



CITY OF ANN ARBOR FY23 BUDGET OVERVIEW: CITY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

FY23 Budget

City of Ann Arbor Pillars

Sustainability



Quality of Life



Positioning for Investment



Infrastructure



CITY ATTORNEY SERVICE METRICS

SCOPE OF SERVICE

Provide legal advice to Council, City Administration, Service Area Administrators, Boards and Commissions - as mandated by the City Charter

Prosecutes ordinance violations and represents the City before Courts and Tribunals - as mandated by the City Charter

Prepares and reviews legality of all ordinances, contracts and other legal instruments - as mandated by the City Charter

Key for Presentation

Type: R = Recurring Cost O = One-Time Cost

PILLAR 1 - SUSTAINABILITY	TYPE R/O
Sustainability of Governance (Applicability of Charter and Laws; Defense of City's positions.)	R
Sustainability of Services (Legal advice to all service areas, contracts, litigation etc.)	R
PILLAR 2 – QUALITY OF LIFE	R
Legal advice relating to all services furthering this pillar	R
Drafting and enforcement of ordinances	R
PILLAR 3 – POSITIONING FOR INVESTMENT	R
Legal advice related to City's financial issues and investments	R
PILLAR 4 -INFRASTRUCTURE	
Legal advice in all areas of infrastructure (contracts, litigation, etc.)	R
Legal advice to infrastructure of governance	R

CITY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE



The City Attorney is appointed by the City Council and performs all legal services for the City, including legal advice to City Officials, preparation and review of contracts and other legal documents, prosecution of persons accused of violating City ordinances, and representation of the City and City officials in lawsuits. The City Attorney's Office does not provide legal advice to members of the public.

City Attorney– HORIZON ISSUES

GENERAL

- Succession Planning – New City Attorney
- Increased work and legal issues generated by Boards and Commissions
- Increased work in all Service Areas

CITY ATTORNEY – HORIZON ISSUES

COMMUNITY SERVICES HORIZON ISSUES

- Continuing development activity on challenging parcels
- Support of Planning/Planning Commission regarding revised site plan approval process
- Revised development agreement form and process
- Affordable housing millage implementation
- Development of affordable housing on City-owned property
- Increased crossover with Greenbelt, Parks and Sustainability matters
- Increased training for rental housing and zoning inspectors on legal issues related to entry onto property and use of administrative warrants
- Increased work on hoarding and abandoned construction cases
- Provide support to City Clerk staff regarding marijuana facilities and liquor licenses
- Work with the Building Department on nuisance housing litigation
- Work with new Renters Commission

CITY ATTORNEY – HORIZON ISSUES

Safety Service Area Issues

- Modification of over 80 city ordinances to conform with state law, use gender neutral language and plain language with clearly defined penalty sections
 - Train the police about the changes in local ordinances
 - Work with the court staff to incorporate these changes into the database and provide workbooks to the judicial staff and judges that identify the changes
- Implementation of Community Policing Model
 - Modifying existing and executing consistent policies
 - Educating officers about co-produced community policing, as a partnership with police, ICPOC and prosecutions
- Community Mental Health Coordination
 - Continue training about the laws relating to mental health commitments
- Increased training to AAPD sworn and unsworn staff by providing caselaw updates, search and seizure
- Assist in the training of on-boarding of the new officers and cadets
- Opportunities to expand the criminal deflection program

City Attorney– HORIZON ISSUES

PUBLIC SERVICES/SUSTAINABILITY HORIZON ISSUES

- Increased Legal Impact of sustainability goals/efforts
 - Replacement of public infrastructure (energy efficiency, carbon sequestration, construction methods and materials, etc.)
 - Certification of energy usage and sustainability of sourcing of materials, labor and construction – how green are the city’s operations and its vendors
 - Moves away from fossil fuels toward electrification – Procurement, public and private buildings, vehicles
 - Technology – smart roads for autonomous vehicles, signals, cameras, data collection on roads and utilities and how that data is used and handled
- Accounting for climate change in public improvement projects
 - Climate-proofing public facilities, infrastructure, utilities and services
 - Identifying and implementing best practices for design and finding funding sources
- Transportation
 - Intersection of our roadway infrastructure and the need for more non-car transportation alternatives
 - Implementation of the best value purchasing charter amendment and ordinance

City Attorney– HORIZON ISSUES

PUBLIC SERVICES/SUSTAINABILITY HORIZON ISSUES

- Landfill Solar project
- Procurement – sustainability and technology will change procurement
- Gaining efficiencies in public services using technology
- Autonomous vehicles, smart roads, mobility, the internet of things including utilities and transportation and dwelling units and public spaces
- Several ordinances require revisions, including Chapter 47 Streets
- Increased easement projects including condemnation of land for City utilities
- Parks
 - B2B extension
 - Related to B2B extensions is the greenbelt / greenway

City Attorney– HORIZON ISSUES

FINANCIAL SERVICES

- Continued revision of contract processes
- Work with IT to complete OnBase contract/resolution creation program
- Contract Lifecycle Management – a streamlined management system
- Procurement – sustainability and technology will change procurement

City Attorney– HORIZON ISSUES

HUMAN RESOURCES HORIZON ISSUES

- New HR Director
- Work with HR regarding training
 - Investigation training for HR staff
 - HR training about interviewing techniques (FETI)- trauma informed investigations
- DEI Initiatives

FY23 CITY COUNCIL BUDGET QUESTIONS PROCESS

Please send any FY23 budget questions to **Sara Higgins**, copying Milton Dohoney, Marti Praschan, and Kim Buselmeier. Responses will be organized by topic and responded to throughout the budget season.

Please send any questions regarding legal impact issues to Interim City Attorney **Kevin McDonald** and (after April 11th) to City Attorney **Atleen Kaur**.

QUESTIONS AND DISCUSSION