

**JOINT LEGISLATIVE AUDITING COMMITTEE
MEETING SUMMARY
October 16, 2023**

Members in attendance:

Representative Mike Caruso, Chair
Senator Jason Pizzo, Vice Chair
Representative Christopher Benjamin
Senator Jason Brodeur
Senator Tracie Davis
Representative Peggy Gossett-Seidman
Representative Diane Hart
Representative Rachel Plakon
Senator Corey Simon
Representative Taylor Yarkosky

Senator DiCeglie was excused

Consideration of a request for an Auditor General operational audit of the City of North Miami Beach submitted by Senator Pizzo

Representative Hart moved that the Committee direct the Auditor General to perform an operational audit of the City of North Miami Beach. The Auditor General, pursuant her authority, shall finalize the scope of the audit during the course of the audit, providing that the audit-related concerns of Senator Pizzo are considered.

Motion adopted unanimously.

Continuation of February 23, 2023 discussion on findings reported in the operational audit of the City of Gainesville

Derek Noonan, Audit Manager with the Auditor General's Office, presented the Auditor General's Report Number 2024-033, *City of Gainesville, Prior Audit Follow-Up*, and answered questions from the Committee members.

Harvey Ward, Mayor, gave an update on the City's progress and answered questions in reference to the findings. Tony Cunningham, CEO/General Manager of Gainesville Regional Utilities (GRU); Daniel Nee, City Attorney; Cynthia Curry, City Manager; and Xiuchun (Sue) Wang, Finance Director, all spoke and answered members' questions.

The following members of the public submitted appearance cards and spoke to the Committee:

Angela Casteel
Jim Konish
James Ingle
Armando Grundy-Gomes
Amy Trask
Kristen Young

Representative Gossett-Seidman moved to request the Auditor General perform a follow-up audit of all the matters of the audit report, investigate why the bond issue was delayed, and investigate the resulting almost \$3 million of additional costs. The Committee also requests the Auditor General confirm all of the actions and interactions of the Mayor, the City Commissioners, the City Manager and the Manager of the GRU, and any other members of the GRU. This should include a review of all communications between the parties for purposes of seeing if the City charter was violated, if it was, or if the Sunshine Laws were violated. In both of these requests, the Committee requests the Auditor General to carry out the audit with the provision that the audit-related concerns of Chair Caruso and the Committee are considered.

Motion failed.

Although the vote was 6-4, Joint Rule 4.2(4) requires each question to be decided by a majority vote of the members of each house present and voting. The Senate vote was 2-2, therefore, the motion failed.

Representative Gossett-Seidman moved to adjourn.