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City of Arlington Receives Clean Financial and Accountability Audits for 2017

(Arlington, WA) – On November 8, 2018, the City of Arlington received notification from the Washington State Auditor’s Office (SAO) that the City has received clean financial and accountability audits for 2017.

Stated Mayor Tolbert, “We are pleased to hear that for the third year in a row the SAO issued a clean audit after reviewing the City’s finances, financial reporting, and accountability.”

The SAO reviewed the City’s financial condition and processes, as well as areas representing the highest risk of fraud, loss, abuse, or noncompliance. The auditors’ paid special attention to the City’s conversion to a new accounting software system; the City’s purchasing processes; interfund loans between the Growth Fund and the EMS fund; selected IT security policies, procedures, practices and controls protecting financial systems, IT systems, and data; the statutory authority regarding the ambulance utility fee; the City’s general financial condition and fiscal sustainability; and the City’s open public meeting minutes.

The audit reports highlighted the hard work by City staff to ensure compliance with all state financial reporting requirements and safeguarding of public resources from fraud, loss, or abuse. The report states in part, “In those selected areas, City operations complied with applicable state laws, regulations, and its own policies, and provided adequate controls over the safeguarding of public resources.”

The audit reports are available by visiting the SAO’s website at www.sao.wa.gov and clicking on “Recent Reports” at the bottom of the page.

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