

**CITY OF GRETNA, LOUISIANA
FINANCIAL REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2024**

**PREPARED BY:
THE FINANCE DEPARTMENT**

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

**Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council
City of Gretna, Louisiana**

Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

Opinions

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, and each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the City of Gretna, Louisiana, (the City) as of and for the year ended March 31, 2024, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the City of Gretna, Louisiana's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, and each major fund of the City of Gretna, Louisiana, as of March 31, 2024, and the respective changes in financial position, and, where applicable, cash flows thereof for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Basis for Opinions

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of the City of Gretna, Louisiana, and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; and for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the City's ability to continue as a going concern for the twelve months beyond the financial statement date, including any currently know information that may raise substantial doubt shortly thereafter.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinions. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and *Government Auditing Standards* will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and *Government Auditing Standards*, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the City's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.
- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the City's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit, significant audit findings, and certain internal control-related matters that we identified during the audit.

Emphasis of Matter

As discussed in Note C5 to the basic financial statements, the City has adopted the provisions of GASB statement No. 96 Subscription Based Information Technology Arrangements (SBITA's). Our opinion is not modified with respect to this matter.

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis, the budgetary comparison information, Schedule of Changes in Total OPEB Liability and Related Ratios, Schedule of Employer's Proportionate Share of Net Pension Liability, and Schedule of Employer's Contributions, and on pages 4-14 and 66-74 be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the

information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

Supplementary Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the City of Gretna, Louisiana's basic financial statements. The accompanying combining and individual non-major fund financials, the Justice System Funding Schedule-Collecting/Disbursing Entity, the Justice System Funding Schedule-Receiving Entity, the Schedule of Compensation Paid to City Council Members, the Schedule of Compensation, Reimbursements, Benefits and Other Payments to Agency Head, and the Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards as required by Title 2 *U.S. Code of Federal Regulations Part 200, Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards*, are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and were derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the combining and individual non-major fund financial statements, the Justice System Funding Schedule-Collecting/Disbursing Entity, the Justice System Funding Schedule-Receiving Entity, the Schedule of Compensation Paid to City Council Members and the Schedule of Compensation, Reimbursements, Benefits and Other Payments to Agency Head, and the Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards are fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

Other Information

Management is responsible for the other information included in the annual report. The other information comprises the statistical sections but does not include the basic financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. Our opinions on the basic financial statements do not cover the other information, and we do not express an opinion or any form of assurance thereon.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated September 27, 2024, on our consideration of the City of Gretna, Louisiana's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the City of Gretna, Louisiana's internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the City of Gretna, Louisiana's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

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Gretna, Louisiana
September 27, 2024

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

City of Gretna, Louisiana
Management’s Discussion and Analysis
(Unaudited)
March 31, 2024

As management of the City of Gretna, Louisiana (the “City”), we offer readers of the City’s financial statements this narrative overview and analysis of the financial activities of the City for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2024. The purpose of this management discussion and analysis (“MD&A”) is to provide an objective and easy-to-read analysis of the City’s financial activities based on currently known facts, decisions, or conditions. Therefore, readers should consider the information presented here in conjunction with the City’s Financial Statements and Notes to the Financial Statements.

Financial Highlights

- The City’s total net position increased by \$5,601,538, which represents a 5.36% increase from fiscal year 2023. The net position of the governmental activities increased by \$5,658,916 or 7.18%.
- Assets and deferred outflows of resources of the City’s governmental activities exceeded its liabilities and deferred inflows of resources for fiscal year ending 2024 by \$84,502,494 (*net position*). Of this amount, \$78,846,101 or 93.3% is invested in capital assets, such as land, facilities, vehicles and equipment, net of accumulated depreciation, and related debt. An additional \$25,658,221, or 30.36%, is restricted for improvements to the City’s infrastructure.
- The City purchased several parcels of land (\$6,370,272) as part of its 2030 Plan with a bold vision to support the City’s lifestyle, enhance community resilience, and guide neighborhood rebirth over the next ten years and beyond. This purchase included a rundown hotel complex with plans to demolish the existing structure and repurpose the land for future commercial use. This project aims to rejuvenate a portion of the Westbank Expressway to attract new businesses, increase property tax revenue, and create new economic development initiatives.
- At the end of fiscal year 2024, the City’s total general fund balance was \$6,830,256 compared to \$9,984,302 in fiscal year 2023. This decrease of \$3,154,047 or 31.59% can be attributed to the City’s land acquisitions.
- The City expended American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds of \$6,537,417. The City received these funds in 2022 and 2023. These funds were budgeted and allocated for salary expenditures in fiscal year ended March 31, 2024.

Overview of the Financial Statements

This discussion and analysis is intended to serve as an introduction to the City’s financial statements. The City’s basic financial statements consist of the following components: 1) government-wide financial statements, 2) fund financial statements, 3) notes to the financial statements. This report also contains other supplementary information, which is in addition to the basic financial statements themselves.

Government-wide Financial Statements

The Government-wide financial statements are designed to provide readers with a broad overview of the City’s finances, in a manner similar to a private-sector business.

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The *Statement of Net Position* presents information on all the City’s assets, deferred outflows of resources, liabilities, and deferred inflows of resources, with the difference reported as *net position*. Over time, increases or decreases in net position may serve as a useful indicator of whether the financial position of the City is improving or weakening. The causes of the change in net position may be the result of many factors, both financial and non-financial in nature. Non-financial factors, which may have an impact on the City’s financial condition include the property and sales tax base or other external factors.

The *Statement of Activities* presents information showing how the government’s net position changed during the most recent fiscal year. All changes in net position are reported as soon as the underlying event giving rise to the change occurs, *regardless of the timing of related cash flows*. Thus, revenues and expenses are reported in this statement for some items that will only result in cash flows in future fiscal periods (e.g., uncollected taxes and earned but unused vacation leave).

Both of the government-wide financial statements are designed to distinguish functions of the City that are principally supported by taxes and intergovernmental revenues (“*governmental activities*”) from other functions that are intended to recover a significant portion of their cost through user fees and charges (“*business-type activities*”). The business-type activities of the City consist of the Municipal Water and Sewer System.

Fund Financial Statements

A “*fund*” is a grouping of related accounts that is used to maintain control over resources that have been segregated for specific activities or objectives. The City, like other state and local governments, uses fund accounting to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance-related legal requirements. All the funds of the City can be divided into two categories: governmental funds and proprietary funds.

Fund financial statements are used to present financial information detailing resources that have been identified for specific activities. The focus of the fund financial statements is on the City’s major funds, although non-major funds are also presented in aggregate and further detail in the supplementary statements.

Governmental funds. *Governmental funds* are used to account for essentially the same functions reported as “governmental activities” in the government-wide financial statements. However, unlike the government-wide financial statements, governmental fund financial statements focus on *near-term inflows and outflows of spendable resources*, as well as *on balances of spendable resources* available at the end of the fiscal year. Such information may be useful in evaluating a government’s near-term financing requirements.

Because the focus of governmental funds is narrower than that of the government-wide financial statements, it is useful to compare the information presented for governmental funds with similar information presented for *governmental activities* in the government-wide financial statements. By

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doing so, readers may better understand the long-term impact of the government's near-term financing decisions. Both the governmental fund balance sheet and the governmental fund statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balance provide a reconciliation to facilitate this comparison between *governmental funds* and *governmental activities*.

The City maintains a variety of governmental funds which are grouped for management purposes into general, debt service, capital projects, and special revenue fund groups. Information is presented separately in the governmental funds balance sheet and in the governmental funds statement of revenues, expenditures and changes in fund balances. Data from all other governmental funds are combined into a single aggregated presentation. Individual fund data for each of these non-major governmental funds is presented in the form of combining statements elsewhere in this report.

The City adopts an annual appropriated budget for its General Fund and Other Funds. A budgetary comparison statement for the General Fund and all major funds is presented to demonstrate compliance with the budget.

Proprietary funds. The proprietary funds consist of the Municipal Water & Sewer Funds which are also presented as the business-type activities in the government-wide financial statements. Proprietary fund financial statements provide the same type of information as the government-wide financial statements, only in more detail.

Notes to the financial statements. The notes provide additional information that is essential to a full understanding of the data provided in the government-wide and fund financial statements and are a required part of the basic financial statements.

Other Supplementary information. The *combining statements* referred to earlier in connection with non-major governmental funds are presented immediately following the Required Supplemental Information. Information is presented separately in the governmental fund balance sheet and in the governmental fund statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balances for the General Fund, Fire Protection Fund, Ambulance Fund, Capital Projects Fund, Debt Service Fund, and the Grant Fund all of which are major funds. Data from the other governmental funds (Garbage Fund, Parks and Recreation Fund, Social Services for The Aged Fund, Street Lights Fund, Tourism Fund, Home Incarceration Fund, Court Security Fund, and Court Security-2nd Parish Fund are combined into a single, aggregated presentation.

Also included in the report are the Auditor's reports, findings and schedules, and the statistical section.

Government-wide Financial Analysis

As noted earlier, net position may serve over time as a useful indicator of a government's financial position. The City's assets and deferred outflows of resources exceeded its liabilities and deferred inflows of resources at the close of the most recent fiscal year by \$110,112,419 (*net position*). The City's net position is comprised of \$84,502,494 from governmental activities and \$25,609,924 from business-type activities.

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The following schedule reflects the condensed Statement of Net Position for March 31, 2024, with comparative figures for 2023.

Net Position
March 31, 2023 and 2024

	Governmental Activities		Business-type Activities		Total	
	2024	2023	2024	2023	2024	2023
Current and other assets	\$32,197,372	\$ 35,796,159	\$ 4,700,661	\$ 4,183,963	\$ 36,898,033	\$ 39,980,122
Non current assets	185,956	211,600	236,206	249,463	422,162	-
Capital assets(net)	90,485,975	84,590,322	24,834,377	25,668,740	115,320,352	110,259,062
Total assets	<u>122,869,302</u>	<u>120,598,081</u>	<u>29,771,245</u>	<u>30,102,166</u>	<u>152,640,547</u>	<u>150,700,247</u>
Deferred outflows of resources	8,818,150	8,428,174	1,222,836	1,213,664	10,040,986	9,641,838
Total assets and deferred outflows of resources	<u>131,687,452</u>	<u>129,026,255</u>	<u>30,994,081</u>	<u>31,315,830</u>	<u>162,681,533</u>	<u>160,342,085</u>
Current and other liabilities	\$ 3,418,713	\$ 4,988,510	\$ 517,508	\$ 690,987	\$ 3,936,221	\$ 5,679,497
Long-term liabilities	13,384,053	14,895,025	-	115,000	13,384,053	15,010,025
Noncurrent liabilities	29,173,918	28,082,276	4,568,210	4,548,512	33,742,128	32,630,788
Total liabilities	<u>45,976,684</u>	<u>47,965,811</u>	<u>5,085,718</u>	<u>5,354,499</u>	<u>51,062,402</u>	<u>53,320,310</u>
Deferred inflows of resources	1,208,274	2,216,866	298,438	294,026	1,506,712	2,510,892
Total Liability and deferred inflows of resources	<u>47,184,958</u>	<u>50,182,677</u>	<u>5,384,156</u>	<u>5,648,525</u>	<u>52,569,114</u>	<u>55,831,202</u>
NET POSITION						
Net investment in capital assets	\$ 78,846,101	\$ 71,676,434	\$ 16,544,574	\$ 16,544,574	\$ 95,390,675	\$ 88,221,008
Restricted	25,658,221	24,674,872	-	-	25,658,221	24,674,872
Unrestricted	(20,001,828)	(17,507,728)	9,065,350	9,122,729	(10,936,477)	(8,384,999)
Total net position	<u>\$ 84,502,494</u>	<u>\$ 78,843,578</u>	<u>\$ 25,609,924</u>	<u>\$ 25,667,303</u>	<u>\$ 110,112,419</u>	<u>\$ 104,510,881</u>
Total Liability and deferred inflows of resources	<u>131,687,452</u>	<u>\$129,026,256</u>	<u>\$30,994,080</u>	<u>\$31,315,828</u>	<u>\$162,681,533</u>	<u>\$160,342,083</u>

Government Wide

For the year ended March 31, 2024, total assets and deferred outflows exceeded liabilities and deferred inflows by \$110,112,419. The largest portion of the City's net position, \$95,390,675 (86.6%), represents its investment in capital assets less any related debt used to acquire asset that are still outstanding and includes assets such as land, buildings, furniture and fixtures, machinery, vehicles and equipment, and infrastructure.

The City uses these capital assets to provide services to citizens; consequently, these assets are not available for future spending. While bonds payable are associated with capital expenditures for the purpose of categorizing net position, the capital assets themselves are not a source of repayment of the bonds. The bonds are serviced primarily by dedicated sales taxes. The Debt service fund has \$1,574,711 of fund balance as of March 31, 2024, to provide for the servicing of annual interest and principal payments on bonds.

Governmental Activities

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The following are significant current-year transactions related to governmental activities that have had an impact on the Statement of Net Position.

- We had a decrease in current assets of \$3,598,797 which was primarily generated from a decrease in cash (\$6,145,795) while Due from other governments increased by \$2,031,404.
- The decrease in cash of \$6,145,795 is directly attributable to the purchase of land throughout the City for the purpose of revitalization.
- Liabilities decreased by \$1,989,127 as a result of a decrease in Accounts payable by (\$1,881,999) due to the retainage for the completion of several capital projects that were completed in 2023 of (\$974,438), an outstanding invoice received after the fiscal year end from the fire station (\$269,581), and various other payables that were paid in 2024 due to timing differences.

The deficit of \$20,001,828 in unrestricted net position in governmental activities is primarily the result of long-term liabilities such as the net pension liability required under GASB 68, the accounting for non-pension related benefits under GASB 75, and the liability for unused employee vacation and sick days not previously funded, which together exceed current assets that are not externally dedicated for specific purposes. The business-type activities unrestricted net position was \$9,065,350.

Changes in Net Position-Government Wide

The City's total revenues for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2024 were \$53,977,108 compared to \$56,083,627 from 2023. The total cost of all programs and services was \$48,375,571 compared to \$43,935,829 in 2023.

The City's total revenues exceed expenses on the government-wide basis by \$5,601,537. Governmental total net position increased to \$84,502,494 from \$78,843,579 representing an increase of \$5,658,916 (7.18%) during the current fiscal year.

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The following schedule provides a summary of the changes to the City's net position for year ended March 31, 2024.

Changes in Net Position
March 31, 2023 and 2024

	Governmental Activities		Business-type Activities		Total	
	2024	2023	2024	2023	2024	2023
REVENUES						
Program revenues:						
Charges for Services	\$ 4,282,637	\$ 4,455,845	\$ 7,085,070	\$ 6,678,596	\$ 11,367,707	\$ 11,134,441
Operating Grants and Contributions	4,370,298	1,710,806	-	-	4,370,298	1,710,806
Capital Grants and Contributions	1,969,596	7,932,514	18,412	55,550	1,988,008	7,988,064
General revenues:						
Ad valorem	10,682,571	9,753,941	706,882	641,107	11,389,453	10,395,048
Sales	12,384,489	13,177,331	-	-	12,384,489	13,177,331
Franchise	654,301	747,831	-	-	654,301	747,831
Intergovernmental	6,397,459	6,444,005	53,740	-	6,451,199	6,444,005
Fines and forfeitures	1,777,574	1,880,523	-	-	1,777,574	1,880,523
Licenses and permits	490,937	502,463	-	-	490,937	502,463
Miscellaneous	2,974,155	1,965,294	61,015	69,848	3,035,170	2,035,143
Bond Premium	67,972	67,972	-	-	67,972	67,972
Total revenues	<u>46,051,988</u>	<u>48,638,526</u>	<u>7,925,120</u>	<u>7,445,101</u>	<u>53,977,108</u>	<u>56,083,627</u>
EXPENSES						
Governmental activities:						
General government	3,782,601	3,224,279	-	-	3,782,601	3,224,279
Public safety	22,829,688	20,806,654	-	-	22,829,688	20,806,654
Public works	9,336,398	9,524,611	-	-	9,336,398	9,524,611
Culture and recreation	4,096,561	2,957,675	-	-	4,096,561	2,957,675
Cemetery	71,195	75,124	-	-	71,195	75,124
Interest & issue cost on long-term debt	462,908	457,924	-	-	462,908	457,924
Business-type activities:						
Water Utility	-	-	3,919,566	3,528,424	3,919,566	3,528,424
Sewer Utility	-	-	3,876,653	3,361,138	3,876,653	3,361,138
Total expenses	<u>40,579,352</u>	<u>37,046,267</u>	<u>7,796,219</u>	<u>6,889,562</u>	<u>48,375,571</u>	<u>43,935,829</u>
Change in net position before special items and transfers	5,472,636	11,592,259	128,901	555,539	5,601,537	12,147,798
Transfers	186,279	3,455,650	(186,279)	(3,455,650)	-	-
Change in net position	<u>5,658,915</u>	<u>15,047,909</u>	<u>(57,379)</u>	<u>(2,900,111)</u>	<u>5,601,537</u>	<u>12,147,798</u>
Total net position - beginning	78,843,579	63,795,670	25,667,303	28,567,414	104,510,882	92,363,084
Total net position - ending	<u>\$ 84,502,495</u>	<u>\$ 78,843,579</u>	<u>\$ 25,609,924</u>	<u>\$ 25,667,303</u>	<u>\$ 110,112,419</u>	<u>\$ 104,510,881</u>

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The following contrasts the changes in revenues for governmental activities as compared to the prior year:

<u>Revenues Source</u>	<u>Revenues</u>	<u>% of Total</u>	<u>Increase (Decrease) from 2023</u>	<u>% Change</u>
Charges for Services	\$ 4,282,637	9.30%	\$ (173,208)	-3.9%
Operating Grants and Contributions	4,370,298	9.49%	2,659,492	155.5%
Capital Grants and Contributions	1,969,596	4.28%	(5,962,918)	-75.2%
Ad valorem	10,682,571	23.20%	928,630	9.5%
Sales	12,384,489	26.89%	(792,842)	-6.0%
Franchise	654,301	1.42%	(93,530)	-12.5%
Intergovernmental	6,397,459	13.89%	(46,546)	-0.7%
Fines and forfeitures	1,777,574	3.86%	(102,949)	-5.5%
Licenses and permits	490,937	1.07%	(11,526)	-2.3%
Miscellaneous	2,974,155	6.46%	1,008,860	51.3%
Proceeds of 2009A bonds	67,972	0.15%	-	0.0%
Total	<u>\$ 46,051,988</u>	<u>100.00%</u>	<u>\$ (2,586,537)</u>	<u>-5.3%</u>

Sales and ad valorem tax revenues account for 26.9% and 23.2% of total revenues, respectively. Sales tax revenues experienced a 6.0% decrease in collections. In contrast, Ad valorem tax revenues have increased by 9.5%. Miscellaneous revenue increased by \$1,008,860 due to higher earnings in interest.

Capital Grants and Contributions had the largest decrease of 75.2% due to ARPA funds and the LA Safe improvement project recognized in 2023. Public safety expenses increased \$2,023,034 primarily due to an increase in the Fire fund due to purchases and increased operational costs for the new Lafayette Street Fire Station. There was also an increase in the pension contribution rate for Police employees. Additionally, there was a pay increase for the Communication department. The increase of \$1,138,886 in Culture and Recreation is due to the disbursement of pass-through state funds to the Gretna Economic and Development Association.

The following schedule details the City’s total and net cost of governmental activities:

	<u>2024</u>		<u>2023</u>	
	<u>Total Cost of Services</u>	<u>Total Cost of Services</u>	<u>Total Cost of Services</u>	<u>Total Cost of Services</u>
<u>Governmental activities:</u>				
General government	\$ 3,782,601	\$ (2,549,581)	\$ 3,224,279	\$ (2,066,645)
Public safety	22,829,688	(18,839,626)	20,806,654	(18,688,878)
Public works	9,336,398	(5,137,104)	9,524,611	135,269
Culture and recreation	4,096,561	(2,910,805)	2,957,675	(1,812,850)
Cemetery	71,195	(56,795)	75,125	(56,074)
Interest & issue cost on long-term debt	462,908	(462,908)	457,924	(457,924)
Total	<u>\$ 40,579,352</u>	<u>\$ (29,956,821)</u>	<u>\$ 37,046,268</u>	<u>\$ (22,947,102)</u>

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Net cost of governmental activities of \$29,956,820 were financed by general revenues, primarily made up of property taxes of \$10,682,271 and sales tax of \$12,384,489.

Business-Type Activities net position decreased by \$57,379 in the current fiscal year compared to (\$2,900,111) in the prior year. Charges for services make up 89.4% of the revenue in the business-type activities. The business-type funds are comprised of the City's Water Utility and Sewer Utility Funds. The deficit is due predominately to inflationary costs in equipment and chemicals. The City also took pre-disaster measures due to the saltwater wedge intrusion affecting the Mississippi River. The intrusion of saltwater into the City's Water Utility plant posed a serious threat to the quality of the City's drinking water and the operations of the plant.

Financial Analysis of Governmental Funds

Funds Activities of the Primary Government's General Fund, Fire Fund, Ambulance Fund, Debt Service Funds, Capital Project, and Police Grant Fund are considered general government functions. The General Fund is the City's primary operating fund. The Fire Fund is dedicated to purchasing and maintaining equipment and providing payment of contractual obligations to the City's Volunteer fire company. The Ambulance Fund accounts for the salaries and purchases of medical supplies and equipment that provide emergency medical services. The Capital Projects fund is used to account for financial activity related to the City's indebtedness for capital projects. The Debt Service fund is used to account for financial activities related to the City's general bonded indebtedness. The Police Grants fund is used to account for the proceeds of specific public safety revenue sources that are restricted for specific expenditures.

The General Fund ended fiscal year March 31, 2024, with an unassigned fund balance of \$5,007,984. This represents a decrease in the unassigned fund balance of \$3,200,067 from 2023. The primary reason for this decrease is the cash purchases of \$6,370,272 in land. The General Fund did show an increase of \$387,269 in Ad valorem tax revenue and an increase of \$2,391,895 in Intergovernmental revenues received from FEMA in association with Hurricane Ida reimbursements.

The Fire Protection Fund reported a fund balance of \$2,909,625 compared to \$3,794,959 in 2023 representing a decrease of \$885,334. This decrease can be attributed to the purchase of new equipment and added overhead associated with the operation of the new fire station. The Fire Protection Fund bonded \$7,000,000 in 2020 for the construction of a new Lafayette Street Fire Station.

The Ambulance Fund reported a fund balance of \$2,574,736 compared to \$2,153,961 in 2023, representing an increase of \$420,775. This increase is due to additional opportunities for charges for services. The fund balance is assigned for the purchase of new vehicles and equipment.

The Capital Projects Fund reported a fund balance of \$12,434,035 compared to \$11,169,534 in 2023 representing a \$1,264,501 increase. The fund balance is intended to be a funding match for future capital grant opportunities.

The Nonmajor Governmental Funds reported an increase in fund balance of \$616,449 for the fiscal year with a fund balance of \$4,718,728 at March 31, 2024.

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General Fund Budgetary Highlights

In accordance with the provisions of the Lawrason Act, the City Administration submits the annual budget for the City by the end of the prior year. The budget is adopted by Councilmanic action. Over the course of the year, the City Council revises the City’s budget numerous times. These amendments are based on changing needs and additional information to prevent budget overruns and better meet the needs of the City.

The City’s budget for the fiscal year April 1, 2024, to March 31, 2025, was introduced in open session on February 14, 2024, and adopted by Ordinance 5002 on March 13, 2024. The total City Budget anticipates revenues of \$ 45,863,597 and expenditures of \$48,501,788.

The following table presents the favorable variance for the General Fund as compared to the revised budget.

	Budgetary Comparison Schedule			Variance with Final Budget
	Budgeted Amounts			
	Original	Final	Actual	
Revenue	\$21,025,010	\$24,618,909	\$26,372,735	\$ 1,753,826
Expenditures	20,874,499	28,967,876	29,376,454	(408,578)
Other Financing Sources (Uses)	(250,000)	2,018,500	(150,328)	2,168,828
Net change in fund balances	(99,489)	(2,330,467)	(3,154,047)	(823,580)
Fund balances - beginning	9,984,814	9,984,303	9,984,303	-
Fund balances - ending	\$ 9,885,325	\$ 7,653,836	\$ 6,830,256	\$ (823,580)

Capital Asset and Debt Administration

Capital Assets

The City’s investment in capital assets for its governmental and business type activities as of March 31, 2024, amounts to \$115,320,352 (net of accumulated depreciation) compared to \$110,259,062 at March 31, 2023, representing an increase of \$5,061,287. This investment in capital assets includes land, buildings and system improvements, machinery, vehicles and equipment, park facilities, etc. and infrastructure assets.

The following is the City’s capital assets (net of accumulated depreciation) for the years ended March 31, 2024 and 2023.

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The following table presents a summary comparison of the outstanding long-term obligations for the fiscal years ended March 31, 2024 and 2023

	Governmental Activities		Business-type Activities		Total	
	2024	2023	2024	2023	2024	2023
Land	\$17,769,059	\$11,398,786	\$ 299,988	\$ 299,988	\$ 18,069,047	\$ 11,698,774
Construction in process	10,749,253	9,237,121		86,583	10,749,253	9,323,704
Building and improvements	79,710,941	79,301,794	16,762,716	16,762,716	96,473,657	96,064,510
Equipment and furniture, fixtures	12,494,207	12,047,534	25,951	25,951	12,520,158	12,073,485
Vehicles and road machinery	7,169,210	6,580,793	40,697,448	40,215,613	47,866,658	46,796,406
Historical Infrastructure	17,273,617	17,273,617	-	-	17,273,617	17,273,617
Leased Assets	2,652,063	2,010,213	760,328	524,905	3,412,391	2,535,118
SBITA assets	115,251	-	-	-	115,251	-
	<u>147,933,601</u>	<u>137,849,858</u>	<u>58,546,431</u>	<u>57,915,756</u>	<u>206,480,032</u>	<u>195,765,614</u>
Less: accumulated depreciation	<u>(57,447,625)</u>	<u>(53,259,533)</u>	<u>(33,712,055)</u>	<u>(32,247,016)</u>	<u>(91,159,680)</u>	<u>(85,506,549)</u>
Capital assets, net	<u>\$90,485,976</u>	<u>\$84,590,325</u>	<u>\$24,834,376</u>	<u>\$25,668,740</u>	<u>\$115,320,352</u>	<u>\$110,259,065</u>

Long-Term Debt

Total long-term debt for the year ended March 31, 2023, is \$49,395,995 compared to \$49,292,029 for the year ended March 31, 2024. Long-term debt decreased by \$103,966 this fiscal year. Total bonds indebtedness for governmental activities was \$13,251,000 compared to \$14,597,000 in fiscal year 2023. This decrease of \$1,346,050 can be attributed to the annual scheduled debt payment requirements. Net pension liability increased by \$1,070,486.

Governmental Activity		
	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
Tax Bonds	5,641,000	6,647,000
Revenue Bonds	7,610,000	7,950,000
Premiums	1,087,553	1,155,525
EPA Brownsfield Loan	488,500	488,500
Compensated Absences	1,847,520	1,885,697
Other Post Employment Benefits		
OPEB	435,446	421,875
Pension Liability	26,538,352	25,406,067
Right of use Liability	1,345,912	1,117,617
	<u>44,994,283</u>	<u>45,072,281</u>
Business Type Activity		
Water fund 2015 Bond Issue	57,500	112,500
Sewer Fund 2015 Bond Issue	57,500	112,500
Right of use Liability	341,810	229,602
Compensated Absences	212,597	178,974
Pension Liability	3,628,340	3,690,139
	<u>4,297,747</u>	<u>4,323,715</u>
Total Long-term Debt	<u>49,292,030</u>	<u>49,395,996</u>

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Economic Factors and Next Year's Budget

Total General Fund revenues and other financial sources for Fiscal Year 2024 are anticipated to be an estimated \$21,998,050 with projected expenditures and other financing uses of \$22,331,616. The projected Fiscal Year 2025 ending fund balance reflects a \$333,566 decrease from the Fiscal Year 2024.

Requests for Information

This financial report is designed to provide a general overview of the City's finances for all those with an interest in the government's finances. Questions concerning any of the information provided in this report or request for additional financial information should be addressed to Raylyn Stevens, CPA, Finance Director, P.O. Box 404, Gretna, Louisiana 70054-0404

BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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Statement of Net Position
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	Primary Government		Total
	Governmental Activities	Business-type Activities	
ASSETS			
Current assets:			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 19,993,151	\$ 3,395,489	\$ 23,388,640
Investments	136,137	-	136,137
Receivables, net	1,902,828	1,299,453	3,202,281
Due from other governments	4,903,883	-	4,903,883
Lease receivables	20,117	5,719	25,835
Prepaid expenditures	507,288	-	507,288
Restricted Cash	4,733,966	-	4,733,966
Total current assets	<u>32,197,371</u>	<u>4,700,661</u>	<u>36,898,033</u>
Noncurrent assets:			
Lease receivables	\$ 185,956	\$ 236,206	\$ 422,162
Capital Assets (net)	<u>90,485,975</u>	<u>24,834,377</u>	<u>115,320,352</u>
Total noncurrent assets	<u>90,671,931</u>	<u>25,070,584</u>	<u>115,742,514</u>
Total assets	<u>122,869,302</u>	<u>29,771,245</u>	<u>152,640,547</u>
DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES			
Deferred Outflows-Pension Plan	\$ 8,589,927	\$ 1,222,836	\$ 9,812,763
Deferred Outflows-Other Post Employment Benefits	<u>228,223</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>228,223</u>
Total deferred outflows of resources	<u>8,818,150</u>	<u>1,222,836</u>	<u>10,040,986</u>
Total assets and deferred outflows of resources	<u>131,687,452</u>	<u>30,994,081</u>	<u>162,681,533</u>
LIABILITIES			
Current liabilities:			
Accounts payable	\$ 833,115	\$ 192,917	\$ 1,026,031
Accrued liabilities	149,286	-	149,286
Right of use liability	470,189	110,413	580,602
Current Compensated absences	523,124	67,355	590,479
Payable from restricted assets			
Current portion of long-term debt	<u>1,443,000</u>	<u>115,000</u>	<u>1,558,000</u>
Total current liabilities	<u>3,418,713</u>	<u>485,685</u>	<u>3,904,398</u>
Noncurrent liabilities:			
Customer deposits	\$ -	\$ 595,056	\$ 595,056
Right of use liability	875,723	231,395	1,107,118
Other post employment benefit	435,446	-	435,446
Non-current portion of long-term obligations	13,384,053	-	13,384,053
Non-current portion of net pension liability	26,538,352	3,628,340	30,166,692
Non-current Compensated Absences	<u>1,324,397</u>	<u>145,242</u>	<u>1,469,638</u>
Total noncurrent liabilities	<u>42,557,970</u>	<u>4,600,033</u>	<u>47,158,004</u>
Total liabilities	<u>45,976,684</u>	<u>5,085,718</u>	<u>51,062,401</u>
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES			
Deferred Inflows-Lease related	\$ 188,051	\$ 216,947	\$ 404,998
Deferred Inflows-Pension related	701,310	81,491	782,801
Deferred Inflows-Other Post Employment Benefits	<u>318,913</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>318,913</u>
Total deferred inflows of resources	<u>1,208,274</u>	<u>298,438</u>	<u>1,506,712</u>
Total liabilities and deferred inflows of resources	<u>47,184,958</u>	<u>5,384,156</u>	<u>52,569,113</u>
NET POSITION			
Net investment in capital assets	\$ 78,846,101	\$ 16,544,574	\$ 95,390,675
Restricted for:			
Capital projects	12,637,675	-	12,637,675
Debt service	1,574,711	-	1,574,711
Other purposes	11,445,835	-	11,445,835
Unrestricted	<u>(20,001,828)</u>	<u>9,065,350</u>	<u>(10,936,477)</u>
Total net position	<u>\$ 84,502,494</u>	<u>\$ 25,609,924</u>	<u>\$ 110,112,419</u>

The notes to financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

CITY OF GRETNA, LOUISIANA
Statement of Activities
March 31, 2024

Functions/Programs	Program Revenues				Net (Expense) Revenue and Changes in Net Position		
	Expenses	Charges for Services	Operating Grants and Contributions		Primary Government		
			Operating Grants and Contributions	Capital Grants and Contributions	Governmental Activities	Business-type Activities	Total
Primary government:							
Governmental activities:							
General government	\$ 3,782,601	\$ 1,233,020	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (2,549,581)	\$ -	\$ (2,549,581)
Public safety	22,829,688	1,004,965	2,985,097	-	(18,839,626)	-	(18,839,626)
Public works	9,336,398	1,837,323	392,375	1,969,596	(5,137,104)	-	(5,137,104)
Culture and recreation	4,096,561	192,929	992,827	-	(2,910,805)	-	(2,910,805)
Cemetery	71,195	14,400	-	-	(56,795)	-	(56,795)
Interest & issue cost on long-term debt	462,908	-	-	-	(462,908)	-	(462,908)
Total governmental activities	<u>40,579,352</u>	<u>4,282,637</u>	<u>4,370,298</u>	<u>1,969,596</u>	<u>(29,956,821)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(29,956,821)</u>
Business-type activities:							
Water Utility	3,919,566	3,634,170	-	18,412	-	(266,984)	(266,984)
Sewer Utility	3,876,653	3,450,900	-	-	-	(425,753)	(425,753)
Total business-type activities	<u>7,796,219</u>	<u>7,085,070</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>18,412</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(692,737)</u>	<u>(692,737)</u>
Total primary government	<u>\$ 48,375,571</u>	<u>\$ 11,367,707</u>	<u>\$ 4,370,298</u>	<u>\$ 1,988,008</u>	<u>\$ (29,956,821)</u>	<u>\$ (692,737)</u>	<u>\$ (30,649,557)</u>
General revenues:							
Ad valorem taxes					10,682,571	706,882	11,389,453
Franchise taxes					654,301	-	654,301
Sales taxes					12,384,489	-	12,384,489
Occupational licenses					490,937	-	490,937
Intergovernmental revenues					6,397,459	53,740	6,451,199
Fines and forfeitures					1,777,574	-	1,777,574
Investment earnings					1,674,775	-	1,674,775
Gain (loss) on sale of capital assets					44,232	-	44,232
Miscellaneous					1,255,148	61,015	1,316,163
2020 Bond Premium					67,972	-	67,972
Transfers					186,279	(186,279)	-
Total general revenues, special items, and transfers					<u>35,615,736</u>	<u>635,358</u>	<u>36,251,094</u>
Change in net position					5,658,915	(57,378)	5,601,537
Net position - beginning					78,843,579	25,667,303	104,510,882
Net position - ending					<u>\$ 84,502,495</u>	<u>\$ 25,609,924</u>	<u>\$ 110,112,419</u>

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CITY OF GRETNA, LOUISIANA
Balance Sheet
Governmental Funds
March 31, 2024

	GENERAL FUND	FIRE PROTECTION	AMBULANCE	CAPITAL PROJECTS	DEBT SERVICE	POLICE GRANT FUND	Total Nonmajor Funds	Total Governmental Funds
ASSETS								
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 3,642,783	\$ 2,572,607	\$ 2,502,986	\$ 7,476,962	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,797,813	\$ 19,993,151
Investments	136,137	-	-	-	-	-	-	136,137
Receivables, net	1,088,549	198,740	78,579	-	63,472	-	473,489	1,902,828
Lease receivables	206,072	-	-	-	-	-	-	206,072
Due from other funds	455,297	-	-	-	-	-	-	455,297
Due from other governments	1,529,962	-	-	2,001,052	-	641,883	730,986	4,903,883
Restricted assets: Cash and cash equivalents	-	203,640	-	3,019,087	1,511,240	-	-	4,733,966
Prepaid items (principally insurance)	507,288	-	-	-	-	-	-	507,288
Total assets	<u>\$ 7,566,089</u>	<u>\$ 2,974,986</u>	<u>\$ 2,581,566</u>	<u>\$ 12,497,102</u>	<u>\$ 1,574,711</u>	<u>\$ 641,883</u>	<u>\$ 5,002,288</u>	<u>\$ 32,838,624</u>
LIABILITIES								
Accounts payable	\$ 398,496	\$ 65,361	\$ 6,830	\$ 63,066	\$ -	\$ 78,897	\$ 220,465	\$ 833,115
Accrued liabilities	149,286	-	-	-	-	-	-	149,286
Due to other funds	-	-	-	-	-	392,203	63,094	455,297
Total liabilities	<u>547,782</u>	<u>65,361</u>	<u>6,830</u>	<u>63,066</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>471,100</u>	<u>283,559</u>	<u>1,437,698</u>
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES								
Deferred Inflows-Lease related	\$ 188,051	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 188,051
Total deferred inflows of resources	<u>188,051</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>188,051</u>
Total liabilities and deferred inflows of resources	<u>735,833</u>	<u>65,361</u>	<u>6,830</u>	<u>63,066</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>471,100</u>	<u>283,559</u>	<u>1,625,749</u>
FUND BALANCES (DEFICITS)								
Nonspendable								
Leases	\$ 39,382	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 39,382
Prepaid Expenditures	507,288	-	-	-	-	-	-	507,288
Restricted								
Debt service	-	-	-	-	1,574,711	-	-	1,574,711
Committed								
Capital projects	-	203,640	-	12,434,035	-	-	-	12,637,675
Contingencies	227,840	-	-	-	-	-	-	227,840
Emergency preparation	271,908	-	-	-	-	-	-	271,908
Separation and settlement	209,162	-	-	-	-	-	-	209,162
Assigned								
Court management	240,551	-	-	-	-	-	-	240,551
Culture and recreation	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,456,689	1,456,689
Property seizure	326,142	-	-	-	-	-	-	326,142
Public safety	-	2,705,985	2,574,736	-	-	170,783	923,659	6,375,164
Public works	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,338,380	2,338,380
Unassigned								
Unassigned	5,007,984	-	-	-	-	-	-	5,007,984
Total fund balances (deficits)	<u>\$ 6,830,256</u>	<u>\$ 2,909,625</u>	<u>\$ 2,574,736</u>	<u>\$ 12,434,035</u>	<u>\$ 1,574,711</u>	<u>\$ 170,783</u>	<u>\$ 4,718,728</u>	<u>\$ 31,212,875</u>
Total liabilities and fund balances (deficits)	<u>\$ 7,566,089</u>	<u>\$ 2,974,986</u>	<u>\$ 2,581,566</u>	<u>\$ 12,497,102</u>	<u>\$ 1,574,711</u>	<u>\$ 641,883</u>	<u>\$ 5,002,288</u>	<u>\$ 32,838,624</u>

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CITY OF GRETNA, LOUISIANA
RECONCILIATION OF THE BALANCE SHEET OF GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
TO THE STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
March 31, 2024

Total Fund Balance at March 31, 2024-Governmental Funds	<u>\$ 31,212,875</u>
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Total net position reported for governmental activities in the statement of net position is different because:

Capital assets and right of use leased assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and, therefore, are not reported in the funds. These assets consist of the following:

Cost of capital assets and right of use assets at March 31, 2024:	147,199,183	
Less accumulated depreciation and amortization as of March 31, 2024:	<u>(56,713,208)</u>	90,485,975

The deferred outflows of expenditures for the OPEB and various pensions are not a use of current resources, and therefore, are not reported in the funds

Pension plan	8,589,927	
Other post employment benefits	<u>228,223</u>	8,818,150

Some liabilities are not due and payable in the current period and, therefore, are not reported in the governmental funds. These liabilities consist of the following:

Long-term liabilities at March 31, 2024:		
Bonds payable	(13,739,500)	
Right of use liability	(1,345,912)	
Unamortized bond premium	(1,087,553)	
Other post employment benefits	(435,446)	
Net pension liability	(26,538,352)	
Compensated absences	<u>(1,847,520)</u>	(44,994,283)

The deferred inflows of contributions for the OPEB and various pensions are not available resources and therefore, are not reported in in the funds

Deferred inflows of resources - pension plan	(701,310)	
Deferred inflows of resources - other post employment benefits	<u>(318,913)</u>	(1,020,223)

Net position-March 31, 2024	<u><u>\$ 84,502,494</u></u>
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CITY OF GRETNA, LOUISIANA
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances
Governmental Funds
For the Year Ended March 31, 2024

	GENERAL FUND	FIRE PROTECTION	AMBULANCE	CAPITAL PROJECTS	DEBT SERVICE	POLICE GRANT FUND	Total Nonmajor Funds	Total Governmental Funds
REVENUES								
Ad valorem	4,612,196	3,037,660	1,291,444	-	-	-	1,741,271	10,682,571
Sales	11,011,494	-	-	-	1,031,658	-	341,338	12,384,489
Franchise	654,301	-	-	-	-	-	-	654,301
Intergovernmental	4,668,821	156,698	-	2,956,004	-	1,061,693	3,839,056	12,682,271
Charges for services	427,073	-	1,004,965	-	-	-	2,030,252	3,462,290
Fines and forfeitures	1,777,574	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,777,574
Licenses and permits	1,311,283	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,311,283
Miscellaneous	1,909,993	150,826	73,965	-	92,402	11,791	127,198	2,366,175
Total revenues	<u>26,372,734</u>	<u>3,345,184</u>	<u>2,370,373</u>	<u>2,956,004</u>	<u>1,124,060</u>	<u>1,073,484</u>	<u>8,079,115</u>	<u>45,320,954</u>
EXPENDITURES								
Current:								
General government	3,514,041	-	-	-	-	-	-	3,514,041
Public safety	12,303,820	3,008,690	1,949,598	-	-	829,871	2,662,399	20,754,378
Public works	4,209,294	-	-	1,082,693	-	13,000	2,228,140	7,533,127
Culture and recreation	-	-	-	-	-	207,354	3,243,287	3,450,641
Cemetery	71,195	-	-	-	-	-	-	71,195
Debt service:								
Principal retirement	546,490	-	-	-	1,346,000	-	-	1,892,490
Interest	35,865	-	-	-	427,043	-	-	462,908
Capital outlay:								
Capital Outlay	8,695,748	762,478	-	534,196	-	258,418	78,840	10,329,681
Total expenditures	<u>29,376,453</u>	<u>3,771,168</u>	<u>1,949,598</u>	<u>1,616,890</u>	<u>1,773,043</u>	<u>1,308,643</u>	<u>8,212,666</u>	<u>48,008,460</u>
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over exp	<u>(3,003,719)</u>	<u>(425,984)</u>	<u>420,775</u>	<u>1,339,114</u>	<u>(648,983)</u>	<u>(235,158)</u>	<u>(133,551)</u>	<u>(2,687,506)</u>
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)								
Transfers in	4,938,175	6	648,163	6,542,770	645,629	266,737	972,155	14,013,636
Transfers out	(5,880,300)	(459,356)	(648,163)	(6,617,383)	-	-	(222,155)	(13,827,357)
Leases & subscriptions issued	791,797	-	-	-	-	-	-	791,797
Total other financing sources (uses)	<u>(150,328)</u>	<u>(459,350)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(74,612)</u>	<u>645,629</u>	<u>266,737</u>	<u>750,000</u>	<u>978,076</u>
Net change in fund balances	(3,154,047)	(885,334)	420,775	1,264,501	(3,354)	31,579	616,449	(1,709,430)
Fund balances - beginning	\$ 9,984,303	\$ 3,794,959	\$ 2,153,961	\$ 11,169,534	\$ 1,578,065	\$ 139,204	\$ 4,102,280	\$ 32,922,305
Fund balances - ending	<u>\$ 6,830,256</u>	<u>\$ 2,909,625</u>	<u>\$ 2,574,736</u>	<u>\$ 12,434,035</u>	<u>\$ 1,574,711</u>	<u>\$ 170,783</u>	<u>\$ 4,718,728</u>	<u>\$ 31,212,875</u>

The notes to financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

CITY OF GRETNA, LOUISIANA
RECONCILIATION OF THE STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN
FUND BALANCE OF GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS TO THE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
For The Year Ended March 31, 2024

Total net change in fund balances - governmental funds		<u>\$ (1,709,430)</u>
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The change in net position reported for governmental activities in the statement of activities is different because:

Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures. However, in the statement of activities, the cost of those assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives and reported as depreciation expense.

Capital outlays, Right of use assets, and equipment purchases which are considered expenditures on the statement of revenues, expenditures and changes in fund balance	10,329,681	
Decrease in cost of right of use assets	(34,696)	
Depreciation expense	<u>(4,399,333)</u>	5,895,652

Repayment of principal of long-term debt is recorded as expenditures in the governmental funds but reduces the liability in the statement of net position. Also governmental funds report the effect of premiums, discounts, and similar items when debt is first issued, whereas these amounts are deferred and amortized in the statement of activities over multiple periods.

Principal portion of debt service payments	1,892,490	
Change in bond premiums	<u>67,972</u>	1,960,462

Expenses reported in the statement of activities are recognized when liabilities are incurred; while expenditures are recognized at the fund level when cash payments are made. The amounts below represent the difference between the expenses incurred at the government-wide level and the current financial resources expended at the fund level.

Pension	117,098	
Other post employment benefits	131,741	
Compensated absences	38,177	
Leases and subscriptions	<u>(774,785)</u>	(487,769)

Change in net position - governmental activities		<u>\$ 5,658,915</u>
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CITY OF GRETNA, LOUISIANA
Statement of Net Position
Proprietary Funds
March 31, 2024

	Business-type Activities		
	Water Utility	Sewer Utility	Total Enterprise Funds
ASSETS			
Current assets:			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 1,451,302	\$ 1,944,187	\$ 3,395,489
Receivables, net	637,409	662,045	1,299,453
Lease receivables	5,719	-	5,719
Total current assets	<u>2,094,429</u>	<u>2,606,232</u>	<u>4,700,661</u>
Noncurrent assets:			
Lease receivables	236,206	-	236,206
Right of use leased assets (net)	204,286	148,798	353,084
Capital assets, net	8,190,800	16,290,494	24,481,294
Total noncurrent assets	<u>8,631,292</u>	<u>16,439,292</u>	<u>25,070,584</u>
Total assets	<u>10,725,721</u>	<u>19,045,524</u>	<u>29,771,245</u>
DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES			
Pensions related	736,673	486,163	1,222,836
Total deferred outflows of resources	<u>736,673</u>	<u>486,163</u>	<u>1,222,836</u>
Total assets and deferred outflows of resources	<u>\$ 11,462,394</u>	<u>\$ 19,531,687</u>	<u>\$ 30,994,081</u>
LIABILITIES			
Current liabilities:			
Accounts payable	147,666	45,250	192,917
Lease liability	58,448	51,965	110,413
Accrued compensated absences	38,865	28,491	67,355
Bonds Payable	57,500	57,500	115,000
Total current liabilities	<u>302,479</u>	<u>183,206</u>	<u>485,685</u>
Noncurrent liabilities:			
Lease liability	134,487	96,908	231,395
Customer deposits	595,056	-	595,056
Accrued compensated absences	89,223	56,019	145,242
Pension Liability	2,157,092	1,471,248	3,628,340
Total noncurrent liabilities	<u>2,975,858</u>	<u>1,624,175</u>	<u>4,600,033</u>
Total liabilities	<u>3,278,337</u>	<u>1,807,381</u>	<u>5,085,718</u>
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES			
Pension related	51,146	30,345	81,491
Lease related	216,947	-	216,947
Total deferred inflows of resources	<u>268,093</u>	<u>30,345</u>	<u>298,438</u>
Total liabilities and deferred inflows of resources	<u>3,546,430</u>	<u>1,837,726</u>	<u>5,384,156</u>
NET POSITION			
Net investment in capital assets	6,693,959	9,850,615	16,544,574
Unrestricted	1,221,849	7,843,501	9,065,350
Total net position	<u>\$ 7,915,808</u>	<u>\$ 17,694,116</u>	<u>\$ 25,609,924</u>

The notes to financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

CITY OF GRETNA, LOUISIANA
Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Net Position
Proprietary Funds
March 31, 2024

	Business-type Activities		Total Enterprise Funds
	Water Utility	Sewer Utility	
OPERATING REVENUES			
Charges for services	3,634,170	3,450,900	7,085,070
Miscellaneous	11,604	-	11,604
Total operating revenues	<u>3,645,774</u>	<u>3,450,900</u>	<u>7,096,674</u>
OPERATING EXPENSES			
Building and maintenance expenses	229,086	219,137	448,222
Depreciation	495,416	861,189	1,356,605
General expenses	403,569	299,695	703,264
Operating supplies and purchases	539,970	401,973	941,943
Outside service	205,785	572,614	778,398
Personnel expense	1,822,877	1,430,663	3,253,539
Rentals and leases	69,591	57,188	126,779
Service charges	82,602	-	82,602
Transportation	62,817	27,332	90,148
Total operating expenses	<u>3,911,712</u>	<u>3,869,790</u>	<u>7,781,502</u>
Operating income (loss)	<u>(265,938)</u>	<u>(418,890)</u>	<u>(684,827)</u>
NONOPERATING REVENUES (EXPENSES)			
Lease revenue	(4,333)	-	(4,333)
State grant	18,412	-	18,412
Interest expense	(7,854)	(6,863)	(14,717)
Ad valorem	-	706,882	706,882
Intergovernmental	53,740	-	53,740
Miscellaneous	-	53,744	53,744
Total nonoperating revenues (expenses)	<u>59,965</u>	<u>753,763</u>	<u>813,728</u>
Income (loss) before contributions and transfers	<u>(205,973)</u>	<u>334,873</u>	<u>128,901</u>
Transfers in	728,924	-	728,924
Transfers out	(728,924)	(186,279)	(915,203)
Change in net position	<u>\$ (205,973)</u>	<u>\$ 148,594</u>	<u>\$ (57,378)</u>
Total net position - beginning	<u>\$ 8,121,781</u>	<u>\$ 17,545,522</u>	<u>\$ 25,667,303</u>
Total net position - ending	<u>\$ 7,915,808</u>	<u>\$ 17,694,116</u>	<u>\$ 25,609,924</u>

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CITY OF GRETNA, LOUISIANA
Statement of Cash Flows
Proprietary Funds
March 31, 2024

	Business-type Activities - Enterprise Funds		
	Water Utility	Sewer Utility	Total Enterprise Funds
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES			
Cash receipts from customers	\$ 3,568,151	\$ 3,413,231	\$ 6,981,382
Payments to employees	(1,849,040)	(1,441,676)	(3,290,716)
Payments to suppliers	(1,585,964)	(1,801,606)	(3,387,571)
Other payments	(798)	(49,482)	(50,280)
Net cash provided (used) by operating activities	<u>132,348</u>	<u>120,467</u>	<u>252,815</u>
CASH FLOWS FROM NONCAPITAL FINANCING ACTIVITIES			
Ad valorem taxes	-	672,115	672,115
Transfers out	(728,924)	(186,279)	(915,203)
Net cash provided (used) by noncapital financing activities	<u>(728,924)</u>	<u>485,836</u>	<u>(243,088)</u>
CASH FLOWS FROM CAPITAL AND RELATED FINANCING ACTIVITIES			
Lease revenue	13,497	-	13,497
Operating transfers in	728,924	-	728,924
Purchases of capital assets	(83,911)	(311,342)	(395,253)
Interest paid on capital debt & leases	(7,854)	(6,863)	(14,717)
Principal paid on capital debt & leases	(67,686)	(57,096)	(124,782)
Intergovernmental - pension	53,740	17,244	70,984
State grants	18,412	-	18,412
Net cash provided (used) by capital and related financing activities	<u>655,122</u>	<u>(358,057)</u>	<u>297,064</u>
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES			
Proceeds from insurance settlement	-	36,500	36,500
Net cash provided (used) by investing activities	<u>-</u>	<u>36,500</u>	<u>36,500</u>
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	<u>58,546</u>	<u>284,745</u>	<u>343,292</u>
Balances - beginning of year	<u>1,392,755</u>	<u>1,659,442</u>	<u>3,052,197</u>
Balances - end of the year	<u>\$ 1,451,302</u>	<u>\$ 1,944,187</u>	<u>\$ 3,395,489</u>
Reconciliation of operating income (loss) to net cash provided (used) by operating activities:			
Operating Income	\$ (265,938)	\$ (418,890)	\$ (684,827)
Adjustment for Depreciation expense	495,416	861,189	1,356,605
Changes in assets and liabilities:			
Accounts Payable - Other	(4,937)	-	(4,937)
Accounts Payable - Supplier	(5,088)	(236,650)	(241,738)
Compensated absences	22,267	11,356	33,623
Customer Receivables	(64,802)	(37,669)	(102,471)
Other operating receivables	-	(36,500)	(36,500)
Customer meter deposits payable	3,860	-	3,860
Pension related	(48,430)	(22,370)	(70,800)
Net cash provided (used) by operating activities	<u>\$ 132,348</u>	<u>\$ 120,467</u>	<u>\$ 252,815</u>

The notes to financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

CITY OF GRETNA, LOUISIANA
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
MARCH 31, 2024

NOTE A – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

1. General Statement

The City of Gretna, Louisiana (the City) was incorporated in June 1913, under the provisions of the Lawrason Act. The City operates under a Mayor and City Council form of government and provides the following services as authorized by its charter: public safety (police and fire), streets, drainage, sanitation, health, social services, recreation, public improvements, planning and zoning, and general administrative services.

The accounting and reporting policies of the City conform to generally accepted accounting principles as applicable to governments. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is the accepted standard-setting body for establishing governmental accounting and financial reporting principles. Such accounting and reporting procedures also conform to the requirements of Louisiana Revised Statutes 24:517 and to the guidelines set forth in the *Louisiana Municipal Audit and Accounting Guide*, and the industry audit guide, *Audits of State and Local Governmental Units* and by the Financial Accounting Standards Board (when applicable). As allowed in Section P80 of GASB's Codification of Governmental Accounting and Financial Reporting Standards, the City has elected not to apply Financial Accounting Standards Board Statements and Interpretations, Accounting Principles Board Opinions, and Accounting Research Bulletins of the Committee of Accounting Procedure issued after November 30, 1989. The accompanying basic financial statements have been prepared in conformity with GASB 34, Basic Financial Statements and Management's Discussion and Analysis for State and Local Governments. The more significant accounting policies of the City are described below.

2. Financial Reporting Entity

The City's basic financial statements include the accounts of all City operations. The criteria for including organizations as component units within the City's reporting entity, as set forth in Section 2200 of GASB's Codification of Governmental Accounting and Financial Reporting Standards, include whether:

- the organization is legally separate (can sue and be sued in their own name)
- the City holds the corporate powers of the organization
- the City appoints a voting majority of the organization's board
- the City can impose its will on the organization
- the organization has the potential to impose a financial benefit/burden on the City
- there is fiscal dependency by the organization on the City

Based on the aforementioned criteria, the City has no component units.

3. Basis of Presentation

The government-wide financial statements (the statement of net position) report information on all of the activities of the City. The effect of interfund activity, within the governmental and business-type activities columns, has been removed from these statements. Governmental activities, which normally are supported by taxes and intergovernmental revenues, are reported separately from business-type activities, which rely to a significant extent on fees and charges for support.

CITY OF GRETNA, LOUISIANA
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
MARCH 31, 2024

NOTE A – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

3. Basis of Presentation (Continued)

The Statement of Activities demonstrates the degree to which the direct expenses of a given program are offset by program revenues. Direct expenses are those that are clearly identifiable with a specific program. Program revenues include 1) charges to customers or applicants who purchase, use, or directly benefit from goods, services, or privileges provided by a given program and 2) operating or capital grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular program. Taxes and other items not properly included among program revenues are reported instead as general revenues. Interest on general long-term debt is considered an indirect expense and is reported separately on the Statement of Activities.

Fund Financial Statements

The City segregates transactions related to certain functions or activities in separate funds in order to aid financial management and to demonstrate legal compliance. Separate statements are presented for governmental and proprietary activities. These statements present each major fund as a separate column on the fund financial statements; all non-major funds are aggregated and presented in a single column.

Governmental funds are those through which most governmental functions typically are financed. The measurement focus of governmental funds is on the sources, uses and balance of current financial resources. The City has presented the following major governmental funds:

General Fund

The General Fund is the main operating fund of the City. This fund is used to account for all financial resources not accounted for in other funds. All general tax revenues and other receipts that are not restricted by law or contractual agreement to some other funds are accounted for in this fund. General operating expenditures, fixed charges and capital improvement costs that are not paid through other funds are paid from the General Fund.

Fire Protection Fund

The Fire Protection Fund is used to account for 17.27 mills in ad valorem tax specifically dedicated for the purchase and maintenance of fire fighting equipment and to provide for payment of contractual obligations to the City's volunteer fire company to provide fire protection to the City and its citizens.

Ambulance Fund

The Ambulance Fund is used to account for 6.65 mills in ad valorem tax specifically dedicated for the salaries and purchases of medical supplies and equipment necessary to operate the City's EMT department which provides emergency medical services to the City and its citizens.

CITY OF GRETNA, LOUISIANA
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
MARCH 31, 2024

NOTE A – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

3. Basis of Presentation (Continued)

Capital Projects Fund

The Capital Projects Fund is used to account for all resources and expenditures in connection with the acquisition of capital facilities and major capital improvements.

Debt Service Fund

The Debt Service Fund is used to account for the collection of Sales Tax revenues and the payment of principal and interest on the Series 2009A Sales Tax Bonds, 2014 and 2016 Refunding Bonds, and the Series 2020 Bonds.

Grant Fund

The Grant fund serves as a dedicated accounting mechanism for tracking both grant revenues and expenditures associated with municipal services, including those provided by the Gretna Police Department. Any residual fund balances are indicative of unutilized grant revenues allocated for disbursement in subsequent fiscal periods.

Proprietary Funds

Proprietary Funds are accounted for using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. The accounting objectives are determinations of net income, financial position and cash flow. All assets and liabilities are included on the Statement of Net Position. The City has presented the following major proprietary funds:

Municipal Waterworks System Fund

The Municipal Waterworks System Fund is used to account for the provision of water services to the residents of the City. All activities necessary to provide such services are accounted for in this fund, including, but not limited to, administration, operations, maintenance, financing, and related debt service and billing.

Municipal Sewer System Fund

The Municipal Sewer System Fund is used to account for the provision of sewer services to the residents of the City. All activities necessary to provide such services are accounted for in this fund, including, but not limited to, administration, operations, maintenance, financing, and related debt service billing.

Proprietary funds distinguish operating revenues and expenses from non-operating items. Operating revenues and expenses generally result from providing services and producing and delivering goods in connection with a proprietary fund's principal ongoing operations. Operating expenses for the proprietary funds include the cost of personnel and contractual services, supplies and depreciation on capital assets. All revenues and expenses not meeting this definition are reported as non-operating revenues and expenses.

CITY OF GRETNA, LOUISIANA
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
MARCH 31, 2024

NOTE A – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

4. Measurement Focus/Basis of Accounting

Measurement focus refers to what is being measured; basis of accounting refers to when revenues and expenditures are recognized in the accounts and reported in the financial statements. Basis of accounting relates to the timing of the measurement made, regardless of the measurement focus applied.

The government-wide statements and fund financial statements for proprietary funds are reported using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. The economic resources measurement focus means all assets and liabilities (whether current or non-current) are included on the statement of net position and the operating statements present increases (revenues) and decreases (expenses) in net total assets. Under the accrual basis of accounting, revenues are recognized when earned, including unbilled water and sewer services which are accrued. Expenses are recognized at the time the liability is incurred.

Governmental fund financial statements are reported using the current financial resources measurement focus and are accounted for using the modified accrual basis of accounting. Under the modified accrual basis of accounting, revenues are recognized when susceptible to accrual; i.e., when they become both measurable and available. “Measurable” means the amount of the transaction can be determined and “available” means collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to be used to pay liabilities of the current period. The City considers property taxes as available if they are collected within 60 days after year end. A one-year availability period is used for recognition of all other Governmental Fund revenues. Expenditures are recorded when the related fund liability is incurred. However, debt service expenditures, as well as expenditures related to compensated absences are recorded only when payment is due.

The revenues susceptible to accrual are property taxes, franchise fees, charges for service, interest income and intergovernmental revenues. Sales taxes collected and held by the Parish at year end on behalf of the government are also recognized as revenue. All other governmental fund revenues are recognized when received.

5. Budgets and Budgetary Accounting

The procedures used by the City in establishing the budgetary data reflected in the financial statements are as follows:

- a. Not less than 30 days before the end of the fiscal year, the Mayor recommends to the City Council a proposed operating budget for the ensuing fiscal year. The operating budget includes proposed expenditures and the means of financing them.
- b. The proposed budget is summarized and advertised, and the public notified that the proposed budget is available for inspection and that within 10 days thereafter public hearings are conducted to obtain taxpayer comments.
- c. The budget is then legally enacted through Councilmanic ordinance.

CITY OF GRETNA, LOUISIANA
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
MARCH 31, 2024

NOTE A – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

5. Budgets and Budgetary Accounting (Continued)

- d. Any revisions that alter the total expenditures of a department or line item changes within the department greater than \$10,000 must be approved by the City Council. Any revisions less than \$10,000 can be changed by the finance director for city departments with approval of the Mayor or for police department with approval of the Chief of Police.
- e. The level of budget control is at the division, department, or project level; and expenditures/encumbrances may not exceed appropriations until additional appropriations have been provided. Formal budgetary integration is employed as a management control device during the year for the General Fund, Special Revenue Funds, and Enterprise Funds. Effective control of cost is, therefore, maintained by Councilmanic action that approves a budget for each project and is controlled on a project life basis.
- f. Budgets for the General Fund, Special Revenue Funds and Enterprise Funds are adopted on a basis consistent with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP), except those encumbrances are treated as budgeted expenditures in the year of incurrence of the commitment to purchase. Budgetary comparisons presented for the General Fund, Major Special Revenue Funds, and Capital Projects Fund (for presentation purposes only) in the accompanying financial statements are on this non-GAAP budgetary basis. Budgeted amounts are as originally adopted or as finally amended by the City Council.
- g. All unencumbered appropriations lapse at the end of each fiscal year.

6. Cash and Investments

Cash includes amounts in demand deposits, interest bearing demand deposits, and money market accounts. Under state law, the City may deposit funds in demand deposits, interest bearing demand deposits, money market accounts, or time deposits with state banks organized under Louisiana law and national banks having their principal offices in Louisiana. Under state law, the City may invest in United States bonds, treasury notes, or certificates. These are classified as investments if their original maturities exceed 90 days; however, if the original maturities are 90 days or less, they are classified as cash. Investments are stated at cost.

The City maintains a cash investment pool (Central Depository Account) that is used by all of the City's funds. Each fund's portion of this cash pool is displayed on the combined balance sheet as cash. Investments are separately held by several of the City's funds.

Cash and cash equivalents, for cash flow statement purposes, include investments in highly liquid debt instruments with maturities of three months or less, including amounts whose use is limited by board designation.

7. Allowance for Uncollectible Accounts

The City calculates its allowance for uncollectible accounts using historical collection data and, in certain cases, specific account analysis.

CITY OF GRETNA, LOUISIANA
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
MARCH 31, 2024

NOTE A – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

8. Interfund Receivables and Payables

Any residual balances outstanding between the governmental activities and business-type activities are eliminated in the government-wide financial statements as “due from or to other funds”.

9. Transactions Between Funds

Legally authorized transfers are treated as interfund transfers and are included in the results of operations of both Governmental and Proprietary Funds. For purposes of the statement of activities, all interfund transfers between individual governmental funds have been eliminated.

10. Restricted Assets

Restricted Assets include cash and investments in the General, Capital Projects, Sales Tax and Proprietary Funds which are restricted as to their use. These restrictions are principally related to requirements of bond issues, utility meter deposits, and funds dedicated for future needs or obligations. It is the City’s policy to use restricted assets before unrestricted assets for their intended purpose.

11. Capital Assets

Capital assets, which include property, plant and equipment, are reported in the applicable governmental or business-type activities columns in the government-wide financial statements and in the fund financial statements for proprietary funds. All capital assets are valued at historical cost or estimated historical cost if actual historical cost is not available. Donated assets are valued at their fair market value on the date donated. Repairs and maintenance are recorded as expenses. Renewals and betterments are capitalized. Interest has not been capitalized during the construction period on property, plant and equipment.

Assets capitalized have an original cost of \$5,000 or more and over one year of useful life. Depreciation has been calculated on each class of depreciable property using the straight-line method. Estimated useful lives are as follows:

<u>Description</u>	<u>Life In Years</u>
Buildings	25-40
Water and Sewer Systems	40
Infrastructure	20-40
Machinery and Equipment	5-20
Improvements	20-30

CITY OF GRETNA, LOUISIANA
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
MARCH 31, 2024

NOTE A – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

12. Compensated Absences

Employees are allowed to accrue annual leave. In addition, employees are allowed to accrue up to 45 days of sick leave. The balance accumulated is paid to employees upon termination. The current and non-current portion of this obligation in the governmental funds is recorded in the government-wide financial statements. The current and non-current balance of this obligation in the proprietary funds is recorded in the fund financial statements.

13. Long Term Debt

In the government-wide financial statements, long-term debt and other long-term obligations are recognized as liabilities in the applicable governmental activities Statement of Net Position. Bond premiums and discounts, as well as issuance costs, are deferred and amortized over the life of the bonds. Bonds payable are reported net of the applicable bond premium or discount.

In the fund financial statements, governmental fund types recognize bond issuance costs during the current period. The face amount of debt issued as well as bond premiums are reported as other financing sources. Payments of principal and interest are recorded as expenditures only when due.

14. Fund Equity

Equity Classifications

Government-Wide Financial Statements

In the Government-Wide Financial Statements equity is classified as net position and displayed in three components:

- a. Invested in capital assets, net of related debt** – Consists of capital assets including restricted capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation and reduced by the outstanding balances of any bonds, mortgages, notes, or other borrowings that are attributable to the acquisition, construction, or improvement of those assets.
- b. Restricted net position** – Consists of assets with constraints placed on the use either by:
 - 1. external groups such as creditors, grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments, or
 - 2. law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.
- c. Unrestricted net position** – All other net position that do not meet the definition of “restricted” or “invested in capital assets, net of related debt”.

Proprietary fund equity is classified the same as in the government-wide statements.

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NOTE A – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

14. Fund Equity (Continued)

Fund Financial Statements

During the fiscal year ended March 31, 2013, the City implemented GASB 54, *Fund Balance Reporting and Governmental Fund Type Definitions*. This statement provides more clearly defined fund balance categories to make the nature and extent of the constraints placed on a government's fund balances more transparent. The following classifications describe the relative strength of the spending constraints:

- a. **Nonspendable** – This component includes amounts that cannot be spent because they are either (a) not in spendable form or (b) legally or contractually required to be maintained intact.
- b. **Restricted** – This component consists of amounts that have constraints placed on them either externally by third parties (creditors, grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments) or by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation. Enabling legislation authorizes the City to assess, levy, charge or otherwise mandate payment of resources (from external resource providers) and includes a legal requirement (compelled by external parties) that those resources be used only for the specific purposes stipulated in the legislation.
- c. **Committed** – This component consists of amounts that can only be used for specific purposes determined by a formal decision of the City Council, which is the highest level of decision making authority for the City. Those committed amounts cannot be used for any other purpose unless the City Council removes or changes the specified use by taking the same type of action (ordinance or resolution) it employed to commit those amounts.
- d. **Assigned** – This component encompasses amounts that are designated for specific purposes based on the expressed intent of the City Council Members, yet these amounts are not classified as restricted or committed. The authority to assign fund balance is formally designated by the City Council.
- e. **Unassigned** – This classification represents amounts that have not been restricted, committed or assigned to specific purposes within the general fund. When both restricted and unrestricted resources are available for use, it is the City's policy to use restricted resources first, then unrestricted resources (committed, assigned and unassigned) as they are needed. When unrestricted resources (committed, assigned and unassigned) are available for use it is the City's policy to use committed resources first, then assigned as they are needed. The City does not have a formal minimum fund balance policy.

15. Revenues and Expenditure Recognition

- a. **Ad Valorem Taxes.** Ad Valorem taxes are recognized in the fiscal year in which the taxes are levied. Taxes are due and become an enforceable lien on property on the first day of the month following the filing of the tax rolls by the assessor with the Louisiana Tax Commission (usually December 1). City taxes are billed and collected by the City.

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NOTE A – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

15. Revenues and Expenditure Recognition (Continued)

a. Ad Valorem Taxes. (Continued)

Taxes become delinquent on January 1st in the year after levy. Taxes are levied on property values determined by the Jefferson Parish Assessor's Office. All land and residential improvements are assessed at 10 percent of its fair market value and other property at 15 percent of its fair market value. Ad valorem taxes are levied (per \$1,000 assessed value) in varying amounts for maintenance and operation, debt service and capital improvements for the City and are distributed to its funds as follows:

<u>FUND</u>	2023	
	MILLAGE	
	City of Gretna	Timberlane Subdivision
General Fund	23.32	23.32
Fire Protection Fund	17.27	-
Recreation Fund	4.49	4.49
Street Light Improvements Fund	3.98	3.98
Ambulance Fund	6.65	6.65
Social Services For The Aged Fund	0.49	0.49
Municipal Sewer System Fund	4.02	-
	60.22	38.93

b. Sales and Use Tax. For the year ended March 31, 2024, 4.75% local sales and use tax was levied and collected within the City of Gretna by the Jefferson Parish Sheriff's Office of which 3.25% was received by the City of Gretna and dedicated for the following purposes:

1/4 percent is levied by law enforcement

1954 ½ percent sales tax collected solely for the purpose of constructing and maintaining public roads, highways and bridges within the city

1966 ½ percent sales tax collected for general purposes determined by the Council

1981 ½ percent sales tax is collected and distributed as follows:

1/3 of ½ percent collected parishwide is dedicated for operation and maintenance of city drainage facilities

2/3 of ½ percent collected for operation, maintenance, and capital improvements of drainage and sewerage facilities

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NOTE A – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

15. Revenues and Expenditure Recognition (Continued)

b. Sales and Use Tax. (Continued)

1984 1 percent sales tax is collected and distributed as follows:

7/8 percent was dedicated to the purchase, construction, acquisition and improvement of the Sewer Capital Program. In 1998, a rededication and extension of this tax was approved to dedicate revenues to the cost of maintenance and replacement of sewerage facilities, and the construction, improvement or maintenance of public roads, streets, or highways located in the city, including the cost of reconstruction, rehabilitation, base stabilization, drainage, adjustments and related sidewalks and curbs. The proceeds of the tax collected within the boundaries, as presently constituted, of each municipality within the Parish shall be returned to each municipality to be used for any lawful purpose. The remaining 1/8 percent of tax collected is to provide funds for law enforcement purposes.

c. Revenues Susceptible to Accrual. Under the modified accrual basis of accounting, some revenues are susceptible to accrual while others are not. Major revenues treated as susceptible to accrual are property taxes, sales taxes, franchise fees, charges for services, and certain state shared revenues such as beer tax.

16. Deferred Outflows and Inflows of Resources

In addition to assets and liabilities, the statement of financial position reports separate sections for deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources. The City currently reports a deferred inflow on deferred revenue as well as deferred outflows and inflows related to its participation in a defined pension plan and other postemployment benefits.

Deferred Outflows of Resources- Represents consumption of resources that are applicable to future reporting periods that will be reported in a separate section after assets.

Deferred Inflows-Deferred Revenue- Represents acquisition of resources that are applicable to a future reporting period that will be reported in separate section after liabilities.

17. Right to Use Assets

The City has recorded right to use lease assets as a result of implementing GASB 87. The right to use assets are initially measured at an amount equal to the initial measurement date of the related lease liability plus any lease payments made prior to the lease term, less lease incentives, and plus ancillary charges necessary to place the lease into service. The right to use assets are amortized on a straight-line basis over the life of the related lease.

18. Leases

GASB Statement No. 87. *Leases* – The objective of this Statement is to better meet the information needs of financial statement users by improving accounting and financial reporting for leases by governments. This Statement increases the usefulness of governments' financial statements by requiring recognition of certain lease assets and liabilities for leases that previously were classified as operating leases and recognized as inflows of resources or outflows of resources based on the

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NOTE A – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

18. Leases (Continued)

payment provisions of the contract. It establishes a single model for lease accounting based on the foundational principle that leases are financing of the right to use an underlying asset. Under this Statement, a lessee is required to recognize a lease liability and an intangible right-to-use lease asset, and a lessor is required to recognize a lease receivable and a deferred inflow of resources, thereby enhancing the relevance and consistency of information about governments' leasing activities. This Statement is effective for fiscal years beginning after June 15, 2021, and, as a result, was adopted by the City during the year ended March 31, 2024. The City uses the daily treasury par yield curve rates published by the U.S. Department of the Treasury to apply discount rates to leases with no stated rate.

19. New Accounting Pronouncement:

During the year ended March 31, 2024, the City adopted GASB Statement No. 96, "Subscription Based Information Technology Arrangements" (SBITAs). The object of this Statement is to better meet the information needs of financial statement users by improving accounting and financial reporting for SBITAs. This Statement increases the usefulness of the government's financial statements by requiring recognition of certain SBITAs that previously were classified as operating costs and recognized as inflows of resources or outflows of resources based on the payment provisions of the contract. It establishes a model for SBITAs accounting based on the fundamental principal that SBITAs are financings of the right to use an underlying information technology asset. Under this statement, a government is required to recognize a subscription liability and an intangible right to use subscription asset, and a lessor is required to recognize as subscription receivable and a deferred inflow of resources, thereby enhancing the relevance and consistency of information about governments' SBITAs.

The implementation of GASB 96 resulted in the recognition of subscription-based assets and liabilities in the statement of net position, enhancing the transparency of the City's financial obligations related to technology subscriptions. The City believes that the implementation of GASB 96 will improve the users' understanding of the resources devoted to technology services and the associated obligations.

Upon implementation of GASB 96, the City prior year's net position remained unchanged, as the City's SBITA's workorder management subscription began April 1, 2023.

NOTE B – STEWARDSHIP AND ACCOUNTABILITY

1. Budgets and Budget Monitoring

The City adopts annual budgets for its governmental and enterprise funds on a basis consistent with generally accepted accounting principles. Details of the budget adoption process are presented at Note A-5.

The City was in compliance with Louisiana Revised Statute 39:1301 in regard to the adoption of its budget.

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NOTE B – STEWARDSHIP AND ACCOUNTABILITY (Continued)

1. Budgets and Budget Monitoring (Continued)

- a. The Capital Projects Fund is presented with budgetary information for presentation purposes only. Capital projects are budgeted on a project basis as opposed to a fiscal year basis.

2. Deposits and Investment Laws and Regulations

In accordance with state law, all uninsured deposits of municipal funds in financial institutions must be secured with acceptable collateral valued at the lower of market or par. As reflected in Note C-1 regarding cash, cash equivalents, and investments, the City was in compliance with the deposits and investments laws and regulations.

3. Deficit Fund Equity

As of March 31, 2024, no City funds had deficit fund equities.

4. Compliance With Bond and Other Debt Covenants

As of March 31, 2024, the City was in compliance in all material respects with its various bond and debt covenants.

NOTE C – NOTES ON TRANSACTION CLASSES/ACCOUNTS

1. Cash, Cash Equivalents and Investments

a. Cash and Cash Equivalents.

At March 31, 2024, the City's cash and cash equivalents (book balances) total \$28,122,606 of which \$28,120,218 is in interest-bearing demand deposits, and cash on hand is \$2,388. These deposits are stated at cost, which approximates market. Under state law, these deposits (or the resulting bank balances) must be secured by federal deposit insurance and/or the pledge of securities owned by the fiscal agent bank. The market value of the pledged securities plus the federal deposit insurance must at all times equal the amount on deposit with the fiscal agent. The securities are held in the name of the pledging fiscal agent bank in a holding or custodial bank that is mutually agreeable to both parties.

Custodial Credit Risk – Deposits. At March 31, 2024, the City had \$28,724,201 in deposits (collected bank balances) in two financial institutions. These deposits were fully secured from risk by \$500,000 of federal deposit insurance, pledged securities held by the custodial bank in the name of the fiscal agent bank (GASB Category 3) and through the Promontory Insured Cash Sweep Service. The Government does not have a policy for custodial credit risk.

Cash equivalents consist of the funds in Promontory Insured Cash Sweep accounts. Insured Cash Sweep (ICS) is a trusted, tested service utilized by financial institutions across the United States. Financial institutions that use ICS benefit from the Promontory Network advantage and

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NOTE C – NOTES ON TRANSACTION CLASSES/ACCOUNTS (Continued)

1. Cash, Cash Equivalents and Investments (Continued)

the confidence of knowing that ICS is endorsed by the American Bankers Association and enjoys strategic marketing alliance with key trade associations across the United States. When a customer submits funds to a Promontory Network member (Gulf Coast Bank and Trust) for placements through ICS, that institution places the funds into deposit accounts at FDIC-insured banks that are also members of the ICS network. This occurs in increments below the standard FDIC insurance maximum (\$250,000) so that both principal and interest are eligible for FDIC insurance. By working directly with just one institution (Gulf Coast Bank and Trust), the City is able to receive FDIC coverage from many financial institutions while only working with a single bank (Gulf Coast Bank and Trust). At March 30, 2024, the City's cash equivalent bank balances held in Promontory Insured Cash Sweep accounts were \$23,925,954.

b. Investments

The City's investments in the Louisiana Asset Management Pool (LAMP) total \$136,137. LAMP is a local government investment pool established as a cooperative effort to enable public entities of the State of Louisiana to aggregate funds for investments.

In accordance with GASB Codification Section 150.165, the investment in LAMP is not categorized in the three risk categories provided by GASB Codification Section 150.165 because the investment is in the pool of funds and thereby not evidenced by securities that exist in physical or book entry form. LAMP is administered by LAMP, Inc., a nonprofit corporation organized under the laws of the State of Louisiana, and is governed by a board of directors comprised of representatives from various local governments and state-wide professional organizations. Only local governments having contracted to participate in LAMP have an investment interest in its pool of assets. The primary objective of LAMP is to provide a safe environment for the placement of public funds in short-term, high quality investments. The LAMP portfolio includes only securities and other obligations in which local governments in Louisiana are authorized to invest. Accordingly, LAMP investments are restricted to securities issued, guaranteed, or backed by the U.S. Treasury, the U.S. Government, or one of its agencies, enterprises, or instrumentalities, as well as repurchase agreements collateralized by those securities. The dollar weighted average portfolio maturity of LAMP assets is restricted to not more than 60 days, and consists of no security with a maturity in excess of 397 days. The fair value of a share in LAMP is the same as the book value (i.e., a share in the pool is always worth \$1.00 per share). LAMP is designed to be highly liquid to give its participants immediate access to their account balances.

Interest Rate Risk - Interest Rate Risk is defined as the risk that changes in interest rates will adversely affect the fair value of an investment. The City does not have a formal investment policy that limits maturities as a means of managing its exposure to fair value losses arising from increasing interest rates.

Custodial Credit Risk - Custodial credit risk is the risk that, in the event of the failure of the counterparty to a transaction, the City will not be able to fully recover the value of the

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NOTE C – NOTES ON TRANSACTION CLASSES/ACCOUNTS (Continued)

b. Investments (Continued)

investment. Investments in external investment pools are not exposed to custodial credit risk because of their natural diversification and the diversification required by the Securities and Exchange Commission.

Credit risk: LAMP is rated AAAM by Standard & Poor's.

Custodial credit risk: LAMP participants' investments in the pool are evidenced by shares of the pool. Investments in pools should be disclosed, but not categorized because they are not evidenced by securities that exist in physical or book-entry form. The public entity's investment is with the pool, not the securities that make up the pool: therefore, no disclosure is required.

Concentration of credit risk: Pooled investments are excluded from the 5 percent disclosure requirement.

Interest rate risk: LAMP is designed to be highly liquid to give its participants immediate access to their account balances. LAMP prepares its own interest rate risk disclosures using the weighted average maturity (WAM) method. The WAM of LAMP assets is restricted to not more than 90 days, and consists of no securities with a maturity in excess of 397 or 762 days for U.S. Government variable rate investments. The WAM for LAMP's total investments is 63 days as of October 31, 2023.

The investments of LAMP are stated at fair value which is determined on a weekly basis by LAMP and the value of the position in the external investment pool is the same as the net asset value of the pooled shares. LAMP is subject to the regulatory oversight of the state treasurer and the board of directors. LAMP is not registered with the SEC as an investment company.

A copy of the LAMP's audited financial report can be obtained on the LAMP website, www.lamppool.com.

2. Receivables

In the government-wide statements, receivables consist of all revenues earned at year-end and not yet received. Allowances for uncollectible accounts receivable are based upon historical trends and the periodic aging of accounts receivable. Major receivable balances for the governmental activities include ad valorem, sales taxes, franchise taxes, and grants. Business-type activities report utilities earnings as their major receivable.

In the fund financial statements, material receivables in governmental funds include revenue accruals such as ad valorem, sales tax, franchise tax, and grants and other similar intergovernmental revenues since they are usually both measurable and available. Non-exchange transactions collectible but not available are deferred in the fund financial statements in accordance

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NOTE C – NOTES ON TRANSACTION CLASSES/ACCOUNTS (Continued)

2. Receivables (Continued)

with modified accrual, but not deferred in the government-wide financial statements in accordance with accrual basis. Interest and investment earnings are recorded when earned only if paid within 60 days since they would be considered both measurable and available. Proprietary fund material receivables consist of all revenues earned at year-end and not yet received. Utility accounts receivable comprise the majority of proprietary fund receivables. Allowances for uncollectible accounts receivable are based upon historical trends and the periodic aging of accounts receivable.

Uncollectible amounts due for ad valorem taxes and customers' utility receivables are recognized as bad debts through the establishment of an allowance account at the time information becomes available which would indicate the uncollectibility of the particular receivable. The following details the description and amount of the allowance for uncollectible accounts at March 31, 2024.

The following is a summary of receivables for March 31, 2024, net of allowances for uncollectible amounts where applicable:

Class of Receivable	Governmental Activities			Proprietary Funds
	General Fund	Special Revenue Funds	Total	
Taxes				
Ad valorem	\$ 497,727	\$ 711,279	1,209,006	\$ 85,816
Sales and use	813,019	99,947	912,966	-
Intergovernmental				
Federal-grant	286,136	2,230,167	2,516,303	-
State-grant	308,898	443,143	752,041	-
Other	203,332	-	203,332	-
Other				
Accounts	-	635,552	635,552	1,278,618
Vendor rebate	394,258	-	394,258	-
Other	337,338	404,897	742,235	-
Gross receivables	<u>2,840,708</u>	<u>4,524,985</u>	<u>7,365,693</u>	<u>1,364,434</u>
Less Allowance for Uncollectibles				
Taxes - Ad valorem	(222,197)	(328,085)	(550,282)	(39,555)
Other - Accounts	-	(8,698)	(8,698)	(25,426)
Total Allowance for Uncollectibles	<u>(222,197)</u>	<u>(336,783)</u>	<u>(558,980)</u>	<u>(64,981)</u>

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NOTE C – NOTES ON TRANSACTION CLASSES/ACCOUNTS (Continued)

3. Capital Assets

The following is a summary of the changes in capital assets for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2024:

Governmental Activities:	Balance March 31, 2023	Increases	Decreases	Balance March 31, 2024
Capital assets not being depreciated				
Land	\$ 11,398,787	\$ 6,370,272	\$ -	\$ 17,769,059
Construction in progress	9,237,122	1,567,593	55,461	10,749,254
Total capital assets, not being depreciated	<u>20,635,909</u>	<u>7,937,865</u>	<u>55,461</u>	<u>28,518,313</u>
Capital assets being depreciated				
Buildings & improvements	79,301,794	409,148	-	79,710,942
Furniture, fixtures and equipment	12,047,534	471,413	24,740	12,494,207
Vehicles and road machinery	6,580,793	774,918	186,501	7,169,210
Historical Infrastructure	17,273,617	-	-	17,273,617
Total capital assets, being depreciated	<u>115,203,738</u>	<u>1,655,479</u>	<u>211,241</u>	<u>116,647,976</u>
Less accumulated depreciation				
Buildings & improvements	23,788,573	2,829,916	-	26,618,489
Furniture, fixtures and equipment	10,837,498	334,764	24,740	11,147,522
Vehicles and road machinery	4,730,886	361,929	186,501	4,906,314
Historical Infrastructure	12,998,563	363,961	-	13,362,524
Total accumulated depreciation	<u>52,355,520</u>	<u>3,890,570</u>	<u>211,241</u>	<u>56,034,849</u>
Total capital assets, being depreciated, net	<u>62,848,218</u>	<u>(2,235,091)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>60,613,127</u>
Leased assets				
Vehicles and equipment	2,010,212	676,546	34,696	2,652,062
Less accumulated amortization				
Vehicles and equipment	904,014	479,951	-	1,383,965
Total leased assets, being amortized, net	<u>1,106,198</u>	<u>196,595</u>	<u>34,696</u>	<u>1,268,097</u>
Subscription-Based Information				
Technology Arrangement Assets				
Subscription-Based Information				
Technology Arrangement	-	115,251	-	115,251
Less accumulated amortization				
Subscription-Based Information				
Technology Arrangement	-	28,813	-	28,813
Total subscription-based information technology arrangement assets being amortized, net	<u>-</u>	<u>86,438</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>86,438</u>
Governmental activities capital assets-net	<u>\$ 84,590,325</u>	<u>\$ 5,985,808</u>	<u>\$ 90,157</u>	<u>\$ 90,485,976</u>

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NOTE C – NOTES ON TRANSACTION CLASSES/ACCOUNTS (Continued)

3. Capital Assets (Continued)

Governmental activities capital assets net of accumulated depreciation at March 31, 2024, are comprised of the following:

General Capital Assets, Net	\$ <u>90,485,975</u>
Total	\$ <u>90,485,975</u>

Depreciation and amortization expense was charged to government function as follows:

General Government	\$ 465,429
Public Safety	1,356,308
Public Works	1,931,676
Culture and Recreation	<u>645,920</u>
Total	<u>\$ 4,399,333</u>

The following is a summary of changes in capital assets for business-type activities for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2024:

Business-Type Activities:	Balance March 31, 2023	Increases	Decreases	Balance March 31, 2024
Capital assets not being depreciated				
Land	\$ 299,988	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 299,988
Construction in progress	86,583	79,755	166,338	-
Total capital assets not being depreciated	<u>386,571</u>	<u>79,755</u>	<u>166,338</u>	<u>299,988</u>
Capital assets being depreciated				
Buildings	16,762,716	-	-	16,762,716
Furniture and fixtures	25,951	-	-	25,951
Equipment and vehicles	40,215,613	481,835	-	40,697,448
Total capital assets being depreciated	<u>57,004,280</u>	<u>481,835</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>57,486,115</u>
Less accumulated depreciation				
Buildings and equipment	31,948,205	1,356,605	-	33,304,810
Total accumulated depreciation	<u>31,948,205</u>	<u>1,356,605</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>33,304,810</u>
Total capital assets being depreciated, net.	<u>25,056,075</u>	<u>(874,770)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>24,181,305</u>
Leased assets				
Vehicles and equipment	524,906	235,423	-	760,329
Less accumulated amortization				
Vehicles and equipment	298,811	108,434	-	407,245
Total leased assets, being amortized, net	<u>226,095</u>	<u>126,989</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>353,084</u>
Business-type activities, capital assets, net	<u>\$ 25,668,741</u>	<u>\$ (668,026)</u>	<u>\$ 166,338</u>	<u>\$ 24,834,377</u>

Property, plant, and equipment are stated at cost, less an allowance for accumulated depreciation.

Depreciation expense is computed using the straight-line method over the estimated useful lives of the assets as follows:

Buildings	25-40 years
Equipment	5-20 years
Infrastructure	20-40 years

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NOTE C – NOTES ON TRANSACTION CLASSES/ACCOUNTS (Continued)

3. Capital Assets (Continued)

Capital outlays are reported as expenditures in the governmental funds; however, in the Statement of Activities, the cost of capital assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives as depreciation expense. The adjustment from governmental funds to the government-wide statements is summarized as follows:

Primary Government

Capital outlay	\$ 10,329,681
Decrease in cost of ROU asset	(34,696)
Depreciation expense	<u>(4,399,333)</u>
Total Adjustment	<u>\$ 5,895,652</u>

4. Operating Leases

Lessor - The City has a lease agreement for the lease of a building. The lease term is for fifteen years (including all renewal periods), which commenced in November 2019. The annual lease payment beginning November 2019 is \$14,200 increasing to \$14,910 in November 2024 and increasing to \$15,656 in November 2029. The City applied a discount rate of 1.62% to recognize the lease revenue under this lease.

The City has a lease agreement for the lease of a portion of land for a sign. The lease term is for twenty-four years (including all renewal periods), which commenced in February 2007. The annual lease payment beginning February 2007 is \$7,200. The lease included rent increases at the end of each five year period. The annual lease payment beginning in February 2023 is \$11,700 with an increase in February 2027 to \$13,200. The City applied a discount rate of 4.94% to recognize the lease revenue under this lease.

The City has a lease agreement for a structure. The lease term is for thirty years (including all renewal periods), which commenced in May 2016. The annual lease payment beginning February 2016 is \$12,000. The lease included a rent increase of 7.5% at the end of each five year period. The annual lease payment beginning in May 2021 is \$12,900 with an increase in May 2026 to \$13,867. The City applied a discount rate of 2.71% to recognize the lease revenue under this lease.

The City is reporting Leases Receivable of \$447,997 and Deferred Inflows of 404,998 at March 31, 2024. For the year ended March 31, 2024 the City reported lease revenue of \$30,558 and interest revenue of \$13,980 related to the lease payments received. The terms and conditions of the leases do not contain variable payments, residual value guarantees, or any other special provisions.

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NOTE C – NOTES ON TRANSACTION CLASSES/ACCOUNTS (Continued)

4. Operating Leases (Continued)

The City’s future minimum lease commitment under these operating leases as of March 31, 2024, is as follows:

Year	Governmental Activities			Year	Business-type Activities		
	Principal Payments	Interest Payments	Total		Principal Payments	Interest Payments	Total
2025	\$ 20,117	\$ 6,079	\$ 26,196	2025	\$ 5,719	\$ 7,181	\$ 12,900
2026	21,157	5,453	26,610	2026	5,893	7,007	12,900
2027	23,301	4,809	28,110	2027	6,970	6,817	13,787
2028	24,002	4,108	28,110	2028	7,247	6,620	13,868
2029	24,738	3,372	28,110	2029	7,485	6,382	13,868
2030-2034	83,716	7,329	91,045	2030-2034	44,134	28,238	72,371
2035-2039	9,041	91	9,133	2035-2039	57,110	20,689	77,799
2040-2044	-	-	-	2040-2044	72,620	11,014	83,634
2045-2049	-	-	-	2045-2049	34,747	1,144	35,891
Total	\$ 206,072	\$ 31,241	\$ 237,314	Total	\$ 241,925	\$ 95,092	\$ 337,017

Lessee - The City has entered into agreements to lease certain vehicles and office equipment. In accordance with GASB Statement No. 87, the City recognized a lease liability and an intangible right-to-use lease asset for all lease contracts whose terms are for a lease period greater than one year. The lease assets are initially measured at an amount equal to the initial measurement of the related lease liability plus any lease payments made prior to the lease term, less lease incentives, and plus ancillary charges necessary to place the lease into service. The City uses the daily treasury par yield curve rates published by the U.S. Department of the Treasury to apply discount rates to leases with no stated rate. The lease assets are amortized on a straight-line basis over the useful life of the related lease. Lease payments included in the measurement of the lease liability are composed of fixed payments through the noncancellable term of the lease and renewal periods that administration considers reasonably certain to be exercised. The terms and conditions of the leases do not contain variable payments, residual value guarantees, or any other special provisions.

The City monitors changes in circumstances that would require a remeasurement of its lease and will remeasure the lease asset and liability if certain changes occur that are expected to significantly affect the amount of the lease liability. Lease assets are reported with capital assets and lease liabilities are reported with long-term debt on the statement of net position.

The total of the City’s leased assets are recorded at a cost of \$3,412,391, less accumulated amortization of \$1,791,210. The lease assets are reported under capital assets.

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NOTE C – NOTES ON TRANSACTION CLASSES/ACCOUNTS (Continued)

4. Operating Leases (Continued)

The future lease payments under these agreements are as follows:

Governmental Activities				Business-type Activities			
Year	<u>Principal</u> <u>Payments</u>	<u>Interest</u> <u>Payments</u>	<u>Total</u>	Year	<u>Principal</u> <u>Payments</u>	<u>Interest</u> <u>Payments</u>	<u>Total</u>
2025	\$ 443,925	\$ 32,067	\$ 475,992	2,025	\$ 110,413	\$ 9,294	\$ 119,707
2026	355,496	21,181	376,677	2,026	80,451	6,568	87,019
2027	254,507	11,627	266,134	2,027	82,411	3,840	86,251
2028	167,597	3,716	171,313	2,028	56,107	1,369	57,475
2029	32,096	295	32,391	2,029	12,125	71	12,196
Total	\$ 1,253,621	\$ 68,886	\$ 1,322,506	Total	\$ 341,507	\$ 21,142	\$ 362,649

5. Subscription-Based Information Technology Arrangements

The City has entered into subscription-based information technology arrangement (SBITA) for work order management software. The City uses the daily treasury par yield curve rates published by the U.S. Department of the Treasury to apply discount rates to leases with no stated rate. The SBITA asset is amortized on a straight-line basis over the useful life. SBITA payments included in the measurement of the related liability is composed of fixed payments through the noncancellable term of the lease and renewal periods that administration considers reasonably certain to be exercised. The total of the Government's SBITA assets are recorded at a cost of \$115,251 less accumulated amortization of \$21,813. Future payments under this agreement are as follows:

Governmental Activities			
Year	<u>Principal</u> <u>Payments</u>	<u>Interest</u> <u>Payments</u>	<u>Total</u>
2025	\$ 26,264	\$ 3,323	\$ 29,587
2026	29,045	2,317	31,363
2027	32,029	1,215	33,244
2028	-	-	-
2029	-	-	-
Total	\$ 87,339	\$ 6,856	\$ 94,195

6. Long-Term Debt

The reporting entity's long-term debt is segregated between the amounts to be repaid from governmental activities and amounts to be repaid from business-type activities.

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NOTE C – NOTES ON TRANSACTION CLASSES/ACCOUNTS (Continued)

6. Long-Term Debt (Continued)

The following is a summary of changes in long-term debt for the year ended March 31, 2024:

Type of Debt	March 31, 2023	Additions	Reductions	March 31, 2024	Due Within One Year
Governmental Activities, net:					
Tax Bonds	\$ 6,647,000	\$ -	\$ 1,006,000	\$ 5,641,000	\$ 1,093,000
Revenue Bonds	7,950,000	-	340,000	7,610,000	350,000
Premiums	1,155,525	-	67,972	1,087,553	-
EPA Brownsfield Loan	488,500	-	-	488,500	-
Right of use Liability	1,117,617	791,797	563,503	1,345,912	470,189
Net Pension Liability	25,406,067	1,132,285	-	26,538,352	-
Other Post Employment Benefits OPEB	421,875	13,571	-	435,446	-
Compensated Absences	1,885,697	-	38,177	1,847,520	523,123
Total General Long-Term Debt	<u>\$ 45,072,281</u>	<u>\$ 1,937,653</u>	<u>\$ 2,015,652</u>	<u>\$ 44,994,282</u>	<u>\$ 2,436,312</u>
Business-Type Activities:					
Water Fund 2015 Bond Issue	\$ 112,500	\$ -	\$ 55,000	\$ 57,500	\$ 57,500
Sewer Fund 2015 Bond Issue	112,500	-	55,000	57,500	57,500
Right of use Liability	229,602	253,830	141,623	341,810	110,413
Net Pension Liability	3,690,139	-	61,799	3,628,340	-
Compensated Absences	178,974	33,623	-	212,597	67,355
Total Business Type Activities Debt	<u>\$ 4,323,715</u>	<u>\$ 287,453</u>	<u>\$ 313,422</u>	<u>\$ 4,297,747</u>	<u>\$ 292,768</u>

Bonded debt as of March 31, 2024, is comprised of the following governmental activities serial bond issues:

Description	Interest Rates	Final Maturity Date	Range of Annual Principal Payment		Amount Outstanding
			From	To	
Sales tax bonds:					
6/8/2010 issue of \$3,228,000	0.45	2/1/2029	176,000	185,000	906,000
12/16/2016 refunding of \$5,025,000	1.7	2/1/2029	115,000	980,000	4,735,000
LCDA revenue bonds:					
3/12/2020 issue of \$8,800,000	4.00	3/1/2040	365,000	625,000	7,610,000
Unamortized portion of related bond premium					1,087,553
Subtotal					<u>14,338,553</u>
EPA Brownsfield Loan	0.00	n/a	-	-	488,500
Total					<u>\$ 14,827,053</u>

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NOTE C – NOTES ON TRANSACTION CLASSES/ACCOUNTS (Continued)

6. Long-Term Debt (Continued)

Governmental Activities:

Sales Tax Bonds:

In 2010, the City issued \$3,228,000 of Sales Tax Bonds Series 2009A-State Revolving Fund purchased by “DEQ” for the purpose of wastewater treatment plant upgrades and rehabilitation. The bonds are secured by an irrevocable pledge and dedication of the proceeds of the City’s 1955 1% and 1966 ½% Sales and Use Tax.

In 2014, the City issued \$6,085,000 of Sales Tax Refunding Bonds Series 2014 with a 2.05% interest rate. The City issued the bonds for the purpose of refunding \$6,375,000 aggregate principal amount of the Series 2004 Sales Tax Bonds. The advance refunding reduced total debt service payments over the next 10 years by \$640,679 or an annual average reduction of \$56,699. This results in an economic gain (difference between the present values of the debt service payments on the old and new debt) of \$579,689. The refunded bonds are secured by an irrevocable pledge and dedication of the proceeds of the City’s 1955 1% and 1966 ½% Sales and Use Tax. These bonds were paid off as of March 31, 2024.

In 2016, the City issued \$5,360,000 of Sales Tax Refunding Bonds Series 2016 with a 1.70% interest rate. The City issued the bonds for the purpose of refunding \$4,890,000 aggregate principal amount of the Series 2009B Sales Tax Bonds. The advance refunding reduced total debt service payments over the next 13 years by \$751,302 or an annual average reduction of \$57,793. This results in an economic gain (difference between the present values of the debt service payments on the old and new debt) of \$620,255. The refunded bonds are secured by an irrevocable pledge and dedication of the proceeds of the City’s 1955 1% and 1966 ½% Sales and Use Tax.

In 2020, the City issued \$8,880,000 of Louisiana Local Government Environmental Facilities and Community Development Authority Revenue Bonds Series 2021 with a 4.00% interest rate. The City issued the bonds for the purpose of acquiring, constructing, replacing, improving and maintaining a fire station and other capital improvements in the City. The bonds are secured by an irrevocable pledge and dedication of the proceeds of the City’s Lawfully Available Funds.

At March 31, 2024, \$1,574,711 was available in the debt service fund for servicing of these bonds.

Compensated Absences:

Effective December 12, 2012, the City’s annual (vacation) and sick leave policy was revised. Each employee shall earn and accumulate sick leave with pay at the rate of 6.5 days per year. After the completion of 3 years of continuous employment each employee shall earn 13 days per year. Employees may never accrue more than 45 days of sick leave.

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NOTE C – NOTES ON TRANSACTION CLASSES/ACCOUNTS (Continued)

6. Long-Term Debt (Continued)

Full Time employees of the City with less than 5 years of continuous service shall accumulate vacation time at the rate of 10.4 days per year. An employee with more than 5 but less than 10 years of continuous service shall accumulate vacation time at the rate of 13 days per year. Employees with 10 or more years of continuous service shall accumulate vacation time at the rate of 15.6 days per year. Employees having 20 years of continuous service shall accumulate vacation time at the rate of 19.5 days per year. Employees may never accrue more than 60 days of vacation. Therefore, once an employee has accrued 60 days of vacation, vacation hours must be used in order to accrue more hours. Employees may elect an option to sell days at a rate of 50% of their current rate of pay.

Full Time employees of the Police Department with less than 10 years of continuous service shall accumulate vacation time at the rate of 15 days per year. Police Department employees with at least 11 years but less than 15 years shall accumulate vacation time at a rate of 18 days per year. Police Department employees with at least 16 years accumulate vacation time at a rate of 21 days per year. Employees may elect an option to sell days at a rate of 50% of their current rate of pay.

At March 31, 2024, the amount of accumulated annual and sick leave and salary-related cost was \$1,847,520 for all governmental funds with a current liability of 523,123 and \$212,597 for the proprietary funds with a current liability of \$67,355.

Business-Type Activities:

Limited Tax Bonds:

In 2015, the City issued \$1,000,000 of Limited Tax Revenue Bonds Series 2016 for the purpose of making capital improvements and acquiring equipment, including water meter upgrades. The bonds are secured by an irrevocable pledge and dedication of the proceeds derived from the levy and collection of a special tax of 4.03 mills which the Issuer is authorized to impose and collect in each year through the year 2025.

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NOTE C – NOTES ON TRANSACTION CLASSES/ACCOUNTS (Continued)

6. Long-Term Debt (Continued)

Annual debt service to maturity on bonds, including interest of \$3,091,455 are as follows:

Year Ending Date	Sales Tax Bonds Series 2009A	Sales Tax Refunding Bonds Series 2016	Sales Tax Refunding Bonds Series 2020	Utility Limited Tax Bond Series 2015	Total
3/31/2025	186,607	995,495	650,300	117,357	1,949,759
3/31/2026	185,916	994,940	651,300	-	1,832,156
3/31/2027	186,215	999,130	651,700	-	1,837,045
3/31/2028	186,496	992,980	652,700	-	1,832,176
3/31/2029	186,758	996,660	654,700	-	1,838,118
3/31/30-3/31/34	-	-	3,259,400	-	3,259,400
3/31/35-3/31/39	-	-	3,258,800	-	3,258,800
3/31/40-3/31/40	-	-	650,000	-	650,000
Total debt service to maturity	<u>\$ 931,992</u>	<u>\$ 4,979,205</u>	<u>\$ 10,428,900</u>	<u>\$ 117,357</u>	<u>\$ 16,457,454</u>
Less amounts representing interest:					
3/31/2025	8,607	80,495	300,300	2,358	391,760
3/31/2026	6,916	64,940	286,300	-	358,156
3/31/2027	5,215	49,130	271,700	-	326,045
3/31/2028	5,254	32,980	252,700	-	290,934
3/31/2029	-	16,660	244,700	-	261,360
3/31/29-3/31/33	-	-	969,400	-	969,400
3/31/34-3/31/38	-	-	468,800	-	468,800
3/31/39-3/31/40	-	-	25,000	-	25,000
Total interest	<u>25,992</u>	<u>244,205</u>	<u>2,818,900</u>	<u>2,358</u>	<u>3,091,455</u>
Total principal	<u>\$ 906,000</u>	<u>\$ 4,735,000</u>	<u>\$ 7,610,000</u>	<u>\$ 115,000</u>	<u>\$ 13,366,000</u>

There are a number of limitations and restrictions contained in the bond indenture. The City is in compliance with all significant limitations and restrictions, including federal arbitrage regulations.

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NOTE C – NOTES ON TRANSACTION CLASSES/ACCOUNTS (Continued)

7. Interfund Transfers

The following is a summary of the operating transfers between funds during the fiscal year ended March 31, 2024:

	<u>Transfers In</u>	<u>Transfers Out</u>
General Fund:		
Capital Projects Fund	\$ 4,938,175	\$ 4,938,175
Grant Fund	-	192,125
Tourism Fund	-	750,000
Total General Fund	<u>4,938,175</u>	<u>5,880,300</u>
Special Revenue Funds:		
Ambulance Fund	\$ 648,163	\$ 648,163
Capital Projects Fund	6,542,770	6,617,383
Debt Service Fund	645,629	-
Grant Fund	266,737	-
Recreation	165,427	165,427
Fire Fund	6	459,356
Tourism Fund	806,729	56,729
Total Special Revenue Funds	<u>9,075,461</u>	<u>7,947,057</u>
Enterprise Fund:		
Water	728,924	728,924
Sewer	-	186,279
Total Enterprise Funds	<u>728,924</u>	<u>915,203</u>
Total All Funds	<u>\$ 14,742,560</u>	<u>\$ 14,742,560</u>

The General Fund effectuates transfers of funds that were budgeted for specific grant and tourism-related activities. Additionally, other transfers from the General Fund were executed to fulfill various one-time obligations. Furthermore, the Utility Fund and Fire Fund makes required transfer to the Debt service fund for debt obligations.

8. Interfund Receivables and Payable

The following is a summary of the Governmental Funds Balance Sheet interfund receivables and payables at March 31, 2024:

	<u>Interfund Receivable</u>	<u>Interfund Payable</u>
Major fund:		
General Fund	\$ 455,297	\$ -
Special Revenue Funds:		
Grant Fund		392,203
Tourism Fund		63,094
Total All Funds	<u>\$ 455,297</u>	<u>\$ 455,297</u>

The special revenue fund balances represent short-term receivables and payables incurred in the normal course of the City operations.

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NOTE C – NOTES ON TRANSACTION CLASSES/ACCOUNTS (Continued)

9. Fund Balances

The following illustrates the specific purposes of each classification of fund balance in the financial statements:

	General Fund	Major Governmental Funds	Other Governmental Funds	Total
Nonspendable:				
Leases	\$ 39,382	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 39,382
Prepaid items	507,288	-	-	507,288
Total Committed:	<u>546,670</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>546,670</u>
Restricted:				
Debt service	-	1,574,711	-	1,574,711
Committed:				
Capital projects	-	12,637,675	-	12,637,675
Encumbrances	-	-	-	-
Emergency preparation	271,908	-	-	271,908
Contingencies	227,840	-	-	227,840
Separation and settlement	209,161	-	-	209,161
Total Committed:	<u>708,909</u>	<u>12,637,675</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>13,346,584</u>
Assigned:				
Court management	240,551	-	-	240,551
Culture & recreation	-	-	1,456,689	1,456,689
Property Seizure	326,142	-	-	326,142
Public works	-	-	2,338,380	2,338,380
Public safety	-	5,451,505	923,659	6,375,164
Total Assigned:	<u>566,693</u>	<u>5,451,505</u>	<u>4,718,728</u>	<u>10,736,926</u>
Unassigned:	<u>5,007,984</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>5,007,984</u>
Total Fund Balance	<u><u>\$ 6,830,256</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 19,663,891</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 4,718,728</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 31,212,875</u></u>

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NOTE D – OTHER NOTES

1. Retirement Plans

Substantially all employees of the City are required by State law to belong to retirement plans administered by the Municipal Employees' Retirement System of Louisiana (MERS) or the Municipal Police Employees' Retirement System of Louisiana (MPERS), both of which are administered on a statewide basis. Each plan issues a separate financial report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information. Those reports may be obtained by accessing their website. www.mersla.com and www.lampers.org.

These plans are not closed to new entrants. The systems' financial statements are prepared using the accrual basis of accounting. Employer and employee contributions are recognized in the period in which the employee is compensated for services performed. Benefits and refunds are recognized when due and payable in accordance with the terms of each. Interest income is recognized when earned. Ad valorem taxes and revenue sharing monies are recognized in the year collected by the tax collector.

Disclosures relating to these plans follow:

Municipal Employees' Retirement System of Louisiana (MERS)

Plan Description. Municipal Employees' Retirement System of Louisiana (the System) is the administrator of a cost-sharing, multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan. The System was originally established by Act 356 of the 1954 regular session of the Legislature of the State of Louisiana.

The System provides retirement benefits to employees of all incorporated villages, towns and cities within the State which do not have their own retirement system and which elect to become members of the System. For the year ended June 30, 2023, there were 86 contributing municipalities in Plan A.

Eligibility Requirements. Membership is mandatory as a condition of employment beginning on the date employed if the employee is on a permanent basis working at least thirty-five hours per week. Those individuals paid jointly by a participating employer and the parish are not eligible for membership in the System with exceptions as outlined in the statutes.

Benefits Provided. The following is a description of the plan and its benefits, and is provided for general information purposes only. Participants should refer to the appropriate statutes for more complete information.

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NOTE D – OTHER NOTES (Continued)

1. Retirement Plans (Continued)

Retirement Benefits

Any member of Plan A who was hired before January 1, 2013, can retire providing the member meets one of the following criteria:

1. Any age with twenty-five (25) or more years of creditable service.
2. Age 60 with a minimum of ten (10) years of creditable service.
3. Any age with 20 years of creditable service, exclusive of military service and unused annual and sick leave, with an actuarially reduced early benefit.

Eligibility for retirement for Plan A members hired on or after January 1, 2013, is as follows:

1. Age 67 with seven (7) years of creditable service.
2. Age 62 with ten (10) years of creditable service.
3. Age 55 with thirty (30) years of creditable service.
4. Any age with twenty-five (25) years of creditable service, exclusive of military service and unused annual and sick leave, with actuarially reduced early benefit.

Generally, the monthly amount of the retirement allowance for any member of Plan A shall consist of an amount equal to three percent of the member's final compensation multiplied by his years of creditable service. Final compensation is the average monthly earnings during the highest sixty consecutive months, or joined months if service was interrupted. However, under certain conditions as outlined in the statutes, the benefits are limited to specified amounts.

Survivor Benefits

Upon death of any member of Plan A with five (5) or more years of creditable service, not eligible for retirement, the plan provides for benefits of the surviving spouse and/or minor children as outlined in the statutes.

Any Plan A member who is eligible for normal retirement at the time of death and who leaves a surviving spouse will be deemed to have retired and selected Option 2 benefits on behalf of the surviving spouse on the date of death. Such benefits will begin only upon proper application and are paid in lieu of any other survivor benefits.

Deferred Retirement Option Plan (DROP)

In lieu of terminating employment and accepting a service retirement allowance, any member who is eligible to retire may elect to participate in the deferred retirement option plan (DROP) for up to three years and defer the receipt of benefits. During participation in the plan, employer contributions are payable but employee contributions cease. The monthly retirement benefits that would be payable, had the person elected to cease employment and receive a service retirement allowance, are paid into the DROP fund. Interest is earned when the member has completed DROP participation. Interest earnings are based upon the actual rate of return on the investments identified as DROP funds for the period. In addition, no cost-of-living increases are

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NOTE D – OTHER NOTES (Continued)

1. Retirement Plans (Continued)

payable to participants until employment which made them eligible to become members of the System has been terminated for at least one full year.

Upon termination of employment prior to or at the end of the specified period of participation, a participant in the DROP may receive, at his option, a lump sum from the account equal to the payments in the account, a true annuity based upon his account balance in that fund, or any other method of payment if approved by the board of trustees. If a participant dies during participation in the DROP, a lump sum equal to the balance in his account shall be paid to his named beneficiary or, if none, to his estate. If employment is not terminated at the end of the three years, payments into the DROP fund cease and the person resumes active contributing membership in the System.

Disability Benefits

For Plan A, a member shall be eligible to retire and receive a disability benefit if he has at least five years of creditable service, is not eligible for normal retirement, and has been officially certified as disabled by the State Medical Disability Board. Upon retirement caused by disability, a member of Plan A shall be paid a disability benefit equal to the lesser (1) an amount equal to three percent of his final compensation multiplied by his years of creditable service, but not less than forty-five percent of his final compensation, or (2) or an amount equal to what the member's normal retirement benefit would be based on the member's current final compensation, but assuming the member remained in continuous service until his earliest normal retirement age and using those retirement benefit computation factors which would be applicable to the member's normal retirement.

Cost of Living Increases

The System is authorized under state law to grant a cost of living increase to members who have been retired for at least one year. The adjustment cannot exceed 2% of the retiree's original benefit for each full calendar year since retirement and may only be granted if sufficient funds are available from investment income in excess of normal requirements. State law allows the System to grant an additional cost of living increase to all retirees and beneficiaries who are age sixty-five and above equal to 2% of the benefit being received on October 1, 1977, or the original benefit, if retirement commenced after that date.

Deferred Benefit

The plan provides for deferred benefits for members who terminate before being eligible for retirement. Once the member reaches the appropriate age for retirement, benefits will become payable. Benefits are based on statutes in effect at time of withdrawal.

Contributions. According to State Statute, contribution requirements for all employers are actuarially determined each year. For the System's year ending June 30, 2023, the actual employer contribution rate was 29.50% and the actual employee rate was 10.00% for Plan A. The City contributes both the employee and employer amounts and takes no deductions from the employees' pay for employees hired prior to April 1, 2013.

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NOTE D – OTHER NOTES (Continued)

1. Retirement Plans (Continued)

In accordance with State Statute, the System receives ad valorem taxes and state revenue sharing funds. These additional sources of income are used as employer contributions and are considered support from non-employer contributing entities, but are not considered special funding situations. The City’s proportionate share of these non-employer contributions totaled \$258,533 during the measurement period, of which \$203,957 is for governmental activities and \$54,576 is for business-type activities.

Pension Liabilities, Pension Expense, and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to Pensions

At March 31, 2024, the City reported a liability of \$12,560,615 for its proportionate share of the Net Pension Liability. The Net Pension Liability was measured as of June 30, 2023, and the total pension liability used to calculate the Net Pension Liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of that date. The City’s proportion of the Net Pension Liability was based on a projection of the City’s projected contribution effort to the plan for the next fiscal year as compared to the total of all employers’ projected contribution effort to the plan for the next fiscal year actuarially determined. At June 30, 2023, the City’s proportion was 3.436684%, which was an increase of 0.341899% from its proportion measured as of June 30, 2022.

For the year ended March 31, 2024, the City recognized pension expense of \$2,296,985 plus employers’ amortization of change in proportionate share and differences between employer contributions and proportionate share of contributions of \$127,206.

At March 31, 2024, the City reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions from the following sources:

	Deferred Outflows of Resources	Deferred Inflows of Resources
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$ 8,428	\$ 114,858
Changes in assumptions	-	-
Differences between projected and actual investment earnings	1,443,351	-
Changes in proportionate share of the NPL	907,472	-
Differences between the City’s contributions and proportionate share of contributions	101,196	-
City’s contributions subsequent to the measurement date	1,758,491	-
Total	\$ 4,218,938	\$ 114,858

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NOTE D – OTHER NOTES (Continued)

1. Retirement Plans (Continued)

Deferred outflows of resources of \$1,758,491 related to pensions resulting from the City contributions subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a reduction of Net Pension Liability in the year ended March 31, 2024. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions will be recognized in pension expense as follows:

Years Ending March 31	Amount of Amortization
2025	\$ 878,762
2026	511,612
2027	1,047,090
2028	(91,875)
	<u>\$ 2,345,589</u>

Actuarial Methods and Assumptions. A summary of the actuarial methods and assumptions used in determining the total pension liability as of June 30, 2023, are as follows:

Valuation Date	June 30, 2023
Actuarial Cost Method	Entry Age Normal
Expected Remaining Service Lives	3 years
Investment Rate of Return	6.85% net of investment expense
Inflation Rate	2.5%
Salary Increases, including inflation and merit increases	6.40% -1 to 4 years of service 4.50% - More than 4 years of service
Annuitant and Beneficiary Mortality	PubG-2010(B) Healthy Retiree Table set equal to 120% for males and females, each adjusted using their respective male and female MP2018 scales, - PubG-2010(B) Employee Table set equal to 120% for males and females, each adjusted using their respective male and female MP2018 scales.
Employee Mortality	
Disabled Lives Mortality	PubNS-2010(B) Disable Retiree Table set equal to 120% for males and females with the full generational MP2018 scale.

Discount Rate

The long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was determined using a building-block method in which best-estimate ranges of expected future real rates of return (expected returns, net of pension plan investment and inflation) are developed for each major asset class. These ranges are combined to produce the long-term expected rate of return by weighting the expected future real rates of return by the target asset allocation percentage and by adding expected inflation and an adjustment for the effect of rebalancing/diversification.

Best estimates of arithmetic real rates of return for each major asset class included in the System's target allocation as of June 30, 2023, are summarized in the following table:

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NOTE D – OTHER NOTES (Continued)

1. Retirement Plans (Continued)

Asset Class	Target Asset Allocation	Long-Term Expected Portfolio Real Rate of Return
Public Equity	56%	2.44%
Public Fixed Income	29%	1.26%
Alternatives	15%	0.65%
Totals	100%	4.35%
Inflation		2.50%
Expected Arithmetic Nominal Return		6.85%

The expected discount rate used to measure the total pension liability was 6.85%. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed that contributions from plan members will be made at the current contribution rates and that contributions from participating employers will be made at the actuarially determined rates approved by PRSAC taking into consideration the recommendation of the System’s actuary. Based on those assumptions, the System’s fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make all projected future benefit payments of current plan members. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was applied to all periods of projected benefit payments to determine the total pension liability.

Sensitivity to Changes in the Discount Rate

The following presents the Net Pension Liability of the City calculated using the discount rate of 6.85%, as well as what the City’s Net Pension Liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is one percentage point lower (5.85%) or one percentage point higher (7.85%) than the current rate calculated at June 30, 2023.

	Changes in Discount Rate-Plan A		
	1% Decrease 5.85%	Current Discount Rate 6.85%	1% Increase 7.85%
City’s proportionate share of the Net Pension Liability	\$17,413,685	\$ 12,560,612	\$ 8,461,226

Payables to the Pension Plan

At March 31, 2024, the City had no payables due to MERS.

Municipal Police Employees’ Retirement System of Louisiana (MPERS)

Plan Description. The Municipal Police Employees’ Retirement System of Louisiana (the System) is a cost-sharing, multiple-employer defined benefit plan. Membership in the System is mandatory for any full-time police officer employed by a municipality of the State of Louisiana

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NOTE D – OTHER NOTES (Continued)

1. Retirement Plans (Continued)

and engaged in law enforcement, empowered to make arrests, providing he or she does not have to pay social security and providing he or she meets the statutory criteria. The System provides retirement benefits for municipal police officers. The projections of benefit payments in the calculation of the total pension liability includes all benefits to be provided to current active and inactive employees through the System in accordance with benefit terms and any additional legal agreements to provide benefits that are in force at the measurement date.

Benefits Provided. Benefit provisions are authorized within Act 189 of 1973 and amended by LRS 11:2211-11:2233. The following is a description of the plan and its benefits and is provided for general information purposes only. Participants should refer to the appropriate statutes for more complete information.

Retirement Benefits

Membership prior to January 1, 2013 – A member is eligible for regular retirement after he has been a member of the System and has 25 years of creditable service at any age or has 20 years of creditable service and is age 50 or has 12 years creditable service and is age 55. A member is eligible for early retirement after he has been a member of the System for 20 years of creditable service at any age with an actuarially reduced benefit.

Benefit rates are three and one-third percent of average final compensation (average monthly earnings during the highest 36 consecutive months or joined months if service was interrupted) per number of years of creditable service not to exceed 100% of final salary.

Upon the death of an active contributing member, or disability retiree, the plan provides for surviving spouses and minor children. Under certain conditions outlined in the statutes, the benefits range from forty to sixty percent of the member's average final compensation for the surviving spouse. In addition, each child under age eighteen receives benefits equal to ten percent of the member's average final compensation or \$200 per month, whichever is greater.

Membership Commencing January 1, 2013 – Member eligibility for regular retirement, early retirement, disability and survivor benefits are based on Hazardous Duty and Non Hazardous Duty sub plans. Under the Hazardous Duty sub plan, a member is eligible for regular retirement after he has been a member of the System and has 25 years of creditable service at any age or has 12 years of creditable service at age 55. Under the Non Hazardous Duty sub plan, a member is eligible for regular retirement after he has been a member of the System for 30 years of creditable services at any age, 25 years of creditable service at age 55, or 10 years of creditable service at age 60. Under both sub plans, a member is eligible for early retirement after he has been a member of the System for 20 years of creditable service at any age, with actuarially reduced benefit from age 55.

Under the Hazardous and Non Hazardous Duty sub plans, the benefit rates are three percent and two and a half percent, respectively, of average final compensation (average monthly earnings during the highest 60 consecutive months or joined months if service was interrupted) per number of years of creditable service not to exceed 100% of final salary.

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NOTE D – OTHER NOTES (Continued)

1. Retirement Plans (Continued)

Upon the death of an active contributing member, or disability retiree, the plan provides for surviving spouses and minor children. Under certain conditions outlined in the statutes, the benefits range from twenty-five to fifty-five percent of the member's average final compensation for the surviving spouse. In addition, each child under age eighteen receives benefits equal to ten percent of the member's average final compensation or \$200 per month, whichever is greater. If deceased member had less than ten years of service, beneficiary will receive a refund of employee contributions only.

Cost-of-Living Adjustments

The MPERS Board of Trustees is authorized to provide annual cost of living adjustments computed on the amount of the current regular retirement, disability, beneficiary, or survivor's benefit, not to exceed 3% in any given year. The Board is authorized to provide an additional 2% COLA, computed on the member's original benefit, to all regular retirees, disability, survivors, and beneficiaries who are 65 years of age or older on the cut-off date which determines eligibility.

No regular retiree, survivor, or beneficiary shall be eligible to receive a cost-of-living adjustment until benefits have been received at least one full year and the payment of such COLA, when authorized, shall not be effective until the lapse of at least one-half of the fiscal year. Members who elect early retirement are not eligible for a cost of living adjustment until they reach regular retirement age.

A COLA may only be granted if funds are available from interest earnings in excess of normal requirements, as determined by the actuary.

Deferred Retirement Option Plan (DROP)

A member is eligible to elect to enter the Deferred Retirement Option Plan (DROP) when he is eligible for regular retirement based on the member's sub plan participation. Upon filing the application for the program, the employee's active membership in the System is terminated. At the entry date into the DROP, the employee and employer contributions cease. The amount to be deposited into the DROP account is equal to the benefit computed under the retirement plan elected by the participant at the date of application. The duration of participation in the DROP is thirty-six months or less. If employment is terminated after the three-year period, the participant may receive his benefits by lump sum payment or by a true annuity. If employment is not terminated, active contributing membership into the System shall resume and upon later termination, he shall receive additional retirement benefits based on the additional service. For those eligible to enter DROP prior to January 1, 2004, DROP accounts shall earn interest subsequent to the termination of DROP participation at a rate of half of one percentage point below the percentage rate of return of the System's investment portfolio as certified by the actuary on an annual basis but will never lose money. For those eligible to enter DROP subsequent to January 1, 2004, an irrevocable election is made to earn interest based on the System's investment portfolio return or a money market investment return. This could result in a negative earnings rate being applied to the account.

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NOTE D – OTHER NOTES (Continued)

1. Retirement Plans (Continued)

Deferred Retirement Option Plan (DROP) (Continued)

If the member elects a money market investment return, the funds are transferred to a government money market account.

Initial Benefit Option Plan

In 1999, the State Legislature authorized the System to establish an Initial Benefit Option (IBO) program. IBO is available to members who are eligible for regular retirement and have not participated in DROP. The IBO program provides both a one-time single lump sum payment of up to 36 months of regular monthly retirement benefit, plus a reduced monthly retirement benefit for life. Interest is computed on the balance based on the same criteria as DROP.

Contributions. Contributions for all members are actuarially determined as required by state law but cannot be less than 9% of the employees' earnable compensation excluding overtime but including state supplemental pay.

For the year ended June 30, 2023, total contributions for the System due from employers and employees were as follows:

	<u>Contributions Rates</u>		
	<u>Employee</u>	<u>Employer</u>	<u>Total</u>
Members hired prior to January 1, 2013	10.00%	31.25%	41.25%
Hazardous Duty members hired after January 1, 2013	10.00%	31.25%	41.25%
Non-Hazardous Duty members hired after January 1, 2013	8.00%	31.25%	39.25%
Members whose earnable compensation is less than the poverty guidelines	7.50%	33.75%	41.25%

Non-Employer Contributions

The System also receives insurance premium tax monies as additional employer contributions. The tax is considered support from a non-contributing entity and appropriated by the Legislature each year based on an actuarial study. Non-employer contributions were recognized as revenue during the year ended June 30, 2023 and excluded from pension expense. The City's proportionate share of these non-employer contributions totaled \$384,339 during the measurement period.

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NOTE D – OTHER NOTES (Continued)

1. Retirement Plans (Continued)

Non-Employer Contributions (Continued)

The City’s contractually required composite contribution rate for the year ended March 31, 2024, was 31.25% of annual payroll from April 1, 2023, to June 30, 2023, and 33.925% from July 1, 2023, to March 31, 2024, actuarially determined as an amount that, when combined with employee contributions, is expected to finance the costs of benefits earned by employees during the year, with an additional amount to finance any Unfunded Actuarial Accrued Liability.

Additionally, the City contributes both the employee and employer amounts and takes no deductions from the employees’ pay for employees hired prior to April 1, 2013.

Pension Liabilities, Pension Expense, and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to Pensions

At March 31, 2024, the City reported a liability of \$17,606,077 for its proportionate share of the Net Pension Liability. The Net Pension Liability was measured as of June 30, 2023, and the total pension liability used to calculate the Net Pension Liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of that date. The City’s proportion of the Net Pension Liability was based on a projection of the City’s projected contribution effort to the plan for the next fiscal year as compared to the total of all employers’ projected contribution effort to the plan for the next fiscal year, actuarially determined. At June 30, 2023, the City’s proportion was 1.666458%, which is a decrease of -0.041652% from its proportion measure as of June 30, 2022.

For the year ended March 31, 2024, the City’s recognized pension expense of \$2,601,739 plus the City’s amortization of change in proportionate share and difference between employer contributions and proportionate share of contributions of \$48,251.

At March 31, 2024, the City reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions from the following sources:

	Deferred Outflows of Resources	Deferred Inflows of Resources
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$ 1,240,174	\$ 7,380
Changes in assumptions	1,900,680	-
Differences between projected and actual investment earnings	293,792	-
Changes in proportionate share of the NPL	473,385	594,549
Differences between the City’s contributions and proportionate share of contributions	139,295	66,016
City’s contributions subsequent to the measurement date	1,546,500	-
Total	\$ 5,593,826	\$ 667,945

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NOTE D – OTHER NOTES (Continued)

1. Retirement Plans (Continued)

Pension Liabilities, Pension Expense, and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to Pensions (Continued)

Deferred outflows of resources of \$1,546,500 related to pensions resulting from the City’s contributions subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a reduction of the Net Pension Liability in the year ended March 31, 2024. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions will be recognized in pension expense as follows:

Years Ending March 31	Amount of Amortization
2025	\$ 917,244
2026	491,285
2027	2,065,314
2028	(94,462)
	<u>\$ 3,379,381</u>

Actuarial Methods and Assumptions. A summary of the actuarial methods and assumptions used in determining the total pension liability as of June 30, 2023, are as follows:

Valuation Date	June 30, 2023	
Actuarial Cost Method	Entry Age Normal	
Investment Rate of Return	6.75% net of investment expense	
Expected Remaining Service Lives	4 years	
Inflation Rate	2.50% per annum	
Salary Increases, including Inflation and Merit	Years of <u>Service</u>	Salary Growth <u>Rate</u>
	1-2	12.30%
	Above 2	4.70%

Mortality For annuitants and beneficiaries, the Pub-2010 Public Retirement Plan Mortality Table for Safety Below-Median Healthy Retirees multiplied by 115% for males and 125% for females, each with full generational projection using the MP2019 scale was used.

For disabled lives, the Pub-2010 Public Retirement Plans Mortality Table for Safety Disable Retirees multiplied by 105% for males and 115% for females, each with full generational projection using the MP2019 scale was used.

For employees, the Pub-2010 Public Retirement Plans Mortality Table for Safety Below-Median. Employees multiplied by 115% for males and 125% for females, each with full generational projection using the MP2019 scale was used.

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NOTE D – OTHER NOTES (Continued)

1. Retirement Plans (Continued)

Cost-of-Living Adjustments

The present value of future retirement benefits is based on benefits currently being paid by the System and includes previously granted cost-of-living increases. The present values do not include provisions for potential future increases not yet authorized by the Board of Trustees.

The mortality rate assumption used was set based upon an experience study performed by the prior actuary on plan data for the period July 1, 2014, through June 30, 2019, and review of

similar law enforcement mortality. The data was assigned credibility weighting and combined with a standard table to produce current levels of mortality. This mortality was then projected forward to a period equivalent to the estimated duration of the System’s liabilities. Annuity values calculated based on this mortality were compared to those produced by using a setback of standard tables. The result of the procedure indicated that the tables used would produce liability values approximating the appropriate generational mortality tables.

Best estimates of arithmetic real rates of return for each major asset class included in the System’s target allocation as of June 30, 2023, are summarized in the following table:

Asset Class	Target Asset Allocation	Long-Term Expected Portfolio Real Rate of Return
Equity	52.00%	3.29%
Fixed Income	34.00%	1.12%
Alternatives	14.00%	0.95%
Totals	100.00%	5.36%
Inflation		2.54%
Expected Arithmetic Nominal Return		7.90%

The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability was 6.750%. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed that contributions from plan members will be made at the current contribution rates and that contributions from participating employers will be made at the actuarially determined rates approved by PRSAC taking into consideration the recommendation of the System’s actuary. Based on those assumptions, the System’s fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make all projected future benefit payments of

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1. Retirement Plans (Continued)

current plan members. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was applied to all periods of projected benefit payments to determine the total pension liability.

Sensitivity to Changes in the Discount Rate.

The following presents the Net Pension Liability of the City calculated using the discount rate of 6.750%, as well as what the City’s Net Pension Liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is one percentage point lower (5.750%) or one percentage point higher (7.750%) than the current rate calculated at June 30, 2023.

	1% Decrease 5.750%	Current Discount Rate 6.750%	1% Increase 7.750%
City’s proportionate share of the Net Pension Liability	\$ 24,773,139	\$ 17,606,077	\$ 11,618,941

Payables to the Pension Plan

At March 31, 2024, the City had no payables due to MPERS.

2. On Behalf Payments for Salaries

Supplemental pay which is paid directly to employees of the City of Gretna by the State of Louisiana, Department of Public Safety, is recognized as intergovernmental revenue and salaries expenditure in the year in which paid. For the year ended March 31, 2024, the amount recognized as revenue and expenditure was \$622,680.

3. Postemployment Health Care and Life Insurance Benefits

General Information about the OPEB Plan

Plan description – The City of Gretna (the City) provides certain continuing health care and life insurance benefits for its retired employees. The City of Gretna’s OPEB Plan (the OPEB Plan) is a single-employer defined benefit OPEB plan administered by the City. The authority to establish and/or amend the obligation of the employer, employees and retirees rests with the City. No assets are accumulated in a trust that meets the criteria in Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB)

Benefits Provided – Medical benefits are provided through a comprehensive medical plan and are made available to employees upon actual retirement. The employees are covered by two retirement systems whose retirement eligibility (D.R.O.P. entry) provisions are similar. We have used the following as representative of that eligibility: 25 years of service at any age, or age 60 and 10 years of service; for Police, 25 years of service at any age; age 50 and 20 years of service; age 55 and 12 years of service.

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NOTE D – OTHER NOTES (Continued)

3. Postemployment Health Care and Life Insurance Benefits (Continued)

Employees covered by benefit terms – As of the measurement date March 31, 2024, the following employees were covered by the benefit terms:

Inactive employees or beneficiaries currently receiving benefit payments	4
Inactive employees entitled to but not yet receiving benefit payments	-
Active employees	231
	235

Total OPEB Liability

The City’s total OPEB liability of \$435,446 as of the measurement date March 31, 2024, the end of the fiscal year.

Actuarial Assumptions and other inputs – The total OPEB liability in the March 31, 2024, actuarial valuation was determined using the following actuarial assumptions and other inputs, applied to all periods included in the measurement, unless otherwise specified:

Inflation	2.5%
Salary increases	4.0%, including inflation
Discount rate	3.50% annually (Beginning of Year to Determine ADC) 3.58%, annually (As of End of Year Measurement Date)
Healthcare cost trend rates	5.5% annually for ten years, 4.5% thereafter
Mortality	SOA RP-2000 Table

The discount rate was based on the Bond Buyers' 20 Year General Obligation municipal bond index on the applicable measurement dates.

The actuarial assumptions used in the March 31, 2024 valuation were based on the results of ongoing evaluations of the assumptions from October 1, 2009 to March 31, 2024.

Changes in the Total OPEB Liability

Balance at March 31, 2023	\$ 421,875
Changes for the year:	
Service cost	11,019
Interest	14,125
Differences between expected and actual experience	27,996
Changes in assumptions	(2,980)
Benefit payments and net transfers	(36,589)
Net changes	13,571
Balance at March 31, 2024	\$ 435,446

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NOTE D – OTHER NOTES (Continued)

3. Postemployment Health Care and Life Insurance Benefits (Continued)

Sensitivity of the total OPEB liability to changes in the discount rate – The following presents the total OPEB liability of the City, as well as what the City’s total OPEB liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1-percentage-point lower (2.58%) or 1-percentage-point higher (4.58%) than the current discount rate:

	1.0% Decrease (2.58%)	Current Discount Rate (3.58%)	1.0% Increase (4.58%)
Total OPEB liability	\$ 526,260	\$ 435,446	\$ 365,350

Sensitivity of the total OPEB liability to changes in the healthcare cost trend rates – The following presents the total OPEB liability of the City, as well as what the City’s total OPEB liability would be if it were calculated using healthcare cost trend rates that are 1-percentage-point lower (4.5%) or 1-percentage-point higher (6.5%) than the current healthcare trend rates:

	1.0% Decrease (4.5%)	Current Trend (5.5%)	1.0% Increase (6.5%)
Total OPEB liability	\$ 374,167	\$ 435,446	\$ 515,557

OPEB Expense and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to OPEB

For the year ended March 31, 2024, the City recognized OPEB expense of \$-95,152. At March 31, 2024, the City reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB from the following sources:

	Deferred Outflows of Resources	Deferred Inflows of Resources
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$ 88,684	\$ (297,906)
Changes in assumptions	139,539	(21,007)
Total	\$ 228,223	\$ (318,913)

Amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB will be recognized in OPEB expense as follows:

Years ending March 31:	
2025	(120,296)
2026	(32,360)
2027	(29,875)
2028	26,725
2029	21,722
Thereafter	43,388

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NOTE D – OTHER NOTES (Continued)

4. Contingencies and Commitments

The City is a defendant in several lawsuits including claims for damages from wrongful deaths, civil rights violations, injuries, property damage and other actions. The City's attorneys have evaluated the open claims for the likelihood of an unfavorable outcome to the City and an amount of potential loss. In most instances neither the outcome nor the amount of a potential loss could be estimated.

The City carries insurance for general liability coverage in the amount of \$3,000,000 per occurrence \$6,000,000 aggregate, wrongful act liability coverage in the amount of \$3,000,000 per occurrence \$6,000,000 aggregate and auto liability coverage in the amount of \$1,000,000 per occurrence.

Deductibles under these coverage's are \$200,000 for auto liability and \$300,000 for other coverages per occurrence. The City's third-party administrator has actuarially computed the City's liability in all cases as of March 31, 2024, to be \$584,704. The City has not accrued a liability on its financial statements to provide for the estimated amount but it has provided a reserve of fund balance in its General Fund under the caption "Reserve for separation and settlement" in the amount of \$209,162. The City provides for anticipated settlement in the subsequent fiscal year in its annual budget.

5. Subsequent Events

Management of the City of Gretna has evaluated subsequent events through September 27, 2024, the date which the financial statements were available to be issued. The City is not aware of any subsequent events which would require recognition or disclosure in the financial statements.

REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

CITY OF GRETNA, LOUISIANA
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances - Budget and Actual
GENERAL FUND
For the Year Ended March 31, 2023

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual	Variance with Final Budget
	Original	Final		
REVENUES				
Ad valorem	\$ 4,200,000	\$ 4,405,000	\$ 4,612,196	\$ 207,196
Sales	10,297,758	11,010,855	11,011,494	639
Franchise	707,500	661,494	654,301	(7,193)
Intergovernmental	1,690,450	3,852,999	4,668,821	815,822
Charges for services	326,500	271,500	427,073	155,573
Fines and forfeitures	1,959,728	1,592,221	1,777,574	185,353
Licenses and permits	1,175,150	1,127,000	1,311,283	184,283
Miscellaneous	667,924	1,697,840	1,909,993	212,153
Total revenues	<u>21,025,010</u>	<u>24,618,909</u>	<u>26,372,735</u>	<u>1,753,826</u>
EXPENDITURES				
General government				
Administration	1,448,033	1,622,323	1,658,004	(35,681)
Clerk	242,120	231,419	241,288	(9,869)
Council	274,161	285,153	261,687	23,466
Attorney	390,000	355,500	316,476	39,024
Financial administration	870,885	971,386	1,036,586	(65,200)
Total general government	<u>3,225,199</u>	<u>3,465,781</u>	<u>3,514,041</u>	<u>(48,260)</u>
Public safety				
City Court	887,565	878,391	846,611	31,780
Police	9,010,183	9,284,240	9,365,179	(80,939)
City Development/Zoning& Code	1,255,920	2,310,206	1,481,317	828,889
Communication	454,093	500,659	499,735	924
Emergency preparedness	-	116,714	110,978	5,736
Total public safety	<u>11,607,761</u>	<u>13,090,210</u>	<u>12,303,821</u>	<u>786,389</u>
Public works				
Engineering	125,000	90,000	120,491	(30,491)
Streets & drainage maintenance	3,259,221	4,961,140	4,088,804	872,336
Total public works	<u>3,384,221</u>	<u>5,051,140</u>	<u>4,209,294</u>	<u>841,846</u>
Cemetery	78,818	77,700	71,195	6,505
Debt service				
Principal retirement	-	-	546,490	(546,490)
Interest	-	-	35,865	(35,865)
Capital outlay	2,578,500	7,283,045	8,695,748	(1,412,703)
Total expenditures	<u>20,874,499</u>	<u>28,967,876</u>	<u>29,376,454</u>	<u>(408,578)</u>
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	<u>150,511</u>	<u>(4,348,967)</u>	<u>(3,003,719)</u>	<u>1,345,248</u>
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)				
Transfers in	-	7,938,175	4,938,175	3,000,000
Transfers out	(250,000)	(5,919,675)	(5,880,300)	(39,375)
Lease liabilities issued	-	-	791,797	(791,797)
Total other financing sources (uses)	<u>(250,000)</u>	<u>2,018,500</u>	<u>(150,328)</u>	<u>2,168,828</u>
Net change in fund balances	(99,489)	(2,330,467)	(3,154,047)	(823,580)
Fund balances - beginning	9,984,814	9,984,303	9,984,303	-
Fund balances - ending	<u>\$ 9,885,325</u>	<u>\$ 7,653,836</u>	<u>\$ 6,830,256</u>	<u>\$ (823,580)</u>

CITY OF GRETNA, LOUISIANA
Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances - Budget and Actual
FIRE PROTECTION
For the Year Ended March 31, 2024

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual	Variance with Final Budget
	Original	Final		
REVENUES				
Ad valorem	2,725,000	2,740,000	3,037,660	297,660
Intergovernmental	98,500	186,026	156,698	(29,328)
Miscellaneous	10,750	125,000	150,826	25,826
Total revenues	<u>2,834,250</u>	<u>3,051,026</u>	<u>3,345,184</u>	<u>294,158</u>
EXPENDITURES				
Current:				
Public safety	2,287,300	3,006,200	3,008,690	(2,490)
Total current	<u>2,287,300</u>	<u>3,006,200</u>	<u>3,008,690</u>	<u>(2,490)</u>
Capital outlay:				
Capital Outlay	500,000	850,000	762,478	87,522
Total capital outlay	<u>500,000</u>	<u>850,000</u>	<u>762,478</u>	<u>87,522</u>
Total expenditures	<u>2,787,300</u>	<u>3,856,200</u>	<u>3,771,168</u>	<u>85,032</u>
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over exp	<u>46,950</u>	<u>(805,174)</u>	<u>(425,984)</u>	<u>379,190</u>
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)				
Transfers in	-	-	6	6
Transfers out	(459,350)	(459,350)	(459,356)	(6)
Total other financing sources (uses)	<u>(459,350)</u>	<u>(459,350)</u>	<u>(459,350)</u>	<u>-</u>
Net change in fund balances	(412,400)	(1,264,524)	(885,334)	379,190
Fund balances - beginning	\$ 3,794,959	\$ 3,794,959	\$ 3,794,959	\$ -
Fund balances - ending	<u>\$ 3,382,559</u>	<u>\$ 2,530,435</u>	<u>\$ 2,909,625</u>	<u>\$ 379,190</u>

CITY OF GRETNA, LOUISIANA
Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances - Budget and Actual
AMBULANCE
For the Year Ended March 31, 2024

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual	Variance with Final Budget
	Original	Final		
REVENUES				
Ad valorem	1,145,000	1,242,688	1,291,444	48,756
Charges for services	1,125,000	1,010,010	1,004,965	(5,045)
Miscellaneous	30,000	57,392	73,965	16,573
Total revenues	<u>2,300,000</u>	<u>2,310,090</u>	<u>2,370,373</u>	<u>60,283</u>
EXPENDITURES				
Current:				
Public safety	2,088,436	2,058,747	1,949,598	109,149
Total current	<u>2,088,436</u>	<u>2,058,747</u>	<u>1,949,598</u>	<u>109,149</u>
Total expenditures	<u>2,088,436</u>	<u>2,058,747</u>	<u>1,949,598</u>	<u>109,149</u>
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over exp	<u>211,564</u>	<u>251,343</u>	<u>420,775</u>	<u>169,432</u>
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)				
Transfers in	-	-	648,163	648,163
Transfers out	-	-	(648,163)	(648,163)
Total other financing sources (uses)	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Net change in fund balances	211,564	251,343	420,775	169,432
Fund balances - beginning	\$ 2,153,961	\$ 2,153,961	\$ 2,153,961	\$ -
Fund balances - ending	<u>\$ 2,365,525</u>	<u>\$ 2,405,304</u>	<u>\$ 2,574,736</u>	<u>\$ 169,432</u>

CITY OF GRETNA, LOUISIANA
Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances - Budget and Actual
CAPITAL PROJECTS
For the Year Ended March 31, 2024

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual	Variance with Final Budget
	Original	Final		
REVENUES				
Intergovernmental	1,044,000	928,186	2,956,004	2,027,818
Total revenues	<u>1,044,000</u>	<u>928,186</u>	<u>2,956,004</u>	<u>2,027,818</u>
EXPENDITURES				
Current:				
Public works	700,000	2,000,000	1,082,693	917,307
Total current	<u>700,000</u>	<u>2,000,000</u>	<u>1,082,693</u>	<u>917,307</u>
Capital outlay:				
Capital Outlay	2,155,249	1,180,000	534,196	645,804
Total capital outlay	<u>2,155,249</u>	<u>1,180,000</u>	<u>534,196</u>	<u>645,804</u>
Total expenditures	<u>2,855,249</u>	<u>3,180,000</u>	<u>1,616,890</u>	<u>1,563,110</u>
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	<u>(1,811,249)</u>	<u>(2,251,814)</u>	<u>1,339,114</u>	<u>3,590,928</u>
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)				
Transfers in	150,000	6,687,417	6,542,770	(144,647)
Transfers out	(200,860)	(10,026,966)	(6,617,383)	3,409,583
Total other financing sources (uses)	<u>(50,860)</u>	<u>(3,339,549)</u>	<u>(74,612)</u>	<u>3,264,937</u>
Net change in fund balances	(1,862,109)	(5,591,363)	1,264,501	6,855,864
Fund balances - beginning	\$ 11,169,534	\$ 11,169,534	\$ 11,169,534	\$ -
Fund balances - ending	<u>\$ 9,307,425</u>	<u>\$ 5,578,171</u>	<u>\$ 12,434,035</u>	<u>\$ 6,855,864</u>

CITY OF GRETNA, LOUISIANA
Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances - Budget and Actual
DEBT SERVICE
For the Year Ended March 31, 2024

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual	Variance with Final Budget
	Original	Final		
REVENUES				
Sales	1,121,658	1,031,658	1,031,658	-
Miscellaneous	22,900	89,289	92,402	3,113
Total revenues	<u>1,144,558</u>	<u>1,120,947</u>	<u>1,124,060</u>	<u>3,113</u>
EXPENDITURES				
Debt service:				
Principal retirement	1,346,000	1,346,000	1,346,000	-
Interest	427,287	425,043	427,043	(2,000)
Total debt service	<u>1,773,287</u>	<u>1,771,043</u>	<u>1,773,043</u>	<u>(2,000)</u>
Total expenditures	<u>1,773,287</u>	<u>1,771,043</u>	<u>1,773,043</u>	<u>(2,000)</u>
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over exp	(628,729)	(650,096)	(648,983)	1,113
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)				
Transfers in	645,629	645,629	645,629	-
Total other financing sources (uses)	<u>645,629</u>	<u>645,629</u>	<u>645,629</u>	<u>-</u>
Net change in fund balances	16,900	(4,467)	(3,354)	1,113
Fund balances - beginning	\$ 1,578,065	\$ 1,578,065	\$ 1,578,065	\$ -
Fund balances - ending	<u>\$ 1,594,965</u>	<u>\$ 1,573,598</u>	<u>\$ 1,574,711</u>	<u>\$ 1,113</u>

CITY OF GRETNA, LOUISIANA
Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances - Budget and Actual
POLICE GRANT FUND
For the Year Ended March 31, 2024

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual	Variance with Final Budget
	Original	Final		
REVENUES				
Intergovernmental	1,195,140	1,016,467	1,061,693	45,226
Miscellaneous	-	11,785	11,791	6
Total revenues	<u>1,195,140</u>	<u>1,028,252</u>	<u>1,073,484</u>	<u>45,232</u>
EXPENDITURES				
Current:				
Unassigned	34,000	-	-	-
General government	30,000	-	-	-
Public safety	839,000	898,000	829,871	68,129
Public works	-	13,000	13,000	-
Culture and recreation	40,000	275,000	207,354	67,646
Total current	<u>943,000</u>	<u>1,186,000</u>	<u>1,050,225</u>	<u>135,775</u>
Capital outlay:				
Capital Outlay	400,000	400,000	258,418	141,582
Total capital outlay	<u>400,000</u>	<u>400,000</u>	<u>258,418</u>	<u>141,582</u>
Total expenditures	<u>1,343,000</u>	<u>1,586,000</u>	<u>1,308,643</u>	<u>277,357</u>
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over exp	<u>(147,860)</u>	<u>(557,748)</u>	<u>(235,158)</u>	<u>322,590</u>
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)				
Transfers in	147,860	544,548	266,737	(277,811)
Total other financing sources (uses)	<u>147,860</u>	<u>544,548</u>	<u>266,737</u>	<u>(277,811)</u>
Net change in fund balances	-	(13,200)	31,579	44,779
Fund balances - beginning	\$ 139,204	\$ 139,204	\$ 139,204	\$ -
Fund balances - ending	<u>\$ 139,204</u>	<u>\$ 126,004</u>	<u>\$ 170,783</u>	<u>\$ 44,779</u>

CITY OF GRETN, LOUISIANA
SCHEDULE OF CHANGES IN NET OPEB LIABILITY AND RELATED RATIOS
For The Year Ended March 31, 2024

Total OPEB Liability	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2024</u>
Service cost	\$ 22,152	\$ 22,776	\$ 8,666	\$ 8,740	\$ 12,458	\$ 11,019
Interest	38,429	35,326	26,550	17,252	18,458	14,125
Changes of benefit terms	-	-	-	-	-	-
Differences between expected and actual experience	(9,180)	113,637	(614,623)	(46,409)	(251,960)	27,996
Changes of assumptions	8,403	147,694	174,946	33,983	(31,039)	(2,980)
Benefit payments	(112,521)	(118,710)	(45,070)	(47,549)	(34,682)	(36,589)
Net change in total OPEB liability	(52,717)	200,723	(449,531)	(33,983)	(286,765)	13,571
Total OPEB liability - beginning	1,044,148	991,431	1,192,154	742,623	708,640	421,875
Total OPEB liability - ending (a)	\$ 991,431	\$ 1,192,154	\$ 742,623	\$ 708,640	\$ 421,875	\$ 435,446
Covered-employee payroll	\$ 10,094,467	\$ 10,498,245	\$ 10,202,676	\$ 10,610,783	\$ 10,792,890	\$ 11,224,605
Net OPEB liability as a percentage of covered-employee payroll	9.82%	11.36%	7.28%	6.68%	3.91%	3.88%
Notes to Schedule:						
<i>Benefit Changes:</i>	None	None	None	None	None	None
<i>Changes of Assumptions:</i>						
<i>Discount Rate:</i>	3.79%	2.27%	2.40%	2.67%	3.50%	3.58%
<i>Mortality:</i>	RP-2000	RP-2000	RP-2000	RP-2000	RP-2000	RP-2000
<i>Trend:</i>	5.5%	5.5%	4.5% to 5.5%	4.5% to 5.5%	4.5% to 5.5%	4.5% to 5.5%

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CITY OF GRETNA, LOUISIANA
SCHEDULE OF EMPLOYER'S PROPORTIONATE SHARE OF NET PENSION LIABILITY
Year Ended March 31, 2024*

Year Ended June 30,	Plan	Employer Proportion of the Net Pension Liability (Asset)	Employer Share of the Net Pension Liability (Asset)	Employer's Covered Employee Payroll	Employer Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability (Asset) as a Percentage of its Covered Employee Payroll	Plan Fiduciary Net Position As a Percentage of the Total Pension Liability
2023	MERS	3.436684%	\$12,560,615	\$6,889,007	182.33%	72.46%
2022	MERS	3.094785%	\$12,853,366	\$5,811,602	221.17%	67.87%
2021	MERS	2.987473%	\$ 8,309,666	\$5,908,287	140.64%	77.82%
2020	MERS	3.022682%	\$13,068,290	\$5,788,683	225.76%	64.52%
2019	MERS	2.976602%	\$12,438,212	\$5,501,446	226.09%	64.68%
2018	MERS	2.827925%	\$11,709,526	\$5,176,978	226.18%	63.94%
2017	MERS	2.784653%	\$11,649,378	\$5,057,190	230.35%	62.49%
2016	MERS	2.759553%	\$11,310,609	\$4,929,524	229.45%	62.11%
2015	MERS	2.728560%	\$ 9,746,844	\$4,656,998	209.29%	66.18%
2023	MPERS	1.666458%	\$17,606,077	\$5,645,346	311.87%	71.30%
2022	MPERS	1.589043%	\$16,242,840	\$4,888,099	332.29%	70.80%
2021	MPERS	1.708110%	\$ 9,105,160	\$5,212,885	174.67%	84.09%
2020	MPERS	1.776460%	\$16,418,631	\$5,489,760	299.08%	70.94%
2019	MPERS	1.840604%	\$16,715,767	\$5,748,011	290.81%	71.01%
2018	MPERS	1.755126%	\$14,837,942	\$5,195,650	285.58%	71.89%
2017	MPERS	1.774431%	\$15,417,028	\$5,270,319	292.53%	70.08%
2016	MPERS	1.774431%	\$16,631,418	\$4,872,952	341.30%	66.04%
2015	MPERS	1.788425%	\$14,010,440	\$4,719,875	296.84%	70.73%

*The amounts presented have a measurement date of June 30, 2023

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CITY OF GRETNA, LOUISIANA
SCHEDULE OF EMPLOYER'S CONTRIBUTIONS
Year Ended March 31, 2024

Year Ended March 31,	Plan	Contractually Required Contribution	Contributions in Relation to Contractually Required Contribution	Contribution Deficiency (Excess)	Employer's Covered Employee Payroll	Contributions as a % of Covered Employee Payroll
2024	MERS	\$ 2,169,894	\$ 2,169,894	\$ -	\$ 7,355,522	29.50%
2023	MERS	\$ 1,890,264	\$ 1,890,264	\$ -	\$ 6,407,673	29.50%
2022	MERS	\$ 1,707,291	\$ 1,707,291	\$ -	\$ 5,787,429	29.50%
2021	MERS	\$ 1,710,624	\$ 1,710,624	\$ -	\$ 5,867,330	29.16%
2020	MERS	\$ 1,560,018	\$ 1,560,018	\$ -	\$ 5,707,885	27.33%
2019	MERS	\$ 1,403,072	\$ 1,403,072	\$ -	\$ 5,453,294	25.73%
2018	MERS	\$ 1,244,310	\$ 1,244,310	\$ -	\$ 5,140,022	24.21%
2017	MERS	\$ 1,143,736	\$ 1,143,736	\$ -	\$ 5,231,646	21.86%
2016	MERS	\$ 961,580	\$ 961,580	\$ -	\$ 4,869,129	19.75%
2024	MPERS	\$ 1,815,550	\$ 1,815,550	\$ -	\$ 5,466,391	33.21%
2023	MPERS	\$ 1,667,660	\$ 1,667,660	\$ -	\$ 5,394,301	30.92%
2022	MPERS	\$ 1,494,891	\$ 1,494,891	\$ -	\$ 4,871,532	30.69%
2021	MPERS	\$ 1,770,160	\$ 1,770,160	\$ -	\$ 5,291,869	33.45%
2020	MPERS	\$ 1,790,214	\$ 1,790,214	\$ -	\$ 5,518,312	32.44%
2019	MPERS	\$ 1,802,415	\$ 1,802,415	\$ -	\$ 5,644,294	31.93%
2018	MPERS	\$ 1,625,751	\$ 1,625,751	\$ -	\$ 5,246,699	30.99%
2017	MPERS	\$ 1,670,238	\$ 1,670,238	\$ -	\$ 5,094,098	32.79%
2016	MPERS	\$ 1,490,376	\$ 1,490,376	\$ -	\$ 4,852,165	30.72%

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OTHER SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

CITY OF GRETNA, LOUISIANA
Combining Balance Sheet
Nonmajor Special revenue funds
March 31, 2024

	GARBAGE	RECREATION	SOCIAL SERV FOR THE AGED	STREET LIGHTS	TOURISM	HOME INCARCERATION	COURT SECURITY 24TH JDC	COURT SECURITY 2ND	Total Nonmajor Special revenue funds
ASSETS									
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 14,463	\$ 705,391	\$ 301,116	\$ 2,144,597	\$ -	\$ 141,388	\$ 306,600	\$ 184,258	\$ 3,797,813
Receivables, net	324,082	60,018	5,884	47,029	36,475	-	-	-	473,489
Due from other governments	-	-	-	-	435,271	69,919	171,115	54,681	730,986
Total assets	<u>\$ 338,546</u>	<u>\$ 765,408</u>	<u>\$ 307,000</u>	<u>\$ 2,191,626</u>	<u>\$ 471,746</u>	<u>\$ 211,307</u>	<u>\$ 477,715</u>	<u>\$ 238,939</u>	<u>\$ 5,002,288</u>
LIABILITIES									
Accounts payable	\$ 155,047	\$ 15,222	\$ 143	\$ 36,745	\$ 9,007	\$ 2,566	\$ 1,304	\$ 431	\$ 220,465
Due to other funds	-	-	-	-	63,094	-	-	-	63,094
Total liabilities	<u>155,047</u>	<u>15,222</u>	<u>143</u>	<u>36,745</u>	<u>72,101</u>	<u>2,566</u>	<u>1,304</u>	<u>431</u>	<u>283,559</u>
Total liabilities and deferred inflows of resourc	<u>155,047</u>	<u>15,222</u>	<u>143</u>	<u>36,745</u>	<u>72,101</u>	<u>2,566</u>	<u>1,304</u>	<u>431</u>	<u>283,559</u>
FUND BALANCES (DEFICITS)									
Assigned	<u>183,499</u>	<u>750,186</u>	<u>306,857</u>	<u>2,154,882</u>	<u>399,380</u>	<u>208,741</u>	<u>476,410</u>	<u>238,508</u>	<u>4,718,463</u>
Unallocated	-	-	-	-	265	-	-	-	265
Total fund balances (deficits)	<u>183,499</u>	<u>750,186</u>	<u>306,857</u>	<u>2,154,882</u>	<u>399,645</u>	<u>208,741</u>	<u>476,410</u>	<u>238,508</u>	<u>4,718,728</u>
Total liabilities and fund balances (deficits)	<u>\$ 338,546</u>	<u>\$ 765,408</u>	<u>\$ 307,000</u>	<u>\$ 2,191,626</u>	<u>\$ 471,746</u>	<u>\$ 211,307</u>	<u>\$ 477,715</u>	<u>\$ 238,939</u>	<u>\$ 5,002,288</u>

The notes to financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

CITY OF GRETNA, LOUISIANA
Combining Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances
Nonmajor Special revenue funds
For the Year Ended March 31, 2024

	GARBAGE	RECREATION	SOCIAL SERV FOR THE AGED	STREET LIGHTS	TOURISM	HOME INCARCERATION	COURT SECURITY 24TH JDC	COURT SECURITY 2ND PARISH	Total Nonmajor Special revenue funds
REVENUES									
Ad valorem	-	871,020	96,780	773,471	-	-	-	-	1,741,271
Sales	-	-	-	-	341,338	-	-	-	341,338
Intergovernmental	-	-	-	-	1,056,134	909,287	1,547,626	326,008	3,839,056
Charges for services	1,837,323	126,249	-	-	66,680	-	-	-	2,030,252
Miscellaneous	-	17,070	2,300	-	88,936	-	18,892	-	127,198
Total revenues	<u>1,837,323</u>	<u>1,014,339</u>	<u>99,080</u>	<u>773,471</u>	<u>1,553,088</u>	<u>909,287</u>	<u>1,566,519</u>	<u>326,008</u>	<u>8,079,115</u>
EXPENDITURES									
Current:									
Public safety	-	-	-	-	-	933,270	1,419,642	309,487	2,662,399
Public works	1,817,978	-	-	410,161	-	-	-	-	2,228,140
Culture and recreation	-	926,898	66,496	-	2,249,893	-	-	-	3,243,287
Capital outlay:									
Capital Outlay	-	6,340	-	-	72,500	-	-	-	78,840
Total expenditures	<u>1,817,978</u>	<u>933,238</u>	<u>66,496</u>	<u>410,161</u>	<u>2,322,393</u>	<u>933,270</u>	<u>1,419,642</u>	<u>309,487</u>	<u>8,212,666</u>
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over ex	<u>19,345</u>	<u>81,101</u>	<u>32,584</u>	<u>363,309</u>	<u>(769,306)</u>	<u>(23,983)</u>	<u>146,877</u>	<u>16,521</u>	<u>(133,551)</u>
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)									
Transfers in	-	165,427	-	-	806,729	-	-	-	972,155
Transfers out	-	(165,427)	-	-	(56,729)	-	-	-	(222,155)
Total other financing sources (uses)	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>750,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>750,000</u>
Net change in fund balances	19,345	81,101	32,584	363,309	(19,306)	(23,983)	146,877	16,521	616,449
Fund balances - beginning	\$ 164,154	\$ 669,085	\$ 274,273	\$ 1,791,572	\$ 418,951	\$ 232,724	\$ 329,533	\$ 221,986	\$ 4,102,280
Fund balances - ending	<u>\$ 183,499</u>	<u>\$ 750,186</u>	<u>\$ 306,857</u>	<u>\$ 2,154,882</u>	<u>\$ 399,645</u>	<u>\$ 208,741</u>	<u>\$ 476,410</u>	<u>\$ 238,508</u>	<u>\$ 4,718,728</u>

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CITY OF GRETNA, LOUISIANA
Justice System Funding Schedule - Collecting/Disbursing Entity

Cash Basis Presentation	First Six Month Period Ended 9/30/2023	Second Six Month Period Ended 3/31/2024
Beginning Balance of Amounts Collected (i.e. cash on hand)	\$ -	\$ -
Add: Collections		
Civil Fees (<i>including refundable amounts such as garnishments or advance deposits</i>)	585	215
Pre-Trial Diversion Program Fees	360,781	429,850
Criminal Court Costs/Fees	155,266	142,866
Criminal Fines - Contempt	7,330	6,038
Criminal Fines - Other	346,628	321,872
Service/Collection Fees (e.g. credit card fees, report fees, 3rd party service fees)	25,576	26,443
Other	780	720
Subtotal Collections	896,946	928,004
Less: Disbursements To Governments & Nonprofits:		
Jefferson Parish Public Defenders Office:		
Indigent Defendant Fund, Criminal Court Cost/Fees	43,841	40,314
Louisiana Commission on Law Enforcement:		
Crime Victim Rep. Fund, Criminal Court Cost/Fees	630	720
Criminal Court Cost/Fees	2,484	2,284
Louisiana Association of Chiefs of Police:		
Criminal Court Cost/Fees	2,528	2,328
Supreme Court of Louisiana:		
Case Management Information System, Criminal Court Cost/Fees	3,724	3,435
Judicial College Collection Fund, Criminal Court Cost/Fees	603	551
Louisiana Dept. of Health and Hospitals:		
Criminal Court Cost/Fees	1,627	1,850
Crimestoppers Inc.:		
Criminal Court Cost/Fees	2,484	2,275
Less: Amounts Retained by Collecting Agency		
Collection Fee for Collecting/Disbursing to Others Based on Fixed Amount	16,358	14,924
Amounts "Self-Disbursed" to Collecting Agency		
Civil Fees (<i>including refundable amounts such as garnishments or advance deposits</i>)	585	215
Pre-Trial Diversion Program Fees	360,781	429,849
Criminal Court Costs/Fees	80,087	74,186
Criminal Fines - Contempt	7,330	6,038
Criminal Fines - Other	346,628	321,872
Service/Collection Fees (e.g. credit card fees, report fees, 3rd party service fees)	12,540	13,848
Other	2,480	1,170
Less: Disbursements to Individuals/3rd Party Collection or Processing Agencies		
Payments to 3rd Party Collection/Processing Agencies	12,236	12,145
Subtotal Disbursements/Retainage	896,946	928,004
Total: Ending Balance of Amounts Collected but not Disbursed/Retained (i.e. cash on hand)	\$ -	\$ -
Ending Balance of "Partial Payments" Collected but not Disbursed	\$ -	\$ -
Other Information:		
Ending Balance of Total Amounts Assessed but not yet Collected	-	-
Total Waivers During the Fiscal Period	-	-

CITY OF GRETNA, LOUISIANA
Justice System Funding Schedule - Receiving Entity

	First Six Month Period Ended <u>9/30/2023</u>	Second Six Month Period <u>Ended 3/31/2024</u>
Cash Basis Presentation		
Receipts From:		
Orleans Parish District Attorney Asset Forfeiture Sales	\$ 58,564	\$ 12,585
Jefferson Parish District Attorney Asset Forfeiture Sales	395	-
Subtotal Receipts	\$ 58,959	\$ 12,585
Ending Balance of Amounts Assessed but Not Received	\$ -	\$ -

CITY OF GRETNA, LOUISIANA
SCHEDULE OF COMPENSATION PAID TO CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS
For The Year Ended March 31, 2024

<u>Council Member</u>	<u>Salary</u>
Wayne A. Rau	\$ 28,769
Mark Miller	\$ 23,962
Rudy Smith	\$ 23,962
Jackie J. Berthelot	\$ 23,962
Mike Hinyub	\$ 23,962

CITY OF GRETNA, LOUISIANA
SCHEDULE OF COMPENSATION, REIMBURSEMENTS, BENEFITS
AND OTHER PAYMENTS TO AGENCY HEAD
For The Year Ended March 31, 2024

Agency Head: Mayor Belinda Constant	AMOUNT
Salary	\$ 128,462
Benefits - insurance	10,978
Benefits - retirement	36,421
Benefits - other	82
Travel	10,684
Registration fees	2,725
Total	\$ 189,352

**CITY OF GRETN
SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2024**

FEDERAL GRANTOR / PASS-THROUGH GRANTOR / PROGRAM TITLE	ASSISTANCE LISTING NUMBER	GRANT NUMBER	CURRENT YEAR EXPENDITURES
DIRECT AWARDS			
<u>DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE</u>			
Bullet Proof Vest Partnership	16.607	2022 Fund	\$ 6,766
Bullet Proof Vest Partnership	16.607	2021 Fund	7,127
			<u>13,893</u>
Public Safety Partnership and Community Policing Grants	16.710	2020-UM-WX-0367	109,924
<u>DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL ENDOWMENT OF THE ARTS</u>			
East meets West	45.024	1855512-42-19	136,667
PASS-THROUGH AWARDS			
<u>DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE</u>			
<u>Louisiana Commission on Law Enforcement</u>			
Victim Assistance	16.575	2012-VA-03/04-6983	\$ 95,239
Victim Assistance	16.575	2022-VA-01/04-7358	39,047
			<u>134,286</u>
<u>Louisiana Commission on Law Enforcement</u>			
Street Sales Disruption	16.738	2022-DJ-01-8086	1,670
Street Sales Disruption	16.738	2021-DJ-01-7184	11,609
Laptop Replacement Program	16.738	2021-DJ-006-7189	11,861
			<u>25,140</u>
<u>EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT</u>			
<u>Jefferson Parish Sheriff's Office</u>			
High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas Program	95.001	G201C0001A	700
High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas Program	95.001	G22GC0001A	11,561
High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas Program	95.001	G23GC0001A	6,250
			<u>\$ 18,511</u>
<u>DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT</u>			
<u>State of Louisiana Office of Community Development</u>			
Love Louisiana Outdoors Program (LOVE LLOP)	14.228	B-20-DW-22-0001	255,708
<u>DEPARTMENT OF TREASURY</u>			
<u>State of Louisiana Division of Administration</u>			
COVID-19 Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds	21.027	GS-02	6,537,417
<u>DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY</u>			
<u>Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness</u>			
Hurricane Ida Cost	97.036	FEMA-4611-DR-LA	293,272
TOTAL EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS			<u><u>\$ 7,524,818</u></u>

CITY OF GRETNA, LOUISIANA
NOTES TO SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURE OF FEDERAL AWARDS
MARCH 31, 2024

NOTE A – BASIS OF PRESENTATION

The accompanying Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards (SEFA) includes the federal award activity of City under programs of the Federal government for the year ended March 31, 2024. The information in the SEFA is presented in accordance with the requirements of Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations Part 200, Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards (Uniform Guidance). Because the SEFA presents only a selected portion of the operations of the City, it is not intended to and does not present the financial position, changes in net assets, or cash flows of the City.

NOTE B - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Expenditures reported in the SEFA has been prepared on the accrual basis of accounting, the same basis of accounting the City uses to prepare the financial statements. Such expenditures are recognized following the cost principles contained in the Uniform Guidance, wherein certain types of expenditures are not allowable or are limited as to reimbursement. Grant revenues are recorded for financial reporting purposes when the City has met the qualifications for the respective grants.

During the fiscal year the City received FEMA reimbursements for Hurricane Isaac and Hurricane Ida. These federal reimbursements under ALN 97.036 relate to expenditures reported in a prior year(s) and not reflected on the SEFA for the year ended March 31, 2024.

NOTE C – INDIRECT COST RATE

The City has elected not to use the 10 percent de minimis indirect cost rate allowed under the Uniform Guidance.

STATISTICAL SECTION
(Unaudited)

**CITY OF GRETNA, LOUISIANA
NET POSITION BY COMPONENT
LAST TEN FISCAL YEARS
(Unaudited)**

	Fiscal Year									
	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Governmental activities										
Net investment in capital assets	\$ 35,809,790	\$ 41,067,410	\$ 44,777,129	\$ 54,674,544	\$ 55,124,729	\$ 56,497,284	\$ 55,996,815	\$ 59,744,921	\$ 71,676,434	\$ 78,846,101
Restricted	14,926,857	15,146,697	14,587,783	13,155,564	13,216,619	23,261,204	27,057,793	24,752,941	24,674,872	25,658,221
Unrestricted	1,682,356	(14,388,130)	(16,327,504)	(17,742,692)	(16,783,112)	(27,230,664)	(25,640,404)	(20,741,572)	(17,507,728)	(20,001,828)
Total governmental net position	<u>\$ 52,419,003</u>	<u>\$ 41,825,977</u>	<u>\$ 43,037,408</u>	<u>\$ 50,087,416</u>	<u>\$ 51,558,236</u>	<u>\$ 52,527,824</u>	<u>\$ 57,414,204</u>	<u>\$ 63,756,290</u>	<u>\$ 78,843,578</u>	<u>\$ 84,502,494</u>
 Business-type activities										
Net investment in capital assets	\$ 16,544,576	\$ 16,544,576	\$ 16,544,576	\$ 16,544,576	\$ 16,544,574	\$ 16,544,574	\$ 16,544,574	\$ 16,544,574	\$ 16,544,574	\$ 16,544,574
Restricted	38,234	53,234	64,234	76,734	76,734	88,734	88,734	3,292,693	-	-
Unrestricted	7,081,525	5,510,361	5,966,536	7,403,936	7,523,631	7,993,706	8,534,483	8,691,083	9,122,729	9,065,350
Total business-type net position	<u>\$ 23,664,335</u>	<u>\$ 22,108,171</u>	<u>\$ 22,575,346</u>	<u>\$ 24,025,246</u>	<u>\$ 24,144,939</u>	<u>\$ 24,627,014</u>	<u>\$ 25,167,791</u>	<u>\$ 28,528,350</u>	<u>\$ 25,667,303</u>	<u>\$ 25,609,924</u>
 Primary governmental										
Net investment in capital assets	\$ 52,354,366	\$ 57,611,986	\$ 61,321,705	\$ 71,219,120	\$ 71,669,303	\$ 73,041,858	\$ 72,541,389	\$ 76,289,495	\$ 88,221,008	\$ 95,390,675
Restricted	14,965,091	15,199,931	14,652,017	13,232,298	13,293,353	23,349,938	27,146,527	28,045,634	24,674,872	25,658,221
Unrestricted	8,763,880	(8,877,769)	(10,360,968)	(10,338,756)	(9,259,481)	(19,236,958)	(17,105,921)	(12,050,489)	(8,384,999)	(10,936,478)
Total primary governmental net position	<u>\$ 76,083,337</u>	<u>\$ 63,934,148</u>	<u>\$ 65,612,754</u>	<u>\$ 74,112,662</u>	<u>\$ 75,703,175</u>	<u>\$ 77,154,838</u>	<u>\$ 82,581,995</u>	<u>\$ 92,284,640</u>	<u>\$ 104,510,881</u>	<u>\$ 110,112,418</u>

CITY OF GRETNA, LOUISIANA
CHANGES IN NET POSITION
LAST TEN FISCAL YEARS
(Unaudited)

	Fiscal Year									
	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Expenses										
Governmental activities:										
General government	\$ 3,429,621	\$ 4,360,216	\$ 3,540,469	\$ 3,523,454	\$ 3,665,860	\$ 4,312,999	\$ 3,721,458	\$ 3,169,785	\$ 3,224,279	\$3,782,601
Public safety	17,718,839	18,188,685	20,220,044	19,485,234	20,886,068	21,902,144	21,468,874	21,126,051	20,806,654	22,829,688
Public works	6,820,303	6,505,554	6,837,253	6,794,738	6,742,671	6,690,529	7,389,824	8,479,426	9,524,611	9,336,398
Culture and recreation	2,000,082	2,361,037	2,340,042	2,654,110	2,267,293	2,612,755	1,641,495	1,642,546	2,957,675	4,096,561
Cemetery	70,678	69,781	71,694	73,576	78,063	78,122	58,613	85,399	75,124	71,195
Interest & issue cost on long-term debt	697,456	378,523	949,172	224,482	207,907	543,128	470,142	484,930	457,924	462,908
Total governmental activities expenses	<u>30,736,979</u>	<u>31,863,796</u>	<u>33,958,674</u>	<u>32,755,594</u>	<u>33,847,862</u>	<u>36,139,677</u>	<u>34,750,406</u>	<u>34,988,137</u>	<u>37,046,267</u>	<u>40,579,351</u>
Business-type activities:										
Water	2,920,161	2,992,061	3,173,731	3,323,990	3,219,688	3,197,543	3,236,025	3,524,253	3,528,424	3,919,566
Sewer	3,242,600	3,217,817	3,386,025	3,545,529	3,645,976	3,450,311	3,259,246	3,330,611	3,361,138	3,876,653
Total business-type activities expenses	6,162,761	6,209,878	6,559,756	6,869,519	6,865,664	6,647,854	6,495,271	6,854,864	6,889,562	7,796,219
Total primary government expenses	<u>\$ 36,899,740</u>	<u>\$ 38,073,674</u>	<u>\$ 40,518,430</u>	<u>\$ 39,625,113</u>	<u>\$ 40,713,526</u>	<u>\$ 42,787,531</u>	<u>\$ 41,245,677</u>	<u>\$ 41,843,001</u>	<u>\$ 43,935,829</u>	<u>\$ 48,375,570</u>
Program revenues										
Governmental activities:										
Charges for services										
General government	\$ 1,051,029	\$ 1,200,523	\$ 1,219,636	\$ 1,077,851	\$ 1,073,327	\$ 1,151,523	\$ 993,663	\$ 1,125,472	\$ 1,157,634	\$ 1,233,020
Public safety	464,590	578,065	815,594	1,194,706	965,792	1,131,418	1,115,812	1,058,824	1,384,922	1,004,965
Public works	1,507,094	1,496,519	1,589,914	1,573,769	1,585,179	1,600,230	1,599,863	1,618,774	1,710,216	1,837,323
Culture and recreation	72,370	96,291	106,708	184,784	131,361	188,329	40,194	167,080	184,023	192,929
Cemetery	-	-	-	-	-	5,800	17,300	17,950	19,050	14,400
Operating grants and contributions	610,272	1,200,154	1,380,407	1,005,284	762,917	854,896	3,209,605	831,199	1,710,806	4,370,298
Capital grants and contributions	5,041,121	2,673,217	3,460,629	9,243,359	1,307,760	1,115,055	2,108,501	2,746,029	7,932,514	1,969,596
Total governmental activities program revenues	<u>8,746,476</u>	<u>7,244,769</u>	<u>8,572,888</u>	<u>14,279,753</u>	<u>5,826,336</u>	<u>6,047,251</u>	<u>9,084,938</u>	<u>7,565,328</u>	<u>14,099,165</u>	<u>10,622,531</u>
Business-type activities:										
Charges for services										
Water	3,052,024	3,106,997	3,288,338	3,324,876	3,296,886	3,407,889	3,329,986	3,282,358	3,412,418	3,634,170
Sewer	2,859,960	2,955,240	3,103,572	3,116,200	3,100,414	3,243,058	3,209,800	3,182,051	3,266,177	3,450,900
Operating grants and contributions	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0
Capital grants and contributions	-	50,000	-	-	-	-	-	3,268,709	55,550	18,412
Total business-type activities program revenues	<u>5,911,984</u>	<u>6,112,237</u>	<u>6,391,910</u>	<u>6,441,076</u>	<u>6,397,300</u>	<u>6,650,947</u>	<u>6,539,786</u>	<u>9,733,118</u>	<u>6,734,145</u>	<u>7,103,482</u>
Total primary government program revenues	<u>\$ 14,658,460</u>	<u>\$ 13,357,006</u>	<u>\$ 14,964,798</u>	<u>\$ 20,720,829</u>	<u>\$ 12,223,636</u>	<u>\$ 12,698,198</u>	<u>\$ 15,624,724</u>	<u>\$ 17,298,446</u>	<u>\$ 20,833,310</u>	<u>\$ 17,726,013</u>
Net (Expense) Revenue										
Governmental activities	\$ (21,990,503)	\$ (24,619,027)	\$ (25,385,786)	\$ (18,475,841)	\$ (28,021,526)	\$ (30,092,426)	\$ (25,665,468)	\$ (27,422,809)	\$ (22,947,102)	\$ (29,956,820)
Business-type activities	(250,777)	(97,641)	(167,846)	(428,443)	(468,364)	3,093	44,515	2,878,254	(155,417)	(692,737)
Total primary government net expense	<u>\$ (22,241,280)</u>	<u>\$ (24,716,668)</u>	<u>\$ (25,553,632)</u>	<u>\$ (18,904,284)</u>	<u>\$ (28,489,890)</u>	<u>\$ (30,089,333)</u>	<u>\$ (25,620,953)</u>	<u>\$ (24,544,555)</u>	<u>\$ (23,102,519)</u>	<u>\$ (30,649,557)</u>
General Revenues and Other Changes in Net Position										
Governmental activities:										
Ad valorem taxes	\$ 7,022,225	\$ 7,137,305	\$ 6,939,897	\$ 7,714,156	\$ 8,966,940	\$ 9,208,324	\$ 9,317,894	\$ 9,154,419	\$ 9,753,941	\$ 10,682,571
Franchise taxes	754,657	744,777	710,653	688,198	695,044	671,601	636,473	669,732	747,831	654,301
Sales taxes	7,241,356	7,635,462	7,960,175	8,453,220	8,959,274	9,153,521	9,980,136	11,926,748	13,177,331	12,384,489
Occupational licenses	416,090	412,586	396,581	405,611	410,495	417,394	401,600	433,753	502,463	490,937
Intergovernmental revenues	5,321,766	5,398,168	5,699,349	5,811,977	6,164,485	6,374,506	5,595,821	7,398,888	6,444,005	6,397,459

CITY OF GRETNA, LOUISIANA
CHANGES IN NET POSITION
LAST TEN FISCAL YEARS
(Unaudited)

	Fiscal Year									
	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Fines and forfeitures	5,722,108	5,330,652	4,809,719	3,298,652	3,168,412	3,137,214	3,129,022	2,562,968	1,880,523	1,777,574
Investment earnings	8,667	7,723	25,601	87,238	204,357	257,555	26,597	27,829	1,002,204	1,674,775
Gain (loss) on sale of capital assets	100,679	60,523	56,938	292,107	367,362	71,357	59,856	224,010	38,739	44,232
Miscellaneous	265,378	3,980,095	10,590	5,092	937,273	1,583,713	1,150,267	1,111,994	924,352	1,255,148
Bond Premium	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	67,972	67,972	67,972
Transfers	(83,851)	-	(12,288)	(1,230,401)	95,373	186,825	186,210	186,585	3,455,650	186,279
Total governmental activities	<u>26,769,075</u>	<u>30,707,291</u>	<u>26,597,215</u>	<u>25,525,850</u>	<u>29,969,015</u>	<u>31,062,010</u>	<u>30,551,848</u>	<u>33,764,898</u>	<u>37,995,011</u>	<u>35,615,737</u>
Business-type activities:										
Ad valorem taxes	512,019	528,859	545,984	586,119	588,151	602,962	615,191	601,986	641,107	706,882
Investment earnings	23	223	134	102	96	-	-	-	-	53,740
Gain (loss) on sale of capital assets	35,304	-	5,605	3,010	11,882	-	-	-	-	-
Miscellaneous	19,386	78,812	71,010	58,712	83,301	62,845	67,282	66,904	66,105	61,015
Transfers	83,851	-	12,288	1,230,401	(95,373)	(186,825)	(186,210)	(186,585)	(3,455,650)	(186,279)
Total business-type activities	<u>650,583</u>	<u>607,894</u>	<u>635,021</u>	<u>1,878,344</u>	<u>588,057</u>	<u>478,982</u>	<u>496,263</u>	<u>482,305</u>	<u>(2,748,438)</u>	<u>635,358</u>
Total primary government	<u>\$ 27,419,658</u>	<u>\$ 31,315,185</u>	<u>\$ 27,232,236</u>	<u>\$ 27,404,194</u>	<u>\$ 30,557,072</u>	<u>\$ 31,540,992</u>	<u>\$ 31,048,111</u>	<u>\$ 34,247,203</u>	<u>\$ 35,246,573</u>	<u>\$ 36,251,095</u>
Change in Net Position										
Governmental activities	\$ 4,778,572	\$ 6,088,264	\$ 1,211,429	\$ 7,050,009	\$ 1,947,489	\$ 969,584	\$ 4,886,380	\$ 6,342,089	\$ 15,047,909	\$ 5,658,917
Business-type activities	399,806	510,253	467,175	1,449,901	119,693	482,075	540,778	3,360,559	(2,903,855)	(57,379)
Total primary government	<u>\$ 5,178,378</u>	<u>\$ 6,598,517</u>	<u>\$ 1,678,604</u>	<u>\$ 8,499,910</u>	<u>\$ 2,067,182</u>	<u>\$ 1,451,659</u>	<u>\$ 5,427,158</u>	<u>\$ 9,702,648</u>	<u>\$ 12,144,054</u>	<u>\$ 5,601,538</u>

CITY OF GRETNA, LOUISIANA
FUND BALANCES OF GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
LAST TEN FISCAL YEARS
(Unaudited)

	Fiscal Year									
	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
General Fund										
Nonspendable	\$ 192,330	\$ 205,282	\$ 279,070	\$ 289,532	\$ 301,714	\$ 319,664	\$ 1,019,042	\$ 394,171	\$ 500,650	\$ 546,670
Restricted	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Committed	4,941,943	2,868,786	2,275,474	1,303,723	625,421	1,007,765	1,074,397	1,302,870	708,910	708,910
Assigned	981,955	3,079,275	2,428,534	2,539,378	2,513,690	541,241	3,513,162	2,637,169	566,693	566,693
Unassigned	4,746,951	5,104,992	3,593,247	3,764,363	4,751,080	6,175,231	6,580,966	7,835,297	8,208,051	5,007,984
Total general fund	<u>\$ 10,863,179</u>	<u>\$ 11,258,335</u>	<u>\$ 8,576,325</u>	<u>\$ 7,896,996</u>	<u>\$ 8,191,905</u>	<u>\$ 8,043,902</u>	<u>\$ 12,187,567</u>	<u>\$ 12,169,507</u>	<u>\$ 9,984,304</u>	<u>\$ 6,830,257</u>
All other governmental funds										
Restricted	\$ 1,584,217	\$ 1,570,371	\$ 1,527,524	\$ 1,523,882	\$ 1,544,274	\$ 1,549,631	\$ 1,540,479	\$ 1,540,479	\$ 1,578,065	\$ 1,574,711
Committed	2,119,796	3,007,780	2,312,759	1,704,584	1,624,976	5,442,168	5,561,927	9,856,782	11,410,399	12,637,675
Assigned	5,106,615	4,415,206	5,764,422	5,415,169	6,606,544	14,400,735	14,348,785	9,021,471	9,949,539	10,170,233
Unassigned	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total other governmental funds	<u>\$ 8,810,628</u>	<u>\$ 8,993,357</u>	<u>\$ 9,604,705</u>	<u>\$ 8,643,635</u>	<u>\$ 9,775,794</u>	<u>\$ 21,392,534</u>	<u>\$ 21,451,191</u>	<u>\$ 20,418,732</u>	<u>\$ 22,938,003</u>	<u>\$ 24,382,619</u>

CITY OF GRETNA, LOUISIANA
CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES OF GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
LAST TEN FISCAL YEARS
(Unaudited)

	Fiscal Year										
	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
REVENUES											
Ad valorem	\$ 6,735,794	\$ 7,022,225	\$ 7,137,305	\$ 6,939,897	\$ 7,714,156	\$ 8,966,940	\$ 9,208,324	\$ 9,317,893	\$ 9,154,419	\$ 9,753,941	\$10,682,571
Sales	7,022,652	7,241,356	7,635,462	7,960,174	8,453,220	8,959,276	9,153,521	9,980,135	11,926,748	13,177,331	12,384,489
Franchise	730,981	754,657	744,777	710,653	688,198	695,044	671,601	636,473	669,732	747,831	654,301
Intergovernmental	7,963,595	10,967,159	9,268,539	9,834,487	16,019,592	8,172,171	8,297,921	10,864,131	10,859,616	16,027,675	12,682,271
Charges for services	2,323,201	2,276,954	2,575,328	3,065,633	3,341,432	3,061,513	3,257,861	3,053,165	3,220,710	3,650,587	3,462,290
Fines and forfeitures	5,776,364	5,722,108	5,330,652	4,809,721	3,298,652	3,168,412	3,137,215	3,129,022	2,562,968	1,880,523	1,777,574
Licenses and permits	1,131,354	1,234,219	1,208,656	1,062,801	1,095,288	1,104,641	1,236,833	1,115,269	1,201,142	1,307,721	1,311,283
Miscellaneous	666,785	575,099	3,912,824	1,238,491	803,763	990,471	1,344,998	523,050	788,170	1,564,408	2,366,175
Total revenues	<u>32,350,726</u>	<u>35,793,777</u>	<u>37,813,543</u>	<u>35,621,857</u>	<u>41,414,301</u>	<u>35,118,468</u>	<u>36,308,274</u>	<u>38,619,138</u>	<u>40,383,505</u>	<u>48,110,017</u>	<u>45,320,954</u>
EXPENDITURES											
Current:											
General government	2,662,325	3,034,070	3,966,374	3,150,509	3,171,783	2,788,267	3,052,418	2,854,983	3,160,707	3,340,594	3,514,041
Public safety	15,968,495	16,868,129	17,194,215	19,143,503	17,431,243	19,403,874	19,174,463	19,109,034	20,686,604	19,350,504	20,754,378
Public works	4,992,126	5,547,027	5,201,842	5,554,050	5,467,401	5,411,069	5,355,900	5,797,017	6,796,195	7,710,123	7,533,127
Culture and recreation	1,393,277	1,678,855	1,966,406	1,899,752	2,201,126	1,830,497	2,174,911	1,200,691	1,205,209	2,497,930	3,450,641
Cemetery	97,490	70,678	69,781	71,694	73,576	78,063	78,122	58,613	85,399	75,124	71,195
Debt service:											
Principal retirement	783,134	357,000	808,000	830,000	902,000	918,000	935,000	1,241,000	1,283,000	1,653,767	1,892,490
Interest	534,136	485,337	364,520	832,000	216,822	200,247	182,721	471,562	484,930	486,821	462,908
Cost of issuance	-	89,020	1,500	64,178	-	-	231,431	-	-	-	-
Capital outlay:											
Capital Outlay	4,234,233	8,866,154	7,663,023	6,649,543	12,360,345	3,156,758	4,080,839	3,870,125	7,918,565	16,694,736	10,329,681
Total expenditures	<u>30,665,216</u>	<u>36,996,270</u>	<u>37,235,661</u>	<u>38,195,229</u>	<u>41,824,296</u>	<u>33,786,775</u>	<u>35,265,805</u>	<u>34,603,025</u>	<u>41,620,609</u>	<u>51,809,599</u>	<u>48,008,461</u>
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	1,685,510	(1,202,493)	577,882	(2,573,372)	(409,995)	1,331,693	1,042,469	4,016,113	(1,237,104)	(3,699,582)	(2,687,507)
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)											
Transfers in	4,199,506	2,752,591	3,520,480	3,296,251	4,543,589	1,109,939	10,822,616	1,869,743	2,061,826	5,147,347	14,013,636
Transfers out	(5,238,836)	(2,836,443)	(3,520,480)	(3,308,540)	(5,773,991)	(1,014,564)	(10,635,791)	(1,683,532)	(1,875,241)	(1,691,697)	(13,827,357)
Lease liability issued	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	577,998	791,797
Proceeds of 2009A Bonds	170,574	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Proceeds of 2009B Bonds	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Proceeds from loans	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Refunding 2014 Bonds	-	6,085,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Refunding 2016 Bonds	-	-	-	5,360,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Payment to refund 2014 bonds	-	(6,375,000)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Payment to refund 2016 bonds	-	-	-	(4,845,000)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Proceeds of 2020 Bonds	-	-	-	-	-	-	8,880,000	-	-	-	-
Premium on 2020 Bonds	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,359,441	-	-	-	-
Total other financing sources (uses)	<u>(868,756)</u>	<u>(373,852)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>502,711</u>	<u>(1,230,402)</u>	<u>95,375</u>	<u>10,426,266</u>	<u>186,211</u>	<u>186,585</u>	<u>4,033,648</u>	<u>978,076</u>
Net change in fund balances											
Fund balances - beginning	20,433,398	21,250,152	19,673,807	20,251,689	18,181,028	16,540,631	17,967,699	29,436,434	33,638,758	32,588,239	32,922,305
Fund balances - ending	<u>\$ 21,250,152</u>	<u>\$ 19,673,807</u>	<u>\$ 20,251,689</u>	<u>\$ 18,181,028</u>	<u>\$ 16,540,631</u>	<u>\$ 17,967,699</u>	<u>\$ 29,436,434</u>	<u>\$ 33,638,758</u>	<u>\$ 32,588,239</u>	<u>\$ 32,922,305</u>	<u>\$ 31,212,874</u>
Debt service as a percentage of noncapital expenditures	4.98%	2.99%	3.96%	5.27%	3.80%	3.65%	3.58%	5.57%	5.25%	6.10%	6.25%

CITY OF GRETNA, LOUISIANA
TAX REVENUES BY SOURCE, GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
LAST TEN FISCAL YEARS
(Unaudited)

Fiscal Year	Dedicated Sales Tax		TIF	Other	Total	Property Tax	Total
	1954	1966			Sales Tax		
2014	1,302,265	1,302,265	-	4,418,121	7,022,651	6,735,794	13,758,445
2015	1,350,125	1,350,125	-	4,541,106	7,241,356	7,022,225	14,263,581
2016	1,440,900	1,440,900	-	4,744,307	7,626,107	7,137,305	14,763,412
2017	1,519,945	1,519,945	61,201	4,971,471	8,072,562	6,939,897	15,012,459
2018	1,647,221	1,647,221	70,418	5,327,042	8,691,902	7,714,156	16,406,058
2019	1,742,674	1,742,674	106,823	5,574,220	9,166,391	8,966,940	18,133,331
2020	1,777,797	1,777,797	113,976	5,774,772	9,444,342	9,208,324	18,652,666
2021	1,923,287	1,923,287	59,893	6,196,629	10,103,095	9,317,893	19,420,988
2022	2,248,060	2,248,060	57,548	7,577,188	12,130,856	9,154,419	21,285,275
2023	2,438,881	2,438,881	-	8,299,570	13,177,332	9,753,941	22,931,273
2024	2,298,356	2,298,356	-	7,787,777	12,384,489	10,682,571	23,067,060

**OTHER INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORTS
AND FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER
FINANCIAL REPORTING AND ON COMPLIANCE AND OTHER
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**Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council
City of Gretna, Louisiana**

We have audited, in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the City of Gretna, Louisiana, (the City) as of and for the year ended March 31, 2024, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the City's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated September 27, 2024.

Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the City's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) as a basis for designing audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinions on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the City's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the City's internal control.

A *deficiency in internal control* exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, misstatements on a timely basis. A *material weakness* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control, such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the entity's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected, on a timely basis. A *significant deficiency* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses may exist that were not been identified.

Report on Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the City’s financial statements are free from material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the financial statements. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit, and accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

Purpose of this Report

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity’s internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the entity’s internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

Under the Louisiana Revised Statute 24:513, this report is distributed by the Legislative Auditor as a public document.

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Gretna, Louisiana
September 27, 2024

**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON COMPLIANCE
FOR EACH MAJOR PROGRAM AND ON INTERNAL
CONTROL OVER COMPLIANCE REQUIRED
BY THE UNIFORM GUIDANCE**

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PROGRAM AND ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER COMPLIANCE
REQUIRED BY THE UNIFORM GUIDANCE**

Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council
City of Gretna, Louisiana

Report on Compliance for Each Major Federal Program

Opinion on Each Major Federal Program

We have audited the City of Gretna, Louisiana's (the City) compliance with the types of compliance requirements identified as subject to auditing the OMB *Compliance Supplement* that could have a direct and material effect on each of the City's major federal programs for the year ended March 31, 2024. The City's major federal programs are identified in the summary of auditor's results section of the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs.

In our opinion, the City complied, in all material respects, with the types of compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on each of its major federal programs for the year ended March 31, 2024.

Basis for Opinion on Each Major Federal Program

We conducted our audit of compliance in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America; the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States; and the audit requirements of Title 2 U.S. *Code of Federal Regulations* Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (Uniform Guidance). Our responsibilities under those standards and the Uniform Guidance are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance section of our report.

We are required to be independent of the City and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion on compliance for each major federal program. Our audit does not provide a legal determination of the City's compliance with the compliance requirements referred to above.

Responsibilities of Management for Compliance

Management is responsible for compliance with the requirements referred to above and for the design, implementation, and maintenance of effective internal control over compliance with the requirements of laws, statutes, regulations, rules, and provisions of contracts or grant agreements applicable to the City's federal programs.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether material noncompliance with the compliance requirements referred to above occurred, whether due to fraud or error, and express an opinion on the City's compliance based on our audit. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, *Government Auditing Standards*, and the Uniform Guidance will always detect material noncompliance when it exists. The risk of not detecting material noncompliance resulting from fraud is higher than for that resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Noncompliance with the compliance requirements referred to above is considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, it would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user of the report on compliance about the City's compliance with the requirements of each major federal program as a whole.

In performing an audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, *Government Auditing Standards*, and the Uniform Guidance, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material noncompliance, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the City's compliance with the compliance requirements referred to above and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.
- Obtain an understanding of the City's internal control over compliance relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances and to test and report on internal control over compliance in accordance with the Uniform Guidance, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the City's internal control over compliance. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and any significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in internal control over compliance that we identified during the audit

Report on Internal Control over Compliance

A deficiency in internal control over compliance exists when the design or operation of a control over compliance does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, noncompliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program on a timely basis. *A material weakness in internal control over compliance* is a deficiency, or combination of deficiencies, in internal control over compliance, such that there is a reasonable possibility that material noncompliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program will not be prevented, or detected and corrected, on a timely basis. *A significant deficiency in internal control over compliance* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control over compliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program that is less severe than a material weakness in internal control over compliance, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

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Our consideration of internal control over compliance was for the limited purpose described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance section above and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control over compliance that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies in internal control over compliance. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over compliance that we consider to be material weaknesses, as defined above. However, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies in internal control over compliance may exist that were not identified.

Our audit was not designed for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of internal control over compliance. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.

The purpose of this report on internal control over compliance is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over compliance and the results of that testing based on the requirements of the Uniform Guidance. Accordingly, this report is not suitable for any other purpose.

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Gretna, Louisiana
September 27, 2024

FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

**CITY OF GRETNA, LOUISIANA
SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2024**

We have audited the general purpose financial statements of the City of Gretna, Louisiana as of and for the year ended March 31, 2024, and have issued our report thereon dated September 27, 2024. We conducted our audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in Government Auditing Standards, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, and the provisions of the Uniform Guidance. Our audit of the financial statements as of March 31, 2024, resulted in an unmodified opinion.

Section I Summary of Auditor's Reports

A. Report on Internal Control and Compliance Material to the Financial Statements.

Internal Control
Material Weaknesses Yes No Significant Deficiencies Yes No

Compliance
Compliance Material to Financial Statements Yes No

Other Matters
Was a management letter issued? Yes No

B. Federal Awards

Internal Control
Material Weaknesses Yes No Significant Deficiencies Yes No

Type of Opinion On Compliance Unmodified Qualified
For Major Programs Disclaimer Adverse

Are there findings required to be reported in accordance with Uniform Guidance?
 Yes No

C. Identification of Major Program:

Covid-19 Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds 21.027

Dollar threshold used to distinguish between Type A and Type B Programs: \$750,000

Is the auditee a "low-risk" auditee? Yes No

CITY OF GRETNA, LOUISIANA
SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS (Continued)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2024

Section II Findings reported in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*

A. Internal Control

Material Weakness

No findings are reported under this section

Significant Deficiencies

No findings are reported under this section

B. Issues of Noncompliance

No findings are reported under this section

Section III Federal Award Findings and Questioned Costs

A. Internal Control

Material Weakness

No findings are reported under this section

Significant Deficiencies

No findings are reported under this section

B. Issues of Noncompliance

No findings are reported under this section

Section IV Management Letter

None was issued

SCHEDULE OF PRIOR YEAR FINDINGS

**CITY OF GRETNA, LOUISIANA
SCHEDULE OF PRIOR YEAR FINDINGS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2024**

Section I Internal Control and Compliance Material to the Financial Statements

No findings are reported under this section

Section II Federal Awards

No findings are reported under this section

Section III Management Letter

None was issued

**CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN
FOR
CURRENT YEAR AUDIT FINDINGS**

**CITY OF GRETNA, LOUISIANA
MANAGEMENT'S CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN
FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2024**

Section I - Internal Control And Compliance Material To The Financial Statement

Not applicable, no findings.

Section II - Internal Control And Compliance Material To Federal Awards

Not applicable, no findings.

Section III - Management Letter

Not applicable, no findings.

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INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT
ON APPLYING AGREED-UPON PROCEDURES

To the Honorable Belinda Constant and the City Council Members of the City of Gretna, Louisiana and the Louisiana Legislative Auditor:

We have performed the procedures enumerated below on the control and compliance (C/C) areas identified in the Louisiana Legislative Auditor's (LLA's) Statewide Agreed-Upon Procedures (SAUPs) for the fiscal period April 1, 2023 through March 31, 2024. City of Gretna, Louisiana management is responsible for those C/C areas identified in the SAUPs.

City of Gretna, Louisiana has agreed to and acknowledged that the procedures performed are appropriate to meet the intended purpose of the engagement, which is to perform specified procedures on the C/C areas identified in LLA's SAUPs for the fiscal period April 1, 2023 through March 31, 2024. Additionally, LLA has agreed to and acknowledged that the procedures performed are appropriate for its purposes. This report may not be suitable for any other purpose. The procedures performed may not address all the items of interest to a user of this report and may not meet the needs of all users of this report and, as such, users are responsible for determining whether the procedures performed are appropriate for their purposes.

The procedures and associated findings are as follows:

1) Written Policies and Procedures

- A. Obtain and inspect the entity's written policies and procedures and observe whether they address each of the following categories and subcategories if applicable to public funds and the entity's operations:
- i. ***Budgeting***, including preparing, adopting, monitoring, and amending the budget.
 - ii. ***Purchasing***, including (1) how purchases are initiated, (2) how vendors are added to the vendor list, (3) the preparation and approval process of purchase requisitions and purchase orders, (4) controls to ensure compliance with the Public Bid Law, and (5) documentation required to be maintained for all bids and price quotes.
 - iii. ***Disbursements***, including processing, reviewing, and approving.

- iv. **Receipts/Collections**, including receiving, recording, and preparing deposits. Also, policies and procedures should include management's actions to determine the completeness of all collections for each type of revenue or agency fund additions (e.g., periodic confirmation with outside parties, reconciliation to utility billing after cutoff procedures, reconciliation of traffic ticket number sequences, agency fund forfeiture monies confirmation).
- v. **Payroll/Personnel**, including (1) payroll processing, (2) reviewing and approving time and attendance records, including leave and overtime worked, and (3) approval process for employee rates of pay or approval and maintenance of pay rate schedules.
- vi. **Contracting**, including (1) types of services requiring written contracts, (2) standard terms and conditions, (3) legal review, (4) approval process, and (5) monitoring process.
- vii. **Travel and Expense Reimbursement**, including (1) allowable expenses, (2) dollar thresholds by category of expense, (3) documentation requirements, and (4) required approvers.
- viii. **Credit Cards (and debit cards, fuel cards, purchase cards, if applicable)**, including (1) how cards are to be controlled, (2) allowable business uses, (3) documentation requirements, (4) required approvers of statements, and (5) monitoring card usage (e.g., determining the reasonableness of fuel card purchases).
- ix. **Ethics**, including (1) the prohibitions as defined in Louisiana Revised Statute (R.S.) 42:1111-1121, (2) actions to be taken if an ethics violation takes place, (3) system to monitor possible ethics violations, and (4) a requirement that documentation is maintained to demonstrate that all employees and officials were notified of any changes to the entity's ethics policy.
- x. **Debt Service**, including (1) debt issuance approval, (2) continuing disclosure/EMMA reporting requirements, (3) debt reserve requirements, and (4) debt service requirements.
- xi. **Information Technology Disaster Recovery/Business Continuity**, including (1) identification of critical data and frequency of data backups, (2) storage of backups in a separate physical location isolated from the network, (3) periodic testing/verification that backups can be restored, (4) use of antivirus software on all systems, (5) timely application of all available system and software patches/updates, and (6) identification of personnel, processes, and tools needed to recover operations after a critical event.
- xii. **Prevention of Sexual Harassment**, including R.S. 42:342-344 requirements for (1) agency responsibilities and prohibitions, (2) annual employee training, and (3) annual reporting.

No exceptions were found as a result of this procedure.

2) Board or Finance Committee

- A. Obtain and inspect the board/finance committee minutes for the fiscal period, as well as the board's enabling legislation, charter, bylaws, or equivalent document in effect during the fiscal period, and
- i. Observe that the board/finance committee met with a quorum at least monthly, or on a frequency in accordance with the board's enabling legislation, charter, bylaws, or other equivalent document.
 - ii. For those entities reporting on the governmental accounting model, observe whether the minutes referenced or included monthly budget-to-actual comparisons on the general fund, quarterly budget-to-actual comparisons, at a minimum, on all proprietary funds, and semi-annual budget-to-actual comparisons, at a minimum, on all special revenue funds. *Alternatively, for those entities reporting on the not-for-profit accounting model, observe that the minutes referenced or included financial activity relating to public funds if those public funds comprised more than 10% of the entity's collections during the fiscal period.*
 - iii. For governmental entities, obtain the prior year audit report and observe the unassigned fund balance in the general fund. If the general fund had a negative ending unassigned fund balance in the prior year audit report, observe that the minutes for at least one meeting during the fiscal period referenced or included a formal plan to eliminate the negative unassigned fund balance in the general fund.
 - iv. Observe whether the board/finance committee received written updates of the progress of resolving audit finding(s), according to management's corrective action plan at each meeting until the findings are considered fully resolved.

No exceptions were found as a result of this procedure.

3) Bank Reconciliations

- A. Obtain a listing of entity bank accounts for the fiscal period from management and management's representation that the listing is complete. Ask management to identify the entity's main operating account. Select the entity's main operating account and randomly select 4 additional accounts (or all accounts if less than 5). Randomly select one month from the fiscal period, obtain and inspect the corresponding bank statement and reconciliation for each selected account, and observe that:
- i. Bank reconciliations include evidence that they were prepared within 2 months of the related statement closing date (e.g., initialed and dated or electronically logged);
 - ii. Bank reconciliations include written evidence that a member of management or a board member who does not handle cash, post ledgers, or issue checks has reviewed each bank reconciliation within 1 month of the date the reconciliation was prepared (e.g., initialed and dated or electronically logged); and

- iii. Management has documentation reflecting it has researched reconciling items that have been outstanding for more than 12 months from the statement closing date, if applicable.

No exceptions were found as a result of this procedure.

4) Collections (excluding electronic funds transfers)

- A. Obtain a listing of deposit sites for the fiscal period where deposits for cash/checks/money orders (cash) are prepared and management's representation that the listing is complete. Randomly select 5 deposit sites (or all deposit sites if less than 5).

No exceptions were found as a result of this procedure.

- B. For each deposit site selected, obtain a listing of collection locations and management's representation that the listing is complete. Randomly select one collection location for each deposit site (e.g., 5 collection locations for 5 deposit sites), obtain and inspect written policies and procedures relating to employee job duties (if there are no written policies or procedures, then inquire of employees about their job duties) at each collection location, and observe that job duties are properly segregated at each collection location such that
 - i. Employees responsible for cash collections do not share cash drawers/registers;
 - ii. Each employee responsible for collecting cash is not also responsible for preparing/making bank deposits, unless another employee/official is responsible for reconciling collection documentation (e.g., pre-numbered receipts) to the deposit;
 - iii. Each employee responsible for collecting cash is not also responsible for posting collection entries to the general ledger or subsidiary ledgers, unless another employee/official is responsible for reconciling ledger postings to each other and to the deposit; and
 - iv. The employee(s) responsible for reconciling cash collections to the general ledger and/or subsidiary ledgers, by revenue source and/or custodial fund additions, is (are) not also responsible for collecting cash, unless another employee/official verifies the reconciliation.

No exceptions were found as a result of this procedure.

- C. Obtain from management a copy of the bond or insurance policy for theft covering all employees who have access to cash. Observe that the bond or insurance policy for theft was in force during the fiscal period.

No exceptions were found as a result of this procedure.

- D. Randomly select two deposit dates for each of the 5 bank accounts selected for Bank Reconciliations procedure #3A (select the next deposit date chronologically if no deposits were made on the dates randomly selected and randomly select a deposit if multiple deposits are made on the same day). *Alternatively, the practitioner may use a source document other than bank statements when selecting the deposit dates for testing, such as a cash collection log, daily revenue report, receipt book, etc.* Obtain supporting documentation for each of the 10 deposits and
- i. Observe that receipts are sequentially pre-numbered.
 - ii. Trace sequentially pre-numbered receipts, system reports, and other related collection documentation to the deposit slip.
 - iii. Trace the deposit slip total to the actual deposit per the bank statement.
 - iv. Observe that the deposit was made within one business day of receipt at the collection location (within one week if the depository is more than 10 miles from the collection location or the deposit is less than \$100 and the cash is stored securely in a locked safe or drawer).
 - v. Trace the actual deposit per the bank statement to the general ledger.

No exceptions were found as a result of this procedure.

5) *Non-Payroll Disbursements (excluding card purchases, travel reimbursements, and petty cash purchases)*

- A. Obtain a listing of locations that process payments for the fiscal period and management's representation that the listing is complete. Randomly select 5 locations (or all locations if less than 5).

No exceptions were found as a result of this procedure.

- B. For each location selected under procedure #5A above, obtain a listing of those employees involved with non-payroll purchasing and payment functions. Obtain written policies and procedures relating to employee job duties (if the agency has no written policies and procedures, then inquire of employees about their job duties), and observe that job duties are properly segregated such that
- i. At least two employees are involved in initiating a purchase request, approving a purchase, and placing an order or making the purchase;
 - ii. At least two employees are involved in processing and approving payments to vendors;
 - iii. The employee responsible for processing payments is prohibited from adding/modifying vendor files, unless another employee is responsible for periodically reviewing changes to vendor files;
 - iv. Either the employee/official responsible for signing checks mails the payment or gives the signed checks to an employee to mail who is not responsible for processing payments; and

- v. Only employees/officials authorized to sign checks approve the electronic disbursement (release) of funds, whether through automated clearinghouse (ACH), electronic funds transfer (EFT), wire transfer, or some other electronic means.

No exceptions were found as a result of this procedure.

- C. For each location selected under procedure #5A above, obtain the entity's non-payroll disbursement transaction population (excluding cards and travel reimbursements) and obtain management's representation that the population is complete. Randomly select 5 disbursements for each location, obtain supporting documentation for each transaction, and
 - i. Observe whether the disbursement, whether by paper or electronic means, matched the related original itemized invoice and supporting documentation indicates that deliverables included on the invoice were received by the entity, and
 - ii. Observe whether the disbursement documentation included evidence (e.g., initial/date, electronic logging) of segregation of duties tested under procedure #5B above, as applicable.

No exceptions were noted as a result of this procedure

- D. Using the entity's main operating account and the month selected in Bank Reconciliations procedure #3A, randomly select 5 non-payroll-related electronic disbursements (or all electronic disbursements if less than 5) and observe that each electronic disbursement was (a) approved by only those persons authorized to disburse funds (e.g., sign checks) per the entity's policy, and (b) approved by the required number of authorized signers per the entity's policy. *Note: If no electronic payments were made from the main operating account during the month selected the practitioner should select an alternative month and/or account for testing that does include electronic disbursements.*

6) Credit Cards/Debit Cards/Fuel Cards/Purchase Cards (Cards)

- A. Obtain from management a listing of all active credit cards, bank debit cards, fuel cards, and purchase cards (cards) for the fiscal period, including the card numbers and the names of the persons who maintained possession of the cards. Obtain management's representation that the listing is complete.

No exceptions were found as a result of this procedure.

- B. Using the listing prepared by management, randomly select 5 cards (or all cards if less than 5) that were used during the fiscal period. Randomly select one monthly statement or combined statement for each card (for a debit card, randomly select one monthly bank statement). Obtain supporting documentation, and
 - i. Observe whether there is evidence that the monthly statement or combined statement and supporting documentation (e.g., original receipts for credit/debit card purchases, exception reports for excessive fuel card usage) were reviewed and approved, in writing (or electronically approved) by someone other than the authorized card holder (those instances requiring such approval that may constrain

the legal authority of certain public officials, such as the mayor of a Lawrason Act municipality, should not be reported); and

- ii. Observe that finance charges and late fees were not assessed on the selected statements.

No exceptions were found as a result of this procedure.

- C. Using the monthly statements or combined statements selected under procedure #7B above, excluding fuel cards, randomly select 10 transactions (or all transactions if less than 10) from each statement, and obtain supporting documentation for the transactions (e.g., each card should have 10 transactions subject to inspection). For each transaction, observe that it is supported by (1) an original itemized receipt that identifies precisely what was purchased, (2) written documentation of the business/public purpose, and (3) documentation of the individuals participating in meals (for meal charges only). For missing receipts, the practitioner should describe the nature of the transaction and observe whether management had a compensating control to address missing receipts, such as a “missing receipt statement” that is subject to increased scrutiny.

No exceptions were found as a result of this procedure.

7) Travel and Travel-Related Expense Reimbursements (excluding card transactions)

- A. Obtain from management a listing of all travel and travel-related expense reimbursements during the fiscal period and management’s representation that the listing or general ledger is complete. Randomly select 5 reimbursements and obtain the related expense reimbursement forms/prepaid expense documentation of each selected reimbursement, as well as the supporting documentation. For each of the 5 reimbursements selected
 - i. If reimbursed using a per diem, observe that the approved reimbursement rate is no more than those rates established either by the State of Louisiana or the U.S. General Services Administration (www.gsa.gov);
 - ii. If reimbursed using actual costs, observe that the reimbursement is supported by an original itemized receipt that identifies precisely what was purchased;
 - iii. Observe that each reimbursement is supported by documentation of the business/public purpose (for meal charges, observe that the documentation includes the names of those individuals participating) and other documentation required by Written Policies and Procedures procedure #1A(vii); and
 - iv. Observe that each reimbursement was reviewed and approved, in writing, by someone other than the person receiving reimbursement.

No exceptions were found as a result of this procedure.

8) Contracts

- A. Obtain from management a listing of all agreements/contracts for professional services, materials and supplies, leases, and construction activities that were initiated or renewed during the fiscal period. *Alternatively, the practitioner may use an equivalent selection source, such as an active vendor list.* Obtain management's representation that the listing is complete. Randomly select 5 contracts (or all contracts if less than 5) from the listing, excluding the practitioner's contract, and
- i. Observe whether the contract was bid in accordance with the Louisiana Public Bid Law (e.g., solicited quotes or bids, advertised), if required by law;
 - ii. Observe whether the contract was approved by the governing body/board, if required by policy or law (e.g., Lawrason Act, Home Rule Charter);
 - iii. If the contract was amended (e.g., change order), observe that the original contract terms provided for such an amendment and that amendments were made in compliance with the contract terms (e.g., if approval is required for any amendment, the documented approval); and
 - iv. Randomly select one payment from the fiscal period for each of the 5 contracts, obtain the supporting invoice, agree the invoice to the contract terms, and observe that the invoice and related payment agreed to the terms and conditions of the contract.

No exceptions were found as a result of this procedure.

9) Payroll and Personnel

- A. Obtain a listing of employees and officials employed during the fiscal period and management's representation that the listing is complete. Randomly select 5 employees or officials, obtain related paid salaries and personnel files, and agree paid salaries to authorized salaries/pay rates in the personnel files.

No exceptions were found as a result of this procedure.

- B. Randomly select one pay period during the fiscal period. For the 5 employees or officials selected under procedure #9A above, obtain attendance records and leave documentation for the pay period, and
- i. Observe that all selected employees or officials documented their daily attendance and leave (e.g., vacation, sick, compensatory);
 - ii. Observe whether supervisors approved the attendance and leave of the selected employees or officials;
 - iii. Observe that any leave accrued or taken during the pay period is reflected in the entity's cumulative leave records; and
 - iv. Observe the rate paid to the employees or officials agrees to the authorized salary/pay rate found within the personnel file.

No exceptions were found as a result of this procedure.

- C. Obtain a listing of those employees or officials that received termination payments during the fiscal period and management's representation that the list is complete. Randomly select two employees or officials and obtain related documentation of the hours and pay rates used in management's termination payment calculations and the entity's policy on termination payments. Agree the hours to the employee's or official's cumulative leave records, agree the pay rates to the employee's or official's authorized pay rates in the employee's or official's personnel files, and agree the termination payment to entity policy.

No exceptions were found as a result of this procedure.

- D. Obtain management's representation that employer and employee portions of third-party payroll related amounts (e.g., payroll taxes, retirement contributions, health insurance premiums, garnishments, workers' compensation premiums, etc.) have been paid, and any associated forms have been filed, by required deadlines.

No exceptions were found as a result of this procedure.

10) Ethics

- A. Using the 5 randomly selected employees/officials from Payroll and Personnel procedure #9A obtain ethics documentation from management, and
- i. Observe whether the documentation demonstrates that each employee/official completed one hour of ethics training during the calendar year as required by R.S. 42:1170; and
 - ii. Observe whether the entity maintains documentation which demonstrates that each employee and official were notified of any changes to the entity's ethics policy during the fiscal period, as applicable.

No exceptions were found as a result of this procedure.

- B. Inquire and/or observe whether the agency has appointed an ethics designee as required by R.S. 42:1170.

No exceptions were found as a result of this procedure.

11) Debt Service

- A. Obtain a listing of bonds/notes and other debt instruments issued during the fiscal period and management's representation that the listing is complete. Select all debt instruments on the listing, obtain supporting documentation, and observe that State Bond Commission approval was obtained for each debt instrument issued as required by Article VII, Section 8 of the Louisiana Constitution.

No exceptions were found as a result of this procedure.

- B. Obtain a listing of bonds/notes outstanding at the end of the fiscal period and management's representation that the listing is complete. Randomly select one bond/note, inspect debt covenants, obtain supporting documentation for the reserve balance and payments, and agree actual reserve balances and payments to those required by debt covenants (including contingency funds, short-lived asset funds, or other funds required by the debt covenants).

No exceptions were found as a result of this procedure.

12) Fraud Notice

- A. Obtain a listing of misappropriations of public funds and assets during the fiscal period and management's representation that the listing is complete. Select all misappropriations on the listing, obtain supporting documentation, and observe that the entity reported the misappropriation(s) to the legislative auditor and the district attorney of the parish in which the entity is domiciled as required by R.S. 24:523.

No exceptions were found as a result of this procedure.

- B. Observe that the entity has posted, on its premises and website, the notice required by R.S. 24:523.1 concerning the reporting of misappropriation, fraud, waste, or abuse of public funds.

No exceptions were found as a result of this procedure.

13) Information Technology Disaster Recovery/Business Continuity

- A. Perform the following procedures, **verbally discuss the results with management, and report "We performed the procedure and discussed the results with management."**
- i. Obtain and inspect the entity's most recent documentation that it has backed up its critical data (if there is no written documentation, then inquire of personnel responsible for backing up critical data) and observe evidence that such backup (a) occurred within the past week, (b) was not stored on the government's local server or network, and (c) was encrypted.
 - ii. Obtain and inspect the entity's most recent documentation that it has tested/verified that its backups can be restored (if there is no written documentation, then inquire of personnel responsible for testing/verifying backup restoration) and observe evidence that the test/verification was successfully performed within the past 3 months.

- iii. Obtain a listing of the entity's computers currently in use and their related locations, and management's representation that the listing is complete. Randomly select 5 computers and observe while management demonstrates that the selected computers have current and active antivirus software and that the operating system and accounting system software in use are currently supported by the vendor.

We performed the procedure and discussed the results with management.

- B. Randomly select 5 terminated employees (or all terminated employees if less than 5) using the list of terminated employees obtained in Payroll and Personnel procedure #9C. Observe evidence that the selected terminated employees have been removed or disabled from the network.

We performed the procedure and discussed the results with management.

- C. Using the 5 randomly selected employees/officials from Payroll and Personnel procedure #9A, obtain cybersecurity training documentation from management, and observe that the documentation demonstrates that the following employees/officials with access to the agency's information technology assets have completed cybersecurity training as required by R.S. 42:1267. The requirements are as follows:

- Hired before June 9, 2020 - completed the training; and
- Hired on or after June 9, 2020 - completed the training within 30 days of initial service or employment.

We performed the procedure and discussed the results with management.

14) Prevention of Sexual Harassment

- A. Using the 5 randomly selected employees/officials from Payroll and Personnel procedure #9A, obtain sexual harassment training documentation from management, and observe that the documentation demonstrates each employee/official completed at least one hour of sexual harassment training during the calendar year as required by R.S. 42:343.

No exceptions were found as a result of this procedure.

- B. Observe that the entity has posted its sexual harassment policy and complaint procedure on its website (or in a conspicuous location on the entity's premises if the entity does not have a website).

No exceptions were found as a result of this procedure.

- C. Obtain the entity's annual sexual harassment report for the current fiscal period, observe that the report was dated on or before February 1, and observe that the report includes the applicable requirements of R.S. 42:344:
- i. Number and percentage of public servants in the agency who have completed the training requirements;
 - ii. Number of sexual harassment complaints received by the agency;
 - iii. Number of complaints which resulted in a finding that sexual harassment occurred;
 - iv. Number of complaints in which the finding of sexual harassment resulted in discipline or corrective action; and
 - v. Amount of time it took to resolve each complaint.

No exceptions were found as a result of this procedure.

We were engaged by City of Gretna, Louisiana to perform this agreed-upon procedures engagement and conducted our engagement in accordance with attestation standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and applicable standards of *Government Auditing Standards*. We were not engaged to and did not conduct an examination or review engagement, the objective of which would be the expression of an opinion or conclusion, respectively, on those C/C areas identified in the SAUPs. Accordingly, we do not express such an opinion or conclusion. Had we performed additional procedures, other matters might have come to our attention that would have been reported to you.

We are required to be independent of the City of Gretna, Louisiana and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements related to our agreed-upon procedures engagement.

This report is intended solely to describe the scope of testing performed on those C/C areas identified in the SAUPs, and the result of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on control or compliance. Accordingly, this report is not suitable for any other purpose. Under Louisiana Revised Statute 24:513, this report is distributed by the LLA as a public document.

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