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TO: Personnel Committee
FROM: Eric G. Nycz, City Attorney
RE: City Attorney's Office Update – May 2025
DATE: May 27, 2025

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 last update dated April 28, 2025:

Environmental Remediation

- Lemberger Landfill: Work continues as planned.
- Gravel Pit: Ned Witte continues as legal counsel. Watermain project continues. Cost recovery for 2023 and 2024 in progress.
- Mirro Plant No. 9: Godfrey Kahn and Ned Witte are legal counsel for cost recovery efforts pursuant to Wis. Stat. 292.33. We believe we will know by June 18 whether a lawsuit will be necessary to recover for this claim.
- WPS Superfund Site: No update.

Open Records Requests

- Open Record Requests from various departments, including suspected AI generated requests.

Litigation, Prosecution, and Neighborhood Improvement

- The owner of the Econolodge/Days Inn has filed for bankruptcy, which was dismissed via voluntary petition on May 22.
- 770 Albert Drive - A nuisance lawsuit is pending. The owner has been flagged by the State for non-compliance and is working on his other park for cleanup. We are on target for an amicable resolution.
- 3910 Waldo Blvd – This has been identified as a safety concern in the City. I have had conversations with the park's manager and she is coordinating with Building Inspection to clean up the park. We may need to blight/ eminent domain the property or determine that it is an official public nuisance if things do not improve.

Economic Development

- CD Department's upcoming projects
 - Old Heresite property: 8 acres still available, the City has moved debris piles from the Gravel Pit to this site to accommodate the solar farm
 - Olin/Winchester Option to Purchase: Less than 1 year on this option.
 - Lakeshore Mall site: progress has been swift. All buildings are down and infrastructure for the northern-most section should be complete by end of summer.

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Insurance/Risk Management

- Reviewed multiple claims filed against the City, reported to and consulted with insurance (CVMIC) and Finance as appropriate.
- City needs to appoint a new ADA coordinator and issue new policies as appropriate.

Labor Matters

- Assist unionized departments with personnel matters, as needed.

Office Matters/Additional Information

- Nothing major to report here.

Monthly Reporting on Workload

- Numerous Requests for Legal Services received – this is the majority of Attorney’s workload. The Office, generally, is extremely busy.
- Traffic/ordinance prosecution continues to be pre-trialed and scheduled for trial if requested.
- Few requests to reopen this month.
- Trials scheduled into November 2025.
- Jury trials scheduled into July 2025.