

City Council Workshop
August 9, 2016
6:00 P.M.
City Hall

Council Members Present:

Mayor Michael J. Heitzler; Mayor Pro-Tem Mark Phillips; Councilmember James (Kimo) Esarey; Councilmember Debra Green-Fletcher; Councilmember Brandon Cox; Councilmember Gregory Habib; Councilmember Kevin Condon

Council Members Absent:

Staff Present:

City Administrator Jake Broom; City Clerk Kelly J. Lovette; Finance Director Ron Faretra; Public Information Officer Frank Johnson

Staff Absent:

Guests Present:

Ellen Adkins, Webster Rogers, LLP, Certified Public Accountants
Charlotte Allen, Webster Rogers, LLP, Certified Public Accountants

I. Call to Order:

Mayor Heitzler called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

II. Comments from the Audience:

None.

III. Business:

Presentation of the 2015 Audit Report from Webster Rogers:

Mayor Heitzler recognized Mrs. Ellen Adkins who stated she was a partner with Webster Rogers, and that her firm has been conducting the audits for the City for several years. Mrs. Adkins began her presentation to City Council by thoroughly reviewing the Governance Letter that had already been provided to City Council. She reviewed her firm's findings in the audit and if there were any issues and/or concerns. Mayor Heitzler inquired how many years Mrs. Adkins had been conducting audits for the City of Goose Creek, she stated since 1988. There was a brief discussion between Mayor Heitzler, Mr. Faretra and Mrs. Adkins. Mayor Heitzler inquired how often an auditing firm should be changed up from auditing the City. Mr. Faretra stated the auditors are switched within the firm to audit the City. Mrs. Adkins concurred and stated her firm was large enough that they could change up people to audit the firm.

Ms. Charlotte Allen provided City Council with a thorough briefing of the Independent Auditors' Report regarding the City's 2015 audit of its financial records. She stated it was her firms' opinion the financial statements referred to within the audit report present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the City, as of December 31, 2015; as well as, the respective changes in financial position and, where applicable, cash flows thereof for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Ms. Allen stated the City has a very healthy fund balance and could continue to operate for six (6) months after the year without collecting anything. She stated the General Fund increased fund balance by \$335,000, and considering the size of the General Fund it essentially was a break-even year. Ms. Allen continued by reviewing each of the City's main funds identified within the audit report. Ms. Allen concluded her briefing to City Council by thoroughly answering their questions.

Mr. Faretra thanked the auditors and stated it had been a pleasure working with them over the years; in addition, he thanked his staff, as well as City Council for giving him his staff and the tools to be able to do his job. Mayor Heitzler thanked Mr. Faretra and stated he was very pleased with the results of the audit.

Miscellaneous Business:

None.

IV. Adjournment:

Councilmember Esarey made a motion to adjourn. All in favor, non-opposed. Meeting adjourned at 6:48 p.m.

_____ Date: March 14, 2017

Kelly J. Lovette, MMC
City Clerk

A copy of this meeting's agenda was sent to the Post and Courier and The Goose Creek Gazette; it was posted in City Hall 24 hours prior to the meeting.