

To the Audit, Finance and Legislative Committee
City of Gainesville, Florida

We have audited the financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate discretely presented component unit and remaining fund information of the City of Gainesville, Florida for the year ended September 30, 2014, and have issued our report thereon dated March 25, 2015. We also audited the financial statements of the pension and OPEB plans, Wild Spaces and Public Places funds and the Community Redevelopment Agency. We did not audit the financial statements of Gainesville Regional Utilities. Those financial statements were audited by other auditors. Professional standards require that we provide you with the following information related to our audit.

Our Responsibility Under U.S. Generally Accepted Auditing Standards

As stated in our engagement letter, our responsibility, as described by professional standards, is to express opinions about whether the financial statements prepared by management with your oversight are fairly presented, in all material respects, in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles. Our audit of the financial statements does not relieve you or management of your responsibilities.

Planned Scope and Timing of the Audit

We performed the audit according to the planned scope and timing that was previously communicated.

Significant Audit Findings

Qualitative Aspects of Accounting Practices

Management is responsible for the selection and use of appropriate accounting policies. In accordance with the terms of our engagement letter, we will advise management about the appropriateness of accounting policies and their application. The significant accounting policies used by the City are described in Note 1 to the financial statements.

During the year, the City implemented the following new accounting policies:

- GASB 65, *Items Previously Reported as Assets and Liabilities*. This standard required the City to write-off debt issuance costs that had been capitalized in previously-issued financial statements. Additionally, certain items that were previously reported as “assets” were reclassified to “deferred outflows of resources” and certain items that were previously reported as “liabilities” were reclassified to “deferred inflows of resources.”
- GASB 67, *Financial Reporting for Pension Plans*. This standard required the City to modify the disclosures and required supplementary information for each of the defined benefit pension plans.

The application of existing policies was not changed during the year. We noted no transactions entered into during the year for which there is a lack of authoritative guidance or consensus. There are no significant transactions that have been recognized in the financial statements in a different period than when the transaction occurred.

Accounting estimates are an integral part of the financial statements prepared by management and are based on management's knowledge and experience about past and current events and assumptions about future events. Certain accounting estimates are sometimes particularly sensitive because of their significance to the financial statements and because of the possibility that future events affecting them may differ significantly from those expected. The most sensitive estimates affecting the financial statements are estimates of the carrying value of depreciable capital assets, the amount of self-insurance liabilities, and the net pension and net OPEB assets. We evaluated key factors and assumptions used to develop the estimates in determining that they are reasonable in relation to the financial statements taken as a whole.

The disclosures in the financial statements are neutral, consistent, and clear. Certain financial statement disclosures are sometimes particularly sensitive because of their significance to financial statement users. The City's disclosure, in Note 1 (D), is of particular interest because it describes various risks associated with the investment portfolio. Another sensitive disclosure affecting the financial statements is the disclosure of commitments and contingencies in Note 11, because of the uncertainty associated with contingent liabilities.

Difficulties Encountered in Performing the Audit

We encountered no significant difficulties in dealing with management in performing and completing our audit.

Corrected and Uncorrected Misstatements

Professional standards require us to accumulate all known and likely misstatements identified during the audit, other than those that are trivial, and communicate them to the appropriate level of management. During the audit, we detected one misstatement, which related to unrealized investment earnings. Management corrected the misstatement.

Disagreements with Management

For purposes of this letter, professional standards define a disagreement with management as a financial accounting, reporting, or auditing matter, whether or not resolved to our satisfaction, that could be significant to the financial statements or the auditor's report. We are pleased to report that no such disagreements arose during the course of our audit.

Management Representations

We have requested certain representations from management that are included in a management representation letter.

Management Consultations with Other Independent Accountants

In some cases, management may decide to consult with other accountants about auditing and accounting matters, similar to obtaining a “second opinion” on certain situations. If a consultation involves application of an accounting principle to the financial statements or a determination of the type of auditor’s opinion that may be expressed on those statements, our professional standards require the consulting accountant to check with us to determine that the consultant has all the relevant facts. To our knowledge, there were no such consultations with other accountants.

Other Audit Findings or Issues

We generally discuss a variety of matters, including the application of accounting principles and auditing standards, with management during the course of the audit. However, these discussions occurred in the normal course of our professional relationship and there were no significant issues that were discussed or were the subject of correspondence with management.

Other Matters

We applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information (RSI) that supplements the basic financial statements. Our procedures consisted of inquiries of management regarding the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management’s responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We did not audit the RSI and do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the RSI.

With respect to the supplementary information accompanying the financial statements, we made certain inquiries of management and evaluated the form, content, and methods of preparing the information to determine that the information complies with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, the method of preparing it has not changed from the prior period, and the information is appropriate and complete in relation to our audit of the financial statements. We compared and reconciled the supplementary information to the underlying accounting records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves.

This information is intended solely for the use of the Audit, Finance and Legislative Committee and management of the City of Gainesville, Florida, and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

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Gainesville, Florida
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