



**Finance Committee Budget Hearing
Audit Department
April 8, 2026**

1. Understanding the 5-year revenue and expenditure projections show expenditures **far outpacing** revenues for FY27 to FY30, and FY27 General Fund Proposed Budget uses **\$25.7M** of the Tax Stabilization Fund, please share how this budget aligns with closing any potential budget gaps.
 - a) Specify any cost savings or reductions, and if this budget provides adequate resources to meet the departmental needs.
 - b) Specify any high-level major additions.

2. Considering the **\$1.680M** budgeted for Stormwater Utility and the Water Sewer Utility charges across both the General and Water Sewer Funds, please share if there are any plans to conduct a review to ensure that these charges are adequate.
 - a) Specify if there is any financial impact on the city with this cost.

3. With Black & Vetch presenting the 6-year financial rate plan for the water sewer fund, please share if there are any plans to conduct any audits to ensure that the financial rate plans presented to Council is sustainable.
 - a) Specify if there has been any review by the City's Outside Auditor (*please explain why or why not*).

4. Now that the court mandated Property Tax Reassessment for New Castle County was done by Tyler Technologies, which the methodology used is based on market rate value, please share any budgetary or fiscal plans to audit the data file. *Please explain why or why not.*
 - a) Specify if there are any collaborations with NCC Auditor, and the State Auditor.

5. Discuss the mechanisms in place to ensure that both internal and external clients are abreast of the City's fraud hotline.
 - a) Share the amount of funds budgeted.
 - b) Specify the number of calls for FY24, FY25, and year to date.

- c) Specify if any calls led to fraud investigation, per year, for the last 3 years.
 - d) Share the number of Risk Assessments submitted FY24, FY25, and FY26.
6. Discuss the planned use of ~**\$242K** budgeted in the Consultants account line (across both the General and Water Sewer Funds).
- a) Specify vendor name, duration of the contract, and how long the City has been doing business with this vendor.
 - b) Specify if the vendor has affiliation with inclusion of DBE's.
7. Discuss the number of planned audits proposed for FY27, and the number of planned audits versus completed audits for FY25 and FY26.
- a) Specify the number of audits that will be carried over to FY27.
 - b) Specify the number of audits that have been done externally per year, for the last 3 years.
8. Discuss the impact on your operations as a result of the new integrated audit management platform (Optro OpsAudit) that was recently implemented.
- a) Specify if adequate funding is allocated.
9. Please share the latest updates from the recent Peer Review of the Audit Department, and if this budget provides the necessary funding and resources.
- a) Specify your plans to maintain and build upon the areas where your department excelled.

All Departments

10. Provide FY27 proposed organizational chart with the total number of employees (i.e. permanent, temporary, contract, vacancies).
- a) Please include in the Org chart a photo of all Directors, Managers, Divisions Heads, and Supervisors.