

#### AGENDA MEMORANDUM

Action Item for the Audit Committee Meeting of April 11, 2023

**DATE:** April 11, 2023

**TO:** Council Member Gil Hernandez, Chairman

**Audit Committee** 

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Motion to approve recommendations to City Council Revisions to City Code Chapter 12 ½ City Auditor: Audit Committee qualification, Ex-officio member, access to records, modify audit follow-up timeline, and composition of ad hoc committee

## **CAPTION:**

Ordinance amending Chapter 12½ of the Corpus Christi Code to add experience requirement for Audit Committee, allow for an ex-officio member of the audit committee, clarify access to records, modify audit follow-up timeline, and modify composition of ad hoc committee for city auditor vacancy review.

### **SUMMARY:**

Updates include adding experience requirements pertaining to Audit Committee membership composition and qualifications. Additionally, clarification regarding auditor access and follow-up reporting timelines promoted by the International Professional Practices Framework (IPPF) standards of the Institute of Internal Auditors were presented and discussed.

### **BACKGROUND AND FINDINGS:**

Today, a strong control environment has become increasingly important, to address all sorts of government-related issues and risks. Regulators and key stakeholders don't just want swift corrective action; they want strong **preventive** action.

Preventative action includes strong Audit Committee membership composition and expertise critical to ensuring that our local government is accountable, transparent, and cost-effective. In objectively evaluating these issues and risks, city auditor access to records and follow-up reporting timelines are important to obtaining complete, accurate, relevant, and timely feedback on the City's programs.

During our annual review of the City Code Chapter 12  $\frac{1}{2}$  we noted that further updates were needed to address these issues and risks.

#### **ALTERNATIVES:**

The Audit Committee may reject all or part of the proposed revisions to City Code Chapter 12 ½ City Auditor presented.

FISCAL IMPACT: N/A

**FUNDING DETAIL:** N/A

Fund:

Organization/Activity:

Department:

Project # (CIP Only):

Account:

# **RECOMMENDATION:**

The staff recommends the Audit Committee accept the proposed revisions.

# **LIST OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:**

City Code Chapter 12 1/2 Redlined Ordinance