

CITY ATTORNEY

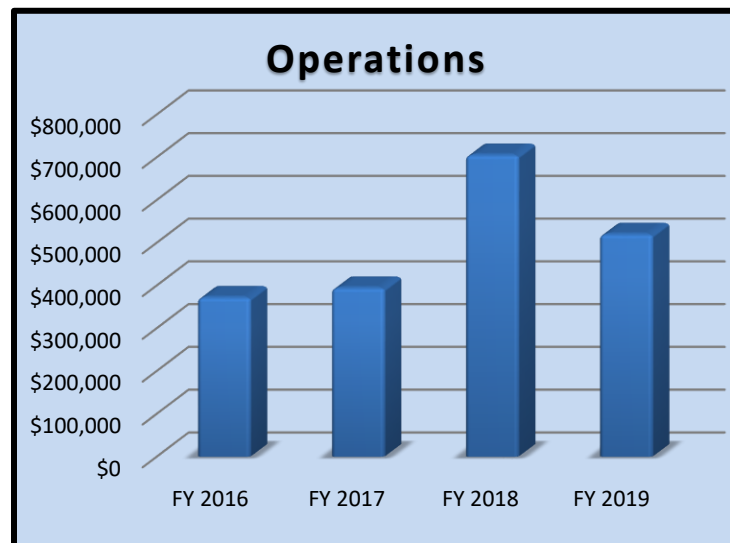
The City Attorney acts as general counsel to the city for all of the city's legal affairs. Acting in concert with the City Council, the City Attorney has adopted a collaborative approach to providing legal services to the city. Certain legal matters are assigned to outside counsel in order to take advantage of legal specialization and cost savings. Other matters are assigned within the City Attorney's office in order to quickly and efficiently respond to the city's legal needs. David P. Persson of the law firm of Persson & Cohen, P.A. serves as City Attorney for the City of Venice. He has more than a quarter of a century of experience advising local governments.

As part of his duties, the City Attorney or attorneys from his office attend all City Council meetings as well as meetings of the various city boards and commissions. Other responsibilities include the preparation and review of ordinances and resolutions, consultation with city officials and staff, contract preparation and review, as well as representation of the City of Venice in litigation, administrative proceedings, and appellate matters. Upon the recommendation of the City Attorney, labor matters are handled by the law firm of Allen, Norton and Blue, P.A.

The goals and objectives of the office of the City Attorney are simple: provide prompt, accurate and cost effective legal advice to the elected and appointed city officials so that they can better serve the needs of the citizens and taxpayers of the City of Venice.

BUDGET SUMMARY

	Actual FY 2016	Actual FY 2017	Amended Budget FY 2018	Proposed Budget FY 2019
Personnel	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Operations	372,003	394,165	705,191	519,800
Totals	\$ 372,003	\$ 394,165	\$ 705,191	\$ 519,800



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EXPENDITURES**

*Including
Amendments &
Encumbrances*

001-0501

5/31/18

Department 0501	Actual FY 2016	Actual FY 2017	Adopted Budget FY 2018	Amended Budget FY 2018	Expected FY 2018	Proposed Budget FY 2019	Incr (Decr) over FY18 Expected	Pct Incr (Decr)	Comments
Grand Total	372,003	394,165	351,491	705,191	643,000	519,800	(123,200)	-19.2%	
Exp - Professional Services	372,003	394,165	351,491	705,191	643,000	519,800	(123,200)	-19.2%	
514.31-03 - PROFESSIONAL SERVICES / LEGAL	372,003	382,559	321,491	611,491	533,800	489,800	(44,000)	-8.2%	EMF litigation
514.34-00 - OTHER CONTRACTUAL SERVICE	0	11,606	30,000	93,700	109,200	30,000	(79,200)	-72.5%	Fibernet litigation