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Mayor and Members of the City Council
STAFF REPORT
For the Meeting of December 11, 2023

Title/Subject

Resolution 2301- Return of A Misdemeanor Prosecution to Hermiston Municipal Court

Summary and Background

The final discussions and then decision from the City Council sending prosecution of all A Misdemeanors to the Circuit Court took place in April of 2014. There had been a lot of discussion with the District Attorney and Circuit Court officials leading up to that decision. Initially the decision was for a 20-month trial period. The City reevaluated after the 20 months and decided to leave that decision unchanged.

During the past 9+ years, the City has been increasing the efficiency of the Municipal Court through implementation of a new case management system and other process improvement efforts. All of this leads to a time where the Court is ready to have A Misdemeanor prosecution return to the Municipal Court.

Tie-In to Council Goals

Over the past several years, the City Council has had various goals related to this idea of A Misdemeanor prosecution.

2020

Take back adjudication of A Misdemeanors

2022

Explore options for providing mental health support services at Municipal Court.

2023

Develop a plan, gather data, and explore partnerships for a community court program.

Fiscal Information

N/A

Alternatives and Recommendation

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1. Approve Resolution 2301.

2. Modify Resolution 2301.
3. Reject Resolution 2301.

Recommended Action/Motion

Adopt Resolution 2301 as presented.

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