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City of Homer Agenda

City Council Committee of the Whole

Monday, September 26, 2022 at 5:00 PM

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CALL TO ORDER, 5:00 P.M.

AGENDA APPROVAL (Only those matters on the noticed agenda may be considered, pursuant to City Council's Operating Manual, pg. 6)

CONSENT AGENDA

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

DISCUSSION TOPIC(S)

- [a.](#) Fiscal Year 2021 Audit Report - BDO, USA

COMMENTS OF THE AUDIENCE

ADJOURNMENT NO LATER THAN 5:50 P.M.

Next Regular Meeting is Monday, October 10, 2022 at 6:00 p.m., Committee of the Whole at 5:00 p.m. All meetings scheduled to be held in the City Hall Cowles Council Chambers located at 491 E. Pioneer Avenue, Homer, Alaska.

Report to Honorable Mayor and City Council

CITY OF HOMER



Audit Wrap Up:
Six Months Ended June 30, 2021

IBDO

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The following communication was prepared as part of our audit, has consequential limitations, and is intended solely for the information and use of Honorable Mayor and City Council (e.g., Board of Directors and Audit Committee) and, if appropriate, management of the Client and is not intended and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

Welcome



September 22, 2022

Honorable Mayor and City Council
City of Homer

Professional standards require us to communicate with you regarding matters related to the audit, that are, in our professional judgment, significant and relevant to your responsibilities in overseeing the financial reporting process. On January 10, 2022 we presented an overview of our plan for the audit of the financial statements of City of Homer the City as of and for the six months ended June 30, 2021, including a summary of our overall objectives for the audit, and the nature, scope, and timing of the planned audit work.

This communication is intended to elaborate on the significant findings from our audit, including our views on the qualitative aspects of the City's accounting practices and policies, management's judgments and estimates, financial statement disclosures, and other required matters.

We are pleased to be of service to the City and look forward to meeting with you on September 26, 2022 to discuss our audit findings, as well as other matters that may be of interest to you, and to answer any questions you might have.

Respectfully,

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Executive Summary



Status of Our Audit

We have substantially completed our audit of the financial statements as of and for the six months ended June 30, 2021. Our audit was conducted in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and *Government Auditing Standards*. This audit of the financial statements does not relieve management or those charged with governance of their responsibilities.

- ▶ The objective of our audit was to obtain reasonable - not absolute - assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatements.
- ▶ The scope of the work performed was substantially the same as that described to you in our earlier Audit Planning communications.
- ▶ We expect to issue an unmodified opinion on the financial statements and release our report on September 26, 2022.
- ▶ Our responsibility for other information in documents containing the City's audited financial statements does not extend beyond the financial information identified in the audit report, and we are not required to perform procedures to corroborate such other information. However, in accordance with professional standards, we have read the information included by the City and considered whether such information, or the manner of its presentation, was materially inconsistent with its presentation in the financial statements. Our responsibility also includes calling to management's attention any information that we believe is a material misstatement of fact. We have not identified any material inconsistencies or concluded there are any material misstatements of facts in the other information that management has chosen not to correct.
- ▶ All records and information requested by BDO were freely available for our inspection.
- ▶ Management's cooperation was excellent. We received full access to all information that we requested while performing our audit, and we acknowledge the full cooperation extended to us by all levels of City personnel throughout the course of our work.



Results of the Audit

ACCOUNTING PRACTICES, POLICIES, AND ESTIMATES

The following summarizes the more significant required communications related to our audit concerning the City's accounting practices, policies, and estimates:

The City's significant accounting practices and policies are those included in Note 1 to the financial statements. These accounting practices and policies are appropriate, comply with generally accepted accounting principles and industry practice, were consistently applied, and are adequately described within Note 1 to the financial statements.

- ▶ A summary of recently issued accounting pronouncements is included in Note 18 to the City's financial statements.
- ▶ There were no changes in significant accounting policies and practices during Fiscal Year 2021.

Significant estimates are those that require management's most difficult, subjective, or complex judgments, often as a result of the need to make estimates about the effects of matters that are inherently uncertain. The City's significant accounting estimates, including a description of management's processes and significant assumptions used in development of the estimates, are disclosed in Note 1 of the financial statements.

Accounting Estimates

Net Pension/OPEB liability for PERS - The City is required under GASB 68 and 75 to present its proportionate share of any net pension liability related to participation in a defined benefit pension and OPEB plans. The net pension/OPEB liability amount presented is an accounting estimate, based on various actuarial assumptions and plan estimates. Management relies upon the Plan and the Plan's actuary to calculate pension/OPEB related estimate and records the estimated figures provided by the Plan. Management reviews estimate for reasonableness but historically has accepted the amounts reported by the Plan allocable to the City without further modification.

- ▶ Management did not make any significant changes to the processes or significant assumptions used to develop the significant accounting estimates in Fiscal Year 2021.

Results of the Audit

QUALITY OF THE CITY’S FINANCIAL REPORTING

A discussion was held regarding the quality of the City’s financial reporting, which included:



Results of the Audit

CORRECTED AND UNCORRECTED MISSTATEMENTS

There were no corrected misstatements, other than those that were clearly trivial, related to accounts and/or disclosures that we brought to the attention of management.

There were no uncorrected misstatements, other than those that were clearly trivial, related to accounts and/or disclosures that we presented to management.





Internal Control Over Financial Reporting



Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the City's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) as a basis for designing our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion(s) on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the City's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the City's internal control.

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described above and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be significant deficiencies or material weaknesses.

We are required to communicate, in writing, to Honorable Mayor and City Council all material weaknesses and significant deficiencies that have been identified in the City's internal control over financial reporting. The definitions of control deficiency, significant deficiency and material weakness follow:

Category	Definition
Control Deficiency	A deficiency in internal control exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct misstatements on a timely basis.
Significant Deficiency	A deficiency or combination of deficiencies in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by Honorable Mayor and City Council.
Material Weakness	A deficiency or combination of deficiencies in internal control, such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the City 's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected on a timely basis.

In conjunction with our audit of the financial statements, we noted no material weaknesses.



Additional Required Communications



Other Required Communications

Following is a summary of other required items, along with specific discussion points as they pertain to the City:

Requirement	Discussion Point
Significant changes to planned audit strategy or significant risks initially identified	There were no significant changes to the planned audit strategy or significant risks initially identified and previously communicated to those charged with governance as part of our Audit Planning communications.
Obtain information from those charged with governance relevant to the audit	There were no matters noted relevant to the audit, including, but not limited to: violations or possible violations of laws or regulations; risks of material misstatement, including fraud risks; or tips or complaints regarding the City's financial reporting that we were made aware of as a result of our inquiry of those charged with governance.
If applicable, nature and extent of specialized skills or knowledge needed related to significant risks	There were no specialized skills or knowledge needed, outside of the core engagement team, to perform the planned audit procedures or evaluate audit results related to significant risks.
Consultations with other accountants	We are not aware of any consultations about accounting or auditing matters between management and other independent public accountants. Nor are we aware of opinions obtained by management from other independent public accountants on the application of generally accepted accounting principles.
Significant findings and issues arising during the audit in connection with the City's related parties	We have evaluated whether the identified related party relationships and transactions have been appropriately identified, accounted for, and disclosed and whether the effects of the related party relationships and transactions, based on the audit evidence obtained, prevent the financial statements from achieving fair presentation.
Significant findings or issues arising during the audit that were discussed, or were the subject of correspondence, with management	There were no significant findings or issues arising during the audit that were discussed, or were the subject of correspondence, with management

Other Required Communications

Following is a summary of other required items, along with specific discussion points as they pertain to the City:

Requirement	Discussion Point
Disagreements with management	There were no disagreements with management about matters, whether or not satisfactorily resolved, that individually or in aggregate could be significant to the City's financial statements or to our auditor's report.
Significant difficulties encountered during the audit	There were no significant difficulties encountered during the audit.
Matters that are difficult or contentious for which the auditor consulted outside the engagement team	There were no difficult or contentious matters that we consulted with others outside the engagement team that we reasonably determined to be relevant to Honorable Mayor and City Council regarding their oversight of the financial reporting process.
If applicable, other matters significant to the oversight of the City's financial reporting process, including complaints or concerns regarding accounting or auditing matters	There are no other matters that we consider significant to the oversight of the City's financial reporting process that have not been previously communicated.
Representations requested from management	Please refer to the management representation letter.



Independence

Our engagement letter to you dated November 18, 2021 describes our responsibilities in accordance with professional standards and certain regulatory authorities with regard to independence and the performance of our services. This letter also stipulates the responsibilities of the City with respect to independence as agreed to by the City. Please refer to that letter for further information.





Appendix



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