

# **Finance Champion Report**

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With direction from Resolution 23-120, we met with the Interim City Manager and Finance Director on Friday, March 29 to review goals, priorities, and timelines for financial plan development for the City. This memorandum is to provide the Council and Mayor with an overview of our conversation, and an opportunity for any questions.

#### Audit

- Staff have developed a corrective action plan for the FY22 findings that will be included in the final FY22 financial statements. BDO is not planning another presentation to the Council on the FY22 audit.
- The City is ready to engage on the FY23 audit when we finalize FY22 (this meeting) and then get on BDO's schedule.
- There are professional services funds available in the FY24 budget to bring in outside help to get the City back on track. The FY25 budget has funding for another person in the Finance Dept., this is currently a vacant position. We emphasized to staff that they need to tell Council what resources and support we can provide.

## **Procurement Policy**

• We've updated our timeline for procurement policy updates, and plan to have an ordinance for Council to review by the first meeting in May.

## **Investment Income Allocation**

• We're working with staff to bring forward an ordinance updating <u>HCC 03.10</u>, <u>Investment and</u> <u>Collateralization of Public Funds</u> to include investment income allocation policy.

#### **Free Main Allowance**

• The Mayor asked that we discuss the balance of the free main allowance account with staff, and help draft a proposal for the Council to consider allocation of those funds. We would like to wait until we have FY23 data and work off of that, but will be discussing options to bring to Council in the meantime.