

City of Westlake Attorney Performance Review



Purpose of Review

The purpose of the annual review process of Charter Officer (City Attorney) conducted by the City Council is to:

1. Strengthen the working relationship between the Council and the City Attorney.
2. Provide a mechanism for regular reviews.
3. Identify performance objectives for the City Attorney.
4. Provide feedback to the City Attorney and identify areas where improvements may be needed.

Frequency

The City Council will review the City Attorney annually. The review process will take place during the budget process and will be completed before the adoption of the annual budget.

Review Procedure

The Review procedure is at the will and the direction of the City Council and may be modified at any time. In general, the review process will include the following steps:

1. The City Council shall set the review schedule annually.
2. The Mayor and Council Members shall complete the one-on-one review form and submit to the City Clerk prior to the review meeting.
3. Each Council member shall meet face to face with the City Attorney prior to the special meeting review session.
4. The results of the individual reviews will be placed on the agenda of the special City Council meeting.
5. The performance review, and any subsequent actions, will be placed in the official City Records.
6. The performance review process is not intended to and shall not be constructed as a re-opening or modification of the City Attorney's existing contract.

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Date: 10/26/2020

Review Period from: 4/2020 To: 10/2020

Submitted by: Councilman Patric Paul

The following pages define significant areas of responsibility for the City Attorney. In each section, examples of performance and responsibilities are articulated to better explain each subject heading. Please rate the Attorney's performance based on the following categories:

0	Unsatisfactory: Fails to meet all expectations	Performance is well below expectations in all areas of responsibility. Serious performance deficiencies that prohibit adequate performance in the position. Should be evaluated for termination of contract.
1	Poor: Fails to meet most expectations	Performance is well below expectations in most areas of responsibility. Serious performance deficiencies that inhibit adequate performance in the position. Should be evaluated for termination of contract.
2	Fair: Meets most expectations	Often fails to meet performance expectations of the position. Performance is generally adequate but is deficient in one or more key areas and will require improvement.
3	Good: Meets expectations	Meets all expectations of the position and is competent in the performance of responsibilities.
4	Very Good: Meets all expectations	Occasionally exceeds performance expectations of the position. Performs the most difficult parts of the job competently and thoroughly. Contributes significant results on their own initiative. Works with a high level of independence, initiative and concern for the quality of the service produced by the organization.
5	Excellent: Exceeds all expectations	Overall skills and abilities greatly exceed the expectations of the position. Demonstrates strong expertise within key areas of responsibilities. Occasionally receives outstanding results beyond scope of the performance plan in some key areas of responsibility over entire performance period.
6	Outstanding: Far Exceeds all expectations	Overall skills and abilities far exceed all expectations of the position. Demonstrates strong expertise within key areas of responsibilities. Delivers consistently outstanding results beyond scope of the performance plan over entire period. Anticipates needs and executes plans flawlessly.

1. **Communication:** Effectively communicates (orally and in writing) complex issues to government officials, the press and the public where diverse viewpoints and goals exist. Ensures that Council members receive important information in a timely and effective manner. Presents the Council and community with clear and accurate written reports and correspondence. Responds to correspondence, requests and complaints quickly and appropriately. Facilitates open two-way communication and encourages mutual honesty and respect with the community, Council, City Manager, and staff.

6-Outstanding 5-Excellent 4-Very Good 3-Good 2-Fair
 1-Poor 0-Unsatisfactory

Comments: Ms. Booker has been very transparent and reliable in explaining pending legal issues in a timely manner. She explains in terms of what is always in the best interest of the City of Westlake. She provides information in manner that provides council members the opportunity to make intelligent decisions.

2. **Job Knowledge:** Possesses and applies a comprehensive understanding and knowledge of the City Charter, Code of Ordinances, Code of Ethics and Florida Statutes. Applies effective litigation skills before trial and appellate level courts and administrative agencies. Has an extensive understanding of legal issues faced by local governments. Has the ability to effectively formulate and advance legal strategies that further the goals of the City.

6-Outstanding 5-Excellent 4-Very Good 3-Good 2-Fair
 1-Poor 0-Unsatisfactory

Comments: Ms. Booker has demonstrated on many occasions that she is extremely competent in her role as City Attorney. She has extensive knowledge of all legal matters relevant to the operation of a city.

3. **Professionalism:** Deals effectively and appropriately with the public and other organizations. Devotes time and energy to the job. Demonstrates high ethical standards in the organization. Works to keep politics and personal perspectives out of the decision-making process. Stays active in professional organizations.

_____ 6-Outstanding X 5-Excellent _____ 4-Very Good _____ 3-Good _____ 2-Fair
_____ 1-Poor _____ 0-Unsatisfactory

Comments: Ms. Booker conducts herself in a professional manner. She is able to keep her composure in extremely challenging situations.

4. **Management:** Effective in the management, supervisory and interpersonal skills in the context of both a law office and organization, including the ability to establish and maintain effective working relationships with City Manager, City Council, Contract Departments, other government officials, boards and committees, and the general public. Creates a collaborative, team building, environment. Recognizes the accomplishments of contract staff and other agencies working on behalf of the City. Supports professional growth and opportunity within the organization. Accepts full accountability for staff and the outcome of City projects or decisions. Identifies organizational problems and takes remedial action.

_____ 6-Outstanding X 5-Excellent _____ 4-Very Good _____ 3-Good _____ 2-Fair
_____ 1-Poor _____ 0-Unsatisfactory

Comments: Ms. Booker works very diligently to find a compromise on very challenging situations. She has kept the best interest of the City of Westlake in plain view.

4. **Relationship with Council:** Demonstrates a positive and trusting relationship with Council, both as a group and individually, by acting as an advisor to them on legal issues as they arise.

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 1-Poor 0-Unsatisfactory

Comments: Ms. Booker does an outstanding job in managing relationships with all the council members. She explains all legal matters in a very concise manner.

5. **Relationship with the Community:** Understands general community issues and concerns. Remains involved and active in the community, represents the City well and in a professional and positive manner. Works effectively with the media and press, community organizations and other agencies.

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 1-Poor 0-Unsatisfactory

Comments:

6. **Relationship with City Manager and Department Heads:** Demonstrates a positive legal consultative relationship with the City Manager and Department Heads in their pursuit of meeting the goals and objectives of the City.

6-Outstanding 5-Excellent 4-Very Good 3-Good 2-Fair
 1-Poor 0-Unsatisfactory

Comments: There is oftentimes friction within the city staff, but Ms. Booker does a great job in working to resolve any issues.

7. **Completion of Work:** Completes work assignments within reasonable or set time frames. (In this context, "reasonable" means a time frame which is acceptable to Council in terms of their priorities, and in consideration of the attorney's ongoing workload.)

6-Outstanding 5-Excellent 4-Very Good 3-Good 2-Fair
 1-Poor 0-Unsatisfactory

Comments: The council has always been provided with information in a timely manner. She does a great job in keeping council members updated for every meeting.

Achievements: Identify a few of the top achievements or strong points you observed in the City Attorney over the past year.

Comments: 1. Ms. Booker has gone above and beyond to inform Council of any legal issues regarding the City of Westlake.
 2. She has been very vigilant in her oversight of City Ordinances.

Objectives: List two-to-three performance objectives that you feel are important for the City Attorney to work on for the coming year.

Comments: Please work on better communication with Seminole Improvement District.