



TO: Personnel Committee  
FROM: Kathleen M. McDaniel, City Attorney  
RE: City Attorney's Office Update  
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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 February 25, 2021 update:

#### **Environmental Remediation**

- Lemberger Landfill: Work continues as planned.
- Gravel Pit: Virtual Town Hall will be held June 8, 2021, Newell cost recovery continues.
- WPS Superfund Site: EPA sued WPS to recoup costs, WPS and City continue to discuss location and reconstruction.

#### **Open Records Requests**

- C. Gelardi – Climate Change Adaption
- C. Able – Razing Costs for Blight Program
- Hillman re properties on S 21 and S 23 St
- Local Labs re presidential election absentee ballots

#### **Litigation, Prosecution, and Neighborhood Improvement**

- 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
- Asst. City Attorney continuing annual training to Police Department at inservice

#### **Economic Development**

- Assist CD Department with proposed upcoming projects
  - Ammo
  - Metal Ware
  - Dramm
  - Petskull
  - Doneff's Schuette parking garage
  - Red Line
- Assist with Bayshore Trail development

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### **LEAN/BPI**

- Assisted staff with advice on BPI events as needed
- Asst. City Attorney serving as chair of BPI committee

### **Insurance/Risk Management**

- Reviewed claims filed against the City, reported to insurance and Finance as appropriate
- ADA Title II: Beginning work on effective communication self-audit, scheduling meetings for remainder of year

### **Labor Matters**

- Fire Department bargaining: Working with past union president to implement arbitration award, current union president has demanded meeting with Mayor
- Police: Contract ratified
- Assist unionized departments with personnel matters as needed
- Central States insurance coverage dispute
- Assist HR with policy interpretation as necessary

### **Office Matters/Additional Information**

- Prepared committee reports
- Office is open during normal business hours, outside customers by appointment only

### **Monthly Reporting**

- Since my February 25, 2021 report:
  - 41 Requests for Legal Services received, 44 closed
  - 0 new litigation matters
  - 56 new citations sent over for prosecution, trials scheduled into September 2021