

Unified Government of Athens-Clarke County, Georgia  
Mayor and Commission  
Special Called Session  
Wednesday, November 30, 2016  
5:10 p.m.  
City Hall Room 103

The Unified Government of Athens-Clarke County, Georgia met this date in a special called session. Present: Mayor Denson; Commissioners Dickerson, Sims, Link, Wright, Bailey, NeSmith, Bell and Herod. Absent: Commissioners Girtz and Hamby.

The purpose of the meeting was to receive nominations from Mayor Nancy Denson for interim Municipal Court Judges and Administrative Hearings Officers to serve from December 1, 2016 through January 31, 2017.

Citizen input

There was no citizen input.

New business – Consider under suspension of Rules

A motion was made by Commissioner Sims, seconded by Commissioner NeSmith, to suspend Rules of Commission for consideration of the item of business on this agenda. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

Mayor Denson presented the following nomination of Municipal Court Judges and Administrative Hearing Officers.

**GEORGIA, ATHENS-CLARKE COUNTY.**

**NOMINATION OF MUNICIPAL COURT JUDGES PURSUANT TO ATHENS-CLARKE COUNTY CODE OF ORDINANCES § 1-4-17 (f) AND NOMINATION OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARING OFFICERS PURSUANT TO ATHENS-CLARKE COUNTY CODE OF ORDINANCES § 1-5-1 (6)**

The undersigned Mayor of Athens-Clarke County finds that Hon. Leslie Spornberger Jones, Judge of the Municipal Court of Athens-Clarke County and Administrative Hearing Officer, has submitted her resignation from both offices effective as of November 30, 2016 and that upon the close of business of such date there will be a vacancy in the office of Judge of the Municipal Court of Athens-Clarke County and a vacancy in the office of Administrative Hearing Officer. The undersigned is conducting a search for a candidate to nominate to the Commission to fill the remaining terms of the Judge of the Municipal Court of Athens-Clarke County and Administrative Hearing Officer, respectively, or for such other terms for such offices as may be determined by the Commission, and in the interim there is a need to nominate and appoint Judges to serve pursuant to § 1-4-17 (f) of the Code of Athens-Clarke County, Georgia and Administrative Hearing Officers pursuant to § 1-5-1 (6) of the Code of Athens-Clarke County, Georgia. Pursuant to such authority, the undersigned does hereby nominate attorneys Jo Carol Nessel-Sale and Matthew Campbell Jordan, members of the State Bar of Georgia in good standing, to serve as Judges of the Municipal Court of Athens-Clarke County and as Administrative Hearing Officers from December 1, 2016 through January 31, 2017 and requests that the Commission confirm such nominees by Resolution.

A motion was made by Commissioner Bell, seconded by Commissioner NeSmith, to approve nominations for Municipal Court Judges and Administrative Hearing Officers as recommended by Mayor Denson and to adopt the following resolution. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

**RESOLUTION**

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COMMISSION OF ATHENS-CLARKE COUNTY:**

WHEREAS, a vacancy in the office of the Judge of the Municipal Court of Athens-Clarke County will exist as of December 1, 2016,

WHEREAS, a vacancy in the office of Administrative Hearing Officer will exist as of December 1, 2016,

WHEREAS, pursuant to § 1-4-17 (f) of the Code of Athens-Clarke County, Georgia, Mayor Nancy B. Denson has nominated attorneys Jo Carol Nessel-Sale and Matthew Campbell Jordan to serve as Judges of the Municipal Court of Athens-Clarke County from December 1, 2016 through January 31, 2017, and

WHEREAS, pursuant to § 1-5-1 (6) of the Code of Athens-Clarke County, Georgia, Mayor Nancy B. Denson has nominated attorneys Jo Carol Nessel-Sale and Matthew Campbell Jordan to serve as Administrative Hearing Officers from December 1, 2016 through January 31, 2017, and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Commission of Athens-Clarke County desire to appoint said nominees pursuant to the office of Judge of the Municipal Court of Athens-Clarke County, Georgia for such term,

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Commission of Athens-Clarke County desire to appoint said nominees pursuant to the office of Administrative Hearing Officer for such term,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Commission of Athens-Clarke County, Georgia:

Section 1. Jo Carol Nessel-Sale and Matthew Campbell Jordan, members in good standing of the State Bar of Georgia, are hereby confirmed and appointed as Judges of the Municipal Court of Athens-Clarke County, Georgia, to serve for a term beginning on December 1, 2016, and concluding on January 31, 2017, at midnight.

Section 2. The Judges so appointed shall have the authority under § 1-4-18 of the Code of Athens-Clarke County, Georgia to appoint standby associate judges as they deem necessary.

Section 3. Jo Carol Nessel-Sale and Matthew Campbell Jordan, members in good standing of the State Bar of Georgia, are hereby confirmed and appointed as Administrative Hearing Officers, to serve for a term beginning on December 1, 2016, and concluding on January 31, 2017, at midnight.

Section 4. The Administrative Hearing Officers so appointed shall have the authority under § 1-5-1 (5) of the Code of Athens-Clarke County, Georgia to appoint hearing officers pro hac vice as they deem necessary.

Section 5. The compensation of the Judges and Administrative Hearing Officers so appointed shall be Forty Dollars (\$40.00) per hour.

The meeting adjourned at 5:25 p.m.

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Clerk of Commission