



AUDITOR'S COMMUNICATION WITH THOSE CHARGED WITH GOVERNANCE
AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE AUDIT

Mayor and City Council
City of Olathe, Kansas

We have audited the financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, the discretely presented component unit, each major fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of the City of Olathe, Kansas, for the year ended December 31, 2018. 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. Professional standards also require that we communicate to you the following information related to our audit.

Significant Audit Matters

Qualitative Aspects of Accounting Practice

Management is responsible for the selection and use of appropriate accounting policies. The significant accounting policies used by the City are described in Note 1 to the financial statements. The City implemented GASB Statement No. 75, Accounting and Financial Reporting for Postemployment Benefits Other Than Pensions for KPERS. The effects of which are disclosed in Note 18 of the financial statements. We noted no transactions entered into by the City during the year for which there is a 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:

Management's estimate of accumulated depreciation is based on the straight-line method of depreciation. We evaluated the key factors and assumptions used to develop the accumulated depreciation in determining that it is reasonable in relation to the financial statements taken as a whole.

Management's estimates of the allowances for doubtful accounts are based on historical revenues, historical loss levels, and analysis of the collectability of individual accounts. We evaluated the key factors and assumptions used to develop the allowances in determining that they are reasonable in relation to the financial statements taken as a whole.

Management's estimates of accrued compensated absences are based on a list of accumulated vacation and sick time through December 31, 2018 from the City's payroll system and calculations per the City's policy to permit employees to accumulate certain amounts of vacation and sick leave, which are discussed in Note 1. I. We evaluated the key factors and assumptions used to calculate the accrued compensated absences in determining that they are reasonable in relation to the financial statements taken as a whole.

The City operates a single employer defined benefit healthcare plan administered by the City to provide medical and pharmacy benefits to eligible retirees and their dependents. The City's estimates for the annual other postemployment benefit (OPEB) costs and liabilities related to this plan are based on the reports issued by an external actuary hired by the City. See Note 14. We reviewed these reports and obtained an understanding of the methods and assumptions used by the actuary, as well as evaluating the model used by the actuary for appropriateness and compliance with generally accepted accounting principles.

The City participates in a cost-sharing multiple-employer pension plan administered by the Kansas Public Employees Retirement System (KPERS). The City's estimates for costs, deferred outflows and inflows of resources, and liabilities related to this plan are based on reports issued by an external actuary hired by the KPERS. See Note 10. We reviewed these reports and obtained an understanding of the methods and assumptions used by the actuary, as well as evaluating the model used by the actuary for appropriateness and compliance with generally accepted accounting principles.

The financial statement disclosures are neutral, consistent, and clear.

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. In addition, none of the misstatements detected as a result of audit procedures and corrected by management were material, either individually or in the aggregate, to the financial statements taken as a whole.

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 auditor's 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 June 3, 2019.

Management Consultations with Other Independent 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 auditor's 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 of Olathe, Kansas's auditors. However, these discussions occurred in the normal course of our professional relationship and our responses were not a condition of our retention.

Other Matters

We applied certain limited procedures to required supplementary information (RSI), which 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.

We were engaged to report on supplementary information, including combining statements and schedule and the schedule of expenditures of federal awards, 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 general 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.

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

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June 3, 2019