

**DATE:** June 7, 2011  
**STAFF:** Kathleen Lane

**AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY**  
FORT COLLINS CITY COUNCIL

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**SUBJECT**

Resolution 2011-051 Reappointing Gordon F. Esplin as Temporary Judge and Authorizing the Execution of an Employment Agreement.

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

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Council originally appointed Gordon F. Esplin as Temporary Judge (Assistant Municipal Judge) in 1989, and has reappointed him every two years thereafter. His current appointment terminates on June 30, 2011. Municipal Judge Kathleen M. Lane recommends that Mr. Esplin be reappointed for another two-year term.

Mr. Esplin has been paid \$85 per hour for his services for several years now. While that rate is well below the going rate for legal fees in Fort Collins, it is an appropriate rate for this occasional hourly service when compared with what other municipalities pay their Assistant Municipal Judges. Mr. Esplin has agreed to continue in this position at the current pay rate.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

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Staff recommends adoption of the Resolution.

RESOLUTION 2011-051  
OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORT COLLINS  
REAPPOINTING GORDON F. ESPLIN AS TEMPORARY JUDGE AND  
AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT

WHEREAS, Article VII of the City Charter allows the City Council to designate a temporary judge to serve in the absence of the Municipal Judge; and

WHEREAS, the City Council wishes to reappoint Gordon F. Esplin to serve in such capacity at the discretion of Municipal Judge Kathleen Lane.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORT COLLINS as follows:

Section 1. That Gordon F. Esplin is hereby appointed temporary judge, for a term beginning July 1, 2011 and ending June 30, 2013, to serve as a temporary judge for the City as deemed necessary by Municipal Judge Kathleen Lane.

Section 2. That the compensation to be paid by the City to Mr. Esplin for serving in this capacity shall be at the rate of Eighty-Five Dollars (\$85) per hour.

Section 3. That the Mayor is hereby authorized to enter into an employment agreement between the City and Gordon F. Esplin, to effectuate the purposes of this Resolution.

Passed and adopted at a regular meeting of the Council of the City of Fort Collins this 7th day of June A.D. 2011.

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Mayor

ATTEST:

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City Clerk