

## Agenda Item Attachment

January 21, 2020 City Council Meeting



**Agenda Item:** 11  
**Submitted by:** City Manager  
**Reviewed by:**  
**Budgeted Item:** No  
**For Action:** Yes  
**Attachments:** Revised Ordinance

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Revise Ordinance #316 from July meeting of 2019 to remove the City Secretary and Municipal Judge from unilateral authority of the City Manager.

### **Discussion:**

Hiring and(or) terminating the positions of City Secretary and Municipal Judge should be removed from the authority of the City Manager to eliminate conflicts of interest and possible avenues for fraud. Basically, the Municipal Judge should be free from conflict with the City Manager where the interests of the City could sway the court even if by accident. It should be obvious the City Manager does not need the authority to excuse citations or be otherwise in a position to interfere in the court since the Manager also drafts ordinances. The City Secretary is a check on the City Manager's access to City monies, and so the City Manager should not be able to directly terminate that position.

### **Recommended Motions:**

I motion the City amend Ordinance #316 regarding the role of Council and City Manager to exclude the City Secretary and Municipal Judge from the unilateral authority of the City Manager as revised on January 21, 2020.