

***City Council
Legal Review Committee
Meeting Agenda***

**February 25, 2020
City Hall, Spruce Room
749 Main Street
8:15 AM**

- I. Call to Order
- II. Roll Call
- III. Approval of Agenda
- IV. Approval of Minutes: February 21, 2020
- V. Public Comments on Items Not on the Agenda
- VI. Discussion/Direction – Review of Judge & Deputy Judge Applications
- VII. Discussion/Direction – Review of Back Up Prosecuting Attorney Applications
- VIII. Discussion Items for Next Meeting
 - Retail Marijuana FAQs
- IX. Adjourn

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Meeting Minutes

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Call to Order – Councilmember Leh called the meeting to order at 8:15 am. Roll call was taken and the following members were present:

***Committee Members: Chris Leh, City Council
Deborah Fahey, City Council
Kyle Brown, City Council***

***Staff Present: Merydyth Muth, City Clerk
Heather Balsler, City Manager
Kathleen Kelly, City Attorney***

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved as presented.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes were approved as presented.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

None.

DISCUSSION/DIRECTION – 2020 COMMITTEE WORK PLAN

Councilmember Leh gave his list of items for consideration: selection of judges and back up prosecuting attorney; review evaluation process for appointed officials (add input from defense attorneys); review of legal documents (ordinances/contracts) and processes for more inclusive language; and complete evaluations of appointed officials.

Members discussed what would be needed for a full scale overhaul of language in the City Code and legal documents to make it more inclusive and gender neutral.

Councilmember Leh suggested consideration of a human rights ordinance to inclusion in the City code as a long-term goal.

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City Attorney Kelly suggested amending Title 1.04.030A with more inclusive language as a way to start the process.

Members were supportive of adding more inclusive language in the City's documents and processes in general and will begin looking at how to do it both for items going forward and in older documents while recognizing this needs to fit in with other priorities.

DISCUSSION/DIRECTION – REVIEW OF JUDGE & DEPUTY JUDGE APPLICATIONS

Members discussed what process they would like to use for the review. Ultimately they would like to interview 6-8 candidates.

Members discussed what qualifications they are looking for in candidates and weighted them.

- # of years of practice
- judge experience
- Municipal law experience
- Experience with children
- School/professional training
- References
- Current employment
- Past employment
- Life experience
- Judicial philosophy
- Demeanor
- Relatability
- Attitude toward Louisville
- Areas of legal expertise & experience
- Work ethic
- Organizational ability
- Efficiency
- Demonstrated interest in public service

DISCUSSION/DIRECTION – REVIEW OF BACK UP PROSECUTING ATTORNEY APPLICATIONS

Continued to next meeting.

DISCUSSION ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

Next meeting Tuesday, February 25 at 8:15 am.

April meeting will discuss retail marijuana FAQs.

ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 9:55 am.