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**Financial Auditing Services**

**Action:**

- A. Approve a contract with Cherry Bekaert, LLP, for financial auditing services for an initial term of one year, and**
- B. Authorize the City Manager to renew the contract for up to four, one-year terms, with possible price adjustments and to amend the contract consistent with the purpose for which the contract was approved.**

**Staff Resource(s):**

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**Explanation**

- State law requires City Council to select a certified public accounting firm to audit the accounting records and annual financial report, and to evaluate internal controls at the end of each fiscal year.
- The audit includes financial and compliance examinations, as well as issuance of appropriate audit reports for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2019.
- The audited reports include the City’s Comprehensive Annual Financial Report and the Single Audit for Federal and State funding sources.
- The contract also includes optional reports for CATS and the Charlotte Firefighters Retirement System which will be paid for by the respective entities, if utilized.
- The audit must be completed and the audit reports rendered no later than October 31, 2019.
- On August 11, 2018, the City issued a Request for Proposals (RFP); three proposals were received.
- Cherry Bekaert, LLP best meets the City’s needs in terms of experience, qualifications, understanding of the work to be provided, and cost.
- Expenditures for the first year will be up to \$169,000. Audit fees for subsequent renewal terms will be negotiated each year. Annual increases will be limited to the Consumer Price Index, not to exceed five percent.

**Charlotte Business INclusion**

No subcontracting goals were established because there are no subcontracting opportunities (Part C; Section 2.1(a) of the Charlotte Business INclusion Policy).

**Fiscal Note**

Funding: Various Department Operating Budgets.