City's Auditing To Be Modernized

With the aim of modernizing the municipality's auditing system, the Commission on Governmental Efficiency and Economy, at the request of Mayor McKeldin, will undertake to survey the present setup.

The Mayor revealed yesterday that the auditing of many of the city's accounts are two years or more behind. He said he was surprised to find the condition of many of the accounts after he took office two years ago.

He said he told H. C. Beck, Jr., head of the bureau of audits, that the accounts were of no use to him or other officials of the city in their present condition. Mr. Beck, he said, agreed, and asked for more assistance in his department with authority to make some changes. The matter has been before the Board of Estimates, the Mayor stated, but no solution has been reached.

He described the situation yesterday to William J. Casey, chairman of the Commission on Governmental Efficiency and Economy, who said he was sure the commission would undertake a study.
Mayor Picks Group For Audit Plan

A committee of certified public accountants was named today by Mayor Theodore R. McKeldin to advise in the reorganization of the Bureau of Audits in accordance with plans to provide more comprehensive and faster audits.

The reorganization scheme had been worked out by City Auditor Howard C. Beck, Jr., some months ago and put before the Board of Estimates. That body withheld action to await a study of the proposals by the Commission on Governmental Efficiency and Economy.

Casey's Suggestion

William J. Casey, commission chairman, in a recent report to the Mayor, suggested that the personnel should be increased and that a committee of qualified accountants be named to advise in the carrying out of the plan.

The Mayor named the three committee members from a list furnished by the Maryland Association of Certified Public Accountants. Those appointed were: Charles W. Hatter, chairman; James L. Benson and Frank A. Shallenberger.

Their first task will be to advise in the preparation of specifications for an examination to be held by the City Service Commission to provide eligibles for new positions as auditors in the bureau.

Deputy Auditor Is One

One of the appointees is to be the deputy auditor and others are to head subdivisions in the bureau.

As originally proposed by Mr. Beck, there were to be about six subdivisions, each assigned to a particular auditing field. Included were subdivisions on revenue, payroll, disbursements, finance and special audits. It is anticipated that with the naming of the additional auditors, the major phases of this reorganization can be put into effect but that additional personnel would be needed to carry out the plan in full.