

Audit Committee

For the Council Meeting of January 9, 2013

ADVISORY INFORMATION

Date: November 12, 2012

Subject: Approval of Audit Committee Member Heather Johnston

District(s), Member(s): All

Policy/Legal Reference: Bylaws of the Audit Committee

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Division/Department: Program Evaluation and Audit

Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council approve the appointment of Heather Johnston, effective immediately, as a member to the Audit Committee for an unspecified term.

Overview and Funding

Bylaws of the Audit Committee, (passed by Council, September 10, 2003, 2003-233) call for 6 voting members. Three shall be Council members and three shall be external members with expertise in such areas as finance, accounting, auditing, information systems, management, operations or program performance.

The bylaws also provide that, when a vacancy occurs, the Audit Committee members shall be appointed by the Council Chair and approved by the full Council.

Heather Johnston is currently the City Manager of Administration for the City of Burnsville. She was previously the Budget Director for the City of Minneapolis and an Executive Budget Officer for the State Department of Finance (now Minnesota Management and Budget).

The Audit Committee is made up of three Council members and three external members with expertise in finance and auditing. The current Council members on the Audit Committee are: Gary VanEyll (chair), Steven Chávez, and Edward Reynoso. The current external members are: Chuck Denninger, Internal Auditor for Anoka County, and Charles Elliott, Director of Regulatory Services for the City of Minneapolis.

Recommendation

Audit Committee Chair Gary Van Eyll has reviewed Heather Johnston's qualifications and recommends her appointment. Metropolitan Council Chair Susan Haigh appoints Ms. Johnston to the Audit Committee and requests Council concurrence.