

CITY COMMISSION / CITY ATTORNEY RELATIONSHIP

The City Attorney shall be appointed by and shall serve at the discretion of the City Manager. The City Attorney serves as the legal advisor to the Mayor, City Commissioners, City Manager, and departments. The general legal responsibilities of the City Attorney are:

- Provide legal assistance necessary for formulation and implementation of legislative policies and projects.
- Represent the City's interests, as determined by the City Commission in litigation, hearings, negotiations, and similar proceedings.
- Prepare contracts, charter amendments, ordinances, bonds, and other legal documents to best reflect and implement the purposes for which they are prepared.
- Keep the City Commission and staff apprised of court rulings and legislation affecting the legal interests of the City.

It is important to note that the City Attorney does not represent individual members of the City Commission, but the City as a whole. The City Attorney also serves all boards and commissions as needed.