Office of the City Auditor 2013 Proposed Budget

Recommendation:

That the Audit Committee recommend to the November 27, 2012, City Council Budget meeting:

That the Office of the City Auditor's 2013 Operating Budget as outlined in Attachment 1 of the November 13, 2012, Office of the City Auditor report 2012OCA013, be approved.

Report Summary

This report presents the Office of the City Auditor's recommended budget for 2013.

Report

Attachment 1 contains a copy of the Office of the City Auditor's proposed budget for 2013. The Office of the City Auditor has submitted its complete budget documents through the administrative budget process for formal consideration during City Council's 2013 Budget deliberations.

As an independent audit office reporting on the efficiency, effectiveness and economy of City operations, we must operate in a cost-effective and clearly accountable manner. This is why we have kept our 2013 budget request to a minimal increase compared to 2012.

Approximately 91% of the Office of the City Auditor's budget consists of salary and benefits. In 2013, we are requesting approval to maintain our existing resource levels. In 2013, we will continue to pursue the highest quality standards of audit services in order to ensure that we can deliver on our 2013 Annual Plan commitment and continue to assist Audit Committee with meeting its roles and responsibilities as defined in Bylaw 16097, Audit Committee Bylaw.

Policy

Bylaw 16097, Audit Committee Bylaw, Section 14(g) states that, "Committee will review all reports from the City Auditor which will include reports from the City Auditor dealing with budget and staffing of the Office of the City Auditor."

Corporate Outcomes

The information contained in this report is consistent with Council's Strategic Plan in terms of Conditions of Success, specifically sound management practices and processes.

Justification of Recommendation

The City Auditor submits an annual budget request to Audit Committee for its review and recommendation to City Council as per the Audit Committee Bylaw. Review of the City Auditor's budget assists Audit Committee in fulfilling its oversight role of the Office of the City Auditor.

Attachment

1. Office of the City Auditor 2013 Proposed Budget