

**MUNICIPAL COURT MEMORANDUM
#1-2023**

DATE: April 10, 2023

TO: Honorable Mayor Meredith Leighty and City Council Members

THROUGH: Heather Geyer, City Manager *hmg*
Jason Loveland, Interim Deputy City Manager *ALZ*

FROM: Amanda Bailhache, Presiding Municipal Judge

SUBJECT: Municipal Court Triannual Update

PURPOSE

To provide City Council with an update on the Municipal Court.

BACKGROUND

The Municipal Judge provides an update on the Municipal Court three times a year. The next update is set for September.

Court Operations

- Municipal Court is holding all sessions in-person. The dockets seem to be more efficient.
- The Northglenn Juvenile Community Service Program continues to be held two Sundays a month. The program is still run by Community Service Coordinators Sarah Skarie and Eddie Blackwell.
- Community Resource Navigator Jayme Schledewitz and Crisis Response Unit (CRU) Program Manager Jessica Hulse continue to be successful resources for defendants. Judge Amanda Bailhache continues to sentence some defendants to meet with Hulse as a condition of their sentence; it is a tremendously valuable alternative sentence.
- Hulse, Bailhache and Supervisor Jason Johnson developed a pilot problem-solving court named the Northglenn Community Court, which started in November. Community Court sessions continue to be held on the second Friday of the month in the CRU Resource Room during resource hours. Community Court had its first successful graduate in February.
- Municipal Court participated in STEM Lab's Government Day for fourth graders. Three classes came to the courtroom for a brief presentation by Johnson and Bailhache. Each class participated in a mock trial where the students played all the roles in a municipal court.

Changes

- The City Prosecutors have a designated clerk. The transition is going well and has resulted in a more efficient workflow for the Court and City Prosecutors.
- Municipal Court's final applicant for the full-time Probation Officer is in the final stages of background checks.

Upcoming Changes

- Municipal Court has made substantial progress in preparing to go paperless. The transition will start going hybrid in April, and by May the Court should be paperless.
- Vehicular nuisance cases have been filed with the Court. The City Prosecutor and Court Supervisor are working on the process.

BUDGET/TIME IMPLICATIONS

There are no financial or time impacts to the City.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

This item is for informational purposes only.

STAFF REFERENCE

If Council Members have any questions, please contact Amanda Bailhache, Presiding Municipal Judge, at abailhache@northglenn.org or 303.881.1303.