

November 28, 2023

To the Honorable Mayor, City Council and Management City of Troy, Michigan

We have audited the financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, the aggregate discretely presented component units, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the City of Troy, Michigan (the City) as of and for the year ended June 30, 2023. Professional standards require that we provide you with information about our responsibilities under generally accepted auditing standards, *Government Auditing Standards* and the Uniform Guidance, as well as certain information related to the planned scope and timing of our audit. We have communicated such information in our engagement letter to you dated April 5, 2023. Professional standards also require that we communicate to you the following information related to our audit.

We discussed these matters with various personnel in the City during the audit including management. We would also be pleased to meet with you to discuss these matters at your convenience.

#### **Significant Audit Matters**

### **Qualitative Aspects of Accounting Practices**

Management is responsible for the selection and use of appropriate accounting policies. The significant accounting policies used by the City are described in the footnotes of the financial statements. No new accounting policies were adopted, and the application of existing policies was not changed during the year.

We noted no transactions entered into by the City during the year for which there is lack of authoritative guidance or consensus. All significant transactions have been recognized in the financial statements in the proper period.

Accounting estimates are an integral part of the financial statements prepared by management and are based on management's knowledge and experience about past and current events and assumptions about future events. Certain accounting estimates are particularly sensitive because of their significance to the financial statements and because of the possibility that future events affecting them may differ significantly from those expected. The most sensitive estimates affecting the City's financial statements were:

- The useful lives of its capital assets. Useful lives are estimated based on the expected length of time during which the asset is able to deliver a given level of service.
- Leases receivable and the related deferred inflows of resources. The estimate is based on management's assessment of the likelihood of exercising renewal options and utilizing interest and discount rates.
- Net pension liability/asset, and related deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources. The estimate is based on an actuarial report.
- Net other postemployment benefits (OPEB) liability, and related deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources. The estimate is based on an actuarial report.

We evaluated the key factors and assumptions used to develop these estimates in determining that they are reasonable in relation to the financial statements taken as a whole.

Disclosures in the financial statements are neutral, consistent and clear.

A significant risk is an identified and assessed risk of material misstatement that, in the auditors' professional judgment, requires special audit consideration. Within our audit, we focused on the following areas.

- Management override of controls
- Improper revenue recognition
- Implementation of new accounting standard
- Information technology controls
- Termination of the VFIP Defined Benefit Pension Plan
- Prior period adjustment related to investments
- Terminated employees access to the system is not removed timely

## **Accounting Standards and Regulatory Updates**

The Governmental Accounting Standards Board has released additional Statements. Details regarding these Statements are described in the footnotes of the financial statements.

Implementation Guide No 2021-1, *Implementation Guidance Update-2021* has an amended response related to the capitalization of assets purchased as a group. Under the amended guidance, governments *should* capitalize individual items when the purchase in the aggregate is considered significant, even if the individual items are less than the capitalization threshold of the government. The effective date for implementation is for reporting periods beginning after June 15, 2023 (effectively, for the first year ended June 30, 2024 or later) and requires retroactive implementation.

#### **Difficulties Encountered in Performing the Audit**

We encountered no significant difficulties in dealing with management in performing and completing our audit.

#### **Corrected and Uncorrected Misstatements**

Professional standards require us to accumulate all known and likely misstatements identified during the audit, other than those that are clearly trivial and communicate them to the appropriate level of management. Management has corrected all such misstatements except as discussed below.

Management has determined that the effects of the uncorrected misstatements summarized below are immaterial both individually and in the aggregate, to the financial statements taken as a whole. The uncorrected misstatements or the matters underlying them could potentially cause future period financial statements to be materially misstated, even though, in our judgment, such uncorrected misstatements are immaterial to the financial statements under audit.

		Governmental Activities Over (Under) Stated											
Description		Total Assets		Total Liabilities		Total Net Position		Revenues	Expenditures		Change in Net Position		
Installment purchase agreement not recorded as long-term debt	\$	_	\$	(797,616)	\$	797,616 Aggregate Re	<u>\$</u> mai	- ining Funds	\$	<u>-</u>	\$		
		Over (Under) Stated											
Description		Total Assets	Total Liabilities			Total Net Position		Revenues	Expenditures		Change in Net Position		
Contingent liability for IRS audit (related to prior year)	\$	-	\$		\$	<u> </u>	\$	-	\$	247,064	\$	(247,064)	

#### **Disagreements with Management**

For purposes of this letter, a disagreement with management is a financial accounting, reporting, or auditing matter, whether or not resolved to our satisfaction, that could be significant to the financial statements or the auditors' report. We are pleased to report that no such disagreements arose during the course of our audit.

#### **Management Representations**

We have requested certain representations from management that are included in the management representation letter dated as of the date of the audit report.

# **Management's Consultations with Other Accountants**

In some cases, management may decide to consult with other accountants about auditing and accounting matters, similar to obtaining a "second opinion" on certain situations. If a consultation involves application of an accounting principle to the City's financial statements or a determination of the type of auditors' opinion that may be expressed on those statements, our professional standards require the consulting accountant to check with us to determine that the consultant has all the relevant facts. To our knowledge, there were no such consultations with other accountants.

#### Other Audit Findings or Issues

We generally discuss a variety of matters, including the application of accounting principles and auditing standards, with management each year prior to retention as the City's auditors. However, these discussions occurred in the normal course of our professional relationship and our responses were not a condition to our retention.

#### **Emphasis of Matters in Independent Auditors' Report**

#### **Prior Period Adjustment**

As described in Note 20 to the financial statements, the City restated the Governmental Activities beginning net position and the General Fund's beginning fund balance to correct an error. Our opinions are not modified with respect to this matter.

## **Other Reports**

Other information that is required to be reported to you is included in the: Independent Auditors' Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting and on Compliance and Other Matters Based on an Audit of Financial Statements Performed in Accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*; Independent Auditors' Report on Compliance For Each Major Federal Program; Independent Auditors' Report on Internal Control Over Compliance; Independent Auditors' Report on Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards Required by the Uniform Grant Guidance; and the Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs. Please read all information included in those reports to ensure you are aware of relevant information.

# **Report on Required Supplementary Information**

We applied certain limited procedures to management's discussion and analysis and the remaining required supplementary information (RSI) as described in the table of contents of the financial statements that supplements the basic financial statements. Our procedures consisted of inquiries of management regarding the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We did not audit the RSI and do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the RSI.

#### **Report on Other Supplementary Information**

We were engaged to report on other supplementary information as described in the table of contents of the financial statements, which accompany the financial statements but are not RSI. With respect to this supplementary information, we made certain inquiries of management and evaluated the form, content, and methods of preparing the information to determine that the information complies with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, the method of preparing it has not changed from the prior period, and the information is appropriate and complete in relation to our audit of the financial statements. We compared and reconciled the supplementary information to the underlying accounting records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves.

#### **Annual Comprehensive Financial Report**

The City's audited financial statements are included in their annual comprehensive financial report. Our responsibility for the other information contained in the annual comprehensive financial report does not extend beyond the financial information identified in our audit report. We do not have an obligation to perform any procedures to corroborate the other information contained in the introductory section and statistical section. However, we read the other information and considered whether such information, or the manner of its presentation, was materially inconsistent with information, or the manner of its presentation, appearing in the financial statements. Nothing came to our attention that caused us to believe that such information, or its manner of presentation, was materially inconsistent with the information, or manner of its presentation, appearing in the financial statements.

#### **Restriction on Use**

This information is intended solely for the information and use of the City Council and management of the City and is not intended to be, and should not be, used by anyone other than these specified parties.

Auburn Hills, Michigan