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TO: Personnel Committee
FROM: Kathleen M. McDaniel, City Attorney
RE: City Attorney's Office Update
DATE: December 21, 2021

In addition to drafting legislation and reviewing contracts as requested by City departments, the City Attorney's Office has worked on the following projects and initiatives since my December 3, 2021 update:

Environmental Remediation

- Lemberger Landfill: Work continues as planned.
- Gravel Pit: Newell cost recovery continues. PSC has approved watermain construction.
- WPS Superfund Site: No update.

Open Records Requests

- MGW Law re Renegades Bar (police reports)
- Chicago Title Company re tax roll

Litigation, Prosecution, and Neighborhood Improvement

- MAVCB and Hearty Olive are suing the City over the termination and non-renewal of the services agreement
- Assist Police with ordinance interpretation questions
- Blighted properties: Asst. City Attorney continues to work with Housing Inspector and Crime Prevention Sergeant to address, see updates from Chief Blaser to Public Safety for razing information

Economic Development

- Assist CD Department with upcoming projects
 - Metal Ware – waiting on developer
 - Old Heresite property -ongoing
 - Proposed housing developments
 - Other confidential developments

LEAN/BPI

- Assisted staff with advice on BPI events as needed
- Asst. City Attorney serving as chair of BPI committee
- Acquisitions event followup needed to be rescheduled due to staff absences

Insurance/Risk Management

- Reviewed claims filed against the City, reported to insurance and Finance as appropriate
- ADA Title II work in progress, bimonthly meetings scheduled
- Insurance company will be requiring two factor authentication in order to get robust cybersecurity coverage

Labor Matters

- Fire: Contract ratified and signed
- Assist unionized departments with personnel matters as needed
- Assist HR with policy interpretation, legal questions, and discipline as necessary

Office Matters/Additional Information

- CityLaw software was upgraded

Monthly Reporting on Workload

- 14 Requests for Legal Services received, 29 closed
- 4 new litigation matters (3 animal bites, 1 claim, lawsuit from MAVCB)
- 26 new citations sent over for prosecution, trials scheduled into spring 2022