Financial Report

Year Ended October 31, 2023

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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 New Iberia, Louisiana (City) as of and for the year ended October 31, 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 of New Iberia, as of October 31, 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.

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.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes 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 Responsibility 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 judgement and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit. We 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. We 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. We 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. We conclude whether, in our judgement, 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 budgetary comparison information and the various schedules relative to the other post-employment benefit plan and employee pension plans be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, 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.

The City of New Iberia has omitted the management's discussion and analysis that accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require to be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such missing information, 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. Our opinion on the basic financial statements is not affected by this missing information.

Supplementary Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the City of New Iberia's basic financial statements. The other supplementary information is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements. The schedule of expenditures of federal awards is presented for purpose of additional analysis as required be title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 200, Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards, and is also not a required part of the basic financial statements.

The combining and comparative statements, the LCDBG schedules, the Justice System Funding Schedule, and schedule of expenditures of federal awards are the responsibility of management and were derived from and relate directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. Such 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, this other supplementary information is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

The prior year comparative information on these statements has been derived from the City of New Iberia's 2022 financial statements, which was 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 and, in our opinion, was fairly presented, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements from which they have been derived.

The schedule of number of utility customers has not been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and accordingly, we do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on them.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with Government Auditing Standards, we have also issued our report dated April 29, 2024, on our consideration of the City of New Iberia'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 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 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 City of New Iberia's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Kolder, Slaven & Company, LLC
Certified Public Accountants

Lafayette, Louisiana April 29, 2024 **BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

GOVERNMENT-WIDE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (GWFS)

Statement of Net Position October 31, 2023

	Primary Government			
	Governmental	Business-Type		Component
	Activities	Activities	Total	Units
ASSETS				
Cash and interest-bearing deposits	\$39,562,889	\$ 4,502,223	\$ 44,065,112	\$ 125,838
Receivables	192,883	394,793	587,676	-
Internal balances	(17,890)	17,890	-	-
Due from other governmental units	4,491,281	111,862	4,603,143	-
Real estate held for resale	61,343	-	61,343	-
Prepaid expenses	243	-	243	-
Restricted assets	-	960,040	960,040	-
Capital assets:				
Non-depreciable	19,817,300	3,964,081	23,781,381	-
Depreciable, net	36,285,175	44,198,891	80,484,066	99,363
Total assets	100,393,224	54,149,780	154,543,004	225,201
DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES				
Deferred loss on refunding	790,022	_	790,022	_
Deferred outflows of resources - pension	5,408,548	400,381	5,808,929	65,145
Deferred outflows of resources - OPEB	3,342,516	-	3,342,516	
Total deferred outflows of resources	9,541,086	400,381	9,941,467	65,145
	9,541,000	400,361	9,541,407	05,145
LIABILITIES				
Accounts and other payables	3,271,358	766,498	4,037,856	-
Accrued interest	150,115	11,173	161,288	-
Unearned revenue	8,662,369	-	8,662,369	-
Long-term liabilities:				
Portion due or payable within one year	2,210,033	1,299,488	3,509,521	-
Portion due or payable after one year	22,177,954	9,613,094	31,791,048	-
Other post employment benefits payable	8,952,093	-	8,952,093	-
Net pension liability	20,692,180	2,176,682	22,868,862	<u>275,553</u>
Total liabilities	66,116,102	13,866,935	79,983,037	275,553
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES				
Deferred inflows of resources - pension	612,282	122,759	735,041	-
Deferred inflows of resources - OPEB	3,801,680		3,801,680	
Total deferred inflows of resources	4,413,962	122,759	4,536,721	
NET POSITION				
Net investment in capital assets	32,568,519	37,040,799	69,609,318	99,363
Restricted for:				
Capital projects	8,078,895	-	8,078,895	-
Debt service	1,368,518	948,867	2,317,385	-
Tax dedications	15,511,638	-	15,511,638	-
Other	183,741	-	183,741	-
Unrestricted	(18,307,065)	2,570,801	(15,736,264)	(84,570)
Total net position	\$39,404,246	\$40,560,467	\$ 79,964,713	\$ 14,793

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the basic financial statements.

Statement of Activities For the Year Ended October 31, 2023

		Pro	ogram Revenues	,		pense) Revenue and		osition
			Operating	Capital		Primary Governmen	nt	
		Fees, Fines, and	Grants and	Grants and	Governmental	Business-Type		Component
Activities	Expenses	Charges for Services	Contributions	Contributions	Activities	Activities	Total	<u>Unit</u>
Primary Government								
Governmental activities:	e 4711705	e 50.773	e 205.020	6 40.640	6 (4.015 (25)	•	A (4.015.635)	•
General government	\$ 4,611,785	\$ 50,672	\$ 295,830	\$ 49,648	\$ (4,215,635)	\$ -	\$ (4,215,635)	\$ -
Public safety	15,030,251	602,747	1,060,897	12,580	(13,354,027)	-	(13,354,027)	-
Public works Culture and recreation	7,037,415	51,977	26.455	886,452	(6,098,986)	-	(6,098,986)	-
	1,407,266	130,867	26,455	2,926,431	1,676,487	-	1,676,487	-
Urban redevelopment and housing	1,663,160	-	1,715,699	-	52,539	-	52,539	-
Unallocated depreciation	1,532,020	-	-	-	(1,532,020)	-	(1,532,020)	-
Interest on long-term debt	838,251	-			(838,251)		(838,251)	
Total governmental activities	32,120,148	<u>836,263</u>	3,098,881	3,875,111	(24,309,893)		(24,309,893)	
Business-type activities:								
Wastewater	6,503,355	5,716,838	-	2,003,262	-	1,216,745	1,216,745	-
Recreation	346,160	1,172		79,972	<u>-</u>	(265,016)	(265,016)	
Total business-type activities	6,849,515	5,718,010		2,083,234		951,729	951,729	
Total primary government	\$38,969,663	\$6,554,273	\$3,098,881	\$ 5,958,345	(24,309,893)	951,729	(23,358,164)	-
Component unit:								
City Court	<u>\$ 673,278</u>	<u>\$ 195,864</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>				_(477,414)
	General revenu	es:						
	Taxes -							
	Ad valorem	taxes			4,575,198	-	4,575,198	-
	Sales and u	se taxes			21,853,903	-	21,853,903	-
	Franchise ta	axes			1,840,464		1,840,464	-
	Occupation	al			1,395,450	-	1,395,450	-
	Grants and co	ontributions not restricte	d to specific pro	grams -				
	Non-emplo	yer pension contribution	ıs		594,701	40,564	635,265	-
	State grants	3			-	-	-	488,034
	Investment in	come			620,391	155,918	776,309	-
	Miscellaneou	S			27,695	9,587	37,282	-
	Loss on sale	of capital assets			24,081	-	24,081	-
	Transfers				(1,455,669)	1,455,669		
	Total go	eneral revenues and tran	sfers		29,476,214	1,661,738	31,137,952	488,034
	Change	in net position			5,166,321	2,613,467	7,779,788	10,620
	Net position, be	eginning			34,237,925	37,947,000	72,184,925	4,173
	Net position, en				\$ 39,404,246	\$ 40,560,467	\$ 79,964,713	\$ 14,793

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the basic financial statements.

FUND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (FFS)

MAJOR FUND DESCRIPTIONS

General Fund

The General Fund is used to account for resources traditionally associated with governments which are not required to be accounted for in another fund.

Special Revenue Funds

Sales Tax Fund -

This fund accounts for the receipts and disbursements of proceeds from the City's 1960 one percent and the 1981 quarter percent sales and use tax levies. The one percent tax is dedicated for the support and maintenance of the police and fire departments, the construction and improvement of streets, bridges, or sewerage and for any work of permanent public improvement, including the cost of construction and improving sewers and sewerage disposal works in the City. The quarter percent tax is dedicated to supplement the cost of salaries of City employees, including employee benefits.

Garbage Fund -

This fund accounts for the receipts and disbursements of proceeds from the City's 1971 and 1993 quarter percent sales and use tax levies. The 1971 quarter percent is dedicated for operating, maintaining and improving the City's garbage waste collection and disposal facilities and purchasing and acquiring the land and equipment necessary in connection with the operation of said facilities. The 1993 quarter percent sales tax is dedicated to supplement other sales revenues of the City to pay the costs of solid waste collection and disposal, including the cost of the City's recycling program. The remaining proceeds of the tax is to be expended for the purpose of paying the cost of the salaries of City employees, including the payment of employee benefits.

2018 Public Safety Sales Tax Fund -

This fund accounts for the receipts and disbursements of proceeds from the City's 2018 one-half percent sales and use tax levy. The proceeds of the tax is to be expended for the purposes of a New Iberia Police Department and providing funding assistance to the New Iberia Fire Department.

Capital Projects Fund

Drainage Fund -

This fund accounts for the receipt and disbursement of the excess collections of the Iberia Parish Government mosquito control sales tax. The City utilizes these funds for drainage maintenance and improvement.

Street Paving Fund -

These funds are dedicated for the purpose of constructing and improving roads, streets, and bridges in the City of New Iberia using proceeds from Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2021.

Enterprise Fund

Sewerage Fund -

To account for the provision of sewerage services to residents of the City. All activities necessary to provide the services are accounted for in this fund, including, but not limited to, administration, operations, maintenance, financing and related debt service, and billing and collection.

Pepperplex Fund -

To account for the operation of the Pepperplex facility. All fees and revenues derived from the facility and all related expenses are accounted for in this fund.

Balance Sheet Governmental Funds October 31, 2023

ASSETS	General	Sales Tax	Garbage	2018 Public Safety Sales Tax	Drainage	Street Paving	Other Governmental Funds	Total
Cash and interest-bearing deposits	\$18,647,704	\$ 5,581,367	\$ 20,783	\$ 338,367	\$ 6,718,388	\$ 1,824,214	\$ 6,432,065	\$39,562,888
Receivables:								
Accounts	156,091	-	-	-	-	-	-	156,091
Due from other funds	487,646	-	-	-	-	-	-	487,646
Due from other governmental units	622,235	880,342	352,137	352,042	-	-	551,374	2,758,130
Other	-	-	-	-	-	-	36,792	36,792
Deposits	243	-		-	-	-	-	243
Real estate held for resale	61,343	-			<u> </u>			61,343
Total assets	<u>\$19,975,262</u>	<u>\$ 6,461,709</u>	<u>\$ 372,920</u>	\$ 690,409	\$ 6,718,388	\$ 1,824,214	\$ 7,020,231	\$43,063,133
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES								
Liabilities:								
Accounts payable	\$ 291,866	\$ -	\$ 343,967	\$ -	\$ 158	\$ -	\$ 117,963	\$ 753,954
Due to other funds	466,392	-	28,953	-	-	-	10,191	505,536
Contracts payable	383,894	-	-	-	450,461	257,767	-	1,092,122
Retainage payable	159,365	-	-	-	21,083	489,906	22,095	692,449
Accrued liabilities	690,048	-	-	-	-	-	40,730	730,778
Unearned revenue	7,528,547	-				-	1,133,822	8,662,369
Total liabilities	9,520,112		372,920		471,702	747,673	1,324,801	12,437,208
Fund balances -								
Restricted:								
Tax dedications	4,078,450	6,461,709	-	690,409	-	-	2,549,973	13,780,541
Construction of capital assets	-	-	-	-	-	1,076,541	119,349	1,195,890
Purpose of grantors, trustees and donors	-	-	-	-	-	-	183,741	183,741
Debt service	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,518,633	1,518,633
Drainage	-	-	-	-	6,246,686	-	-	6,246,686
Committed:							(10.410	(10.440
Operations Disease No. 6	-	-	-	-	-	-	619,418	619,418
Disaster relief	- 6 376 700	-	-	-	-	-	704,316	704,316
Unassigned	6,376,700	(4(1 700				1.076.541	5 (05 400	6,376,700
Total fund balances	10,455,150	6,461,709		690,409	6,246,686	1,076,541	5,695,430	30,625,925
Total liabilities and fund balances	\$19,975,262	\$ 6,461,709	<u>\$ 372,920</u>	\$ 690,409	<u>\$ 6,718,388</u>	<u>\$ 1,824,214</u>	\$ 7,020,231	<u>\$43,063,133</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the basic financial statements.

Reconciliation of the Governmental Funds Balance Sheet to the Statement of Net Position October 31, 2023

Total fund balances for governmental funds at October 31, 2023		\$ 30,625,925
Total net position reported for governmental activities in the statement of net position is different because:		
Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and, therefore, are not reported in the governmental funds. Those assets consist of:		
Land and construction in progress	\$ 19,817,300	
Land improvements, net of \$1,508,738 accumulated depreciation	2,935,261	
Buildings and improvements, net of \$6,305,024 accumulated depreciation	7,365,542	
Equipment, net of \$7,899,278 accumulated depreciation	4,501,823	
Infrastructure, net of \$68,653,351 accumulated depreciation	21,482,549	56,102,475
Certain receivables are not available to pay for the current period's		
expenditures and therefore, are not reported in the governmental funds.		1,731,097
Deferred outflows of expenditures are not a use of current resources		
and, therefore, are not reported in the governmental funds.		
Deferred loss on bond refunding	790,022	
Deferred outflows of resources - pension	5,408,548	
Deferred outflows of resources - OPEB	3,342,516	9,541,086
Long-term liabilities are not due and payable in the current period and,		
therefore, are not reported in the governmental funds.		
Long-term liabilities at October 31, 2023 consist of:		
Bonds payable	(23,687,659)	
Accrued interest payable	(150,115)	
Accrued compensated absences	(700,328)	
Net pension liability	(20,692,180)	
Other post employment benefits payable	(8,952,093)	(54,182,375)
The deferred inflows of contributions are not available resources and,		
therefore, are not reported in the governmental funds.	(612,282)	
Deferred inflows of resources - pension		(4.412.000)
Deferred inflows of resources - OPEB	(3,801,680)	(4,413,962)
Total net position of governmental activities at October 31, 2023		\$ 39,404,246

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the basic financial statements.

Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances -Governmental Funds For the Year Ended October 31, 2023

				2018 Public		.	Other	
	General	Sales Tax	Garbage	Safety Sales Tax	Drainage	Street Paving	Governmental Funds	Total
Revenues:	Cciiciai	Sales Tax	Canbage	Sales Tax	Diamage	гачше	ruus	Total
Taxes -								
Ad valorem	\$ 1,141,786	\$ -	\$ -	s -	\$ -	\$ -	\$3,433,412	\$ 4,575,198
Sales and use	2,061,379	10,306,895	4,122,758	4,122,653	-	· -	1,173,835	21,787,520
Franchise	1,840,464	-	-	-	_	-	· · ·	1,840,464
Licenses and permits	1,632,964	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,632,964
Intergovernmental -								
Federal	2,150,089	-	-	=	-	-	1,741,654	3,891,743
State	1,725,505	-	-	-	-	-	79,790	1,805,295
Local	325,316	-	-	-	886,447	-	40,332	1,252,095
Charges for services	119,116	-	-	-	-	-	96,032	215,148
Fines and forfeits	303,643	-	-	-	-	-	-	303,643
Investment income	184,677	74,170	7,087	6,762	118,881	301	59,402	451,280
Miscellaneous	152,146			<u>-</u>			54,366	206,512
Total revenues	11,637,085	10,381,065	4,129,845	4,129,415	1,005,328	301	6,678,823	37,961,862
Expenditures:								
Current -								
General government	4,233,515	95,681	40,534	-	-	=	12,244	4,381,974
Public safety	13,219,529	-	-	38,272	-	-	-	13,257,801
Public works	-	-	4,240,287	-	82,304	-	2,584,721	6,907,312
Culture and recreation	12,577	-	-	-	-	-	1,138,995	1,151,572
Urban redevelopment and housing	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,662,595	1,662,595
Debt service -								
Principal	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,105,000	2,105,000
Interest	-	-	-	-	-	<u>-</u>	774,910	774,910
Capital outlay	5,675,888	-			588,299	7,390,881	495,186	14,150,254
Total expenditures	23,141,509	95,681	4,280,821	38,272	670,603	<u>7,390,881</u>	8,773,651	44,391,418
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	(11,504,424)	10,285,384	(150,976)	4,091,143	334,725	(7,390,580)	(2,094,828)	(6,429,556)
Other financing sources (uses):								
Transfers in	12,530,089	-	73,241	-	-	-	3,902,623	16,505,953
Transfers out	(3,359,095)	(10,633,329)		(3,400,734)			(576,264)	(17,969,422)
Total other financing sources (uses)	9,170,994	(10,633,329)	73,241	(3,400,734)			3,326,359	(1,463,469)
Net changes in fund balances	(2,333,430)	(347,945)	(77,735)	690,409	334,725	(7,390,580)	1,231,531	(7,893,025)
Fund balances, beginning	12,788,580	6,809,654	77,735	<u>-</u>	5,911,961	8,467,121	4,463,899	38,518,950
Fund balances, ending	\$ 10,455,150	\$ 6,461,709	\$ -	\$ 690,409	\$ 6,246,686	\$ 1,076,541	\$5,695,430	\$ 30,625,925

Reconciliation of the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances of Governmental Funds to the Statement of Activities For the Year Ended October 31, 2023

Total net changes in fund balances at October 31, 2023 per Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances		\$ (7,893,025)
The change in net position reported for governmental activities in the statement of activities is different because:		
Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures. However, in the statement of activities, the cost of those assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives and reported as depreciation expense. Capital outlay which is considered expenditures on Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances Depreciation expense for the year ended October 31, 2023	\$14,150,254 (2,771,227)	
Loss on disposition of capital assets	(49,919)	11,329,108
Because some revenues are not considered measurable at year-end, they are not considered "available" revenues in the governmental funds Sales taxes Non-employer pension plan contributions	64,327 594,701	659,028
Bond and capital lease proceeds are reported as financing sources in governmental funds and thus contribute to the change in fund balance. In the statement of net position, however, issuing debt increases long-term liabilities and does not affect the statement of activities. Similarly, repayment of principal and capital leases are recorded as expenditures in the governmental funds but reduce liability in the statement of net position. Also, governmental funds report the effect of premiums, discounts, and similar items when debt is first issued, whereas these amounts are deferred and amortized in the statement of activities:		
Principal payments	2,105,000	
Amortization of loss on refunding	(72,276)	
Amortization of bond premium	169,110	2,201,834
Some expenses reported in the statement of activities do not require the use of current financial resources and, therefore, are not reported as expenditures in governmental funds.		
Compensated absences	2,404	
Other post employee benefits payable	(367,251)	
Pension expense	(776,212)	(1.100.504)
Interest expense	10,435	(1,130,624)
Total changes in net position at October 31, 2023 per Statement of Activities		\$ 5,166,321

Statement of Net Position Proprietary Funds October 31, 2023

	Sewerage Fund	Pepperplex Fund	Total
ASSETS			
Current assets:	.		
Cash	\$ 4,492,054	\$ 10,169	\$ 4,502,223
Accounts receivable	394,793	-	394,793
Due from other funds	17,890	-	17,890
Due from other governmental units	111,862	10.160	111,862
Total current assets	5,016,599	10,169	5,026,768
Noncurrent assets:			
Restricted cash	738,867	221,173	960,040
Capital assets -			
Land and construction in progress	3,964,031	50	3,964,081
Other capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation	40,548,153	3,650,738	44,198,891
Total noncurrent assets	45,251,051	<u>3,871,961</u>	49,123,012
Total assets	_50,267,650	3,882,130	54,149,780
DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES			
Deferred outflows of resources - pension	400,381		400,381
LIABILITIES			
Current liabilities:			
Accounts payable	205,800	14,079	219,879
Due to other funds	-	-	-
Contracts payable	348,081	50	348,131
Retainage payable	92,012	75,498	167,510
Accrued liabilities	29,403	1,575	30,978
Accrued compensated absences	8,145	343	8,488
Payable from restricted assets -		11.100	11 150
Accrued interest	1 011 000	11,173	11,173
Bonds payable	1,011,000	280,000	1,291,000
Total current liabilities	1,694,441	382,718	2,077,159
Noncurrent liabilities:			7 6.000
Accrued compensated absences	73,307	3,082	76,389
Bonds payable	7,091,705	2,445,000	9,536,705
Net pension liability	2,176,682		2,176,682
Total noncurrent liabilities	9,341,694	2,448,082	11,789,776
Total liabilities	11,036,135	2,830,800	13,866,935
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES			
Deferred inflows of resources - pension	122,759		122,759
NET POSITION			
Net investment in capital assets	35,969,386	1,071,413	37,040,799
Restricted for debt service	738,867	210,000	948,867
Unrestricted	2,800,884	(230,083)	2,570,801
Total net position	\$ 39,509,137	\$ 1,051,330	\$ 40,560,467

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the basic financial statements.

Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Fund Net Position Proprietary Funds For the Year Ended October 31, 2023

	Sewerage Fund	Pepperplex Fund	Total
Operating revenues:			
Charges for services -			
Customers	\$ 4,789,030	\$ 1,172	\$ 4,790,202
Parish government under cooperative agreement	927,808		927,808
Total operating revenues	5,716,838	1,172	5,718,010
Operating expenses:			
Cost of services rendered	3,995,559	186,455	4,182,014
Depreciation	2,393,196	113,887	2,507,083
Total operating expenses	6,388,755	300,342	6,689,097
Operating loss	(671,917)	(299,170)	(971,087)
Nonoperating revenues (expenses):			
Investment income	155,918	-	155,918
Interest expense and fiscal charges	(114,600)	(45,818)	(160,418)
Non-employer pension contributions	40,564	-	40,564
Other, net	9,587		9,587
Total nonoperating revenues (expenses)	91,469	(45,818)	45,651
Loss before contributions and transfers	(580,448)	(344,988)	(925,436)
Capital contributions	2,003,262	79,972	2,083,234
Transfers in (out):			
Transfers	358,146	1,097,523	1,455,669
Change in net position	1,780,960	832,507	2,613,467
Net position, beginning	37,728,177	218,823	37,947,000
Net position, ending	\$ 39,509,137	\$ 1,051,330	\$ 40,560,467

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the basic financial statements.

Statement of Cash Flows Proprietary Funds For the Year Ended October 31, 2023

	Sewerage Fund	Pepperplex Fund	Total
Cash flows from operating activities:			
Receipts from customers	\$ 4,929,301	\$ 1,172	\$ 4,930,473
Receipts from cooperative agreement	926,056	-	926,056
Payments to suppliers	(2,672,804)	(114,173)	(2,786,977)
Payments to employees	_(1,253,710)	(57,030)	_(1,310,740)
Net cash provided (used) by operating activities	1,928,843	(170,031)	1,758,812
Cash flows from noncapital financing activities:			
Other, net	9,587	-	9,587
Transfers from other funds	358,146	1,097,523	1,455,669
Cash (paid) received from other funds	(573,951)	234,172	(339,779)
Net cash provided (used) by noncapital			
financing activities	(206,218)	1,331,695	1,125,477
Cash flows from capital and related financing activities:			
Purchase and construction of capital assets	(2,959,001)	(3,283,393)	(6,242,394)
Proceeds from capital contributions	2,003,262	79,972	2,083,234
Bond proceeds	535,300	-	535,300
Principal paid	(952,000)	(275,000)	(1,227,000)
Interest and fiscal charges paid	(114,600)	(46,945)	(161,545)
Net cash used by capital and related			
financing activities	(1,487,039)	(3,525,366)	(5,012,405)
Cash flows from investing activities:			
Investment income	134,616		134,616
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	370,202	(2,363,702)	(1,993,500)
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of period	4,860,719	2,595,044	7,455,763
Cash and cash equivalents, end of period	\$ 5,230,921	\$ 231,342	\$ 5,462,263

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Statement of Cash Flows Proprietary Funds - (Continued) For the Year Ended October 31, 2023

	Sewerage Fund	Pepperplex Fund	Total
Reconciliation of operating loss to net cash provided (used)		-	
by operating activities:			
Operating loss	\$ (671,917)	\$ (299,170)	\$ (971,087)
Adjustments to reconcile operating loss to net cash			
provided (used) by operating activities:			
Depreciation	2,393,196	113,887	2,507,083
Pension expense	(19,305)	-	(19,305)
Changes in current assets and liabilities:			
Accounts receivable	140,271	-	140,271
Due from other governmental units	(1,752)	-	(1,752)
Accounts payable	85,089	13,014	98,103
Accrued liabilities	3,610	296	3,906
Accrued compensated absences	(349)	1,942	1,593
Net cash provided (used) by operating activities	\$ 1,928,843	\$ (170,031)	<u>\$ 1,758,812</u>
Reconciliation of cash and cash equivalents per statement of cash flows to the balance sheet:			
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of period -			
Cash - unrestricted	\$ 4,117,561	\$ -	\$ 4,117,561
Cash - restricted	743,158	2,595,044	3,338,202
Total	4,860,719	2,595,044	7,455,763
Cash and cash equivalents, end of period -			
Cash - unrestricted	4,492,054	10,169	4,502,223
Cash - restricted	738,867	221,173	960,040
Total	5,230,921	231,342	5,462,263
Net increase (decrease)	\$ 370,202	\$(2,363,702)	\$(1,993,500)

Statement of Net Position Fiduciary Funds October 31, 2023

	Pension Trust Funds	Custodial Funds	
ASSETS			
Cash	<u>\$ 1,250</u>	\$ 146,804	
LIABILITIES			
Accounts payable and other liabilities		65,743	
NET POSITION			
Held in trust for pension benefits	1,250	-	
Restricted for individuals, organizations and other governments	<u></u>	81,061	
Total net position	<u>\$ 1,250</u>	<u>\$ 81,061</u>	

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the basic financial statements.

Statement of Changes in Fund Net Position Fiduciary Funds For the Year Ended October 31, 2023

	Pension Trust Funds	Custodial Funds	
Additions:			
Transfer from Sales Tax Fund	\$ 7,800	\$ -	
Fines and court costs- criminal	-	470,008	
Civil suit collections	-	257,901	
Bonds		6,007	
Total additions	7,800	733,916	
Deductions:			
Benefit payments	7,800	-	
Civil and criminal fees distrbuted to others	-	734,674	
Other		18,901	
Total deductions	7,800	753,575	
Change in net position	-	(19,659)	
Net position, beginning	1,250	100,720	
Net position, ending	\$ 1,250	\$ 81,061	

Statement of Net Position Discretely Presented Component Unit October 31, 2023

	City
	Court of
	New Iberia
ASSETS	
Cash and interest-bearing deposits	\$ 125,838
Capital assets, net	99,363
Total assets	225,201
DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES	
Deferred outflows of resources - pension	65,145
LIABILITIES	
Net pension liability	275,553
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES	
Deferred inflows of resources - pension	
NET POSITION	
Net investment in capital assets	99,363
Unrestricted	(84,570)
Total net position	<u>\$ 14,793</u>

Statement of Activities Discretely Presented Component Unit For the Year Ended October 31, 2023

	City
	Court of
	New Iberia
Expenses	\$ 673,278
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Program revenues:	
Fees and fines	195,864
Net (expense) revenue	477,414
Net (expense) revenue	
General revenues:	
Intergovernmental- On behalf payments	472,344
State grant	15,690
Total general revenues	488,034
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Change in net position	10,620
Net position, beginning	4,173
Net position, ending	<u>\$ 14,793</u>

Notes to Basic Financial Statements

(1) Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

The accompanying financial statements of the City of New Iberia (the City) have been prepared in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP) as applied to governmental units. GAAP includes all relevant Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) pronouncements. The accounting and reporting framework and the more significant accounting policies are discussed in subsequent subsections of this note.

A. Financial Reporting Entity

The financial reporting entity consists of (a) the primary government, (b) organizations for which the primary government is financially accountable, and (c) other organizations for which the primary government is not accountable, but 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.

Primary government -

The City of New Iberia operates under a home rule charter. The charter provides for the Mayor-City Council form of government. The City's operations include police and fire protection, streets and drainage, parks and recreation, certain social services (including urban redevelopment and housing) and general administrative services. The City owns and operates one enterprise activity, a sewerage fund which provides sewerage services.

Component unit -

Professional standards establish criteria for determining which entities should be considered a component unit and, as such, part of the reporting entity for financial reporting purposes. Based on the criteria, City Court of New Iberia is a component unit of the City. The day-to-day operations of the City Court are funded through the City. In addition, the activities of the Court are primarily for City residents. The City has responsibility for funding any deficits of the Court. The City Court's fiscal year end is June 30.

B. Basis of Presentation

Government-Wide Financial Statements (GWFS)

The statement of net position and statement of activities display information about the reporting government as a whole. They include all funds of the reporting entity. The statements distinguish between governmental and business-type activities. Governmental activities generally are financed through taxes, intergovernmental revenues, and other nonexchange revenues. Business-type activities are financed in whole or in part by fees charged to external parties for goods or services.

Notes to Basic Financial Statements (Continued)

The statement of activities presents a comparison between direct expenses and program revenues for the business-type activities of the City and for each function of the City's governmental activities. Direct expenses are those that are specifically associated with a program or function and, therefore, are clearly identifiable to a particular function. Program revenues include (a) fees, fines, and charges paid by the recipients of goods or services offered by the programs, and (b) grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular program. Revenues that are not classified as program revenues, including all taxes, are presented as general revenues.

Fund Financial Statements

The accounts of the City are organized and operated on the basis of funds. A fund is an independent fiscal and accounting entity with a separate set of self-balancing accounts. Fund accounting segregates funds according to their intended purpose and is used to aid management in demonstrating compliance with finance-related legal and contractual provisions. The minimum number of funds is maintained consistent with legal and managerial requirements.

The various funds of the City are classified into two categories: governmental and proprietary. The emphasis on fund financial statements is on major governmental and enterprise funds, each displayed in a separate column. A fund is considered major if it is the primary operating fund of the City or meets the following criteria:

- a. Total assets, liabilities, revenues, or expenditures/expenses of that individual governmental or enterprise fund are at least 10 percent of the corresponding total for all funds of that category or type; and
- b. Total assets, liabilities, revenues, or expenditures/expenses of the individual governmental or enterprise fund are at least 5 percent of the corresponding total for all governmental and enterprise funds combined.

The major funds of the City are described below:

Governmental Funds -

General Fund

The General Fund is the general operating fund of the City. It is used to account for all financial resources except those required to be accounted for in another fund.

Special Revenue Funds -

Sales Tax Fund

The Sales Tax Fund is used to account for the receipts and disbursements of proceeds from the City's 1.25% sales and use tax levies that are legally restricted for expenditures for specific purposes.

Notes to Basic Financial Statements (Continued)

Garbage Fund

This fund accounts for the receipt and use of proceeds of two of the City's .25% sales and use tax levies that are legally restricted for expenditures for specific purposes.

2018 Public Safety Sales Tax Fund

This fund accounts for the receipt and use of proceeds of the City's .50% sales and use tax levies that are legally restricted for expenditures for specific purposes.

Capital Projects Fund -

Drainage Fund

This fund accounts for the receipt and disbursement of the excess collections of the Iberia Parish Government mosquito control sales tax. The City utilizes these funds for drainage maintenance and improvement.

Street Paving Fund

This fund is dedicated for the purpose of constructing and improving roads, streets, and bridges in the City of New Iberia using proceeds from Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2021.

Proprietary Fund -

Enterprise Fund

Enterprise funds are used to account for operations (a) that are financed and operated in a manner similar to private business enterprises - where the intent of the governing body is that the costs (expenses, including depreciation) of providing goods or services to the general public on a continuing basis be financed or recovered primarily through user charges; or (b) where the governing body has decided that periodic determination of revenues earned, expenses incurred, and/or net income is appropriate for capital maintenance, public policy, management control, accountability, or other purposes. The City of New Iberia's enterprise funds are the Sewerage Fund and the Pepperplex Fund.

In addition, the City reports the following:

Pension Trust Funds -

These funds account for the accumulation of resources to be used for police retirement annuity payments at appropriate amounts and times in the future.

Notes to Basic Financial Statements (Continued)

C. Measurement Focus/Basis of Accounting

Measurement focus is a term used to describe "which" transactions are recorded within the various financial statements. Basis of accounting refers to "when" transactions are recorded regardless of the measurement focus applied.

Measurement Focus

On the government-wide statement of net position and the statement of activities, both governmental and business-type activities are presented using the economic resources measurement focus as defined in item b. below.

In the fund financial statements, the "current financial resources" measurement focus or the "economic resources" measurement focus is used as appropriate:

- a. All governmental funds utilize a "current financial resources" measurement focus. Only current financial assets and liabilities are generally included on their balance sheets. Their operating statements present sources and uses of available spendable financial resources during a given period. These funds use fund balance as their measure of available spendable financial resources at the end of the period.
- b. The proprietary fund utilizes an "economic resources" measurement focus. The accounting objectives of this measurement focus are the determination of operating income, changes in net position (or cost recovery), financial position, and cash flows. All assets and liabilities (whether current or noncurrent) associated with their activities are reported. Proprietary fund equity is classified as net position.

Basis of Accounting

In the government-wide statement of net position and statement of activities, both governmental and business-type activities are presented using the accrual basis of accounting. Under the accrual basis of accounting, revenues are recognized when earned and expenses are recorded when the liability is incurred or economic asset used. Revenues, expenses, gains, losses, assets, deferred outflows of resources, liabilities, and deferred inflows of resources resulting from exchange and exchange-like transactions are recognized when the exchange takes place.

Governmental fund financial statements are reported using the current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recognized as soon as they are both measurable and available. Revenues are considered to be available when they are collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to pay liabilities of the current period. For this purpose, the government considers revenues to be available if they are collected within 60 days of the end of the current fiscal period. Expenditures (including capital outlay) generally are recorded when a liability is incurred, as under accrual accounting. However, debt service expenditures are recorded only when payment is due.

Notes to Basic Financial Statements (Continued)

The proprietary funds utilize the accrual basis of accounting. Under the accrual basis of accounting, revenues are recognized when earned and expenses are recorded when the liability is incurred or economic asset used.

D. <u>Assets, Deferred Outflows, Liabilities, Deferred Inflows and Equity</u>

Cash and Cash Equivalents

For purposes of the statement of net position, cash and interest-bearing deposits include all demand, savings, and money market deposits, as well as cash on hand. The cash balances of the majority of the City's funds are pooled by the City. For purposes of the proprietary fund statement of cash flows, "cash and cash equivalents" include all demand and savings accounts, and highly liquid investments with an original maturity of three months or less.

Interfund Receivables and Payables

During the course of operations, numerous transactions occur between individual funds that may result in amounts owed between funds. Those related to goods and services type transactions are classified as "due to and from other funds." Short-term interfund loans are reported as "interfund receivables and payables." Long-term interfund loans (noncurrent portion) are reported as "advances from and to other funds." Interfund receivables and payables between funds within governmental activities are eliminated in the statement of net position.

Receivables

In the government-wide statements, receivables consist of all revenues earned at yearend and not yet received. Major receivable balances for the governmental activities include sales and use taxes and franchise taxes. Business-type activities report sewer customer's utility service receivables as their major receivables. All utility service receivables are considered collectible and accordingly, there is no allowance for doubtful accounts at October 31, 2023.

Capital Assets

Capital assets, which include property, plant, equipment, and infrastructure assets, are reported in the applicable governmental or business-type activities columns in the government-wide financial statements. Capital assets are capitalized at historical cost or estimated cost if historical is not available. Donated assets are recorded as capital assets at their estimated fair market value at the date of donation. The City maintains a threshold level of \$5,000 or more for capitalizing capital assets.

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. Prior to November 1, 2002, governmental funds' infrastructure assets were not capitalized. These assets have been valued at estimated historical cost.

Notes to Basic Financial Statements (Continued)

Depreciation of all exhaustible capital assets is recorded as an allocated expense in the statement of activities, with accumulated depreciation reflected in the statement of net position. Depreciation is provided over the assets' estimated useful lives using the straight-line method of depreciation. The range of estimated useful lives by type of asset is as follows:

Land improvements	20-30 years
Buildings and improvements	10-40 years
Equipment	5-15 years
Infrastructure	20-50 years
Sewer plant	5-35 years

In the fund financial statements, capital assets used in governmental fund operations are accounted for as capital outlay expenditures in the governmental fund upon acquisition. Capital assets used in proprietary fund operations are accounted for the same as in the government-wide statements.

Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources

In some instances, the GASB requires a government to delay recognition of decreases in net position as expenditures until a future period. In other instances, governments are required to delay recognition of increases in net position as revenues until a future period. In these circumstances, deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources result from the delayed recognition of expenditures or revenues, respectively. At October 31, 2023, the City's deferred outflows and inflows of resources are attributable to deferred losses on refunding of bonds, OPEB, and pension plans.

Long-term Debt

The accounting treatment of long-term debt depends on whether the assets are used in governmental fund operations or proprietary fund operations and whether they are reported in the government-wide or fund financial statements.

All long-term debt to be repaid from governmental and business-type resources is reported as liabilities in the government-wide statements. The long-term debt consists primarily of the revenue bonds payable, general obligation refunding bonds, and certificate of indebtedness payable.

Long-term debt for governmental funds is not reported as liabilities in the fund financial statements. The debt proceeds are reported as other financing sources and payment of principle and interest reported as expenditures. The accounting for proprietary fund long-term debt is the same in the fund statements as it is in the government-wide statements.

Notes to Basic Financial Statements (Continued)

Compensated Absences

Employees of the City earn annual leave in amounts ranging from eight hours per month to sixteen hours per month, depending upon length of service. At the end of each year, employees may carry forward annual leave earned but not taken with the maximum allowable carryover of unused annual leave being equal to ten days. Unused annual leave in excess of what can be carried forward is credited to the employee's sick leave balance. Unused annual leave is paid to an employee upon retirement or resignation at hourly rates being earned by that employee upon separation.

Effective April 1, 1997, sick leave is credited to all classified employees at the rate of twelve hours per month. All unused sick leave is carried forward from year to year. Employees separated due to retirement or deaths are paid for all accumulated sick leave earned between January 1, 1991 and December 31, 1994 at the hourly rates being earned by the employee at that time.

Compensatory leave is earned at a rate of one and one-half hours for each hour of overtime worked. The maximum accumulation of compensatory leave is 120 hours. It may be carried forward from year to year. Upon termination, unused compensatory leave is paid up to 120 hours.

Firemen earn vacation and sick leave in accordance with state law. Firemen are paid for any overtime hours worked.

In the government-wide and proprietary fund statements, the City accrues accumulated unpaid annual, sick, and compensatory leave and associated related costs when earned (or estimated to be earned) by the employee. The current portion is the amount estimated to be used/paid in the following year. The remainder is reported as non-current. Compensated absences liability is not recorded in the governmental fund financial statements.

Equity Classifications

In the government-wide statements, equity is classified as net position and displayed in three components:

- a. Net investment in capital assets Consists of net capital assets reduced by outstanding balances of any related debt obligations and deferred inflows of resources attributable to the acquisition, construction, or improvement of those assets and increased by balances of deferred outflows of resources related to those assets.
- b. Restricted net position Consists of net position with constraints placed on their use either by (1) external groups, such as creditors, grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments; or (2) law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation. At October 31, 2023, the City reported \$26,091,659 of restricted net position, \$15,511,638 of which was restricted by enabling legislation.

Notes to Basic Financial Statements (Continued)

c. Unrestricted net position – Consists of all other net position that does not meet the definition of the two components and is available for general use by the City.

In the fund financial statements, governmental fund equity is classified as fund balance. As such, fund balances of the governmental funds are classified as follows:

- a. Nonspendable amounts that cannot be spent either because they are in nonspendable form or because they are legally or contractually required to be maintained intact.
- b. Restricted amounts that can be spent only for specific purposes because of constitutional provisions or enabling legislation or because of constraints that are externally imposed by creditors, grantors, contributors, or the laws or regulations of other governments.
- c. Committed amounts that can be used only for specific purposes determined by a formal decision of the Mayor and City Council, which is the highest level of decision-making authority for the City.
- d. Assigned amounts that do not meet the criteria to be classified as restricted or committed but that are intended to be used for specific purposes determined by the Mayor or the City Council.
- e. Unassigned all other spendable amounts.

When an expenditure is incurred for the purposes for which both restricted and unrestricted fund balance is available, the City considers restricted funds to have been spent first. When an expenditure is incurred for which committed, assigned, or unassigned fund balances are available, the City considers amounts to have been spent first out of committed funds, then assigned funds, and finally unassigned funds, as needed, unless the City has provided otherwise in their commitment or assignment actions.

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

E. Revenues, Expenditures, and Expenses

Operating Revenues and Expenses

Operating revenues and expenses for proprietary funds are those that result from providing services and producing and delivering goods and/or services. It also includes all revenue and expenses not related to capital and related financing, noncapital financing, or investing activities.

Expenditures/Expenses

In the government-wide financial statements, expenses are classified by function for both governmental and business-type activities.

Notes to Basic Financial Statements (Continued)

In the fund financial statements, expenditures are classified as follows:

Governmental Funds - By Character Proprietary Fund - By Operating and Nonoperating

In the fund financial statements, governmental funds report expenditures of financial resources. Proprietary funds report expenses relating to use of economic resources.

Interfund Transfers

Permanent reallocations of resources between funds of the reporting entity are classified as interfund transfers. For the purposes of the statement of activities, all interfund transfers between individual governmental funds have been eliminated.

F. Revenue Restrictions

The City has various restrictions placed over certain revenue sources from state or local requirements. The primary restricted revenue sources include:

Revenue Source	Legal Restrictions of Use	
Ad Valorem Tax	See Note 2	
Sales Tax	See Note 3	
Sewerage Revenue	Debt Service and Utility Operations	

The City uses unrestricted resources only when restricted resources are fully depleted.

G. <u>Capitalization of Interest Expense</u>

It is the policy of the City of New Iberia to capitalize material amounts of interest resulting from borrowings in the course of the construction of capital assets. During the fiscal year ended October 31, 2023, there was no interest capitalized.

H. Bond Premium and Bond Issue Costs

Bond premium is being amortized by the straight-line method over the life of the related bond. Bond issue costs are expensed in the year they are incurred.

I. Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenditures during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

J. Report Reclassification

Certain previously reported amounts for the year ended October 31, 2022 have been reclassified to conform to the October 31, 2023 classifications.

Notes to Basic Financial Statements (Continued)

(2) Ad Valorem Taxes

Ad valorem taxes attach as an enforceable lien on property as of January 1 of each year. The taxes are based on assessed values determined by the Tax Assessor of Iberia Parish and are collected by the City. Taxes were levied by the City and were billed to taxpayers in November. Billed taxes are due by December 31, becoming delinquent on January 1 of the following year. City property tax revenues are budgeted in the year billed.

For the year ended October 31, 2023, taxes of 22.96 mills were levied on property with assessed valuations totaling \$200,771,026 and were dedicated for general corporate purposes (5.75 mills), parks and recreation (2.95 mills), streets, sidewalks, and alleys (3.44 mills), general obligation debt service (6.83 mills), and debt service (3.99 mills). Gross taxes levied for the current fiscal year totaled \$4,609,702.

(3) Sales and Use Tax

- A. Proceeds of a 1/4% sales and use tax (2023 collections \$2,061,379), accounted for in the General Fund, are dedicated to supplement the cost of salary and benefit increases for firemen. This tax is perpetual.
- B. Proceeds of a 1/4% sales and use tax (2023 collections \$2,061,379), accounted for in the Garbage Fund, are dedicated to operate, maintain, and improve the City's garbage and waste collection and disposal facilities and purchasing and acquiring the land and equipment necessary in connection with the operation of said facilities. This tax is in lieu of a monthly charge for residential garbage and waste collection and disposal. This tax is perpetual.
- C. Proceeds of a 1/4% sales and use tax (2023 collections \$2,061,379), accounted for in the Garbage Fund, are dedicated to supplement other sales tax revenues of the City to pay the cost of solid waste collection and disposal, including the cost of the City's recycling program. The remaining proceeds of the tax to be expended for the purpose of paying the cost of the salaries of City employees, including the payment of employee benefits. This tax was renewed in 2003 as a perpetual tax.
- D. Proceeds of a 1% sales and use tax (2023 collections \$8,245,516), accounted for in the Sales Tax Fund, are dedicated to the support and maintenance of the police and fire departments, the construction and improvement of streets, bridges or sewerage and for any work of permanent public improvement, including the cost of construction and improving sewers and sewerage disposal works in the City. This tax is perpetual.
- E. Proceeds of a 1/4% sales and use tax (2023 collections \$2,061,379), accounted for in the Sales Tax Fund, are dedicated to supplement the cost of salary and benefit increases of City employees. This tax is perpetual.
- F. Proceeds of a ½% sales and use tax (2023 collections \$4,122,653), accounted for in the 2018 Public Safety Sales Tax Fund, are dedicated to the purposes of the New Iberia Police Department and providing funding assistance to the New Iberia Fire Department. This tax is perpetual.

Notes to Basic Financial Statements (Continued)

- G. Proceeds of a ½% sales and use tax (2023 collections \$357,680), levied on businesses located in the New Iberia Highway 14 Economic Development District No. 1, accounted for in the Highway 14 EDD #1 Sales Tax Fund, are dedicated for financing economic development projects. This tax is perpetual.
- H. Proceeds of a ½% sales and use tax (2023 collections \$32,014), levied on businesses located in the New Iberia Highway 182 Economic Development District No. 1, accounted for in the Highway 182 EDD #1 Sales Tax Fund, are dedicated for financing economic development projects. This tax is perpetual.
- I. Proceeds of a ½% sales and use tax (2023 collections \$784,141), levied on businesses located in the Economic Development District No. 3, accounted for in the 2022 Economic Development District Fund, are dedicated for financing economic development projects. This tax is perpetual.

(4) Cash and Interest-Bearing Deposits

Under state law, the City may deposit funds within a fiscal agent bank organized under the laws of the State of Louisiana, the laws of any other state in the Union, or the laws of the United States. The City may invest in certificates and time deposits of the state banks organized under Louisiana law and national banks having principal offices in Louisiana. At October 31, 2023, the City had cash and interest-bearing deposits (book balances) totaling \$45,173,206, as follows:

	Primary	Fiduciary	
	Government	Funds	Total
Interest-bearing deposits	\$ 45,025,152	\$ 148,054	\$45,173,206

Custodial credit risk for deposits is the risk that in the event of the failure of a depository financial institution, the City's deposits may not be recovered or will not be able to recover collateral securities that are in the possession of an outside party. These deposits are stated at cost, which approximates market. Under state law, these deposits, (or the resulting bank balances) must be secured by federal deposit insurance or similar federal security or the pledge of securities owned by the fiscal agent bank. The market value of the pledged securities plus the federal deposit insurance must always equal the amount on deposit with the fiscal agent bank. These securities are held in the name of the City or the pledging fiscal agent bank by a holding or custodial bank that is mutually acceptable to both parties. Deposit balances (bank balances) at October 31, 2023, are secured as follows:

Bank balances	\$ 46,277,103
Federal deposit insurance	1,000,000
Pledged securities	45,277,103
Total	\$ 46,277,103

Deposits in the amount of \$45,277,103 were exposed to custodial credit risk. These deposits are uninsured and collateralized with securities held by the pledging institution's trust department or agent, but not in the City's name. The City does not have a policy for custodial credit risk.

Notes to Basic Financial Statements (Continued)

(5) Receivables

Receivables at October 31, 2023 consist of the following:

	Governmental Activities	Business-Type Activities	Total
Accounts (net)	\$ 46,228	\$ 394,793	\$ 441,021
Franchise taxes	146,655	-	146,655
Totals	\$ 192,883	\$ 394,793	\$ 587,676

(6) <u>Due from Other Governmental Units</u>

Amounts due from other governmental units at October 31, 2023 of \$4,603,143 (\$4,491,281 and \$111,862 for governmental and business-type activities, respectively) consist of the following:

Governmental funds:

Grants	\$ 900,381
Iberia Parish School Board - sales and use taxes	1,857,749
Total amount reported in governmental funds	2,758,130
Proprietary Fund:	
Grants	569
Iberia Parish Government	111,293
Total amount reported in Proprietary Fund	111,862
Government-wide financial statements:	
Total amount reported in governmental funds	2,758,130
Total amount reported in proprietary fund	111,862
Iberia Parish School Board - sales and use taxes for October 2023	1,733,151
Total	\$ 4,603,143

(7) Unearned Revenue

Unearned revenue of \$8,662,369 consisted of \$7,522,875 of federal awards received under the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA), \$1,000,000 of funds received from Dore Development and \$139,494 of various state and local awards. The ARPA established the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLFRF) on March 11, 2021, to provide governments with the resources needed to respond to the pandemic and its economic effects. These funds must be obligated by December 31, 2024 and expended by December 31, 2026.

(8) Restricted Assets

Restricted assets consisted of the following at October 31, 2023:

Bond sinking	\$ 4	98,696
Bond reserve	4	11,344
Bond contingency		50,000
Total restricted assets	\$ 9	60,040

Notes to Basic Financial Statements (Continued)

Capital asset activity for the year ended October 31, 2023 was as follows:

(9) <u>Capital Assets</u>

Balance Balance 11/01/22 Additions **Deletions** 10/31/23 Governmental activities: Capital assets not being depreciated: Land 35,000 \$ 3,501,082 3,466,082 2,651,084 Construction in progress 7,122,266 11,845,036 16,316,218 Other capital assets: 4,443,999 Land improvements 2,733,555 1,710,444 **Buildings and improvements** 12,228,458 1,442,108 13,670,566 Equipment 11,009,585 1,768,748 377,232 12,401,101 Infrastructure 90,135,900 90,135,900 126,695,846 16,801,336 3,028,316 140,468,866 Totals Less accumulated depreciation Land improvements 1,399,749 108,989 1,508,738 **Buildings and improvements** 5,948,867 356,157 6,305,024 Equipment 7,452,530 774,061 327,313 7,899,278 1,532,020 Infrastructure 67,121,331 68,653,351 327,313 Total accumulated depreciation 81,922,477 2,771,227 84,366,391 Governmental activities, capital assets, net \$ 44,773,369 \$ 14,030,109 \$2,701,003 \$ 56,102,475 Business-type activities: Capital assets not being depreciated: 1,445,659 Land 1,437,788 7,871 942,236 6,111,055 4,534,869 2,518,422 Construction in progress Other capital assets: Buildings and improvements 4,049,145 390,598 3,658,547 3,686,786 Equipment 3,356,002 330,784 Sewer plant 78,444,869 832,834 79,277,703 84,571,493 10,941,091 4,534,869 90,977,715 **Totals** Less accumulated depreciation 238,960 Buildings and improvements 127,625 111,335 1,941,411 **Equipment** 1,747,885 193,526 Sewer plant 38,432,150 2,202,222 40,634,372 Total accumulated depreciation 40,307,660 2,507,083 42,814,743 Business-type activities, capital assets, net \$ 44,263,833 \$ 48,162,972 \$ 8,434,008 \$4,534,869

Notes to Basic Financial Statements (Continued)

Depreciation expense was charged to governmental activities as follows:

General government	\$	190,746
Public safety		684,215
Public works		11 8,9 77
Urban redevelopment and housing		255
Culture and recreation		245,014
Infrastructure depeciation is unallocated		1,532,020
Total depreciation expense	<u>\$</u>	2,771,227
Depreciation expense was charged to business-type activities as follows:		
Sewer	\$:	2,393,196
Recreation		113,887
Total depreciation expense	\$:	2,507,083

(10) Accounts, Salaries, and Other Payables

The accounts, salaries, and other payables consisted of the following at October 31, 2023:

	Governmental	Business-Type	
	Activities	Activities	Total
Accounts	\$ 756,009	\$ 219,879	\$ 975,888
Contracts and retainage	1,784,571	515 ,6 41	2,300,212
Other liabilities	730,778	30,978	761,756
Totals	<u>\$3,271,358</u>	\$ 766,498	\$4,037,856

(11) Long-Term Liabilities

Governmental Activities:

The City issued general obligation bonds and certificates of indebtedness to provide funds for the acquisition, construction or improvement of major capital facilities. General obligation bonds have also been issued to refund other general obligation bonds. These bonds are direct obligations and pledge the full faith and credit of the City.

The City has borrowed proceeds from revenue bonds to finance the costs of the acquisition, rehabilitation, improvement and expansion of roads within the limits of the City, and to refund public improvement bonds. In addition, the City has borrowed proceeds from revenue bonds issued by the State of Louisiana for the purpose of purchasing equipment, vehicles and other materials for the support of the fire department. These bonds are to be repaid from lawfully available funds.

Notes to Basic Financial Statements (Continued)

Business-type Activities:

The City has borrowed proceeds from two revenue bonds issued by the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality to finance the costs of constructing and acquiring improvements and replacements to the sewer system of the City. The City has fully drawn down the first loan and is currently in the process of drawing down the second loan.

Long-term liabilities payable at October 31, 2023 is comprised of the following:

		Fir	ıal							
	Issue		•	Intere			Balance			Within
	Date	<u>Da</u>	te	Rates	<u> </u>	<u>O</u>	utstandin	<u>g_</u>	Or	ie Year
Governmental activities:										
Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2016	2016	5 203	34	3.0%-4.	5%	\$	4,760,00	0	\$	330,000
Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2017	2017	7 203	36	2.0%-4.	0%		2,555,00	0		160,000
Direct placement-										
General Obligation Refunding Bonds Series 2013	3 2013	3 202	25	2.06%	ó		695,00	0		340,000
General Obligation Refunding Bonds Series 2020	2021	202	24	1.00%	6		970,00	0		970,000
Revenue Bonds, Series 2018	2018	3 202	29	2.50%	ó		1,170,00	0		220,000
Revenue Bonds, Series 2020	2020	202	29	2.29%	ó		770,00	0		120,000
Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2021	2021	20	41	2.8%-4.	0%		10,060,00	0		-
						2	20,980,00	0	2,	140,000
Add: Unamortized issue premium							2,707,65	9		-
Total bond indebtedness						2	23,687,65	9	2,	140,000
Other liabilities -										•
Accrued compensated absences							700,32	8		70,033
Total long-term liabilities - governmental activi	ities					\$ 2	24,387,98	<u>7</u>	\$ 2,	210,033
Business-type activities:										
Direct placement -										
Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2021	2021	2026	2.5	%-3.0%	\$	1,5	510,000	\$	49	00,000
Revenue Bonds, Series 2022	2022	2032	1	.64%		2,7	725,000		28	80,000
Loan payable -										
DEQ loan, Series 2013	2013	2033	0	.95%		3,7	710,000		35	55,000
DEQ loan, Series 2018	2018	2039	0	.95%	_	2,7	797,493		16	66,000
						10,7	742,493		1,29	1,000
Add: Unamortized issue premium							85,212	_		
Total bond indebtedness						10,8	327,705		1,29	1,000
Other liabilities -						-				
Accrued compensated absences							84,877			8,488
Total long-term liabilities - business-type activi	ties				<u>\$</u>	10,9	912,582	<u>\$</u>	1,29	9,488

Notes to Basic Financial Statements (Continued)

The following is a summary of long-term liabilities transactions of the City for the year ended October 31, 2023:

	Beginning			Ending
	Balance	Additions	Deletions	Balance
Governmental activities:				
Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2016	\$ 5,080,000	\$ -	\$ 320,000	\$ 4,760,000
Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2017	2,710,000	-	155,000	2,555,000
Direct placement -				
General Obligation Refunding Series 2013	1,025,000	-	330,000	695,000
General Obligation Refunding Series 2020	1,935,000	-	965,000	970,000
Revenue Bonds, Series 2018	1,385,000	-	215,000	1,170,000
Revenue Bonds, Series 2020	890,000	-	120,000	770,000
Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2021	10,060,000			_10,060,000
	23,085,000		2,105,000	20,980,000
Add: Unamortized issue premium	2,876,769		169,110	2,707,659
Total bond indebtedness	25,961,769	-	2,274,110	23,687,659
Other liabilities -				
Accrued compensated absences	702,732	47,656	50,060	700,328
Total governmental activities	\$ 26,664,501	\$ 47,656	\$ 2,324,170	\$ 24,387,987
Duning a second second				
Business-type activities:				
Direct placement -	\$ 1,980,000	o	\$ 470,000	\$ 1.510.000
Revenue Refunding Bonds Series 2021	. , ,	\$ -		
Revenue Bonds, Series 2022 Loan payable -	3,000,000	-	275,000	2,725,000
DEQ loan, Series 2013	4,062,000	-	352,000	3,710,000
DEQ loan, Series 2018	2,392,193	535,300	130,000	2,797,493
	11,434,193	535,300	1,227,000	10,742,493
Add: Unamortized issue premium	106,514		21,302	85,212
Total bond indebtedness Other liabilities -	11,540,707	535,300	1,248,302	10,827,705
Accrued compensated absences	83,284	11,827	10,234	84,877
Total business-type activities	\$ 11,623,991	\$ 547,127	\$ 1,258,536	\$ 10,912,582

Notes to Basic Financial Statements (Continued)

The annual debt service requirements to maturity of all bonds, certificates of indebtedness, and leases is as follows:

Governmental Activities:

2029-2031

Total

October 31, payments payments Total 2024 \$ 490,000 \$ 270,250 \$ 760,25 2025 500,000 255,400 755,40 2026 510,000 240,250 750,25 2027 530,000 222,000 752,00 2028 550,000 200,400 750,40 2029-2033 3,070,000 649,600 3,719,60 2034-2036 1,665,000 81,700 1,746,70 Total \$ 7,315,000 \$ 1,919,600 \$ 9,234,60 Cear Ending Principal Interest Detotber 31, payments payments Total 2024 \$ 1,310,000 \$ 15,666 \$ 1,325,6 2025 355,000 3,657 358,6 Total \$ 1,665,000 \$ 19,323 \$ 1,684,3 Cear Ending Principal Interest Principal Interest Detober 31, payments payments Total 2024 \$ 340,000 \$ 44,133 \$ 384,13			Rev	venue Bonds	3	
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Total 1,665,000 81,700 1,746,700 1,746,700 1,746,700 1,746,700 1,919,600	2028	550,	000	200,400		750,400
Total \$\frac{\\$7,315,000}{\$} \\$ \$\frac{1,919,600}{\$} \\$ \$\frac{\\$9,234,600}{\$}\$ \\ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \	2029-2033	3,070,	000	649,600		3,719,600
Direct Placement General Obligation Refunding Bot	2034-2036	1,665,	000	81,700		1,746,700
Year Ending October 31, Principal payments Interest payments Total 2024 \$ 1,310,000 \$ 15,666 \$ 1,325,6 2025 355,000 3,657 358,6 Total \$ 1,665,000 \$ 19,323 \$ 1,684,3 Year Ending October 31, Principal payments Interest payments Total 2024 \$ 340,000 \$ 44,133 \$ 384,13 2025 355,000 35,760 390,76 2026 360,000 27,086 387,08 2027 370,000 18,286 388,28	Total	<u>\$ 7,315,</u>	000 \$	1,919,600	<u>\$</u>	9,234,600
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	2028	,		9,246		389,24

135,000

\$

\$ 1,940,000

3,092

137,603

138,092

\$ 2,077,603

Notes to Basic Financial Statements (Continued)

	Direct Placement Revenue Refunding Bonds				
Year Ending	Principal	Interest			
October 31,	payments	payments	Total		
2024	\$ -	\$ 402,400	\$ 402,400		
2025	-	402,400	402,400		
2026	-	402,400	402,400		
2027	500,000	402,400	902,400		
2028	520,000	382,400	902,400		
2029-2033	2,945,000	1,581,400	4,526,400		
2034-2038	3,585,000	943,600	4,528,600		
2039-2041	2,510,000	203,400	2,713,400		
Total	\$ 10,060,000	\$ 4,720,400	\$ 14,780,400		

Business-type Activities:

	Utility Revenue Refunding Bonds				nas
Year Ending	Principal	Principal Inte			
October 31,	payments		payments		Total
2024	\$ 490,000	\$	41,475	\$	531,475
2025	510,000		26,775		536,775
2026	510,000		12,750		522,750
Total	\$ 1,510,000	\$	81,000	\$	1,591,000

	U	Utility Loan Payable			
Year Ending	Principal	Interest			
October 31,	payments	payments	Total		
2024	\$ 521,000	\$ 59,346	\$ 580,346		
2025	526,000	54,373	580,373		
2026	531,000	49,353	580,353		
2027	537,000	44,280	581,280		
2028	541,000	48,180	589,180		
2029-2033	2,786,000	117,276	2,903,276		
2034-2038	929,000	28,717	957,717		
2039	136,493	648	137,141		
Total	\$ 6,507,493	\$ 402,173	\$ 6,772,525		

Notes to Basic Financial Statements (Continued)

	Utility Revenue Bonds						
Year Ending	Principal	Principal Interest					
October 31,	payments	payments		payments		ents Te	
2024	\$ 280,000	- \$	42,394	\$	322,394		
2025	285,000		37,761		322,761		
2026	290,000		33,046		323,046		
2027	295,000		28,249		323,249		
2028	305,000		23,329		328,329		
2029-2032	1,270,000		42,066		1,312,066		
Total	\$ 2,725,000	\$	206,845	\$	2,931,845		

(12) Postemployment Health Care and Life Insurance Benefits

Plan Description – The City extends medical benefits to qualifying employees upon actual retirement through a fully-insured plan. A covered employee is an employee of the City, an employee of the New Iberia City Court, or an elected official of the City who attains retirement eligibility (DROP entry). A covered employee may retire upon attainment of the earliest retirement age provided by the respective retirement plan under which the employee participates. Additionally, an employee must have been in continuous covered employment for the immediate 10 years prior to retirement and participated in the healthcare plan for the immediate two years prior to retirement. No assets are accumulated in a trust that meets the criteria in paragraph 4 of Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 75. The Plan does not issue a publicly available report.

Benefits Provided – The City provides subsidized medical benefits to eligible retirees. Covered dependents of the retiree may also have medical coverage with the retiree paying 100% of the additional costs for dependents. Retirees, other than firefighters, pay 100% of the contribution rate for elected coverage. Retired firefighters pay \$30 per month for individual coverage.

Employees covered by benefit terms – At October 31, 2023, the following employees were covered by the medical plan terms:

38
-
127
<u>165</u>

Total OPEB Liability

The City's total OPEB liability of \$8,952,093 was measured as of October 31, 2023 and was determined by an actuarial valuation as of that date.

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Actuarial Assumptions and other inputs – The total OPEB liability in the October 31, 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	3.50%
Discount rate, including inflation	4.90%
Medical healthcare cost trend rate, flat annually	4.5%
Mortality	RH-2014 Total Table with Projection MP-2021

Changes in the Total OPEB Liability

Balance at October 31, 2022	\$ 8,587,713
Changes for the year:	
Service cost	269,350
Interest	425,890
Differences between expected and actual experience	· -
Changes in assumptions	-
Benefit payments and net transfers	(330,860)
Net changes	364,380
Balance at October 31, 2023	\$ 8,952,093

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 (3.9%) or 1-percentage-point higher (5.9%) than the current discount rate:

	1.00%	Current	1.00%
	Decrease	Discount Rate	Increase
	3.90%	4.90%	5.90%
Total OPEB liability	\$10,431,756	\$ 8,952,093	\$ 7,762,836

Sensitivity of the total OPEB liability to changes in the healthcare cost trend rates - The following presents the total OPEB liability of the City, as well as what the City's total OPEB liability would be if it were calculated using healthcare cost trend rates that are 1-percentage-point lower (3.5%) or 1-percentage-point higher (5.5%) than the current healthcare trend rates:

	1.00%	Current	1.00%
	Decrease	Trend Rate	Increase
	3.5%	4.5%	5.5%
Total OPEB liability	\$ 7,589,457	\$ 8,952,093	\$10,718,483

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

For the year ended October 31, 2023, the City recognized an OPEB expense of \$367,251. At October 31, 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	\$ 2,021,623	\$ 324,410
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on OPEB plan investments	-	-
Changes of assumptions Total	1,320,893 \$ 3,342,516	3,477,270 \$3,801,680

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

Fiscal Year Ended	Total
2024	\$ 2,871
2025	2,871
2026	2,871
2027	2,871
2028	(117,771)
Thereafter	(352,877)
	<u>\$ (459,164)</u>

(13) Employee Retirement Systems

The City participates in four cost-sharing defined benefit plans, each administered by separate public employee retirement systems. Article X, Section 29(F) of the Louisiana Constitution of 1974 assigns the authority to establish and amend benefit provisions of all plans administered by these public employee retirement systems to the State Legislature. These plans are not closed to new entrants. Substantially all City employees participate in one of the following retirement systems:

Plan Descriptions

<u>Municipal Employees' Retirement System (MERS)</u> provides retirement, disability, and survivor benefits to eligible employees and their beneficiaries as defined in LRS 11:1731 and 11:1781. The City participates in Plan A.

<u>State of Louisiana – Firefighters' Retirement System (FRS)</u> provides retirement, disability, and survivor benefits to eligible employees and their beneficiaries as defined in LRS 11:2251-2254 and 11:2256.

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Louisiana State Employees' Retirement System (LASERS) provides retirement, disability, and survivor benefits to eligible state employees and their beneficiaries as defined in the Louisiana Revised Statutes. The age and years of creditable service required in order for a member to receive retirement benefits are established by LRS 11:441 and vary depending on the member's hire date, employer and job classification.

<u>State of Louisiana – Municipal Police Employees' Retirement System (MPERS)</u> provides retirement, disability, and survivor benefits to eligible employees and their beneficiaries as defined in LRS 11:2211 and 11:2220.

The systems' financial statements are prepared using the accrual basis of accounting. Employer and employee contributions are recognized in the period in which the employee is compensated for services performed. Benefits and refunds are recognized when due and payable in accordance with the terms of each plan. Interest income is recognized when earned. Ad valorem taxes and revenue sharing monies are recognized in the year collected by the tax collector.

A brief summary of eligibility and benefits of the plans are provided in the following table:

	MERS	FRS	LASERS	MPERS
Final average salary	Highest 60 months	Highest 36 months	Highest 36 months or 60 months ²	Highest 36 months or 60 months ²
Years of service required and/or age eligible for benefits	25 years of any age 10 years age 60 20 years any age ¹	25 years of any age 20 years age 50 12 years age 55	30 years of any age 25 years age 55 20 years of any age ¹ 5-10 years age 60 ⁶	25 years of any age 20 years age 55 12 years age 55 20 years of any age ¹ 30 years of any age ⁴ 25 years age 55 ⁴ 10 years age 60 ⁴
Benefit percent per years of service	3.00%	3.33%	2.5% - 3.5%³	2.50% - 3.33% ⁵

- 1 With actuarial reduced benefits
- 2 Employees hired after a certain date use the revised benefit calculation based on the highest 60 months
- 3 Members in regular plan 2.5%, hazardous duty plan 3.33%, and judges 3.5%
- 4 Under non hazardous duty sub plan commencing January 1, 2013
- 5 Membership commencing January 1, 2013 non hazardous duty plan 2.5%, hazardous duty plan 3.0%, membership prior to January 1, 2013 3.33%
- 6 Five to ten years of creditable service at age 60 depending upon the plan or when hired

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Contributions

Article X, Section 29(E)(2)(a) of the Louisiana Constitution of 1974 assigns the Legislature the authority to determine employee contributions. Employer contributions are actuarially determined using statutorily established methods on an annual basis and are constitutionally required to cover the employer's portion of the normal cost and provide for the amortization of the unfunded accrued liability. Employer contributions are adopted by the Legislature annually upon recommendation of the Public Retirement Systems' Actuarial Committee. In addition, MERS and FRS receive a percentage of ad valorem taxes collected by parishes. These entities are not participating employers in the pension systems and are considered to be nonemployer contributing entities. Contributions of employees, employers, and non-employer contributing entities effective for the year ended October 31, 2023 for the defined benefit pension plans in which the City is a participating employer were as follows:

			Amount from	
	Active Member	Employer	Nonemployer	Amount of
	Contribution	Contribution	Contributing	Government
Plan	Percentage	Percentage	Entities	Contributions
MERS	10.00%	29.50%	\$ 145,758	\$ 1,141,326
FRS	10.00%	33.25%	287,724	859,347
LASERS	13.00%	43.80%	-	18,407
MPERS	10.00%	31.25%	201,783	984,049

Net Pension Liability

The City's net pension liability at October 31, 2023 is comprised of its proportionate share of the net pension liability relating to each of the cost-sharing plans in which the City is a participating employer. The City's net pension liability for each plan was measured as of the plan's measurement date (June 30, 2023) and the total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of that date. The City's proportionate share of the net pension liability for each of the plans in which it participates was based on the City's required contributions in proportion to total required contributions for all employers.

As of the most recent measurement date, the City's proportion for each plan and the change in proportion from the prior measurement date were as follows:

	Proportionate	Proportionate	Increase/(Decrease)
	Share of Net	Share (%) of Net	from Prior
Plan	Pension Liability	Pension Liability	Measurement Date
MERS	\$ 7,081,510	1.937558%	-0.006566%
FRS	6,412,854	0.982541%	-0.046438%
LASERS	131,059	0.001960%	-0.207040%
MPERS	9,243,439	0.874914%	0.013004%
Total	\$ 22,868,862		

Notes to Basic Financial Statements (Continued)

Since the measurement date of the net pension liability was June 30, 2023, the net pension liability is based upon fiduciary net position for each of the plans as of that date. Detailed information about each pension plans' assets, deferred outflows, deferred inflows, and fiduciary net position that was used in the measurement of the City's net pension liability is available in the separately issued plan financial reports for those fiscal years. The financial report for each plan may be accessed on their website as follows:

MERS	http://www.mersla.com	LASERS	http://www.laseronline.org
FRS	http://www.lafirefightersret.com	MPERS	https://www.lampers.org

Actuarial Assumptions

The following table provides information concerning actuarial assumptions used in the determination of the total pension liability for each of the defined benefit plans in which the City is a participating employer:

	MERS	FRS
Date of experience study on which significant	7/1/2013 -	7/1/2009 -
assumptions are based	6/30/2018	6/30/2014
Actuarial cost method	Entry age normal	Entry age normal
Expected remaining service lives	3	7
Inflation Rate	2.50%	2.50%
Projected salary increases	4.5% - 6.4%	5.20% - 14.10%
Projected benefit changes including COLAs	None	None
Source of mortality assumptions	(1), (2), (3)	(4), (5), (6)
	LASERS	MPERS
Date of experience study on which significant		7/1/2014 -
assumptions are based	2014 - 2018	6/30/2019
Actuarial cost method	Entry age normal	Entry age normal
Expected remaining service lives	2	4
Inflation Rate	2.30%	2.50%
Projected salary increases	2.6% - 13.8%	4.70% - 12.30%
Projected benefit changes including COLAs	None	None
Source of mortality assumptions	(7), (8)	(9), (10)

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- (1) PubG-2010(B) Healthy Retiree Table set equal to 120% for males and females, each adjusted using their respective male and female MP2018 scales.
- (2) PubG-2010(B) Employee Table set equal to 120% for males and females, adjusted using their respective male and female MP2018 scales.
- (3) PubNS-2010(B) Disabled Retiree Table set equal to 120% for males and females with the full generational MP2018 scale.
- (4) Pub-2010 Public Retirement Plan Mortality Table for Safety Below- Median Employees
- (5) Pub-2010 Public Retirement Plans Mortality Table for Safety Below- Median Healthy Retirees
- (6) Pub-2010 Public Retirement Plans Mortality Table for Safety Disabled Retirees
- (7) RP-2014 Blue Collar (males/females) and White Collar (females) Healthly Annuitant Tables projected on a fully generational basis by Mortality Improvement Scale MP-2018
- (8) RP-2000 Disabled Retiree Mortality Table with no projection for mortality improvement
- (9) Pub-2010 Public Retirement Plans Mortality Table for Safety Below-Median Healthy Retirees multiplied by 115% for males and 125% for females, each with full generational projection using the MP 2019 scale.

Cost of Living Adjustments

The pension plans in which the City participates have the authority to grant cost-of-living adjustments (COLAs) on an ad hoc basis. COLAs may be granted to the state system (LASERS) if approved with a two-thirds vote of both houses of the Legislature, provided the plan meets certain statutory criteria related to the funded status and interest earnings.

Pursuant to LRS 11:242(B), the power of the Board of Trustees of the statewide systems (MERS, FRS, and MPERS), to grant a COLA is effective in calendar years that the legislature fails to grant a COLA, unless in the legislation granting a COLA, the legislature authorizes the Board of Trustees to provide an additional COLA. The authority to grant a COLA by the Board is subject to the funded status and interest earnings. The effects of the benefit changes made as a result of the COLAs is included in the measurement of the total pension liability as of the measurement date at which the ad hoc COLA was granted and the amount is known and reasonably estimable.

Discount Rate

The discount rates used to measure the City's total pension liability for each plan and the significant assumptions used in the determination of the discount rate for each plan are as follows:

	<u>MERS</u>	FRS	LASERS	MPERS
Discount rate	6.85%	6.90%	7.25%	6.75%
Change in discount rate from prior valuation	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Plan cash flow assumptions	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)
Rates incorporated in the Discount Rate:				
Long-term Rate of Return	6.85%	6.90%	7.25%	6.75%
Periods applied	All	All	All	All
Municipal Bond Rate	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Plan Cash Flow Assumptions:

(1) Plan member contributions will be made at the current contributions rates and sponsor contributions will be made at the actuarially determined rates.

Notes to Basic Financial Statements (Continued)

The discount rates used to measure the City's total pension liability for each plan is equal to the long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments that are expected to be used to finance the payment of benefits. For MERS, FRS, LASERS, and MPERS the long-term expected rate of return for each plan 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 expenses 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/geometric real rates of return for each major asset class are summarized for each plan in the following tables:

	MERS*			FRS*
Asset Class	Target Allocation	Long-term Expected Real Rate of Return	Target Allocation	Long-term Expected Real Rate of Return
Fixed Income	29%	1.26%	26%	7.91%
Domestic Equity	56%	2.44%	29.5%	6.24%
International Equity	-	-	11.5%	6.49%
Global Equity	-	_	10%	6.49%
Emerging Market	-	-	5%	8.37%
Real Estate	-	-	6%	4.47%
Private Equity	-	-	, 9%	9.57%
Real Assets	-	-	3%	5.62%
Alternative Investments	15%	0.65%		
Total	100%	4.35%	100%	
Inflation/Rebalancing		2.60%		
Expected return		6.95%		

LASERS**		M	IPERS*
Target	Long-term	Target	Long-term Expected Real
•	•	_	Rate of Return
		1 mocation	Trate of Tretain
1%	0.80%	-	-
-	-	34.0%	1.12%
3%	2.04%	-	-
18%	5.33%	-	-
31%	4.45%	52.0%	3.29%
23%	5.44%	-	-
24%	8.19%	14%	0.95%
100%	5.91%	100%	5.36%
	2.30%		2.66%
	8.21%	'	8.02%
	Target Allocation 1% - 3% 18% 31% 23% 24%	Target Expected Real Rate of Return 1% 0.80%	Target Allocation Expected Real Rate of Return Target Allocation 1% 0.80% - - - 34.0% 3% 2.04% - 18% 5.33% - 31% 4.45% 52.0% 23% 5.44% - 24% 8.19% 14% 100% 5.91% 100% 2.30% - 100%

^{*}Arithmetic real rates of return

^{**}Geometric real rates of return

Notes to Basic Financial Statements (Continued)

Pension Expense and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to Pensions:

Changes in the net pension liability may either be reported in pension expense in the year the change occurred or recognized as a deferred outflow of resources or a deferred inflow of resources in the year the change occurred and amortized into pension expense over a number of years. For the year ended October 31, 2023, the City recognized \$3,765,347 in pension expense related to all defined benefit plans in which it participates. Pension expense is summarized by plan in the following table:

	Pension
Plan Plan	Expense
MERS	\$ 1,071,962
FRS	1,155,311
LASERS	8,820
MPERS	1,529,254
Total	<u>\$ 3,765,347</u>

At October 31, 2023, the City reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions from the following sources:

	Deferred Outflows of Resources					es
	MERS		FRS		LASERS	
Difference between expected						
and actual experience	\$	4,751	\$	200,216	\$	2,838
Changes of assumptions		~		388,038		-
Change in proportion and differences						
between the employer's contributions and						
its proportionate share of contributions		211,797		214,476		-
Net differences between projected and						
actual earnings on plan investments		813,744		869,183		749
Contributions subsequent to the						
measurement date		367,527		288,307		6,422
Total	\$ 1,	,397,819	\$	1,960,220	\$	10,009

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	Deferred Outflows of Resou				Resources
			MPERS	Total	
Difference between expected					
and actual experience		\$	651,109	\$	858,914
Changes of assumptions			154,245		542,283
Change in proportion and differences between the employer's contributions and its proportionate share of contributions Net differences between projected and			284,805		711,078
actual earnings on plan investments			997,884	2	2,681,560
Contributions subsequent to the measurement date			<i>771</i> ,00 4	4	2,001,500
measurement date			352,838	1	1,015,094
Total		<u> </u>	2,440,881		5,808,929
Total		<u>Ψ</u> 4	2,770,001	Ψ.	,,000,727
			ed Inflows		
	1	MERS	FRS	1	LASERS
Difference between expected	_				•
and actual experience	\$	64,757	\$ 219,	707	\$ -
Changes of assumptions		-		-	-
Change in proportion and differences					
between the employer's contributions and		15.005	20.4	061	
its proportionate share of contributions		15,027	294,		
Total	\$	79,784	\$ 514,	668	<u>\$ -</u>
		ma-va	erred Inflow	s of	Resources Total
Difference between expected		.	2.077	r.	200 222
and actual experience		\$	3,875	\$	288,339
Changes of assumptions			-		-
Change in proportion and differences					
between the employer's contributions and					
its proportionate share of contributions			136,714	_	446,702
Total		<u>\$</u>	140,589	<u>\$</u>	735,041

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Deferred outflows of resources of \$1,015,094 resulting from the employer contributions subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a reduction of the net pension liability during the year ending October 31, 2023. Amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions to be recognized in pension expense are as follows:

Year Ended					
October 31	MERS	FRS	LASERS	MPERS	Total
2024	\$ 375,526	\$ 241,198	\$ 3,583	\$ 757,645	\$ 1,377,952
2025	36,446	130,211	(4,733)	217,754	379,678
2026	590,336	828,021	6,455	1,021,648	2,446,460
2027	(51,800)	(25,384)	(1,718)	(49,593)	(128,495)
2028	-	(10,401)	-	-	(10,401)
Thereafter		(6,400)			(6,400)
	\$ 950,508	\$ 1,157,245	\$ 3,587	\$ 1,947,454	\$ 4,058,794

Sensitivity of the City's Proportional Share of the Net Pension Liabilities to Changes in the Discount Rate:

The following presents the City's proportionate shares of the net pension liabilities of the plans, calculated using their respective discount rates, as well as what the City's proportionate shares of the net pension liabilities would be if they were calculated using a discount rate that is one percentage point lower or one percentage point higher than the current rate:

		Net Pension Liability					
	Current		Current				
	Discount	1%	Discount	1%			
Plan	Rate	Decrease	Rate	Increase			
MERS	6.85%	\$ 9,817,611	\$ 7,081,510	\$ 4,770,326			
FRS	6.90%	9,893,110	6,412,854	3,510,166			
LASERS	7.25%	171,611	131,059	96,703			
MPERS	6.75%	13,006,248	9,243,439	6,100,108			

Payables to the Pension Plans

The City recorded accrued liabilities to each of the pension plans for the year ended October 31, 2023 for the contractually required contributions for the month of October 2023 . The amounts are included in liabilities under the amounts reported as accounts and other payables. The balance due to each plan at October 31, 2023 is as follows:

Plan	
MERS	\$ 119,981
FRS	83,719
LASERS	1,859
MPERS	97,503
Total	\$ 303,062

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(14) On-Behalf Payments of Salaries

During the year ended October 31, 2023, the City received \$398,331 and \$345,754 of supplemental pay for firemen and police salaries, respectively, from the State of Louisiana. These monies are included in the accompanying financial statements as intergovernmental revenues and public safety expenditures in the government-wide and General Fund financial statements.

(15) Contingent Liabilities

The City participates in certain federal and state assisted grant programs. These programs are subject to program compliance audits by the grantors or their representatives. The City's management believes that any liability for reimbursement which may arise as the result of these audits would not be material to the financial statements.

At October 31, 2023, the City was involved in several lawsuits claiming damages. According to legal counsel for the City, there is adequate insurance on all cases where monetary damages are sought.

(16) Risk Management

The City is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees; and natural disasters. All of these risks are handled by purchasing commercial insurance coverage. There have been no significant reductions in the insurance coverage during the year, nor have settlements exceeded coverage for the last three years.

(17) Compensation of City Officials

A detail of compensation paid to the City Council for the year ended October 31, 2023 follows:

City Council:

David Broussard	\$ 11,400
Ricky Gonsoulin	12,600
Deidra Ledbetter	11,400
Marlon Lewis	11,400
Brooke Scelfo-Marcotte	11,400
Deedy Johnson-Reid	11,400
Dustin Suire	 11,400
Total	\$ 81,000

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(18) Compensation, Benefits, and Other Payments to Agency Head

The schedule of compensation, benefits, and other payments to the City's Mayor from November 1, 2022 through October 31, 2023 follows:

Salary	\$ 92,793
Benefits - insurance	9,230
Benefits - retirement	27,374
Benefits - other	113
Car allowance	12,000
Total	<u>\$ 141,510</u>

(19) <u>Interfund Transactions</u>

Interfund transfers consisted of the following at October 31, 2023:

	Transfers In	Transfers Out
Major governmental funds:		
General Fund	\$ 12,530,089	\$ 3,359,095
Sales Tax Special Revenue Fund	-	10,633,329
Garbage Special Revenue Fund	73,241	-
2018 Public Safety Sales Tax Special Revenue Fund	-	3,400,734
Nonmajor governmental funds:		
Special revenue funds	2,784,595	576,264
Debt service funds	1,118,028	
Total governmental funds	16,505,953	17,969,422
Major proprietary funds:		
Sewerage Fund	358,146	-
Pepperplex Fund	1,097,523	
Total proprietary funds	1,455,669	
Fiduciary Fund	7,800	
Total	<u>\$ 17,969,422</u>	\$ 17,969,422

Transfers are used to (a) move revenues from the fund that statute or budget requires to collect them to the fund that statute or budget requires to expend them and to (b) use unrestricted revenues collected in the General Fund to finance various programs accounted for in other funds in accordance with budgetary authorizations.

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Interfund receivables and payables consisted of the following at October 31, 2023:

	Due From		Due To	
Major governmental funds:				
General Fund	\$	487,646	\$	466,392
Garbage Fund		-		28,953
Nonmajor governmental funds:				
Debt service funds		<u>-</u>		10,191
Total governmental funds		487,646		505,536
Major proprietary funds:				
Sewerage Fund		17,890		
Total	\$	505,536	<u>\$</u>	505,536

These balances resulted from the time lag between the dates that interfund goods and services are provided or reimbursable expenditures occur and payments between funds are made.

REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

				Variance with Final Budget
		dget		Positive
n.	Original	Final	Actual	(Negative)
Revenues: Taxes -				
Ad valorem	e 1 240 625	e 1 240 625	e 1 141 707	ф (00.020)
Sales and use	\$ 1,240,625	\$ 1,240,625	\$ 1,141,786	\$ (98,839)
Franchise	2,075,138	2,075,138	2,061,379	(13,759)
Licenses and permits	1,765,456	1,765,456	1,840,464	75,008
Intergovernmental -	1,485,050	1,485,050	1,632,964	147,914
Federal	11,359,069	1,660,707	2,150,089	489,382
State	5,281,079	1,398,874	1,725,505	326,631
Local	200,420	218,883	325,316	106,433
Charges for services	95,510	127,010	119,116	(7,894)
Fines and forfeits	229,000	263,100	303,643	40,543
Investment income	13,450	452,144	184,677	(267,467)
Miscellaneous	884,025	88,025	152,146	64,121
Total revenues	24,628,822	10,775,012	11,637,085	862,073
Expenditures:				
Current -				
General government	8,184,658	6,746,581	4,232,015	2,514,566
Public safety	14,989,389	15,072,488	13,219,529	1,852,959
Culture and recreation	25,550	25,141	12,577	12,564
Debt service -				
Principal - capital lease	120,000	120,000	-	120,000
Interest - capital lease	23,255	23,255	1,500	21,755
Bond issuance costs	-	-	-	-
Capital outlay	19,411,516	8,094,585	5,675,888	2,418,697
Total expenditures	42,754,368	30,082,050	23,141,509	6,940,541
Deficiency of revenues				
over expenditures	(18,125,546)	(19,307,038)	(11,504,424)	7,802,614
Other financing sources (uses):				
Transfers in	15,141,027	12,782,027	12,530,089	(251,938)
Transfers out	(4,261,638)	(4,364,096)	(3,359,095)	1,005,001
Total other financing sources (uses)	10,879,389	8,417,931	9,170,994	753,063
Net change in fund balance	(7,246,157)	(10,889,107)	(2,333,430)	8,555,677
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Fund balance, beginning	12,788,580	12,788,580	12,788,580	<u> </u>
Fund balance, ending	<u>\$ 5,542,423</u>	<u>\$ 1,899,473</u>	<u>\$ 10,455,150</u>	\$ 8,555,677

CITY OF NEW IBERIA, LOUISIANA Special Revenue Fund Sales Tax Fund

	Buc	lget		Variance with Final Budget Positive	
	Original	Final	Actual	(Negative)	
Revenues: Taxes - Sales and use	\$10,375,691	\$ 10,375 , 691	\$10,306,895	\$ (68,796)	
Investment income	4,502	4,502	74,170	69,668	
Total revenues	10,380,193	10,380,193	10,381,065	872	
Expenditures: Current -					
General government	93,377	93,377	95,681	(2,304)	
Excess of revenues over expenditures	10,286,816	10,286,816	10,285,384	(1,432)	
Other financing uses: Transfers out	(16,872,003)	(17,449,225)	(10,633,329)	6,815,896	
Net change in fund balance	(6,585,187)	(7,162,409)	(347,945)	6,814,464	
Fund balance, beginning	6,809,654	6,809,654	6,809,654		
Fund balance, ending	\$ 224,467	\$ (352,755)	\$ 6,461,709	\$ 6,814,464	

CITY OF NEW IBERIA, LOUISIANA Special Revenue Fund Garbage Fund

	Budget			Variance with Final Budget Positive	
	Original			(Negative)	
Revenues: Taxes - Sales and use	\$ 4,150,276	\$ 4,150,276	\$ 4,122,758	\$ (27,518)	
Investment income	910	910	7,087	6,177	
Total revenues	4,151,186	4,151,186	4,129,845	(21,341)	
Expenditures: Current -					
General government	37,350	37,351	40,534	(3,183)	
Public works	4,113,836	4,113,835	4,240,287	(126,452)	
Total expenditures	4,151,186	4,151,186	4,280,821	(129,635)	
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	-	-	(150,976)	(150,976)	
Other financing sources:					
Transfers in		52,458	73,241	20,783	
Net change in fund balance	-	52,458	(77,735)	(130,193)	
Fund balance, beginning	77,735	77,735	77,735		
Fund balance, ending	<u>\$ 77,735</u>	\$ 130,193	<u>\$</u>	\$ (150,976)	

CITY OF NEW IBERIA, LOUISIANA Special Revenue Fund 2018 Public Safety Sales Tax Fund

	Bu	dget		Variance with Final Budget Positive
	Original	Final	Actual	(Negative)
Revenues: Taxes - Sales and use Investment income Total revenues	\$ 4,149,047 	\$ 4,299,047 585 4,299,632	\$ 4,122,653 6,762 4,129,415	\$ (176,394) 6,177 (170,217)
Expenditures: Current - Public safety	37,334	37,334	38,272	(938)
Excess of revenues over expenditures	4,112,298	4,262,298	4,091,143	(171,155)
Other financing uses: Transfers out Net change in fund balance	(4,112,298)	(4,262,298)	(3,400,734)	861,564 690,409
Fund balance, beginning				
Fund balance, ending	<u>\$</u>	<u>\$</u>	\$ 690,409	\$ 690,409

Schedule of Changes in Net OPEB Liability and Related Ratios For the Year Ended October 31, 2023

	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018
Total OPEB Liability						
Service cost	\$ 269,350	\$ 434,458	\$ 434,458	\$ 252,352	\$ 252,352	\$ 241,948
Interest	425,890	246,559	237,883	329,579	306,527	304,968
Changes in benefit terms	-	-	-	-	-	-
Differences between expected and actual experience	_	2,634,235	-	(615,362)	-	-
Changes of assumptions	-	(4,530,990)	-	2,505,545	-	-
Benefit payments and net transfers	(330,860)	(330,860)	(281,607)	(281,607)	(268,704)	(268,704)
Net changes	364,380	(1,546,598)	390,734	2,190,507	290,175	278,212
Total OPEB liability - beginning	8,587,713	_10,134,311	9,743,577	7,553,070	7,262,895	6,984,683
Total OPEB liability - ending	\$8,952,093	\$ 8,587,713	\$10,134,311	\$9,743,577	\$7,553,070	\$7,262,895
Covered employee payroll	\$8,724,235	\$ 8,724,235	\$ 8,023,601	\$8,023,601	\$7,713,026	\$7,713,026
Total OPEB liability as a percentage of covered-employee payroll	102.61%	98.44%	126.31%	121.44%	97.93%	94.16%

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Schedule of Employers' Share of Net Pension Liability For the Year Ended October 31, 2023*

						Employer's	
	Employer	J	Employer			Proportionate Share	
	Proportion	Pr	oportionate			of the Net Pension	Plan Fiduciary
	of the	SI	nare of the	E	Employer's	Liability (Asset) as a	Net Position
Year	Net Pension	N	et Pension		Covered	Percentage of its	as a Percentage
Ended	Liability		Liability]	Employee	Covered Employee	of the Total
October 31,	(Asset)		(Asset)		Payroll	Payroll	Pension Liability
Municipal Emplo							
2023	1.937558%	\$	7,081,510	\$	3,900,477	181.6%	72.46%
2022	1.944124%		8,074,402		3,726,578	216.7%	67.87%
2021	1.762290%		4,901,815		3,489,623	140.5%	79.14%
2020	1.844297%		7,973,650		3,525,979	226.1%	66.26%
2019	1.966924%		8,219,110		3,626,761	226.6%	64.68%
2018	1.935636%		8,014,845		3,534,271	226.8%	63.94%
2017	1.858537%		7,775,045		3,375,232	230.4%	63.49%
2016	1.987684%		8,146,941		3,550,694	229.4%	63.34%
2015	1.972086%		7,044,600		3,381,856	208.3%	66.18%
Firefighters' Retir			siana				
2023	0.982541%	\$	6,412,854	\$	2,584,502	248.1%	77.69%
2022	1.028979%		7,255,631		3,224,107	225.0%	74.68%
2021	1.009353%		3,576,997		2,942,300	121.6%	86.78%
2020	0.986788%		6,839,970		2,455,934	278.5%	72.61%
2019	0.960270%		6,013,124		2,320,848	259.1%	73.96%
2018	0.996529%		5,732,113		2,374,238	241.4%	74.76%
2017	1.040425%		5,963,559		2,429,249	245.5%	73.55%
2016	1.137407%		7,439,670		2,395,441	310.6%	68.16%
2015	1.197499%		6,463,037		2,481,858	260.4%	72.45%
Louisiana State F	Employees' Retire	ement	System				
2023	0.001960%	\$	131,059	\$	41,576	315.2%	68.40%
2022	0.209000%		158,225		40,579	389.9%	63.70%
2021	0.205000%		112,977		40,657	277.9%	72.80%
2020	0.002070%		170,872		42,921	398.1%	58.00%
2019	0.002070%		149,825		40,008	374.5%	62.90%
2018	0.002120%		144,515		39,855	362.6%	64.30%
2017	0.002230%		157,177		39,853	394.4%	62.50%
2016	0.002170%		170,636		41,388	412.3%	57.70%
2015	0.002220%		150,857		42,738	353.0%	62.70%
Municipal Police	Employees' Ret	iremen	t System				
2023	0.874914%	\$	9,243,439	\$	2,963,893	311.9%	71.30%
2022	0.861910%		8,810,250		2,744,961	321.0%	70.79%
2021	0.898148%		4,787,620		2,644,928	181.0%	84.08%
2020	0.801611%		7,408,754		2,666,747	277.8%	70.95%
2019	0.836990%		7,601,271		2,715,194	280.0%	71.01%
2018	0.081138%		685,946		178,779	383.7%	71.89%

^{*} The amounts presented have a measurement date of June 30th of each year.

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Schedule of Employer Contributions For the Year Ended October 31, 2023

		Contributions in	ı		Contributions
		Relation to		Employer's	as a % of
	Contractually	Contractual	Contribution	Covered	Covered
Year Ended	Required	Required	Deficiency	Employee	Employee
October 31,	Contribution	Contribution	(Excess)	Payroll	Payroll
Municipal Employ	yees' Retirement Syst	em			
2023	\$1,141,326	\$ 1,141,326	\$ -	\$3,868,903	29.50%
2022	1,108,274	1,108,274	-	3,756,860	29.50%
2021	1,053,757	1,053,757	_	3,718,674	28.34%
2020	1,021,118	1,021,118	-	3,679,703	27.75%
2019	920,597	920,597	-	3,540,757	26.00%
2018	933,075	933,075	-	3,770,001	24.75%
2017	796,857	796,857	-	3,328,522	23.94%
2016	704,708	704,708	-	3,410,598	20.66%
2015	673,246	673,246	-	3,408,841	19.75%
Firefighters' Retire	ement System of Lou	isiana			
2023	\$ 859,347	\$ 859,347	\$ -	\$2,584,502	33.25%
2022	894,690	894,690	-	3,224,107	27.75%
2021	845,279	845,279	-	3,046,050	27.75%
2020	748,423	748,423	-	2,697,021	27.75%
2019	606,833	606,833	~	2,289,937	26.50%
2018	649,192	649,192	-	2,449,780	26.50%
2017	607,873	607,873	-	2,371,725	25.63%
2016	666,715	666,715	-	2,328,692	28.63%
2015	723,823	723,823	-	2,366,673	30.58%
Louisiana State Er	nployees' Retirement	System			
2023	\$ 18,407	\$ 18,407	\$ -	\$ 41,730	44.11%
2022	17,742	17,742	-	40,996	43.28%
2021	17,293	17,293	-	40,657	42.53%
2020	17,604	17,604	-	45,137	39.00%
2019	15,373	15,373	-	39,418	39.00%
2018	16,307	16,307	-	41,388	39.40%
2017	14,982	14,982	-	39,855	37.59%
2016	15,344	15,344	-	39,855	38.50%
2015	15,280	15,280	-	41,029	37.24%
Municipal Police I	Employees' Retiremen	nt System			
2023	\$ 984,049	\$ 984,049	\$ -	\$3,047,060	32.30%
2022	830,786	830,786	-	2,744,961	30.27%
2021	869,150	869,150	-	2,644,928	32.86%
2020	928,708	928,708	-	2,857,564	32.50%
2019	842,226	842,226	-	2,611,553	32.25%
2018	339,811	339,811	-	1,105,075	30.75%

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Notes to the Required Supplementary Information

(1) Budget and Budgetary Accounting

The City follows the procedures detailed below in adopting its budget.

- 1. At least 45 days prior to the beginning of each fiscal year, the Mayor is required to submit to the City Council a proposed budget in the form required by the Charter.
- 2. A public hearing is required to be conducted to obtain taxpayer comments and notice thereof is published in the official journal at least ten days prior to such hearing. The notification is to include the time and place of the public hearing in addition to a general summary of the proposed budget.
- 3. Final adoption of the budget is required to be not later than October 31 of the fiscal year for the ensuing fiscal year.
- 4. Formal budgetary integration is employed as a management control device during the year for all funds. No payment can be made or obligated against any appropriation unless the Mayor or his designee first certifies that sufficient unencumbered funds are or will be available to meet the obligation when it becomes due and payable. In practice, this has generally been interpreted (due to the flexibility for intra departmental transfer of line item appropriations) to mean control at the departmental/fund level. Intra departmental transfers are approved by the Mayor or his designee. Budget adjustments which involve changes to total revenues and/or expenditures/expenses require Council approval.
- 5. Those budgets which the City adopts are on a basis consistent with generally accepted accounting principles as applied to governmental units.
- 6. All appropriations, except for capital outlays, lapse at the close of the fiscal year to the extent that they have not been expended or encumbered. Appropriations for capital outlays lapse after completion of the project.

All budgeted amounts presented reflect the original budget and the final budget (which have been adjusted for legally authorized revisions during the year).

(2) Pension Plan

Changes of Assumptions – Changes of assumptions about future economic or demographic factors or of other inputs were recognized in pension expense using the straight-line amortization method over a closed period equal to the average of the expected remaining service lives of all employees that are provided with pensions through the pension plan.

Notes to the Required Supplementary Information (Continued)

(3) Other Postemployment Benefits

- a) Benefit changes There were no changes of benefit terms.
- b) Changes of assumptions –There were no changes in assumptions.

(4) Excess of Expenditures over Appropriations

For the year ended October 31, 2023, the following funds had actual expenditures over appropriations, at the functional level, as follows:

Fund and Function	Budget	Actual	Excess	
Sales Tax Fund:				
General government	\$ 93,377	\$ 95,681	\$ (2,304)	
Garbage Fund:				
General government	37,351	40,534	(3,183)	
Public works	4,113,835	4,240,287	(126,452)	
2018 Public Safety Sales Tax Fund:				
Public safety	37,334	38,272	(938)	

OTHER SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

Statement of Net Position October 31, 2023

With Comparative Totals for October 31, 2022

		2023		
	Governmental	Business-Type		2022
	Activities	Activities	Total	Total
ASSETS				
Cash and interest-bearing deposits	\$ 39,562,889	\$ 4,502,223	\$ 44,065,112	\$ 50,788,776
Accounts receivable	192,883	394,793	587,676	1,554,585
Internal balances	(17,890)	17,890	-	-
Due from other governmental units	4,491,281	111,862	4,603,143	4,192,309
Real estate held for resale	61,343	-	61,343	61,343
Deposits	243	-	243	702,825
Restricted assets	-	960,040	960,040	3,338,202
Capital assets:	10.017.200	2.074.001	22 701 201	10.060.272
Non-depreciable	19,817,300	3,964,081	23,781,381	12,968,372
Depreciable, net	36,285,175	44,198,891	80,484,066	76,068,830
Total assets	100,393,224	54,149,780	154,543,004	149,675,242
DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES				
Deferred loss on refunding	790,022	_	790,022	862,298
Deferred outflows of resources - pension	5,408,548	400,381	5,808,929	7,740,972
Deferred outflows of resources - OPEB	3,342,516	-	3,342,516	3,944,985
Total deferred outflows of resources	9,541,086	400,381	9,941,467	12,548,255
Total deferred outriows of resources	7,541,000	100,501		12,5 10,255
LIABILITIES				
Accounts and other payables	3,271,358	766,498	4,037,856	2,816,196
Accrued interest	150,115	11,173	161,288	172,850
Unearned revenue	8,662,369	-	8,662,369	10,357,739
Long-term liabilities:				
Portion due or payable within one year	2,210,033	1,299,488	3,509,521	3,444,602
Portion due or payable after one year	22,177,954	9,613,094	31,791,048	34,843,890
Other post employment benefits payable	8,952,093	2 177 (02	8,952,093	8,587,713
Net pension liability	20,692,180	2,176,682	22,868,862	24,298,508
Total liabilities	66,116,102	13,866,935	79,983,037	84,521,498
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES				
Deferred inflows of resources - pension	612,282	122,759	735,041	1,115,796
Deferred inflows of resources - OPEB	3,801,680	,	3,801,680	4,401,278
Total deferred outflows of resources	4,413,962	122,759	4,536,721	5,517,074
NET POSITION				
Net investment in capital assets	32,568,519	37,040,799	69,609,318	63,179,087
Restricted for:	0.050.005		0.070.005	5.050.500
Capital projects	8,078,895	- 040.067	8,078,895	5,959,599
Debt service	1,368,518	948,867	2,317,385	1,902,153
Sales tax dedications Other	15,511,638 183,741	-	15,511,638	14,847,263
	•	2 570 901	183,741	104,629 (13,807,806)
Unrestricted	(18,307,065)	2,570,801 \$ 40,560,467	(15,736,264) \$ 70,064,713	
Total net position	\$ 39,404,246	\$ 40,560,467	<u>\$ 79,964,713</u>	\$ 72,184,925

Budgetary Comparison Schedule - Revenues For the Year Ended October 31, 2023 With Comparative Actual Amounts for the Year Ended October 31, 2022

		2023			
	Buc	lget		Variance with Final Budget Positive	2022
	Original	Final	Actual	(Negative)	Actual
Revenues:					
Taxes -					
Ad valorem	\$ 1,240,625	\$ 1,240,625	\$ 1,141,786	\$ (98,839)	\$ 1,135,018
Sales and use	2,075,138	2,075,138	2,061,379	(13,759)	1,976,325
Franchise	1,765,456	1,765,456	1,840,464	75,008	2,148,163
Licenses and permits	1,485,050	1,485,050	1,632,964	147,914	1,385,192
Intergovernmental -					
Federal	11,359,069	1,660,707	2,150,089	489,382	625,699
State	5,281,079	1,398,874	1,725,505	326,631	1,566,071
Local	200,420	218,883	325,316	106,433	187,956
Charges for services	95,510	127,010	119,116	(7,894)	118,873
Fines and forfeits	229,000	263,100	303,643	40,543	252,545
Investment income	13,450	452,144	184,677	(267,467)	56,976
Miscellaneous	884,025	88,025	152,146	64,121	192,996
Total revenues	\$ 24,628,822	\$10,775,012	\$11,637,085	\$ 862,073	\$ 9,645,814

Budgetary Comparison Schedule - Expenditures For the Year Ended October 31, 2023 With Comparative Actual Amounts for the Year Ended October 31, 2022

2023 Variance with Final Budget 2022 **Positive** Budget Original Final Actual Actual (Negative) Current: General government -Salaries \$ 1,626,319 \$ 61,326 \$ 1,586,481 \$ 1,525,155 \$ 1,413,214 Payroll taxes 30,857 31,254 25,442 5,812 23,282 Retirement 435,613 435,613 409,462 26,151 383,914 Workers' compensation 18,387 24,236 13,118 11,118 9,929 Group insurance 327,879 362,182 377,012 (14,830)289,477 Contracted services 3,351,670 629,108 1,094,582 524,275 1,723,690 Dues and subscriptions 208,558 271,940 233,284 38,656 145,926 Insurance 359,550 339,750 185,999 153,751 208.821 84,161 Miscellaneous 62,300 107,914 81,704 26,210 Nonprofit allocations 17,000 17,000 12,000 5,000 16,752 Office expense 941,090 142,049 1,121,215 1,150,098 209,008 Repairs and maintenance 372,430 461,139 365,158 95,981 253,004 Travel and training 47,900 33,384 22,423 10,961 13,423 Utilities and telephone 150,099 204,980 201,900 143,142 58,758 Total general government 2,514,566 3,658,326 8,184,658 6,746,581 4,232,015 Public safety -Police: 4,057,142 3,775,799 281,343 3,519,466 Salaries 4,162,692 Payroll taxes 59,899 61,072 54,618 6,454 48,530 1,276,163 902,590 Retirement 1,039,703 1,029,870 9,833 Workers' compensation 162,185 226,185 86,868 139,317 109,353 Group insurance 934,620 934,620 844,189 90,431 724,774 Contracted services 160,000 140,685 113,030 27,655 75,084 157,091 215,570 186,589 28,981 638,269 Dues and subscriptions Insurance 593,892 509,360 84,532 558,351 594,000 Jail 540,550 356,050 218,114 137,936 175,438 Miscellaneous 93,000 164,953 14,872 50,474 150,081 Office expense 90,330 93,919 80,393 13,526 71.148 Repairs and maintenance 404,387 339,175 392,929 385,346 743,562 Travel and training 174,498 173,159 124,101 49,058 118,752 Utilities and telephone 107,000 107,000 92,676 14,324 82,166 1,237,437 7,467,324 Total police 8,897,374 8,907,512 7,670,075

Budgetary Comparison Schedule - Expenditures For the Year Ended October 31, 2023 With Comparative Actual Amounts for the Year Ended October 31, 2022

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			2023		
	Bue	dget		Variance with Final Budget Positive	2022
	Original	Final	Actual	(Negative)	Actual
Public safety -				(= 8)	
Fire:					
Salaries	3,174,326	3,174,326	3,001,394	172,932	2,923,401
Payroll taxes	45,584	45,584	41,009	4,575	39,777
Retirement	1,040,032	1,040,032	868,543	171,489	910,360
Workers' compensation	152,359	152,359	125,989	26,370	158,631
Group insurance	1,025,594	1,025,594	1,124,735	(99,141)	975,739
Contracted services	52,340	53,353	45,129	8,224	46,159
Dues and subscriptions	17,900	17,900	9,351	8,549	11,723
Insurance	110,000	110,000	33,191	76,809	82,934
Miscellaneous	1,000	1,000	820	180	937
Office expense	5,500	5,700	4,989	711	4,484
Repairs and maintenance	363,562	445,510	246,247	199,263	131,880
Travel and training	48,000	37,800	3,204	34,596	34,055
Utilities and telephone	55,818	55,818	44,853	10,965	44,557
Total fire	6,092,015	6,164,976	5,549,454	615,522	5,364,637
Total public safety	14,989,389	15,072,488	13,219,529	1,852,959	12,831,961
Culture and recreation -					
Contracted services	3,000	2,546	-	2,546	. •
Repairs and maintenance	6,050	6,095	2,813	3,282	6,689
Utilities and telephone	14,000	14,000	9,764	4,236	10,612
Miscellaneous	2,500	2,500		2,500	425
Total culture and recreation	25,550	25,141	12,577	12,564	17,726
Debt service -					
Principal - capital lease	120,000	120,000	_	120,000	-
Interest - capital lease	23,255	23,255	1,500	21,755	-
Bond issuance costs					
Total debt service	143,255	143,255	1,500	141,755	
Capital outlay	19,411,516	8,094,585	5,675,888	2,418,697	2,875,391
Total expenditures	\$ 42,754,368	\$ 30,082,050	\$ 23,141,509	\$ 6,940,541	\$ 19,383,404

CITY OF NEW IBERIA, LOUISIANA Nonmajor Governmental Funds

Combining Balance Sheet - By Fund Type October 31, 2023

	Special	Debt	Capital	
	Revenue	Service	Projects	
	Funds	Funds	Funds	Total
ASSETS			<u></u>	
Cash and interest-bearing deposits	\$4,683,892	\$1,528,824	\$219,349	\$ 6,432,065
Receivables:				
Due from other governmental units	551,374	-	-	551,374
Other	36,792			36,792
Total assets	\$5,272,058	<u>\$1,528,824</u>	<u>\$219,349</u>	\$ 7,020,231
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES				
Liabilities:				
Accounts payable	\$ 117,963	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 117,963
Due to other funds	-	10,191	-	10,191
Retainage payable	22,095	-	-	22,095
Accrued liabilities	40,730	-	-	40,730
Unearned revenue	1,033,822		100,000	1,133,822
Total liabilities	1,214,610	10,191	100,000	1,324,801
Fund balances -				
Restricted:				
Construction of capital assets	-	-	119,349	119,349
Purpose of grantors, trustees and donors	183,741	-	-	183,741
Tax dedications	2,549,973	-	-	2,549,973
Debt service	-	1,518,633	-	1,518,633
Committed:				
Operations	619,418	-	-	619,418
Disaster relief	704,316			704,316
Total fund balances	4,057,448	1,518,633	119,349	5,695,430
Total liabilities and fund balances	\$5,272,058	\$1,528,824	\$219,349	\$ 7,020,231

CITY OF NEW IBERIA, LOUISIANA Nonmajor Governmental Funds

Combining Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances For the Year Ended October 31, 2023

	Special	Debt	Capital	
	Revenue	Service	Projects	
	<u>Funds</u>	Funds	Funds	Total
Revenues:				
Taxes -				
Ad valorem	\$ 1,274,808	\$ 2,158,604	\$ -	\$ 3,433,412
Sales and use	1,173,835	-	-	1,173,835
Intergovernmental -				
Federal	1,741,654	-	-	1,741,654
State	-	-	79,790	79,790
Local	40,332	-	-	40,332
Charges for services	96,032	-	-	96,032
Investment income	49,163	10,239	-	59,402
Miscellaneous	54,366			54,366
Total revenues	4,430,190	2,168,843	79,790	6,678,823
Expenditures:				
Current -				
General government	10,894	1,350	-	12,244
Public works	2,567,721	-	17,000	2,584,721
Culture and recreation	1,138,995	-	-	1,138,995
Urban redevelopment and housing	1,662,595	-	-	1,662,595
Debt service -				
Principal	-	2,105,000	-	2,105,000
Interest	-	774,910	-	774,910
Capital outlay	432,396		62,790	495,186
Total expenditures	5,812,601	<u>2,881,260</u>	79,790	8,773,651
Deficiency of revenues				
over expenditures	(1,382,411)	(712,417)	-	(2,094,828)
Other financing sources (uses):				
Transfers in	2,784,595	1,118,028	-	3,902,623
Transfers out	(576,264)			(576,264)
Total other financing sources (uses)	2,208,331	1,118,028		3,326,359
Net changes in fund balances	825,920	405,611	-	1,231,531
Fund balances, beginning	3,231,528	1,113,022	119,349	4,463,899
Fund balances, ending	\$4,057,448	<u>\$ 1,518,633</u>	\$ 119,349	\$ 5,695,430

Combining Balance Sheet Nonmajor Special Revenue Funds October 31, 2023

A COPTO	Parks and Recreation	Section 8 Housing Voucher Program	Disaster Relief	Highway 14 EDD #1	Highway 182 EDD #1	Public Works	2022 Economic Development District	Dore Development Fund	Total
ASSETS									
Cash and interest-bearing deposits	\$ 710,565	\$ 150,658	\$308,363	\$ 1,555,814	\$ 105,511	\$ 544,004	\$ 308,977	\$1,000,000	\$ 4,683,892
Due from other governmental units	7,475	-	395,953	32,353	2,882	50,786	61,925	-	551,374
Other		36,792	_	_	<u> </u>			<u> </u>	36,792
Total assets	<u>\$ 718,040</u>	\$187,450	\$ 704,316	\$ 1,588,167	\$ 108,393	\$594,790	\$ 370,902	\$1,000,000	\$ 5,272,058
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES									
Liabilities:									
Accounts payable	\$ 50,514	\$ 647	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 66,802	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 117,963
Retainage payable	-	-	-	-	-	22,095	-	-	22,095
Accrued liabilities	14,286	3,062	-	-	_	23,382	-	-	40,730
Unearned revenue	33,822							1,000,000	1,033,822
Total liabilities	98,622	3,709				112,279		1,000,000	1,214,610
Fund balances:									
Restricted -									
Purpose of grantors, trustees and donors	-	183,741	-	-	-	-	-	-	183,741
Tax dedications	-	-	-	1,588,167	108,393	482,511	370,902	-	2,549,973
Committed -								-	
Operations	619,418	-	-	-	_	-	-	-	619,418
Disaster relief			704,316	_					704,316
Total fund balances	619,418	183,741	704,316	1,588,167	108,393	482,511	<u>370,902</u>		4,057,448
Total liabilities and fund balances	<u>\$ 718,040</u>	<u>\$187,450</u>	\$704,316	\$ 1,588,167	\$ 108,393	\$ 594,790	\$ 370,902	\$1,000,000	\$ 5,272,058

Combining Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances Nonmajor Special Revenue Funds For the Year Ended October 31, 2023

	Parks and Recreation	Section 8 Housing Voucher Program	Disaster Relief	Highway 14 EDD #1	Highway 182 EDD #1	Public Works	2022 Economic Development District	Dore Development Fund	Total
Revenues:									
Taxes -	4 500 500	•	•	•	•	.	•	•	#1071000
Ad valorem Sales and use	\$ 588,528	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 686,280	\$ -	\$ -	\$1,274,808
	-	-	~	357,680	32,014	-	784,141	-	1,173,835
Intergovernmental - Federal		1,741,654							1,741,654
Local	7,982	1,741,034	-	-	-	32,350	-	<u>-</u>	40,332
Charges for services	7,982 76,405	-		-	<u>-</u>	32,330 19,627	-	<u>-</u>	96,032
Investment income	17,671	53	9,075	590	53	20,436	1,285	_	49,163
Miscellaneous	45,030	-	<i>5</i> ,075	570	-	9,336	1,205	_	54,366
Total revenues	735,616	1,741,707	9,075	358,270	32,067	768,029	785,426		4,430,190
Total revenues	733,010	1,741,707	9,073	336,270		706,029	765,420		4,430,190
Expenditures: Current -									
General government	-	-	-	3,295	294	-	7,305	-	10,894
Pubic works	-	-	21,295	-	-	2,546,426	-	-	2,567,721
Culture and recreation	1,138,995	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,138,995
Urban redevelopment housing	-	1,662,595	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,662,595
Capital outlay	141,114					291,282	-		432,396
Total expenditures	1,280,109	1,662,595	21,295	3,295	294	2,837,708	7,305		5,812,601
Excess (deficiency) of revenues									
over expenditures	_(544,493)	79,112	_(12,220)	354,975	31,773	(2,069,679)	778,121	-	(1,382,411)
Other financing sources (uses):									
Transfers in	682,284	_	_	_	_	2,102,311	_	_	2,784,595
Transfers out	002,204	_	_	_	_	2,102,511	(576,264)	-	(576,264)
Total other financing sources (uses)	682,284					2,102,311	(576,264)		2,208,331
Total other infancing sources (uses)	082,284		<u>_</u>	<u>_</u>		2,102,311	(370,204)		2,200,331
Net changes in fund balances	137,791	79,112	(12,220)	354,975	31,773	32,632	201,857	-	825,920
Fund balances, beginning	481,627	104,629	716,536	1,233,192	76,620	449,879	169,045	<u> </u>	3,231,528
Fund balances, ending	\$ 619,418	<u>\$ 183,741</u>	<u>\$704,316</u>	\$1,588,167	\$108,393	\$ 482,511	\$ 370,902	<u> </u>	\$4,057,448

Combining Balance Sheet Nonmajor Debt Service Funds October 31, 2023

	General			
	Obligation		2018	
	Debt	Debt	Sinking	
	Service	Service	Fund	Total
ASSETS				
Cash and interest-bearing deposits	\$267,158	\$ 959,648	\$ 302,018	\$ 1,528,824
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES				
Liabilities				
Due to other funds	\$ -	\$ 10,191	\$ -	\$ 10,191
Fund balances:				
Restricted - debt service	267,158	949,457	302,018	1,518,633
Total liabilities and fund balances	\$267,158	\$ 959,648	\$ 302,018	\$ 1,528,824

Combining Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances Nonmajor Debt Service Funds For the Year Ended October 31, 2023

	General			
	Obligation		2018	
	Debt	Debt	Sinking	
	Service	Service	Fund	Total
Revenues:				-
Taxes -				
Ad valorem	\$ 1,362,591	\$ 796,013	\$ -	\$ 2,158,604
Investment income	8,220		2,019	10,239
Total revenues	_1,370,811	796,013	2,019	2,168,843
Expenditures:				
Current -				
General government	1,350	-	-	1,350
Debt service -				
Principal	1,295,000	595,000	215,000	2,105,000
Interest	32,241	710,731	31,938	774,910
Total expenditures	1,328,591	1,305,731	246,938	2,881,260
Excess (deficiency) of revenues				
over expenditures	42,220	(509,718)	(244,919)	(712,417)
Other financing sources:				
Transfers in		771,646	346,382	1,118,028
Net changes in fund balances	42,220	261,928	101,463	405,611
Fund balances, beginning	224,938	687,529	200,555	1,113,022
Fund balances, ending	<u>\$ 267,158</u>	\$ 949,457	\$ 302,018	\$ 1,518,633

Combining Balance Sheet Nonmajor Capital Project Funds October 31, 2023

		2010 Bonds Street	
	Construction	Construction	Total
ASSETS			
Cash and interest-bearing deposits	\$ 147,638	<u>\$ 71,711</u>	\$ 219,349
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES			
Liabilities:			
Unearned revenue	\$ 100,000	\$ -	\$ 100,000
Fund balances:			
Restricted -			
Construction of capital assets	47,638	71,711	119,349
Total liabilities and fund balances	\$ 147,638	<u>\$ 71,711</u>	\$ 219,349

Combining Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances Nonmajor Capital Project Funds For the Year Ended October 31, 2023

		2010 Bonds Street	
	Construction	Construction	Total
Revenues:			
Intergovernmental revenues - state	\$ 79,790	<u> </u>	\$ 79,790
Expenditures:			
Public Works	17,000	-	17,000
Capital outlay	62,790		62,790
Total expenditures	79,790		79,790
Net changes in fund balances	-	-	-
Fund balances, beginning	47,638	71,711	119,349
Fund balances, ending	\$ 47,638	\$ 71,711	\$ 119,349

Comparative Statement of Net Position Sewerage Fund October 31, 2023 and 2022

	2023	2022
ASSETS		
Current assets:		
Cash	\$ 4,492,054	\$ 4,117,561
Accounts receivable	394,793	535,064
Due from other funds	17,890	6,278
Due from other governmental units	111,862	110,110
Total current assets	5,016,599	4,769,013
Noncurrent assets:		
Restricted cash	738,867	743,158
Capital assets -		
Land and construction in progress	3,964,031	1,776,955
Other capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation	40,548,153	41,849,890
Total noncurrent assets	45,251,051	44,370,003
Total assets	50,267,650	49,139,016
DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES		
Deferred outflows of resources - pension	400,381	632,461
LIABILITIES		
Current liabilities:		
Accounts payable	205,800	120,711
Due to other funds	-	562,339
Contracts payable	348,081	111,527
Retainage payable	92,012	9,032
Accrued liabilities	29,403	25,793
Accrued compensated absences	8,145	8,181
Payable from restricted assets -		
Bonds payable	1,011,000	986,000
Total current liabilities	1,694,441	1,823,583
Noncurrent liabilities:		
Accrued compensated absences	73,307	73,620
Bonds payable	7,091,705	7,554,707
Net pension liability	2,176,682	2,453,004
Total noncurrent liabilities	9,341,694	10,081,331
Total liabilities	11,036,135	11,904,914
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES		
Deferred inflows of resources - pension	122,759	138,386
NET POSITION		
Net investment in capital assets	35,969,386	34,965,579
Restricted for debt service	738,867	743,158
Unrestricted	2,800,884	2,019,440
Total net position	\$ 39,509,137	\$ 37,728,177

Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Fund Net Position - Sewerage Fund

For the Years Ended October 31, 2023 and 2022

	2023	2022
Operating revenues:		
Charges for services -		
Customers	\$ 4,789,030	\$ 4,353,196
Parish government under cooperative agreement	927,808	845,220
Total operating revenues	5,716,838	5,198,416
Operating expenses:		
Cost of services rendered	3,995,559	3,800,508
Depreciation	2,393,196	2,233,747
Total operating expenses	6,388,755	6,034,255
Operating loss	(671,917)	(835,839)
Nonoperating revenues (expenses):		
Investment income	155,918	38,185
Interest expense and fiscal charges	(114,600)	(131,183)
Non-employer pension contributions	40,564	37,312
Other, net	9,587	76,070
Total nonoperating revenues (expenses)	91,469	20,384
Loss before contributions and transfers	(580,448)	(815,455)
Capital contributions	2,003,262	402,453
Transfers	358,146	(1,000,000)
Change in net position	1,780,960	(1,413,002)
Net position, beginning	37,728,177	39,141,179
Net position, ending	\$ 39,509,137	\$ 37,728,177

CITY OF NEW IBERIA, LOUISIANA Enterprise Fund Sewer Fund

Schedule of Number of Utility Customers
(Unaudited)
For the Years Ended October 31, 2023 and 2022

Records maintained by the City indicated the following number of customers were being served during the months of October 31, 2023 and 2022:

Department	2023	2022
Sewerage	11,619	11,796

LCDBG Sewer System Improvement Project Schedule of Net Position October 31, 2023

Assets	\$ -	
T to Little Co.		
Liabilities	 	
Net Position	\$ <u>-</u>	

Schedule of Revenues, Expenses amd Changes in Net Position LCDBG Sewer System Improvement Project For the Year Ended October 31, 2023

Revenues - LCDBG program	\$ 1,024,320
Expenses - Construction	1,024,320
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenses	
Net change in net position	-
Net position, beginning of year	
Net position, end of year	<u>\$</u>

Justice System Funding Schedule - Receiving Entity Year Ended October 31, 2023

Cash Basis Presentation	First Six Month Period Ended 4/30/2023	Second Six Month Period Ended 10/31/2023
Receipts from:		
City of New Iberia- Pre Trial Diversion Program Fees	\$ 11,000	\$ 8,550
City of New Iberia- Criminal Fines - Other	149	100
City of New Iberia- Contempt	10,148	9,438
City of New Iberia- Asset Forfeiture/Sale	-	1,204
City of New Iberia- Service/Collection Fees	295	435
City Court of New Iberia- Criminal Court Costs/ Fees	12,042	12,775
Total Receipts	<u>\$ 33,634</u>	\$ 32,502

INTERNAL CONTROL,
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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S 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

The Honorable Freddie DeCourt, Mayor and Members of the City Council City of New Iberia, Louisiana

We have audited, in accordance with the 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, and each major fund of the City of New Iberia, Louisiana (the City) as of and for the year ended October 31, 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 April 29, 2024.

Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

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

A deficiency in internal control exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct misstatements on a timely basis. A material weakness is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the entity's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected on a timely basis. A significant deficiency is a deficiency, or 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. We identified a certain deficiency in internal control, described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs as item 2023-003 that we consider to be a material weakness.

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 financial statements. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit, and accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards* and which are described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs as items 2023-001 through 2023-002.

City's Response to the Findings

The City's responses to the findings identified in our audit are described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs. We did not audit the City's response and, accordingly, we express no opinion on it.

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

Kolder, Slaven & Company, LLC
Certified Public Accountants

Lafayette, Louisiana April 29, 2024

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

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Report on Compliance for Each Major Federal Program

Adverse and Unmodified Opinions

We have audited the City of New Iberia, Louisiana's (City) 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 October 31, 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.

Adverse Opinion on Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Funds

In our opinion, because of the significance of the matter discussed in the Basis for Adverse and Unmodified Opinions section of our report, the City did not comply, in all material respects, with the compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Fund program for the year ended October 31, 2023.

Unmodified Opinion on the Other Major Federal Program

In our opinion, the City complied, in all material respects, with the compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on the other major federal program identified in the summary of auditor's results section of the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs for the year ended October 31, 2023.

Basis for Adverse and Unmodified Opinions

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 adverse and unmodified opinions 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.

Matters Giving Rise to Adverse Opinion on Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Funds

As described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs, the City did not comply with requirements regarding the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Funds as described in finding number 2023-006 and 2023-007 for Allowable Costs. Compliance with such requirements is necessary, in our opinion, for the City to comply with the requirements applicable to that program.

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. We 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. We 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.

Other Matters

The results of our auditing procedures disclosed other instances of noncompliance which are required to be reported in accordance with the Uniform Guidance and which are described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs as items 2023-004 through 2023-005. Our opinion on the major federal program is not modified with respect to these matters.

Government Auditing Standards requires the auditor to perform limited procedures on the City's responses to the noncompliance findings identified in our compliance audit described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs. The City's response was not subjected to the other auditing procedures applied in the audit of compliance and, accordingly, we express no opinion on the response.

Report on Internal Control over Compliance

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 and therefore, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that were not identified. However, as discussed below, we did identify certain deficiencies in internal control over compliance that we consider to be material weaknesses and significant deficiencies.

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. We consider the deficiencies in internal control over compliance described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs as items 2023-008 and 2023-010 through 2023-011 to be material weaknesses.

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. We consider the deficiency in internal control over compliance described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs as item 2023-009 to be a significant deficiency.

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.

Government Auditing Standards requires the auditor to perform limited procedures on the City's responses to the internal control over compliance findings identified in our compliance audit described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs. The City's response was not subjected to the other auditing procedures applied in the audit of compliance and, accordingly, we express no opinion on the response.

Purpose of this Report

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

Kolder, Slaven & Company, LLC Certified Public Accountants

Lafayette, Louisiana April 29, 2024

Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards For the Year Ended October 31, 2023

Federal Grantor/Pass-Through Grantor/ Program Title	Pass-through Identifying Number	Assistance Listing Number	Expenditures
U. S. Department of Treasury:			
COVID-19 Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds	N/A	21.027	\$ 2,657,770
U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development: Passed through Local Housing Authorities - Louisiana Community Development Block Grant	B-20-DC-22-0001	14.228	1,024,320
Section 8 Housing Choice Vouchers	N/A	14.871	1,722,714
Passed through Local Housing Authorities -			
Section 8 Housing Choice Vouchers	N/A	14.871	18,940
Total Housing Choice Voucher Cluster			1,741,654
Total U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development	;		2,765,974
U.S. Department of the Interior: Passed through Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries - Sport Fish Restoration / Total Fish and Wildlife Cluster	16-01-00-86-6	15.605	173,153
Passed through Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries - Sportfishing and Boating Safety Act	16-01-00-86-6	15.622	185,216
Passed through Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries - Clean Vessel Act	N/A	15.663	47,346
Total U.S. Department of the Interior			405,715
U.S. Department of Justice: Passed through Louisiana Commission on Law Enforcement - Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program	15PBJA-21-GG-00246-MUMU	16.738	12,580
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency: Passed through Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality			
Capitalization Grants for Clean Water State Revolving Funds / Total Clean Water State Revolving Fund Cluster	N/A	66.458	585,485
TOTAL FEDERAL AWARDS			\$ 6,427,524

Notes to the Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards For the Year Ended October 31, 2023

(1) General

The accompanying Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards (the "Schedule") includes the federal award activity of the City of New Iberia (City) under programs of the federal government for the year ended October 31, 2023. 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 (Uniform Guidance). Because the Schedule presents only a selected portion of the operations of the City, it is not intended to and does not present the financial position, changes in net assets, or cash flows of the City.

(2) Basis of Accounting

The accompanying Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards is presented using the modified accrual basis of accounting, which is described in Note 1 to the City's basic financial statements for the year ended October 31, 2023. Such expenditures are recognized following the cost principles contained in the Uniform Guidance, wherein certain types of expenditures are not allowable or are limited as to reimbursement.

(3) <u>Indirect Cost Rate</u>

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

Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs For the Year Ended October 31, 2023

Part I. Summary of Auditor's Results:

- 1. The auditor's report expresses an unmodified opinion on whether the financial statements of the City were prepared in accordance with GAAP.
- 2. One material weakness was disclosed during the audit of the financial statements.
- 3. Two instances of noncompliance material to the financial statements of the City, which would be required to be reported in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, was disclosed during the audit.
- 4. The audit disclosed three material weaknesses and one significant deficiency in internal control over the major federal programs.
- 5. The auditor's report on compliance for the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Funds (21.027) expresses an adverse opinion; the report on the remaining program is unmodified.
- 6. Audit findings that are required to be reported in accordance with 2 CFR section 200.516(a) are reported in this schedule.
- 7. The following programs were considered to be major programs: Louisiana Community Development Block Grant (14.228) and Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Funds (21.027).
- 8. The dollar threshold used to distinguish between Type A and Type B programs was \$750,000.
- 9. The auditee did not qualify as a low-risk auditee.

Part II. Findings which are required to be reported in accordance with generally accepted Governmental Auditing Standards:

A. Compliance Findings –

2023-001 Compliance with Bond Requirements

Fiscal year finding initially occurred: 2021

Criteria

The City has outstanding debt obligations that are governed by debt covenants.

Condition

The City did not comply with the bond requirements of various debt obligations.

Cause

The City did not make the required monthly deposits and/or maintain the required amount of cash in the required accounts.

Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs (Continued) For the Year Ended October 31, 2023

Effect

The City did not comply with the bond requirements of various debt obligations.

Recommendation

The City should review the requirements of the debt covenants to ensure compliance with all bond requirements on debt obligations.

Managements Corrective Action Plan

The City has reviewed the official documents for all outstanding debt obligations and will monitor the requirements to ensure compliance.

2023-002 Compliance with Budget Law

Fiscal year finding initially occurred: 2023

Criteria

Louisiana Revised Statute 39:1305(E) states that when preparing the budget the total of proposed expenditures shall not exceed the total of estimated funds available.

Condition

The City budgeted total expenditures that exceeded the total of estimated funds available in the Sales Tax Fund.

Cause

The City did not ensure that the budget was prepared in accordance with state law.

Effect

The City adopted a budget that had total expenditures exceeding the total of estimated funds available.

Recommendation

The City should ensure that all budgets adopted comply with state law.

Managements Corrective Action Plan

The City will ensure that all budgets adopted comply with state law.

B. Internal Control Findings -

2023-003 Inadequate Controls Over Financial Statement Preparation

Fiscal year finding initially occurred: 2021

Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs (Continued) For the Year Ended October 31, 2023

Criteria

The City does not have a staff person who has the qualifications and training necessary to apply generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) in recording the City's financial transactions or preparing its financial statements, including the related notes.

Condition

The City should be able to record financial transactions and prepare financial statements in accordance with GAAP.

Cause

The City does not have the personnel with the qualifications needed to perform this function.

Effect

The City's financial transactions and financial statements may not be prepared in accordance with GAAP.

Recommendation

The City should outsource this task to ensure the financial statements and transactions are in accordance with GAAP.

Managements Corrective Action Plan

The City has evaluated the cost vs. benefit of establishing internal controls over the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with GAAP and determined that is the best interest of the City to outsource this task to the independent auditors, and to carefully review the draft financial statements and notes prior to approving them and accepting responsibility for their contents and presentation.

Part III. Findings and questioned costs for Federal awards which include audit findings as defined in 2 CFR section 200 of the Uniform Guidance:

Compliance Findings –

DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT:

2023-004 Timely Disbursement of LCDBG Funds

Fiscal year finding initially occurred: 2023

Louisiana Community Development Block Grant (14.228)

Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs (Continued) For the Year Ended October 31, 2023

Criteria

The 2023 Louisiana Community Development Block Grant (LCDBG) Grantee Handbook requires payments for expenditures to be disbursed within three working days of the receipt of the LCDBG funds.

Condition

The City did not disburse the funds in a timely manner.

Cause

There were inadequate policies and procedures in place to ensure that the disbursements were made timely.

Effect

The City did not comply with the grant agreement regarding timely disbursement of LCDGB funds.

Context

All seven disbursements were selected for testing. The test found that two of the disbursements were not paid withing three working days of the receipt of the LCDBG funds.

Recommendation

Adequate policies and procedures should be implemented to ensure compliance with the grant agreement regarding timely disbursement of funds.

Views of Responsible Officials and Planned Corrective Action

The City agrees with the finding and has established policies and procedures that will ensure the timely disbursement of LCDBG funds.

2023-005 Separate Bank Account

Fiscal year finding initially occurred: 2023

Louisiana Community Development Block Grant (14.228)

Criteria

The 2023 Louisiana Community Development Block Grant (LCDBG) Grantee Handbook requires that funds from LCDBG contracts be deposited into separate non-interest bearing accounts.

Condition

The City deposited grant funds for the current LCDBG contract into a clearance account.

Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs (Continued) For the Year Ended October 31, 2023

Cause

The City was not aware that the clearance account was not allowed to be used for LCDBG funds.

Effect

The City did not comply with the grant agreement regarding the use of a separate bank account.

Recommendation

The City should implement policies and procedures to ensure that separate accounts are utilized for LCDBG funds.

Views of Responsible Officials and Planned Corrective Action

The City agrees with the finding and has established policies and procedures to ensure that separate accounts will be utilized.

DEPARTMENT OF TREASURY:

2023-006 Unallowable Use of Funds

Fiscal year finding initially occurred: 2023

COVID-19 Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (21.027)

Criteria

Costs charged to federal grant programs must follow the Uniform Guidance when determining if a cost is allowable under the program. One of the requirements is that a cost can only be funded by one program.

Condition

The City used grant funds to pay expenditures that were already requested for reimbursement from the LCDBG grant and Clean Water State Revolving Funds.

Cause

The City did not have proper controls in place to ensure that expenditures were not paid by multiple federal programs.

Effect

The City utilized federal funds to pay for expenditures that had already been requested for reimbursement from other federal programs.

Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs (Continued) For the Year Ended October 31, 2023

Context

A sample of 18 disbursements were selected for audit from a population of 48 disbursements. The test found that three disbursements had already been charged to other federal programs. It was determined that \$339,904 was charged to other federal programs and are considered questioned costs.

Recommendation

The City should implement policies and procedures to ensure that expenditures are not charged to multiple federal programs.

Views of Responsible Officials and Planned Corrective Action

The City agrees with the finding and has established policies and procedures to ensure that expenditures are only charged to one federal program.

2023-007 Procurement

Fiscal year finding initially occurred: 2023

COVID-19 Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (21.027)

Criteria

The Uniform Guidance requires a grant recipient to establish and maintain effective controls in order to ensure compliance with the federal award regulations, statutes, and terms and conditions of the grant.

Condition

The City did not obtain bids for the purchase of equipment totaling \$268,640 as required.

Cause

The City did not have proper controls in place to ensure that expenditures were properly procured.

Effect

The City did not comply with procurement requirements for the federal program.

Context

A sample of 18 disbursements were selected for audit from a population of 48 disbursements. The test found that one disbursement was not properly procured. This resulted in questioned costs of \$268,640.

Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs (Continued) For the Year Ended October 31, 2023

Recommendation

The City should implement policies and procedures to ensure compliance with procurement.

Views of Responsible Officials and Planned Corrective Action

The City agrees with the finding and has established policies and procedures to ensure compliance.

Internal Control Findings -

DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT:

2023-008 Timely Disbursement of LCDBG Funds

Fiscal year finding initially occurred: 2023

Louisiana Community Development Block Grant (14.228)

See compliance finding 2023-004.

2023-009 Separate Bank Account

Fiscal year finding initially occurred: 2023

Louisiana Community Development Block Grant (14.228)

See compliance finding 2023-005.

DEPARTMENT OF TREASURY:

2023-010 Unallowable Use of Funds

Fiscal year finding initially occurred: 2023

COVID-19 Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (21.027)

See compliance finding 2023-006.

2023-011 Procurement

Fiscal year finding initially occurred: 2023

COVID-19 Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (21.027)

See compliance finding 2023-007.



CITY OF NEW IBERIA CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN OCTOBER 31, 2023

U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development

The City of New Iberia respectfully submits the following corrective action plan for the year ended 10/31/2023.

Audit conducted by:

Kolder, Slaven & Company, LLC 183 S. Beadle Road Lafayette LA 70508

Audit Period: 11/1/2022-10/31/2023

The findings from the 10/31/2023 schedule of findings and questioned costs are discussed below. The findings are numbered consistently with the number assigned in the schedule.

FINDINGS-FINANCIAL STATEMENT AUDIT:

Compliance:

2023-001

Recommendation: The City did not comply with the bond requirements of various debt obligations. The City should review the requirements of the debt covenants to ensure compliance with all bond requirements on debt obligations.

Corrective Action Plan: The City has reviewed the official documents for all outstanding debt obligations and will monitor the requirements to ensure compliance.

2023-002

<u>Recommendation</u>: The City budgeted total expenditures that exceeded the total of estimated funds available in the Sales Tax Fund. The City should ensure that all budgets adopted comply with state law.

Corrective Action Plan: The City will ensure that all budgets adopted comply with state law.

Internal Control:

Material Weakness:

2023-003

<u>Recommendation</u>: The City should be able to record financial transactions and prepare financial statements in accordance with GAAP. The City should outsource this task to ensure the financial statements and transactions are in accordance with GAAP.

The City of New Iberia

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<u>Corrective Action Plan</u>: The City has evaluated the cost vs. benefit of establishing internal controls over the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with GAAP and determined that is the best interest of the City to outsource this task to the independent auditors, and to carefully review the draft financial statements and notes prior to approving them and accepting responsibility for their contents and presentation.

FINDINGS - FEDERAL AWARD PROGRAMS AUDIT:

DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT:

Louisiana Community Development Block Grant (14.228)

Compliance:

2023-004

Recommendation: The 2023 Louisiana Community Development Block Grant (LCDBG) Grantee Handbook requires payments for expenditures to be disbursed within three working days of the receipt of the LCDBG funds. The City did not disburse the funds in a timely manner. Adequate policies and procedures should be implemented to ensure compliance with the grant agreement regarding timely disbursement of funds.

Corrective Action Plan: The City agrees with the finding and has established policies and procedures that will ensure the timely disbursement of LCDBG funds.

2023-005

Recommendation: The City deposited grant funds for the current LCDBG contract into a clearance account. The City should implement policies and procedures to ensure that separate accounts are utilized for LCDBG funds.

Corrective Action Plan: The City agrees with the finding and has established policies and procedures to ensure that separate accounts will be utilized.

DEPARTMENT OF TREASURY:

Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (21.027)

Compliance:

2023-006

<u>Recommendation</u>: The City used grant funds to pay expenditures that were already requested for reimbursement from the LCDBG grant and Clean Water State Revolving Funds. The City should implement policies and procedures to ensure that expenditures are not charged to multiple federal programs.

<u>Corrective Action Plan</u>: The City agrees with the finding and has established policies and procedures to ensure that expenditures are only charged to one federal program.

2023-007

Recommendation: The City did not obtain bids for the purchase of equipment totaling \$268,640. The City should implement policies and procedures to ensure compliance.

Corrective Action Plan: The City agrees with the finding and has established policies and procedures to ensure compliance.

DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT:

Louisiana Community Development Block Grant (14.228)

Internal Control:

Material Weakness:

2023-008 - See 2023-004

Significant Deficiency:

2023-009 - See 2023-005

DEPARTMENT OF TREASURY:

Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (21.027)

Internal Control:

Material Weakness:

2023-010 - See 2023-006

2023-011 - Sec 2023-007

If the U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development has questions regarding this plan, please call Mayor Freddie DeCourt at 337-369-2300.

Sincerely,

Heddle DeCourt

Mayor

Summary Schedule of Prior Audit Findings For the Year Ended October 31, 2023

Prior Year Findings

A. Compliance Findings -

2022-001 Compliance with Bond Requirements

Fiscal year finding initially occurred: 2021

Condition

The City did not comply with the bond requirements of various debt obligations.

Recommendation

The City should review the requirements of the debt covenants to ensure compliance with all bond requirements on debt obligations.

Current Status

The finding was not resolved and is repeated in the current year. The City has reviewed the official documents for all outstanding debt obligations and will monitor the bond requirements on a monthly basis to ensure compliance.

B. Internal Control Findings -

2022-002 Inadequate Controls Over Financial Statement Preparation

Fiscal year finding initially occurred: 2021

Condition

The City should be able to record financial transactions and prepare financial statements in accordance with GAAP.

Recommendation

The City should outsource this task to ensure the financial statements and transactions are in accordance with GAAP.

Current Status

The finding was not resolved and is repeated in the current year. The City has evaluated the cost vs. benefit of establishing internal controls over the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with GAAP and determined that is the best interest of the City to outsource this task to the independent auditors, and to carefully review the draft financial statements and notes prior to approving them and accepting responsibility for their contents and presentation.

CITY OF NEW IBERIA

New Iberia, Louisiana

Agreed-Upon Procedures Report

Year Ended October 31, 2023

KOLDER, SLAVEN & COMPANY, LLC

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INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT ON APPLYING AGREED-UPON PROCEDURES

The Honorable Freddie DeCourt, Mayor, and Members of the City Council City of New Iberia, Louisiana and the Louisiana Legislative Auditor

We have performed the procedures enumerated below on the control and compliance (C/C) areas identified in the Louisiana Legislative Auditor's (LLA's) Statewide Agreed-Upon Procedures (SAUPs) for the fiscal period November 1, 2022 through October 31, 2023. The City of New Iberia (The City) management is responsible for those C/C areas identified in the SAUPs.

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 November 1, 2022 through October 31, 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

- 1. We obtained and inspected the entity's written policies and procedures and observed that 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.
 - 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.
 - c) *Disbursements*, including processing, reviewing, and approving.
 - 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).

- 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.
- 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.
- g) *Travel and expense reimbursement*, including (1) allowable expenses, (2) dollar thresholds by category of expense, (3) documentation requirements, and (4) required approvers.
- h) Credit Cards (and debit cards, fuel cards, Purchase Cards, if applicable), including (1) how cards are to be controlled, (2) allowable business uses, (3) documentation requirements, (4) required approvers of statements, and (5) monitoring card usage (e.g., determining the reasonableness of fuel card purchases).
- i) *Ethics*, including (1) the prohibitions as defined in Louisiana Revised Statute 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.
- j) **Debt Service**, including (1) debt issuance approval, (2) continuing disclosure/EMMA reporting requirements, (3) debt reserve requirements, and (4) debt service requirements.
- k) Information Technology Disaster Recovery/Business Continuity, including (1) identification of critical data and frequency of data backups, (2) storage of backups in 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.
- 1) *Prevention of Sexual Harassment*, including R.S. 42:342-344 requirements for (1) agency responsibilities and prohibitions, (2) annual employee training, and (3) annual reporting.

Board or Finance Committee

- 2. We obtained and inspected 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) Observed 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.
 - b) Observed that 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.
 - c) Obtained the prior year audit report and observed 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, observed 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.
 - d) Observed 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.

Bank Reconciliations

- 3. We obtained a listing of the entity's bank accounts for the fiscal period from management and management's representation that the listing is complete. We asked management to identify the main operating account. We selected the main operating account and randomly selected 4 additional accounts (or all accounts if less than 5). We randomly selected one month from the fiscal period, obtained and inspected the corresponding bank statement and reconciliation for selected accounts, and observed that:
 - a) Bank reconciliations included evidence that they were prepared within 2 months of the related statement closing date (e.g., initialed and dated, electronically logged);
 - b) Bank reconciliations included 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
 - c) Management has documentation reflecting that it has researched reconciling items that have been outstanding for more than 12 months from the statement's closing date, if applicable.

Collections (excluding electronic fund transfers)

- 4. We obtained 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. We randomly selected 5 deposit sites (or all deposit sites if less than 5).
- 5. For each deposit site selected, we obtained a listing of collection locations and management's representation that the listing is complete. We randomly selected one collection location for each deposit site (i.e. 5 collection locations for 5 deposit sites), obtained and inspected written policies and procedures relating to employee job duties (if no written policies or procedures, inquired of employees about their job duties) at each collection location, and observed that job duties are properly segregated at each collection location such that:
 - a) Employees that are responsible for cash collections do not share cash drawers/registers.
 - 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.
 - 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.
 - 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 verifies the reconciliation.
- 6. We obtained from management a copy of the bond or insurance policy for theft covering all employees who have access to cash. We observed the bond or insurance policy for theft was enforced during the fiscal period.
- 7. We randomly selected two deposit dates for each of the 5 bank accounts selected for procedure #3 under "Bank Reconciliations" above (selected the next deposit date chronologically if no deposits were made on the dates randomly selected and randomly selected a deposit if multiple deposits are made on the same day). Alternately, the practitioner may use a source document other than bank statements when selecting the deposit dates for testing, such as a cash collection log, daily revenue report, receipt book, etc. We obtained supporting documentation for each of the 10 deposits and:
 - a) Observed that receipts are sequentially pre-numbered.

- b) Traced sequentially pre-numbered receipts, system reports, and other related collection documentation to the deposit slip.
- c) Traced the deposit slip total to the actual deposit per the bank statement.
- d) Observed that the deposit was made within one business day of receipt at the collection location (within one week if the depository is more than 10 miles from the collection location or the deposit is less than \$100 and the cash is stored securely in a locked safe or drawer).
- e) Traced the actual deposit per the bank statement to the general ledger.

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

- 8. We obtained a listing of locations that process payments for the fiscal period and management's representation that the listing was complete. We randomly selected 5 locations (or all locations if less than 5).
- 9. For each location selected under #8 above, we obtained a listing of those employees involved with non-payroll purchasing and payment functions. We obtained 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 we observed 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.
 - b) At least two employees are involved in processing and approving payments to vendors.
 - 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.
 - 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.
 - e) Only employees/ officials authorized to sign checks approve the electronic disbursement (release) of funds, whether through automated clearinghouse (ACH), electronic funds transfer (EFT), wire transfer, or some other electronic means.
- 10. For each location selected under #8 above, we obtained the entity's non-payroll disbursement transaction population (excluding cards and travel reimbursements) and we obtained management's representation that the population is complete. We randomly selected 5 disbursements for each location, we obtained supporting documentation for each transaction and:
 - a) We observed whether the disbursement, whether by paper or electronic means, matched the related original itemized invoice and supporting documentation indicates deliverables included on the invoice were received by the entity.
 - b) We observed that the disbursement documentation includes evidence (e.g., initial/date, electronic logging) of segregation of duties tested under procedure #9, as applicable.
- 11. Using the entity's main operating account and the month selected in "Bank Reconciliations" procedure #3, we randomly selected 5 non-payroll-related electronic disbursements (or all electronic disbursements if less than 5) and observed that each electronic disbursement was:
 - a) Approved by only those persons authorized to disburse funds (e.g., sign checks) per the entity's policy.
 - b) Approved by the required number of authorized signers per the entity's policy.

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

- 12. We obtained from management a listing of all active credit cards, bank debit cards, fuel cards, and purchase cards (cards) for the fiscal period, including the card numbers and the names of the persons who maintained possession of the cards. We obtained management's representation that the listing is complete.
- 13. Using the listing prepared by management, we randomly selected 5 cards (or all cards if less than 5) that were used during the fiscal period. We randomly selected one monthly statement or combined statement for each card (for a debit card, we randomly selected one monthly bank statement), we obtained supporting documentation, and:
 - a) We observed that 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.
 - b) We observed that finance charges and late fees were not assessed on the selected statements.
- 14. Using the monthly statements or combined statements selected under #12 above, excluding fuel cards, we randomly selected 10 transactions (or all transactions if less than 10) from each statement, and obtained supporting documentation for the transactions (i.e. each card should have 10 transactions subject to testing). For each transaction, we observed that it is supported by (1) an original itemized receipt that identifies precisely what was purchased, (2) written documentation of the business/public purpose, and (3) documentation of the individuals participating in meals (for meal charges only). For missing receipts, we described the nature of the transaction and noted whether management had a compensating control to address missing receipts, such as a "missing receipt statement" that is subject to increased scrutiny.

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

- 15. We obtained 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. We randomly selected 5 reimbursements, we obtained 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, we observed 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).
 - b) If reimbursed using actual costs, we observed that the reimbursement is supported by an original itemized receipt that identifies precisely what was purchased.
 - c) We observed that each reimbursement is supported by documentation of the business/public purpose (for meal charges, we observed that the documentation includes the names of those individuals participating) and other documentation required by written policy (procedure #1g).
 - d) We observed that each reimbursement was reviewed and approved, in writing, by someone other than the person receiving reimbursement.

Contracts

- 16. We obtained 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.* We obtained management's representation that the listing is complete. We randomly selected 5 contracts (or all contracts if less than 5) from the listing, excluding the practitioner's contract, and:
 - a) We observed that the contract was bid in accordance with the Louisiana Public Bid Law (e.g., solicited quotes or bids, advertised), if required by law.
 - b) We observed that the contract was approved by the governing body/board, if required by policy or law (e.g., Lawrason Act, Home Rule Charter).
 - c) If the contract was amended (e.g., change order), we observed that the original contract terms provided for such an amendment and that amendments were made in compliance with the contract terms (e.g., if approval is required for any amendment, was approval documented).
 - d) We randomly selected one payment from the fiscal period for each of the 5 contracts, we obtained the supporting invoice, agreed the invoice to the contract terms, and observed that the invoice and related payment agreed to the terms and conditions of the contract.

Payroll and Personnel

- 17. We obtained a listing of employees/elected officials employed during the fiscal period and management's representation that the listing is complete. We randomly selected 5 employees/officials, we obtained related paid salaries and personnel files, and we agreed paid salaries to authorized salaries/pay rates in the personnel files.
- 18. We randomly selected one pay period during the fiscal period. For the 5 employees/officials selected under #17 above, we obtained attendance records and leave documentation for the pay period, and:
 - a) We observed that all selected employees/officials documented their daily attendance and leave (e.g., vacation, sick, compensatory).
 - b) We observed that supervisors approved the attendance and leave of the selected employees/officials.
 - c) We observed that any leave accrued or taken during the pay period is reflected in the entity's cumulative leave records.
 - d) We observed the rate paid to the employees or officials agree to the authorized salary/pay rate found within the personnel file.
- 19. We obtained a listing of those employees/officials that received termination payments during the fiscal period and management's representation that the list is complete. We randomly selected two employees/officials, we obtained related documentation of the hours and pay rates used in management's termination payment calculations and the entity's policy on termination payments. We agreed the hours to the employee or officials' cumulate leave records, agreed the pay rates to the employee/officials' authorized pay rates in the employee or officials' personnel files, and agreed the termination payment to entity policy.
- 20. We obtained 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.

Ethics

- 21. Using the 5 randomly selected employees/officials from procedure #17 under "Payroll and Personnel" above, we obtained ethics documentation from management, and:
 - a) We observed that the documentation demonstrates each employee/official completed one hour of ethics training during the calendar year as required by R.S. 42:1170; and
 - b) We observed 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.
- 22. We inquired and/or observed whether the agency has appointed an ethics designee as required by R.S. 42:1170.

Debt Service

- 23. We obtained a listing of bonds/notes and other debt instruments issued during the fiscal period and management's representation that the listing is complete. We selected all debt instruments on the listing, obtained supporting documentation, and observed State Bond Commission approval was obtained for each debt instrument issued as required by Article VII, Section 8 of the Louisiana Constitution.
- 24. We obtained a listing of bonds/notes outstanding at the end of the fiscal period and management's representation that the listing is complete. We randomly selected one bond/note, inspected debt covenants, obtained supporting documentation for the reserve balance and payments, and agreed 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).

Fraud Notice

25. We obtained a listing of misappropriations of public funds and assets during the fiscal period and management's representation that the listing was complete. We selected all misappropriations on the listing, obtained supporting documentation, and observed 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.

The City represented that there were no misappropriations of public funds and/or assets during the fiscal year.

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

Information Technology Disaster Recovery/Business Continuity

- 27. We performed the following procedures, verbally discussed the results with management, and reported "We performed the procedure and discussed the results with management."
 - a) We obtained and inspected 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 observed 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.
 - b) We obtained and inspected 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 observed evidence that the test/verification was successfully performed within the past 3 months.

- c) We obtained a listing of the entity's computers currently in use and their related locations, and management's representation that the listing is complete. We randomly selected 5 computers and observed 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.
- 28. We randomly selected 5 terminated employees (or all terminated employees if less than 5) using the list of terminated employees obtained in procedure #19 and observed evidence that the selected terminated employees have been removed or disabled from the network.

Prevention of Sexual Harassment

- 29. Using the 5 randomly selected employees/officials from procedure #17 under "Payroll and Personnel" above, we obtained sexual harassment training documentation from management, and observed 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.
- 30. We observed 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).
- 31. We obtained the entity's annual sexual harassment report for the current fiscal period, observed that the report was dated on or before February 1, and observed 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.

Exceptions:

Exceptions found as a result of applying the procedures listed above are as follows:

Written Policies and Procedures

1. The City does not have written policies and procedures for continuing disclosure/EMMA reporting requirements.

Board

2. The minutes did not reference or include information regarding the council receiving written updates regarding the progress of resolving prior year audit findings according to management's action plan at each meeting until the findings were considered fully resolved.

Bank Reconciliations

3. Bank reconciliations are being signed off by an individual who also posts to ledgers.

Credit Cards

4. Two credit card transactions did not have supporting documentation.

Ethics

5. One employee did not complete one hour of ethics training during the calendar year as required by R.S. 42:1170.

Prevention of Sexual Harassment

6. The City does not have its sexual harassment policy and complaint procedure posted on its website.

Management's Response:

Management concurs with the exceptions noted and is working to address the deficiencies identified.

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 from 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.

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