

RESOLUTION NO. 640

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF UNIVERSITY PLACE, WASHINGTON, SUPPORTING THE FUTURE APPOINTMENT OF ERNEST HELLER TO THE POSITION OF MUNICIPAL COURT JUDGE FOR THE CITY OF UNIVERSITY PLACE FOR THE FIRST TERM OF THE CITY'S INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD FOR COURT SERVICES.

WHEREAS, under the state law, a municipal judge must be appointed within 30 days of the effective date of the ordinance creating the municipal court and the appointment is made by the City Manager and confirmed by the City Council; and

WHEREAS, the City has issued its termination notice to the County and has entered into an interlocal agreement with the City of Lakewood for the year 2011 for court services whereby the City of Lakewood shall provide municipal court services, including judicial services and whereby the City of University Place shall form its own court to be operated at Lakewood; and

WHEREAS, under the interlocal agreement, the City retains the ability to appoint its own judge to hear cases for University Place; and

WHEREAS, the City of University Place has not formed its own court at this time, but will do so in Fall of 2010; however, if the City wishes to appoint a judge other than the Lakewood municipal court judge during the first one year term of the interlocal agreement, the City would need to immediately begin the hiring process and the fee negotiations with Lakewood in order to be completed by the effective date of the formation of the court; and

WHEREAS, in order for an effective transition with Lakewood, to avoid increased hiring and salary costs during the current economic downturn, to maximize efficiencies in court operations, to obtain better statistical and cost information, and to evaluate the operation of the court contract, the City wishes to confirm its support for the appointment of Ernest Heller who is the current Lakewood municipal court judge to be the municipal court judge for the City of University Place for the first one year term of the interlocal agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF UNIVERSITY PLACE, WASHINGTON, AS FOLLOWS:

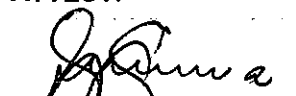
Section 1. The City Council supports the appointment of Ernest Heller to be the municipal court judge for the City of University Place for the first term of the City of University Place's interlocal agreement with the City of Lakewood for court services.

Section 2. Effective Date. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL ON MARCH 15, 2010.


Debbie Klosowski, Mayor

ATTEST:


Emily Genetta, City Clerk