

City of Asheville

Finance Committee – Audit Update

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Overall Message

Good news – ON TRACK (ahead of schedule compared to prior years) to meet October 31st deadline.

Background

CAFR Audit – Comprehensive Annual Financial Report – 25% Complete

- Year-end close (preparations started in Spring with new external auditors)
- With new auditors comes new audit approach – Cherry Beckaert LLP (CB)
 - reconciling all financial statement figures internally, independently through new Internal Auditor function
 - The City’s Internal Auditor will sign-off on figures internally and send to external auditors September 13th
 - CB preparing financial statements prior to coming onsite mid-Sept (typically done in Oct in the past by DH)
 - last two weeks of September, and possibly first week of October (final fieldwork)

IT Audit – 100% Completed

- No significant deficiencies or material weaknesses to report
- New auditors reported – ***key controls in place and seem to be working effectively***
- Recommendations for continuous improvement (e.g. document risk assessments, deploy intrusion detection and prevention system, privilege users monitoring (IA), IT security policy updates, and document change management process).

Grant Compliance Audit (Single Audit) – 80% complete

- External Auditors – onsite for two weeks end of May/beginning of June.
- One Potential Finding – working out details with CB.

Next Finance Committee Update

- ***September 24th meeting*** – External Auditors will be onsite (2nd week) and anticipate they will be in a position to provide an update on the audit.
- ***October 22nd meeting*** – Finalizing CAFR and should be in a position to report on final figures.