TO: Personnel Committee

FROM: Kathleen M. McDaniel, City Attorney RE: City Attorney's Office Update

DATE: March 8, 2016

In addition to drafting legislation as requested by City departments, the City Attorney's Office has worked on the following projects and initiatives since our last meeting:

### **Environmental Remediation**

- Lemberger Landfill: No major updates to report.
- Gravel Pit: Our consultant continues to work on designs for the remediation solution. A meeting is set with the DNR in early April.

## **Business Process Improvement**

Citations: The only outstanding item is a backup being appointed for the Municipal Court Clerk.

### **Litigation and Prosecution**

- Review billing from contract prosecutor, which is under the budgeted amount
- Cover municipal court hearings when prosecutor has conflicts
- Continuing to discuss property transfer of 1512 Washington

#### Insurance

- Reviewed claims filed against the City.
- Work with MPIC (property insurance) to update fine arts endorsement as the Rahr-West recently received a new appraisal

### **Open Records**

- No unusual requests received.
- Three additional records trainings were conducted for front-line staff. Over 35 employees attend.

## Office Staffing

• Elizabeth Majerus accepted our offer for the Staff Attorney position and will start on Monday, March 14.

# **Monthly Reporting**

- Since my January 28, 2016 report:
  - o 39 Requests for Legal Services were received, 29 were closed
  - o 12 new litigation matters were opened, 5 were closed
  - o 41 new citations were sent over for prosecution, 30 were closed, 3 were diverted.