



June 11, 2025

To the Honorable Mayor and City Council Members,  
City of Lake City, Florida:

We have audited the financial statements of City of Lake City, Florida (the City) as of and for the year ended September 30, 2024, and have issued our report thereon dated June 11, 2025. Professional standards require that we advise you of the following matters relating to our audit.

### **Our Responsibility in Relation to the Financial Statement Audit**

As communicated in our engagement letter dated July 27, 2023, our responsibility, as described by professional standards, is to form and express an opinion about whether the financial statements that have been prepared by management with your oversight are presented fairly, in all material respects, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Our audit of the financial statements does not relieve you or management of your respective responsibilities.

Our responsibility, as prescribed by professional standards, is to plan and perform our audit to obtain reasonable, rather than absolute, assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit of financial statements includes consideration of the system of internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's system of internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, as part of our audit, we considered the system of internal control of the City solely for the purpose of determining our audit procedures and not to provide any assurance concerning such internal control.

We are also responsible for communicating significant matters related to the audit that are, in our professional judgment, relevant to your responsibilities in overseeing the financial reporting process. However, we are not required to design procedures for the purpose of identifying other matters to communicate to you.

### **Planned Scope and Timing of the Audit**

We conducted our audit consistent with the planned scope and timing we previously communicated to you.

### **Compliance with All Ethics Requirements Regarding Independence**

The engagement team, others in our firm, as appropriate, our firm has complied with all relevant ethical requirements regarding independence.

We have applied safeguards related to our preparation of the City's financial statements, including, but not limited to, an assessment of management's skills, knowledge, and experience, and by obtaining a completed financial statement disclosure checklist from management.

## **Significant Risks Identified**

Professional standards require that we, as auditors, identify significant risks that impact the audit based upon the nature of the organization and design our audit procedures to adequately address those risks. As part of the audit process, we have identified the following significant risks, which are being communicated solely 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 audit was designed to adequately address the above risks and no issues were noted that impacted our ability to render an opinion on the financial statements.

## **Qualitative Aspects of the Entity's Significant Accounting Practices**

### *Significant Accounting Policies*

Management has the responsibility to select and use appropriate accounting policies. A summary of the significant accounting policies adopted by the City is included in Note 1 to the financial statements. There have been no initial selection of accounting policies and no changes in significant accounting policies or their application during 2024. No matters have come to our attention that would require us, under professional standards, to inform you about (1) the methods used to account for significant unusual transactions and (2) the effect of significant accounting policies in controversial or emerging areas for which there is a lack of authoritative guidance or consensus.

### *Significant Accounting Estimates and Related Disclosures*

Accounting estimates and related disclosures are an integral part of the financial statements prepared by management and are based on management's current judgments. Those judgments are normally based on knowledge and experience about past and current events and assumptions about future events. Certain accounting estimates are particularly sensitive because of their significance to the financial statements and because of the possibility that future events affecting them may differ markedly from management's current judgments.

The most sensitive accounting estimates affecting the financial statements are:

Management's estimate of the net pension liability and the total OPEB liability were based on actuarial factors and were calculated by actuaries independent of the City. We evaluated the key factors and assumptions used to develop the fair value estimate and determined that it is reasonable in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole and in relation to the applicable opinion units.

Management's estimate of the allowance for doubtful accounts was based on historical water, sewer, solid waste, and stormwater revenues, historical loss levels, and an analysis of the collectability of individual accounts. We evaluated the key factors and assumptions used to develop the fair value estimate and determined that it is reasonable in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole and in relation to the applicable opinion units.

Management's estimate of investment valuations and classifications. We evaluated the factors and assumptions used to develop this estimate and determined that it is reasonable in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

#### *Financial Statement Disclosures*

Certain financial statement disclosures involve significant judgment and are particularly sensitive because of their significance to financial statement users. The most sensitive disclosures affecting the City's financial statements relate to:

The City's long-term liabilities note to the financial statements discloses the composition of the City's long-term liabilities, the interest rates associated with long-term debt, and the future maturities of long-term debt.

The City's pension plan note discloses the long-term liabilities and the actuarial determined unfunded liability.

#### **Significant Unusual Transactions**

There were no significant unusual transactions identified as a result of our audit procedures that were brought to the attention of management and required to be communicated to you.

#### **Identified or Suspected Fraud**

We have not identified nor have we obtained information that indicates that fraud may have occurred.

#### **Significant Difficulties Encountered during the Audit**

We encountered no significant difficulties in dealing with management relating to the performance of the audit.

#### **Uncorrected and Corrected Misstatements**

For purposes of this communication, professional standards require us to accumulate all known and likely misstatements identified during the audit, other than those that we believe are trivial, and communicate them to the appropriate level of management. Further, professional standards require us to also communicate the effect of uncorrected misstatements related to prior periods on the relevant classes of transactions, account balances or disclosures, and the financial statements as a whole. A summary of the uncorrected misstatements of the financial statements follows:

- None noted.

In addition, professional standards require us to communicate to you all material, corrected misstatements that were brought to the attention of management as a result of our audit procedures. The following material misstatements that we identified as a result of our audit procedures were brought to the attention of, and corrected by, management:

- None noted.

### **Disagreements with Management**

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

### **Circumstances that Affect the Form and Content of the Auditor's Report**

For purposes of this letter, professional standards require that we communicate any circumstances that affect the form and content of our auditor's report. We identified no circumstances that affect the form and content of our auditors' report as a result of our audit procedures

### **Representations Requested from Management**

We have requested certain written representations from management, which are included in the management representation letter dated June 11, 2025.

### **Management's Consultations with Other Accountants**

In some cases, management may decide to consult with other accountants about auditing and accounting matters. Management informed us that, and to our knowledge, there were no consultations with other accountants regarding auditing and accounting matters.

### **Other Significant Matters, Findings, or Issues**

In the normal course of our professional association with the City, we generally discuss a variety of matters, including the application of accounting principles and auditing standards, significant events or transactions that occurred during the year, operating and regulatory conditions affecting the entity, and operational plans and strategies that may affect the risks of material misstatement. None of the matters discussed resulted in a condition to our retention as the City's auditors.

### **Other Information in Documents Containing Audited Financial Statements**

Pursuant to professional standards, our responsibility as auditors for other information in documents containing the City's audited financial statements does not extend beyond the financial information identified in the audit report, and we are not required to perform any procedures to corroborate such other information. However, in accordance with such standards, we have read the introductory and statistical sections, as outlined in the table of contents, for material consistency with its presentation in the financial statements.

Our responsibility also includes communicating to you any information which we believe is a material misstatement of fact. Nothing came to our attention that caused us to believe that such information or its manner of presentation, is materially inconsistent with the information, or manner of its presentation, appearing in the financial statements.

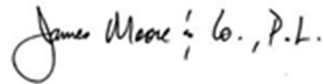
### **Other Matters**

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 related 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 report is intended solely for the information and use of the City Council and management of the City of Lake City, Florida, and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "James Moore & Co., P.L.".

JAMES MOORE & CO., P.L.