Agenda Item No. 15.

City of Wichita
City Council Meeting
July 8, 2008

TO: Mayor and City Council
SUBJECT: Municipal Court Judge Compensation
INITIATED BY: City Council
AGENDA: City Council

Recommendation: Approve salary increases for Municipal Court Judges.

Background: Charter Ordinance No. 191 provides that the compensation of Municipal Court Judges shall be set by the City Council. The ordinance also provides that the judges will be evaluated according to procedures established by the City Council. Pursuant to Charter Ordinance No. 191, the “City Council Policy on the Evaluation Procedures for Wichita Municipal Court Judges” provides the process for evaluating and compensating Municipal Court Judges.

Analysis: Vice Mayor Schlapp and City Council member Williams were designated by the City Council to conduct the review required by the Policy for compensation of all of the Municipal Court Judges. The judges have been evaluated based on their service from April 2007 to April 2008. Accordingly, it is recommended that each judge receive a 2% merit increase, retroactive to the third Tuesday of April, 2008.

Financial Considerations: The cost of the salary increases is budgeted in the Municipal Court Budget.

Goal Impact: The ordinance amendment addresses the Safe and Secure Community goal by providing adequate compensation for Municipal Court Judges.

Legal Considerations: None

Recommendations/Actions: Approve a merit increase of 2% retroactive to the third Tuesday of April, 2008 for all of the Municipal Court Judges.