

CITY OF HAMMOND, LOUISIANA

ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT

June 30, 2023

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

To the Honorable Pete Panepinto, Mayor
Members of the City Council
City of Hammond, 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, the aggregate discretely presented component units, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the City of Hammond, Louisiana (the City), as of and for the year ended June 30, 2023, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the City'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, the aggregate discretely presented component units, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the City, as of June 30, 2023, 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.

We did not audit the financial statements of the component units discretely presented the financial statements, which represent 100 percent of the assets, net position, and revenues of the governmental activities of the component units as of June 30, 2023, and the respective changes in financial position. Those financial statements were audited by other auditors whose report has been furnished to us, and our opinions, insofar as it related to the amounts included for the City, are based on the report of the other auditors.

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 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 the 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 twelve months beyond the financial statement date, including any currently known 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.

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the Management's Discussion and Analysis, Budgetary Comparison Schedules, Schedule of Employer's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability, Schedule of Employer's Pension Contributions, and Schedule of Changes in Total OPEB Liability and Related Ratios and Notes to the Schedule, found on pages 5-15 and pages 92-93, 94, 95 and 96, respectfully, 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's basic financial statements. The accompanying schedule of compensation paid to city council members, schedule of compensation, benefits, and other payments to agency head and the justice system funding schedules, 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 was 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 schedule of expenditures of federal awards, schedule of compensation paid to city council members and the schedule of compensation, benefits, and other payments to agency heads and the justice system funding schedules are fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated December 20, 2023, on our consideration of the City'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'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's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Kushner LaGraize, L.L.C.

Metairie, Louisiana
December 20, 2023

CITY OF HAMMOND, LOUISIANA
MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS
June 30, 2023

The Management's Discussion and Analysis (MD&A) of the City of Hammond, Louisiana's (the City) financial performance provides an overview and an objective, narrative analysis of the City's financial activities for the year ended June 30, 2023. This document focuses on the current year's activities, resulting changes, and currently known facts in comparison with the prior year's information. Please read it in conjunction with the City's financial statements, which begin on page 17.

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

- The assets and deferred outflows of the City's Governmental Activities exceeded the liabilities and deferred inflows at the close of the most recent year by \$55,948,925.
- As of the close of the fiscal year, the City's governmental funds reported combined ending fund balances of \$23,916,009, a decrease of \$2,609,768 in comparison with the prior year.
- At the end of the current fiscal year, the unassigned fund balance for the general fund was \$2,492,134.
- The City's total liabilities in the Statement of Net Position at the end of the current fiscal year were \$62,909,299 in comparison to \$49,690,738 in the prior year.
- The City received \$1,064,241 in gaming revenue from Video Bingo. The City's General Fund received 100% of the gross proceeds. Video Bingo funds are committed for capital projects per ordinance.
- The City's sales tax revenue decreased by \$721,926 in comparison to the prior year. The City of Hammond collected \$29,143,048 for the year ended June 30, 2023.
- The City's enterprise fund experienced a decrease in net position of \$1,066,899 in comparison to the prior year.
- The City completed construction on the \$2.5 million expansion of the wastewater sewer treatment plant with the addition of aerators and a fourth lagoon to increase detention time and overall treatment of sewer effluent. The project was financed through a loan from the Clean Water State Revolving Fund program at a 0.95% interest rate.
- Construction began and nearly completed for \$2 million in concrete street, drainage and/or sidewalk improvements including Old Covington Highway, South Chestnut, West Morris, Mooney, Blackburn, East Church, Oak Ridge, Oak Creek, Laura Drive, Natchez and Industrial Park, along with canal paving/rehab on Arnold's Creek.

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- The City also began phases 2 and 3 of the Flood Study, estimated to cost \$300,000, to work through the long process of adjusting and correcting FEMA's flood maps.
- The City spent approximately \$1.6 million of the total \$5.2 million American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding received for sewer improvements. The City also received a Water Sector Program grant for \$5 million, essentially doubling this sewer improvements funding. Design is underway and construction will begin in FY2024.
- Dedicating \$1.2 million, the City began upgrading the Whitmar and Lawrence Drive lift stations, added a grinder to the Magazine lift station (one of the city's biggest stations), and rehabbed Chevy water well with new electronics and pumps.
- The City has begun phase 2 renovations of Mooney Park (\$500,000), through a Land and Water Conservation Fund grant, with a new playground, swings, exercise stations, walking trail, and combined play areas. The first major playground area and renovation of a covered pavilion is complete. Improvements continued in Jackson Park for new playground components after a fire. Camera installations continue in all the parks for added security.

OVERVIEW OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

This discussion and analysis is intended to serve as an introduction to the City's basic financial statements. The basic financial statements comprise three components: (1) government-wide financial statements, (2) fund financial statements and (3) notes to financial statements.

This report also contains required and other supplementary information in addition to the basic financial statements.

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.

The statement of net position presents information on all of the City's assets and liabilities, with the difference between the two 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 deteriorating.

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June 30, 2023

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 the cash flows. Thus, revenue and expenses reported in this statement for some items will only result in cash flows in future fiscal periods (e.g. earned but unused vacation leave). Both of the government-wide financial statements distinguish functions of the City that are principally supported by taxes and intergovernmental revenues (governmental activities) from other functions that are intended to recover all or a significant portion of their costs through user fees or charges (business-type activities). The business-type activities of the City include one enterprise activity – a water and sewer system.

The government-wide financial statements include not only the City itself (known as the primary government), but also three component units: The Hammond Downtown Development District, City Court of Hammond, and Marshal's Office - City Court of Hammond. Financial information for the Hammond Downtown Development District is blended with the financial information for the City. Financial information for City Court of Hammond and Marshal's Office - City Court of Hammond is reported separately from the financial information presented for the primary government itself. Complete financial statements of these entities can be obtained directly from their respective administrative offices.

The government-wide financial statements can be found on pages 17 - 18 of this report.

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 of the funds of the City can be divided into two categories: governmental funds and proprietary funds.

Governmental Funds. Governmental funds are used to account for essentially the same functions reported as governmental activities in the government-wide financial statements. Unlike the government-wide financial statements, governmental fund financial statements focus on the 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.

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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 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 balances provide a reconciliation to facilitate this comparison between governmental funds and governmental activities.

The City maintains a variety of funds, which are grouped for management purposes into special revenue, debt service and capital projects 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 for the General Fund and the Sales Tax Fund, which are considered major funds. Data from all the other governmental funds are combined into a single aggregated presentation.

At June 30, 2023, the City's governmental funds reported combined fund balances of \$23,916,009, a decrease of \$2,609,768 in comparison with the prior year. Approximately 10% of this amount, \$2,492,134, constitutes *unassigned fund balance*, which is available for spending at the government's discretion. The remainder of the fund balance is either *nonspendable*, *restricted*, *committed*, or *assigned* to indicate that it is 1) not in spendable form (\$226,317) 2) restricted for particular purposes (\$2,630,548), 3) committed for particular purposes (\$17,539,669), or 4) assigned for particular purposes (\$1,027,341).

The general fund is the chief operating fund of the City. At the end of the current fiscal year, unassigned fund balance of the general fund was \$2,492,134. The Fund balance decreased \$621,151. As a measure of the general fund's liquidity, it may be useful to compare both unassigned fund balance and total fund balance to total general fund expenditures. Unassigned fund balance represents approximately 7% of total general fund expenditures.

The Sales Tax Fund, a major fund, had a \$2,635,313 decrease in fund balance during the current fiscal year which put the overall fund balance at \$7,938,555 as of June 30, 2023. The entire fund balance has been committed for particular purposes by the City.

The Airport Capital Projects Fund, a major fund, had a \$27,328 increase in fund balance during the current fiscal year which put the overall fund balance at \$144,694 as of June 30, 2023. The entire fund balance has been restricted for capital projects at the City's Airport.

The Capital Projects Fund, a major fund, had a \$610,354 decrease in fund balance during the current fiscal year which put the overall fund balance at \$5,136,185 as of June 30, 2023. The entire fund balance has been committed for capital projects within the City.

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Proprietary Funds. The City maintains two types of proprietary funds. Enterprise funds are used to report the same functions presented as business-type activities in the government-wide financial statements. The City uses enterprise funds to account for its water and sewer operations. Internal service funds are an accounting device used to accumulate and allocate costs internally for general liability, worker's compensation self-insurance and health insurance. The services provided by these funds benefit the governmental and business-type functions. They have been included within business-type and governmental activities in the government-wide financial statements.

Proprietary funds provide the same type of information as the government-wide financial statements, only in more detail. The proprietary funds financial statements provide separate information for water and sewer systems.

Proprietary fund financial statements can be found on pages 24 - 27 of this report.

Notes to 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. The notes to the financial statements can be found on pages 29 - 90 of this report.

Government-Wide Financial Analysis

As noted earlier, net position may serve over time as a useful indicator of a government's financial position. In the case of the City of Hammond, assets and deferred outflows of governmental and business-type activities exceeded liabilities and deferred inflows by \$69,988,440 at the close of the most recent fiscal year.

In accordance with GASB Statement No. 68, the City records the net pension liability of the three retirement plans that service the City. This has caused a deficit unrestricted amount. By far the largest portion of the City's net position reflects the investment in capital assets net of any related outstanding debt used to acquire those assets. The City of Hammond uses these capital assets to provide services to citizens; consequently, these assets are not available for future spending. Although the City's investment in capital assets is reported net of related debt, it should be noted that the resources needed to repay this debt must be provided from other sources, since the capital assets themselves cannot be used to liquidate these liabilities. For more detailed information refer to page 17, Statement of Net Position.

An additional portion of the City of Hammond's net position represents resources that are subject to external restrictions on how they may be used.

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Net Position. The following table reflects condensed information on the City's net position:

City of Hammond, Louisiana
Net Position

	Governmental Activities <u>2023</u>	Governmental Activities <u>2022</u>	Business-Type Activities <u>2023</u>	Business-Type Activities <u>2022</u>	Total <u>2023</u>	Total <u>2022</u>
ASSETS:						
Current and other assets	\$ 30,383,076	\$ 32,567,494	\$ 8,205,106	\$ 10,945,937	\$ 38,588,182	\$ 43,513,431
Land	6,412,947	6,412,947	158,047	158,047	6,570,994	6,570,994
Construction in progress	3,810,904	1,757,010	2,676,444	3,792,834	6,487,348	5,549,844
Capital assets (net of accumulated depreciation)	<u>53,022,439</u>	<u>51,829,006</u>	<u>17,267,839</u>	<u>16,368,810</u>	<u>70,290,278</u>	<u>68,197,816</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>93,629,366</u>	<u>92,566,457</u>	<u>28,307,436</u>	<u>31,265,628</u>	<u>121,936,802</u>	<u>123,832,085</u>
DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES:						
	<u>13,059,093</u>	<u>6,323,846</u>	<u>2,062,057</u>	<u>1,604,066</u>	<u>15,121,150</u>	<u>7,927,912</u>
LIABILITIES:						
Other liabilities	4,387,429	4,031,977	5,024,709	7,031,716	9,412,138	11,063,693
Noncurrent liabilities	<u>42,308,919</u>	<u>28,782,146</u>	<u>11,188,242</u>	<u>9,844,899</u>	<u>53,497,161</u>	<u>38,627,045</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u>46,696,348</u>	<u>32,814,123</u>	<u>16,212,951</u>	<u>16,876,615</u>	<u>62,909,299</u>	<u>49,690,738</u>
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES:						
	<u>4,043,186</u>	<u>12,152,690</u>	<u>117,027</u>	<u>886,665</u>	<u>4,160,213</u>	<u>13,039,355</u>
NET POSITION:						
Net investment in capital assets	58,913,229	52,684,622	13,258,330	13,838,488	72,171,559	66,523,110
Restricted for:						
Debt service	681,604	2,082,747	-	-	681,604	2,082,747
Capital Projects	1,931,886	2,603,344	-	-	1,931,886	2,603,344
Unrestricted	<u>(5,577,794)</u>	<u>(3,447,223)</u>	<u>781,186</u>	<u>1,267,926</u>	<u>(4,796,608)</u>	<u>(2,179,297)</u>
TOTAL NET POSITION	<u>\$ 55,948,925</u>	<u>\$ 53,923,490</u>	<u>\$ 14,039,515</u>	<u>\$ 15,106,414</u>	<u>\$ 69,988,440</u>	<u>\$ 69,029,904</u>

Capital Assets

There was a net increase in Capital Assets of \$2,092,462 for the year ended June 30, 2023.

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Long Term Debt

The following table reflects information on the City's Bonds Payable.

Governmental Funds:

	Balance <u>06/30/2023</u>	Balance <u>06/30/2022</u>
Limited Tax Revenue Bonds, Series 2011	\$ -	\$ 455,000
Sales Tax Bonds, Series 2015	4,283,060	5,313,529
Limited Tax Certificates, Series 2018	<u>50,000</u>	<u>100,000</u>
TOTAL GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS	<u>\$ 4,333,060</u>	<u>\$ 5,868,529</u>

At year-end, the City of Hammond had \$4,333,060 in bonds outstanding, which was a decrease of 26% over the prior year, as shown in the Table above. More information about the City of Hammond's long-term liabilities is provided in notes 9, 10, 11, 19 and 20.

Proprietary Funds:

	Balance <u>06/30/2023</u>	Balance <u>06/30/2022</u>
Revenue Bonds, Series 2013	\$ 3,306,001	\$ 3,565,001
Revenue Bonds, Series 2020	<u>2,018,000</u>	<u>1,596,202</u>
TOTAL PROPRIETARY FUNDS	<u>\$ 5,324,001</u>	<u>\$ 5,161,203</u>

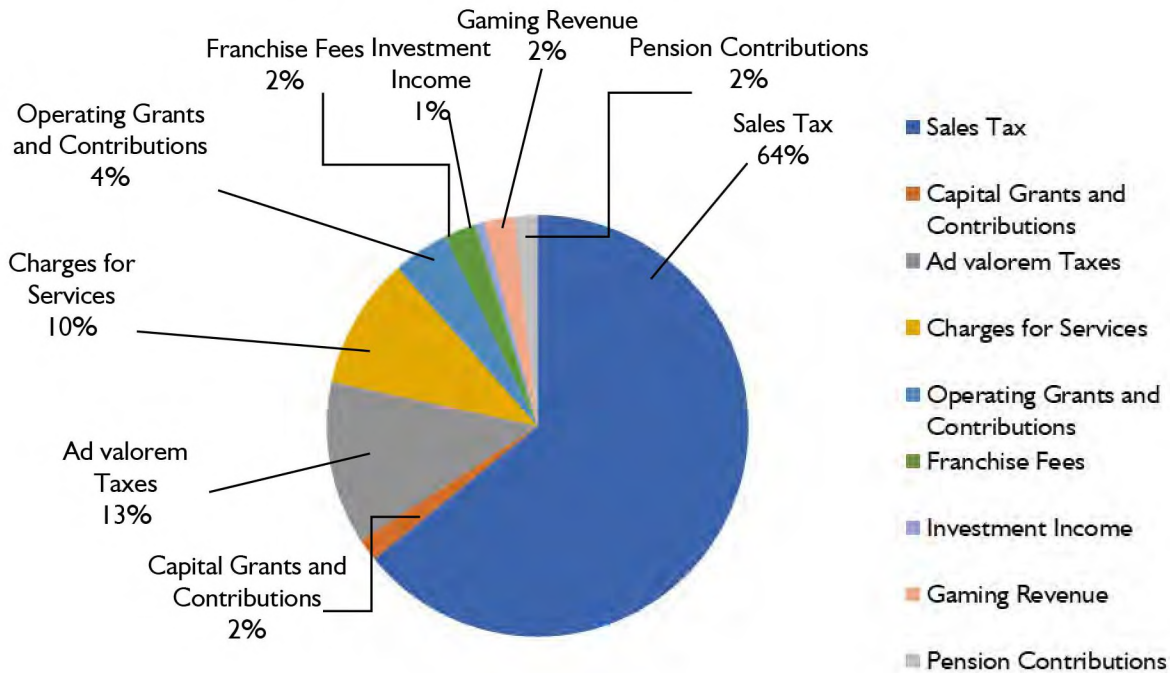
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CHANGES IN NET POSITION. The City's total revenues and expenses for governmental and business-type activities are reflected in the following table of condensed information:

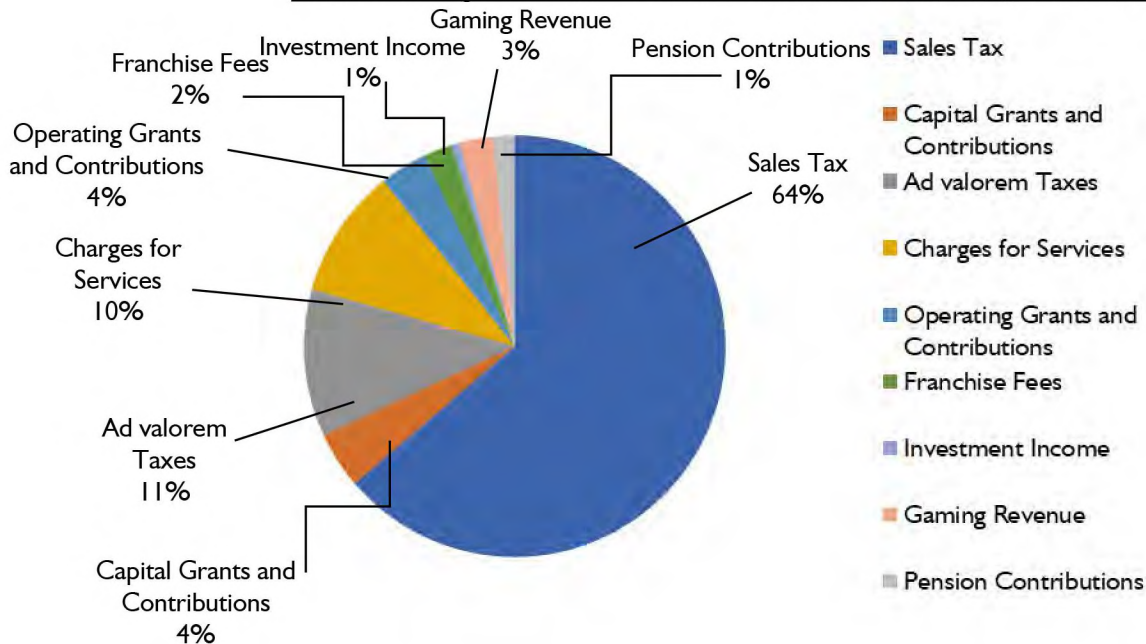
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	<u>Changes in Net Position</u>					
	Governmental Activities		Business-Type Activities		Total	
	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022
REVENUES:						
Program revenues:						
Charges for services	\$ 4,597,559	\$ 4,669,147	\$ 4,557,784	\$ 4,356,093	\$ 9,155,343	\$ 9,025,240
Operating grants and contributions	1,953,024	2,871,083	-	80,437	1,953,024	2,951,520
Capital grants and contributions	783,257	878,841	1,650,012	1,200,190	2,433,269	2,079,031
General revenues:						
Sales tax	29,143,048	29,864,974	-	-	29,143,048	29,864,974
Ad valorem taxes	5,699,031	5,298,369	-	-	5,699,031	5,298,369
Franchise fees	1,106,914	1,024,653	-	-	1,106,914	1,024,653
Investment earnings	315,319	279,733	66,152	23,773	381,471	303,506
Gaming revenues	1,064,241	1,219,414	-	-	1,064,241	1,219,414
Transfers	(1,018,333)	(1,348,571)	1,018,333	1,348,571	-	-
Pension contributions from non-employer contributing entities	799,150	766,639	56,856	56,856	856,006	823,495
Total revenues	<u>44,443,210</u>	<u>45,524,282</u>	<u>7,349,137</u>	<u>7,065,920</u>	<u>51,792,347</u>	<u>52,590,202</u>
EXPENSES:						
General government	7,874,884	5,813,393	-	-	7,874,884	5,813,393
Economic development	1,384,995	374,973	-	-	1,384,995	374,973
Public safety - police/fire	21,877,335	17,728,663	-	-	21,877,335	17,728,663
Public works	5,976,838	5,094,740	-	-	5,976,838	5,094,740
Health and sanitation	1,350,256	841,639	-	-	1,350,256	841,639
Culture and recreation	2,060,017	1,816,412	-	-	2,060,017	1,816,412
Airport	1,667,816	1,244,040	-	-	1,667,816	1,244,040
Cemeteries and municipal grounds	156,620	1,327,945	-	-	156,620	1,327,945
Water and sewer operating expenses	-	-	8,416,036	5,885,782	8,416,036	5,885,782
Paying agent fees on long-term debt	1,250	2,150	-	-	1,250	2,150
Interest on long-term debt	67,764	119,494	-	-	67,764	119,494
Total expenses	<u>42,417,775</u>	<u>34,363,449</u>	<u>8,416,036</u>	<u>5,885,782</u>	<u>50,833,811</u>	<u>40,249,231</u>
Increase (decrease) in net position	2,025,435	11,160,833	(1,066,899)	1,180,138	958,536	12,340,971
Net position – beginning of year	<u>53,923,490</u>	<u>42,762,657</u>	<u>15,106,414</u>	<u>13,926,278</u>	<u>69,029,904</u>	<u>56,688,933</u>
Net position - end of year	<u>\$ 55,948,925</u>	<u>\$ 53,923,490</u>	<u>\$ 14,039,515</u>	<u>\$ 15,106,414</u>	<u>\$ 69,988,440</u>	<u>\$ 69,029,904</u>

CITY OF HAMMOND, LOUISIANA
MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS-CONTINUED
 June 30, 2023

Revenues by Source – Governmental Activities June 30, 2023



Revenues by Source – Governmental Activities June 30, 2022



CITY OF HAMMOND, LOUISIANA
MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS-CONTINUED
June 30, 2023

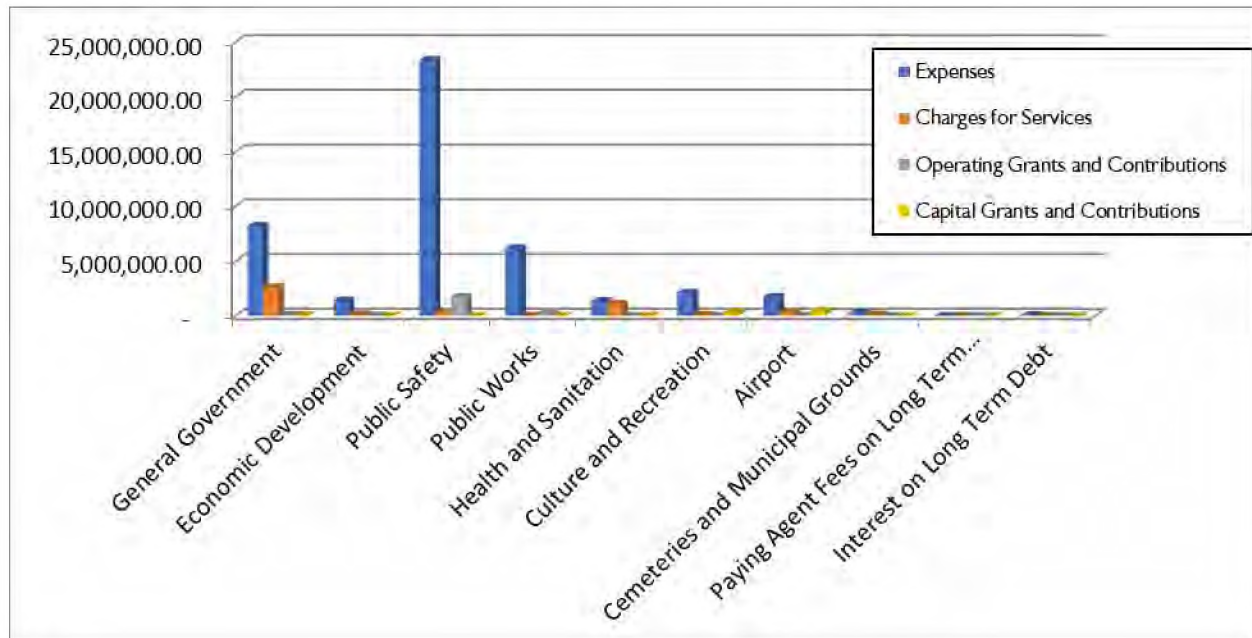
The following chart reflects the City's revenues for the years ended June 30, 2023 and 2022:

Revenues	June 30, 2023	June 30, 2022	Difference
Sales Tax	\$ 29,143,048	\$ 29,864,974	\$ (721,926)
Capital Grants and Contributions	783,257	878,841	(95,584)
Ad valorem Taxes	5,699,031	5,298,369	400,662
Charges for Services	4,597,559	4,669,147	(71,588)
Operating Grants and Contributions	1,953,024	2,871,083	(918,059)
Franchise Fees	1,106,914	1,024,653	82,261
Investment Earnings	315,319	279,733	35,586
Gaming Revenue	1,064,241	1,219,414	(155,173)
Transfers	(1,018,333)	(1,348,571)	330,238
Pension Contributions from non-employer contributing entities	799,150	766,639	32,511
Total Revenues	<u>\$ 44,443,210</u>	<u>\$ 45,524,282</u>	<u>\$ (1,081,072)</u>

The cost of all governmental activities for the year ended June 30, 2023 was \$42,437,088. The Statement of Activities for the year ended June 30, 2023 on page 18 shows that those who use the services financed \$4,597,559 and \$2,736,281 was financed by grants and contributions with the City's general revenues financing \$37,109,370.

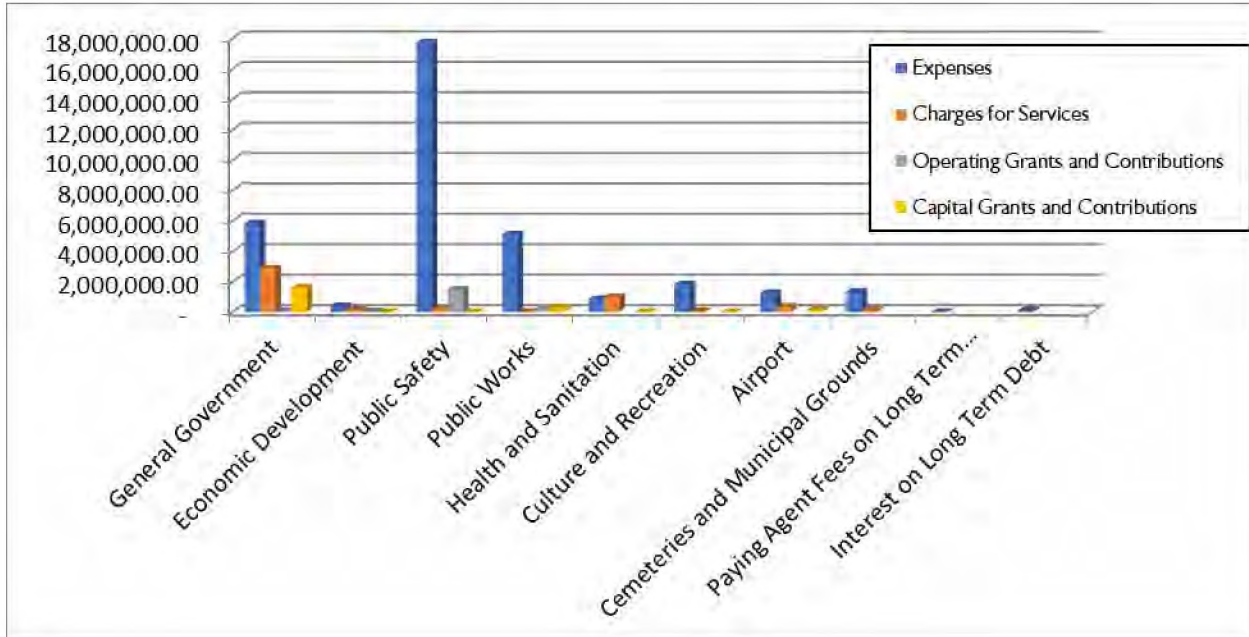
The City's largest programs are public safety, public works, and general government. The graph below shows the expenses and program revenues generated by governmental activities.

Expenses and Program Revenue – Governmental Activities
For the Year Ended June 30, 2023



CITY OF HAMMOND, LOUISIANA
 MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS-CONTINUED
 June 30, 2023

**Expenses and Program Revenue – Governmental Activities
 For the Year Ended June 30, 2022**



Budget

During the course of the year, the City revises its budget to take into consideration significant changes in revenues and expenditures. Louisiana Revised Statute 39:1311 requires that the budget be revised if either expected revenues are less or anticipated expenditures are in excess of budgetary goals by 5% or more.

With not knowing the continued impact of the coronavirus on the economy, and sales tax serving as a major revenue source for the General Fund, a conservative budget approach was used for the FY2023. Expenditures were budgeted in anticipation of all costs and projects. Departments were asked to budget within their current revenues where reasonably possible to reduce the impact to the department’s available fund balance.

Request for Information

Questions concerning any financial information provided or request for additional financial information should be addressed to Laura Hammett, Finance Director, City of Hammond, P.O. Box 2788, 310 East Charles, Hammond, Louisiana 70404-2788, (985) 277-5617.

**GOVERNMENT-WIDE
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (GWFS)**

CITY OF HAMMOND, LOUISIANA

STATEMENT OF NET POSITION

JUNE 30, 2023

	Primary Government			Component Units	
	Governmental Activities	Business-type Activities	Total	City Court of Hammond	Marshal of City Court of Hammond
ASSETS					
Cash and cash equivalents	18,141,139	5,895,880	24,037,019	199,720	443,132
Investments at cost	-	-	-	757,040	214,861
Receivables					
Customers (net of allowance for doubtful accounts of \$50,000)	-	1,136,804	1,136,804	-	-
Franchise taxes receivable	217,676	-	217,676	-	-
Notes receivable	226,317	-	226,317	-	-
Other receivable	306,399	-	306,399	-	46,149
Prepaid expenses	902,898	-	902,898	-	22,331
Due from other governments	7,917,310	455,554	8,372,864	35,050	44,716
Restricted assets					
Cash and cash equivalents	-	716,868	716,868	28,350	-
Lease receivables	2,472,837	-	2,472,837	-	-
Internal balances	-	-	-	80,364	-
Due from business-type activities	198,500	-	198,500	-	-
Land	6,412,947	158,047	6,570,994	-	-
Construction in progress	3,810,904	2,676,444	6,487,348	-	-
Capital assets (net of accumulated depreciation)	53,022,439	17,267,839	70,290,278	65,865	41,318
TOTAL ASSETS	93,629,366	28,307,436	121,936,802	1,166,389	812,507
DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES					
Asset retirement obligations	-	880,000	880,000	-	-
Deferred outflows related to pensions	12,768,186	1,146,313	13,914,499	368,907	377,489
Deferred outflows related to OPEB	290,907	35,744	326,651	-	-
TOTAL DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES	13,059,093	2,062,057	15,121,150	368,907	377,489
LIABILITIES					
Accounts payable	1,329,989	419,728	1,749,717	9,241	6,729
Payroll taxes payable	180,977	-	180,977	-	-
Salaries payable	410,400	-	410,400	26,456	23,587
Claims payable	444,339	-	444,339	-	-
Claims incurred but not reported	1,000	-	1,000	-	-
Due to other governments	-	25,684	25,684	-	-
Interest payable	17,059	-	17,059	-	-
Retainage payable	164,321	71,397	235,718	-	-
Unavailable income	1,200	3,233,532	3,234,732	-	-
Other payable	868,144	-	868,144	-	-
Due to governmental activities	-	198,500	198,500	-	-
Payable from restricted assets					
Customers' deposits	-	716,868	716,868	-	-
Bonds payable - current portion	970,000	359,000	1,329,000	-	-
Noncurrent liabilities					
Other post-employment benefits (OPEB) payable	1,756,921	215,877	1,972,798	-	-
Bonds payable	3,363,060	4,965,001	8,328,061	-	-
Asset retirement obligations	-	2,400,000	2,400,000	-	-
Accumulated leave payable	6,383,485	360,409	6,743,894	74,756	7,723
Capital lease obligations	-	-	-	-	31,660
Net pension liability	30,805,453	3,246,955	34,052,408	362,067	859,076
TOTAL LIABILITIES	46,696,348	16,212,951	62,909,299	472,520	928,775
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES					
Deferred inflows related to leases	2,472,837	-	2,472,837	-	-
Deferred inflows related to pensions	1,314,056	85,535	1,399,591	37,496	9,860
Deferred inflows related to OPEB	256,293	31,492	287,785	-	-
TOTAL DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES	4,043,186	117,027	4,160,213	37,496	9,860
NET POSITION					
Net investment in capital assets	58,913,229	13,258,329	72,171,558	65,865	9,658
Restricted for:					
Debt Service	681,604	-	681,604	-	-
Capital projects	1,931,886	-	1,931,886	-	-
Judicial building fund	-	-	-	34,965	-
Unrestricted	(5,577,794)	781,186	(4,796,608)	924,450	241,703
TOTAL NET POSITION	55,948,925	14,039,515	69,988,440	1,025,280	251,361

CITY OF HAMMOND, LOUISIANA

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

Functions/Programs	Expenses	Program Revenues			Net (Expense) Revenue & Changes in Net Position			Component Units
		Charges for Service	Operating Grants and Contributions	Capital Grants and Contributions	Governmental Activities	Business-type Activities	Total	
Primary Government								
Governmental Activities:								
General government	\$ 7,874,884	\$ 2,598,607	\$ 71,140	\$ 44,726	\$ (5,160,411)	\$ -	\$ (5,160,411)	
Economic development	1,384,995	114,116	18,650	-	(1,252,229)	-	(1,252,229)	
Public safety - police	13,138,485	260,318	765,715	-	(12,112,452)	-	(12,112,452)	
Public safety - fire	8,738,850	-	948,429	-	(7,790,421)	-	(7,790,421)	
Public works	5,976,838	-	149,090	-	(5,827,748)	-	(5,827,748)	
Health and sanitation	1,350,256	1,078,198	-	-	(272,058)	-	(272,058)	
Culture and recreation	2,060,017	75,868	-	306,827	(1,677,322)	-	(1,677,322)	
Airport	1,667,816	367,097	-	431,704	(869,015)	-	(869,015)	
Cemeteries and municipal grounds	156,620	103,355	-	-	(53,265)	-	(53,265)	
Paying agent fees on long-term debt	1,250	-	-	-	(1,250)	-	(1,250)	
Interest on long-term debt	67,764	-	-	-	(67,764)	-	(67,764)	
Total governmental activities	<u>42,417,775</u>	<u>4,597,559</u>	<u>1,953,024</u>	<u>783,257</u>	<u>(35,083,935)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(35,083,935)</u>	
Business-type Activities:								
Water and sewer	<u>8,416,036</u>	<u>4,557,784</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,650,012</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(2,208,240)</u>	<u>(2,208,240)</u>	
Total business-type activities	<u>8,416,036</u>	<u>4,557,784</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,650,012</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(2,208,240)</u>	<u>(2,208,240)</u>	
Total primary government	<u>\$ 50,833,811</u>	<u>\$ 9,155,343</u>	<u>\$ 1,953,024</u>	<u>\$ 2,433,269</u>	<u>(35,083,935)</u>	<u>(2,208,240)</u>	<u>(37,292,175)</u>	
Component Units:								
City Court of Hammond	\$ 1,969,085	\$ 855,861	\$ 963,757	\$ -	-	-	-	\$ (149,467)
Marshal of City Court of Hammond	<u>1,032,136</u>	<u>389,363</u>	<u>702,971</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>60,198</u>
Total component units	<u>\$ 3,001,221</u>	<u>\$ 1,245,224</u>	<u>\$ 1,666,728</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(89,269)</u>
General Revenues:								
Taxes:								
Sales taxes					29,143,048	-	29,143,048	-
Ad valorem taxes, levied for general purposes					4,449,031	-	4,449,031	-
Ad valorem taxes, levied for fire and police					1,250,000	-	1,250,000	-
Franchise fees					1,106,914	-	1,106,914	-
Gaming revenues					1,064,241	-	1,064,241	-
Unrestricted investment earnings					315,319	66,152	381,471	13,561
Transfers					(1,018,333)	1,018,333	-	-
Pension contributions from non-employer contributing entities					799,150	56,856	856,006	26,816
Total general revenues and transfers					<u>37,109,370</u>	<u>1,141,341</u>	<u>38,250,711</u>	<u>40,377</u>
Change in net position					2,025,435	(1,066,899)	958,536	(48,892)
Net position-beginning of year					<u>53,923,490</u>	<u>15,106,414</u>	<u>69,029,904</u>	<u>1,325,533</u>
Net position-end of year					<u>\$ 55,948,925</u>	<u>\$ 14,039,515</u>	<u>\$ 69,988,440</u>	<u>\$ 1,276,641</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

FUND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (FFS)

CITY OF HAMMOND, LOUISIANA

BALANCE SHEET

GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS

JUNE 30, 2023

	General Fund	Sales Tax Fund	Airport Capital Projects Fund	Capital Projects Fund	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
ASSETS						
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 5,869,741	\$ 3,092,645	\$ 845	\$ 5,306,536	\$ 3,729,434	\$ 17,999,201
Franchise taxes receivable	217,676	-	-	-	-	217,676
Due from other funds	636,602	-	-	240,000	3,288,090	4,164,692
Due from other governments	2,024,422	4,845,910	945,641	78,339	22,998	7,917,310
Lease receivables	2,472,837	-	-	-	-	2,472,837
Other receivables	266,403	-	-	-	39,996	306,399
Notes receivable	-	-	-	-	226,317	226,317
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TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$ 11,487,681</u>	<u>\$ 7,938,555</u>	<u>\$ 946,486</u>	<u>\$ 5,624,875</u>	<u>\$ 7,306,835</u>	<u>\$ 33,304,432</u>
LIABILITIES & FUND BALANCES						
Liabilities:						
Accounts payable	\$ 738,218	\$ -	\$ 131,488	\$ 328,048	\$ 127,288	\$ 1,325,042
Due to other funds	3,288,090	-	666,625	-	11,477	3,966,192
Other payables	839,584	-	-	-	27,870	867,454
Salaries payable	410,400	-	-	-	-	410,400
Payroll taxes payable	180,977	-	-	-	-	180,977
Retainage payable	-	-	3,679	160,642	-	164,321
Unearned grant income	1,200	-	-	-	-	1,200
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TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u>5,458,469</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>801,792</u>	<u>488,690</u>	<u>166,635</u>	<u>6,915,586</u>
Deferred inflows of resources:						
Lease related	2,472,837	-	-	-	-	2,472,837
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TOTAL DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES	<u>2,472,837</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,472,837</u>
Fund balances:						
Nonspendable amounts						
Not in spendable form	-	-	-	-	226,317	226,317
Restricted	-	-	144,694	-	2,485,854	2,630,548
Committed	1,064,241	7,938,555	-	5,136,185	3,400,688	17,539,669
Assigned	-	-	-	-	1,027,341	1,027,341
Unassigned	2,492,134	-	-	-	-	2,492,134
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TOTAL FUND BALANCES	<u>3,556,375</u>	<u>7,938,555</u>	<u>144,694</u>	<u>5,136,185</u>	<u>7,140,200</u>	<u>23,916,009</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES, AND FUND BALANCES	<u>\$ 11,487,681</u>	<u>\$ 7,938,555</u>	<u>\$ 946,486</u>	<u>\$ 5,624,875</u>	<u>\$ 7,306,835</u>	<u>\$ 33,304,432</u>

CITY OF HAMMOND, LOUISIANA
RECONCILIATION OF THE BALANCE SHEET
TO THE STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
June 30, 2023

Amounts reported for governmental activities in the Statement of Net Position are different because:

Total fund balances, Governmental Funds	\$ 23,916,009
Capital assets net of accumulated depreciation at June 30, 2023	63,246,290
In the Statement of Net Position, interest is accrued on outstanding bonds, whereas in governmental funds, an interest expenditure is reported when due.	(17,059)
Internal service fund's assets and liabilities (governmental activities)	593,860
Long term liabilities at June 30, 2023:	
General obligation bonds payable	(4,333,060)
Other post-employment benefits payable	(1,756,921)
Accumulated leave payable	(6,383,485)
Net pension liability	(30,805,453)
Deferred outflows of resources:	
Changes in proportion and difference between contributions and proportionate share of contributions – related to pensions	906,325
Difference between expected and actual experience – related to pensions	153,672
Difference between expected and actual experience – related to OPEB	98,830
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on pension plan investments	5,830,201
Contributions subsequent to the measurement date for pensions	4,575,198
Change in assumptions related to pensions	1,302,790
Change in assumptions related to OPEB	192,077
Deferred inflows of resources:	
Changes in proportion and differences between contributions and proportionate share of contributions – related to pensions	(558,816)
Differences between expected and actual experience related to pension	(643,515)
Differences between expected and actual experience related to OPEB	(30,061)
Change in assumptions related to OPEB	(226,232)
Change in assumptions related to pensions	<u>(111,725)</u>
Net position of governmental activities	<u>\$ 55,948,925</u>

CITY OF HAMMOND, LOUISIANA
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

	General Fund	Sales Tax Fund	Airport Capital Projects Fund	Capital Projects Fund	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
REVENUES						
Taxes	\$ 6,423,112	\$ 29,143,048	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 382,833	\$ 35,948,993
Licenses and permits	2,118,074	-	-	-	-	2,118,074
Federal grants	44,726	-	296,715	306,827	122,213	770,481
State grants	5,308	-	134,989	-	-	140,297
Cemeteries and municipal grounds	103,355	-	-	-	-	103,355
Highways and streets	149,090	-	-	-	-	149,090
Public safety						
Police	157,524	-	-	-	-	157,524
Fire	467,121	-	-	-	-	467,121
Gaming revenue	1,064,241	-	-	-	-	1,064,241
Fines and forfeitures	376,320	-	-	-	-	376,320
Sanitation service fee	1,078,198	-	-	-	-	1,078,198
Court awards	-	-	-	-	81,443	81,443
State supplemental pay	1,119,502	-	-	-	-	1,119,502
Court witness fee	-	-	-	-	21,351	21,351
Parks and recreation	75,868	-	-	-	-	75,868
Donations	5,292	-	-	-	84,498	89,790
Interest	172,562	36,672	7	51,585	53,475	314,301
Miscellaneous	470,285	-	-	-	115,141	585,426
TOTAL REVENUES	13,830,578	29,179,720	431,711	358,412	860,954	44,661,375
EXPENDITURES						
General government	5,384,906	-	-	-	25,711	5,410,617
Public safety						
Police	12,334,429	-	-	-	246,379	12,580,808
Fire	8,163,157	-	-	-	76,910	8,240,067
Buildings	2,395,891	-	-	-	-	2,395,891
Highways and streets	2,980,699	-	-	-	-	2,980,699
Economic development	-	-	-	-	403,987	403,987
Sanitation	1,350,256	-	-	-	-	1,350,256
Airport	559,133	-	-	-	-	559,133
Parks and recreation	1,377,947	-	-	-	-	1,377,947
Capital outlay	152,073	751,625	424,383	5,056,831	1,534,847	7,919,759
Miscellaneous	-	-	-	-	125,267	125,267
Debt Service						
Principal retirement	-	-	-	-	1,390,000	1,390,000
Paying agent fees	-	-	-	-	1,250	1,250
Interest and charges	-	-	-	-	217,129	217,129
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	34,698,491	751,625	424,383	5,056,831	4,021,480	44,952,810
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	(20,867,913)	28,428,095	7,328	(4,698,419)	(3,160,526)	(291,435)
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)						
Operating transfers in	24,020,285	12,388	20,000	4,088,065	4,620,727	32,761,465
Operating transfers (out)	(3,773,523)	(31,075,796)	-	-	(230,479)	(35,079,798)
Total other financing sources (uses)	20,246,762	(31,063,408)	20,000	4,088,065	4,390,248	(2,318,333)
Excess (deficiency) of revenues and other financing sources over expenditures and other uses	(621,151)	(2,635,313)	27,328	(610,354)	1,229,722	(2,609,768)
Fund balances, beginning	4,177,526	10,573,868	117,366	5,746,539	5,910,478	26,525,777
Fund balances, ending	\$ 3,556,375	\$ 7,938,555	\$ 144,694	\$ 5,136,185	\$ 7,140,200	\$ 23,916,009

CITY OF HAMMOND, LOUISIANA
RECONCILIATION OF THE STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES TO THE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
For The Year Ended June 30, 2023

Amounts reported for Governmental Activities in the Statement of Activities are different because:

Net Change in Fund Balances - Total Governmental Funds \$ (2,609,768)

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. This is the amount by which capital outlay \$7,131,321 exceeded depreciation \$3,883,994 in the current period. 3,247,327

The issuance of long-term debt (e.g. bonds) provides current financial resources to governmental funds, while the repayment of the principal of long-term debt consumes the current financial resources of governmental funds. Neither transaction, however, has any effect on net position. Also, governmental funds report the effect of issuance cost, premiums, discounts, and similar items when debt is first issued, whereas these amounts are deferred and amortized in the statement of activities. This amount is the net effect of these differences in the treatment of long-term debt and related items. 1,535,469

Internal Service Funds are used by management to charge the costs of certain activities, such as insurance, to individual funds. The net revenue (expense) of internal service funds is reported with governmental activities. (353,897)

In the Statement of Activities, interest is accrued on outstanding bonds, whereas in governmental funds, an interest expenditure is reported when due. This is the change in accrued interest from the prior year. (3,896)

In accordance with Governmental Accounting Standards Board the net pension liability related to pension plans is not required to be reported in the governmental fund financial statements. Adjustments to pension expense related to changes in deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources are reflected in the statement of activities:

Net change in pension expense	(541,478)
Contributions from non-employer contributing entities	799,150

The net effect of certain transactions, such as compensated absences, other post-employment benefits and prepaids, are reported with governmental activities. (47,472)

Change in Net Position of Governmental Activities \$ 2,025,435

CITY OF HAMMOND, LOUISIANA

STATEMENT OF NET POSITION

PROPRIETARY FUNDS

JUNE 30, 2023

	Business-Type Activities - Enterprise <u>Funds</u>	Governmental Activities - Internal Service <u>Funds</u>
ASSETS		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 5,895,880	\$ 141,938
Receivables		
Customers (net of allowance for doubtful accounts of \$50,000)	1,136,804	-
Due from other governments	455,554	-
Prepaid Insurance	-	902,898
Total current assets	<u>7,488,238</u>	<u>1,044,836</u>
RESTRICTED ASSETS		
Cash and cash equivalents	716,868	-
Total restricted assets	<u>716,868</u>	<u>-</u>
CAPITAL ASSETS (NET OF ACCUMULATED DEPRECIATION)		
	20,102,330	-
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>28,307,436</u>	<u>1,044,836</u>
DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES		
Changes in proportion and differences between contributions and proportionate share of contributions	63,913	-
Changes in assumptions related to pensions	552,423	-
Changes in assumptions related to OPEB	12,143	-
Differences between expected and actual experience related to OPEB	23,601	-
Differences between expected and actual experience related to pensions	3,834	-
Contributions subsequent to the measurement date	526,143	-
Asset retirement obligations	880,000	-
TOTAL DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES	<u>2,062,057</u>	<u>-</u>
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Accounts payable	419,728	4,947
Retainage payable	71,397	-
Claims payable	-	444,339
Claims incurred but not reported	-	1,000
Due to other funds	198,500	-
Due to other governments	25,684	-
Current portion of bonds payable	359,000	-
Unavailable revenue	3,233,532	-
Other payables	-	690
Total current liabilities	<u>4,307,841</u>	<u>450,976</u>
CURRENT LIABILITIES (PAYABLE FROM RESTRICTED ASSETS)		
Customers' deposits	716,868	-
Total current liabilities (payable from restricted assets)	<u>716,868</u>	<u>-</u>
LONG-TERM LIABILITIES		
Other post employment benefits payable	215,877	-
Accumulated leave payable	360,409	-
Bonds payable	4,965,001	-
Net pension liability	3,246,955	-
Asset retirement obligations	2,400,000	-
Total long-term liabilities	<u>11,188,242</u>	<u>-</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u>16,212,951</u>	<u>450,976</u>
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES		
Differences between expected and actual experience related to pension	12,433	-
Differences between expected and actual experience related to OPEB	3,694	-
Changes in assumptions related to OPEB	27,798	-
Changes in proportion and differences between contributions and proportionate share of contributions	73,102	-
TOTAL DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES	<u>117,027</u>	<u>-</u>
NET POSITION		
Net investment in capital assets	13,258,329	-
Unrestricted	781,186	593,860
TOTAL NET POSITION	<u>\$ 14,039,515</u>	<u>\$ 593,860</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

CITY OF HAMMOND, LOUISIANA
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES, AND CHANGES IN NET POSITION
PROPRIETARY FUNDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

	Business-Type Activities - Enterprise <u>Funds</u>	Governmental Activities - Internal Service <u>Funds</u>
OPERATING REVENUES		
Sewer charges	\$ 2,643,587	\$ -
Water sales	954,958	-
Tap-in and reconnect fees	30,832	-
Monthly user fees	610,648	-
Other fees	96,476	-
Insurance charges	-	3,471,071
Miscellaneous	221,283	-
Total operating revenues	<u>4,557,784</u>	<u>3,471,071</u>
OPERATING EXPENSES		
Insurance	-	5,125,986
Personnel services	2,169,458	-
Contractual services, supplies, materials and other	3,542,769	-
Depreciation and amortization	1,642,298	-
Bad Debt	693,632	-
Total operating expenses	<u>8,048,157</u>	<u>5,125,986</u>
Operating income (loss)	<u>(3,490,373)</u>	<u>(1,654,915)</u>
NON-OPERATING REVENUES (EXPENSES)		
Interest income	66,152	1,018
Miscellaneous expense	(345,081)	-
Federal grant	31,098	-
State grant	1,618,914	-
Pension contributions from non-employer contributing entities	56,856	-
Interest expense	(22,798)	-
Total non-operating revenues (expenses)	<u>1,405,141</u>	<u>1,018</u>
Loss before operating transfers	<u>(2,085,232)</u>	<u>(1,653,897)</u>
TRANSFERS IN	3,752,970	1,300,000
TRANSFERS OUT	(2,734,637)	-
Total operating transfers	<u>1,018,333</u>	<u>1,300,000</u>
Change in net position	(1,066,899)	(353,897)
TOTAL NET POSITION - beginning	15,106,414	947,757
TOTAL NET POSITION - ending	<u>\$ 14,039,515</u>	<u>\$ 593,860</u>

CITY OF HAMMOND, LOUISIANA

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

PROPRIETARY FUNDS

For The Year Ended June 30, 2023

	Business-Type Activities Enterprise Funds	Governmental Activities - Internal Service Funds
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Receipts from customers and users	\$ 4,160,728	\$ 3,471,071
Payments to suppliers	(2,668,558)	(5,215,746)
Payments to employees	(3,242,206)	-
Payments received from other funds	<u>1,168,333</u>	<u>-</u>
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities	(581,703)	(1,744,675)
CASH FLOWS FROM CAPITAL AND RELATED FINANCING ACTIVITIES		
Miscellaneous expenses	(268,913)	-
Interest paid	(22,798)	-
Receipts from grants	(6,163)	-
Purchase of capital assets	(1,224,936)	-
Operating transfers out	(2,734,637)	-
Operating transfers in	<u>3,752,970</u>	<u>1,300,000</u>
Net cash provided by (used in) capital and related financing activities	(504,477)	1,300,000
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES		
Interest and dividends received	<u>66,152</u>	<u>1,018</u>
Net cash provided by investing activities	<u>66,152</u>	<u>1,018</u>
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	(1,020,028)	(443,657)
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning (including \$892,242 for the water and sewer fund reported in restricted accounts)	<u>7,632,776</u>	<u>585,595</u>
Cash and cash equivalents, ending (including \$716,868 for the water and sewer fund reported in restricted accounts)	<u>\$ 6,612,748</u>	<u>\$ 141,938</u>

CITY OF HAMMOND, LOUISIANA
COMPONENT UNIT FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
STATEMENTS OF FIDUCIARY NET POSITION
FIDUCIARY FUNDS
June 30, 2023

	<u>Marshal's Office City Court of Hammond</u>	<u>City Court of Hammond</u>
ASSETS:		
Cash on hand and in banks	\$ <u>39,152</u>	\$ <u>435,084</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	39,152	435,084
LIABILITIES:		
Accounts Payable	-	107,989
Due to General Fund	-	73,296
Due to Judicial Building Fund	-	7,068
Due to Others	<u>39,152</u>	<u>246,731</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES	39,152	435,084
NET POSITION	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
TOTAL NET POSITION	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>

CITY OF HAMMOND, LOUISIANA

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

As of and for the Year Ended June 30, 2023

INTRODUCTION:

On April 15, 1977, the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Louisiana ordered and decreed that the City of Hammond (the City) shall institute the proposed Home Rule Charter dated April 11, 1977. The City operates under a Mayor-Council form of government.

I. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES:

A. REPORTING ENTITY:

As the municipal governing authority, the City is considered a separate entity for reporting purposes. The financial reporting entity consists of (a) the Primary Government (City of Hammond), (b) organizations for which the Primary Government is financially accountable, and (c) other organizations for which the nature and significance of their relationship with the Primary Government are such that exclusion would cause the reporting entity's financial statements to be misleading or incomplete.

Government Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 14 as amended by GASB Statement No. 61 and GASB Statement No. 80, establishes criteria for determining which component units should be considered part of the City for financial reporting purposes. The basic criterion for including a potential component unit within the reporting entity is financial accountability. The GASB has set forth criteria to be considered in determining financial accountability. This criteria includes:

1. Appointing a voting majority of an organization's governing body, and
 - a. The ability of the municipality to impose its will on that organization and/or
 - b. The potential for the organization to provide specific financial benefits to or impose specific financial burdens on the municipality.
2. Organizations for which the municipality does not appoint a voting majority but are fiscally dependent and provide the potential for specific financial benefits to, or impose specific financial burdens on the municipality.
3. Organizations for which the reporting entity's financial statements would be misleading if data of the organization is not included because of the nature or significance of the relationship.
4. Organizations that are organized as not-for-profit corporations in which the primary government is the sole corporate member, as identified in the component unit's articles of incorporation or bylaws.

CITY OF HAMMOND, LOUISIANA
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - CONTINUED
As of and for the Year Ended June 30, 2023

I. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES: (Continued)

A. REPORTING ENTITY: (Continued)

Based on the previous criteria, the City has determined that the following component units are part of the reporting entity:

<u>Component Unit</u>	<u>Year End</u>	<u>Criteria Used</u>
City Court	June 30, 2023	2
Marshal's Office - City Court	June 30, 2023	2
Hammond Downtown Development District	June 30, 2023	1

As required by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, these financial statements present the City (the primary government) and its component units.

Blended Component Unit

Blended component units, although legally separate entities, are, in substance, part of the City's operations. The City has one blended component unit which is reported as if it were part of or blended with the City's operations. The Hammond Downtown Development District (the District) was created to formulate and implement a redevelopment plan for the central business district of the City. The City's governing authority appoints the District's board members and approves the redevelopment plan. The District is reported as a Special Revenue Fund of the City. No separate financial statements for the District have been issued.

Discretely Presented Component Units

Component units that are legally separate from the City, but are financially accountable to the City or whose relationship with the City are such that exclusion would cause the City's financial statements to be misleading or incomplete, are discretely presented. The Component Unit columns of the combined financial statements include the financial data of the discretely presented component units. They are reported in separate columns to emphasize that they are legally separate from the City.

CITY OF HAMMOND, LOUISIANA
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - CONTINUED
As of and for the Year Ended June 30, 2023

I. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES: (Continued)

A. REPORTING ENTITY: (Continued)

Discretely Presented Component Units: (Continued)

Funding for the following state constitutionally defined agencies is included in the City's General Fund. These agencies, however, have certain statutorily defined sources of funds for their own operating and/or capital budget discretion. These funds have been discretely presented in the City's financial statements:

City Court of Hammond - The Judge of the Court is an elected official provided by the Louisiana State Constitution. Fiscal interdependency exists between the City and the City Court in that the City is required to provide the City Court office facilities. In addition, the City assists in funding the operations of the Court. The City's financial statements discretely present the City Court of Hammond's financial statements for the year ended June 30, 2023.

Marshal's Office - City Court of Hammond - The Marshal is an elected official provided by the Louisiana State Constitution. Fiscal interdependency exists between the City and the Marshal in that the City is required to provide the Marshal's office facilities. In addition, the City assists in funding the operations of the Marshal's office. The City's financial statements discretely present the Marshal's financial statements for the year ended June 30, 2023.

Related Organizations

The Hammond Section 8 Housing Authority (the Authority) is a legally separate government entity formed to administer housing programs funded by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The City's governing authority appoints a majority of the Authority's members; however, there is no financial relationship between the Authority and the City. This organization is not a component unit of the City's reporting entity. It is classified as a related organization. The City's accountability does not extend beyond making the appointments.

The Hammond-Tangipahoa Home Mortgage Authority is a non-profit corporation established pursuant to State Statutes to finance debt for various public purposes within Tangipahoa Parish. The City Council appoints the board members of the agency. The agency is fiscally independent from the City, issues its own debt, approves its budgets, and sets its rates and charges. The City has no authority to remove board members, designate management, or approve or modify rates. The City is not obligated in any

CITY OF HAMMOND, LOUISIANA
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - CONTINUED
As of and for the Year Ended June 30, 2023

I. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES: (Continued)

A. REPORTING ENTITY: (Continued)

Related Organizations: (Continued)

manner for the debt issues of this agency. This agency is classified as a related organization.

Complete financial statements for each of the City's component units and related organizations can be obtained at the Office of the Legislative Auditor of the State of Louisiana; 1600 North Third Street, P.O. Box 94397, Baton Rouge, LA 70804-9397, or at each of the agency's administrative offices.

B. GOVERNMENT-WIDE AND FUND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS:

In accordance with Statement No. 34 of the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB), *Basic Financial Statements - and Management's Discussion and Analysis - for State and Local Governments*, included in the City's Annual Financial Report are the Management's Discussion and Analysis (MD&A), government-wide financial statements which include the Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities and fund financial statements which include the Balance Sheet, Reconciliation of the Balance Sheet to the Statement of Net Position, Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances and Reconciliation of the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances to the Statement of Activities.

The Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities include the governmental and business-type activities of the City and also the component units for which the City is financially accountable. These government-wide statements for the governmental activities begin with the governmental funds financial statements balances and are adjusted to incorporate the City's capital assets, long-term debt and internal service funds. These adjustments are detailed in the financial statements in the Reconciliation of the Governmental Funds Balance Sheet to the Statement of Net Position and the Reconciliation of the Governmental Funds Changes in Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance to the Statement of Activities. For the most part, the effect of interfund activity has been removed from the government-wide statements. The Statement of Activities presents financial information in a manner that shows the income and expenses generated by each individual governmental function or unit. Taxes are reported as general revenues along with other items that cannot be properly included in program revenues.

CITY OF HAMMOND, LOUISIANA
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - CONTINUED
As of and for the Year Ended June 30, 2023

I. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES: (Continued)

**B. GOVERNMENT-WIDE AND FUND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS:
(Continued)**

Fund financial statements report major individual governmental funds in a separate column. Separate financial statements are provided for governmental funds, proprietary funds and component units.

Governmental funds are used to account for the majority of government's general activities, including the collection and disbursement of earmarked monies, (special revenue funds), the acquisition or construction of capital assets (capital projects funds), and the servicing of general long-term debt (debt service funds). The general fund is used to account for all activities of the general government not accounted for in some other fund.

Proprietary funds are used to account for activities similar to those found in the private sector, where the determination of net income is necessary or useful to sound financial administration. Goods or services from such activities can be provided either to outside parties (enterprise funds) or to other departments or agencies primarily within the government (internal service funds).

Fiduciary funds account for assets held in a trustee or agency capacity on behalf of others. The City has no fiduciary funds except those employed by its component units.

C. MEASUREMENT FOCUS, BASIS OF ACCOUNTING AND FINANCIAL STATEMENT PRESENTATION:

Government-Wide Financial Statements:

The government-wide financial statements and the proprietary fund financial statements are reported using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recorded when earned and expenses are recorded when a liability is incurred, regardless of the timing of related cash flows. Property taxes are recognized as revenues in the year for which they are levied. Grants and similar items are recognized as revenue as soon as all eligibility requirements imposed by the provider have been met.

As a general rule the effect of interfund activity has been eliminated from the government-wide financial statements. Exceptions to this general rule are interest income and intergovernmental revenues derived from providing services to entities outside the primary government. Elimination of these charges would distort the direct costs and program revenues reported for various functions concerned.

CITY OF HAMMOND, LOUISIANA
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - CONTINUED
As of and for the Year Ended June 30, 2023

I. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES: (Continued)

C. MEASUREMENT FOCUS, BASIS OF ACCOUNTING AND FINANCIAL STATEMENT PRESENTATION: (Continued)

Government-Wide Financial Statements: (Continued)

Amounts reported as program revenues include:

1. Charges to customers or applicants for goods, services or privileges provided,
2. Operating grants and contributions and
3. Capital grants and contributions.

Internally dedicated resources are reported as general revenues rather than as program revenues. Likewise, general revenues include all taxes.

Fund Financial Statements:

Governmental fund financial statements are reported using the current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. With this measurement focus, generally only current assets and current liabilities are included on the balance sheet. Operating statements of these funds present increases (i.e., revenues and other financing sources) and decreases (i.e., expenditures and other financing uses) in net current assets. 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 ad valorem (property) taxes revenue in the year for which they are levied. Expenditures are recorded when the related fund liability is incurred. Principal and interest on general long-term debt are recorded as fund liabilities when due.

Those revenues susceptible to accrual are franchise taxes, licenses, fines, interest revenue and charges for services. In accordance with GASB Statement No. 33, sales taxes collected and held by merchants and the intermediary collecting governments at year end on behalf of the City are recognized as revenue. Permits are not susceptible to accrual because generally they are not measurable until received in cash.

All proprietary funds are accounted for on a flow of economic resources measurement focus. With this measurement focus, all assets and all liabilities associated with the operation of these funds are included on the balance sheet. Proprietary fund-type operating statements present increases (i.e. revenues) and decreases (i.e. expenses) in net total position.

CITY OF HAMMOND, LOUISIANA
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - CONTINUED
As of and for the Year Ended June 30, 2023

I. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES: (Continued)

C. MEASUREMENT FOCUS, BASIS OF ACCOUNTING AND FINANCIAL STATEMENT PRESENTATION: (Continued)

Fund Financial Statements: (Continued)

The City government reports the following major governmental funds:

- General Fund – the General Fund is the City’s primary operating fund. It accounts for all financial resources of general government, except those required to be accounted for in another fund.
- Sales Tax Fund – the Sales Tax Fund is used to account for sales and use tax collected and its subsequent disbursement in accordance with sales tax dedication.
- Capital Projects Fund – the Capital Projects Fund is used to account for the proceeds of grants and other funding that are received primarily to assist in capital projects throughout the City of Hammond.
- Airport Capital Projects Fund – the Airport Capital Projects Fund is used to account for the proceeds of grants that are received primarily to assist in capital projects at the Hammond Airport.

The City government reports the following major proprietary fund:

- Water and Sewer Fund – the Water and Sewer Fund is used to account for the provisions of water and sewer services to residents of the City and certain residents outside of City limits. The fund also accounts for the maintenance of the water and sewer system, including capital outlay for the system. 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 and collection.

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. The principal operating revenues of the Water and Sewer Fund are charges to customers for sales and services. Operating expenses for enterprise funds include personnel services, contractual services, supplies, materials, and depreciation on capital assets. All revenues and expenses not meeting this definition are reported as non-operating revenues and expenses.

CITY OF HAMMOND, LOUISIANA
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - CONTINUED
As of and for the Year Ended June 30, 2023

I. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES: (Continued)

C. MEASUREMENT FOCUS, BASIS OF ACCOUNTING AND FINANCIAL STATEMENT PRESENTATION: (Continued)

Fund Financial Statements: (Continued)

When both restricted and unrestricted resources are available for use, it is the City's policy to use restricted resources first, then unrestricted resources as they are needed.

The reporting focus of fiduciary funds is upon net position and changes in net position and employs accounting principles similar to proprietary funds. Fiduciary funds are not included in the government-wide financial statements as they are not available to support City programs.

The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) promulgates accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America and reporting standards for state and local governments. These principles are found in the *Codification of Governmental Accounting and Financial Reporting Standards*, published by the GASB. The accompanying basic financial statements of the City have been prepared in conformity with such principles.

New Accounting Pronouncement:

During the year ended June 30, 2023, 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. As of June 30, 2023, the City of Hammond did not have any SBITAs to report.

CITY OF HAMMOND, LOUISIANA
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - CONTINUED
As of and for the Year Ended June 30, 2023

I. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES: (Continued)

C. MEASUREMENT FOCUS, BASIS OF ACCOUNTING AND FINANCIAL STATEMENT PRESENTATION: (Continued)

Budgets:

The City follows these procedures in establishing the budgetary data reflected in the financial statements:

1. By May 15, the Mayor submits to the City Council a proposed operating budget for the fiscal year commencing the following July 1. The operating budget includes proposed expenditures and the means of financing them.
2. Public hearings are conducted at council meetings to obtain taxpayer comments.
3. By June 30, the budget is legally enacted through passage of an ordinance.
4. Only the City Council is authorized to transfer unencumbered budgeted amounts between departments within any fund or revise the total expenditures of any fund.
5. Formal budgetary integration is employed as a management control device during the year for the General and Special Revenue Funds, except those Special Revenue Funds established to account for a particular grant. Such grant funds are budgeted over the life of the grant and not necessarily on an annual basis.
6. Budgeted amounts are as originally adopted or as amended by the City Council. Individual amendments were not material in relation to the original appropriations which were amended.
7. All budgetary appropriations lapse at the end of each fiscal year.
8. Those budgets which the City adopts are on a basis consistent with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America as applied to governmental units.

Budgetary data for the discretely presented component units are not presented in these financial statements.

CITY OF HAMMOND, LOUISIANA
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - CONTINUED
As of and for the Year Ended June 30, 2023

I. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES: (Continued)
C. MEASUREMENT FOCUS, BASIS OF ACCOUNTING AND FINANCIAL STATEMENT PRESENTATION: (Continued)

Compensated Absences:

The City accrues accumulated unpaid vacation and sick leave and associated employee related costs when earned by the employee. For governmental funds, the current portion of unpaid compensated absences is the amount that is normally expected to be paid using expendable available financial resources. These amounts are recorded in the fund from which the employees who have accumulated leave are paid. The non-current portion of the liability is not reported in the governmental fund financial statements. In proprietary funds, the entire amount of compensated absences is reported as a fund liability. In the government-wide financial statements, the entire compensated absences liability is reported. Substantially all employees of the City government earn from one week to four weeks of annual leave each year depending on length of service. Each year any unused annual leave may be accumulated up to a maximum of 280 hours. Upon termination, an employee shall be paid a value of his accrued annual leave up to 280 hours.

All employees except Fire and Police earn 12 days a year of sick leave regardless of the length of service. All civil service employees of the Police and Fire Departments are given, in accordance with civil service requirements, with full pay, a sick leave aggregating not less than fifty-two weeks during any calendar year when the conditions actually warrant. Each year any unused sick leave may accumulate. Upon retirement an employee shall be paid up to 1,440 hours of accrued sick leave. Upon termination, an employee is not paid for accrued sick leave.

Sales and Use Tax:

The City has a two percent sales and use tax. The Tangipahoa Parish School Board is authorized to collect and remit this tax to the City for a stipulated fee. The City's sales tax ordinances provide that the proceeds can be used for debt service payments and general governmental operations of the City.

Long-Term Obligations:

In the government-wide financial statements and proprietary fund types in the fund financial statements, long-term debt and other long-term obligations are reported as liabilities in the applicable governmental activities, business-type activities, or proprietary fund type statement of net position. Bond premiums and discounts, as well as issuance costs, are deferred and amortized over the life of the bonds using the effective interest method. Bond payables are reported net of the applicable bond premium or discount. Bond issuance costs are reported as deferred charges and amortized over the term of the related debt.

CITY OF HAMMOND, LOUISIANA
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - CONTINUED
As of and for the Year Ended June 30, 2023

I. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES: (Continued)

C. MEASUREMENT FOCUS, BASIS OF ACCOUNTING AND FINANCIAL STATEMENT PRESENTATION: (Continued)

Long-Term Obligations: (Continued)

In the fund financial statements, governmental fund types recognize bond premiums and discounts, as well as bond issuance costs, during the current period. The face amount of debt issued is reported as another financing source. Premiums received on debt issuances are reported as other financing sources while discounts on debt issuances are reported as other financing uses. Issuance costs, whether or not withheld from the actual debt proceeds received, are reported as debt service expenditures.

Restricted Assets:

Included in restricted assets of the governmental activities in the Statement of Net Position are:

1) The "Capital Project Fund", which is used to segregate those resources accumulated through sale of bond or state financing to be used for capital projects, 2) the "Debt Service Fund" account, which is used to pay principal and interest on the City's general obligation, and sales tax bonds and 3) the "Airport Capital Projects Fund", which is used to segregate those resources accumulated to be used for capital projects at the airport.

Included in restricted assets of the business-type activities in the Statement of Net Position are:

The "Customers' Deposits" account, which is used to segregate water meter deposits used to pay any outstanding water bills when customers discontinue service.

Governmental Fund Balances:

In accordance with GASB Statement No. 54, *Fund Balance Reporting and Governmental Fund Type Definitions*, fund balances are classified as follows:

- 1) Non-Spendable Fund Balance – amounts that cannot be spent either because they are in a non-spendable form or because they are legally or contractually required to be maintained intact.
- 2) Restricted Fund Balance – amounts that can be spent only for specific purposes because of the City Charter, the City Code, state or federal laws, or externally imposed conditions by grantors, creditors, or citizens.

CITY OF HAMMOND, LOUISIANA
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - CONTINUED
As of and for the Year Ended June 30, 2023

I. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES: (Continued)

C. MEASUREMENT FOCUS, BASIS OF ACCOUNTING AND FINANCIAL STATEMENT PRESENTATION: (Continued)

Governmental Fund Balances: (Continued)

- 3) Committed Fund Balance – amounts that can be used only for specific purposes determined by a formal action by City Council ordinance or resolution.
- 4) Assigned Fund Balance – amounts that are constrained by the City’s intent that they will be used for specific purposes.
- 5) Unassigned Fund Balance – all amounts not included in the other spendable classifications.

The City considers restricted fund balances to be spent for governmental expenditures first when both restricted and unrestricted resources are available. The City also considers committed fund balances to be spent first when other unrestricted fund balance classifications are available for use.

Allowance for Doubtful Accounts:

The City has established an allowance for doubtful accounts for write-off of delinquent accounts. The City’s allowance is based on management’s best estimate of uncollectible amounts. The allowance for doubtful accounts at June 30, 2023 is \$289,472.

Cash and Cash Equivalents:

For the purpose of the Statement of Cash Flows, cash includes amounts in petty cash, demand deposits, interest bearing demand deposits, and money market accounts.

Advance To/From Other Funds:

Non-current portions of long-term interfund loans on receivables are reported as advances.

Short-Term Interfund Receivables/Payables:

During the course of operations, numerous transactions occur between individual funds for goods provided or services rendered. These receivables and payables are classified as due to or from other funds on the balance sheet. Short-term interfund loans are classified as interfund receivables or payables or due to or from other funds.

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I. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES: (Continued)

C. MEASUREMENT FOCUS, BASIS OF ACCOUNTING AND FINANCIAL STATEMENT PRESENTATION: (Continued)

Prepaid Items:

Payments made to vendors for services that will benefit periods beyond June 30, 2023 are recorded as prepaid items in the government-wide financial statements and fund financial statements.

Capital Assets:

Capital assets, which include property, plant, equipment, and infrastructure assets (e.g. roads, bridges, sidewalks and similar items) are reported in the applicable governmental or business-type activities columns in the government-wide financial statements and the fund financial statements for proprietary funds. Capital assets are defined by the City as assets with an initial, individual cost of more than \$5,000 for equipment, \$100,000 for water and sewer infrastructure, \$250,000 for general infrastructure, and \$50,000 for buildings. Such assets are recorded at historical cost or estimated historical cost if purchased or constructed. Donated capital assets are recorded at estimated fair market value at the date of donation.

The costs of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of the asset or materially extend assets lives are not capitalized.

Major outlays for capital assets and improvements are capitalized as projects are constructed. Interest incurred during the construction phase of capital assets of business-type activities is included as part of the capitalized value of the assets constructed. No interest was incurred by the City during the current fiscal year.

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

	<u>Life</u>
Buildings	10-40 years
Lines and mains	20-50 years
Equipment and vehicles	5-20 years
Infrastructure	20-40 years

Intangible Assets:

Intangible assets include easements, computer software, patent, copyrights, trademarks and goodwill. The City does not currently have any reportable intangible assets that meet the capitalization threshold for intangible assets in accordance with GASB Statement No. 51 "Accounting and Reporting for Intangible Assets."

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I. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES: (Continued)

C. MEASUREMENT FOCUS, BASIS OF ACCOUNTING AND FINANCIAL STATEMENT PRESENTATION: (Continued)

Interfund Transactions:

On fund financial statements, long-term interfund loans are classified as “due to/from other funds” on the balance sheet. These amounts are eliminated in the governmental and business-type activities columns of the statement of net position, except for any net residual amounts due between governmental and business-type activities, which are presented as internal balances.

Transfers between governmental and business-type activities on the government-wide financial statements are reported in the same manner as general revenues.

Exchange transactions between funds are reported as revenues in the seller funds and as expenditures/expenses in the purchaser funds. Flows of cash or goods from one fund to another without a requirement for repayment are reported as interfund transfers. Interfund transfers are reported as other financing sources/uses in governmental funds and after non-operating revenues/expenses in proprietary funds. Repayments from funds responsible for particular expenditures/expenses to the funds that initially paid for them are not presented on the financial statements.

Use of Estimates:

The City uses estimates and assumptions in preparing these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Those estimates and assumptions affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities, and the reported revenues and expenditures. Actual results could vary from the estimates that are used.

2. AD VALOREM TAXES:

Ad Valorem taxes attach as an enforceable lien on property as of January 1 of each year. Taxes are levied by the City during the year and are billed to taxpayers in November. Billed taxes become delinquent on March 1 of the following year. Revenues from Ad Valorem taxes are budgeted in the year billed and recognized as revenue when received. The Tangipahoa Parish Sheriff’s Office bills and collects the City’s property taxes using the assessed value determined by the Tax Assessor of Tangipahoa Parish.

The City is permitted by state law to levy taxes up to 9.04 mills of assessed valuation for general operating purposes. In 2011, the City passed an ordinance to allow part of the 9.04 mills to support debt service payments for Limited Tax Revenue Bonds issued in 2011. In addition, voters renewed a ten-year millage in 2008 of two (2) mills to be used for public improvements upkeep. The total is for general government services. No

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2. AD VALOREM TAXES: (Continued)

assessment was required for payment of long-term debt. On August 15, 2020, the voters of the City renewed a ten (10) mill property tax for a period of ten (10) years, beginning with the year 2011, for the purpose of operating, maintaining and acquiring police and fire protection services, facilities and equipment and paying Police and Fire Department salaries.

The Hammond Downtown Development District (the District) is permitted by state law to levy taxes up to fifteen (15) mills on all property subject to taxation by the District for the purpose of constructing, acquiring, operating or maintaining public facilities contemplated by the redevelopment plan and for the operating expenses of the District. On April 24, 2021, the voters of the District renewed the current tax levy of up to fifteen (15) mills on property.

For the year ended June 30, 2023, taxes were levied for the City (21.04 mills) and the District (15 mills) on property. The total tax levied was \$5,328,464. Tax collections for the year ended June 30, 2023 were 99.6% of the tax levy.

3. CASH, CASH EQUIVALENTS AND INVESTMENTS:

A. Primary Government

Cash and cash equivalents include amounts in demand deposits and interest-bearing demand deposits. 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.

The primary government had no long-term investments as of June 30, 2023. All monies are invested in short term cash equivalents.

At June 30, 2023, the City had cash (book balances) totaling \$24,753,887 as follows:

Governmental Funds:	
Petty cash	\$ 1,500
Demand deposits	28,148
Interest bearing demand deposits	<u>17,969,553</u>
	17,999,201

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3. CASH, CASH EQUIVALENTS AND INVESTMENTS: (Continued)

A. Primary Government: (Continued)

Proprietary Funds:

Enterprise Fund	
Interest bearing demand deposit	6,612,748
Internal Service Fund	
Interest bearing demand deposit	131,820
Cash with agent	10,118
	6,754,686
Total	\$ 24,753,887

These deposits are stated at cost, which approximates market value. Under state law, these deposits (or the resulting bank balances) must be secured by federal deposit insurance 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. These securities are held in the name of the City in a holding or custodial bank that is mutually acceptable to both parties.

At June 30, 2023, the City had \$25,114,793 in deposits (collected bank balances). These deposits are secured from risk by federal deposit insurance and pledged securities.

B. Custodial Credit Risk

Custodial credit risk is defined as the risk that, in the event of the failure of the counterparty, the City will not be able to recover the value of its deposit or collateral securities that are in the possession of an outside party. The City's bank balance of \$25,114,793 at June 30, 2023 is secured by pledged collateral held in joint custody. The City has no formal policy regarding custodial credit risk.

Deposits collateralized by pledged securities are considered to be exposed to credit risk (Category 3), under the provision of GASB Statement No. 40. However, Louisiana Revised Statute 39:1229 imposes a statutory requirement on the custodial bank to advertise and sell the pledged securities within ten days of being notified by the governmental entity that the fiscal agent has failed to pay deposited funds upon demand.

C. Discretely Presented Component Units

The discretely presented component units are required to invest funds within the same state statutes as the primary government. Component unit deposits (including demand deposit accounts and certificates of deposit) at June 30, 2023, are as follows:

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3. CASH, CASH EQUIVALENTS AND INVESTMENTS: (Continued)

C. Discretely Presented Component Units: (Continued)

City Court of Hammond

The City Court of Hammond reported on the government-wide financial statements cash and cash equivalents in the amount of \$228,070 in deposits (book balances), of which \$28,350 is restricted, at June 30, 2023. Total cash (book balances) from fiduciary responsibilities was \$435,084 at June 30, 2023. The City Court of Hammond reported on the government-wide financial statements investments (book balance) of \$757,040 at June 30, 2023. Bank balances at June 30, 2023 totaled \$1,442,460 of which \$1,120,417 was insured by FDIC Insurance and \$322,043 was collateralized with investments held by pledging bank's trust department not in the City Court's name.

Certificates of deposit with a maturity of 90 days or more are classified on the government-wide financial statements, fund financial statements and statement of fiduciary net position as "Investments".

Custodial Credit Risk – Deposits. Custodial credit risk is the risk that in the event of a bank failure, the entity's deposits may not be returned to it. The City Court does not have a deposit policy for custodial risk. At June 30, 2023, \$322,043 was exposed to custodial credit risk.

Deposits collateralized by pledged securities are considered to be exposed to credit risk under the provision of GASB Statement No. 40. However, Louisiana Revised Statute 39:1229 imposes a statutory requirement on the custodial bank to advertise and sell the pledged securities within ten days of being notified by the governmental entity that the fiscal agent has failed to pay deposited funds upon demand.

At June 30, 2023, the City Court was in compliance with state law, which requires any uninsured cash balances with the fiscal agent bank to be adequately collateralized by a pledge of securities.

Marshal's Office - City Court of Hammond

At June 30, 2023, the Marshal's Office reported on the government-wide financial statements cash and cash equivalents (book balances) in the amount of \$443,132. Total cash (book balances) from fiduciary responsibilities not reported on the government-wide financial statements was \$39,152 at June 30, 2023. The Marshal's Office reported

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3. CASH, CASH EQUIVALENTS AND INVESTMENTS: (Continued)

C. Discretely Presented Component Units: (Continued)

Marshal's Office - City Court of Hammond: (Continued)

on the government-wide financial statements investments (book balance) of \$214,861 at June 30, 2023. The bank balances at June 30, 2023 totaled \$796,062, of which \$42,621 was uninsured and collateralized with the remaining \$753,441 insured by FDIC Insurance.

Custodial credit risk – Deposits. Custodial credit risk is defined as the risk that, in the event of a bank failure, the entity's deposits and collateral securities that are in the possession of an outside party may not be recovered. At June 30, 2023, \$42,621 was exposed to custodial credit risk. The Marshal's Office has no formal policy regarding custodial credit risk.

Deposits collateralized by pledged securities are considered to be exposed to credit risk (Category 3), under the provision of GASB Statement No. 40. However, Louisiana Revised Statute 39:1229 imposes a statutory requirement on the custodial bank to advertise and sell the pledged securities within ten days of being notified by the Marshal's Office that the fiscal agent has failed to pay deposited funds upon demand.

4. RECEIVABLES:

Receivables at June 30, 2023, including the applicable allowances for uncollectible accounts, are as follows:

	Governmental Funds			Proprietary Funds		Total Primary Government	Total Component Units	Reporting Entity
	General	Other Governmental Funds	Total	Enterprise	Internal Service			
Receivables:								
Taxes:								
Ad valorem	\$ 239,472	\$ -	\$ 239,472	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 239,472	\$ -	\$ 239,472
Franchise	217,676	-	217,676	-	-	217,676	-	217,676
Notes receivables	-	226,317	226,317	-	-	226,317	-	226,317
Accounts receivables	-	-	-	1,186,804	-	1,186,804	-	1,186,804
Lease receivables	2,472,837	-	2,472,837	-	-	2,472,837	-	2,472,837
Other receivables	<u>266,403</u>	<u>39,996</u>	<u>306,399</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>306,399</u>	<u>46,149</u>	<u>352,548</u>
Gross receivables	3,196,388	266,313	3,462,701	1,186,804	-	4,649,505	46,149	4,695,654
Less: Allowance for uncollectibles	<u>(239,472)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(239,472)</u>	<u>(50,000)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(289,472)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(289,472)</u>
Net Receivables	<u>\$ 2,956,916</u>	<u>\$ 266,313</u>	<u>\$ 3,223,229</u>	<u>\$ 1,136,804</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 4,360,033</u>	<u>\$ 46,149</u>	<u>\$ 4,406,182</u>

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5. INTERFUND RECEIVABLES, PAYABLES, TRANSFERS IN, TRANSFERS OUT:

	Interfund Receivables	Interfund Payables
Governmental Funds:		
General Fund	\$ 636,602	\$ 3,288,090
Airport Capital Projects fund	-	666,625
Capital Projects fund	240,000	-
Other governmental funds	<u>3,288,090</u>	<u>11,477</u>
Total Governmental Funds	4,164,692	3,966,192
Proprietary Funds:		
Enterprise fund	-	198,500
Total Proprietary Funds	-	198,500
Total Primary Government	<u>\$ 4,164,692</u>	<u>\$ 4,164,692</u>
Governmental Funds:	Transfers In	Transfers Out
General fund	\$ 24,520,285	\$ 3,273,523
Sales tax fund	-	31,075,796
Airport Capital Projects Fund	20,000	44,833
Capital Projects Fund	4,088,065	-
Other governmental funds	<u>4,633,115</u>	<u>185,646</u>
Total Governmental Funds	33,261,465	34,579,798
Proprietary Funds:		
Enterprise fund	1,068,333	50,000
Internal service fund	<u>800,000</u>	<u>500,000</u>
Total Proprietary Funds	1,868,333	550,000
Total Primary Government	<u>\$ 35,129,798</u>	<u>\$ 35,129,798</u>

The principal purpose of transfers between funds is to fund expenditures associated with those funds.

6. DUE FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTS:

	Governmental Funds					Proprietary Fund	Total Primary Government	Component Units	Total Reporting Entity
	General	Airport Capital Projects	Capital Projects	Sales Tax	Other Governmental Funds	Enterprise Fund			
State of Louisiana:									
Beer tax	\$ 11,554	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 11,554	\$ -	\$ 11,554
State grants	-	511,159	-	-	-	-	511,159	-	511,159
Tangipahoa Parish Council									
Water District	4,872	-	-	-	-	34,671	39,543	-	39,543
Tangipahoa Parish School									
Board – sales tax	-	-	-	4,845,910	-	-	4,845,910	-	4,845,910
Tangipahoa Parish Government	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5,637	5,637
City of Hammond	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	56,352	56,352
City Court of Hammond	30,796	-	-	-	1,680	-	32,476	16,860	49,336
Federal grants	1,602,974	434,482	78,339	-	21,318	385,883	2,522,996	-	2,522,996
Other agencies	<u>374,226</u>	-	-	-	-	35,000	409,226	917	410,143
Total	<u>\$ 2,024,422</u>	<u>\$ 945,641</u>	<u>\$ 78,339</u>	<u>\$ 4,845,910</u>	<u>\$ 22,998</u>	<u>\$ 455,554</u>	<u>\$ 8,372,864</u>	<u>\$ 79,766</u>	<u>\$ 8,452,630</u>

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7. CAPITAL ASSETS:

A. Governmental Funds:

The following is a summary of governmental fund-type capital assets at June 30, 2023.

	<u>Balance 7/01/2022</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Deletions</u>	<u>Completed Construction</u>	<u>Balance 6/30/2023</u>
Governmental Activities:					
Capital assets not being depreciated:					
Land	\$ 6,412,947	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 6,412,947
Construction in progress	<u>1,757,010</u>	<u>4,740,150</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(2,686,256)</u>	<u>3,810,904</u>
Total capital assets not being depreciated	<u>8,169,957</u>	<u>4,740,150</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(2,686,256)</u>	<u>10,223,851</u>
Capital assets being depreciated:					
Buildings	13,022,611	689,502	-	-	13,712,113
Vehicles	10,954,286	1,311,298	(533,920)	-	11,731,664
Equipment	6,733,080	390,371	(18,202)	-	7,105,249
Infrastructure	<u>74,924,782</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,686,256</u>	<u>77,611,038</u>
Total capital assets being depreciated	105,634,759	2,391,171	(552,122)	2,686,256	110,160,064
Less accumulated depreciation	<u>(53,805,753)</u>	<u>(3,883,994)</u>	<u>552,122</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(57,137,625)</u>
Total capital assets being depreciated, net	<u>51,829,006</u>	<u>(1,492,823)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,886,256</u>	<u>53,022,439</u>
Governmental activities capital assets, net	<u>\$ 59,998,963</u>	<u>\$ 3,247,327</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 63,246,290</u>

Depreciation expense was charged to functions as follows:

General government	\$ 155,336
Public safety:	
Police	337,647
Fire	411,755
Culture and recreation	296,276
Buildings	22,247
Grounds	43,715
Airport	666,120
Streets	1,856,088
Economic development	94,810
Total governmental activities depreciation expense	<u>\$ 3,883,994</u>

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7. CAPITAL ASSETS: (Continued)

The following is a summary of capital assets of the Component Units at June 30, 2023:

	Balance <u>7/1/2022</u>	Additions	Deletions	Changes in Accumulated Depreciation	Balance <u>6/30/2023</u>
City Court of Hammond	\$ 87,869	\$ 11,296	\$ (209)	\$ (33,091)	\$ 65,865
Marshal's Office - City Court of Hammond	<u>60,833</u>	<u>1,704</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(21,219)</u>	<u>41,318</u>
Total Component Units	<u>\$ 148,702</u>	<u>\$ 13,000</u>	<u>\$ (209)</u>	<u>\$ (54,310)</u>	<u>\$ 107,183</u>

B. Proprietary Fund:

The following is a summary of proprietary fund-type capital assets at June 30, 2023:

	Balance <u>7/1/2022</u>	Additions	Deletions	Completed Construction	Balance <u>6/30/2023</u>
Business-Type Activities:					
Capital assets not being depreciated:					
Land	\$ 158,047	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 158,047
Construction in progress	<u>3,792,834</u>	<u>1,025,467</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(2,141,857)</u>	<u>2,676,444</u>
Total capital assets not being depreciated	<u>3,950,881</u>	<u>1,025,467</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(2,141,857)</u>	<u>2,834,491</u>
Capital assets being depreciated:					
Water:					
Buildings	486,459	-	-	-	486,459
Equipment	726,480	133,536	(1,817)	-	858,199
Vehicles	802,250	26,802	(35,970)	-	793,082
Lines and Mains	7,435,174	-	-	-	7,435,174
Sewer:					
Buildings	84,908	-	-	-	84,908
Equipment	1,771,174	23,880	-	-	1,795,054
Vehicles	580,967	-	-	-	580,967
Lines and Mains	<u>40,399,016</u>	<u>42,044</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,141,857</u>	<u>42,582,917</u>
Total capital assets being depreciated	52,286,428	226,262	(37,787)	2,141,857	54,616,760
Less: accumulated depreciation	<u>(35,917,618)</u>	<u>(1,469,090)</u>	<u>37,787</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(37,348,921)</u>
Total capital assets being depreciated, net	<u>16,368,810</u>	<u>(1,242,828)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,141,857</u>	<u>17,267,839</u>
Business-type activities capital assets, net	<u>\$ 20,319,691</u>	<u>\$ (217,361)</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 20,102,330</u>

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7. CAPITAL ASSETS: (Continued)

B. Proprietary Fund (Continued):

There were no transfers of capital assets from Proprietary Funds to Governmental Funds for the year ended June 30, 2023.

Depreciation expense was as follows:

Business-type activities:

Water	\$ 194,243
Sewer	<u>1,274,847</u>
Total business-type activities depreciation expense	<u>\$ 1,469,090</u>

8. RESTRICTED ASSETS:

Restricted assets for the City were applicable to the following at June 30, 2023:

Governmental Activities:

Unexpended Bond Proceeds	<u>\$ 369,932</u>
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Business-type Activities:

Meter Deposit Accounts	<u>\$ 716,868</u>
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Component Unit

City Court of Hammond – Judicial Building Fund	<u>\$ 28,350</u>
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9. GENERAL LONG-TERM DEBT OBLIGATIONS:

The following is a summary of general long-term debt transactions for the year ended June 30, 2023.

	<u>7/1/2022</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Deletions</u>	<u>6/30/2023</u>	<u>Amounts Due Within One Year</u>
Government Activities:					
Limited tax revenue bonds	\$ 455,000	\$ -	\$ (455,000)	\$ -	\$ -
Limited tax certificates	100,000	-	(50,000)	50,000	50,000
Sales tax refunding bonds	4,865,000	-	(885,000)	3,980,000	920,000
Premium	448,529	-	(145,469)	303,060	-
Accumulated leave	<u>6,311,771</u>	<u>71,714</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>6,383,485</u>	<u>-</u>
Total Governmental Activities	<u>\$ 12,180,300</u>	<u>\$ 71,714</u>	<u>\$ (1,535,469)</u>	<u>\$ 10,716,545</u>	<u>\$ 970,000</u>
Proprietary Funds:					
Bonds 2013	\$ 3,565,001	\$ -	\$ (259,000)	\$ 3,306,001	\$ 261,000
Bonds 2020	1,596,202	498,798	(77,000)	2,018,000	98,000
Asset retirement obligations	2,200,000	200,000	-	2,400,000	-
Accumulated leave	<u>330,817</u>	<u>29,592</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>360,409</u>	<u>-</u>
Total Proprietary Funds	<u>\$ 7,692,020</u>	<u>\$ 728,390</u>	<u>\$ (336,000)</u>	<u>\$ 8,084,410</u>	<u>\$ 359,000</u>

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9. GENERAL LONG-TERM DEBT OBLIGATIONS: (Continued)

Governmental Funds

The following is a summary of the bonds of the City at June 30, 2023:

\$11,000,000 Sales Tax Refunding Bonds, Series 2015, due in annual installments of principal starting December 1, 2015, and semi-annual installments of interest starting December 1, 2015, through December 1, 2026; on \$920,000 at 4%, on \$965,000 at 5%, on \$1,020,000 at 5%, and on \$1,075,000 at 5%. \$ 3,980,000

\$300,000 Limited Tax Certificates, Series 2018, due in annual installments of principal and semi-annual installments of interest starting September 1, 2018 through March 1, 2024; on \$50,000 at 3.675%. 50,000

Total Bonds Payable \$ 4,030,000

A combined schedule of the outstanding Limited Tax Revenue Series 2011, Sales Tax Series 2015 and Limited Tax Certificates Series 2018 bonds and the interest and principal requirements by dates is as follows:

DUE DATE	Limited Tax Certificates Series 2018		Sales Tax Refunding Series 2015		TOTALS
	PRINCIPAL	INTEREST	PRINCIPAL	INTEREST	
September 1, 2023	-	906	-	-	906
December 1, 2023	-	-	920,000	94,900	1,014,900
March 1, 2024	50,000	919	-	-	50,919
June 1, 2024	-	-	-	76,500	76,500
December 1, 2024	-	-	965,000	76,500	1,041,500
June 1, 2025	-	-	-	52,375	52,375
December 1, 2025	-	-	1,020,000	52,375	1,072,375
June 1, 2026	-	-	-	26,875	26,875
December 1, 2026	-	-	1,075,000	26,875	1,101,875
TOTAL	<u>\$ 50,000</u>	<u>\$ 1,825</u>	<u>\$ 3,980,000</u>	<u>\$ 406,400</u>	<u>\$ 4,438,225</u>

In 2011, the City issued \$4,390,000 of Limited Tax Revenue Bonds to refund the Series 2002 Sales Tax Revenue Bonds. The Limited Tax Bonds are supported by the 9.04 mill Ad Valorem tax.

During the year ended June 30, 2019, the City issued \$300,000 of Limited Tax Certificates to fund the construction, renovation and/or acquisition of facilities contemplated by the Downtown Development District's redevelopment plan. The Limited Tax Certificates are supported by a 14.16 mill Ad Valorem Tax.

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9. GENERAL LONG-TERM DEBT OBLIGATIONS: (Continued)

Governmental Funds: (Continued)

Sales Tax Refunding, Series 2015

During the year ended June 30, 2015, the City issued \$11,000,000 in sales tax bonds with interest rates ranging from 2% to 5%. The proceeds were used to advance refund \$12,105,000 of outstanding 2005 and 2006 sales tax bonds which had interest rates ranging from 4% to 5.25%. The net proceeds of \$12,321,826 (including a \$1,527,424 premium and after payment of \$205,597 in underwriting fees and other issuance costs) were deposited in an irrevocable trust with an escrow agent to provide funds for the future debt service payment on the refunded bonds. As a result, the 2005 sales tax bond was considered defeased and the liability for those bonds have been removed from the statement of net position while the 2006 sales tax bond had a remaining balance of \$1,475,000. During the year ended June 30, 2023, \$145,469 of this premium was amortized.

Accumulated Leave

At June 30, 2023, employees of the City have accumulated and vested \$6,383,485 of leave benefits for all governmental funds.

Proprietary Fund Types:

Accumulated Leave

At June 30, 2023, employees of the City who work in the Water and Sewer Departments have accumulated and vested \$360,409 of leave benefits for the proprietary funds.

Asset Retirement Obligations

The City has recognized asset retirement obligations (AROs) and related deferred outflows of resources in connection with its obligation to decommission waste water treatment plants and wetland assimilation sites at the end of their estimated useful lives in accordance with federal, state and/or local requirements. The AROs were measured using actual historical costs for similar decommissions, adjusted for inflation through the end of the year. The estimated remaining useful lives of the AROs are 10 years. During the year ended June 30, 2023, the City's engineer revised the estimated cost of the obligations from \$2,200,000 to \$2,400,000, an increase of \$200,000. The City had \$2,400,000 in asset retirement obligations and \$880,000 in related deferred outflows as of June 30, 2023.

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9. GENERAL LONG-TERM DEBT OBLIGATIONS: (Continued)

Proprietary Fund Types: (Continued)

Public Improvement Revenue Bonds

In November of 2013, the City entered into a loan agreement with the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality (LDEQ) for the purpose of issuing Taxable Sewer Revenue Bonds, Series 2013 for an amount not to exceed \$5,000,000. The Taxable Sewer Revenue Bonds, Series 2013 are secured by and payable from a pledge and dedication of revenues derived from the sewerage system and user fees of the Proprietary Fund.

During 2023, \$259,000 of this loan was retired. As of June 30, 2023, \$3,306,001 of such bonds remained outstanding.

In the year ended June 30, 2020, the City entered into a loan agreement with the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality (LDEQ) for the purpose of issuing Taxable Sewer Revenue Bonds, Series 2020 for an amount not to exceed \$2,100,000. The Taxable Sewer Revenue Bonds, Series 2020 are secured by and payable from a pledge and dedication of revenues derived from the sewerage system and user fees of the Proprietary Fund. During 2023, \$498,798 of this loan was drawn down and principal payments of \$77,000 were made. As of June 30, 2023, \$2,018,000 of such bonds remained outstanding.

In addition, the City also owes the State and local governmental districts \$25,684 as of June 30, 2023.

10. METER DEPOSITS:

Meter deposits are paid by customers upon application for utility services and are refundable to them upon termination of service. Receipts from meter deposits are deposited in a meter deposit account and refunds of deposits on termination of service are made from the same account.

The City has restricted cash and cash equivalents of the Enterprise Fund specifically for meter deposits. At June 30, 2023, meter deposits amounted to \$716,868 and the balance of cash and cash equivalents in the Enterprise Fund restricted for meter deposits totaled \$716,868.

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II. PENSION PLANS:

Substantially all employees of the City of Hammond are members of three statewide, public employee retirement systems, the Municipal Employees' Retirement System (MERS), the Municipal Police Employees' Retirement System (MPERS) and the Firefighters' Retirement System (FRS). All three plans are administered by separate boards of trustees and are cost-sharing, multiple-employer defined benefit pension plans. The systems issue annual, publicly-available financial reports that include financial statements and required supplementary information for the systems. The reports for MERS, MPERS and FRS may be obtained at www.mersla.com, www.lampers.org and www.lafirefightersret.com, respectively.

Plan Descriptions

Municipal Employees' Retirement System (MERS)

The MERS System was originally established by Act 356 of the 1954 regular session of the Legislature of the State of Louisiana to provide 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.

Municipal Police Employees' Retirement System (MPERS)

Membership in the MPERS System is mandatory for any full-time police officer employed by a municipality of the State of Louisiana 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. Benefit provisions are authorized within Act 189 of 1973 and amended by LRS 11:2211-11:2233.

Firefighters' Retirement System (FRS)

Membership in the FRS System is a condition of employment for any full-time firefighters who earn more than \$375 per month and are employed by any municipality, parish, or fire protection district of the State of Louisiana in addition to employees of the Firefighters' Retirement System. The System provides retirement benefits for their members. 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. Benefit provisions are authorized within Act 434 of 1979 and amended by LRS 11:2251-11:2272.

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II. PENSION PLANS: (Continued)

Benefits Provided

MERS

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 City are not eligible for membership in the System with exceptions as outlined in the statutes. All of the City of Hammond's employees fall within Plan A.

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 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) or more years of creditable service.
2. Age 62 with ten (10) or more years of creditable service.
3. Age 55 with thirty (30) or more years of creditable service.
4. Any age with twenty-five (25) years of creditable service, exclusive of military service and unused sick and annual leave. However, any member retiring under this subsection shall have their benefit actuarially reduced from the earliest age of which the member would be entitled to a vested deferred benefit under any provision of this section, if the member had continued in service to that age.

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 average compensation multiplied by his years of creditable service. Final average 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 for the surviving spouse and/or minor children as outlined in the statutes.

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II. PENSION PLANS: (Continued)

Benefits Provided: (Continued)

MERS: (Continued)

Any member of Plan A, who is eligible for normal retirement at 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.

DROP Benefits - In lieu of terminating employment and accepting a service retirement allowance, any member of Plan A 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 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 into 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 of forty-five percent of his final average compensation or three percent of his final average compensation multiplied by his years of creditable service whichever is greater or an amount equal to three percent of the member's final average compensation multiplied by his years of creditable service projected to his earliest normal retirement age.

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II. PENSION PLANS: (Continued)

Benefits Provided: (Continued)

MERS: (Continued)

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

MPERS

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.

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11. PENSION PLANS: (Continued)

Benefits Provided: (Continued)

MPERS: (Continued)

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 and has 30 years of creditable service 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 an actuarially reduced benefit from age 55.

Membership commencing January 1, 2013: (Continued) - 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.

Upon 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 ten percent of 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 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.

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II. PENSION PLANS: (Continued)

Benefits Provided: (Continued)

MPERS: (Continued)

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 fiscal 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 - A member is eligible to elect to enter the deferred retirement option plan (DROP) when he is eligible for regular retirement based on the members' 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 date of application.

Deferred Retirement Option Plan: (Continued) - 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 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 benefit 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.

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

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11. PENSION PLANS: (Continued)

Benefits Provided: (Continued)

MPERS: (Continued)

Initial Benefit Option Plan - In 1999, the State Legislature authorized the System to establish an Initial Benefit Option program. Initial Benefit Option is available to members who are eligible for regular retirement and have not participated in DROP. The Initial Benefit Option program provides both a one-time single 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.

FRS

Any person who becomes an employee as defined in RS 11:2252 on and after January 1, 1980 shall become a member as a condition of employment.

No person who has attained age fifty or over shall become a member of the System, unless the person becomes a member by reason of a merger or unless the System received an application for membership before the applicant attained the age of fifty. No person who has not attained the age of eighteen years shall become a member of the System.

Any person who has retired from service under any retirement system or pension fund maintained basically for public officers and employees of the state, its agencies or political subdivisions, and who is receiving retirement benefits therefrom may become a member of this System, provided the person meets all other requirements for membership. Service credit from the retirement system or pension plan from which the member is retired shall not be used for reciprocal recognition of service with this System, or for any other purpose in order to attain eligibility or increase the amount of service credit in this System.

Retirement Benefits – Employees with 20 or more years of service who have attained age 50, or employees who have 12 years of service who have attained age 55, or 25 years of service at any age are entitled to annual benefit benefits equal to 3.333% of their average final compensation based on the 36 consecutive months of highest pay multiplied by their total years of service, not to exceed 100%. Employees may elect to receive their pension benefits in the form of a joint and survivor annuity. If employees terminate before rendering 12 years of service, they forfeit the right to receive the portion of their accumulated plan benefits attributable to their employer's contributions. Benefits are payable over the employees lives in the form of a monthly annuity. An employee may elect an unreduced benefit or any of seven options at retirement.

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II. PENSION PLANS: (Continued)

Benefits Provided: (Continued)

FRS: (Continued)

Disability Benefits – A member who acquires a disability, and who files for disability benefits while in service, and who upon medical examination and certification as provided for in Title II, is found to have a total disability solely as the result of injuries sustained in the performance of his official duties, or for any cause, provided the member has at least five years of creditable service and provided that the disability was incurred while the member was an active contributing member in active service, shall be entitled to disability benefits and the provisions of R.S. II:2258(B).

Death Benefits – Benefits shall be payable to the surviving eligible spouse or designated beneficiary of a deceased member as specified in R.S. II:2256(B) & (C).

Deferred Retirement Option Plan - After completing 20 years of creditable service and age 50 or 25 years at any age, a member may elect to participate in the deferred retirement option plan (DROP) for up to 36 months. Upon commencement of participation in the deferred retirement option plan, employer and employee contributions to the System cease. The monthly retirement benefit that would have been payable is paid into the deferred retirement option plan account. A member may (1) elect to roll over all or a portion of their DROP balance into another eligible qualified plan, (2) receive a lump-sum payment from the account, (3) receive single withdrawals at the discretion of the member, (4) receive monthly or annual withdrawals, or (5) receive an annuity based on the DROP account balance. These withdrawals are in addition to his regular monthly benefit. If employment is not terminated at the end of the 36 months, the participant resumes regular contributions to the System. No payments may be made from the deferred retirement option plan account until the participant retires.

Initial Benefit Option Plan - Effective June 16, 1999, members eligible to retire and who do not choose to participate in DROP may elect to receive, at the time of retirement, an initial benefit option (IBO) in an amount up to 36 months of benefits, with an actuarial reduction of their future benefits. Such amounts may be withdrawn or remain in the IBO account earning interest at the same rate as the DROP account.

Cost of Living Adjustments (COLAs) - Under the provisions of R.S. II:246 and II:2260(A)(7), the board of trustees is authorized to grant retired members and widows of members who have retired an annual cost of living increase of up to 3% of their current benefit, and all retired members and widows who are 65 years of age and older a 2% increase in their original benefit.

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II. PENSION PLANS: (Continued)

Benefits Provided: (Continued)

FRS: (Continued)

Cost of Living Adjustments (COLAs) – (Continued)

In order for the board to grant either of these increases, the System must meet certain criteria detailed in the statute related to funding status and interest earnings (R.S. 11:243). In lieu of these COLAs, pursuant to R.S. 11:241, the board may also grant an increase based on a formula equal to up to \$1 times the total number of years of credited service accrued at retirement or at death of the member or retiree plus the number of years since retirement or since death of the member or retiree to the system's fiscal year end preceding the payment of the benefit increase. If there are not sufficient funds to fund the benefit at the rate of one dollar per year for such total number of years, then the rate shall be reduced in proportion to the amount of funds that are available to fund the cost-of living adjustment.

Contributions

MERS

Contribution rates for employees are established by Louisiana Revised Statute 11:1786 and employer contribution rates are actuarially determined each year by the System's Board of Trustees. During the year ended June 30, 2023, employees were required to contribute 10.0% of their annual pay. The City's contractually required contribution rate for the year ended June 30, 2023, was 29.5% of annual payroll. Contributions to the System from the City were \$1,677,161 for the year ended June 30, 2023.

MPERS

Contribution rates for employees are established by state statutes and employer contribution rates are actuarially determined each year by the System's Board of Trustees. During the year ended June 30, 2023, employees were required to contribute 10.00% of their annual pay. The City's contractually required contribution rate for the year ended June 30, 2023, was 29.75% of annual payroll. Contributions to the System from the City were \$2,017,502 for the year ended June 30, 2023.

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II. PENSION PLANS: (Continued)

Contributions: (Continued)

FRS

Contribution rates for employees are established by state statutes and employer contribution rates are actuarially determined each year by the System’s Board of Trustees. During the year ended June 30, 2023, employees were required to contribute 10.00% of their annual pay. The City’s contractually required contribution rate for the year ended June 30, 2023, was 33.75% of annual payroll. Contributions to the System from the City were \$1,406,678 for the year ended June 30, 2023.

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

At June 30, 2023, the City of Hammond reported a liability for MERS, MPERS and FRS of \$10,350,154, \$15,020,929 and \$8,681,325, respectively, for its proportionate share of the net pension liability. The net pension liabilities were measured as of June 30, 2022, and the total pension liabilities used to calculate the net pension liability were determined by actuarial valuations as of that date. The City’s proportion of the net pension liability for each retirement system was based on a projection of the City’s long-term share of contributions to the pension plan relative to the projected contributions of all participating employers, actuarially determined.

At June 30, 2023, the City’s proportion for MERS, MPERS and FRS was 2.492071%, 1.469503% and 1.231168%, respectively. This reflects an increase for MERS, MPERS and FRS of 0.087455%, 0.004081% and 0.112467%, respectively, from their proportions measured as of June 30, 2021.

For the year ended June 30, 2023, the City recognized pension expense, for which there were no forfeitures, as follows:

	Pension Expense
MERS	\$ 2,748,007
MPERS	214,147
FRS	149,311
Total	<u>\$ 3,111,465</u>

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II. PENSION PLANS: (Continued)

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

At June 30, 2023, 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			
	MERS	MPERS	FRS	TOTAL	MERS	MPERS	FRS	TOTAL
Changes in proportions	\$ 203,732	\$ 265,783	\$ 500,723	\$ 970,238	\$ 233,022	\$ -	\$ 483,594	\$ 716,616
Contributions subsequent to the measurement date	1,677,161	2,017,502	1,406,678	5,101,341	-	-	-	-
Differences between expected and actual experience	12,223	74,083	51,887	138,193	39,633	122,426	409,191	571,250
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on pension plan investments	1,722,224	2,681,709	1,966,548	6,370,481	-	-	-	-
Changes of assumptions	100,270	518,138	718,838	1,334,246	-	111,725	-	111,725
Total	<u>\$ 3,715,610</u>	<u>\$ 5,557,215</u>	<u>\$ 4,644,674</u>	<u>\$ 13,914,499</u>	<u>\$ 272,655</u>	<u>\$ 234,151</u>	<u>\$ 892,785</u>	<u>\$ 1,399,591</u>

During the year ended June, 30, 2023, employer contributions totaling \$1,677,161, \$2,017,502 and \$1,406,678 were made subsequent to the measurement date for MERS, MPERS and FRS, respectively. These contributions are reported as deferred outflows of resources and will be recognized as a reduction of the net pension liability in the year ended June 30, 2023. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions will be recognized in pension expense as follows:

	MERS	MPERS	FRS
Year ended June 30:			
2024	\$ 344,697	\$ 906,362	\$ 514,458
2025	430,382	813,573	391,403
2026	164,806	178,960	225,750
2027	825,907	1,406,667	1,092,879
2028	-	-	57,530
2029	-	-	60,191
TOTAL	<u>\$ 1,765,792</u>	<u>\$ 3,305,562</u>	<u>\$ 2,342,211</u>

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II. PENSION PLANS: (Continued)

Actuarial Assumptions

The total pension liabilities for MERS, MPERS and FRS in the June 30, 2023, actuarial valuations were determined using the following actuarial assumptions, applied to all periods included in the measurements:

	MERS	MPERS	FRS
Actuarial cost method:	Entry age normal	Entry age normal	Entry age normal
Amortization approach:	Closed	Closed	Closed
Actuarial assumptions:			
Expected remaining service lives:	3 years	4 years	7 years
Investment rate of return:	6.85%, net of investment expense	6.75%, net of investment expense	6.90%, net of investment expense
Inflation rate:	2.5%	2.5%	2.5%
Projected salary increases:	Vary from 6.4% in the first year of service to 4.5% after 4 years.	Vary from 12.3% in the first year of service to 4.7% after 2 years	Vary from 14.1% in the first two years of service to 5.2% after 25 years
Cost-of-living adjustments:	Only those previously granted	Only those previously granted	Only those previously granted
	MERS	MPERS	FRS
Mortality:	PubG-2010(B) Health Retiree Table set equal to 120% for males and females, each adjusted using their respective male and female MP2018 scales.	Pub-2010 Public Retirement Plan Mortality Table for Safety Below-Median Healthy Retirees multiplied by 115% for males and 125% for females for healthy annuitants and beneficiaries.	Pub-2010 Public Retirement Plan Mortality Table for Safety Below-Median Healthy Retirees multiplied by 105% for males and 115% for females for annuitants and beneficiaries.
	PubG2010(B) Employee table set equal to 120% for males and females, each adjusted using their respective male and female MP2018 scales.	Pub-2010 Public Retirement Plans Mortality Table for Safety Below-Median Employees multiplied by 115% for males and 125% for females for active members.	Pub-2010 Public Retirement Plans Mortality Table for Safety Below-Median Employees multiplied by 105% for males and 115% for females for active members.
	PubNS-2010(B) Disabled Retiree Table set equal to 120% for males and females with the full generational MP2018 scale.	Pub-2010 Public Retirement Plans Mortality Table for Safety Disable Retirees multiplied by 105% for males and 115% for females for disabled annuitants.	Pub-2010 Public Retirement Plans Mortality Table for Safety Disable Retirees multiplied by 105% for males and 115% for females for disable annuitants.

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II. PENSION PLANS: (Continued)

Actuarial Assumptions (Continued)

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 expense 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.

The target allocation and best estimates of arithmetic (MERS and MPERS) and geometric (FRS) real rates of return for each major asset class included in the pension plan's target asset allocation as of June 30, 2023, are summarized in the following table:

Asset Class	Target Allocation			Long-Term Expected Real Rate of Return		
	MERS	MPERS	FRS	MERS	MPERS	FRS
Public equity	53%	56%	56%	2.31%	3.60%	6.32%
Public fixed income	38%	30%	26%	1.65%	0.85%	1.45%
Alternatives	9%	14%	18%	0.39%	0.95%	6.15%
Other	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	4.35%	5.40%	13.92%

Discount Rates

The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability for MERS was 6.85%, for FRS was 6.90%, and for MPERS was 6.75%. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed that employee contributions will be made at the current contribution rate and that employer contributions from participating employers will be made at contractually required rates, actuarially determined. Based on those assumptions, the pension plans' fiduciary net positions were projected to be available to make all projected future benefit payments of current active and inactive 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.

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Sensitivity of the Employer’s Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability to Changes in the Discount Rates

The following tables present the employer’s proportionate share of the net pension liability using the discount rates of 6.85% for MERS, 6.90% for FRS and the discount rate of 6.75% for MPERS, as well as what the employer’s proportionate share of the net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is one percentage-point lower or one percentage-point higher than the current rate:

	<u>1% Decrease</u>	<u>Current Discount</u>	<u>1% Increase</u>
MERS (6.85%)	\$ 13,767,724	\$ 10,350,154	\$ 7,462,414
MPERS (6.75%)	21,026,425	15,020,929	10,004,353
FRS (6.90%)	<u>12,843,057</u>	<u>8,681,325</u>	<u>5,210,147</u>
TOTAL	<u>\$ 47,637,206</u>	<u>\$ 34,052,408</u>	<u>\$ 22,676,914</u>

Pension Plan Fiduciary Net Position

Detailed information about the pension plans’ fiduciary net position is available in the separately issued MERS, MPERS and FRS audit reports at www.mersla.com, www.lampers.org and www.lafirefightersret.com, respectively.

Payables to the Pension Plan

At June 30, 2023, payables to MERS, MPERS and FRS were \$241,500, \$302,168 and \$202,466 respectively, for June 2023 employee and employer legally-required contributions.

Discretely Presented Component Units

City Court of Hammond

The employees of City Court of Hammond participate in the Parochial Employees’ Retirement System (the System) and the judge participates in LASERS.

A. Parochial Employees’ Retirement System of Louisiana

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II. PENSION PLANS: (Continued)

Discretely Presented Component Units: (Continued)

General Information about the Pension Plan

Plan Description – Employees of the City Court are eligible for participation in the Parochial Employees’ Retirement System of Louisiana (the “System”) – a cost-sharing, multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan administered by a Board of Trustees and established by Act 205 of the 1952 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature. The System issues a publicly available financial report that can be obtained at www.persla.org. The report may also be obtained by writing to the Parochial Employees' Retirement System of Louisiana, 7905 Wrenwood Boulevard, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70809, or by calling (225) 928-1361.

Benefits Provided – The System provides retirement, disability, and death benefits. Retirement benefits are determined as 2.0% of the employee’s final compensation multiplied by the employee’s years of creditable service. Employees who retire at or after age 60 with at least 10 years of creditable service, at or after age 55 with at least 30 years of creditable service, or at any age with at least 30 years of creditable service are entitled to a retirement benefit, payable monthly for life, equal to 2.0% of their final-average salary for each year of creditable service. Final-average salary is the employee’s average salary over the 36 consecutive or joined months that produce the highest average. Employees who terminate with at least the amount of creditable service stated above and do not withdraw their employee contributions may retire at the ages specified above and receive the benefit accrued to their date of termination.

The System also provides death and disability benefits. Under state law, cost of living increases to benefits are allowable only if sufficient funds are available from investment income in excess of normal requirements. Cost of living increases cannot exceed 2% of the retiree’s original benefit for each full calendar year since retirement.

Contributions – Per Act 765 of the 1979 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature, contribution rates for employees are established by state law and employer contribution rates are actuarially determined each year by the System’s Board of Trustees. Employees are required to contribute 4.93% of their annual pay. The City Court’s contribution rate was 7.5% for the period July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2023. Contributions to the System from the City Court were \$67,204 for the year ended June 30, 2023.

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II. PENSION PLANS: (Continued)

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

At June 30, 2023, the City Court reported a liability of \$180,558 for its proportionate share of the net pension liability. The net pension liability was measured as of December 31, 2022, and the total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of that date. The City Court's proportion of the net pension liability was based on a projection of the City Court's June 30, 2023 contributions to the pension plan relative to the projected contributions of all participating employers, actuarially determined. At December 31, 2022, the City Court's proportion was 0.758361%, which was an increase of 0.009407% from its proportion measured as of December 31, 2021. For the year ended June 30, 2023, the City Court recognized pension expense of \$125,576. At June 30, 2023, the City Court 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	\$ 3,756	\$ 36,222
Changes in Assumptions	8,512	-
Net Difference Between Projected and Actual Earnings on Pension Plan Investments	283,980	-
Changes in Proportion and Differences Between City Court Contributions and Proportionate Share of Contributions	-	1,274
City Court Contributions Subsequent to the Measurement Date	33,614	-
	\$ 329,862	\$ 37,496

\$33,614 reported as deferred outflows of resources related to pensions resulting from City Court contributions subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a reduction of the net pension liability in the year ended June 30, 2023. 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:

December 31, 2024	\$ 42
December 31, 2025	40,085
December 31, 2026	93,269
December 31, 2027	123,356

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II. PENSION PLANS: (Continued)

Discretely Presented Component Units (Continued)

Actuarial Assumptions

The total pension liability in the December 31, 2022 actuarial valuation was determined using the following actuarial assumptions, applied to all periods included in the measurement:

Actuarial Cost Method	Entry Age Normal
Inflation	2.30%
Salary Increases	4.25% (2.30% Inflation, 1.95% Merit)
Investment Rate of Return	6.40%, Net of investment expense including Inflation
Expected Remaining Service Lives	4 years

Mortality rates were based on the Pub-2010 Public Retirement Plans Mortality Table for General Employees for employees, the Pub-2010 Public Retirement Plans Mortality Table for Health Retirees for annuitants and beneficiaries, and the Pub-2010 Public Retirement Mortality Table for General Disabled Retirees for disabled annuitants, all multiplied by 130% for males and 125% for females.

The mortality rate assumption used in the December 31, 2022, valuation was set based upon an experience study performed on plan data for the period January 1, 2013 through December 31, 2017. The data was then assigned credibility weighting and combined with a standard table to produce current levels of mortality. As a result of this study, mortality for employees was set equal to the Pub-2010 Public Retirement Plans Mortality Table for General Employees multiplied by 130% for males and 125% for females, each with full generational projection using the MP2018 scale. In addition, mortality for annuitants and beneficiaries was set equal to the Pub-2010 Public Retirement Plans Mortality Table for Healthy Retirees multiplied by 130% for males and 125% for females, each with full generational protection using the MP2018 scale. For disabled annuitants, mortality was set equal to the Pub-2010 Public Retirement Plans Mortality Table for General Disabled Retirees multiplied by 130% for males and 125% for females, each with full generational projection using the MP2018 scale.

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II. PENSION PLANS: (Continued)

Discretely Presented Component Units: (Continued)

Actuarial Assumptions: (Continued)

The long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was determined using a triangulation method which integrated the CAPM pricing model (top-down), a treasury yield curve approach (bottom-up), and an equity building-block model (bottom-up). Risk return and correlations are projected on a forward-looking basis in equilibrium, in which best-estimates of expected future real rates of return (expected returns, net of pension plan investment expense and inflation) are developed for each major asset class. These rates 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 of 2.10% and an adjustment for the effect of rebalancing / diversification. The resulting expected long-term rate of return is 7.70% for the year ended December 31, 2022.

<u>Asset Class</u>	<u>Target Allocation</u>	<u>Long-Term Expected Real Rate of Return</u>
Fixed Income	33.00%	1.17%
Equity	51.00%	3.58%
Alternatives	14.00%	0.73%
Real Assets	<u>2.00%</u>	<u>0.12%</u>
Total	<u>100.00%</u>	<u>5.60%</u>
Inflation		2.10%
Expected Arithmetic Nominal Return		7.70%

Discount Rate – The discount rate used to measure the total pension asset was 6.40%. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed that employee contributions will be made at the current contribution rate and that contributions from participating employers and non-employer contributing entities will be made at the actuarially determined contribution rates, which are calculated in accordance with the relevant statutes and approved by the Board of Trustees and the Public Retirement Systems' Actuarial Committee. Based on these assumptions, the System's fiduciary net

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Discretely Presented Component Units: (Continued)

Actuarial Assumptions: (Continued)

Discount Rate: (Continued)

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 asset.

Sensitivity of the City Court's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability to Changes in the Discount Rate – The following presents the City Court's proportionate share of the net pension liability calculated using the discount rate of 6.40%, as well as what the City Court's proportionate share of the net pension asset would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is one percentage-point lower (5.40%) or one percentage-point higher (7.40%) than the current rate:

	1.0% Decrease (5.40%)	Current Discount Rate (6.40%)	1.0% Increase (7.40%)
City Court's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension (Asset) / Liability	\$ 584,254	\$ 180,558	\$ (157,374)

Pension Plan Fiduciary Net Position – Detailed information about the pension plan's fiduciary net position is available in the separately issued System financial report.

Payables to the Pension Plan – As of June 30, 2023, the City Court owed \$22,239 to the System for the City Court's 2nd quarter 2023 payroll contribution.

B. Louisiana State Employees Retirement System

General Information about the Pension Plan

Plan Description – The Judge of the City Court is the only employee eligible for participation in the Louisiana State Employees' Retirement System ("LASERS") – a cost-sharing, multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan administered by a Board of Trustees and established by Title 11, Section 401 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950. LASERS issues a publicly available financial report that can be obtained at www.lasersonline.org. The report may also be obtained by writing to the Louisiana Employees Retirement System, P.O. Box 44213, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70804-4213.

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II. PENSION PLANS: (Continued)

Discretely Presented Component Units: (Continued)

General Information about the Pension Plan: (Continued)

Benefits Provided – The age and years of creditable service required in order for a member to retire with full benefits are established by Statute and may vary depending on the member’s employer and job classification. The substantial majority of members may retire with full benefits at ages ranging from any age, upon completing thirty years of service, to age sixty, upon completing ten years of service.

The basic annual retirement benefit for substantially all members is equal to 2.5% to 3.5% of average compensation multiplied by the number of years of creditable service. Average compensation is defined as the member’s average annual earned compensation for the highest thirty-six consecutive months of employment for members employed prior to July 1, 2006. For members hired July 1, 2006 or later, average compensation is based on the member’s average annual earned compensation for the highest sixty consecutive months of employment. The maximum annual retirement benefit cannot exceed the lesser of 100% of average compensation or a certain specified dollar amount of actuarially determined monetary limits, which vary depending upon the member’s age at retirement. Judges, court officers, and certain elected officials receive an additional annual retirement benefit equal to 1.0% of average compensation multiplied by the number of years of creditable service in their respective capacity. As an alternative to the basic retirement benefits, a member may elect to receive their retirement throughout their life, with certain benefits being paid to their designated beneficiary after their death.

Members are eligible for disability benefits under age 60 with 10 or more years of credited service. Survivor’s benefits are available upon the death of a member who has credit for five or more years of service who is not eligible for normal retirement benefits. As fully described in Title 11 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes, the System allows for the payment of permanent benefit increases that are funded through investment earnings when recommended by the Board of Trustees and approved by the State.

Contributions – Contribution rates are established annually under LRS 11:101 – 11:104 by the Public Retirement Systems’ Actuarial Committee (PRSAC), taking into consideration the recommendation of LASER’s actuary. Rates are different for each class of members; however, the City Court’s contractually required contribution rate for the year ended June 30, 2023, was 43.80%. Members are required to contribute 13.00% of their annual pay. Contributions to LASERS from the City Court were \$20,630 for the year ended June 30, 2023.

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II. PENSION PLANS: (Continued)

Discretely Presented Component Units: (Continued)

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

At June 30, 2023, the City Court reported a liability of \$181,509 for its proportionate share of the net pension liability. The net pension liability was measured as of June 30, 2022, and the total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of that date. The City Court's proportion of the net pension liability was based on a projection of the City Court's June 30, 2023, contributions to the pension plan relative to the projected contributions of all participating employers, actuarially determined. At June 30, 2022, the City Court's proportion was 0.00240%, which was an increase of 0.00240% from its proportion measured as of June 30, 2021.

For the year ended June 30, 2023, the City Court recognized pension expense of \$24,042. At June 30, 2023, the City Court 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	\$ 495	\$ -
Changes of assumptions	3,300	-
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on pension plan investments	14,620	-
City Court contributions subsequent to the measurement date	<u>20,630</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>\$ 39,045</u>	<u>\$ -</u>

\$39,045 reported as deferred outflows of resources related to pensions resulting from City Court contributions subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a reduction of the net pension liability in the year ended June 30, 2023. 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:

June 30, 2024	\$ 9,069
June 30, 2025	3,021
June 30, 2026	(3,697)
June 30, 2027	10,022

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II. PENSION PLANS: (Continued)

Discretely Presented Component Units: (Continued)

Actuarial Assumptions

The total pension liability in the June 30, 2022, actuarial valuation was determined using the following actuarial assumptions, applied to all periods included in the measurement:

Actuarial Cost Method	Entry Age Normal
Expected Remaining Service Life	2 Years
Investment Rate of Return	7.55% per annum, net of investment expenses
Inflation Rate	2.30% per annum
Mortality	<p>Non-disabled members – Mortality rates based on the RP-2014 Blue Collar (males/females) and White Collar (females) Health Annuitant Tables projected on a fully generational basis by Mortality Improvement Scale MP-2018.</p> <p>Disabled members – Mortality rates based on the RP-2000 Disabled Retiree Mortality Table, with no projection for mortality improvements.</p>
Termination, Disability, and Retirements	Termination, disability, and retirement assumptions were projected based on a five-year (2004-2018) experience study of the System’s members for 2022.
Salary Increases	Salary increases were projected based on a 2004-2018 experience study of the System’s members for 2022. The salary increase ranges for specific types of members are:

Member Type	Lower Range	Upper Range
Regular	3.00%	12.80%
Judges	2.60%	5.10%
Corrections	3.60%	13.80%
Hazardous Duty	3.60%	13.80%
Wildlife	3.60%	13.80%

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II. PENSION PLANS: (Continued)

Discretely Presented Component Units: (Continued)

Actuarial Assumptions: (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 projected benefit payments do not include provisions for potential future increases not yet authorized by the Board of Trustees as they were deemed not to be substantively automatic.

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 expense 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 of 2.3% and an adjustment for the effect of rebalancing / diversification. The resulting expected long-term rate of return is 8.34% for 2022. Best estimates of geometric real rates of return for each major asset class included in the System's target asset allocation as of June 30, 2022 are summarized in the following table:

Asset Class	Long-Term Expected Real Rate of Return
Cash	0.39%
Domestic Equity	4.57%
International Equity	5.76%
Domestic Fixed Income	1.48%
International Fixed Income	5.04%
Alternative Investments	8.30%
Total	25.54%

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II. PENSION PLANS: (Continued)

Discretely Presented Component Units: (Continued)

Actuarial Assumptions: (Continued)

Discount Rate – The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability was 7.25%. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed that contributions from plan members will be made at the current contribution rate and that contributions from participating employers will be made at the actuarially determined rates approved by the PRSAC taking into consideration the recommendation of LASERS’s actuary. Based on those assumptions, LASERS’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 of the City Court’s Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability to Changes in the Discount Rate – The following presents the City Court’s proportionate share of the net pension liability calculated using the discount rate of 7.25%, as well as what the City Court’s proportionate share of the net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is one percentage-point lower (6.25%) or one percentage-point higher (8.25%) than the current rate:

	1.0% Decrease (6.52%)	Current Discount Rate (7.25%)	1.0% Increase (8.25%)
City Court's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability	\$ 228,392	\$ 181,509	\$ 138,759

Pension Plan Fiduciary Net Position – Detailed information about the pension plan’s fiduciary net position is available in the separately issued LASERS financial report.

Payables to the Pension Plan – As of June 30, 2023, the City Court did not have any payables due to LASERS.

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II. PENSION PLANS: (Continued)

Discretely Presented Component Units: (Continued)

Marshal's Office - City Court of Hammond

C. Employees' Pension Plan (Municipal Employees' Retirement System)

General Information about the Pension Plan

Plan Description – Employees of the Marshal are eligible for participation in the Municipal Employees' Retirement System of Louisiana (the "System") – a cost-sharing, multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan administered by a Board of Trustees and established by Act 356 of the 1954 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature. The System issues a publicly available financial report that can be obtained at www.mersla.com/annual-reports.

The report may also be obtained by writing to the Municipal Employees' Retirement System of Louisiana, 7937 Office Park Boulevard, Baton Rouge, LA 70809, or by calling (225) 925-4810.

Benefits Provided – The System provides retirement, disability, and death benefits. Retirement benefits are generally determined as 3.0% of the employee's final compensation multiplied by the employee's years of creditable service. Employees with 25 years of service are eligible to retire at any age. Employees with a minimum of 10 years of service are eligible to retire at age 62. Employees are eligible for disability benefits under age 60 with 5 years of service. Survivor's benefits are available upon the death of a member who has credit for 5 or more years of service who is not eligible for normal retirement benefits. Under state law, cost of living increases to benefits are allowable only if sufficient funds are available from investment income in excess of normal requirements. Cost of living increases cannot exceed 2% of the retiree's original benefit for each full calendar year since retirement.

Contributions – Per Act 788 of the 1978 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature, contribution rates for employees are established by state law and employer contribution rates are actuarially determined each year by the System's Board of Trustees. Employees are required to contribute 10.0% of their annual pay. The Marshal's contractually required contribution rate for the year ended June 30, 2023, was 29.50% of annual payroll. Contributions to the System from the Marshal were \$136,826 for the year ended June 30, 2023.

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II. PENSION PLANS: (Continued)

Discretely Presented Component Units (Continued)

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

At June 30, 2023, the Marshal reported a liability of \$859,076 for its proportionate share of the net pension liability. The net pension liability was measured as of June 30, 2022, and the total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of that date. The Marshal's proportion of the net pension liability was based on a projection of the Marshal's June 30, 2023, contributions to the pension plan relative to the projected contributions of all participating employers, actuarially determined. At June 30, 2022, the Marshal's proportion was 0.206845%, which was an increase of 0.037938% from its proportion measured as of June 30, 2021.

For the year ended June 30, 2023, the Marshal recognized pension expense of \$202,356. At June 30, 2023, the Marshal 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	\$ 1,014	\$ 3,289
Changes in Assumptions	8,323	-
Net Difference Between Projected and Actual Earnings		
On Pension Plan Investments	142,947	-
Changes in Proportion and Differences Between Marshal		
Contributions and Proportionate Share of Contributions	88,379	6,571
Marshal Contributions Subsequent to the		
Measurement Date	136,826	-
	<u>\$ 377,489</u>	<u>\$ 9,860</u>

\$377,489 reported as deferred outflows of resources related to pensions resulting from the Marshal's contributions subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a reduction of the net pension liability in the year ended June 30, 2023. 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:

June 30, 2024	\$ 81,186
June 30, 2025	71,457
June 30, 2026	13,679
June 30, 2027	68,551

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II. PENSION PLANS: (Continued)

Discretely Presented Component Units: (Continued)

Actuarial Assumptions

The total pension liability in the June 30, 2022, actuarial valuation was determined using the following actuarial assumptions, applied to all periods included in the measurement:

Actuarial Cost Method	Entry Age Normal Cost
Expected Remaining Service Life	3-Years
Inflation	2.5%
Investment Rate of Return	6.85%, Net of Investment Expense, with Inflation
Salary Increases	1-4 years of service – 6.4% More than 4 years of service – 4.5%

Mortality rates were based on the PubG-2010(B) Employee Table set equal to 120% adjusted using MP2018 scales for active members, the PubG-2010(B) Health Retiree Table set equal to 120% adjusted using MP2018 scales for healthy annuitants, and the PubNS-2010(B) Disabled Retiree Table set equal to 120% with the full generational MP2018 scale for disabled annuitants.

The actuarial assumptions used in the June 30, 2022 valuation were verified by combining data from the System with three other Louisiana statewide pension plans which have similar compositions in order to produce a credible experience. The data collected for this study covered the period July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2018.

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 expense 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.

The target allocation and best estimates of arithmetic real rates of return for each major asset class are summarized in the following table:

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II. PENSION PLANS: (Continued)

Discretely Presented Component Units: (Continued)

Actuarial Assumptions: (Continued)

<u>Asset Class</u>	<u>Target Allocation</u>	<u>Long-Term Expected Real Rate of Return</u>
Public Equity	53.00%	2.31%
Public Fixed Income	38.00%	1.65%
Alternatives	9.00%	.39%
Total	<u>100.00%</u>	<u>4.35%</u>
Inflation		2.60%
Expected Arithmetic Nominal Return		6.95%

Discount Rate – The 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 employee contributions will be made at the current contribution rate and that contributions from participating employers will be made at the actuarially determined rates approved by the Louisiana Public Retirement Systems’ Actuarial Committee (“PR SAC”) 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 of the Marshal’s Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability to Changes in the Discount Rate – The following presents the Marshal’s proportionate share of the net pension liability calculated using the discount rate of 6.85%, as well as what the Marshal’s proportionate share of the 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:

	<u>1.0% Decrease (5.85%)</u>	<u>Current Discount Rate (6.85%)</u>	<u>1.0% Increase (7.85%)</u>
Marshal’s Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability	\$ 1,142,738	\$ 859,076	\$ 619,390

Pension Plan Fiduciary Net Position – Detailed information about the pension plan’s fiduciary net position is available in the separately issued System financial report.

Payables to the Pension Plan – As of June 30, 2023, the Marshal owed \$21,539 to the System for the Marshal’s June 2023 payroll.

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12. FUND BALANCES:

Governmental Funds:

Description:	Major Funds					
	General Fund	Sales Tax Fund	Airport Capital Projects Fund	Capital Projects Fund	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
Fund Balances:						
Nonspendable:						
Long-term receivable	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 226,317	\$ 226,317
Restricted for:						
Debt service	-	-	-	-	698,662	698,662
Public safety: police	-	-	-	-	478,619	478,619
Public safety: fire	-	-	-	-	806,858	806,858
Downtown development	-	-	-	-	372,614	372,614
Capital projects	-	-	144,694	-	129,101	273,795
Committed to:						
Sales taxes	-	7,938,555	-	-	-	7,398,555
Emergency reserves	-	-	-	-	3,288,090	3,288,090
Public safety: police	-	-	-	-	112,599	112,599
Capital projects	1,064,241	-	-	5,136,185	-	6,200,436
Assigned to:						
Culture and recreation	-	-	-	-	11,600	11,600
Downtown development	-	-	-	-	449,705	449,705
Other purposes	-	-	-	-	566,036	566,036
Unassigned:	<u>2,492,134</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,492,134</u>
Total Fund Balances	<u>\$ 3,556,375</u>	<u>\$ 7,938,555</u>	<u>\$ 144,694</u>	<u>\$ 5,136,185</u>	<u>\$ 7,140,200</u>	<u>\$ 23,916,009</u>

13. EMERGENCY RESERVE FUND

With Ordinance No. 06-4048, The Hammond City Council (the Council) established a Disaster Emergency Fund for the purpose of maintaining funds that will be available in the time of emergency to assist with recovery efforts for the City. These amounts may be spent on necessary expenses to expedite the return of the City to normalcy following a natural or man-made disaster. The Fund may be abolished or reduced for use for non-emergency disaster purposes only by regular ordinance and only upon a two-thirds vote of the Council. The fund had a Fund Balance of \$3,288,090 at June 30, 2023.

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14. RISK MANAGEMENT:

The City is exposed to various risks of loss related to tort; theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees; and natural disasters. To account for and finance its uninsured risk of loss, the City has established an Insurance Fund (an internal service fund). Under this program, the Insurance Fund provides coverage for up to a maximum of \$350,000 for each worker's compensation claim and \$100,000 for each general liability claim. The City also purchases commercial insurance for claims in excess of coverage provided by the fund.

The General Fund and Enterprise Fund participate in the program and make payments to the fund based on management's estimates of the amounts needed to pay prior and current year claims. These interfund "premiums" related to workers' compensation, general liability and property insurance coverage are reported as quasi-external transactions. At June 30, 2023, the outstanding claims liability was \$445,339, which includes estimated liability for incurred but not reported claims. The liability is based on the requirements of GASB Statement No. 10, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Risk Financing and Related Insurance Issues* which requires that a liability for claims be reported if information prior to the issuance of the financial statements indicates that it is probable and the amount of the loss can be reasonably estimated. Estimated claims liability is determined using specific claims information obtained from the City's claims administrator.

Changes in the general liability and workers' compensation claims liability amount for the years ended June 30, 2023, 2022 and 2021 were:

	<u>Beginning of Year Liability</u>	<u>Current Year Claims and Estimates</u>	<u>Claim Payments</u>	<u>Balance at Year End</u>
2023	\$ 472,796	\$ 874,161	\$ 901,618	\$ 445,339
2022	511,821	844,345	883,370	472,796
2021	796,332	204,400	488,911	511,821

The City has established a Health Insurance Fund (an internal service fund) to account for a partially self-insured health insurance plan that the City provides to its employees. Under this program, the Health Insurance Fund provides partial coverage for employee deductibles. For a single employee, the deductible is \$3,000, of which the City is responsible for \$2,300. For a family, the deductible is \$6,000, of which the City is responsible for \$4,600. Any claims in excess of the above stated deductible amounts are covered by a commercial insurance company.

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15. SUPPLEMENTAL PAY:

In addition to the compensation paid to the City's employees, employees who are firefighters and police officers may be eligible to receive supplemental pay. Each type of employee is governed by their particular revised statute. The amount of the compensation is determined by State Law and is revised periodically.

As per Louisiana Revised Statute 33:2002, any full time, regular employee of the City fire department who is hired after March 31, 1986 and who has passed a certified firefighters' training program equal to the National Fire Protection Association Standard 1001 and who is paid three hundred dollars per month from public funds is eligible for supplemental pay. These full-time employees are carried on the payroll paid from funds of the City obtained through lawfully adopted bond issues or lawfully assessed taxes, either directly or through a board or commission set up by law or ordinance. Employees employed by the fire department are not eligible for supplemental pay if they are presently drawing a retirement or disability pension, clerical employees, mechanics and for those employees who have not passed a certified firefighters' training program but are hired after March 31, 1986. State supplemental pay for firefighters' must be considered in calculating firefighters' holiday pay and overtime pay.

As per Louisiana Revised Statute 33:2219.2, any employee who devotes his or her full working time to law enforcement and who is hired after March 31, 1986 and who has completed a council certified training program as provided in Louisiana Revised Statute 40:2405 and is paid a salary of not less than three hundred fifty dollars per month shall be paid by the state extra compensation. A police officer entitled to additional pay out of state funds includes any person employed on a full-time basis who works as a duly commissioned law enforcement officer for the performance of primary duties which encompass the enforcement of state laws, supervisory police work, provides necessary services to the officers, desk sergeant or identification technician or a full-time radio dispatcher. Any person who received additional pay out of state funds shall continue to receive said additional state pay during any period of disability resulting from any injury sustained in the line of duty. The additional pay out of state funds shall continue to be paid to such person until the time that said person is determined to be permanently disabled and no longer able to return to work.

For the year ended June 30, 2023, the City recognized \$1,119,502 in revenues (intergovernmental) and expenditures (public safety) that the State of Louisiana paid directly to the City's employees.

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16. LITIGATION AND CLAIMS:

At June 30, 2023, the City is a defendant in several lawsuits seeking damages. Possible liabilities arising from these claims and legal actions are immaterial and will not have a significant effect on the financial statements.

17. LEASES:

Governmental Funds:

The City is a lessor for noncancelable leases for various hangars and buildings at the City's airport. The terms of these leases vary from 10 to 100 years with payments being made either monthly or annually. The City recognizes a lease receivable and a deferred inflow of resources in the government-wide and governmental fund financial statements.

At the commencement of a lease, the City initially measures the lease receivable at the present value of payments expected to be received during the lease term. Subsequently, the lease receivable is reduced by the principal portion of lease payments received. The deferred inflow of resources is initially measured at the initial amount of the lease receivable, adjusted for lease payments received at or before the lease commencement date. Subsequently, the deferred inflow of resources is recognized in revenue over the life of the lease term.

Key estimates and judgments include how the City determines (1) the discount rate it uses to discount the expected lease receipts to present value, (2) lease term, and (3) lease receipts.

- (1) The City uses its estimated incremental borrowing rate as the discount rate for leases.
- (2) The lease term includes the noncancelable period of the lease.
- (3) Lease receipts included in the measurement of the lease receivable is composed of fixed payments from the lessee.

The City monitors changes in circumstances that would require a remeasurement of its leases and will remeasure the lease receivable and deferred inflows of resources if certain changes occur that are expected to significantly affect the amount of the lease receivable.

Total revenues received from leasing activities, including variable payments and payments not previously included in the lease receivable were \$231,255 for the year ended June 30, 2023.

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17. LEASES: (Continued)

Proprietary Fund:

The City is a lessor for a noncancelable lease for the lease of its land. The lease term is for five years, which commenced March 1998, with an option to renew for four five-year periods beginning March 2003. The City recognizes a lease receivable and a deferred inflow of resources in the government-wide and governmental fund financial statements. This lease is accounted for in the same manner as the City's governmental funds.

Total revenues received from leasing activities, including variable payments and payments not previously included in the lease receivable were \$77,317 for the year ended June 30, 2023.

Discretely Presented Component Units:

Marshal's Office - City Court of Hammond

During 2021, the Marshal's Office entered into capital lease agreements at a fixed interest rate of 3.86% with Enterprise FM Trust of the purchase of two 2021 Dodge Durangos, totaling \$51,870. The lease obligations are effective for a period of 48 months. Total payments during the year ended June 30, 2023 for principal were \$12,486 and interest were \$1,485. \$12,977 of the total balance outstanding of \$31,659 is considered current as it is due within the next fiscal year. Annual requirements to amortize debt related to these leases are listed below:

<u>June 30</u>	<u>Amount Due</u>
2024	\$ 13,970
2025	13,970
2026	<u>5,244</u>
	33,184
Less: interest portion	<u>(1,525)</u>
TOTAL	<u>\$ 31,659</u>

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18. NOTES RECEIVABLE:

Other Governmental Funds

The City received federal funds to enter into low interest loans with various businesses throughout the City. The terms of the loans range from five to ten years with interest rates ranging from 0.75% to 5.00%. As the loans are paid off, the City enters into other low interest loans with businesses in the City. All loans are secured with property, inventory, land or certificates of deposit. The amount due to the City over the next five years and beyond is as follows:

<u>June 30</u>	<u>Amount Due</u>
2024	\$ 71,773
2025	54,005
2026	30,503
2027	23,618
2028	23,676
Thereafter	<u>22,742</u>
TOTAL	<u>\$ 226,317</u>

19. COMMITMENTS:

The City has entered into various construction contracts. The original amount of the contracts was \$13,761,885, of which \$10,970,615 has been expended as of June 30, 2023.

20. OTHER POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS:

General Information about the OPEB Plan

Plan description – The City of Hammond (the City) provides certain continuing health care and life insurance benefits for its retired employees. The City of Hammond’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) Codification Section P52 *Postemployment Benefits Other Than Pensions—Reporting For Benefits Not Provided Through Trusts That Meet Specified Criteria—Defined Benefit*.

Benefits Provided – Medical benefits are provided through a self-insured medical plan and are made available to employees upon actual retirement.

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20. OTHER POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS: (Continued)

The employees are covered by one of three retirement systems: first, the Municipal Employees' Retirement System of Louisiana, whose retirement eligibility (D.R.O.P. entry) provisions are as follows: 25 years of service at any age; or, age 60 and 10 years of service; second, the Municipal Police Retirement System of Louisiana, whose retirement eligibility (D.R.O.P. entry) provisions are as follows: 25 years of service at any age; age 50 and 20 years of service; or, age 55 and 12 years of service; and, third, the Firefighters' Retirement System of Louisiana, whose retirement eligibility (D.R.O.P. entry) provisions are as follows: 25 years of service at any age; age 50 and 20 years of service; or, age 55 and 12 years of service.

Employees covered by benefit terms – At June 30, 2023, the following employees were covered by the benefit terms:

Inactive employees or beneficiaries currently receiving benefit payments	47
Inactive employees entitled to but not yet receiving benefit payments	-
Active employees	295
	342

Total OPEB Liability

The City's total OPEB liability of \$1,972,798 was measured as of June 30, 2023 and was determined by an actuarial valuation as of that date.

Actuarial Assumptions and other inputs – The total OPEB liability in the June 30, 2023 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	2.54% annually (beginning of year to determine ADC) 3.65% 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 average of the Bond Buyers' 20 Year General Obligation municipal bond index as of June 30, 2018, the end of the applicable measurement period.

Total OPEB Liability (Continued)

The actuarial assumptions used in the June 30, 2023 valuation were based on the results of ongoing evaluations of the assumptions from July 1, 2009 to June 30, 2023.

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20. OTHER POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS: (Continued)

Changes in the Total OPEB Liability

Balance at June 30, 2022	\$ 2,016,267
Changes for the year:	
Service cost	37,025
Interest	68,477
Differences between expected and actual experience	37,535
Changes of assumptions	(22,706)
Benefit payments and net transfers	(163,800)
Net changes	(43,469)
 Balance at June 30, 2023	 \$ 1,972,798

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 (2.65%) or 1-percentage-point higher (4.65%) than the current discount rate:

	1.0% Decrease (2.65%)	Current Discount Rate (3.65%)	1.0% Increase (4.65%)
Total OPEB liability	\$ 2,393,274	\$ 1,972,798	\$ 1,647,544

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 costs trend rates that are 1-percentage-point lower (4.5%) or 1-percentage-point higher (6.5%) than the current healthcare trend rates. Because of the application of the dollar cap rates, the trend increases have reached the maximum and the sensitivity is not any longer effective:

	1.0% Decrease (4.5%)	Current Discount Rate (5.5%)	1.0% Increase (6.5%)
Total OPEB liability	\$ 1,684,540	\$ 1,972,798	\$ 2,348,115

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20. OTHER POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS: (Continued)

Changes in the Total OPEB Liability (Continued)

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

For the year ended June 30, 2023, the City recognized OPEB expense of \$126,645. At June 30, 2023, 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	\$ 110,973	\$ 33,755
Change of assumptions	215,678	254,030
	\$ 326,651	\$ 287,785

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:		
June 30, 2024	\$	21,143
June 30, 2025		21,143
June 30, 2026		21,143
June 30, 2027		21,143
June 30, 2028		(23,884)
Thereafter		(21,817)

21. SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

Subsequent events were evaluated through the date the financial statements were available to be issued, which corresponds with the date of the independent auditors' report.

No other material subsequent events have occurred since June 30, 2023 that require recognition or disclosure in the financial statements.

REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

CITY OF HAMMOND, LOUISIANA

BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE

GENERAL FUND

FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

	<u>Budgeted Amounts</u>		<u>Actual</u>	<u>Variance With</u>
	<u>Original</u>	<u>Final</u>	<u>Amounts</u> <u>Budgetary</u> <u>Basis</u>	<u>Final Budget</u> <u>Positive</u> <u>(Negative)</u>
REVENUES				
Taxes	\$ 5,873,200	\$ 5,878,200	\$ 6,423,112	\$ 544,912
Licenses and permits	2,037,500	2,037,500	2,118,074	80,574
Federal grant revenue	-	-	44,726	44,726
State grant revenue	7,500	7,500	5,308	(2,192)
Cemeteries and municipal grounds	123,000	123,000	103,355	(19,645)
Highways and streets	19,230	19,230	149,090	129,860
Public safety: police	28,000	28,000	157,524	129,524
Public safety: fire	410,000	410,000	467,121	57,121
Gaming revenues	1,100,000	1,100,000	1,064,241	(35,759)
Fines and forfeitures	420,000	420,000	376,320	(43,680)
Sanitation service fees	912,000	912,000	1,078,198	166,198
State supplemental pay	984,000	984,000	1,119,502	135,502
Parks and recreation	81,500	81,500	75,868	(5,632)
Donations	1,000	1,000	5,292	4,292
Interest	21,600	21,600	83,432	61,832
Miscellaneous	622,460	622,460	559,415	(63,045)
TOTAL REVENUES	12,640,990	12,645,990	13,830,578	1,184,588
EXPENDITURES				
General government	5,471,954	5,825,384	5,384,906	440,478
Public Safety				
Police	12,760,300	12,907,835	12,334,429	573,406
Fire	7,978,600	8,090,099	8,163,157	(73,058)
Buildings	2,451,800	2,589,160	2,395,891	193,269
Highways and streets	1,808,300	1,867,018	2,980,699	(1,113,681)
Cemeteries and municipal grounds	1,672,700	1,677,195	-	1,677,195
Sanitation	912,000	912,000	1,350,256	(438,256)
Airport	592,550	632,350	559,133	73,217
Parks and recreation	1,151,000	1,274,036	1,377,947	(103,911)
Capital outlay	1,115,000	1,256,977	152,073	1,104,904
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	35,914,204	37,032,053	34,698,491	2,333,562
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	(23,273,214)	(24,386,063)	(20,867,913)	3,518,150
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)				
Operating transfers in	24,797,159	24,797,159	24,020,285	(776,874)
Operating transfers (out)	(3,390,000)	(3,397,400)	(3,773,523)	(376,123)
Total other financing sources (uses)	21,407,159	21,399,759	20,246,762	(1,152,997)
Excess (deficiency) of revenues and other financing sources over expenditures and other uses	(1,866,055)	(2,986,304)	(621,151)	2,365,153
Fund balances, beginning	3,511,604	4,177,520	4,177,526	6
Fund balances, ending	<u>\$ 1,645,549</u>	<u>\$ 1,191,216</u>	<u>\$ 3,556,375</u>	<u>\$ 2,365,159</u>

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BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE

SALES TAX FUND

FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

	<u>Budgeted Amounts</u>		<u>Actual</u>	<u>Variance With</u>
	<u>Original</u>	<u>Final</u>	<u>Amounts</u> <u>Budgetary</u> <u>Basis</u>	<u>Final Budget</u> <u>Positive</u> <u>(Negative)</u>
REVENUES				
Sales and use tax	\$ 26,500,000	\$ 26,500,000	\$ 29,143,048	\$ 2,643,048
Interest	30,000	30,000	36,672	6,672
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TOTAL REVENUES	26,530,000	26,530,000	29,179,720	2,649,720
 EXPENDITURES				
Capital outlay	3,867,000	3,845,809	751,625	3,094,184
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TOTAL EXPENDITURES	3,867,000	3,845,809	751,625	3,094,184
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	22,663,000	22,684,191	28,428,095	5,743,904
 OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)				
Operating transfers in	12,388	12,388	12,388	-
Operating transfers (out)	(26,845,000)	(28,032,159)	(31,075,796)	(3,043,637)
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Total other financing sources (uses)	(26,832,612)	(28,019,771)	(31,063,408)	(3,043,637)
Excess (deficiency) of revenues and other financing sources over expenditures and other uses	(4,169,612)	(5,335,580)	(2,635,313)	2,700,267
Fund balances, beginning	8,259,197	10,573,868	10,573,868	-
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Fund balances, ending	<u>\$ 4,089,585</u>	<u>\$ 5,238,288</u>	<u>\$ 7,938,555</u>	<u>\$ 2,700,267</u>

CITY OF HAMMOND, LOUISIANA
SCHEDULE OF EMPLOYER'S PROPORTIONATE SHARE OF THE NET PENSION LIABILITY
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

Fiscal Year	Employer's Proportion Share of the Net Pension Liability (Asset)	Employer's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability (Asset)	Employer's Covered-Employee Payroll	Employer's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability (Asset) as a % of its Covered Employee Payroll	Plan Fiduciary Net Position as a % of the Total Pension Liability
MERS:					
06/30/23	2.492071%	\$ 10,350,154	\$ 5,697,653	181.7%	67.87%
06/30/22	2.404616%	\$ 6,688,447	\$ 4,769,553	140.2%	77.82%
06/30/21	2.586582%	\$ 11,182,852	\$ 4,756,280	235.1%	64.52%
06/30/20	2.600254%	\$ 10,865,581	\$ 4,943,786	219.8%	64.68%
06/30/19	2.547554%	\$ 10,548,600	\$ 4,813,570	219.1%	63.94%
06/30/18	2.312233%	\$ 9,673,046	\$ 4,651,112	208.0%	63.49%
06/30/17	2.455715%	\$ 10,065,265	\$ 4,199,499	239.7%	63.34%
06/30/16	2.514572%	\$ 8,982,445	\$ 4,468,956	201.0%	66.18%
06/30/15	2.699160%	\$ 6,927,245	\$ 4,275,923	162.0%	73.99%
06/30/14	2.611295%	\$ 8,093,470	\$ 4,444,204	182.0%	67.97%
MPERS:					
06/30/23	1.469503%	\$ 15,020,929	\$ 6,422,057	233.9%	70.80%
06/30/22	1.465422%	\$ 7,811,500	\$ 4,534,452	172.3%	84.08%
06/30/21	1.431250%	\$ 13,228,317	\$ 4,431,331	298.5%	70.94%
06/30/20	1.383982%	\$ 12,568,874	\$ 4,441,001	283.0%	71.01%
06/30/19	1.531406%	\$ 12,946,600	\$ 4,322,211	299.5%	71.89%
06/30/18	1.478864%	\$ 12,911,108	\$ 4,523,736	285.4%	70.08%
06/30/17	1.608744%	\$ 15,078,464	\$ 4,402,969	342.5%	66.04%
06/30/16	1.613473%	\$ 12,639,874	\$ 4,494,371	281.2%	72.45%
06/30/15	1.632231%	\$ 10,211,371	\$ 4,196,926	243.3%	75.10%
06/30/14	1.481807%	\$ 7,094,023	\$ 4,145,038	171.1%	66.71%
FRS:					
06/30/23	1.231168%	\$ 8,681,325	\$ 4,214,639	206.0%	74.68%
06/30/22	1.118701%	\$ 3,964,511	\$ 3,160,194	125.5%	86.78%
06/30/21	1.195322%	\$ 8,285,434	\$ 2,797,627	296.2%	72.61%
06/30/20	1.203686%	\$ 7,537,374	\$ 2,968,578	253.9%	73.96%
06/30/19	1.239735%	\$ 7,131,052	\$ 2,909,157	245.1%	74.76%
06/30/18	1.259769%	\$ 7,220,806	\$ 2,951,609	244.6%	73.55%
06/30/17	1.282697%	\$ 8,389,998	\$ 2,939,516	285.4%	68.16%
06/30/16	1.266194%	\$ 6,833,791	\$ 2,892,198	236.3%	70.73%
06/30/15	1.312037%	\$ 5,838,451	\$ 2,701,872	216.1%	76.02%
06/30/14	1.367605%	\$ 11,837,312	\$ 2,790,409	424.2%	70.73%

The schedule is intended to report information for 10 years. Additional years will be displayed as they become available. The amounts presented have a measurement date of the previous fiscal year.

CITY OF HAMMOND, LOUISIANA
SCHEDULE OF EMPLOYER'S PENSION CONTRIBUTIONS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

Fiscal Year	Contractually Required Contribution	Contributions in Relation to Contractually Required Contribution	Contribution Deficiency (Excess)	Employer's Covered-Employee Payroll	Contributions as a Percentage of Covered-Employee Payroll
MERS:					
06/30/23	\$ 1,677,161	\$ 1,677,161	\$ -	\$ 5,697,653	29.44%
06/30/22	\$ 1,786,806	\$ 1,786,806	\$ -	\$ 4,769,553	37.46%
06/30/21	\$ 1,400,341	\$ 1,400,341	\$ -	\$ 4,756,280	29.44%
06/30/20	\$ 1,383,765	\$ 1,383,765	\$ -	\$ 4,943,786	27.99%
06/30/19	\$ 1,253,839	\$ 1,253,839	\$ -	\$ 4,813,570	26.05%
06/30/18	\$ 866,509	\$ 866,509	\$ -	\$ 4,651,112	18.63%
06/30/17	\$ 945,884	\$ 945,884	\$ -	\$ 4,199,499	22.52%
06/30/16	\$ 842,921	\$ 842,921	\$ -	\$ 4,468,956	18.86%
06/30/15	\$ 848,818	\$ 848,818	\$ -	\$ 4,275,923	19.85%
06/30/14	\$ 833,288	\$ 833,288	\$ -	\$ 4,444,204	18.75%
MPERS:					
06/30/23	\$ 2,017,502	\$ 2,017,502	\$ -	\$ 6,422,057	31.42%
06/30/22	\$ 1,370,684	\$ 1,370,684	\$ -	\$ 4,534,452	30.23%
06/30/21	\$ 1,494,572	\$ 1,494,572	\$ -	\$ 4,431,331	33.73%
06/30/20	\$ 1,460,145	\$ 1,460,145	\$ -	\$ 4,441,001	32.88%
06/30/19	\$ 1,393,961	\$ 1,393,961	\$ -	\$ 4,322,211	32.25%
06/30/18	\$ 1,391,796	\$ 1,391,796	\$ -	\$ 4,523,736	30.77%
06/30/17	\$ 1,381,609	\$ 1,381,609	\$ -	\$ 4,402,969	31.38%
06/30/16	\$ 1,293,167	\$ 1,293,167	\$ -	\$ 4,494,371	28.77%
06/30/15	\$ 1,345,133	\$ 1,345,133	\$ -	\$ 4,196,926	32.05%
06/30/14	\$ 1,284,962	\$ 1,284,962	\$ -	\$ 4,145,038	31.00%
FRS:					
06/30/23	\$ 1,406,678	\$ 1,406,678	\$ -	\$ 4,214,639	33.38%
06/30/22	\$ 1,081,264	\$ 1,081,264	\$ -	\$ 3,160,194	34.22%
06/30/21	\$ 907,818	\$ 907,818	\$ -	\$ 2,797,627	32.45%
06/30/20	\$ 832,526	\$ 832,526	\$ -	\$ 2,968,578	28.04%
06/30/19	\$ 772,670	\$ 772,670	\$ -	\$ 2,909,157	26.56%
06/30/18	\$ 781,743	\$ 781,743	\$ -	\$ 2,951,609	26.48%
06/30/17	\$ 746,071	\$ 746,071	\$ -	\$ 2,939,516	25.38%
06/30/16	\$ 765,146	\$ 765,146	\$ -	\$ 2,892,198	26.46%
06/30/15	\$ 788,781	\$ 788,781	\$ -	\$ 2,701,872	29.20%
06/30/14	\$ 788,291	\$ 788,291	\$ -	\$ 2,790,409	28.25%

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CITY OF HAMMOND, LOUISIANA
SCHEDULE OF CHANGES IN THE TOTAL OPEB LIABILITY AND
RELATED RATIOS AND NOTES TO THE SCHEDULE
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Total OPEB Liability						
Service cost	\$ 35,824	\$ 36,335	\$ 39,472	\$ 47,744	\$ 46,352	\$ 37,025
Interest	78,157	76,304	70,217	51,102	50,663	68,477
Differences between expected and actual experience	(19,070)	(2,093)	104,692	41,250	(27,956)	37,535
Changes of assumptions	-	79,373	255,529	59,024	(312,216)	(22,706)
Benefit payments	(142,800)	(142,800)	(168,000)	(159,600)	(172,200)	(163,800)
Net change in total OPEB liability	(47,889)	47,119	301,910	39,520	(415,357)	(43,469)
Total OPEB liability – beginning	2,090,964	2,043,075	2,090,194	2,392,104	2,431,624	2,016,267
Total OPEB liability – ending	<u>\$ 2,043,075</u>	<u>\$ 2,090,194</u>	<u>\$ 2,392,104</u>	<u>\$ 2,431,624</u>	<u>\$ 2,016,267</u>	<u>\$ 1,972,798</u>
Covered-employee payroll	\$11,043,850	\$12,044,938	\$11,845,753	\$11,985,238	\$ 11,893,613	\$12,250,421
Net OPEB liability as a percentage of covered-employee payroll	18.50%	17.35%	20.19%	20.29%	16.95%	16.10%

This schedule is intended to show information for 10 years. Additional years will be displayed as they become available.

The actuarial valuation date differs from the financial reporting date. The actuarial valuations are as of the beginning of the fiscal year. An actuarial valuation is only required biennially.

Notes to Schedule:

Benefit changes – There were no changes of benefit terms for the year ended June 30, 2023.

Changes of assumptions – Changes of assumptions reflect changes in the discount rate from 2.21% to 2.16%, 2.16% to 3.54% and 3.54% to 3.65% for the years 2021, 2022 and 2023, respectively. They also reflect changes in the trend from 5.5% to variable in 2022.

OTHER SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

CITY OF HAMMOND, LOUISIANA
*SCHEDULE OF COMPENSATION PAID TO THE CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023*

<u>Name</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Kiplyn Andrews	City Council – District 1	\$ 12,900
Carlee Gonzales	City Council – District 2	12,900
Devon Wells	City Council – District 3	12,900
Sam Divittorio	City Council – District 4	12,900
Steven Leon	City Council – District 5	<u>12,900</u>
		<u>\$ 64,500</u>

The schedule of compensation paid to the City Council members was prepared in compliance with the Hammond City Charter, Section 2-04 Compensation. According to the City Charter, the compensation for Council members is \$1,000 per month as well as a \$75 cell phone allowance.

CITY OF HAMMOND, LOUISIANA
 SCHEDULE OF COMPENSATION, BENEFITS, AND OTHER PAYMENTS TO AGENCY HEAD
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

Purpose:	Mayor Pete Panepinto
Salary	\$ 75,500
Benefits – Health Insurance	7,963
Benefits – Retirement	22,273
Benefits – Life Insurance	53
Benefits – Dental	332
Benefits – Long-term Disability	368
Car allowance	6,000
Cell phone	<u>900</u>
Total	<u>\$ 113,389</u>

CITY OF HAMMOND, LOUISIANA
JUSTICE SYSTEM FUNDING SCHEDULE – RECEIVING ENTITY –
GENERAL FUND
For the Year Ended June 30, 2023

	First Six Month Period Ended <u>12/31/22</u>	Second Six Month Period Ended <u>06/30/23</u>
Receipts From:		
Hammond City Court – Criminal Fines – Other	\$ 190,892	\$ 233,282
Hammond City Court – Pre-Trial Diversion Program Fees	16,883	50,789
Hammond City Court – Criminal Court Costs/Fees	<u>233</u>	<u>162</u>
Total receipts	<u>\$ 208,008</u>	<u>\$ 284,233</u>

CITY OF HAMMOND, LOUISIANA
JUSTICE SYSTEM FUNDING SCHEDULE – RECEIVING ENTITY –
COURT AWARDED ASSETS FUND
For the Year Ended June 30, 2023

	First Six Month Period Ended <u>12/31/22</u>	Second Six Month Period Ended <u>06/30/23</u>
Receipts From:		
21 st Judicial District – Asset Forfeiture/Sale	\$ 32,977	\$ 25,206
Interest Earnings on Collected Balances	<u>785</u>	<u>816</u>
Total receipts	<u>\$ 33,762</u>	<u>\$ 26,022</u>

CITY OF HAMMOND, LOUISIANA
JUSTICE SYSTEM FUNDING SCHEDULE – RECEIVING ENTITY –
COURT WITNESS FEE FUND
For the Year Ended June 30, 2023

	First Six Month Period Ended <u>12/31/22</u>	Second Six Month Period Ended <u>06/30/23</u>
Receipts From:		
Hammond City Court – Criminal Court Costs/Fees	\$ 9,614	\$ 11,297
Interest Earnings on Collected Balances	<u>298</u>	<u>309</u>
Total receipts	<u>\$ 9,912</u>	<u>\$ 11,606</u>

CITY OF HAMMOND, LOUISIANA
JUSTICE SYSTEM FUNDING SCHEDULE – COLLECTING/DISBURSING ENTITY –
GENERAL FUND
For the Year Ended June 30, 2023

	First Six Month Period Ended <u>12/31/22</u>	Second Six Month Period Ended <u>06/30/23</u>
Beginning Balance of Amounts Collected (i.e. cash on hand)	\$ -	\$ -
Add: Collections		
City of Hammond (Jail) – Bond Fees	<u>3,450</u>	<u>3,075</u>
Subtotal Collections	3,450	3,075
Less: Amounts Retained by Collecting Agency		
City of Hammond – Bond Fees (self-disbursed)	<u>(3,450)</u>	<u>(3,075)</u>
Subtotal Disbursements/Retainage	<u>(3,450)</u>	<u>(3,075)</u>
Total: Ending Balance of Amounts Collected but not Disbursed/Retained (i.e. cash on hand)	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL
REPORTING AND ON COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS BASED ON
AN AUDIT OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE WITH
GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS

To the Honorable Pete Panepinto, Mayor
and Members of the City Council
City of Hammond, 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, the aggregate discretely presented component units, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the City of Hammond, Louisiana (the City), as of and for the year ended June 30, 2023, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the City's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated December 20, 2023. Our report includes a reference to other auditors who audited the financial statements of the Marshal's Office – City Court of Hammond, Louisiana and the City Court of Hammond, Louisiana, as described in the report of the City of Hammond's financial statements. This report does not include the results of the other auditors' testing of internal control over financial reporting or compliance and other matters that are reported on separately by those auditors.

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) to determine the 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 and therefore, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that were not identified. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses.

Report on Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the City's financial statements are free of 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 determination of financial statement amounts. 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*.

We identified certain other matters that were reported to management of the City in a separate letter dated December 20, 2023.

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.

Kushner LaGraize, L.L.C.

Metairie, Louisiana
December 20, 2023

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

To the Honorable Pete Panepinto, Mayor
and Members of the City Council
City of Hammond, Louisiana

Report on Compliance for Each Major Federal Program

Opinion on Each Major Federal Program

We have audited the City of Hammond, Louisiana's (the City's) compliance with the types of compliance requirements identified as subject to audit in 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 June 30, 2023. 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 June 30, 2023.

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 a 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.

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.

Kushner LaGraize, L.L.C.

Metairie, Louisiana
December 20, 2023

CITY OF HAMMOND, LOUISIANA
SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

Assistance Listing Number	Grant Number		Expenditures
MAJOR FEDERAL AWARDS			
U.S. Department of the Treasury			
Direct Program:			
21.019		COVID -19 – Coronavirus Relief Fund – ARPA	<u>\$ 1,609,414</u>
		Total Department of the Treasury	<u>1,609,414</u>
		TOTAL MAJOR FEDERAL AWARD EXPENDITURES	1,609,414
NONMAJOR FEDERAL AWARDS			
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency			
Direct Program:			
66.125	BR-01F841 01	Lake Pontchartrain Basis Restoration Program (PRP)	<u>34,261</u>
		Total Environmental Protection Agency	34,261
U.S. Department of Justice			
Direct Program:			
16.034	2020-VD-BX-0906	COVID-19 - Coronavirus Emergency Supplemental Funding Program	3,000
16.607		Bulletproof Vest Partnership Program	5,570
16.738	2019-MU-BX-0056	Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program	1,252
16.738	15PBJA-21-GG-01509-J	Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program	758
16.738	2020-MY-BX-0026	Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program	8,825
16.738	15PBJA-22-GG-02738-J	Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program	4,590
16.738	15PBJA-21-GG-00246-M	Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program	<u>10,881</u>
		Total Department of Justice	34,876

CITY OF HAMMOND, LOUISIANA
SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS - CONTINUED
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

Assistance Listing Number	Grant Number		Expenditures
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U.S. Department of Transportation

Passed through the State of Louisiana Department of Transportation:

20.106	3-22-0018-023-2	COVID-19 – Airport Improvement Program	58,028
20.106	3-22-0018-025-2022	Airport Improvement Program	43,550
20.106	3-22-0018-026-2022	Airport Improvement Program	195,137

Passed through the State of Louisiana Highway Safety Commission:

20.608	2022-30-25	Minimum Penalties for Repeat Offenders for Driving While Intoxicated	10,410
20.608	2023-30-25	Minimum Penalties for Repeat Offenders for Driving While Intoxicated	<u>9,980</u>

Total Department of Transportation 317,105

U.S. Executive Office of the President

Direct Program:

95.001	G21GC0001A	High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas Program	16,915
95.001	G22GC0001A-58180	High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas Program	47,850
95.001	G23GC0001A	High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas Program	<u>5,152</u>

Total Executive Office of the President 69,917

Department of Interior

Passed through the State of Louisiana Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism, Office of State Parks:

15.916	22-00967	Outdoor Recreation Acquisition, Development and Planning	<u>78,339</u>
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Total Department of Interior 78,339

TOTAL NONMAJOR FEDERAL AWARD EXPENDITURES 534,498

TOTAL FEDERAL AWARD EXPENDITURES \$ 2,143,912

CITY OF HAMMOND, LOUISIANA

NOTES TO SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES

OF FEDERAL AWARDS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

I. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES AND BASIS OF PRESENTATION:

The accompanying *Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards* includes the federal grant activity of the City and is presented on the modified accrual basis of accounting. The information in this schedule 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*. Because the Schedule presents only a selected portion of the operations of the City, it is not intended to and does not present the net position and changes in net position of the City. Therefore, some amounts presented in this Schedule may differ from amounts presented in, or used in the preparation of, the basic financial statements.

2. DE MINIMIS COST RATE:

During the year ended June 30, 2023, the City did not elect to use the 10% de minimis cost rate as covered in Section 200.414 of the Uniform Guidance.

3. SUBRECIPIENTS:

The City did not pass-through any of its federal awards to a subrecipient during the year ended June 30, 2023.

4. NON-CASH ASSISTANCE:

No federal awards were expended in the form of non-cash assistance during the year ended June 30, 2023.

5. LOAN ASSISTANCE:

The City had an outstanding loan with continuing compliance requirements at June 30, 2023 with the state of Louisiana Clean Water State Revolving Fund, AL number 66.458. The City's federal portion of the net loan balance with continuing compliance requirements at June 30, 2023 was \$1,286,653.

CITY OF HAMMOND, LOUISIANA
SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

SECTION I - SUMMARY OF AUDITORS' RESULTS

Financial Statements

Type of Auditors' Report Issued: Unmodified

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting:

- Material weakness(es) identified? ___ Yes X No
- Significant deficiency(ies) identified? ___ Yes X None reported

Noncompliance material to financial statements noted? ___ Yes X No

Federal Awards

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting:

- Material weakness(es) identified? ___ Yes X No
- Significant deficiency(ies) identified? ___ Yes X None reported

Type of auditors' report issued on compliance for major programs: Unmodified

Any audit findings disclosed that are required to be reported in accordance with the Uniform Guidance? ___ Yes X No

Identification of major programs:

<u>AL Number</u>	<u>Name of Federal Program or Cluster</u>
21.019	COVID -19 – Coronavirus Relief Fund – ARPA

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

Auditee Qualified as Low-Risk Auditee? ___ Yes X No

CITY OF HAMMOND, LOUISIANA
SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS - Continued
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

SECTION II – FINANCIAL STATEMENT FINDINGS

None noted.

SECTION III – FEDERAL AWARD FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS

None noted.

CITY OF HAMMOND, LOUISIANA
SCHEDULE OF PRIOR YEAR FINDINGS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

SECTION I - INTERNAL CONTROL AND COMPLIANCE MATERIAL TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

2022-001 – Resolved

2022-002 – Resolved; Internal investigation completed no potential fraud identified.

SECTION II - INTERNAL CONTROL AND COMPLIANCE MATERIAL TO FEDERAL AWARDS

None noted.

SECTION III - MANAGEMENT LETTER

2022-01 – Unresolved – see 2023-01

2022-02 – Resolved

2022-03 – Unresolved – see 2023-02

INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT
ON APPLYING AGREED-UPON PROCEDURES

To the City Council 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 July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023. The City of Hammond's management is responsible for those C/C areas identified in the SAUPs.

The City of Hammond (the City) 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 July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023. 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:

Written Policies and Procedures

I. 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:

a) **Budgeting**, including preparing, adopting, monitoring, and amending the budget.

We obtained the entity's policies on budgeting and noted no exceptions.

b) **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.

We obtained the entity's policies on purchasing and noted no exceptions.

c) **Disbursements**, including processing, reviewing, and approving.

We obtained the entity's policies on disbursements and noted no exceptions.

- d) **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).

We obtained the entity's policies on receipts/collections and noted no exceptions.

- e) **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(s) rate of pay or approval and maintenance of pay rate schedules.

We obtained the entity's policies on payroll/personnel and noted no exceptions.

- f) **Contracting**, including (1) types of services requiring written contracts, (2) standard terms and conditions, (3) legal review, (4) approval process, and (5) monitoring process.

We obtained the entity's policies on contracting and noted no exceptions.

- g) **Travel and Expense Reimbursement**, including (1) allowable expenses, (2) dollar thresholds by category of expense, (3) documentation requirements, and (4) required approvers.

We obtained the entity's policies on travel and expense reimbursement and noted no exceptions.

- h) **Credit Cards (and debit cards, fuel cards, P-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).

We obtained the entity's policies on credit cards and noted no exceptions.

- i) **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.

We obtained the entity's policies on ethics and noted no exceptions.

- j) **Debt Service**, including (1) debt issuance approval, (2) continuing disclosure/EMMA reporting requirements, (3) debt reserve requirements, and (4) debt service requirements.

We obtained the entity's policies on debt service and noted no exceptions.

- k) **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.

We obtained the entity's policies on information technology disaster recovery/business continuity and noted no exceptions.

- l) **Sexual Harassment**, including R.S. 42:342-344 requirements for (1) agency responsibilities and prohibitions, (2) annual employee training, and (3) annual reporting.

We obtained the entity's policies on sexual harassment and noted no exceptions.

Board or Finance Committee

- 2. 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:

- a) 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.

The City Council met monthly, with a quorum, without exception.

- b) 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, at a minimum, on proprietary funds, and semi-annual budget-to-actual, at a minimum, on all special revenue funds.

Noted the minutes referenced or included the budget-to-actual comparisons mentioned, without exception.

- c) 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.

N/A – no negative ending unassigned fund balance in the prior year report.

- d) 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.

Observed that the Council received written updates of the progress of resolving audit findings, without exception.

Bank Reconciliations

3. 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:

- a) 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);

Bank reconciliations included evidence that they were prepared within 2 months of the statement closing date, without exception.

- b) Bank reconciliations include evidence that a member of management/board member who does not handle cash, post ledgers, or issue checks has reviewed each bank reconciliation (e.g., initialed and dated, electronically logged); and

Noted proper segregation of duties for the responsibilities listed above, without exception.

- c) 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.

Obtained documentation verifying that management has researched all reconciling items outstanding for more than 12 months, without exception.

Collections (excluding electronic funds transfers)

4. 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).

Obtained listing of deposit sites for the fiscal period and management's representation that the listing is complete, without exception.

5. 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 (i.e., 5 collection locations for 5 deposit sites), obtain and inspect written policies and procedures relating to employee job duties (if no written policies or procedures, 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:

Obtained listing of collection sites for the fiscal period and management's representation that the listing is complete, without exception.

- a) Employees responsible for cash collections do not share cash drawers/registers.

Noted proper segregation of duties for the responsibilities listed above, without exception.

- b) Each employee responsible for collecting cash is not responsible for preparing/making bank deposits, unless another employee/official is responsible for reconciling collection documentation (e.g., pre-numbered receipts) to the deposit.

Noted proper segregation of duties for the responsibilities listed above, without exception.

- c) Each employee responsible for collecting cash is not 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.

Noted proper segregation of duties for the responsibilities listed above, without exception.

- d) The employee(s) responsible for reconciling cash collections to the general ledger and/or subsidiary ledgers, by revenue source and/or agency fund additions, are not responsible for collecting cash, unless another employee/official verifies the reconciliation.

Noted proper segregation of duties for the responsibilities listed above, without exception.

6. Obtain from management a copy of the bond or insurance policy for theft covering all employees who have access to cash. Observe the bond or insurance policy for theft was enforced during the fiscal period.

Observed the City's insurance policy covering all applicable employees, without exception.

7. Randomly select two deposit dates for each of the 5 bank accounts selected for procedure #3 under "Bank Reconciliations" above (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). Obtain supporting documentation for each of the 10 deposits and:

- a) Observe that receipts are sequentially pre-numbered.

N/A - the City does not utilize a system of sequentially pre-numbered receipts for their collections.

- b) Trace sequentially pre-numbered receipts, system reports, and other related collection documentation to the deposit slip.

For all deposits examined, traced each to the deposit slip, without exception.

- c) Trace the deposit slip total to the actual deposit per the bank statement.

For all deposits examined, traced each to the bank statement, without exception.

- d) Observe 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).

Per review of the deposits selected, we noted one all were done within the time frame specified above, without exception.

- e) Trace the actual deposit per the bank statement to the general ledger.

For all deposits examined, traced each from the bank statements to recording in the general ledger, without exception.

Non-Payroll Disbursements (excluding card purchases/payments, travel reimbursements, and petty cash purchases)

- 8. 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).

Obtained listing of locations that process payments for the fiscal period and management's representation that the listing is complete, without exception.

- 9. For each location selected under #8 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, inquire of employees about their job duties), and observe that job duties are properly segregated such that:

- a) At least two employees are involved in initiating a purchase request, approving a purchase, and placing an order/making the purchase.

Noted proper segregation of duties for the responsibilities listed above, without exception.

- b) At least two employees are involved in processing and approving payments to vendors.

Noted proper segregation of duties for the responsibilities listed above, without exception.

- c) 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.

Noted proper segregation of duties for the responsibilities listed above, without exception.

- d) 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.

Noted proper segregation of duties for the responsibilities listed above, without exception.

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

Noted proper segregation of duties for the responsibilities listed above, without exception.

- 10. For each location selected under #8 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:

- a) Observe whether the disbursement matched the related original itemized invoice and supporting documentation indicates deliverables included on the invoice were received by the entity.

For each disbursement examined, noted each matched the original invoice, without exception.

- b) Observe whether the disbursement documentation included evidence (e.g., initial/date, electronic logging) of segregation of duties tested under #9, as applicable.

Noted proper segregation of duties for each of the disbursements examined, without exception.

- 11. Using the entity's main operating account and the month selected in Bank Reconciliations procedure #3, 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.

For each electronic disbursement examined, noted the disbursements were properly reviewed and approved, without exception.

Credit Cards/Debit Cards/Fuel Cards/P-Cards

12. Obtain from management a listing of all active credit cards, bank debit cards, fuel cards, and P-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.

Obtained complete listing of all active credit cards for the fiscal period and management's representation that the listing is complete, without exception.

13. 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:

- a) 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.

Noted each statement examined showed evidence of review and approval by appropriate personnel, without exception.

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

Noted no finance charges or late fees assessed on the statements examined.

14. Using the monthly statements or combined statements selected under #12 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 (i.e., each card should have 10 transactions subject to testing).

For each transaction, observe 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 note whether management had a compensating control to address missing receipts, such as a "missing receipt statement" that is subject to increased scrutiny.

For each transaction examined, noted each was supported by the proper documentation as noted above, without exception.

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

15. 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, 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:

- a) If reimbursed using a per diem, observe 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).

Noted all per diem reimbursements were in accordance with the rates established by the State of Louisiana or the U.S. General Services Administration of the State, without exception.

- b) If reimbursed using actual costs, observe the reimbursement is supported by an original itemized receipt that identifies precisely what was purchased.

Noted all actual costs reimbursements were supported by an itemized receipt, without exception.

- c) Observe 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 policy (procedure # 1h).

Noted each reimbursement was supported by proper documentation, without exception.

- d) Observe each reimbursement was reviewed and approved, in writing, by someone other than the person receiving reimbursement.

Noted each reimbursement examined showed evidence of review and approval by appropriate personnel, without exception.

Contracts

16. 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. *Alternately, 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:

- a) 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.

For all contracts examined, noted the City followed the requirements of the Louisiana Public Bid Law, without exception.

- b) Observe whether the contract was approved by the governing body/board, if required by policy or law (e.g., Lawrason Act, Home Rule Charter).

For all contracts examined, noted each was reviewed and approved by the City Council, without exception.

- c) If the contract was amended (e.g., change order), observe 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, was approval documented).

N/A – no contracts examined were amended during the fiscal year.

- d) 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 the invoice and related payment agreed to the terms and conditions of the contract.

For each payment examined, noted each was in accordance with the applicable contract, without exception.

Payroll and Personnel

17. 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.

Obtained complete listing of all employees and officials employed during the fiscal period and management's representation that the listing is complete, without exception.

18. Randomly select one pay period during the fiscal period. For the 5 employees or officials selected under #16 above, obtain attendance records and leave documentation for the pay period, and:

- a) Observe all selected employees or officials documented their daily attendance and leave (e.g., vacation, sick, compensatory).

Noted each employee tested documented their daily attendance and leave, without exception.

- b) Observe whether supervisors approved the attendance and leave of the selected employees or officials.

Noted all attendance and leave taken was approved by the employees' supervisor, without exception.

- c) Observe any leave accrued or taken during the pay period is reflected in the entity's cumulative leave records.

Noted all leave accrued or taken was properly reflected in the City's cumulative records, without exception.

- d) Observe the rate paid to the employees or officials agree to the authorized salary/pay rate found within the personnel file.

Noted authorized salary/pay rate for each individual tested agreed to their personnel file, without exception.

- 19. 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, 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 or officials' cumulative leave records, agree the pay rates to the employee or officials' authorized pay rates in the employee or officials' personnel files, and agree the termination payment to entity policy.

Obtained a list of termination payments and management's representation that the listing was complete. Examined two termination payments, noting no exceptions with the procedures specified above.

- 20. 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.

Per discussion with management, all employer and employee portions of third-party payroll related amounts have been properly paid and forms filed by the required deadline, without exception.

Ethics

- 21. Using the 5 randomly selected employees/officials from procedure #16 under "Payroll and Personnel" above, obtain ethics documentation from management, and:

- a. Observe whether the documentation demonstrates each employee/official completed one hour of ethics training during the calendar year as required by R.S. 42:1170; and.

For all employees examined, noted each completed the required ethics training during the fiscal period, without exception.

- b. Observe whether the entity maintains documentation which demonstrates each employee and official were notified of any changes to the entity's ethics policy during the fiscal period, as applicable.

N/A - Per management, there were no changes to the City's ethics policies during the fiscal period.

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

Observed that the City has appointed an ethics designee, without exception.

Debt Service

- 22. 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 State Bond Commission approval was obtained for each debt instrument issued as required by Article VII, Section 8 of the Louisiana Constitution.

Obtained a list of all debt issued during the year and management's representation that the listing was complete. For all debt examined, noted no exceptions with the procedures specified above.

- 23. 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).

Obtained a list of all debt outstanding at yearend and management's representation that the listing was complete. For all debt examined, noted no exceptions with the procedures specified above.

Fraud Notice

- 24. 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.

N/A - per management the City had no misappropriation of public funds or assets during the fiscal period.

25. Observe 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.

Observed required notice on the City's website and premises, without exception.

Information Technology Disaster Recovery/Business Continuity

26. Perform the following procedures, verbally discuss the results with management, and report "We performed the procedure and discussed the results with management."

- a. Obtain and inspect the entity's most recent documentation that it has backed up its critical data (if no written documentation, 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.

Obtained and observed backup documentation listed above and discussed the results with management, noting no exceptions.

- b. Obtain and inspect the entity's most recent documentation that it has tested/verified that its backups can be restored (if no written documentation, inquire of personnel responsible for testing/verifying backup restoration) and observe evidence that the test/verification was successfully performed within the past 3 months.

Obtained and examined backup documentation listed above and discussed the results with management, noting no exceptions.

- c. 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.

For each computer examined, noted each had the requirements identified above, without exception.

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

For each terminated employee selected, noted each had been removed or disabled from the network, without exception.

Sexual Harassment

28. Using the 5 randomly selected employees/officials from procedure #16 under "Payroll and Personnel" above, obtain sexual harassment training documentation from management, and observe 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.

For each employee examined, noted each completed the required sexual harassment training during the period, without exception.

29. Observe 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).

Observed the sexual harassment policy and complaint procedure posted on the City's website, without exception.

30. 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 it includes the applicable requirements of R.S. 42:344:

- a. Number and percentage of public servants in the agency who have completed the training requirements;
- b. Number of sexual harassment complaints received by the agency;
- c. Number of complaints which resulted in a finding that sexual harassment occurred;
- d. Number of complaints in which the finding of sexual harassment resulted in discipline or corrective action; and
- e. Amount of time it took to resolve each complaint.

Obtained and examined the City's annual sexual harassment report for the fiscal period noting the report was dated prior to February 1 and all applicable requirements are included, without exception.

We were engaged by the City 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 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.

Kushner LaGraize, L.L.C.

Metairie, Louisiana
December 20, 2023

Memorandum of Advisory Comments

CITY OF HAMMOND

June 30, 2023

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**INTERNAL CONTROL
AND RELATED MATTERS**

To the Honorable Pete Panepinto, Mayor
Members of the City Council
CITY OF HAMMOND

We have audited the financial statements of the City of Hammond (the City), as of and for the year ended June 30, 2023, and have issued our report thereon dated December 20, 2023. As part of our audit we considered the City's internal control in order to determine the nature, timing, and extent of our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the financial statements and not to provide assurance on the internal controls.

Our consideration of the internal controls has been reported on in a separately issued report entitled "*Independent Auditors' Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting and on Compliance and Other Matters Based on an Audit of Financial Statements Performed in Accordance with Government Auditing Standards.*"

This memorandum summarizes various other matters which have come to our attention. While not involving significant deficiencies, these matters do present opportunities for strengthening the internal control and improving the operating efficiency of the City.

We have discussed our comments and recommendations with various administrative personnel and the City has completed a corrective action plan. We will be pleased to discuss these comments and suggestions with you in further detail at your convenience, perform any additional study of these matters, or assist you in implementing the recommendations.

Kushner LaGraize, L.L.C.

Metairie, Louisiana
December 20, 2023

CITY OF HAMMOND
MANAGEMENT LETTER COMMENTS
June 30, 2023

COMMENTS

2023-01

As in prior year, during our audit procedures we noted that while the City does have a formal written uniform and equipment policy for employees, they do not have a formal written policy or procedure to specifically address the purchase and use of apparel and equipment by the City's elected officials. Formal written policies and procedures provide guidance and aid in the continuity and consistency of operations and to meet management's expectations, while reducing the opportunity of noncompliance with applicable state laws and regulations.

Recommendation

To maintain a strong internal control structure and to ensure that proper controls are implemented to provide continuity and consistency with operations, and to prevent the potential for noncompliance with applicable state laws and regulations, we recommend that management establish a formal written policy or procedure documenting the purpose, limitations and expectations similar to those of the written uniform and equipment policy for City employees.

Management's Response

See Management's Corrective Action Plan

2023-02

As in prior year, during our audit procedures, we noted the City has many old airport lease agreements which may not contain current provisions set forth by the City. We noted several lease agreements expired and the customer has continued on a month-to-month basis. This situation could potentially cause errors in accounting that could be material to the financial statements.

Recommendation

To maintain a strong internal control structure and to ensure that proper controls are implemented over airport revenue and in order to protect the City, and eliminate potential problems that can arise from expired or old agreements, we recommend that management and their legal team immediately review and update these leases accordingly. In addition, management should implement a policy to ensure leases are maintained and reviewed for accuracy on a regular basis.

Management's Response

See Management's Corrective Action Plan



Lacy Landrum
Director of Administration

December 19, 2023

Michae J. Waguespack
Louisiana Legislative Auditor
PO Box 94397
Baton Rouge, LA 70804-9397

The following comments and recommendations were received during the audit process. Please review our responses and corrective action plans.

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Auditor Recommendation

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Management's Response

The City administration reviewed its uniform policy and realized that it applies more to employees than elected officials. This lack of policy may allow for some to question reasonableness or assert impropriety.

Management's Corrective Action Plan

Using the current employee uniform policy, the City administration drafted a uniform policy for elected officials that outlines the purpose of City uniforms, their use and need, and that sets parameters to establish reasonableness. The outlined parameters and process will ensure consistency and equity while also avoiding any appearance of impropriety. The written policy will be taken to the City Council for adoption.

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Management's Response

The City administration agrees that the airport lease agreements need to be reviewed, possibly rewritten, and updated accordingly.

Management's Corrective Action Plan

Management will consult with the City Attorney, Federal Aviation Administration, and Hammond Airport Authority Board to ensure that the airport leases are updated accordingly. Management has created a procedure for when to review the leases more regularly to ensure they are current and will apply this procedure going forward.

Sincerely,



Lacy Landrum
Director of Administration