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TO: The Honorable Detroit City Council

FROM: David D. Whitaker 
Legislative Policy Division Staff

DATE: February 6, 2023

RE: Auditor General Selection Process

As instructed by your Honorable Body, the Legislative Policy Division (LPD) posted and received submissions from candidates wishing to serve as the Auditor General. Four individuals successfully applied for the position before the Friday, February 3, 2023 deadline.

Although, the selection process is totally within your body's discretion, LPD has been asked to provide a proposed process to make its final selection. Because there a small number of candidates, it is LPD's recommendation that all the candidates be interviewed. After the interviews, City Council would then by a vote of the majority of members serving (in this instance 5 members) choose the next Auditor General. A proposed resolution for the adoption of the process has been attached for your consideration.

RESOLUTION BY THE DETROIT CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION ADOPTING A PROCESS TO APPOINT THE AUDITOR GENERAL

WHEREAS, The Auditor General is appointed by City Council to a ten-year term (Section 7.5-103, 2012 Detroit City Charter). The term of the current Auditor General will expire on Tuesday, February 21, 2023; and

WHEREAS, City Council has posted the position for a two-week period and has received submissions from four qualified applicants. **NOW THEREFORE BE IT**

RESOLVED, That the Detroit City Council shall utilize the following process to fill the position of the Auditor General for a term of ten years beginning with the appointment of the successful applicant:

1. Each of the applicants shall be interviewed within the Internal Operations Standing Committee, with notice that a quorum may be present and participating, to be scheduled as soon hereafter as practicable; and
2. Once the interviews have concluded, City Council shall, during a voting session, implement a run-off voting system to appoint the Auditor General.

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