

Saint Paul City Council Audit Committee Informational Presentation



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Mission and Function

- **Mission:** The Saint Paul City Council Audit Committee's mission is to evaluate the financial and program performance of City departments to build public trust and ensure outstanding service delivery, transparency and accountability.
- **Charge of the Audit Committee:** With input from the community and city staff, the committee will select a topic based on the potential impact an audit could have on improving the City's efficiency and effectiveness, interview and select consultants to perform the audit, and monitor the work of the consultants throughout the process. The Audit Committee will present a final report to the City Council and Administration on its findings. The Committee may, from time to time, request an update from the Administration on its progress toward recommendations from previous audits and update the Council accordingly.



Committee Membership

- Councilmembers Jane Prince and Rebecca Noecker – Co-Chairs
- Council President Amy Brendmoen (Ex-Officio)
- James Farnsworth, Dana DeMaster, Stephanie Dilworth, and Ellen Brown – Community Advisors



History

- 1990's audits
- Councilmembers Prince and Noecker joining the council and spearheading the re-formation of a City Council Audit Committee
- Per [Res 20-1110](#), the City Council voted at its August 12, 2020 meeting to establish the creation of a Saint Paul City Council Audit Committee



How do audit topics get selected and pursued?

Selection: In consultation with the Mayor's Cabinet, city departments, district councils, community partners, and a broad group of stakeholders; through online survey; with regular, rolling reviews of ideas.

RFP/RFQs are broadly circulated to consultants with appropriate timeline...so far 6-12 months...and not to exceed budget

Purpose:

- Enhancing accountability of city operations
- Improving efficiency and effectiveness of city operations; and
- Demonstrating to the public the City Council's commitment to efficiency and positive outcomes

The Committee reports and shares its findings with the public and Administration and also works with the Administration to implement recommendations based on audit findings.



What are we doing now?

- Residential housing development study
- Consultant on retainer to support ad-hoc audits



We want your feedback!

- <https://www.stpaul.gov/departments/city-council/audit-committee>
- Scroll down to “Topic suggestions from residents”
- We review survey responses on a rolling basis to inform the work of the committee