

City Council Budget Presentation

FY 23/24 & 24/25

City Attorney's Office

Presented by: Salvador Navarrete, City Attorney



Overview

The City Attorney for the City of Lathrop:

Advises the City Council, City Manager and other City officials/staff on all legal aspects of municipal operations.

Assists staff in drafting staff reports, Resolutions, Ordinances, Agreements, and all other documents necessary to improve City Operations.

Negotiates and drafts various agreements.

Files and defends lawsuits on behalf of the City as necessary.

Prosecutes municipal code violations.

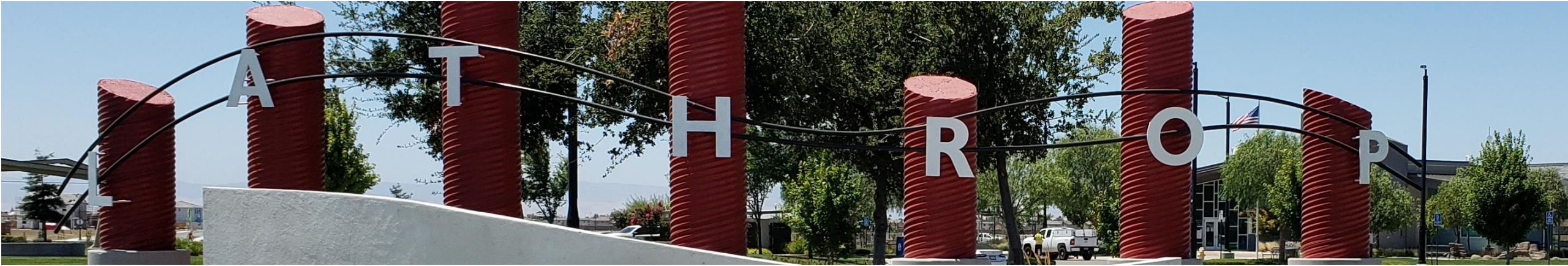
Manages the work or outside counsel as necessary.



Accomplishments

- Defended 21 claims against the City.
- Settled 64 City property damage claims against other parties; collected over \$207,000 in damages for the City.
- Reviewed and drafted responses to 505 requests pursuant to the CA Public Records Act.
- Reviewed and revised 2,817 documents.
- Participation in the National Opioid Epidemic Class Action Lawsuits which shall now result in settlement payments to the City for opioid epidemic remediation until 2036.
- Harlan Road Realignment Project:
 - Resolved litigation to allow the project to proceed.
 - Assisted in discussions resulting in a \$1.4mil collection from Union Pacific Railroad to the City for this project.

Goals



Continue to support development within Lathrop through legal support of staff working on adopted and proposed projects including: entitlements, development agreements, special district formations, subdivision improvement agreements, and SB5 compliance.

Continue efforts to collect sums due to the City from settled property damage claims against other parties.

Evaluate claims against the City and defend as directed by City Council.

Coordinate staff responses to Public Records Act requests.

Ensure compliance with and keep City Council and staff advised of new and evolving State and Federal laws.

Significant Changes



Fund	2022/23 Adopted Budget	2023/24 Proposed Budget	2024/25 Proposed Budget	FY 22/23 to 23/24 Inc/(Dec)	Comments
Administration					
Personnel Services	\$558,303	\$590,929	\$611,537	\$32,626	Increase from 22/23 to 23/24 is due to the annual adjustments in retirement, healthcare, and OPEB costs.