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TO: Personnel Committee
FROM: Eric G. Nycz, City Attorney
RE: City Attorney's Office Update – January 2025
DATE: January 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 December 18, 2024:

Environmental Remediation

- Lemberger Landfill: Work continues as planned.
- Gravel Pit: Ned Witte continues as legal counsel after leaving GK Law on good terms. Watermain project continues. Cost recovery for 2023 in progress.
- Mirro Plant No. 9: Godfrey Kahn and Ned Witte are legal counsel for cost recovery efforts. Progress is slow.
- WPS Superfund Site: No update.

Open Records Requests

- No Open Record Requests for the month of January.

Litigation, Prosecution, and Neighborhood Improvement

- The Econo Sheriff's Sale is scheduled for January 28, 2025 at 9:30 am. An updated letter was sent out via Certified Mail on January 13, 2024. I have been discussing a settlement with the owner's counsel but it is not certain if the owner will have any funds post-sale to use towards a settlement.
- 770 Albert Drive - A nuisance lawsuit is pending. Karl's Excavation has almost completed work; vehicles remain. The owner has been flagged by the State for non-compliance and is working on his other park for cleanup.
- 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 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
 - AMMO Option to Purchase: Approximately 1 year on this option.
 - Lakeshore Mall site: progress has been swift, but additional asbestos has been found in walls and is taking a little longer to remediate.

Insurance/Risk Management

- Reviewed two claims filed against the City, reported to and consulted with insurance (CVMIC) and Finance as appropriate.

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- City needs to appoint a new ADA coordinator and issue new policies as appropriate.
- No new claims for the month of January.

Labor Matters

- Assist unionized departments with personnel matters, as needed.

Office Matters/Additional Information

- A new draft of the WWTF to MPU is near completion.

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.
- Several requests to reopen this month.
- Trials scheduled into June 2025.
- Jury trials scheduled into April 2025.