TO: Personnel Committee

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RE: City Attorney's Office Update

DATE: July 2, 2015

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: Monthly call pushed to 7/8 due to holiday, no update at this time.
- Gravel Pit: Council voted to approve water main extension, working to notify homeowners and proceed with project.

## **Business Process Improvement**

- Citations: BPI held June 10-11, with follow-up on June 22. The following action items were identified and will be discussed at a follow-up meeting in early August:
  - o Shorten initial appearance date from six weeks to five weeks
  - o Integrate CityLaw software to save paralegal time on data entry
  - o Identify and train backup for court clerk
  - o Research amnesty/discount on outstanding payments
  - o Research credit card field payment ability
  - o AEGIS read-only access for staff

### Municipal Court and External Legal Services

- Review billing from contract prosecutor, which is under the budgeted amount.
- Cover municipal court hearings when prosecutor has conflict
- Begin reviewing RFP for contract prosecution services in August

#### Insurance

- Reviewed claims filed against the City.
- CVMIC has created a property insurance company with WMIC and the League to address the issues with LGPIF rate increases and closing.

#### **Labor Relations**

- Fire Contract: Revised final offer to arbitrator due July 6.
- Police Grievance Smoking Surcharge: Still awaiting arbitration award.

### **Open Records Requests**

• No unusual or burdensome reports at this time.

### Monthly Reporting

- Since our last meeting on June 1
  - o 35 Requests for Legal Services were received
  - o 17 new litigation matters were opened
  - o 72 new citations were sent over for prosecution