

City Attorney's Office Budget Presentation

FY 25-26 & 26-27

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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 of outside counsel as necessary.

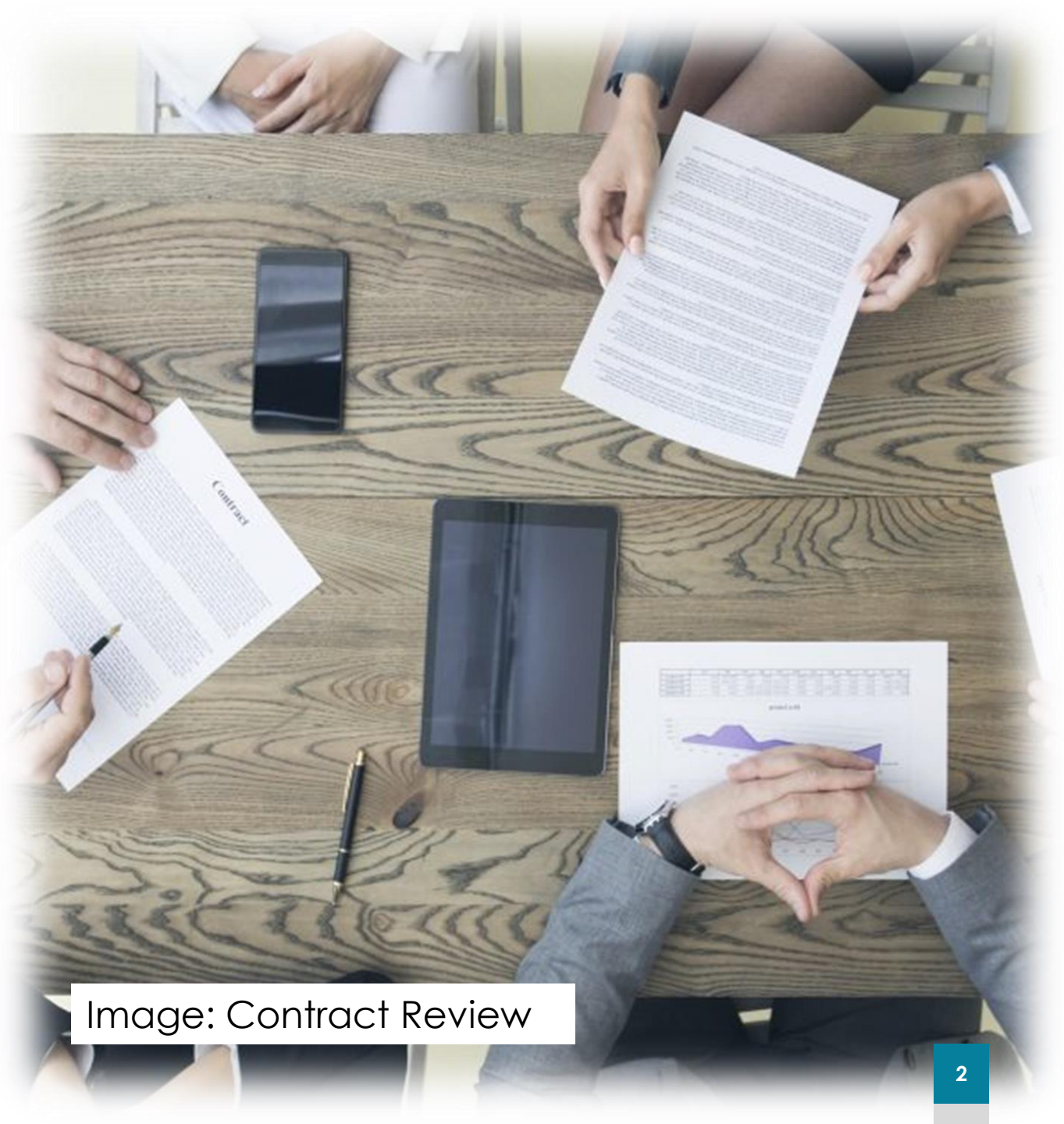
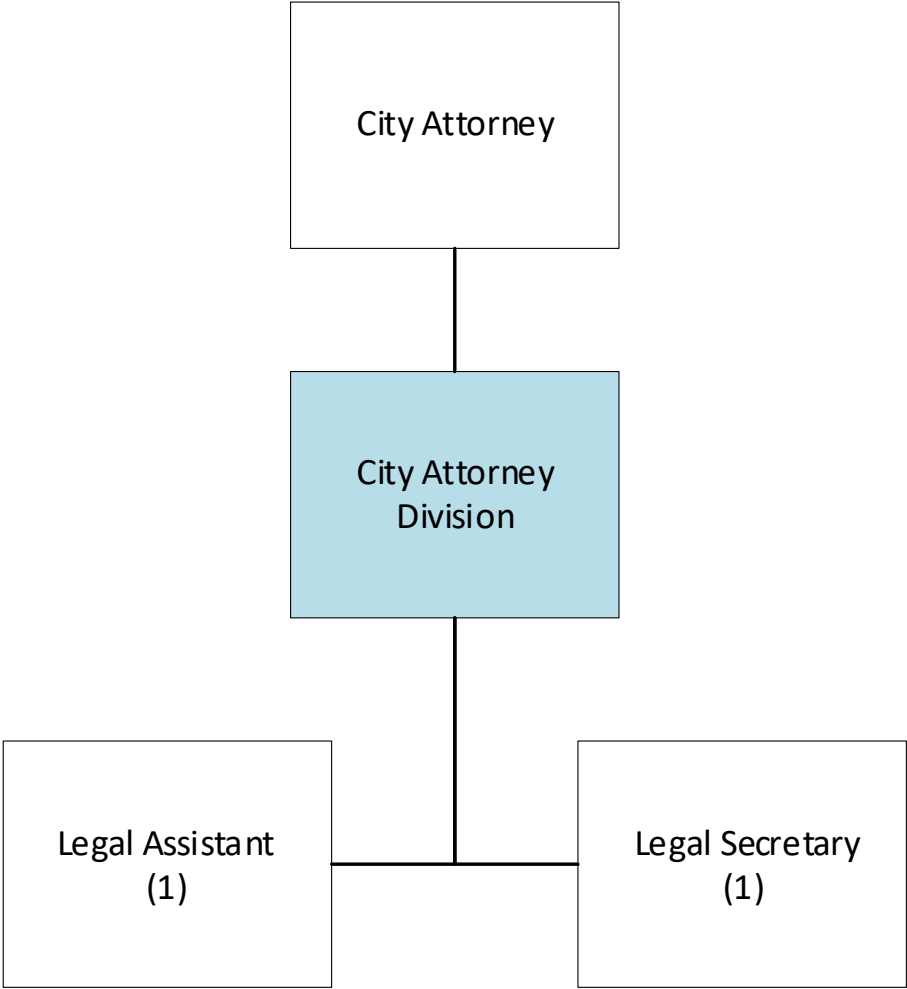


Image: Contract Review

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Accomplishments

- Coordinated defense of 11 lawsuits against the City.
- Coordinated defense of 27 Tort Claims against the City.
- Settled 21 City property damage claims against other parties; collected over \$67,000 in damages for the City.
- Reviewed and drafted responses to 507 requests pursuant to the CA Public Records Act.
- Reviewed and revised 2,978 documents and legal matters.
- Settlement with 3M Company et al. regarding PFAS/PFOA Forever Chemical litigation resulting in first initial net payment of \$756,000 and additional settlement payments to the City until 2033. Additional, separate Defendants in this lawsuit are currently in settlement negotiations which shall result in additional settlement payments to the City at later dates.
- 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.

Goals

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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

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Fund	2024/25 Amended Budget	2025/26 Proposed Budget	2026/27 Proposed Budget	FY 24/25 to 25/26 Inc/(Dec)	Comments
Administration					
Personnel Services	\$ 622,853	\$ 691,091	\$ 719,836	\$ 68,238	Increase from 24/25 to 25/26 is due to the annual adjustments in retirement, healthcare, OPEB costs, and COLA.
Materials, Supplies and Small Equipment	\$ 9,000	\$ 5,617	\$ 5,848	\$ (3,383)	Decrease is due to a completed, one-time equipment purchase in 24/25.