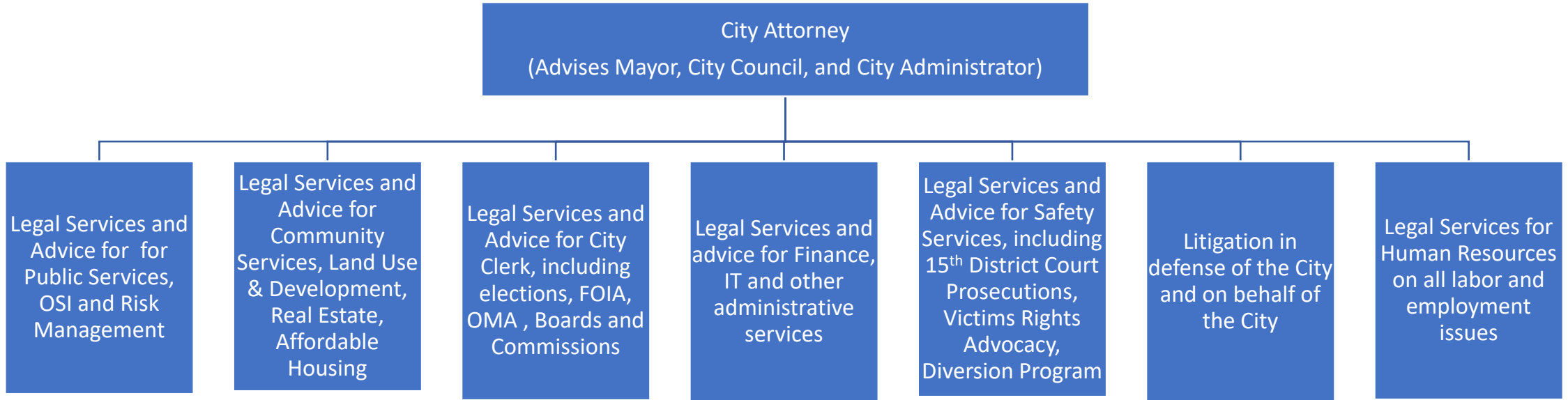




# CITY OF ANN ARBOR CITY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE FY24-5 BUDGET OVERVIEW

# CITY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE



The City Attorney is appointed by Council and performs all legal services for the City, including legal advice to City Council and Staff. The City Attorney is assisted 10 Assistant City Attorneys most of whom work cross functionally in the areas identified above. These services include; preparation and review of Ordinances, Resolutions, contracts and other legal documents, prosecution of persons accused of violating City Ordinances including victims' right advocacy and the diversion program, and representing the City and City Officials in lawsuits. The City Attorney does not provide legal advice to members of the public.

# CITY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE METRICS

## Scope of Service as Mandated by Charter

Provides legal advice to all Council, City Administration and Service Area Administrators and related employees as mandated by Charter

Prosecutes Ordinance violations and represent the City before Courts and Tribunals

Prepares and reviews legality of all Ordinances, contracts and all other legal instruments

# CITY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

## HORIZON ISSUES

### **General**

- Need for Legal Services in all Service Areas is generally increasing
- Need for Legal Services support to Boards and Commissions is also increasing

### **Community Services**

- Increased support for affordable housing initiatives, including development of affordable housing
- Increased support for renters' rights initiatives
- Increased support based on increased development activity in the City
- Advise regarding blighted/abandoned units
- Advise regarding marijuana facilities and liquor licenses
- Increased crossover with greenbelt, parks, sustainability initiatives
- Natural Gas franchise negotiations
- Representation of the City in the Michigan Tax Tribunal

# CITY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

## HORIZON ISSUES

### **Public Services**

- Increased support for public infrastructure improvements
- Increased support for transportation/mobility related initiatives
- Increased support based on A2Zero goals and sustainability initiatives for energy and other public infrastructure
- Increased need for easements and support for real estate issues

### **Finance and Administrative Services**

- Advice regarding procurement and amended BVP
- Revamping contract generation and review process
- Risk management – including review of claims and litigation

### **Information Technology**

- Increased contract activity related to IT agreements

### **HR**

- Support for new Chief Human Resources and Labor Relations Officer
- Supporting labor negotiations
- Creating template training on key legal issues for new hires

# CITY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

## HORIZON ISSUES

### **Safety Services**

- Revision of Ordinances
- Support for Unarmed Response Program
- Coordination with Community Mental Health
- Updates to OnBase for necessary data
- Enhanced training to AAPD

### **City Clerk**

- New developments in Election Law
- Enhanced training on FOIA for City Staff

### **Internal -- City Attorney's Office**

- Administrative improvements – matter management, litigation process, and staff professional development
- Increased transparency to City Council

# FY24-5 CITY COUNCIL BUDGET QUESTIONS PROCESS

Please send any FY24 budget questions to **Sara Higgins**, copying Milton Dohoney Jr., Marti Praschan, and Kim Buselmeier. Responses will be organized by topic and responded to throughout the budget season.

# THANK YOU!



## **Budget Public Process Website:**

<https://www.a2gov.org/departments/finance-admin-services/financial-reporting/budget-guide/Pages/BudgetPublicProcess.aspx>