

Audit Committee Meeting Minutes

Thursday, February 17, 2022 10:00 AM

Pikes Peak Conference Room and

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Open Session

Present in person were Council member Tom Strand, Committee member Barry Baum, City Auditor Jacqueline Rowland, Sally Barber, Linda Helsley and Linette Crouch was present to take the minutes. Others attending in person were Mallorie Hansen, Tricia Timmons-Malsam, and Lauren Connolly from Colorado Springs Utilities. Attending via teams were Council member Bill Murray and Committee member Nicole Motley. Others attending the meeting via Teams included Shawn Alessio, Greg Anderson, Tom Baird, Vickie Classen, and Rachana KC from the Office of the City Auditor, Ryan Trujillo from the City of Colorado Springs, and Ellen Hooper, Rich Norton, and Rodger Scriven from Colorado Springs Utilities, and Aaron Worthman, CPA, Partner, for Baker Tilly US, LLP.

Strand called the meeting to order at 10:03 AM. Minutes from the January 20, 2022 meeting were approved.

Worthman presented slideshow on the Report on December 31, 2021 Financial Audits for Colorado Springs Utilities. After his presentation, Worthman left the meeting. An RFP for the external financial statement audit for 2022 year-end will begin in 2nd or 3rd quarter of 2022. The City Auditor requested participation from her office on the RFP team.

Report 22-04 Colorado Springs Utilities ECA and GCA was presented. Baum asked how often the +/- \$5 million was reviewed. Strand stated it is looked at monthly.

Rowland presented the 2021 Actual Budget Expenditures.

Rowland presented the 2022 Audit Plan. Baum has requested that audits address a quantitative way to define efficiency and effectiveness. Regarding the Utilities Green-E Certification audit, Baum requested information about solar panels on homes and if they are included in green energy sales renewable energy sources. Barber will follow-up with Baum. Baum also had questions regarding the Operational Fiber Network audit for Utilities regarding risk assessment and the future of the technology. The committee voted to approve the 2022 Audit Plan as presented.

Trujillo, Hansen, Timmons-Malsam, and Connolly left the meeting.

Strand read the statement to go into closed session. In accord with City Charter art. III, § 3-60(d) and its incorporated Colorado Open Meetings Act, C.R.S. § 24-6-402(4)(g), the City Council Audit Committee, in Open Session, is to determine whether it will hold a Closed Executive Session. The issues to be discussed involve: Consideration of documents protected by the "Open Records Act".

The Chair shall poll the Audit Committee members, and, upon consent of two-thirds of the members present, may hold a Closed Executive Session. If consent to the Closed Executive Session is not given, the item may be discussed in Open Session or withdrawn from consideration.

Unanimous – moved to closed session at 10:52 AM.

Closed Session

Strand returned the committee to open session at 10:58 AM.

Open Session

Strand adjourned the meeting at 11:02 AM.