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Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council:

We conducted a performance audit of the city's cybersecurity environments to assess whether the city has implemented information security controls that align with the NIST (National Institute of Standards and Technology) Cybersecurity Framework (CSF) to strengthen its overall information security program. NIST allows for flexibility in control implementation and is recommended for organizations that are in developmental stages of a cybersecurity risk management plan or attempting to mitigate prior failures or data breaches.

Our scope included identifying current roles, responsibilities, and processes in place to enhance the city's overall security maturity and reduce cybersecurity risks to critical data. The objectives of this audit were:

- Has AIM implemented the immediate (6-month) recommendations from the February 2020, SecureWorks NIST Cybersecurity Framework Maturity Assessment for General Fund and Watershed?
- Has AIM implemented the immediate (6-month) recommendations from the September 2020, SecureWorks NIST Cybersecurity Framework Maturity Assessment for Aviation?
- Are there barriers to implementation of the NIST CSF?

Our findings and recommendations related to the city's information technology security and infrastructure are exempt from public disclosure under GA Code 50-18-72(25)(a)(v). As a result, this letter does not include details on our findings or recommendations. We identified areas that the city should consider for security processes and communicated these to relevant stakeholders in a confidential report. AIM agreed with our findings and recommendations. The City Auditor's Office will follow up on our recommendations to identify the status of implementation. We appreciate the courtesy and cooperation of city staff throughout the audit. The team for this project was Nia Young, Brandi Bell, and Ijegayehu Jones.

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