



## Department Description

Columbus City Council is the legislative authority and chief policy-making arm of city government, empowered by City Charter to exercise control over city expenditures. Citizens elect the seven-member council at-large to four-year terms of office. Council's primary responsibilities include reviewing and adopting the annual operating and capital budgets, authorizing certain contracts, and enacting amendments to the Columbus City Code. In addition to its fiscal control and regulatory authority, City Council establishes land use policy through its zoning powers.

The Council works closely with the administrative (executive) branch of city government in the formation of policy impacting public safety, finance, economic development, and the delivery of core city services. City Council also initiates and facilitates ongoing cooperative efforts with other government entities, the business community, and other institutions to improve the overall high quality of life for Columbus residents.

Legislative aides, legislative assistants, the Legislative Research Office, and the Office of Community Engagement provide City Council members information and guidance on public policy decisions impacting public safety, budgetary, economic development, and community matters.

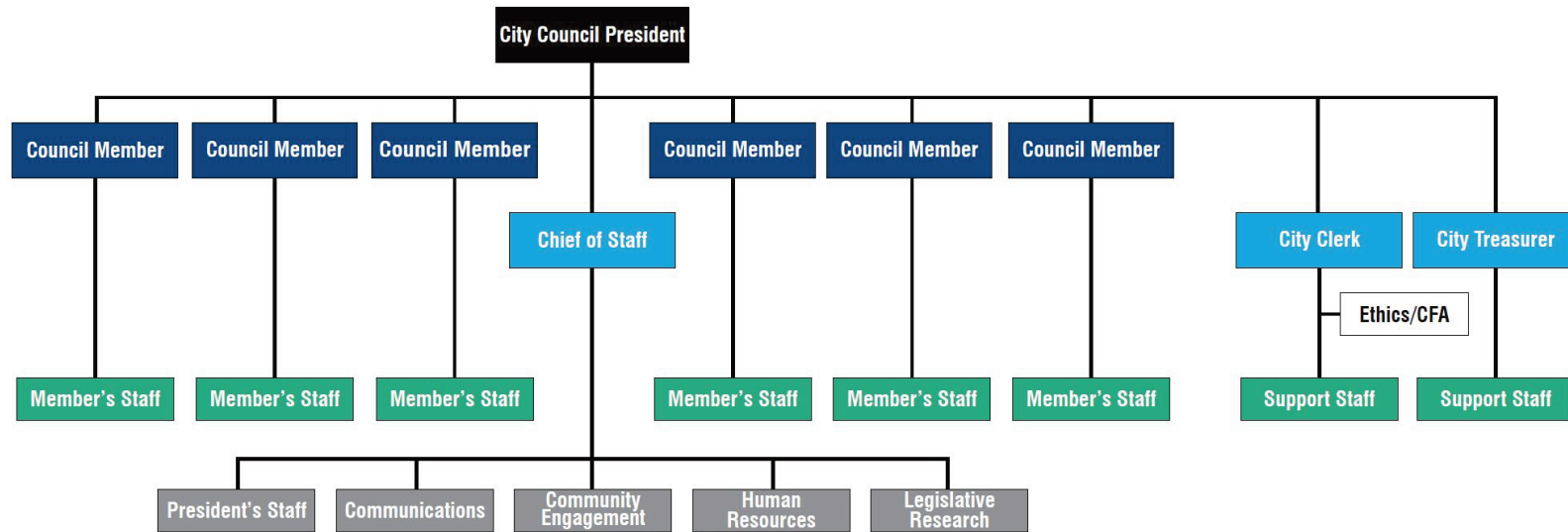
Council appoints the City Clerk, who maintains the journal of City Council activity, codifying city ordinances in accordance with established guidelines. Council also appoints the City Treasurer, whose duties include the investment of all city funds.

## Department Mission

To provide high quality service to the residents of Columbus, ensuring accountable, transparent, and accessible operations. City Council's overarching goal is to develop policy and appropriate funds to support the welfare of Columbus residents.

Budget Summary				
Fund	2020 Actual	2021 Actual	2022 Budget	2023 Proposed
General Fund	4,860,945	4,994,511	5,201,612	6,076,086
<b>Department Total</b>	<b>\$ 4,860,945</b>	<b>\$ 4,994,511</b>	<b>\$ 5,201,612</b>	<b>\$ 6,076,086</b>

# City Council



## 2023 BUDGET NOTES

The budget will fund 46 full-time employees, which includes the current staff complement of 44 employees, as well as 2 additional staff members to begin accommodating the demands associated with Council expansion. Council will furthermore continue the growth of the internship program, with funding to support year-round interns in Council offices. The supplies budget contains funding to acquire the technology and office essentials for new staff expected to start on January 1, 2024. There is a need to acquire those assets in 2023. Finally, the services budget sustains contracts at existing levels, with some increases associated with higher costs.

Financial Summary by Area of Expense					
	2020 Actual	2021 Actual	2022 Budget	2022 Projected	2023 Proposed
<b>City Council</b>					
General Fund					
Personnel	\$ 4,566,177	\$ 4,613,845	\$ 4,923,653	\$ 4,870,316	\$ 5,656,378
Materials & Supplies	21,781	16,937	27,000	26,976	65,000
Services	269,987	360,729	247,959	538,537	351,708
Other	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000
<b>City Council Subtotal</b>	<b>4,860,945</b>	<b>4,994,511</b>	<b>5,201,612</b>	<b>5,438,829</b>	<b>6,076,086</b>
<b>Department Total</b>	<b>\$ 4,860,945</b>	<b>\$ 4,994,511</b>	<b>\$ 5,201,612</b>	<b>\$ 5,438,829</b>	<b>\$ 6,076,086</b>

Department Personnel Summary								
Fund	2020 Actual		2021 Actual		2022 Budget		2023 Proposed	
	FT	PT	FT	PT	FT	PT	FT	PT
General Fund								
City Council	42	0	42	0	44	0	46	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>0</b>

Operating Budget by Program				
Program	2022 Budget	2022 FTEs	2023 Proposed	2023 FTEs
Administration	\$ 5,186,644	44	\$ 6,060,378	46
Internal Services	14,968	0	15,708	0
<b>Department Total</b>	<b>\$ 5,201,612</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>\$ 6,076,086</b>	<b>46</b>



# 2023 PROGRAM GUIDE

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## **ADMINISTRATION**

To approve all appropriations and laws for Columbus, and to provide a public forum for the discussion of issues by the citizenry.

## **INTERNAL SERVICES**

To account for the internal service charges of the department necessary to maintain operations.