



## TOP WAYS WE ARE PUTTING THE STRATEGIC PLAN INTO ACTION

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# OFFICE OF THE CITY ATTORNEY

### OVERVIEW

To protect and preserve the legal, ethical, and financial integrity of the City of Port St. Lucie, including its elected and appointed officials, by providing quality, proactive, legal services through zealous advocacy, innovative legal solutions, uncompromising integrity and professional diligence.

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## HIGH-PERFORMING GOVERNMENT ORGANIZATION

Every department in the City focuses on one or more ways to meet the elements of the Strategic Plan, and the City Attorney's Office supports every department and every operation within the City in furtherance of those goals. The Office supports those Strategic Plan goals by providing the necessary advice and resources to ensure compliance with an ever-changing legal landscape. In short, the CAO's goal of embodying and supporting the City as a High Performing Government Organization contributes to each of the other elements of the City's Strategic Plan.

- Contracts and Procurement – our office is cognizant of the pace at which the City continues to grow and the corresponding pace of how the City does business to meet its growth needs. Our office now has a dedicated attorney for procurement matters to assist in enhancing the City's overall purchasing efficiency. Though all of our attorneys handle contracts and transactional work in some shape or form, we have a transactional team responsible for the negotiation, review and drafting of various City contracts.
- Risk Management & Litigation – Per the City's Charter, the City Attorney is responsible for the legal affairs of the City. To fulfill this responsibility, our office either personally handles matters in litigation or works closely with and supervises assigned outside counsel to ensure the City's interests are well-protected.
- Charter and Code Review/Updating – as the City continues to grow, its legislative needs shift with that growth. Additionally, an ever-changing legal landscape in local government will require a continual review of the City's Charter and Code of Ordinances. Our office will continue to play a central role assisting in the review and preparation of amendments to the City's Charter and Code of Ordinances.