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Memorandum

Date: December 28, 2015
To: Mayor Craft, City Council
From: Kenneth B. McKenzie, Court Administrator
Subject: Resolution to Appoint Alternate Municipal Judge

BACKGROUND: Judge Hollon has a conflict in Circuit Court on January 21, 2016, and this presents an appropriate time to start the year with a new Alternate Judge appointment for the Municipal Court. Judge Hollon feels that this particular conflict should only last several hours but would, at the least, have him late for the Municipal Court session of January 21, 2016, at 3:30 P.M. Because he also prosecutes in Foley and to avoid any conflict with that Court due to proximity and his prosecution services, he has suggested that Judge Michael J. Hoyt of the Daphne Municipal Court be appointed as Alternate for the City of Gulf Shores. Judge Hoyt has his law practice in Silverhill, Alabama, and has agreed to be considered. Judge Hollon can reciprocate with Judge Hoyt and act as Alternate Judge in Daphne if needed. This is a rare occurrence and has not been required for several years, but the City does legally need an Alternate Judge appointed in case of future conflicts.

RECOMMENDATION: Appoint Michael J. Hoyt, Daphne Municipal Judge as Alternate Judge for the City of Gulf Shores Municipal Court.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION: The Council has previously appointed Alternate Judges (Judge Murchison of Foley was the last) as a standard practice to assure the legality of any adjudication in the Municipal Court.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS: None (Judge Hollon to reciprocate for services rendered.)

ATTACHMENTS: None

DEPARTMENT: Municipal Court

STAFF CONTACT: Kenneth B. McKenzie