date: _____