

# 2026



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# CITY ATTORNEY



## 2026 Proposed Plan and Executive Budget Review

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# City Attorney

**\$9,356,963**

Proposed 2026 Budget

**+\$183,002**

Overall Change from 2025

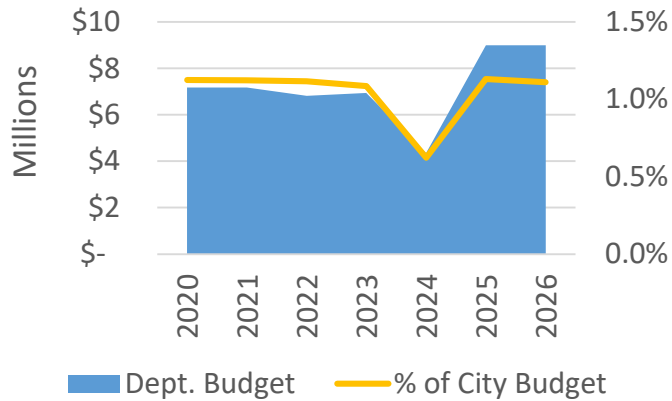
**-\$400,261**

Difference from Requested

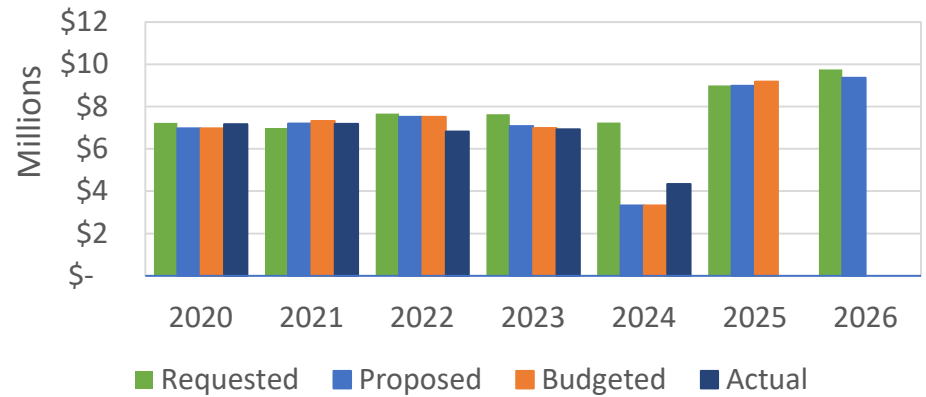
**\$9,757,224**

Requested 2026 Budget

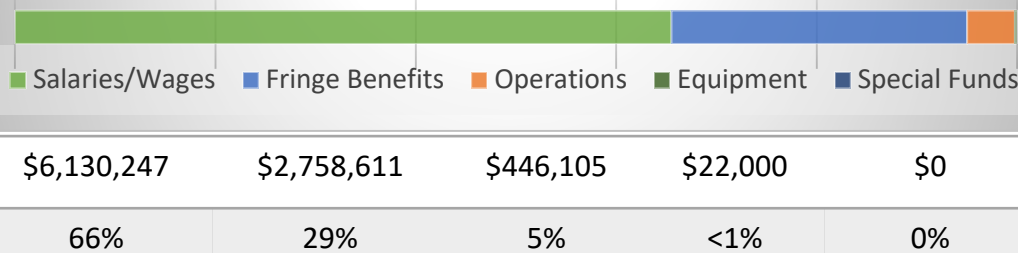
## Total Departmental Budget



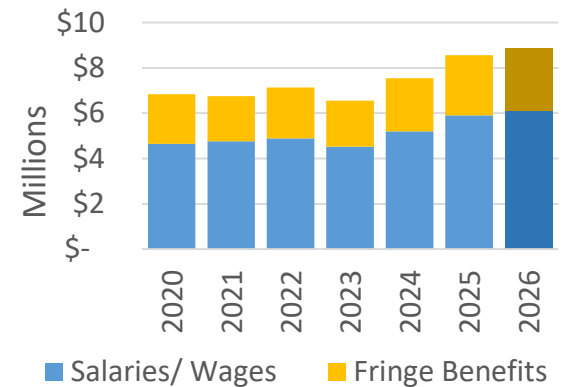
## Comparative Funding



## Levy Departmental Budget Appropriation by Category



## Personnel Budget



## City Attorney

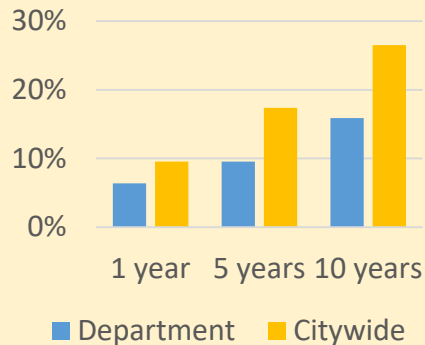
**+1.7%**

% Change in Salaries and Wages  
compared to 2025.

**+\$102,136**

Change in Salaries and Wages,  
compared to 2025.

### Retirement Eligible



**-1**

Change in Positions

**-1.6%**

% Change in Positions

**2**

Current Vacancies

**7**

Voluntary Separations  
In 2025

### Staffing Vacancies

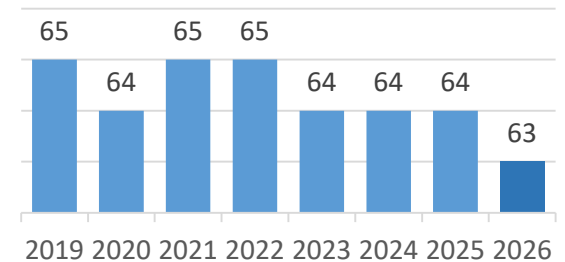
As of September 29, 2025, there are 2 vacant support staff positions. There are no vacant attorney positions.

Both vacancies will be filled soon, with interviews currently underway.

### Staffing Update

The Office is eliminating 1 Legal Office Assistant 2 position, which will result in a savings of \$56,425.

### Department Positions



**\$446,105**

Operating expenditures in 2026,  
an increase of \$38,905  
from 2025 budgeted amount.

**\$5,964,927**

Actual expenditures from the  
Damages and Claims Special  
Purpose Account in 2024, an  
increase of \$4,064,927 from the  
2025 budgeted amount.

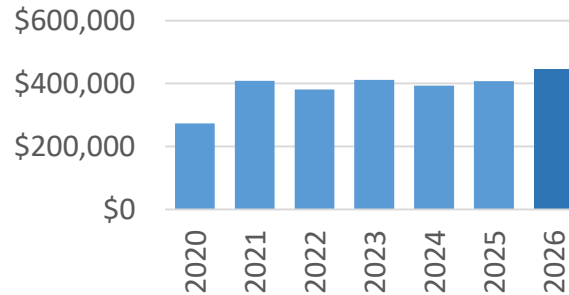
**\$259,658**

Actual expenditures on Outside  
Counsel and Expert Witness fees  
in 2024, which is \$131,342 less  
than the 2024 budgeted amount.

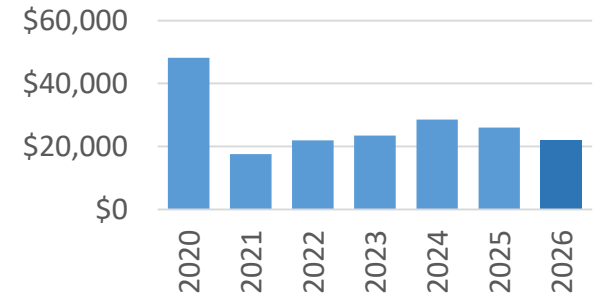
**-\$131,238**

Personnel Cost Adjustment in  
2026 Proposed Budget, a  
decrease of \$59,033 from the  
2025 Adopted Budget.

### Operating Expenditures Budget



### Equipment Budget



### Revenue

The Proposed Budget estimates that \$804,000 total revenue will be generated by the department, an increase of \$84,000 (11.7%) from the 2025 Adopted Budget.

The department is expected to generate \$804,000 in Charges for Services.

### Special Purpose Accounts

- Damages and Claims \$2,500,000
- Insurance \$3,471,976
- Outside Counsel/Expert Witness \$119,661

**Total \$6,091,637**

### Grants

The department does not anticipate receiving any grant funds.

### Capital Programs and Projects

There are no proposed capital projects for the department in 2026.

In 2025, the City Attorney requested \$3,000,000 in New Borrowing for the Zeidler Building's 7th and 10th Floor Consolidation, but this was not included in the 2025 or 2026 Proposed Budgets.

195

Pending State and Federal Court cases planned for 2026, up from 189 in 2025.

35

Number of legal opinions planned for 2026, an increase of 3 from the projected number in 2025.

500

Planned claims closed in 2026, an increase of 2 from the projected number in 2025.

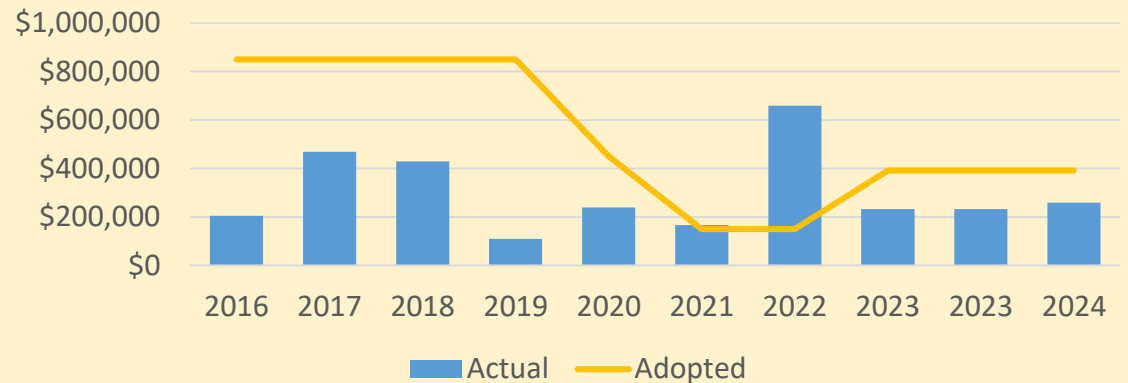
1,000

Number of Municipal Court trials, including Building and Zoning, planned for 2026, an increase of 66 from the projected number in 2025.

### Outside Counsel / Expert Witness Fund

Special Purpose Account:

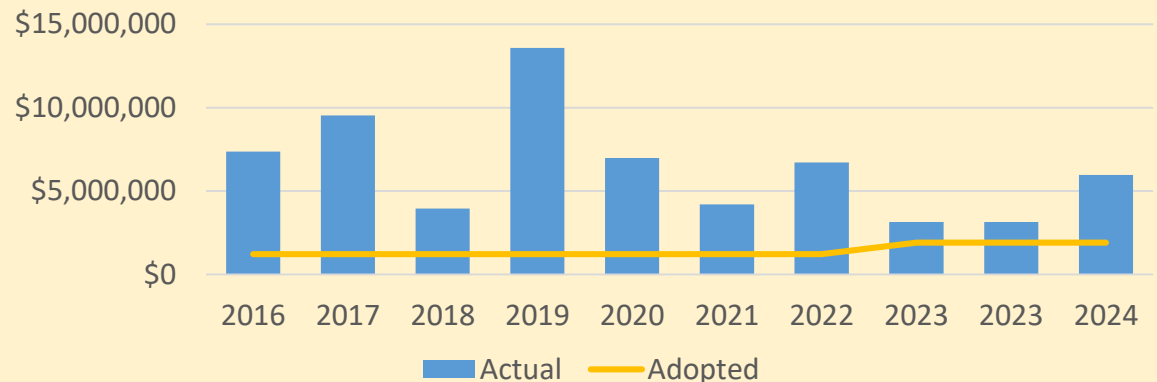
Adopted Budget v. Actual Expenditures



### Damages & Claims

Special Purpose Account:

Adopted Budget v. Actual Expenditures



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