

Friday, July 21, 2023

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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**  
**July 20, 2023 Special Called Meeting Follow Up Statement**  
**Mayor Deana Holiday Ingraham**

**EAST POINT, GA** - As the Mayor of the City of East Point, I will continue to take responsibility when we find ourselves not where we should be. The changes needed at this time have already begun. Following staff feedback last night to an Auditor's Presentation, City Council approved hiring Tabb & Tabb, LLC Certified Public Accountants for Auditing Services. This audit firm has the clear understanding that the Fiscal Year (FY) 2021 Audit Report will be completed and delivered in early August 2023 and the FY22 audit will begin at the same time.

In a separate but related action, the Council approved the immediate release of a Request for Proposals for a forensic audit firm. We will begin adding monthly financial updates to our public meeting agenda. I can assure you that there will be full transparency during this entire process with an emphasis on accountability to include timelines and key benchmarks.

In recent years, the city has worked its way through COVID, personnel changes in key positions and challenges with prior auditors. What has become clear is that the City's checks and balances that previously existed will not work for our growing city. I want to assure you that our city will emerge stronger and more resilient than ever before. We invite our citizens, vendors and staff to work with us as we focus to enhance and move the City of East Point forward.

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