

CITY OF HIGH POINT

AGENDA ITEM



Title: Accept Auditor's Report for Special Audit Testing Procedures Required by the State Treasurer's Office

From: Jeffrey A Moore, Financial Services Director

Meeting Date: September 21, 2015

Public Hearing: No

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Attachments: Report of Independent Accountant

PURPOSE:

Last Winter, the NC Department of State Treasurer directed the City to conduct a special audit of the payroll and participant information provided to the Local Government Employees' Retirement System as part the Retirement System's audit and report. Those tests and procedures have been completed and the auditor has submitted their attest report letter.

BACKGROUND:

The State Treasurer's Office annually selects units of local government who participate in the Local Government Employees' Retirement System at random for the required special testing procedures in order to comply with current governmental pension accounting standards and reporting. The City was notified in late February that we had been selected for testing and directed that this work be performed by the City's auditors.

At its April 13, 2015 meeting, City Council authorized the City Manager to engage Cherry Bekaert, the City's auditors, for the examination and testing of participant data and related payroll records.

The auditors conducted their special audit procedures required by the Office of State Auditor and Department of State Treasurer. In summary, the City's retirement system participant data and reporting procedures were complete and accurate.

BUDGET IMPACT:

No additional impact.

RECOMMENDATION / ACTIONS REQUESTED:

City Council is requested to accept the auditor's attest report letter for the special audit testing procedures on the City's participant data and related payroll records provided to the Local Government Employees' Retirement System.

Report of Independent Accountant

Honorable Mayor
and Members of the City Council
City of High Point, North Carolina

We have examined the employee census data and related underlying payroll records of the City of High Point, North Carolina (the "City") for the year ended December 31, 2014, to determine if the employee census data submitted on the Online Retirement Benefits through Integrated Technology ("ORBITS") system to the North Carolina Local Government Retirement System (the "LGERS") from the City is complete and accurate. The City's management is responsible for the employee census data submitted to the LGERS. Our responsibility is to express an opinion based on our examination.

Our examination was conducted in accordance with attestation standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and, accordingly, included examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the employee census data and related underlying payroll records and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances. We believe that our examination provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the census data referred to above, presents, in all material respects, complete and accurate employee census data from the City for the year ended December 31, 2014, based on the criteria set by the Retirement System's Handbook revised January 2015.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the City's management, the North Carolina Department of State Treasurer, and the North Carolina Office of the State Auditor and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.



Raleigh, North Carolina
August 22, 2015