



BUDGET REVIEW COMMITTEE

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May 16, 2023 / 9:00 AM /
Council Chambers
C. E. “Red” McDaniel City Services Center - Second Floor
3111 Citizens Way, Columbus, Georgia 31906

CALL TO ORDER - Chairperson Judy W. Thomas, Presiding

A G E N D A

PRESENTATIONS

1. Parks and Recreation - Holli Browder, Parks and Recreation Director
2. Bull Creek Golf Course - Jim Ardent, Golf Director
3. Tax Commissioner's Office - Lula Huff, Tax Commissioner
4. Police Department - Stoney Mathis, Interim Chief of Police
5. Internal Auditor - Donna McGinnis, Internal Auditor/Compliance Officer
6. ADD/DELETE LIST

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File Attachments for Item:

5. Internal Auditor - Donna McGinnis, Internal Auditor/Compliance Officer



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Item #5.

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Supplemental FY24 Budget Request

Internal Audit Department

May 16, 2023

Within the next two weeks, 2 Forensic Auditors will be joining the Internal Audit Department. With significant disparity between the position requirements and the related salary range, it has been necessary to recruit ambitious talent, with a conditional compensation incentive for the completion of the Certified Fraud Examiner credential.

In recent months, it's been noted that several departments haven't had a visit from Internal Audit in 8-10 years. Admittedly, every department doesn't have the same risk exposure. Currently, there are authorized audit projects that date back to October of 2019. We're certainly going to be rather busy in the short-term, but will also be working on a Risk-Based Master Plan for all CCG departments, resulting in future scheduling of CCG departments based upon their risk-profile.

In consideration of the anticipated departmental workload in the FY24 year, I'm requesting funding for the following supplemental requests, and would appreciate your thoughtful consideration:

- Car Allowance for Donna McGinnis
- One additional FTE-Forensic Auditor (starting salary \$58,905.38)
- 3rd party Whistleblower Hotline Service-Lighthouse Services
- Additional continuing education funds to credential 3 FTEs, at \$1,409.33 each.

The credentialing process through the Association of Certified Fraud Examiners includes \$210 for Associate Membership, \$849.60 for Examination Prep Materials, culminating in the credentialing exam for \$350.

We certainly have very busy days ahead-thanks so much for your thoughtful consideration!