

City of Jacksonville

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Meeting Minutes

Monday, April 6, 2026

1:00 PM

Lynwood Roberts Rm, 1st Floor, City Hall

Personnel Committee

*Honorable Kevin Carrico
President, 2025-2026
District 4
(904) 255-5204*

*Honorable Nick Howland
Vice President, 2025-2026
At Large, Group 3
(904) 255-5217*

*Jason Teal
Council Secretary/Director
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Meeting Convened: 1:01 pm

Meeting Adjourned: 1:26 pm

Attendance: Personnel Committee Members Council President Carrico, Council Vice President Howland, CM J. Carlucci, CM Miller and CM Johnson; Council Members Amaro, SAlem, White and Peluso

Also: Mary Staffopoulos, OGC; Jason Teal, Council Secretary/Director; Kim Taylor and Phillip Peterson, Council Auditor's Office; Colleen Hampsey, Council Research

I. Call to Order and Introductions

CP Carrico convened the meeting and called for introductions. He reviewed the agenda.

II. Discussion on the Council Auditor position

Kim Taylor, Council Auditor, talked about the impetus for the meeting. She said that she will be retiring May 27th, and that the purpose of the meeting was to discuss her replacement. Ms. Taylor highly recommended Phillip Peterson, Assistant Council Auditor, to be considered for the position. Ms. Taylor said Mr. Peterson has served in the Auditor's Office for 21 years, and she listed numerous attributes that make him well suited to be the next Auditor. She said Mr. Peterson is trustworthy and loyal, and has great integrity and vast historical/institutional knowledge.

CP Carrico expressed gratitude to Ms. Taylor for her outstanding service, and he said that an external search to fill the position was unnecessary because Mr. Peterson is the perfect candidate.

CM Johnson praised Ms. Taylor for her performance as Council Auditor, and he noted that there is not sufficient time for an external search even if that was desired. He expressed support for Mr. Peterson's appointment.

CM J. Carlucci also extended kudos to Ms. Taylor, and what he referred to as the "dream team" in the Auditor's Office that includes Ms. Taylor, Mr. Peterson and Brian Parks. He commented on the congenial vibe in the Auditor's Office, as a testament to Ms. Taylor's management style. CM J. Carlucci highlighted Mr. Peterson's qualifications, particularly his objectivity, and he shared his support for Mr. Peterson's appointment.

CVP Howland talked about Ms. Taylor's stellar performance as Council Auditor, noting the integral support she and her team provide to the Finance Committee. He expressed whole hearted support for Mr. Peterson, and he talked about the historical precedent of the Auditor mentoring his or her successor.

Motion/2nd (Howland/Johnson) to nominate Phillip Peterson to be appointed as Council Auditor.

CM Miller talked about the importance of the Auditor's Office, how essential their support is for the legislative process, and how they always provide the right information. He mentioned how reliable and dependable Ms. Taylor and her team are, and how they perform with a pleasant demeanor even under stressful circumstances.

CP Carrico read a letter from CM Diamond into the record. The letter expressed CM Diamond's strong support for Mr. Peterson's appointment and listed his qualifications for the role, including financial acumen and responsible stewardship of public resources.

CM White shared his support for Mr. Peterson, calling him the "smartest man on the Westside".

CM Amaro extended appreciation to Ms. Taylor for her service, and he said he supports promotions from within an organization, and he said Mr. Peterson is a true public servant.

CM Salem shared some historical comments about previous Council Auditors who have retired and passed the proverbial torch to their successor. He said no search is needed, since Mr. Peterson is the ideal candidate.

CM Peluso talked about Ms. Taylor's outstanding performance as Council Auditor, and he shared his support for Mr. Peterson and his work ethic.

Ms. Staffopoulos, OGC, said that the motion as offered by CM Howland for Mr. Peterson's appointment will also include prospective language with a May 28th effective date to align with Ms. Taylor's retirement.

The motion to nominate Phillip Peterson to be appointed as Council Auditor, with a prospective effective date, was approved unanimously 5-0.

(a) Public Participation

Mr. Nooney provided comment as public participation prior to the vote on the motion. He expressed support for Ms. Taylor and Mr. Peterson and suggested a park be named after them or the Auditors collectively.

III. Other Personnel Matters

Mr. Teal indicated there were no other matters to be addressed by this committee at this time.

IV. Questions/Comments from Committee Members

V. Public Comment (Time Permitting)

VI. Adjourn

CP Carrico adjourned the meeting at 1:26 pm.

Minutes: Colleen Hampsey, Council Research

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