



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.

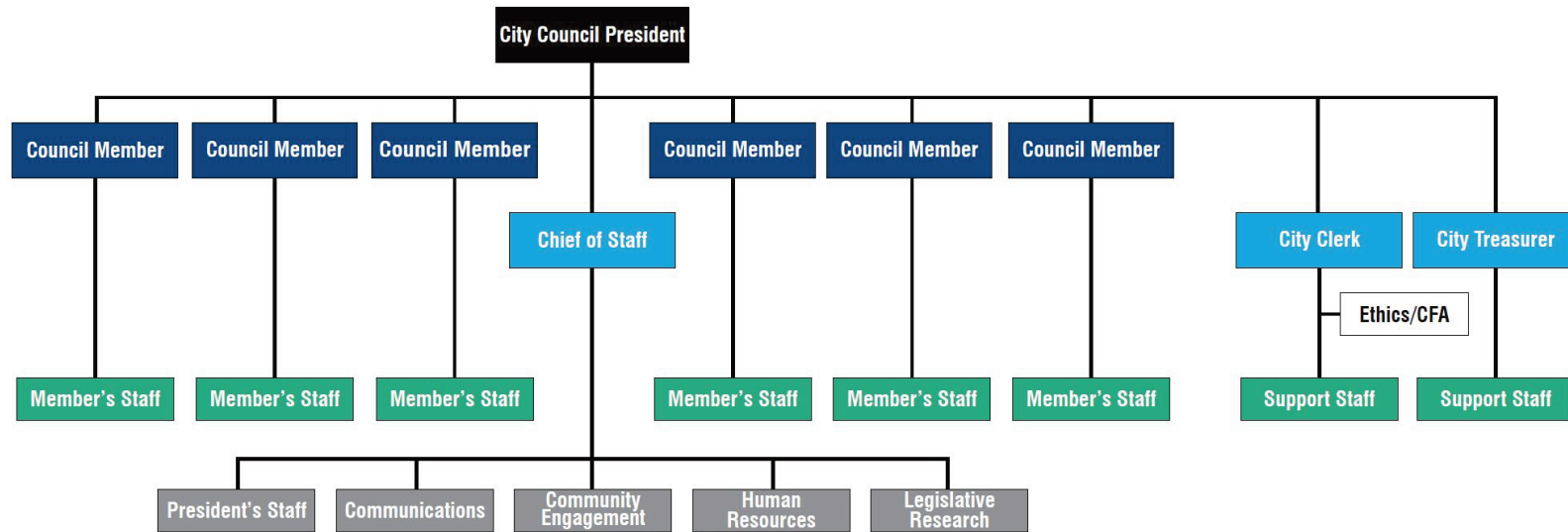
Council appoints the City Clerk, who maintains the journal of City Council activity, codifying city ordinances in accordance with established guidelines. Council also appoints the City Treasurer, whose duties include the investment of all city funds.

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	2019 Actual	2020 Actual	2021 Budget	2022 Proposed
General Fund	4,531,498	4,860,945	4,983,081	5,126,612
Department Total	\$ 4,531,498	\$ 4,860,945	\$ 4,983,081	\$ 5,126,612

City Council



2022 BUDGET NOTES

The budget for City Council includes continuation of staffing, the annual maintenance of the automated legislation system, and codifying services for the City Clerk's office. Council has established a priority to provide training and personal growth for staff with expectations that 2022 will allow for more in person professional development engagements. In addition the successful summer internship program will double the number of interns in 2022.

Financial Summary by Area of Expense					
	2019 Actual	2020 Actual	2021 Budget	2021 Projected	2022 Proposed
City Council					
General Fund					
Personnel	\$ 4,254,961	\$ 4,566,177	\$ 4,582,290	\$ 4,603,031	\$ 4,923,653
Materials & Supplies	20,480	21,781	28,000	26,000	27,000
Services	252,057	269,987	369,791	354,072	172,959
Other	4,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000
City Council Subtotal	4,531,498	4,860,945	4,983,081	4,986,103	5,126,612
Department Total	\$ 4,531,498	\$ 4,860,945	\$ 4,983,081	\$ 4,986,103	\$ 5,126,612

Department Personnel Summary								
Fund	2019 Actual		2020 Actual		2021 Budget		2022 Proposed	
	FT	PT	FT	PT	FT	PT	FT	PT
General Fund								
City Council	41	0	42	0	43	1	44	0
Total	41	0	42	0	43	1	44	0

Operating Budget by Program				
Program	2021 Budget	2021 FTEs	2022 Proposed	2022 FTEs
Administration	\$ 4,967,554	43	\$ 5,111,644	44
Internal Services	15,527	0	14,968	0
Department Total	\$ 4,983,081	43	\$ 5,126,612	44



2022 PROGRAM GUIDE

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.