



DEPARTMENT OF LAW

Quarterly presentation to the Public Safety and Legal Administration Committee

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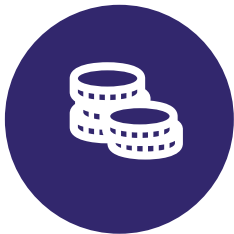
Updates Since March 11, 2024



DIVISION METRICS



REVENUE AND COST RECOVERY



**UPDATE ON CLAIMS
AND SETTLEMENTS**



**OUTSIDE COUNSEL
REPORT AND SPENDING
TO DATE**



DIVISION METRICS

as of Q3
(January 1-March 31, 2024)



DIVISION METRICS: LITIGATION (Excluding Claims and Quiet Title)

Metrics as of Q3

The Litigation Division currently has a total of **793** open matters.



557 of the Litigation matters are being handled in-house.



236 of the open Litigation matters were outsourced to Outside Counsel.



130 Litigation matters were opened in Q3 of FY24.



94 Litigation matters were closed in Q3 of FY24.



LITIGATION, QUIET TITLE AND COLLECTIONS

Between January 1 – March 31, 2024, the Litigation Division was served with **57 Quiet Title and Interpleader petitions.**

In response, the City filed **107 claims for payment totaling \$747,128.**

During this time period, the City **collected \$104,004 in payment** of delinquent ad valorem taxes, delinquent solid waste bills, delinquent water bills and unpaid demolition lien costs





UPDATE ON LITIGATION SETTLEMENTS - FY24 Q3

Itemized Litigation Settlement Payments by Department

FY24 (Q3) Litigation Cases Settlement Totals			
Department	Demand	Payments	Fund Impact
Judicial - Municipal Court	\$ 225,000.00	\$ 75,000.00	General
Police	\$ 457,582.85	\$ 391,407.43	General
Public Works	\$ 1,002,953.08	\$ 557,700.00	General
Transportation	\$ 9,226,430.77	\$ 597,000.00	General
Watershed (Storm Water)	\$ 135,000.00	\$ 30,000.00	General
Watershed	\$ 205,500.00	\$ 169,500.00	Water & Sewer
TOTALS (Q3)	\$ 11,252,466.70	\$ 1,820,607.43	
FY24 (Q1, Q2 & Q3) Litigation Cases Settlement Totals			
Department	Demand	Payments	Fund Impact
Finance	\$ 90,000.00	\$ 40,000.00	General
Human Resources	\$ 695,000.00	\$ 105,000.00	General
Judicial - Municipal Court	\$ 225,000.00	\$ 75,000.00	General
Parks & Recreation	\$ 111,349.87	\$ 55,079.89	General
Police	\$ 5,987,582.85	\$ 2,948,407.42	General
Public Works	\$ 1,288,953.08	\$ 621,950.00	General
Transportation	\$ 9,732,930.77	\$ 693,500.00	General
Watershed Management (Storm Water)	\$ 606,550.68	\$ 175,000.00	General
Watershed Management	\$ 755,500.00	\$ 289,500.00	Water & Sewer
TOTAL (Q1,Q2 & Q3)	\$ 19,402,867.25	\$ 5,003,437.31	



UPDATE ON PENDING CLAIMS AND SETTLEMENTS- FY24 Q3 and Q1-3

Itemized Claims Settlement Payments by Department

FY23 (Q3) Claim Settlement Totals

<u>Department</u>	<u>Demand</u>	<u>Payments</u>	<u>Fund Impact</u>
Parks & Recreation	\$19,200.00	\$17,557.00	General Fund
Police	\$17,902,791.00	\$3,834,534.00	General Fund
Public Works	\$113,131.00	\$15,316.00	General Fund
Transportation	\$59,563.00	\$24,978.00	General Fund
Watershed Management (Storm Water)	\$21,909.00	\$21,605.00	General Fund
Watershed Management	\$53,256.00	\$37,635.00	Water & Sewer
TOTAL CLAIM SETTLEMENTS	\$18,169,850	\$3,951,625	

- The Department of Law has successfully and effectively negotiated claim settlements in FY24 Q3 that resulted in the City only paying \$3,951,625 when the demand amount was \$18,169,850.

FY24 (Q1-3) Claim Settlement Totals

<u>Department</u>	<u>Demand</u>	<u>Payments</u>	<u>Fund Impact</u>
Fire Rescue	\$38,059	\$33,508	General Fund
Parks & Recreation	\$38,227	\$27,192	General Fund
Police	\$25,452,259	\$3,956,288	General Fund
Public Works	\$1,118,219	\$66,728	General Fund
Transportation	\$100,227	\$63,617	General Fund
Watershed Management (Storm)	\$35,393	\$35,089	General Fund
Watershed Management	\$1,141,629	\$485,442	Water & Sewer
TOTAL CLAIM SETTLEMENTS	\$27,924,013	\$4,667,864	

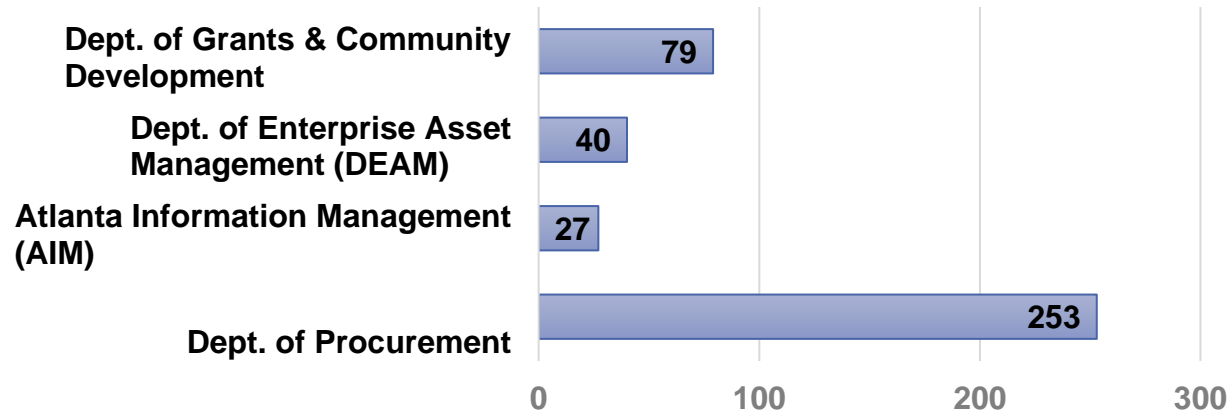


DIVISION METRICS: BUSINESS SERVICES-CONTRACTS

Metrics as of Q3

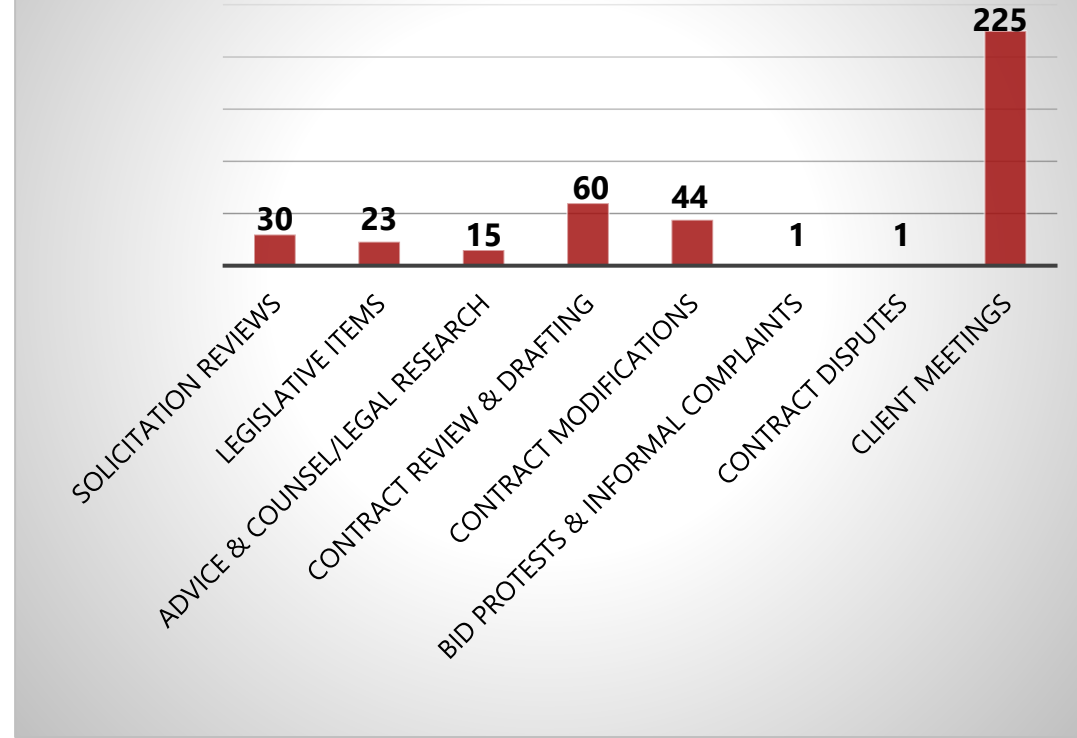
Contract Matters by Client Department

Total Matters: 399



Contract Matters by Type

Total Matters: 399





DIVISION METRICS: BUSINESS SERVICES-REAL ESTATE

Metrics as of Q3

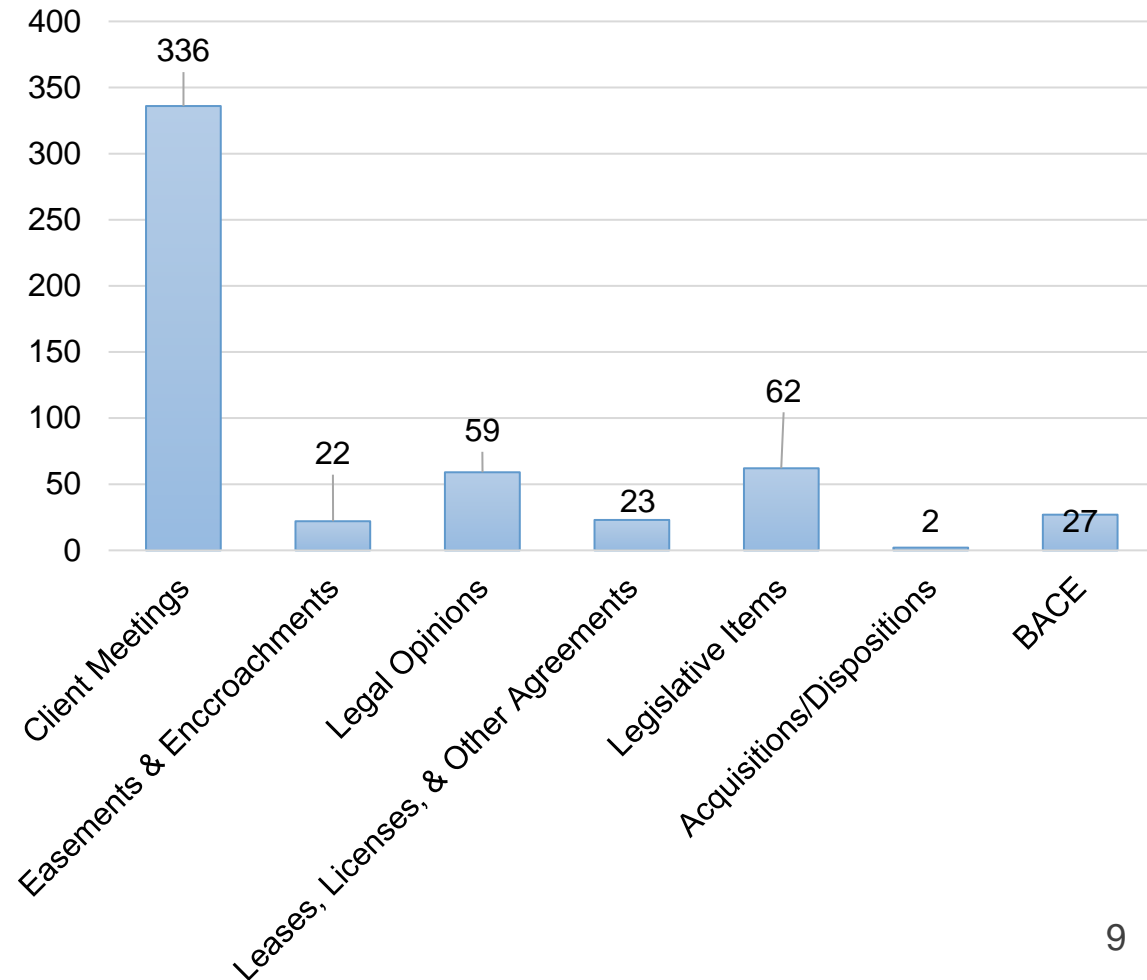
Matters By Client Department

Total: 531

- Department of Aviation - 58
- Department of City Planning - 161
- Department of Enterprise Asset Management (DEAM) - 106
- Department of Parks and Recreation - 172
- Department of Watershed Management - 34

Matters By Type

Total: 531



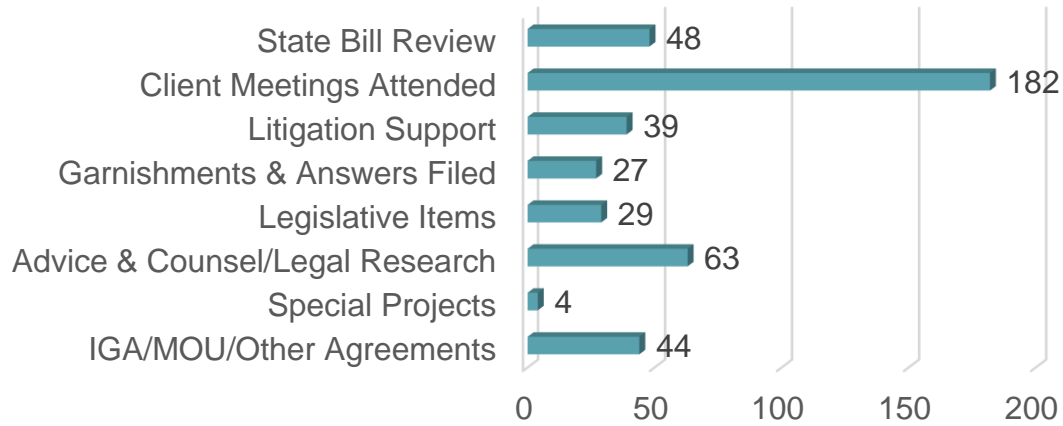


DIVISION METRICS: BUSINESS SERVICES-MUNICIPAL GOVERNANCE

Metrics as of Q3

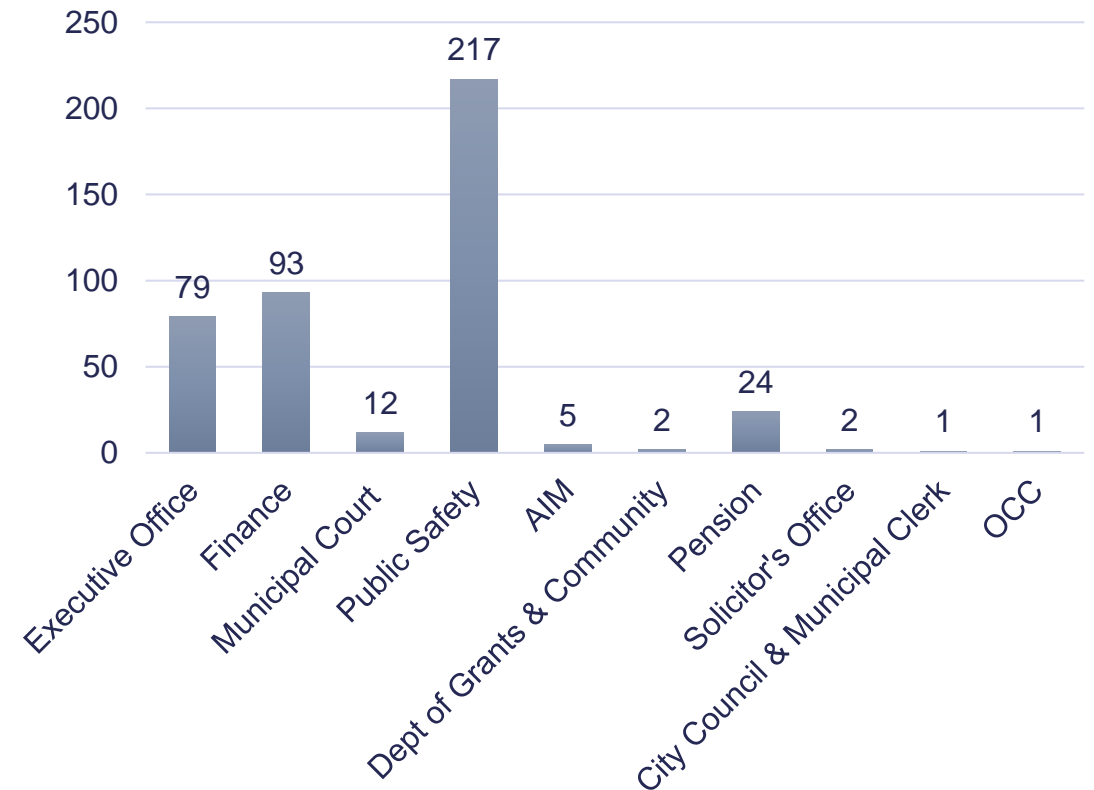
Matters by Type

Total Matters: 436



Matters by Client Department

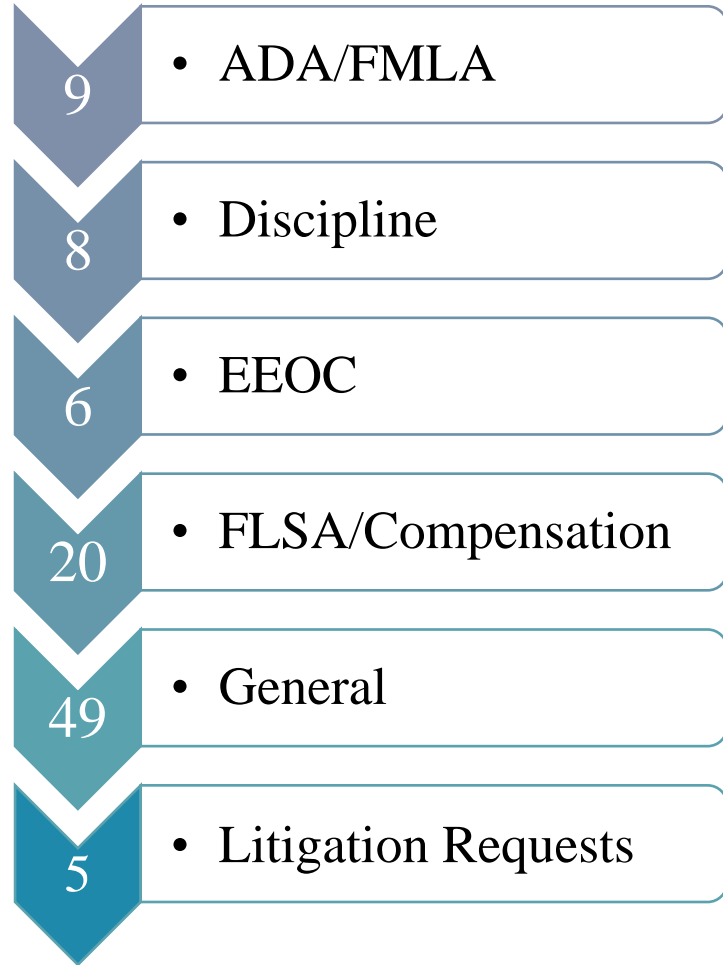
Total Matters: 436



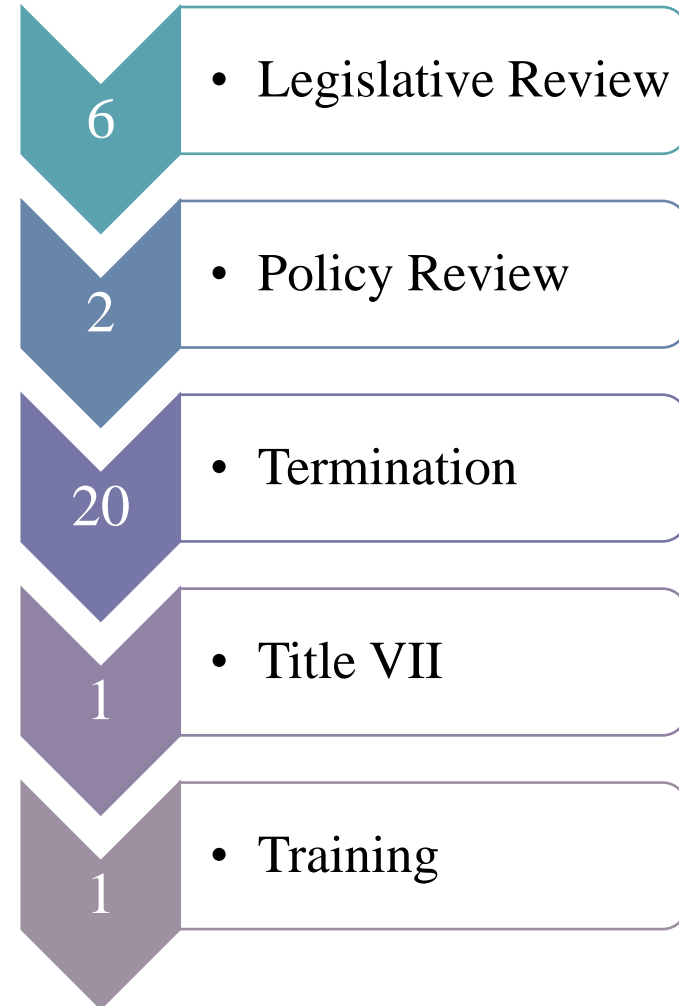


DIVISION METRICS: OPERATIONS – LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT

Metrics as of Q3



**ADVICE GIVEN AT
CLIENT MEETINGS
SORTED BY
TYPES OF MATTERS
TOTAL MATTERS: 127**





DIVISION METRICS: OPERATIONS – WATERSHED

Metrics as of Q3

Legal Advice Provided to DWM & Related Boards

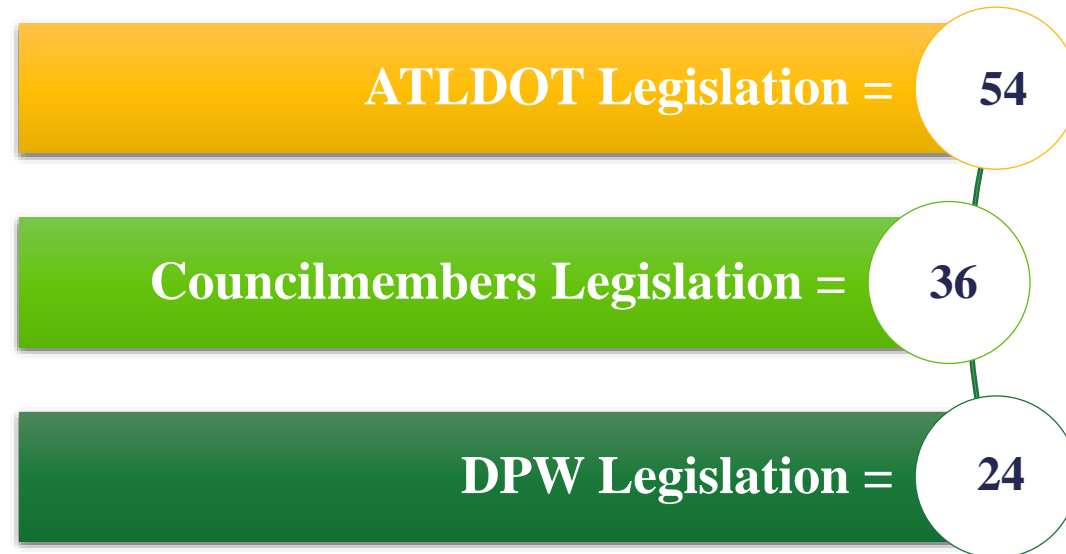




DIVISION METRICS: OPERATIONS – TRANSPORTATION, PUBLIC WORKS, S.A.V.E.

Metrics as of Q3

Legislative Matters Reviewed
Total Matters: 114

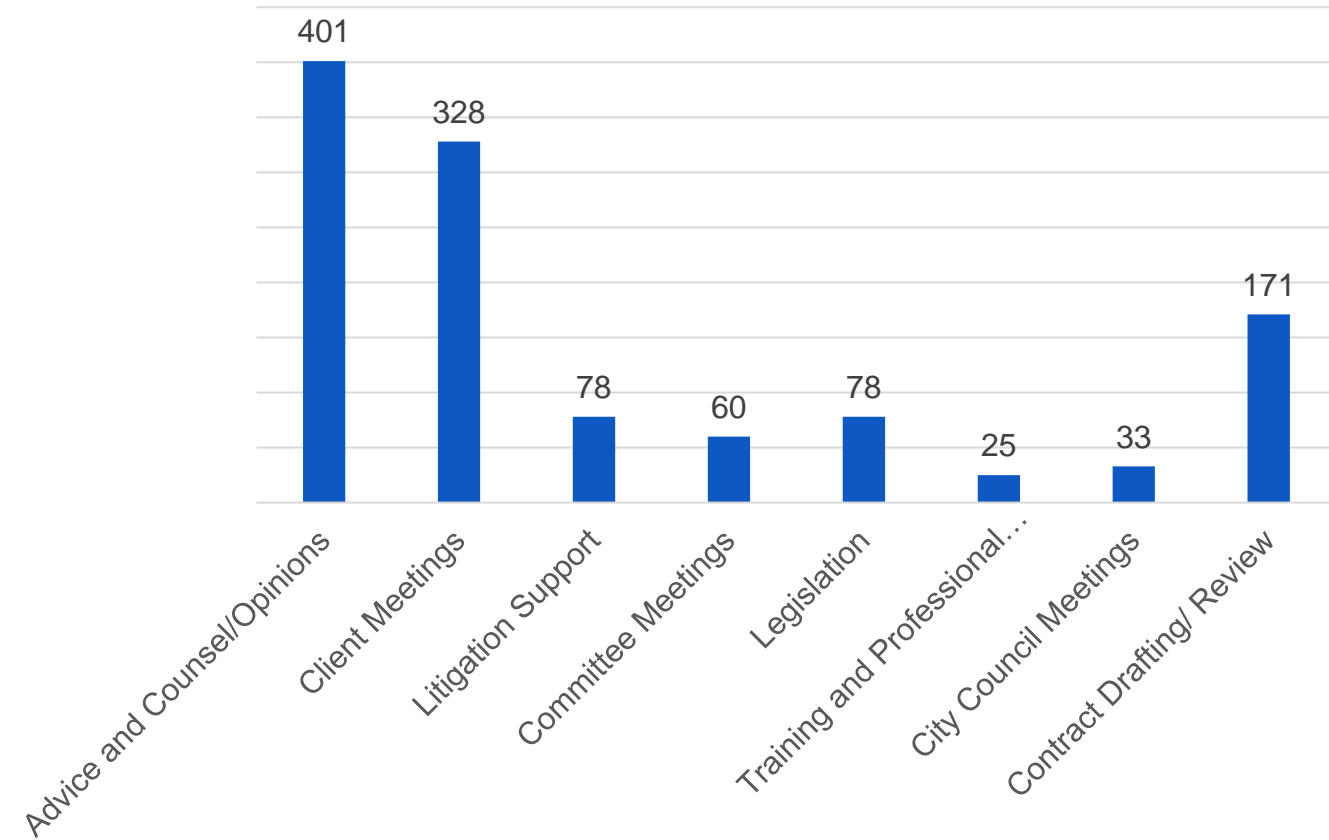




DIVISION METRICS: OPERATIONS - AVIATION

Metrics as of Q3

Total Number of Matters: 1,174





**OUTSIDE COUNSEL
REPORT
AND SPENDING TOTAL
as of Q3
(January 1-March 31, 2024)**





OUTSIDE COUNSEL REPORT: SPENDING TO DATE

	FY 2023 July – May 2023	FY 2024 July – May 2024	% Change
Aviation Fund	\$285,308	\$327,099	15%
Watershed Fund	\$1,607,659	\$2,299,090	43%
General Fund	\$6,129,060	\$6,280,649	2%
Total Combined*	\$8,022,027	\$8,906,838	11%

*Total Spending Combined Funds excludes DOJ Investigation expenses.

- There is currently an increase overall of 11% in FY24 July - May. 2024 outside counsel spending compared to FY23 July - May. 2023. In terms of the Enterprise Funds, there is an increase of 15% in Aviation Fund outside counsel spending due to General Airport Matters, Employment Litigation matters and Airport stormwater issues, an increase of 43% in Watershed Fund outside counsel spending due to the EPA SEP Stipulated Penalty Demand and Environmental Advice matters. In terms of the General Fund, there is currently an increase of 2% in General Fund outside counsel spending compared to FY23 July – May. 2023 due to various Litigation matters and to defend the City against challenges to the Police Training Facility.



Questions?