



City of Greensboro

Meeting Agenda

Audit Committee

April 2, 2025, 2:00 p.m.

Legislative Conference Room

300 West Washington Street, Greensboro, NC

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Audit Committee Meeting

2025-239 Approval of Draft Audit Committee Meeting Minutes November 12, 2024



City of Greensboro Meeting Minutes - DRAFT

City Council Special

November 12, 2024, 3:00 pm

Legislative Conference Room

300 West Washington Street, Greensboro, NC

Present: Councilmember Hugh Holston, Councilmember Tammi Thurm, City Manager Trey Davis, City Attorney Chuck Watts, and Finance Director Marlene Druga

Absent: Mayor Nancy Vaughan, and Assistant City Manager Larry Davis

Also Present: City Clerk Angela Lord

A. Call to Order

These City Council minutes are a general account of the November 12, 2024 Audit Committee meeting.

This City Council Audit Committee meeting of the City of Greensboro was called to order at 3:00 P.M. on the above date in the Legislative Conference Room of the Melvin Municipal Office Building.

Councilmember Thurm stated Mayor Vaughan would be absent.

B. Approval of Draft Minutes

B.1 2024-790 Approval of Draft Audit Committee Meeting Minutes December 6, 2023

Moved by Councilmember Holston, seconded by Councilmember Thurm to adopt the December 6, 2023 Audit Committee Meeting minutes. The motion carried by affirmation.

C. Review of City of Greensboro June 30, 2024 Audit

C.1 2024-794 Audit Executive Summary - 2024-794

Finance Director Marlene Druga recognized Cherry Bekaert, Dan Gougherty to present the Audit Executive Summary.

Mr. Gougherty made a PowerPoint Presentation (PPP); and highlighted the client service team.

Councilmember Thurm inquired about auditor rotations.

Mr. Gougherty explained a rotation was possible if Council so desired; reference a colleague in Raleigh; spoke to the audit results; referenced Minority Women Business Enterprise (MWBE) partnerships; spoke to the internal control communications; and referenced a material weakness or significant deficiency and other deficiencies.

Discussion took place regarding a solid waste fund deficiency; internal email communications; corrections by management during current year; audit procedures; language corrections; and success of internal controls.

Councilmember Thurm requested a verbiage change on the presentation.

Mr. Gougherty highlighted notes receivable, forgivable loans; spoke to ledger updates; to payback terms; to future updates; highlighted an expended loan last year; and to management corrections.

Discussion ensued regarding bond credit ratings; the general fund; a functionality error; needed data; and outdated recording systems.

Mr. Gougherty spoke to standard agreements; to estimates; explained the audit was a full financial statement; continued the PPP; highlighted single grant audits; verified compliances; report deficiencies; outlined corrected and uncorrected misstatements; regular annual accounting practices; and spoke to independence considerations.

Councilmember Hightower entered the meeting at 3:22 P.M.

Mr. Gougherty outlined annually required communications; other matters as part of the annual report; financial reporting changes; and provided an overview of the local government commission performance indicator.

Discussion continued regarding general obligation bonds; needed Council action; goal setting; progression graphs; deployment of funds; Local Government Commission (LGC) reporting requirements; and Covid funds.

Mr. Gougherty continued the PPP; spoke to the LGC performance indicators; and outlined the required response to LGC by January 10, 2025.

The PowerPoint Presentation was updated following the Audit Committee meeting to include updated language requested by Councilmember Thurm and is filed in the Audit Committee folder in the City Clerk vault.

D. Internal Audit Report

D.1 2024-792 Internal Audit Report FY 23-24

Internal Audit Len Lucas provided an overview of the internal 4th Quarter Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Audit Reports; spoke to outside funding sources; to reporting requirements; outlined General Statutes to adhere to; agency contracts; and explained testing of dollars.

Discussion took place regarding test compliance requirements; Coliseum testing procedures; cashless operations; and testing for procurement and flex cards.

E. Adjournment

Moved by Councilmember Holston, seconded by Councilmember Thurm, to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried by affirmation.

The Audit Committee Adjourned at 3:47 P.M.

Tammi Thurm, Councilmember

Angela Lord, City Clerk



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Audit Committee Meeting

2025-240 Request for Proposals for Audit Services and Recommendation for Contract Award

Audit Committee Meeting

April 2, 2025



Request for Proposals (RFP) for Audit Services

- **RFP conducted every 3 years and reviewed by a Committee**
- Previous RFP in 2022 for FY2022 - FY2024 audits
- Field of governmental auditors is narrower than entire pool of CPAs
 - Complex govt. accounting standards, extra staff training needed to qualify
 - LGC requirements for reporting of audit and certain financial indicators
 - Strict time deadlines to file audits in order to issue debt
- February 2025 RFP resulted in 2 proposals
- Mauldin & Jenkins, LLC
- Cherry Bekaert, LLP

Request for Proposals (RFP) for Audit Services

- **Both firms appear to be well-qualified to perform Greensboro audit**
- **Mauldin & Jenkins, LLC**
 - Regional firm servicing Southeast, with office in Raleigh
 - Increasing presence in North Carolina, mainly with County audits
 - Perform work for large Cities across the South, including Atlanta
 - No M/WBE participation
- **Cherry Bekaert, LLP**
 - Regional firm servicing Southeast, with several offices in NC
 - Extensive previous audit work with Greensboro, since 1990's
 - Firm audits most of the large Cities and Counties in North Carolina
 - 5% M/WBE participation

Request for Proposals (RFP) for Audit Services

- **Proposed fees are notably different**
- Mauldin & Jenkins, LLC
 - Base audit fee plus seven (7) grants – FY 2025 \$107,000
 - Proposed 3 year contract totals \$330,000
- Cherry Bekaert, LLP
 - Base audit fee plus seven (7) grants – FY 2025 \$156,500
 - Proposed 3 year contract totals \$504,500
- **Staff recommends that Audit Committee consider contract award with Mauldin & Jenkins, LLC for FY 2025 - FY 2027 audits**
 - Full Council consideration on April 15, 2025