# Citywide Audits

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## Council's Request for Information

- What audits have been done
- What was their scope
- Were there findings
  - In some cases, yes
- How long did the audits take
  - Some audits can be completed in days, others take weeks, and in some cases months
  - Audits are continuous and occur throughout the year



### What audits have been done and what was their scope?

#### Financial Audit

 Purpose: to make sure financial statements comply with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles

#### Compliance Audit

 Purpose: to make sure the entity that received financial assistance complies with laws, regulations and agreements

#### Operational Audit

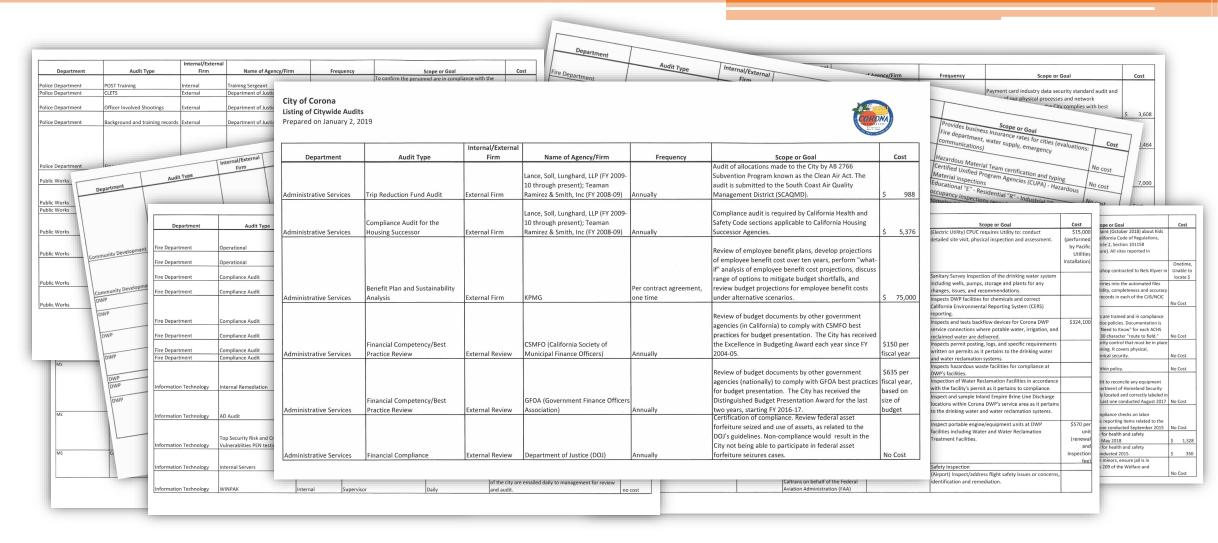
Purpose: evaluate the efficiency, effectiveness, and economy of an entity's operations

#### Information System Audit

 Purpose: to ensure systems are secure and for proper functioning of the information system throughout the life of a business

#### Environmental Audit

Purpose: to ensure compliance with the environmental laws and regulations



Comprehensive list of all audits can be found on the City's website @ <a href="https://www.coronaca.gov/businesses/finance">https://www.coronaca.gov/businesses/finance</a>



### Summary of Audits

- List includes 133 different types of 'audits'
- 111 (83%) conducted by an external, independent agency or firm
  - Estimated Cost = \$950,000
  - Not representative of annual amount as some audits were one-time
- 18 (14%) conducted internally, by City staff
- 4 (3%) were a combination of both an external agency and City staff
- Of these 133 audits, 97 (73%) are required or mandated
- 36 (27%) are above and beyond
  - In other words, Council or City Management requested for an audit or review that was not required or mandated



#### Overview of Departmental Audits

Administrative Services

External – 34

Internal – 4

Combination – 0

**Community Development** 

External – 1

Internal – 0

Combination – 1

Dept. of

Water & Power

External – 13

Internal – 2

Combination – 0

Fire

External – 8

Internal – 0

Combination – 2

Information Technology

External – 6

Internal – 2

Combination – 0

Legal & Risk Management

External – 5

Internal – 0

**Combination – 0** 

Library & Rec. Services

External – 1

Internal – 0

Combination – 0

Maintenance Services

External – 18

Internal – 1

Combination – 0

Police

External – 17

Internal – 9

**Combination – 1** 

**Public Works** 

External – 8

Internal – 0

**Combination - 0** 



### Audits that were 'Above & Beyond'

- Citygate Associates operational audits
- KPMG benefits plan and sustainability analysis
- Lance, Soll & Lunghard, LLP agreed upon procedures (AUP)



### Citygate Associates – Operational Audits

- Citywide Management Audits 1995 through 2001
  - Purpose: citywide overview of rotating management audits, provide action plan for each department
  - Findings: 250 recommendations made citywide
  - Estimated cost = \$418,000
- Fire Audit 2000
  - Purpose: prevention plan
  - Cost = \$26,000
- Fire Audit 2013
  - Purpose: standards of cover, strategic plan, and fire stations
  - Cost = \$125,000



## KPMG - Benefits Plan and Sustainability Analysis

- Purpose:
  - Review of employee benefit plans
  - Developed projections of employee benefit cost over ten years
  - Performed "what-if" analysis of employee benefit cost projections
  - Discussed range of options to mitigate budget shortfalls
  - Reviewed budget projections for employee benefit costs under alternative scenarios
- Findings: KPMG offered alternatives to pension plans, medical benefits, and OPEB plan to reduce employee benefit costs
- Cost = \$75,000

More information can be found @ www.coronaca.gov/businesses/finance under Documents/Presentations - 12/14/2016 - Study Session - Benefit Plan Analysis Presentation

## Lance, Soll & Lunghard, LLP – Agreed Upon Procedures

#### Review and evaluate the following areas:

- Cash Receipts
- Inventory/Warehouse Processes
- Bank Reconciliations
- Purchasing, Procurement, and Cash
   Disbursements in the Department of Water and Power and Maintenance Services
   Department
- Purchasing, Procurement, and Cash
   Disbursements cycles of the City
- Wire Transfers
- DUI Billings
- COPS Hiring Grant

- Animal Control's Cash Handling
- Police's AB 109 PACT Fiscal Agent Responsibilities
- Police Telestaff Timekeeping Procedures
- Fire Inspection Billing
- Fire Telestaff Timekeeping Procedures
- Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Billings
- Safekeeping & Monitoring of Police Evidence
- Appropriations Limit
- Investment Portfolio
- Measure A Local Streets and Road Program

## Lance, Soll & Lunghard, LLP – Agreed Upon Procedures

- Purpose: evaluate procedures of the City with respect to the targeted area's responsibilities, review its internal control structure applicable to the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations (COSO) internal control framework, and the application of best practices
- Findings with recommended action made in the following areas:
  - Bank Reconciliations
  - Vendor Contracts and Payments
  - Inventory Procedures
  - Fire Telestaff Timekeeping
  - Purchasing Procurement and Disbursement Procedures in DWP and Maintenance Services
  - Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Billings

### Lance, Soll & Lunghard, LLP – Agreed Upon Procedures

- Findings...continued:
  - Fire Inspection Billing
  - Fire Telestaff Timekeeping Procedures
  - Police's AB 109 PACT Fiscal Agent Responsibilities
  - Animal Control's Cash Handling
  - DUI Billings
  - Police's Telestaff Timekeeping Procedures
  - Safekeeping & Monitoring of Police Evidence
- Cost = \$94,500
- Agenda report on March 15, 2017
- More information can be found @ www.coronaca.gov/businesses/finance
  - under Documents/Presentations + 4/6/2016 Auditor's Report on Applying Agreed Upon Procedures
    - 2016 Financial and Audit Results Presented by LSL Certified Public Accountants
    - 2015 Financial and Audit Results Presented by LSL Certified Public Accounts



#### Next Up...

- Per Council's direction, additional 'above and beyond' audits
- RFP's have been issued for:
  - Fire Department Operational Performance Consulting Services
  - Police Department Operational Performance Consulting Services
- RFP's will close on January 15, 2019
- Estimated cost for both audits will range from \$150,000 \$200,000

More information can be found @ www.coronaca.gov/i-want-to/rfp-posts-list

under Bid Opportunities —

BID NUMBER	TITLE	CLOSING	<u>STATUS</u>
RFP 19-002MS	City of Corona Fire Department Operational Performance Consulting Services	01/15/2019 10:00 AM	Open
RFP 19-003MS	<u>City of Corona Police Department Operational Performance</u> <u>Consulting Services</u>	01/15/2019 10:00 AM	Open



#### What Other Audits are Available?

Environmental & Social Audit

**Financial Audit** 

Follow-up Audit

**Warehouse Audit** 

Investigative Audit

**Compliance Audit** 

Types
Of
Audit

**Operational Audit** 

Franchise Fee & Utility
Audit

**Tax Audit** 

Internal/External Audit

**Forensic Audit** 

Information Technology
Audit



#### **Forensic Audits**

- Used wherever an entity's finances present a legal concern
- The process of reviewing a person's or company's financial statements to determine if they are accurate and lawful
- Most commonly associated with the IRS and tax audits, but it may also be commissioned by private companies to establish a complete view of a single entity's finances
- Forensic audits are presented as evidence by a prosecutor or by a lawyer representing an interested party

Source: https://thelawdictionary.org/article/what-is-a-forensic-audit/



### Closing Remarks

- 13 years of Comprehensive Annual Financial Reports can be found online @ www.coronaca.gov/government/departments-divisions/finance/budget-annual-reports
- Audits occur throughout the City on a regular basis
- Most are mandated for compliance and regulatory purposes
- Others are conducted to ensure best practices
- Most audits are performed by an outside independent body
- Management is committed to continue having the various types of audits to ensure best practices, accuracy of financial statements, fraud prevention, and operational efficiency

# Questions



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