

CITY COMMISSION
WORKSHOP

Thursday, August 9, 2007

“City of Daytona Beach

Proposed FY 2007- 2008 Budget

Office of the City Attorney

Section 1: Visio named Mission Statement

Mission Statement

Charter/Code Commitment: To provide an effective and progressive legal program for the City subject to Charter requirements, Sub-Part A, Article VII, Division B, Section 31, and City Code requirements, Chapter 2, Article IV; and, to **act as sole legal counsel for the City** unless otherwise requested by the City Manager and approved by the City Commission.

(As sole legal counsel the City Attorney has legal oversight responsibility for all city government.)

Section 2:

Department’s Goals and Priorities

Office of the City Attorney’s Overreaching Goals

Provide legal advice and counsel to the City, its elected and appointed officers and employees to mitigate cases and claims.

(Lack of proper legal advice and counsel resulted in ethics violations by the City Commission and violation of CRA expenditure laws by city staff per State Auditor Generals report-STAND)

Protect and preserve the legal rights and assets of the City by challenging unlawful or unwarranted acts.

Reduce litigation fees and expenses related to lawsuits and claims subject to the City's Self Insurance Fund, by representing the City's interest in certain identified cases.

(Number of lawsuits, expenses, insurance claims and fees has increased every year for five years-STAND)