

TO: Personnel Committee

FROM: Kathleen M. McDaniel, City Attorney

RE: City Attorney's Office Update

DATE: February 25, 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 January 29, 2021 update:

Environmental Remediation

• Lemberger Landfill: Monitoring Plan Revision 5 has been sent out.

- Gravel Pit: Virtual Town Hall will be held June 8, 2021, Newell cost recovery continues.
- WPS Superfund Site: EPA sued WPS to recoup costs.

Open Records Requests

Keramida for records related to Skana Aluminum

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
 - o Ammo
 - o Metal Ware
 - o Dramm
 - o Petskull
 - o Doneff's Schuette parking garage
- Assist with Bayshore Trail development

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: Arbitrator issues award in favor of IAFF Local 368
- Police: Council ratified contract and is waiting on union ratification
- 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 January 29, 2021 report:
 - o 29 Requests for Legal Services received, 27 closed
 - o 0 new litigation matters
 - o 49 new citations sent over for prosecution, trials scheduled into September 2021