



**PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE**  
**COMMITTEE MINUTES**  
October 14, 2024

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Committee Members Present:

1. Mayor Kirk Watson
2. Council Member Kelly
3. Council Member Vela

Committee Members Absent:

1. Council Member Qadri

Call to Order

**Chair Watson called the committee meeting to order at 2:00p.m.**

Public Communication: General

There is one speaker

Approval of Minutes

- 1. Approve the minutes of the Public Safety Committee meeting on Jun. 10, 2024.**

The minutes of the June 10, 2024 Public Safety Committee meeting were approved on Council Member Kelly's motion, and Council Member Vela's second, on a 3-0 vote, with Council Member Qadri off the dais.

Discussion and Possible Action

- 1. Discuss and recommend judicial appointments to the City of Austin Municipal Court.**

- a. The Committee received a briefing from:
- b. Council Member Vela made the following motion: Recommend to the full council that one Associate Judge (Brain Guerra) and three Substitute Judges (Randy Ortega, Rae-Ann Allong, and Susanna Meringola) be appointed to those positions. Council Member Kelly seconded the motion.

The motion passed/failed on a 3-0 vote with Council Member Qadri off the dais.

- 2. Discussion and possible action regarding the acquisition of facilities known as One and Two Barton Skyway as 1501 and 1601 South Mopac Expressway, Austin, Texas 78756, for use as a public safety headquarters for Austin Police Department, Austin Fire Department, and Austin Travis County Emergency Medical Services.**

- a. The Committee received a briefing from: Kimberly Olivares, Deputy Chief Financial Officer for the City of Austin.
- b. There are five speakers on this item

Executive Session

- 1. Discuss recommendations for judicial appointments to the City of Austin Municipal Court (Personnel matters - Section 551.074 of the Texas Government Code).**

- a. The Committee received a briefing from:

Future Items

No Future Items proposed

**Chair Watson adjourned the meeting at 3:06p.m.**

**To be added once the minutes are approved. Then submit to OCC:**

The minutes were approved on this the NUMBER day of MONTH YEAR on Council Member XX's motion, Council Member XX's second on an X-X vote.