

# City of South Daytona

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## MEMORANDUM

To: James L. Gillis, Jr., City Manager

From: Jason E. Oliva, Finance Director

Date: July 12, 2024

Re: Consideration of approving the three-year renewal option on the existing contract with James Moore for the provision of audit services for fiscal years 2024, 2025 and 2026.

Pursuant to the Rules and Guidelines established by the Auditor General and Recommended Practices established by the Governmental Finance Officers Association, the City established an Auditor Selection Committee that met on May 31, 2019, to review, discuss and evaluate proposals submitted for audit services. The Committee's unanimous decision was to award the contract for audit services to James Moore & CO. On June 11, 2019, the City Council affirmed the Auditor Selection Committee's unanimous recommendation to award a contract for audit services to James Moore. The City Council gave authorization for the City Manager to negotiate a contract designed to reduce the audit cost originally proposed by James Moore. The approved contract was for a five-year term with a three-year renewal option. Upon completion of the audit for the year ended September 30, 2023, this audit engagement may be renewed for an additional three-year period, for the years ended September 30, 2024, through 2026, at the same terms and conditions including compensation and at the mutual agreement of both parties. Any renewals will be evidenced by a new engagement letter (attachment A).

The fees for the audit of the financial statements and related services, including expenses, for each of the fiscal years included in the original engagement are as follows:

Year	Financial Audit	Single Audit (per major program)	ACFR Preparation	PAFR Preparation
2019	\$ 37,500	\$ 3,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 3,500
2020	37,500	3,000	5,000	3,500
2021	37,500	3,000	5,000	3,500
2022	37,500	3,000	5,000	3,500
2023	37,500	3,000	5,000	3,500

The fees for the audit of the financial statements and related services, including expenses, for each of the fiscal years included in the proposed three-year renewal period as presented in the engagement letter dated May 28, 2024, are as follows:

Year	Financial Audit	Single Audit (per major program)	ACFR Preparation	CRA Audit Fee
2024	\$ 45,000	\$ 3,500	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000
2025	47,000	3,500	5,000	5,000
2026	49,000	3,500	5,000	5,000

The audit fee for 2024 would increase by \$7,500 and then increase an additional \$2,000 for 2025 and 2026. Rules of the State of Florida Auditor General allow for renewals to be done in writing without use of auditor selection procedures.

As the fee for the services provided by James Moore has not changed over the last five years, the proposed increase in the renewal period seems reasonable given the Consumer Price Index (CPI) increases over that time period. James Moore has successfully identified the weaknesses in our financial processes and has worked with staff to resolve these issues.

As a result, staff is recommending the approval of the three-year renewal option on the existing contract with James Moore as presented in the attached engagement letter dated May 28, 2024.

If the City Council should desire to select a new auditor, then a selection committee would need to be established consisting of one Council member and at least two other representatives. City employees cannot serve on the selection committee although the Finance Director and City Manager may serve in an advisory capacity per State Law.



May 28, 2024

To the Honorable Mayor and City Council,  
City of South Daytona, Florida:

You have requested that we audit the financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the City of South Daytona, Florida (the City) as of September 30, 2024, 2025, and 2026, and for the years then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the City's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

In addition, if applicable, we will audit the City's compliance over major federal award programs and major state projects for the years ended September 30, 2024, 2025, and 2026. We are pleased to confirm our acceptance and our understanding of this audit engagement by means of this letter. Our audits will be conducted with the objectives of our expressing an opinion on each opinion unit and an opinion on compliance regarding the City's major federal award programs and major state projects.

The objectives of our audit of the financial statements are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditors' report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAS), and in accordance with Government Auditing Standards, and the provisions of Chapter 10.550, Rules of the State of Florida, Office of the Auditor General, will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements, including omissions, can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

The objectives of our compliance audit are to obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence to form an opinion and report at the level specified in the governmental audit requirement about whether the City complied in all material respects with the applicable compliance requirements and identify audit and reporting requirements specified in the governmental audit requirement that are supplementary to GAAS and Government Auditing Standards, if any, and perform procedures to address those requirements.

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (U.S. GAAP), as promulgated by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) require that supplementary information, such as management's discussion and analysis (MD&A) or budgetary comparison information, be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the GASB, who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. As part of our engagement, we will apply certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information (RSI) in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAS). These limited procedures will consist primarily of inquiries of management regarding their methods of measurement and presentation, and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries. We will not express an opinion or provide any form of assurance on the RSI. The following RSI is required by U.S. GAAP. This RSI will be subjected to certain limited procedures but will not be audited:

1. Management's discussion and analysis
2. Budgetary comparison schedules
3. Pension and OPEB schedules (as applicable)

Supplementary information other than RSI will accompany the City's basic financial statements. We will subject the following supplementary information to the auditing procedures applied in our audit of the basic financial statements and perform certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling the supplementary information to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and additional procedures in accordance with GAAS. We intend to provide an opinion on whether the following supplementary information is presented fairly in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole:

1. Nonmajor fund combining schedules
2. Budgetary comparison schedules
3. Schedule of expenditures of federal awards and state financial assistance (if applicable)

Also, the document we submit to you will include the following other additional information which will not be subjected to the auditing procedures applied in our audit of the basic financial statements:

1. Introductory section
2. Statistical section

#### **Data Collection Form**

If applicable, prior to the completion of our engagement, we will complete the sections of the Data Collection Form that are our responsibility, if the Data Collection Form is applicable. The form will summarize our audit findings, amounts and conclusions. It is management's responsibility to submit a reporting package including financial statements, schedule of expenditure of federal awards, summary schedule of prior audit findings and corrective action plan along with the Data Collection Form to the federal audit clearinghouse. The financial reporting package must be text searchable, unencrypted, and unlocked. Otherwise, the reporting package will not be accepted by the federal audit clearinghouse. We will assist you in the electronic submission and certification. You may request from us copies of our report for you to include with the reporting package submitted to pass-through entities.

The Data Collection Form, if applicable, is required to be submitted within the earlier of 30 days after receipt of our auditors' reports or nine months after the end of the audit period, unless specifically waived by a federal cognizant or oversight agency for audits. Data Collection Forms submitted untimely are one of the factors in assessing programs at a higher risk.

#### **Audit of the Financial Statements**

We will conduct our audits in accordance with GAAS and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in Government Auditing Standards, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States of America (if applicable); the audit requirements of Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (Uniform Guidance) (if applicable); Section 215.97, Florida Statutes, *Florida Single Audit Act* (if applicable), and the provisions of Chapter 10.550, Rules of the State of Florida, Office of the Auditor General (if applicable). As part of an audit of financial statements in accordance with GAAS, and in accordance with Government Auditing Standards, and the provisions of Chapter 10.550, Rules of the State of Florida, Office of the Auditor General, we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not

detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of controls.

- Obtain an understanding of the system of internal control in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the City's internal control. However, we will communicate to you in writing concerning any significant deficiencies or material weaknesses in internal control relevant to the audit of the financial statements that we have identified during the audit.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.
- Conclude, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the City's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

Because of the inherent limitations of an audit, together with the inherent limitations of internal control, an unavoidable risk that some material misstatements may not be detected exists, even though the audit is properly planned and performed in accordance with U.S. GAAS and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in Government Auditing Standards, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States of America, and the provisions of Chapter 10.550, Rules of the State of Florida, Office of the Auditor General. Please note that the determination of abuse is subjective and *Government Auditing Standards* does not require auditors to detect abuse.

Our responsibility as auditors is limited to the period covered by our audit and does not extend to any other periods.

We will issue a written report upon completion of our audit of the City's basic financial statements. Our report will be addressed to the governing body of the City. Circumstances may arise in which our report may differ from its expected form and content based on the results of our audit. Depending on the nature of these circumstances, it may be necessary for us to modify our opinions, add an emphasis-of-matter or other-matter paragraph(s) to our auditors' report, or if necessary, withdraw from the engagement. If our opinions on the basic financial statements are other than unmodified, we will discuss the reasons with you in advance. If, for any reason, we are unable to complete the audit or are unable to form or have not formed opinions, we may decline to express opinions or to issue a report as a result of this engagement.

In accordance with the requirements of *Government Auditing Standards*, we will also issue a written report describing the scope of our testing over internal control over financial reporting and over compliance with laws, regulations, and provisions of grants and contracts, including the results of that testing. However, providing an opinion on internal control and compliance over financial reporting will not be an objective of the audit and, therefore, no such opinion will be expressed.

We also will issue a written report as required by Chapter 10.550, Rules of the State of Florida, Office of the Auditor General upon completion of our audit.

### **Reporting on Key Audit Matters**

Management has not requested that we communicate key audit matters in our auditors' report for this fiscal year.

### **Significant Risks Identified**

We have identified the following preliminary significant risks of material misstatement as part of our audit planning, which are being communicated to comply with auditing standards and do not represent any specific finding and/or concerns related to the audit:

- Override of internal controls by management
- Improper revenue recognition due to fraud
- Improper use of restricted resources

Our final communication of significant risks identified will take place upon completion of our audit.

### **Audit(s) of Major Program and/or Major Project Compliance**

If applicable, our audit(s) of the City's major federal award program(s) and/or state project(s) compliance will be conducted in accordance with the requirements of the Single Audit Act, as amended; the Uniform Guidance; and Chapter 10.550, Rules of the State of Florida, Office of the Auditor General; and will include tests of accounting records, a determination of major programs and/or projects in accordance with the Uniform Guidance, Chapter 10.550, Rules of the State of Florida, Office of the Auditor General, and other procedures we consider necessary to enable us to express such an opinion on major federal award program and/or major state project compliance and to render the required reports. We cannot provide assurance that an unmodified opinion on compliance will be expressed. Circumstances may arise in which it is necessary for us to modify our opinion or withdraw from the engagement.

The Uniform Guidance requires that we also plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether material noncompliance with applicable laws and regulations, the provisions of contracts and grant agreements applicable to major federal award programs, and the applicable compliance requirements occurred, whether due to fraud or error, and express an opinion on the City's compliance based on the audit. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with GAAS, Government Auditing Standards, and the Uniform Guidance will always detect material noncompliance when it exists. The risk of not detecting material noncompliance resulting from fraud is higher than for that resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Noncompliance with the compliance requirements is considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, it would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user of the report on compliance about the City's compliance with the requirements of the federal programs as a whole.

Our procedures will consist of determining major federal programs and, performing the applicable procedures described in the U.S. Office of Management and Budget OMB Compliance Supplement for the types of compliance requirements that could have a direct and material effect on each of the City's major programs, and performing such other procedures as we consider necessary in the circumstances. The purpose of those procedures will be to express an opinion on the City's compliance with requirements applicable to each of its major programs in our report on compliance issued pursuant to the Uniform Guidance.

Also, as required by the Uniform Guidance, we will obtain an understanding of the City's internal control over compliance relevant to the audit in order to design and perform tests of controls to evaluate the effectiveness of the design and operation of controls that we consider relevant to preventing or detecting material noncompliance with compliance requirements applicable to each of the City's major federal award programs. Our tests will be less in scope than would be necessary to render an opinion on these controls and, accordingly, no opinion will be expressed in our report. However, we will communicate to you, regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and any significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in internal control over compliance that we have identified during the audit.

Chapter 10.550, Rules of the State of Florida, Office of the Auditor General requires that we also plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether material noncompliance with applicable laws and regulations, the provisions of contracts and grant agreements applicable to major state projects, and the applicable compliance requirements occurred, whether due to fraud or error, and express an opinion on the City's compliance based on the audit. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with GAAS, Government Auditing Standards, and Chapter 10.550, Rules of the State of Florida, Office of the Auditor General, will always detect material noncompliance when it exists. The risk of not detecting material noncompliance resulting from fraud is higher than for that resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Noncompliance with the compliance requirements is considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, it would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user of the report on compliance about the City's compliance with the requirements of the state projects as a whole.

Our procedures will consist of tests of transactions and other applicable procedures described in the State of Florida State Projects Compliance Supplement for the types of compliance requirements that could have a direct and material effect on each of the Organization's major state projects, and performing such other procedures as we consider necessary in the circumstances. The purpose of these procedures will be to express an opinion on the City's compliance with requirements applicable to each of its major state projects in our report on compliance issued pursuant to Chapter 10.550, Rules of the State of Florida, Office of the Auditor General.

Also, as required by Chapter 10.550, Rules of the State of Florida, Office of the Auditor General, we will obtain an understanding of the City's internal control over compliance relevant to the audit in order to design and perform tests of controls over compliance to evaluate the effectiveness of the design and operation of controls that we consider relevant to preventing or detecting material noncompliance with compliance requirements applicable to each major state project. Our tests will be less in scope than would be necessary to render an opinion on those controls and, accordingly, no opinion will be expressed in our report on internal control issued pursuant to Chapter 10.550, Rules of the State of Florida, Office of the Auditor General. However, we will communicate to you, regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and any significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in internal control over compliance that we have identified during the audit.

As part of a compliance audit in accordance with GAAS, and in accordance with Government Auditing Standards, we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit. We also identify and assess the risks of material noncompliance, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks.

We will issue a report on compliance that will include an opinion or disclaimer of opinion regarding the City's major federal award programs and/or major state projects, and a report on internal controls over compliance that will report any significant deficiencies and material weaknesses identified; however, such report will not express an opinion on internal control.

### **Management's Responsibilities**

Our audit will be conducted on the basis that management acknowledge and understand that they have responsibility:

1. For the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America;
2. For the design, implementation, and maintenance of the system of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error;

3. For identifying, in its accounts, all federal awards received and state financial assistance expended during the period and the federal programs under which they were received;
4. For maintaining records that adequately identify the source and application of funds for federally funded activities;
5. For preparing the schedule of expenditures of federal awards and/or state financial assistance (including notes and noncash assistance received) in accordance with the Uniform Guidance (if applicable) and Chapter 10.550, Rules of the State of Florida, Office of the Auditor General requirements (if applicable);
6. For the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control over federal awards, state financial assistance, and compliance;
7. For establishing and maintaining effective internal control over federal awards and state financial assistance that provides reasonable assurance that the City is managing federal awards and state projects in compliance with federal and state statutes, regulations, and the terms and conditions of the federal awards and state financial assistance;
8. For identifying and ensuring that the City complies with federal laws and state statutes, regulations, and the terms and conditions of federal award programs and state financial assistance projects and implementing systems designed to achieve compliance with applicable federal and state statutes, regulations, rules, provisions of contracts or grant agreements, and the terms and conditions of federal award programs and state financial assistance projects;
9. For disclosing accurately, currently, and completely the financial results of each federal award and major state project in accordance with the requirements of the award;
10. For identifying and providing report copies of previous audits, attestation engagements, or other studies that directly relate to the objectives of the audit, including whether related recommendations have been implemented;
11. For taking prompt action when instances of noncompliance are identified;
12. For addressing the findings and recommendations of auditors, for establishing and maintaining a process to track the status of such findings and recommendations and taking corrective action on reported audit findings from prior periods and preparing a summary schedule of prior audit findings;
13. For following up and taking corrective action on current year audit findings and preparing a corrective action plan for such findings;
14. For submitting the reporting package and data collection form to the appropriate parties;
15. For making the auditor aware of any significant contractor relationships where the contractor is responsible for program compliance;
16. To provide us with:
  - a. Access to all information of which management is aware that is relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and relevant to federal award programs and state financial assistance projects, such as records, documentation, and other matters;
  - b. Additional information that we may request from management for the purpose of the audit;
  - c. Unrestricted access to persons within the City and others from whom we determine it necessary to obtain audit evidence.
  - d. A written acknowledgement of all the documents that management expects to issue that will be included in the annual report and the planned timing and method of issuance of that annual report; and
  - e. A final version of the annual report (including all the documents that, together, comprise the annual report) in a timely manner prior to the date of the auditors' report
17. For adjusting the financial statements to correct material misstatements and confirming to us in the management representation letter that the effects of any uncorrected misstatements aggregated by us during the current engagement and pertaining to the current year period(s) under audit are immaterial, both individually and in the aggregate, to the financial statements as a whole;
18. For acceptance of nonattest services, including identifying the proper party to oversee nonattest work;
19. For maintaining adequate records, selecting and applying accounting principles, and safeguarding assets;



20. For informing us of any known or suspected fraud affecting the City involving management, employees with significant role in the system of internal control and others where fraud could have a material effect on compliance;
21. For the accuracy and completeness of all information provided;
22. For taking reasonable measures to safeguard protected personally identifiable and other sensitive information;
23. For confirming your understanding of your responsibilities as defined in this letter to us in your management representation letter; and
24. For identifying and ensuring that the City complies with applicable laws, regulations, contracts, agreements, and grants.
25. Additionally, it is management's responsibility to follow up and take corrective action on reported audit findings and to prepare a summary schedule of prior audit findings and a corrective action plan. The summary schedule of prior audit findings should be available for our review on the first day of fieldwork.

With regard to the supplementary information referred to above, you acknowledge and understand your responsibility (a) for the preparation of the supplementary information in accordance with the applicable criteria, (b) to provide us with the appropriate written representations regarding supplementary information, (c) to include our report on the supplementary information in any document that contains the supplementary information and that indicates that we have reported on such supplementary information, and (d) to present the supplementary information with the audited financial statements, or if the supplementary information will not be presented with the audited financial statements, to make the audited financial statements readily available to the intended users of the supplementary information no later than the date of issuance by you of the supplementary information and our report thereon.

As part of our audit process, we will request from management written confirmation concerning representations made to us in connection with the audit.

#### **Additional Examination Engagements**

You have requested that we examine the City's compliance for the fiscal years ended September 30, 2024, 2025, and 2026, with the following statutes (collectively, "the Statutes"):

- Section 218.415, Florida Statutes, *Local Government Investment Policies*

We are pleased to confirm our acceptance and our understanding of this direct examination engagement by means of this letter. Our examination will be conducted with the objective of obtaining reasonable assurance by evaluating whether the City complied in all material respects with the Statutes and performing other procedures to obtain sufficient appropriate evidence to express an opinion in a written practitioner's report that conveys the results of our evaluation.

#### *Practitioner Responsibilities*

We will conduct our examination in accordance with the attestation standards established by the AICPA. An examination involves performing procedures to obtain attest evidence about whether the City complied with the Statutes, in all material respects. An examination involves performing procedures to obtain evidence about the City's compliance with the Statutes. The nature, timing, and extent of procedures selected depend on the practitioner's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the underlying subject matter, whether due to fraud or error.

Because of the inherent limitations of an examination engagement, together with the inherent limitations of internal control, an unavoidable risk exists that some material misstatements may not be detected, even though the examination is properly planned and performed in accordance with the attestation standards. However, we will inform you of any material noncompliance with laws or regulations, uncorrected

misstatements, fraud, and when relevant to the underlying subject matter or subject matter information, internal control deficiencies that comes to our attention, unless clearly inconsequential.

### *Management Responsibilities*

Our examination will be conducted on the basis that management and, when appropriate, those charged with governance, acknowledge and understand that they have responsibility:

1. For ensuring the City complies with the Statutes;
2. For the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control to prevent, or detect and correct, misstatement of or noncompliance with the Statutes, due to fraud or error;
3. For selecting the criteria for the evaluation of the City's compliance with the Statutes;
4. Determining that such criteria are suitable, will be available to the intended users, and are appropriate for the purpose of the engagement; and
5. To provide us with:
  - a. Access to all information of which management is aware that is relevant to compliance with the Statutes, such as records, documentation, and other matters and that you are responsible for the accuracy and completeness of that information;
  - b. Additional information that we may request from management for the purpose of the examination; and
  - c. Unrestricted access to persons within the City from whom we determine it necessary to obtain attest evidence.

As part of our examination process, we will request from you written confirmation concerning representations made to us in connection with the examination.

### *Reporting*

We will issue a written report upon completion of our examination of the City's compliance with the Statutes. Our report will be addressed to the governing body. We cannot provide assurance that an unmodified opinion will be expressed. Circumstances may arise in which it is necessary for us to modify our opinion, add an emphasis-of-matter or other-matter paragraph(s), or withdraw from the engagement.

### **Nonattest Services**

We will perform the following nonattest services: preparation of financial statements (if requested), preparation of schedule of expenditures of federal awards and state financial assistance and data collection form (if applicable). With respect to any nonattest services we perform, we will not assume management responsibilities on behalf of the City. However, we will provide advice and recommendations to assist management of the City in performing its responsibilities. The City's management is responsible for (a) making all management decisions and performing all management functions; (b) assigning a competent individual (Jason Oliva, Finance Director) to oversee the services; (c) evaluating the adequacy of the services performed; (d) evaluating and accepting responsibility for the results of the services performed; and (e) designing, establishing, and maintaining the system of internal control, including the process used to monitor the system of internal control.

Our responsibilities and limitations of the engagement are as follows. We will perform the services in accordance with applicable professional standards. This engagement is limited to the services previously outlined. Our firm, in its sole professional judgment, reserves the right to refuse to do any procedure or take any action that could be construed as making management decisions or assuming management responsibilities, including determining account coding and approving journal entries. Our firm may advise the City with regard to different matters, but the City must make all decisions with regard to those matters.

Any nonattest services performed by us do not constitute an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*.

**Engagement Administration, Fees, and Other**

We understand that your employees will prepare all cash, accounts receivable, or other confirmations we request and will locate any documents or support for any other transactions we select for testing.

We do not host, are not the custodian of, and accept no responsibility for your financial and non-financial data. You acknowledge that you have sole responsibility for the storage and preservation of your financial and non-financial data.

During the course of the audit, we may observe opportunities for economy in, or improved controls over, your operations. We will bring such matters to the attention of the appropriate level of management, either orally or in writing.

You agree to inform us of facts that may affect the financial statements of which you may become aware during the period from the date of the auditors' report to the date the financial statements are issued.

Zach Chalifour is the service leader for the audit services specified in this letter. The service leader's responsibilities include supervising the services performed as part of this engagement and signing or authorizing another qualified firm representative to sign the reports.

Our fees for the audit of the financial statements and related services, including expenses, for each of the fiscal years included in this engagement are as follows:

<u>Year Ending September 30,</u>	<u>City Audit Fee</u>	<u>Preparation of ACFR</u>	<u>Single Audit Fee (per major program)</u>	<u>CRA Audit Fee</u>
2024	\$45,000	\$5,000	\$3,500	\$5,000
2025	\$47,000	\$5,000	\$3,500	\$5,000
2026	\$49,000	\$5,000	\$3,500	\$5,000

Our ability to provide services in accordance with our estimated fees depends on the quality, timeliness, and accuracy of the City's records, and, for example, the number of general ledger adjustments required as a result of our work. We will also need your personnel to be readily available during the engagement to respond in a timely manner to our requests. Lack of preparation, poor records, general ledger adjustments and/or untimely assistance may result in an increase of our fees.

We will not increase the fee over the agreed amount as long as the scope of the audit is consistent with the scope outlined in the Request for Proposal. The City is not completely in control of the scope of work for future years. Significant required changes may be mandated by federal, state, other regulatory agencies or accounting and auditing standards boards or by significant staff changes within the City. For these reasons, if the scope of the audit changes significantly from the scope outlined in the RFP, we would present for approval, prior to commencing work, why an adjustment in fee is warranted.

This engagement may be terminated by either party for noncompliance with the terms as noted in this engagement letter. The parties will provide 60 days' notice of their intention to terminate the engagement. Upon completion of this engagement with the audit for the year ended September 30, 2026, a new engagements can be entered into for an additional three-year period, at the option of both parties. Any such engagements will be evidenced by a new engagement letter.

At the conclusion of our audit engagement, we will communicate to those charged with governance the following significant findings from the audit:

- Our view about the qualitative aspects of the City's significant accounting practices;
- Significant difficulties, if any, encountered during the audit;
- Uncorrected misstatements, other than those we believe are trivial, if any;
- Disagreements with management, if any;
- Other findings or issues, if any, arising from the audit that are, in our professional judgment, significant and relevant to those charged with governance regarding their oversight of the financial reporting process;
- Material, corrected misstatements that were brought to the attention of management as a result of our audit procedures;
- Representations we requested from management;
- Management's consultations with other accountants, if any; and
- Significant issues, if any, arising from the audit that were discussed, or the subject of correspondence, with management.

In accordance with the requirements of *Government Auditing Standards*, we have attached a copy of our latest external peer review report of our firm for your consideration and files.

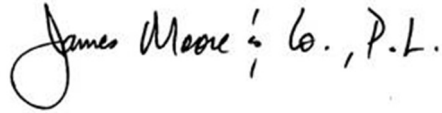
The audit documentation for this engagement is the property of James Moore & Co., P.L. and constitutes confidential information. However, we may be requested to make certain audit documentation available to a grantor or their designee, a federal or state agency providing direct or indirect funding, or the U.S. Government Accountability Office pursuant to authority given to it by laws or regulation, or to peer reviews. If requested, access to such audit documentation will be provided under the supervision of James Moore & Co., P.L. personnel. We will notify you of any such request. Furthermore, upon request, we may provide copies of selected audit documentation to these agencies and regulators. The regulators and agencies may intend, or decide, to distribute the copies or information contained therein to others, including other governmental agencies.

In the normal course of business, we use the services of third-parties and individual contractors, which are not employees of James Moore & Co., P.L. Those services are performed at various levels and in various aspects our engagements including bookkeeping, tax return preparation, consulting, audit and other attest services and clerical and data entry functions. It is possible that during the course of the engagement we may utilize such third-party and individual contractor sources. Additionally, the engagement will, of necessity, require us to handle confidential information and we expects third-party service providers and individual contractors to maintain the confidentiality of such information. To be reasonably assured that unauthorized release of confidential client information does not occur, we require those individuals and third-party service providers to enter into a written agreement to maintain the confidentiality of such information. Your acceptance of this arrangement acknowledges and accepts our handling of confidential information including access by third-party and individual service providers.

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We appreciate the opportunity to be of service to the City of South Daytona, Florida and believe this letter accurately summarizes the significant terms of our engagement. If you have any questions, please let us know. If you agree with the terms of our engagement as described in this letter, please sign the enclosed copy and return it to us.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "James Moore & Co., P.L.". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looped initial "J".

JAMES MOORE & CO., P.L.

RESPONSE:

This letter correctly sets forth the understanding of the City of South Daytona, Florida.

By \_\_\_\_\_

Title \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_



CPAs & Advisors

## REPORT ON THE FIRM'S SYSTEM OF QUALITY CONTROL

April 23, 2021

To the Members  
James Moore & Co., P.L.  
and the National Peer Review Committee

We have reviewed the system of quality control for the accounting and auditing practice of James Moore & Co., P.L. (the firm) in effect for the year ended October 31, 2020. Our peer review was conducted in accordance with the Standards for Performing and Reporting on Peer Reviews established by the Peer Review Board of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (Standards).

A summary of the nature, objectives, scope, limitations of, and the procedures performed in a System Review as described in the Standards may be found at [www.aicpa.org/prsummary](http://www.aicpa.org/prsummary). The summary also includes an explanation of how engagements identified as not performed or reported in conformity with applicable professional standards, if any, are evaluated by a peer reviewer to determine a peer review rating.

### Firm's Responsibility

The firm is responsible for designing a system of quality control and complying with it to provide the firm with reasonable assurance of performing and reporting in conformity with applicable professional standards in all material respects. The firm is also responsible for evaluating actions to promptly remediate engagements deemed as not performed or reported in conformity with professional standards, when appropriate, and for remediating weaknesses in its system of quality control, if any.

### Peer Reviewer's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the design of the system of quality control and the firm's compliance therewith based on our review.

### Required Selections and Considerations

Engagements selected for review included engagements performed under *Government Auditing Standards*, including compliance audits under the Single Audit Act and audits of employee benefit plans.

As a part of our peer review, we considered reviews by regulatory entities as communicated by the firm, if applicable, in determining the nature and extent of our procedures.

### Opinion

In our opinion, the system of quality control for the accounting and auditing practice of James Moore & Co., P.L. in effect for the year ended October 31, 2020, has been suitably designed and complied with to provide the firm with reasonable assurance of performing and reporting in conformity with applicable professional standards in all material respects. Firms can receive a rating of *pass*, *pass with deficiency(ies)* or *fail*. James Moore & Co., P.L. has received a peer review rating of *pass*.

*Haddox Reid Eubank Betts PLLC*