

**CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION  
LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY**



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**Bill Type and Number:** Resolution 2026-277

**Introducer/Sponsor(s):** Personnel Committee

**Date of Introduction:** April 14, 2026

**Committee(s) of Reference:** R

**Date of Analysis:** April 15, 2026

**Type of Action:** Appointment confirmation and prospective effective date

**Bill Summary:** This bill confirms the appointment of Phillip Peterson to the position of City Council Auditor to succeed Kim Taylor, with a prospective effective date of May 28, 2026.

**Background Information:** Pursuant to Section 5.10, *Charter*, the council shall appoint an auditor who shall be a certified public accountant or public accountant, as defined under the laws of Florida governing the practice of public accountancy in Florida. This auditor shall be the council auditor and shall be the head of the council auditor's office which shall be a department of the legislative branch of the consolidated government. The council auditor may be removed by the council and the removal must be concurred in by a majority of the entire membership of the council.

Mr. Peterson holds a Bachelor of Business Administration in Accounting and a Master of Business Administration from the University of North Florida and has been a certified public accountant since 2009. He has been employed in the City Council Auditor's Office since 2005 and has served as Assistant Council Auditor for the City since 2020. On April 6, 2026, the Personnel Committee unanimously approved to highly recommend Phillip Peterson to be the seventh Council Auditor in the history of this Consolidated Government.

**Policy Impact Area:** Council Auditor

**Fiscal Impact:** The salary for this position will be \$252, 570.24 annually.

**Analyst:** Hampsey