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September 3, 2020

The Honorable Mayor and City Council Members, City of Clearwater

We are pleased to confirm our understanding of the services we are to provide for the City of Clearwater.

We will examine the City of Clearwater, Florida's compliance with Florida Statute, 218.415 *Local Government Investment Policies* for the year ending September 30, 2020.

The objectives of our examination are to express an opinion as to whether the City of Clearwater complied in all material respects, with Florida Statute, 218.415 *Local Government Investment Policies*.

Our examination will be conducted in accordance with attestation standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. Accordingly, it will include examining, on a test basis, your records and other procedures to obtain evidence necessary to enable us to express our opinion. We will issue a written report upon completion of our examination. Our report will be addressed to Mayor and Councilmembers of the City of Clearwater. 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. If our opinion is other than unmodified, we will discuss the reasons with you in advance. If, for any reason, we are unable to complete the examination or are unable to form or have not formed an opinion, we may decline to express an opinion or may withdraw from this engagement.

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.

You understand that the report is intended solely for the information and use of the Mayor, Councilmembers, management, and the State of Florida Auditor General, and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than those specified parties.

We will plan and perform the examination to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the City of Clearwater complied, in all material respects, with Florida Statute 218.415. Our engagement will not include a detailed inspection of every transaction and cannot be relied on to disclose all material errors, or known and suspected fraud or noncompliance with laws or regulations, or internal control deficiencies that may exist. However, we will inform you of any known and suspected fraud and noncompliance with laws or regulations, internal control deficiencies identified during the engagement, and uncorrected misstatements that come to our attention unless clearly trivial.

We understand that you will provide us with the information required for our examination and that you are responsible for the accuracy and completeness of that information. We may advise you about appropriate criteria, but the responsibility for the subject matter remains with you.

You are responsible for the presentation of whether the City of Clearwater is in compliance with the specified requirements of Florida Statute 218.415; and for selecting the criteria and determining that such criteria are appropriate for your purposes. You are responsible for, and agree to provide us with, a written assertion about whether you are in compliance with Florida Statute 218.415. Failure to provide such an assertion will result in our withdrawal from the engagement. You are also responsible for providing us with (1) access to all information of which you are aware that is relevant to the measurement, evaluation, or disclosure of the subject matter; (2) additional information that we may request for the purpose of the examination; and (3) unrestricted access to persons within the entity from whom we determine it necessary to obtain evidence.

At the conclusion of the engagement, you agree to provide us with certain written representations in the form of a representation letter.

We may from time to time, and depending on the circumstances, use third-party service providers in serving your account. We may share confidential information about you with these service providers, but we remain committed to maintaining the confidentiality and security of your information. Accordingly, we maintain internal policies, procedures, and safeguards to protect the confidentiality of your personal information. In addition, we will secure confidentiality agreements with all service providers to maintain the confidentiality of your information, and we will take reasonable precautions to determine that they have appropriate procedures in place to prevent the unauthorized release of your confidential information to others. In the event that we are unable to secure an appropriate confidentiality agreement, you will be asked to provide your consent prior to the sharing of your confidential information with the third-party service provider. Furthermore, we will remain responsible for the work provided by any such third-party service providers.

David Alvarez is the engagement partner and is responsible for supervising the engagement and signing the report or authorizing another individual to sign it.

Our fees are included in the price of the financial statement audit. The fee estimate is based on anticipated cooperation from your personnel and the assumption that unexpected circumstances will not be encountered during the examination. If significant additional time is necessary, we will discuss it with you and arrive at a new fee estimate before we incur the additional costs. Our invoices for these fees will be rendered each month as work progresses and are payable on presentation. If we elect to terminate our services for nonpayment, our engagement will be deemed to have been completed upon written notification of termination, even if we have not completed our report. You will be obligated to compensate us for all time expended and to reimburse us for all out-of-pocket expenditures through the date of termination.

We appreciate the opportunity to be of service to you 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,

Carr, Riggs, & Ingram, LLC

RESPONSE:

This letter correctly sets forth the understanding of City of Clearwater.

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