FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2020



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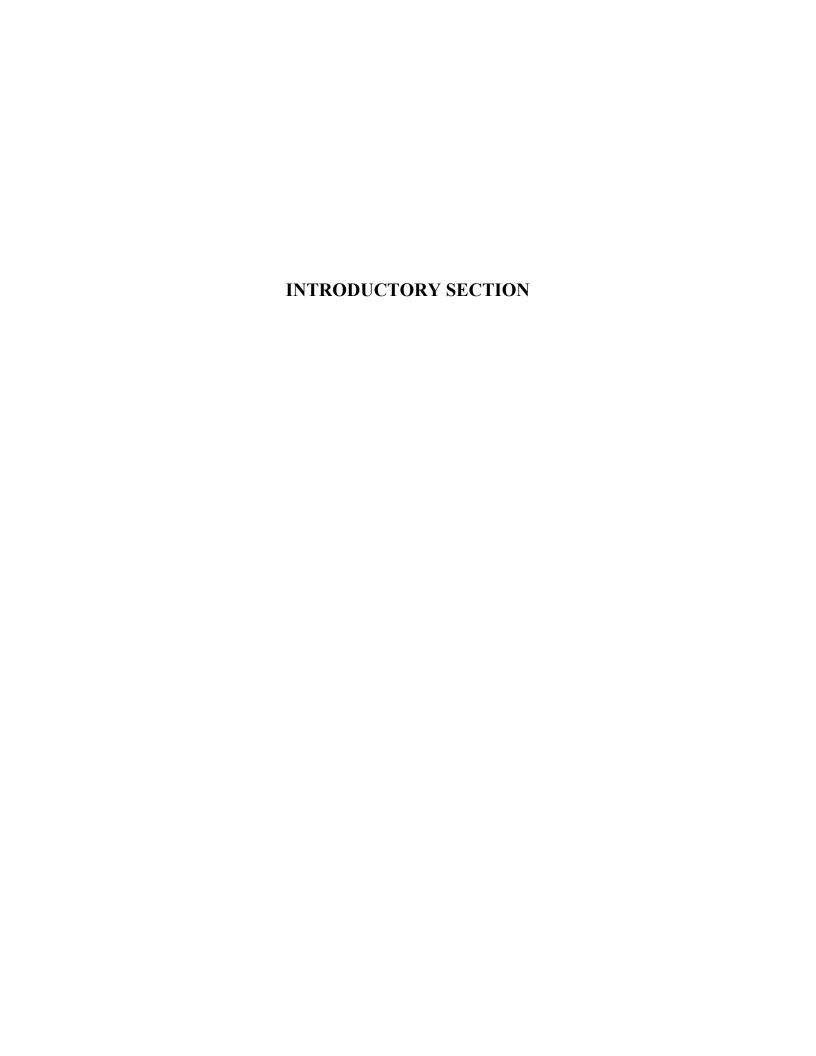
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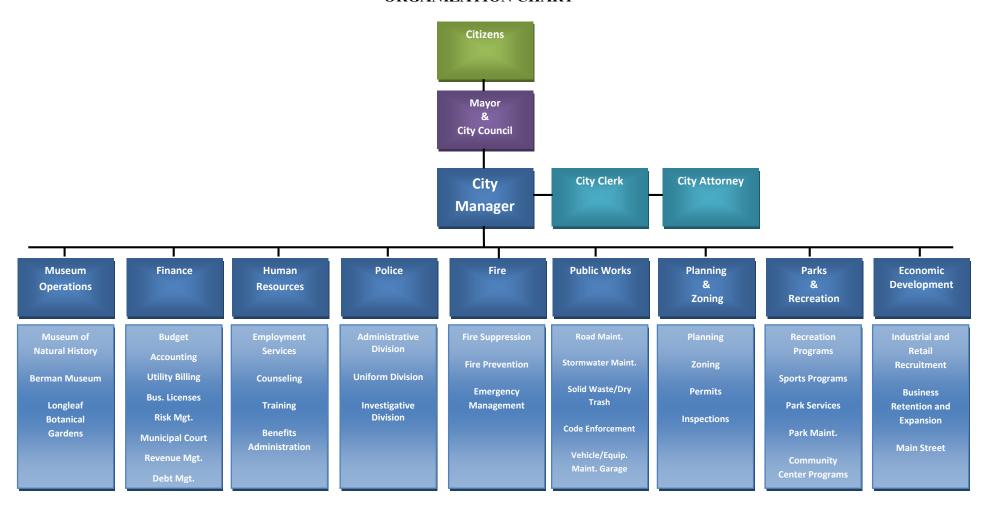
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## CITY OF ANNISTON, ALABAMA ORGANIZATION CHART



#### **City Council**

Jack Draper – Mayor Millie Harris Jay W. Jenkins Demetric D. Roberts Ciara Smith

City Manager Steven D. Folks Finance Director Julie Borrelli

### **Other City Officials**

City Attorney Bruce J. Downey IV

City Clerk Skyler Bass
City Judge James Sims

Fire Jeff Waldrep, Chief
Human Resources Bersheba Austin, Director
Museum Operations Alan Robison, Director
Parks & Recreation Frazier Burroughs, Director
Economic Development Toby Bennington, Director

Police Nick Bowles, Chief
Public Works David Arnett, Director





#### INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council City of Anniston, Alabama

#### **Report on the Financial Statements**

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 Anniston, Alabama, as of and for the year ended September 30, 2020, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the City's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

#### 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.

#### Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audit. We did not audit the financial statements of the Public Library of Anniston/Calhoun County which represents 44%, 39% and 105%, respectively, of the assets and deferred outflows of resources, net position and revenue of the discretely presented component units. We also did not audit the financial statements of the Anniston Museum Endowment Corporation, Inc., which represents 56%, 61% and (11)%, respectively, of the assets and deferred outflows of resources, net position and revenue of the discretely presented component units. Those financial statements were audited by other auditors whose report thereon has been furnished to us, and our opinion, insofar as it relates to the amounts included for Public Library of Anniston/Calhoun County and Anniston Museum Endowment Corporation, Inc. is based solely on the report of the other auditors. 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. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements 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 entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

The financial statements of The City of Anniston Board of Education, component unit requiring discrete presentation, has not been made available by other auditors as of the date of this report. Accordingly, the aggregate discretely presented component unit financial statements referred to above do not include amounts for The City of Anniston Board of Education which should be included to conform with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. The effects on the financial statements of the discretely presented component unit is not reasonably determinable.

#### **Opinions**

In our opinion, based on our audit and the reports of other auditors except for the effects of not including the financial statements of The City of Anniston Board of Education as discussed in the preceding paragraph the financial statements referred to previously present fairly, in all material respects, the 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 for the City of Anniston, Alabama, as of September 30, 2020, and the respective changes in financial position, and, where applicable, cash flows thereof and the respective budgetary comparison for the General Fund for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

#### **Other Matters**

#### Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis on pages iv through xii of the Financial Section and the required supplementary information on pages B-1 through B-5 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 and other auditors 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.

#### Other Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the City of Anniston's basic financial statements. The introductory section, combining nonmajor fund financial schedules included as other supplementary information, and the Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards, as required by the audit requirements of Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements of Federal Awards* (Uniform Guidance) are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements.

The combining nonmajor fund financial schedules and the 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 by us and other auditors. In our opinion, based on our audit, the procedures performed as described above, and the report of the other auditors, the combining nonmajor fund schedules included as other supplementary information and schedule of expenditures of federal awards are fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

The introductory section 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 it.

#### Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with Government Auditing Standards, we have also issued our report dated October 19, 2021, on our consideration of the City of Anniston's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the City of Anniston's internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with Government Auditing Standards in considering City of Anniston's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Henderson Hutcherson & McCullough, PLLC

Chattanooga, Tennessee October 19, 2021

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#### FOR THE YEAR END SEPTEMBER 30, 2020

This section of the City of Anniston's ("City") annual financial report presents our discussion and analysis of the City's financial performance during the fiscal year ended September 30, 2020. As management of the City, we encourage readers to consider the information presented here in conjunction with additional information that we have furnished in the financial statements and other supplementary information, which follow this narrative.

#### **Financial Highlights**

- The liabilities and deferred inflow of resources of the City of Anniston (primary government) exceeded its assets and deferred outflow of resources by \$20.9 million for the year ended September 30, 2020. Of the \$20.9 million in primary government deficit net position, unrestricted net position had a deficit of \$75.7 million.
- The City's total net position increased by \$13.1 million in fiscal year 2020 primarily as a result of a reduction in the City's net pension liabilities. The City's net pension liabilities were \$52 million as required by GASB 68, which is down from \$52.2 in fiscal year 2019 (See Note 8).
- At the close of the fiscal year, the City's governmental funds reported a combined ending fund balance of \$11.9 million. The combined governmental funds fund balance increased by \$1.1 million compared with the prior year. Of the \$11.9 million in fund balance, \$6.6 million is available for spending at the government's discretion (unassigned fund balance).
- The general fund ended the current year with a fund balance of \$7.6 million, up from \$6.5 million in 2019. The 2020 ending fund balance of the General Fund represents 20.9 percent of total general fund expenditures.

#### **Overview of the Financial Statements**

This discussion and analysis are intended to serve as an introduction to the City of Anniston's basic financial statements. The basic financial statements consist of three components: 1. Government-wide financial statements, 2. Fund financial statements and 3. Notes to the financial statements (see figure 1). The basic financial statements present two different views of the City through the use of government-wide statements and fund financial statements. In addition to the basic financial statements, this report contains other supplemental information that will enhance the reader's understanding of the financial condition of the City of Anniston.

#### **Government-wide Financial Statements**

The government-wide statements report information about the City as a whole using accounting methods similar to those used by private-sector companies. The statement of net position includes all of the government's assets and deferred outflows of resources and liabilities and deferred inflows of resources. All of the current year's revenues and expenses are accounted for in the statement of activities regardless of when cash is received or paid.

The government-wide financial statements of the City are divided into three categories:

Governmental Activities – Most of the City's basic services are included here such as the police, fire, public works, parks and recreation, and general administration. Sales use and property taxes; charges for services; and state and federal grants finance most of these activities. The Governmental Activities include Blended Component units.

Business-type Activities - The City charges a fee to customers to help it cover the cost of certain services it provides. The City's store at the Anniston Museum of Natural History, stormwater activities, and the activities related to the fire training center are reported here.

Component Units – The City includes other legally separate entities in its report including the Public Library of Anniston/Calhoun County and Anniston Museum Endowment Corporation. The City did not include the Anniston City Board of Education because their financial statements were not available at the time of this report. These entities are discretely presented component units, and the City is financially accountable for these entities. The City provides administrative services for the following blended component units: The Public Building Authority, Anniston Downtown Development Authority and Industrial Development Authority.

#### **Government-wide Financial Statements**

Governmental Activities and Component Units Measurement Focus: Economic Resources Accounting Basis: Accrual

#### Statement of Net Position

- +Assets
- +Deferred Outflows
- of Resources
- -Liabilities
- -Deferred Inflows of Resources
- Net Position

#### Statement of Activities

- +General Revenues
- -Net Program Expenses Change in Net Position

The statement of net position includes all of the government's assets and deferred outflows of resources and liabilities and deferred inflows of resources except fiduciary funds. The statement of activities presents information showing how the government's net position changed during the most recent fiscal year. All changes in net position are reported as soon as the underlying event giving rise to the change occurs, regardless of the timing of related cash flows.

#### **Fund Financial Statements**

The fund financial statements provide more detailed information about the City's most significant funds – not the City as a whole. Funds are accounting groups that the City uses to keep track of specific sources of funding and spending for particular purposes. Some funds are required by federal or state law while some are required by grant agreements. Other funds are established to control and manage City resources designated for specific purposes.

The City uses three types of funds:

Governmental Funds – Most of the City's basic services are included in governmental funds, which focus on (1) how cash and other financial assets that can readily be converted to cash flow into and out of the funds and (2) the balances left at year-end that are available for spending. Because the focus on governmental funds is narrower than that of the government-wide financial statements, it is useful to compare the information presented for governmental funds with similar information presented for governmental activities in the government-wide financial statements. By doing so, readers may better understand the long-term impact of the government's near-term financing decisions.

**Proprietary Funds** – The City charges customers for certain services it provides, whether to outside customers or to other divisions within the City. These services are generally reported in proprietary funds. Proprietary funds are reported in the same way that all activities are reported in the Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities. The City of Anniston maintains two types of proprietary funds: enterprise and interal service funds. The City has three enterprise funds (Museum Store, Stormwater Fees, and Fire Training) to record services for which external customers are charged a fee. Internal service funds are used to record services for which internal customers are charged a fee. The City has three of these fund types: Liability Insurance, Health Insurance, and Workers' Compensation.

Fiduciary Funds – The fiduciary fund statement reflects the financial relationship with the Policemen's and Firemen's Retirement Fund which provides benefits exclusively for certain public safety employees. The City also uses a Municipal Court fiduciary fund to account for monies that is collected on behalf of outside agencies. These funds are excluded from the City's government-wide financial statements because the City cannot use these assets to finance operations.

#### **Notes to the Financial Statements**

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

#### **Other Information**

In addition to the basic financial statements and accompanying notes, this report also presents certain supplementary information that should be considered in the evaluation of the City's financial position.

#### **Government-wide Financial Analysis**

#### **Net Position**

As noted earlier, net position may serve over time as a useful indicator of a government's financial position. In the case of the City of Anniston, liabilities and deferred inflow of resources exceeded assets and deferred outflow of resources by \$20.9 million at the close of the most recent fiscal year. Net position related to governmental activities is negative \$22.3 million, and business-type activities make up \$1.4 million of the total net position. The deficit net position is primarily a result of the recording of net pension liabilities (\$52 million).

In a condensed format, the table below shows a comparison of the net position as of the current date to the prior year:

#### Condensed Statement of Net Position As of September 30, 2020 and 2019

	Governmental Activities		Business-type Activities					
							Total	
	2020	2019		2020		2019	2020	2019
Current and other assets Capital assets, net of	\$ 16,372,968	\$ 15,350,645	\$	605,861	\$	355,434	\$ 16,978,829	\$ 15,706,079
accumulated depreciation	85,672,034	90,053,811		1,038,494		834,313	86,710,528	90,888,124
Total assets	102,045,002	105,404,456		1,644,355		1,189,747	103,689,357	106,594,203
Deferred outflow of resources	4,610,441	5,671,144		-			4,610,441	5,671,144
Current and other liabilities Long-term liabilities, net of	9,385,922	6,264,586		55,462		17,261	9,441,384	6,281,847
current portion	96,053,383	101,297,141		188,851		284,435	96,242,234	101,581,576
Total liabilities	105,439,305	107,561,727		244,313		301,696	105,683,618	107,863,423
Deferred inflows of resources	23,504,529	38,427,621		-			23,504,529	38,427,621
Net position:								
Net investment in capital	48,541,289	51,610,415		800,864		549,878	49,342,153	52,160,293
Restricted	5,051,203	5,227,895		462,073		186,257	5,513,276	5,414,152
Unrestricted	(75,880,883)	(91,752,058)		137,105		151,916	(75,743,778)	(91,600,142)
Total net position	\$ (22,288,391)	\$ (34,913,748)	\$	1,400,042	\$	888,051	\$ (20,888,349)	\$ (34,025,697)

The City's investment in capital assets less any related debt still outstanding that was issued to acquire those assets is \$49.3 million. The City of Anniston uses these capital assets to provide services to citizens; consequently, these assets are not available for future spending. Although the City's investment in its capital assets is reported net of the outstanding related debt, the resources needed to repay that debt must be provided by other sources, since the capital assets cannot be used to liquidate these liabilities. Additionally, \$5.5 million represents the balance of total net position that is subject to external or Council placed restrictions on how they may be used.

#### **Changes in Net Position**

The following table shows the changes in net position for fiscal year 2020:

# Condensed Statement of Activities For the Years Ended September 30, 2020 and 2019

	Governmental Activities		Business-type							
			 Activities			Total		tal		
_		2020	2019	 2020		2019		2020		2019
Revenue										
Program Revenue:										
Charges for services	\$	6,869,623	\$ 7,303,563	\$ 533,327	\$	582,078	\$	7,402,950	\$	7,885,641
Operating grants and										
contributions		4,918,393	4,949,715	-		-		4,918,393		4,949,715
Capital grants and										
contributions		-	-	-		-		-		-
General Revenue:										
Taxes		33,200,759	32,057,249	-		-		33,200,759		32,057,249
Licenses and permits		4,968,862	4,921,554	-		-		4,968,862		4,921,554
Interest earnings		96,095	80,550	-		-		96,095		80,550
Other revenues		378,967	239,720	-		-		378,967		239,720
Total revenue		50,432,699	49,552,351	533,327		582,078		50,966,026		50,134,429
Expenses										
General government		21,123,948	15,852,316	_		-		21,123,948		15,852,316
Judicial		453,007	488,658	-		-		453,007		488,658
Public safety		1,721,747	5,249,747	_		-		1,721,747		5,249,747
Public works		6,870,691	10,371,078	_		-		6,870,691		10,371,078
Housing and development		755,307	1,729,123	_		-		755,307		1,729,123
Public facilities		_	-	_		-		-		-
Economic development		569,280	353,189	_		-		569,280		353,189
Culture and recreation		4,487,083	5,510,827	_		-		4,487,083		5,510,827
Interest		1,582,349	1,654,900	_		-		1,582,349		1,654,900
Museum store		-	-	55,250		78,094		55,250		78,094
Stormwater		_	-	155,557		354,168		155,557		354,168
Fire Training School		_	-	60,998		54,547		60,998		54,547
Total expenses		37,563,412	41,209,838	271,805		486,809	_	37,835,217		41,696,647
Transfers		(250,469)	(435,524)	250,469		435,524		-		-
Capital contribution from other funds								-		-
Capital contribution to other funds								-		-
Gain/(Loss) on sale of assets		6,539	220,620			16,368		6,539		236,988
Change in net position	\$	12,625,357	\$ 8,127,609	\$ 511,991	\$	547,161	\$	13,137,348	\$	8,674,770

#### **Governmental Activities**

Revenues for governmental activities totaled \$50.4 million in FY 2020, which represents an increase of 22% over FY 2019. Taxes account for \$33.2 million or 65% of total revenue in 2020 and reported an increase of \$1.1 million compared to FY 2019. Licenses and permits account for \$5 million or 10% of total revenue. Charges for services accounted for \$6.9 million or 14% of total revenue in FY 2020 and reported a decrease of \$433,940 from FY 2019.

Expenses for governmental activities totaled \$37.6 million in FY 2020, which represents a decrease of \$3.6 million, or 9%, compared to FY 2019. The decrease was primarily the result of a continued decrease in expenses in Public Safety. The public safety decrease of \$3,528,000 is related to a large net change in pension related deferrals.

#### **Business-type Activities**

Revenues for business-type activities were \$533,327, which represents a decrease of 8% over FY 2019. Expenses for business-type activities totaled \$271,805 in FY 2020, which represents a decrease of 44% compared to FY 2019.

#### Financial Analysis of the City's Funds

As noted earlier, the City of Anniston uses fund accounting to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance-related legal requirements.

#### **Governmental Funds**

The focus of the City of Anniston's governmental funds is to provide information on near-term inflows, outflows, and balances of usable resources. Such information is useful in assessing the City of Anniston's financing requirements. Specifically, unassigned fund balance can be a useful measure of a government's net resources available for spending at the end of the fiscal year. The General Fund is the chief operating fund of the City of Anniston. At the end of the current fiscal year, unassigned fund balance of the general fund was \$7.4 million, compared with \$6.2 million at the end of FY 2019. As a measure of the general fund's liquidity, it represents 19% of total general fund expenditures (including transfers out) at the end of FY 2020.

# General Fund-Fund Balances For the Years Ended September 30, 2020 and 2019

	2020		2019		ange
Nonspendable	\$	263,793	\$ 325,313	\$	(61,520)
Assigned		-	-		-
Unassigned		7,398,401	6,173,971		1,224,430
<b>Total Fund Balances</b>	\$	7,662,194	\$ 6,499,284	\$	1,162,910

#### **Proprietary Funds**

The City's proprietary funds are made up of enterprise funds and internal service funds. The City's enterprise funds provide the same type of information found in the government-wide financial statements, but in more detail. The City has three enterprise funds, the Museum Store, Stormwater Fee Fund, and the Fire Training Fund (initiated in FY 2018). The net position of the enterprise funds was \$1.4 million, an increase of \$511,991 from FY 2019.

# Business Activities-Net Position For the Years Ended September 30, 2020 and 2019

	2020		2019		ange
Net Investment in Capital Assets	\$	800,864	\$ 549,878	\$	250,986
Restricted		462,073	186,257		275,816
Unrestricted		137,105	151,916		(14,811)
<b>Total Net Position</b>	\$	1,400,042	\$ 888,051	\$	511,991

In FY 2015, the City established internal service funds to accumulate and pay the costs of workers' compensation insurance, health insurance and general liability insurance. The net position of the internal service funds was \$608,829 in FY 2020, which represents an increase of \$187,726 from FY 2019.

# Internal Service Funds-Net Position For the Years Ended September 30, 2020 and 2019

	 2020		2019	Cha	nge
Restricted	\$ -	\$	-	\$	-
Unrestricted	608,829		421,103		187,726
<b>Total Net Position</b>	\$ 608,829	\$	421,103	\$	187,726

#### **General Fund Budgetary Highlights**

The City of Anniston adopts an annual appropriated budget for its general fund and other funds. A budgetary comparison statement has been provided for the general fund to demonstrate compliance with this budget.

## General Fund Budget For the Years Ended September 30, 2020

	Original	Final	Actual	Variance From Final
	Budget	Budget	Amount	Budget
Revenues	\$ 39,071,150	\$ 39,071,150	\$ 40,097,393	\$ 1,026,243
Expenditures	37,286,425	37,286,449	36,574,765	711,684
Other Sources (Uses)	(2,401,750)	(2,401,750)	(2,359,718)	) 42,032
Total	\$ (617,025)	\$ (617,049)	\$ 1,162,910	\$ 1,779,959

#### **Capital Asset and Debt Administration**

Capital Assets: The City of Anniston's investment in capital assets for its governmental activities as of September 30, 2020 totals \$85.7 million (net of accumulated depreciation) and for its business-type activities as of September 30, 2020 totals \$1 million (net of accumulated depreciation). These assets include infrastructure, buildings, land, machinery and equipment, facilities and vehicles, as well as the collection at the Anniston Museum of Natural History.

**Long-term Debt:** The long-term liabilities at September 30, 2020 totaled \$96.2 million. Of this amount, \$96.1 million relates to governmental activities and \$188,851 relates to business-type activities. Overall, the City's long-term liabilities decreased from FY2019 by \$5.3 million as a result from a decrease in the net pension liability.

Additional information about the City's long-term debt can be found in Note 7 beginning on page A-31.

#### **Economic Factors and Next Year's Budget**

There were a few changes from previous years. One of these is the decision to go forward with a full comprehensive plan for the city. Comprehensive planning is a process that determines community goals and aspirations in terms of community development. The expresses and regulates public policies on transportation, utilities, land use, recreation, and housing. Comprehensive plans typically encompass large geographical areas, a broad range of topics, and cover a long-term time horizon. The term comprehensive planning is most often used by urban planners in the United States.

While Anniston faces challenges to its economy, in recent years, there have been sizable expansions in our industrial sector. For example, and as mentioned in previous discussions, New Flyer of America, Inc. (New Flyer), one of the largest transit bus manufacturers in North America, announced a \$25 million project that included a 33,000 square foot expansion to their facility. This project also included the construction of the Vehicle Innovation Center (VIC) which houses a state-of-the-art training facility for zero-emission transit buses. According to New Flyer, the VIC is the first innovation lab in North America dedicated to the advancement of bus and coach technology.

In addition, the construction of the new \$42 million federal courthouse did begin at the end of FY2019. This project is expected to take three years to complete and will employ over 250 people during its construction. According to the economic impact study completed by Jacksonville State University, the total economic impact of this project is \$45.8 million.

Further capitalizing on the unique landscape of Anniston, the Coldwater Mountain Bike Trail is a 4,000-acre tract of land owned by the Alabama State Lands Division of the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources. Once completed, Anniston will be home to one of the premier ride centers in the country offering up to 80 miles of trails with varying levels of difficulty. Riders are already traveling to the area from all over the country with 40 miles already in service. Other changes to the landscape include the proposed expansion of Chief Ladiga Trail, upgrades to the municipal golf courses, and new horse trails on Fort McClellan.

The City adopted a FY 2021 general fund budget of \$40.3 million. The City is constantly reviewing opportunities to increase revenue, as well as reduce expenditures, by using its assets more efficiently and effectively.

In preparing the FY 2021 budget, the City considered outside factors that affect funding decisions such as state and local economic conditions, federal and state mandates, political and social environment, citizen concerns, and outside agency considerations. The following are a few key factors that were taken into account when building the budget:

- > Total revenues were conservatively budgeted with essentially no increase from the FY2020 amended budget.
- > Expenditures also remained flat compared to the FY 2020 amended budget.
- Mayor and Council approved a step, or merit, increase for employees effective October 1, 2021.
- Mayor and Council appropriated funds to cover approximately \$1.1 million in capital outlays. Funds from various sources (general fund, bank financing, stormwater, fire tax, etc.) were assigned to pay for these projects which included infrastructure improvements, vehicle replacements, technology upgrades, and facility improvements.

#### **Questions or Comments**

This financial report is designed to provide a general overview of the finances for the City of Anniston, AL.

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### STATEMENT OF NET POSITION

# **September 30, 2020**

September 30, 2020	Primary Government						
	Governmental Activities	Business-type Activities	Total Primary Government				
ASSETS							
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 6,474,868	\$ 348,129	\$ 6,822,997				
Investments	2,361,280	-	2,361,280				
Receivables, net of allowance for uncollectibles	5,340,138	27,662	5,367,800				
Internal balances	(143,760)	143,760					
Inventories	232,847	86,310	319,157				
Other assets	39,470	-	39,470				
Net pension asset	-	-	-				
Restricted assets:							
Cash and cash equivalents	2,068,125	-	2,068,125				
Investments	-	-	-				
Capital assets:							
Land and other nondepreciable assets	20,387,184	-	20,387,184				
Capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation	65,284,850	1,038,494	66,323,344				
Total assets	102,045,002	1,644,355	103,689,357				
DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES							
Deferred pension outflows	2,197,236	-	2,197,236				
Deferred OPEB outflows	1,215,108	-	1,215,108				
Deferred bond insurance cost	85,989	-	85,989				
Deferred charges on refunding	1,112,108	-	1,112,108				
Total deferred outflows of resources	4,610,441	-	4,610,441				
LIABILITIES							
Accounts payable	1,271,572	6,683	1,278,255				
Accrued and other payables	2,179,815	-	2,179,815				
Unearned revenues	172,120	-	172,120				
Long-term liabilities, due within one year	5,762,415	48,779	5,811,194				
Long-term liabilities, due in more than one year	35,098,012	188,851	35,286,863				
OPEB obligation	8,967,975	-	8,967,975				
Net pension liability	51,987,396	-	51,987,396				
Total liabilities	105,439,305	244,313	105,683,618				
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES							
Deferred pension inflows	22,742,814	_	22,742,814				
Unavailable revenue, loans	761,715	_	761,715				
Total deferred inflows of resources	23,504,529		23,504,529				
NET POSITION							
Net investment in capital assets	48,541,289	800,864	49,342,153				
Restricted for:	70,571,207	000,004	77,572,155				
Capital projects	555,675	_	555,675				
Debt service	3,475,659		3,475,659				
Judicial	143,755		143,755				
Public safety	545,858	_	545,858				
Road improvements	32,838	_	32,838				
Culture and recreation	5,257	_	5,257				
Economic and industrial development	165,376	_	165,376				
Housing and development	126,785		126,785				
Endowment fund	120,765	<u>-</u>	120,765				
Stormwater service		462,073	462,073				
Unrestricted (deficit)	(75,880,883)	137,105	(75,743,778)				
· · · · ·	\$ (22,288,391)	\$ 1,400,042	\$ (20,888,349)				
Total net position (deficit)	ψ (22,200,371)	Ψ 1,100,012	(20,000,547)				

	Compone	ent Ur	nits
Pul	blic Library		Anniston
	`Anniston/		Museum
	Calhoun		ndowment
	County		orporation
	County		orporation
Φ.	556 120	Φ.	100.606
\$	576,138	\$	108,696
	102,299		1,656,685
	3,680		-
	-		-
	-		120
	8,486		-
	133,442		_
	_		405
	_		13,805
			15,005
	30,907		19,800
			19,600
-	427,616		
	1,282,568		1,799,511
	124,177		_
	124,177		
	_		_
	-		-
	<u>-</u>		
_	124,177		
	44,755		_
	22,171		405
	22,171		403
	-		-
	-		-
	-		-
	-		-
	66,926		405
	202.450		
	203,459		-
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	203,459		
	126 252		
	436,352		-
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	-		-
	-		-
	-		-
	68,182		1,799,106
	_		-
	_		-
	102,299		_
	,		
	529,527		-
•		•	1 700 106
\$	1,136,360	\$	1,799,106

# STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

# Year ended September 30, 2020

Year ended September 30, 2020		Program Revenues					
Functions/Programs	Expenses	Charges for Services	Operating Grants and Contributions	Capital Grants and Contributions			
PRIMARY GOVERNMENT							
Governmental activities -							
General government	\$ 21,123,948	\$ 5,651,605	\$ 1,695,729	\$ -			
Judicial	453,007	316,176	-	-			
Public safety	1,721,747	29,756	1,180,036	-			
Public works	6,870,691	11,364	658,911	-			
Economic development	569,280	-	572,930	-			
Culture and recreation	4,487,083	860,722	213,708	-			
Housing and development	755,307	-	597,079	-			
Interest on debt and other expenses	1,582,349		<u>-</u>				
Total governmental activities	37,563,412	6,869,623	4,918,393				
Business-type activities -							
Museum store	55,250	61,025	-	-			
Stormwater fees	155,557	415,113	-	-			
Fire training school	60,998	57,189	<u>-</u>				
Total business-type activities	271,805	533,327	-	-			
TOTAL PRIMARY GOVERNMENT	\$ 37,835,217	\$ 7,402,950	\$ 4,918,393	\$ -			
Component units -							
Public library	\$ 1,214,634	\$ 29,089	\$ 233,276	\$ 301,750			
Museum endowment	67,502		(57,752)				
TOTAL COMPONENT UNITS	\$ 1,282,136	\$ 29,089	\$ 175,524	\$ 301,750			
	Restricted investigation Miscellaneous Gain (loss) on Carransfers	ermits  appropriations  vestment earnings					
	Change in net p	osition					
	Net position, be	eginning					

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

Net position, ending

Net (Expense) Revenue and Changes in Net Position

	rimary Governmen	evenue and Changes nt	Component Units				
Governmental Activities	Business-type Activities	Total	Public Library of Anniston/ Calhoun County	Anniston Museum Endowment Corporation			
\$ (13,776,614) (136,831) (511,955)	\$ - -	\$ (13,776,614) (136,831) (511,955)	\$ -	\$ -			
(6,200,416) 3,650	-	(6,200,416) 3,650	-	-			
(3,412,653) (158,228)	-	(3,412,653) (158,228)	-	-			
(1,582,349) (25,775,396)		(1,582,349) (25,775,396)					
-	5,775	5,775	-	-			
	259,556 (3,809) 261,522	259,556 (3,809) 261,522	- 	<del>-</del>			
(25,775,396)	261,522	(25,513,874)					
-	-	-	(650,519)	(125.254)			
			(650,519)	(125,254) (125,254)			
23,900,874	-	23,900,874	-	-			
5,279,086 726,788 3,294,011	-	5,279,086 726,788 3,294,011	-	- -			
4,968,862	- - -	4,968,862	671,402	- - -			
96,095	-	96,095	5,235 (1,760)	-			
378,967 6,539 (250,469)	- - 250,469	378,967 6,539	15,812	-			
38,400,753	250,469	38,651,222	690,689				
12,625,357	511,991	13,137,348	40,170	(125,254)			
(34,913,748) \$ (22,288,391)	\$88,051 \$1,400,042	(34,025,697) \$ (20,888,349)	1,096,190 \$ 1,136,360	1,924,360 \$ 1,799,106			

## BALANCE SHEET GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS

# **September 30, 2020**

September 50, 2020				
				Public
		C 1		Building
ASSETS		General		Authority
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	2,597,420	\$	
Investments	Φ	1,795,679	Ф	-
Receivables, net of allowance for uncollectibles:		1,795,079		-
Taxes		1,986,863		_
Accounts receivables		1,036,149		
Notes		1,030,149		-
Due from other funds		2,299,885		
Due from other governments		245,832		-
Prepaid expenses		30,946		-
Inventories		232,847		-
		232,647		2,068,125
Restricted cash	ф.	10.225 (21	Φ.	
Total assets	\$	10,225,621	\$	2,068,125
LIABILITIES				
Accounts payable	\$	724,829	\$	_
Accrued liabilities		1,331,149		_
Other payables		6,240		_
Due to other funds		472,654		164,081
Unearned revenue		28,555		, -
Total liabilities		2,563,427		164,081
		2,303,127		101,001
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES				
Unavailable revenue, loans		<u>-</u>		
Total deferred inflows of resources		<u> </u>		
FUND BALANCES				
Nonspendable				
Prepaid expenses		30,946		-
Inventories		232,847		-
Restricted for:				
Capital projects		-		-
Debt service		-		1,904,044
Judicial		-		-
Public safety		-		-
Road improvements		-		-
Culture and recreation		_		-
Economic and industrial development		-		-
Housing and development		_		-
Unassigned		7,398,401		_
Total fund balances		7,662,194		1,904,044
Total liabilities, deferred inflows of resources,				
fund balances	\$	10,225,621	\$	2,068,125
rana varances	Ψ	10,223,021	Ψ	2,000,123

C	McCellan Compact Construction		Debt Service	Special Orug Task Force	Non-Major Governmental Funds		G	Total overnmental Funds
\$	-	\$	1,746,771	\$ -	\$	2,127,237 565,601	\$	6,471,428 2,361,280
	_		_	_		_		1,986,863
	_		_	_		462,110		1,498,259
	_		_	_		787,438		787,438
	555,542		_	583,210		906,208		4,344,845
	86,092		_	371,794		363,861		1,067,579
	-		_	-		7,358		38,304
	-		_	-		-		232,847
	_			 		<u>-</u>		2,068,125
\$	641,634	\$	1,746,771	\$ 955,004	\$	5,219,813	\$	20,856,968
\$	-	\$	-	\$ -	\$	148,543	\$	873,372
	-		-	-		-		1,331,149
	-		-	-		282,579		288,819
	615,671		175,156	974,980		3,088,454		5,490,996
				 				28,555
	615,671		175,156	 974,980		3,519,576		8,012,891
	<u>-</u>		<u>-</u>	 <u>-</u>		905,280		905,280
				 		905,280		905,280
	-		-	-		7,358		38,304
	-		-	-		-		232,847
	-		-	-		555,675		555,675
	-		1,571,615	-		-		3,475,659
	-		-	-		143,721		143,721
	-		-	-		545,858		545,858
	-		-	-		32,838		32,838
	-		-	-		5,257		5,257
	-		-	-		165,376		165,376
	-		-	(10.07.0		126,785		126,785
	25,963		1 571 615	 (19,976)		(787,911)		6,616,477
	25,963		1,571,615	 (19,976)		794,957		11,938,797
\$	641,634	\$	1,746,771	\$ 955,004	\$	5,219,813	\$	20,856,968

# RECONCILIATION OF THE BALANCE SHEET OF GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS TO THE STATEMENT OF NET POSITION

#### **September 30, 2020**

Differences in amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of net position on pages A-1 and A-2:

F8			
Fund balances – total governmental funds		\$	11,938,797
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of net position are different because:			
Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and therefore are not reported in the funds.			85,672,034
The internal service fund is used by management to charge the costs of fleet management and risk management activities to individual funds. The assets and liabilities of the internal service fund are included in governmental activities in the statement of net position.			608,829
Contributions to pension plans made after the measurement date are recorded as expenditures in governmental funds but must be deferred in the statement of net position. In addition, certain amounts related to the net pension liability are deferred and amortized over time. These are not reported in the funds.			
Contribution to pension plans - ERS	\$ 494,659		
Experience loss - pension plans - ERS	252,738		
Assumption change loss - pension plans - ERS	276,833		
Earnings variance - pension plans - ERS	(988,575)		35,655
Earnings variance - pension plans - EKS	(988,373)		33,033
Certain amounts related to the net pension liability are deferred and amortized over time.			
These are not reported in the funds.			
Experience gain - pension plans - P&F	3,392		
Assumption change gain - pension plans - P&F	(20,337,422)		
Earnings variance - pension plans - P&F	(247,203)		(20,581,233)
Certain amounts related to other post employment benefits are deferred			
and amortized over time. These are not reported in the funds.			
Experience difference between expected and actual - OPEB			1,215,108
Experience difference between expected and actual OTEB			1,213,100
The City's other post-employment benefit plan has not been fully funded. This OPEB			
obligation is considered a long-term obligation and is not reported in the funds.			(8,967,975)
Net pension liabilities are not due and payable in the current period and are not reported			
in the funds:	(0.452.770)		
General pension	(8,453,778)		(51.005.006)
Police and fire pension	(43,533,618)		(51,987,396)
Long-term liabilities are not due and payable in the current period and are not reported in the funds. All liabilities, both due in one year and due in more than one year, are reported in the statement of net position. These consist of:			
General obligation bonds	(35,896,000)		
Unamortized issue discounts (premium)	(86,177)		
Add deferred bond insurance cost	85,989		
Add deferred charges on refunding	1,112,108		
Capital leases	(1,234,745)		
Settlement payable	(360,141)		
Compensated absences	(3,283,364)		
Accrued interest payable	(559,880)		(40,222,210)
Accided interest phydore	(337,000)		(10,222,210)
		Φ	(22 200 201)

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

Net position of governmental activities

\$ (22,288,391)

# STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS

# Year end September 30, 2020

	General	Public Building Authority
REVENUES	General	rumorny
Taxes	\$ 31,980,374	\$ -
Licenses and permits	5,010,247	-
Intergovernmental	352,161	1,261,835
Charges for services	2,190,277	-
Fines and forfeitures	299,291	-
Contributions and donations	40,348	-
Investment income	4,827	16,593
Other revenue	219,868	<u> </u>
Total revenues	40,097,393	1,278,428
EXPENDITURES		
Current		
General government	11,680,793	-
Judicial	452,859	-
Public safety	14,231,770	-
Public works	6,199,048	-
Economic development	305,401	-
Culture and recreation	3,704,894	-
Housing and development	-	-
Capital outlay	-	-
Debt service -		
Principal	-	980,000
Interest and fiscal charges	<del>_</del>	872,739
Total expenditures	36,574,765	1,852,739
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES		
OVER EXPENDITURES	3,522,628	(574,311)
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)		
Proceeds from sale of assets	6,539	-
Capital lease issued	-	-
Transfers in	484,733	562,540
Transfers out	(2,850,990)	
Total financing sources (uses)	(2,359,718)	562,540
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCES	1,162,910	(11,771)
Fund balance, beginning	6,499,284	1,915,815
Fund balance, ending	\$ 7,662,194	\$ 1,904,044

(	McClellan Compact Construction		Debt Service	Special Drug Task Force		Non-Major Governmental Funds		Total overnmental Funds
\$	-	\$	-	\$ -	\$	1,220,385	\$	33,200,759
	-		-	-		-		5,010,247
	485,695		-	183,069		2,232,233		4,514,993
	-		-	-		189,256		2,379,533
	-		-	-		46,641		345,932
	-		-	-		110,227		150,575
	-		53	-		74,622		96,095
				 		46,130		265,998
	485,695		53	 183,069		3,919,494		45,964,132
	-		-	-		-		11,680,793
	-		-	-		148		453,007
	-		-	585,966		1,144,788		15,962,524
	260,472		-	-		521,475		6,980,995
	-		-	-		264,106		569,507
	-		-	-		1,048,670		4,753,564
	-		-	-		755,236		755,236
	-		-	-		681,230		681,230
	124,000		668,959	-		280,000		2,052,959
	69,640		447,801	-		147,722		1,537,902
	454,112	_	1,116,760	 585,966		4,843,375		45,427,717
	31,583		(1,116,707)	 (402,897)		(923,881)		536,415
	_		_	_		_		6,539
	_		751,990	_		_		751,990
	193,640		1,118,043	426,794		1,797,833		4,583,583
	-		(973,493)	-		(933,176)		(4,757,659)
	193,640		896,540	426,794		864,657		584,453
	225,223		(220,167)	23,897		(59,224)		1,120,868
	(199,260)		1,791,782	 (43,873)		854,181		10,817,929
\$	25,963	\$	1,571,615	\$ (19,976)	\$	794,957	\$	11,938,797

# RECONCILIATION OF THE STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES OF GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS TO THE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

#### Year ended September 30, 2020

Differences in amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of activities on page A-3 and A-4:

Net change in fund balances – total governmental funds \$ 1,120,868

Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of activities are different because:

Capital outlay reported as expenditures in the governmental funds, that meet the capitalization threshold are shown as capital assets in the statement of net position.

1,324,687

Depreciation expense on governmental capital assets are included in the statement of activities. (5,630,071)

The issuance of long-term debt provides current financial resources to governmental funds, while the repayment of principal of long-term debt consumes the current financial resources of governmental funds. Neither transaction, however, has any effect on net position. This amount is the net effect of these differences in the treatment of long-term debt and related items.

Capital lease additions\$ (751,990)Principal repayments2,064,643Settlement expense360,142Change in accrued interest payable(356)Amortization(56,131)1,616,308

Net income of the internal service fund are reported with governmental activities. 187,726

The net effect of various transactions involving capital assets is to decrease net position. (76,393)

Certain items reported in the statement of activities do not require the use of current financial resources and are not reported as expenditures in the governmental funds. This item consists of:

Change in compensated absences 70,933

Change in net pension liability and related deferrals - P&F 14,166,002

Change in net pension liability and related deferrals - ERS (202,060)

Change in OPEB liability and related deferrals 47,357 14,082,232

Change in net position of governmental activities \$ 12,625,357

# STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES - BUDGET AND ACTUAL GENERAL FUND

# Year ended September 30, 2020

	Budget	Amounts		Variance with Final Budget		
	Original	Final	Actual			
DEVENIUM						
REVENUES	£ 20.027.000	¢ 20.027.000	¢ 21,000,274	¢ 1.042.274		
Taxes	\$ 30,937,000	\$ 30,937,000	\$ 31,980,374	\$ 1,043,374		
Licenses and permits Intergovernmental	4,824,750 340,500	4,824,750 340,500	5,010,247 352,161	185,497 11,661		
	,		*			
Charges for services Fines and forfeitures	2,562,100 317,000	2,562,100 317,000	2,190,277 299,291	(371,823)		
Contributions and donations	•	•	*	(17,709)		
Investment income	65,000 500	65,000 500	40,348 4,827	(24,652) 4,327		
Other revenue	24,300	24,300	219,868	195,568		
Total revenues	39,071,150	39,071,150	40,097,393	1,026,243		
EXPENDITURES General Government						
Finance	905,050	905,050	837,966	67,084		
Food service	542,300	542,300	505,691	36,609		
General division	504,550	504,550	608,285	(103,735)		
City Council	199,350	199,350	182,021	17,329		
Planning	-	-	(368)	368		
Non-departmental	6,870,000	6,870,000	7,150,240	(280,240)		
Outside agencies	2,392,500	2,392,500	2,396,958	(4,458)		
5	11,413,750	11,413,750	11,680,793	(267,043)		
Judicial						
Municipal court	472,250	472,250	452,859	19,391		
Public Safety						
Police administration	7,876,858	7,876,858	8,022,107	(145,249)		
Selective traffic enforcement	41,588	41,588	49,484	(7,896)		
Community traffic safety	222,054	222,054	264,216	(42,162)		
Police detention	70,000	70,000	67,269	2,731		
Fire	6,020,000	6,020,000	5,828,694	191,306		
	14,230,500	14,230,500	14,231,770	(1,270)		

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# STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES - BUDGET AND ACTUAL GENERAL FUND

# Year ended September 30, 2020

	Budget Ar	nounts		Variance with Final
	Original	Final	Actual	Budget
(Continued from previous page)				
Public Works				
Administration	353,500	353,500	198,595	154,905
Cemetery	86,200	86,200	84,681	1,519
Engineering	202,500	202,500	272,715	(70,215)
Garage	249,225	249,225	228,099	21,126
Environmental services	1,206,000	1,206,000	1,202,238	3,762
Street	2,844,200	2,844,200	2,506,289	337,911
Anniston metro airport	127,025	127,025	153,441	(26,416)
Building maintenance	1,532,000	1,532,000	1,323,028	208,972
Code enforcement	282,900	282,900	229,962	52,938
	6,883,550	6,883,550	6,199,048	684,502
E				
Economic development	216,000	216 000	205 401	10.500
Economic development	316,000	316,000	305,401	10,599
Culture and Recreation				
Administration	341,950	341,950	174,471	167,479
Publicity	8,000	8,000	2,185	5,815
Senior adult	341,000	341,000	319,582	21,418
Special events	25,000	25,000	19,640	5,360
Youth services	93,000	93,000	83,589	9,411
PARD Carver Community	164,250	164,250	136,938	27,312
PARD City Meeting	-	-	(424)	424
PARD Hodges Community	127,000	127,000	119,133	7,867
PARD South Highland	141,450	141,450	149,765	(8,315)
PARD Wiggins Community	112,000	112,000	111,565	435
PARD Carver Pool	13,750	13,750	2,154	11,596
PARD Washington Pool	16,400	16,400	3,240	13,160
PARD Good Choices	24,000	24,000	25,792	(1,792)
PARD The Hill Golf Club	150,450	150,450	152,189	(1,739)
PARD Motor Pool	10,000	10,000	8,371	1,629
PARD Cane Creek	217,250	217,250	208,034	9,216
PARD Course Maintenance	384,025	384,049	304,371	79,678
PARD Aquatics Center	707,900	707,900	961,113	(253,213)
PARD Truman Gym	-	-	50	(50)
The Downtown Market	19,000	19,000	22,259	(3,259)

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# STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES - BUDGET AND ACTUAL GENERAL FUND

# Year ended September 30, 2020

				Variance
	Budget A	Amounts		with Final
	Original	Final	Actual	Budget
(Continued from previous page)				
Youth Sports Complex	417,000	417,000	335,767	81,233
Parks	572,950	572,950	538,299	34,651
Baseball	12,000	12,000	4,964	7,036
Basketball	21,000	21,000	12,386	8,614
Soccer	41,500	41,500	1,807	39,693
Football	9,500	9,500	7,043	2,457
Softball - Woodland	<u>-</u> _		611	(611)
	3,970,375	3,970,399	3,704,894	265,505
Total expenditures	37,286,425	37,286,449	36,574,765	711,684
Excess of revenues over expenditures	1,784,725	1,784,701	3,522,628	1,737,927
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)				
Proceeds from sale of assets	25,000	25,000	6,539	(18,461)
Transfers in	362,700	362,700	484,733	122,033
Transfers out	(2,789,450)	(2,789,450)	(2,850,990)	(61,540)
Total financing sources (uses)	(2,401,750)	(2,401,750)	(2,359,718)	42,032
Net change in fund balances	\$ (617,025)	\$ (617,049)	1,162,910	\$ 1,779,959
FUND BALANCES, beginning			6,499,284	
FUND BALANCES, ending			\$ 7,662,194	

# STATEMENT OF NET POSITION PROPRIETARY FUNDS

# **September 30, 2020**

September 30, 2020									C
	Business-type Activities - Enterprise Funds								Governmental Activities
	Museum		• • •			e Training	Luiiv	45	Internal Service
		Store	2.	Fees		School		Total	Fund
ASSETS									
Current assets:									
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	100,224	\$	247,905	\$	-	\$	348,129	3,439
Inventories		86,310		-		-		86,310	-
Due from other funds		-		188,878		-		188,878	2,024,783
Due from other governments		-		27,162		500		27,662	-
Prepaid expenses							_		1,166
Total current assets		186,534		463,945		500	_	650,979	2,029,388
Noncurrent assets:									
Property and equipment		_		498,466		743,389		1,241,855	-
Less accumulated depreciation		-		(189,392)		(13,969)		(203,361)	-
Net capital assets				309,074		729,420		1,038,494	
Total assets		186,534		773,019		729,920		1,689,473	2,029,388
LIABILITIES									
Current liabilities:									
Accounts payable		4,756		1,872		55		6,683	398,167
Due to other funds		42,959		_		2,159		45,118	1,022,392
Capital leases payable, current		-		48,779		-		48,779	-
Total liabilities		47,715		50,651		2,214		100,580	1,420,559
Long-term liabilities:									
Capital leases payable, noncurrent		-		188,851		-		188,851	-
Total long-term liabilities				188,851				188,851	
Total liabilities		47,715		239,502		2,214		289,431	1,420,559
NET POSITION									
Net investment in capital assets		-		71,444		729,420		800,864	-
Restricted for stormwater service		-		462,073		-		462,073	-
Unrestricted		138,819				(1,714)		137,105	608,829
Total net position	\$	138,819	\$	533,517	\$	727,706	\$	1,400,042	\$ 608,829

# STATEMENT REVENUES, EXPENSES, AND CHANGES IN NET POSITION PROPRIETARY FUNDS

### Year ended September 30, 2020

_	ъ.			r 1	Governmental
	Museum	Stormwater	ities - Enterprise I Fire Training	runds	Activities Internal Service
	Store	Fees	School	Total	Fund
OPERATING REVENUES	Store	Trees	School	Total	Tulid
Sales	\$ 57,177	\$ -	\$ 57,189	\$ 114,366	\$ 4,175,000
Stormwater fees	Φ 37,177	415,113	\$ 57,107	415,113	\$ 4,175,000 -
Other	3,848	-	_	3,848	113,477
Other				3,010	
Total operating revenues	61,025	415,113	57,189	533,327	4,288,477
OPERATING EXPENSES					
Salaries and wages	21,442	-	-	21,442	-
Professional and contractual services	-	79,930	41,800	121,730	172,198
Supplies and purchased goods	33,808	562	3,734	38,104	-
Insurance	-	-	-	-	3,928,553
Depreciation	-	63,065	13,969	77,034	-
Other			1,495	1,495	
Total operating expenses	55,250	143,557	60,998	259,805	4,100,751
OPERATING INCOME (LOSS)	5,775	271,556	(3,809)	273,522	187,726
NONOPERATING (REVENUE) EXPENSES	S				
Interest expense		12,000		12,000	
Total nonoperating (revenue) expenses		12,000	<del>-</del>	12,000	
INCOME (LOSS) BEFORE TRANSFERS	5,775	259,556	(3,809)	261,522	187,726
Capital contribution	_	_	76,393	76,393	-
Transfers in	_	-	196,276	196,276	_
Transfers out	(5,000)		(17,200)	(22,200)	
CHANGE IN NET POSITION	775	259,556	251,660	511,991	187,726
NET POSITION, beginning	138,044	273,961	476,046	888,051	421,103
NET POSITION, ending	\$ 138,819	\$ 533,517	\$ 727,706	\$1,400,042	\$ 608,829

# STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS PROPRIETARY FUNDS

# Year ended September 30, 2020

Tear ended September 30, 2020					Governmental		
	Busin	ness-type Activi	Funds	Activities			
	Museum	Stormwater	Fire Training		Internal Service		
	Store	Fees	School	Total	Fund		
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES							
Receipts from customers and users	\$ 65,654	\$ 228,562	\$ 74,820	\$ 369,036	\$ 4,046,821		
Payments to employees	(21,442)	-	-	(21,442)	-		
Payments for goods and services	(33,083)	(92,815)	(49,074)	(174,972)	(4,046,821)		
Net cash from operating activities	11,129	135,747	25,746	172,622			
CASH FLOWS FROM NONCAPITAL FINANCING ACTIVITIES Transfers in from other funds	_	-	196,276	196,276	-		
Transfers out to other funds	(5,000)	_	(17,200)	(22,200)	_		
Net cash from noncapital financing							
activities	(5,000)		179,076	174,076	<u>-</u>		
CASH FLOWS FROM CAPITAL AND RELATED FINANCING ACTIVITIES Principal paid on capital lease obligations		(46,805)		(46,805)			
Interest paid on capital lease obligations	_	(12,000)	_	(12,000)	_		
Acquisition of capital assets	_	(12,000)	(204,822)	(204,822)	_		
Net cash flows used on capital and related financing activities		(58,805)	(204,822)	(263,627)			
Net increase (decrease) in cash and							
cash equivalents	6,129	76,942		83,071	<u>-</u>		
	04.005	170.062		265.059	2 420		
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of year	94,095	170,963	<u>-</u>	265,058	3,439		
Cash and cash equivalents, end of year	\$ 100,224	\$ 247,905	\$ -	\$ 348,129	\$ 3,439		
RECONCILIATION OF OPERATING INCOME TO NET CASH PROVIDED BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES							
OPERATING INCOME (LOSS)	\$ 5,775	\$ 271,556	\$ (3,809)	\$ 273,522	\$ 187,726		
ADJUSTMENTS NOT AFFECTING CASH Depreciation expense (Increase) decrease in:	-	63,065	13,969	77,034	-		
Inventories	(3,065)	_	_	(3,065)	_		
Due from other funds	-	(188,878)	-	(188,878)	(1,267,186)		
Due from other governments	-	2,941	4,367	7,308	-		
Prepaid expenses	-	-	-	-	13,815		
Increase (decrease) in:							
Accounts payable	3,790	(12,323)	(2,045)	(10,578)	40,115		
Due to other funds	4,629	(614)	13,264	17,279	1,025,530		
Total adjustments	5,354	(135,809)	29,555	(100,900)	(187,726)		
Net cash from operating activities	\$ 11,129	\$ 135,747	\$ 25,746	\$ 172,622	\$ -		

# STATEMENT OF NET POSITION FIDUCIARY FUNDS

# **September 30, 2020**

	N	Municipal		
ASSETS		Court	Kei	irement Fund
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	100,493	\$	580,284
Receivables	Ψ	100,475	Ψ	300,204
Contribution receivable		_		364,919
Accounts receivable		_		49,734
Investments at fair value:				15,751
U.S. Government obligations		_		3,931,835
Municipal obligations		_		340,857
Corporate bonds		_		4,447,939
International obligations		_		118,248
Domestic equity securities		-		14,418,141
International equity securities		-		602,210
Collective investment fund		=		6,806,737
Farmland		=		1,581,938
Real estate		-		1,692,251
Total assets		100,493		34,935,093
LIABILITIES				
Accounts payable		36,782		39,873
Due to other governments		63,711		_
Total liabilities		100,493		39,873
NET POSITION				
Net position restricted for pension benefits	\$		\$	34,895,220

# **CITY OF ANNISTON, ALABAMA**

# STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET POSITION FIDUCIARY FUND

# Year ended September 30, 2020

•	Policeman's and
	Fireman's
	Retirement fund
ADDITIONS	<u> </u>
Contributions:	
Employer contributions	\$ 4,290,280
Employee contributions	1,030,127
Total contributions	5,320,407
Investment earnings	
Interest	282,157
Dividends	259,817
Miscellaneous	46,659
Net appreciation in fair value of investments	1,436,875
Less: investment expenses	(121,621)
Net investment earnings	1,903,887
Total additions	7,224,294
DEDUCTIONS	
Administrative expenses	181,745
Benefits paid directly to participants	6,021,780
Total deductions	6,203,525
NET INCREASE IN NET POSITION	1,020,769
Net position, beginning	33,874,451
Net position, ending	\$ 34,895,220

# CITY OF ANNISTON, ALABAMA

# NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

# **SEPTEMBER 30, 2020**

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# CITY OF ANNISTON, ALABAMA

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

**SEPTEMBER 30, 2020** 

#### NOTE 1 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

# **The Reporting Entity**

The City of Anniston, Alabama (the "City") was incorporated in 1883 under Alabama law. The City is governed under the Council / Manager form of government with a City Council consisting of five council members elected for concurrent terms of four years. One council member is elected at large by the qualified voters of the City and has the title of Mayor. The City Manager is appointed by the Council and has full administrative authority for the operations of the City. The City provides services to its citizens including police and fire protection, public works, parks and recreation facilities, and general administrative services.

As required by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP), the accompanying basic financial statements include all the funds and the account groups relevant to the operations of the City.

# **Discretely Presented Component Units**

The Anniston City Board of Education

The Anniston City Board of Education (Board) is the governing board for the City School System. Eligible voters in the City elect the members of the Board. The City schools are fiscally dependent upon the City since the Board cannot issue bonded debt directly. The bonded debt must be issued through the City which the Council must approve. The financial statements of The Anniston City Board of Education were not available from other auditors in time for inclusion in this report.

Although required by GAAP, the financial statements of The Anniston City Board of Education were not available in time for inclusion, as previously mentioned. Complete financial statements of The Anniston City Board of Education can be obtained from their administrative offices at 4804 McClellan Blvd., Anniston, Alabama 36206.

The Public Library of Anniston and Calhoun County

The Public Library of Anniston and Calhoun County (Library) receives a substantial amount of financial support from the City; however, they do not approve the Library's operations and capital budgets. The members of the governing board are appointed by the City of Anniston and Calhoun County Commission. These audited financial statements are located at Anniston City Hall.

The Anniston Museum Endowment Corporation

The Anniston Museum Endowment Corporation (Corporation) exists due to its relationship with the Anniston Museum of Natural History, which is a department of the City; however, the City does not fiscally support its operations or capital budgets. The entity's year end is June 30, 2020. The Corporation's sole mission is to support the Anniston Museum of Natural History. These audited financial statements are located at Anniston City Hall.

# **Blended Component Units**

The Anniston Public Building Authority

The Anniston Public Building Authority (Authority) was established to account for the construction and ongoing maintenance of City buildings. The Authority is fiscally dependent upon the City since the Authority cannot issue bonded debt directly. The bonded debt must be issued through the City which the Council must approve. Separate financial statements are not prepared, as the blended component unit is recorded as a special revenue fund.

## **Blended Component Units** (Continued)

The Anniston Downtown Development Authority

The Anniston Downtown Development Authority (Authority) was established to promote the economic development of the City's downtown area. The Authority's Board of Directors is appointed by the City Council. The City provides administrative services for the Authority. Separate financial statements are not prepared, as the blended component unit is recorded as a special revenue fund.

The Industrial Development Authority

The Industrial Development Authority (Authority) was established to assist the City in promoting economic development for the City. The Authority's Board of Directors is appointed by the City Council. The City provides administrative services for the Authority. Separate financial statements are not prepared, as the blended component unit is recorded as a special revenue fund.

# **Basic Financial Statements**

# The Basic Financial Statements consist of the following:

- 1) Government-wide financial statements;
- 2) Fund financial statements;
- 3) Notes to the basic financial statements.

#### **Government-wide Financial Statements**

The Government-wide Financial Statements consist of the statement of net position and the statement of activities and report information on all of the non-fiduciary activities of the Primary Government (governmental activities and business-type activities). The City reports capital assets in the government-wide statement of net position and reports depreciation expense – the cost of "using up" capital assets – in the statement of activities.

Governmental activities are normally supported by taxes and intergovernmental revenues. The governmental activities of the City include general government, public safety (police and fire), public works, public welfare, culture and recreation and general administrative support services.

The statement of activities reports expenses and revenues in a format that focuses on the cost of each of the City's functions, e.g., public safety, public works, etc. The expense of individual functions is compared to the revenue generated directly by the function. Direct expenses are those that are clearly identifiable with a specific function. The types of transactions reported as program revenues for the City are reported in three specific categories: 1) charges for services, 2) operating grants and contributions, and 3) capital grants and contributions. Charges for services include revenues from customers or applicants who purchase, use, or directly benefit from goods, services, or privileges provided by a given function. Grants and contributions include revenues restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular function. Taxes and other items not included among program revenues are reported instead as general revenues.

# **Fund Financial Statements**

The fund financial statements provide information about the government's funds, including its blended component units. Separate statements for each fund category – governmental and proprietary – are presented. The emphasis of fund financial statements is on major governmental and enterprise funds, each displayed in a separate column. All remaining governmental funds are aggregated and reported as nonmajor funds.

The City reports the following major governmental funds:

The *General Fund* is the government's primary operating fund. It accounts for all financial resources of the City, except those required to be accounted for in another fund.

# Fund Financial Statements (Continued)

The *Public Building Authority Fund* facilitates the construction and financing of major facilities for lease to the City funded by building revenue bonds.

The McClellan Compact Construction Fund accounts for the collection of federal grant money and revenues that are restricted for capital projects within the City.

The *Debt Service Fund* accounts for the repayment of principal and interest on the City's outstanding bond issues and other debt obligations of the City.

The Special Drug Task Force Fund accounts for grant funds provided to aid in the fight against illegal drugs.

Additionally, the City reports the following other fund types:

Special Revenue Funds account for the proceeds of specific revenue sources that are legally restricted to expenditures for specified purpose.

*Enterprise Funds* account for the activities of business-type activities where charges for services are collected and expected to cover the related operational expenses of the fund.

The *Internal Service Fund* is used to account for the City's insurance costs, including employee health, worker's compensation, and general liability.

The Capital Improvement Fund accounts for the acquisition and construction of major facilities funded by City operations.

Fiduciary Fund Type:

The Agency Fund is used to account for the collection and disbursement of monies by the City Municipal Court, such as traffic fines.

The *Policemen's and Firemen's Retirement Fund* accounts for assets held by the City as an agent or trustee to be invested and expended in accordance with the conditions of the trustee capacity. The City uses this fund to account for the assets of the defined benefit plan.

During the course of operations, the government has activity between funds for various purposes. Any residual balances outstanding at year end are reported as due from/to other funds. While these balances are reported in the fund financial statements, certain eliminations are made in preparation of the government-wide financial statements. Balances between the funds included in governmental activities are eliminated so that only the net amount is included in internal balances in the governmental activities' column.

Similarly, balances between the funds included in business-type activities (i.e., the enterprise funds) are eliminated so that only the net amount is included as internal balances in the business-type activities column. Further, certain activity occurs during the year involving transfers of resources between funds. In fund financial statements, these amounts are reported at gross amounts as transfers in/out. While reported in fund financial statements, certain eliminations are made in the preparation of the government-wide financial statements. Transfers between the funds included in governmental activities are eliminated so that only the net amount is included as transfers in the governmental activities' column. Similarly, balances between the funds included in business-type activities are eliminated so that only the net amount is included as transfers in the business-type activities column.

# Measurement Focus, Basis of Accounting and Financial Statement Presentation

Government-wide financial statements are reported using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting, as are the fiduciary fund financial statements, although the agency fund (municipal court fund) has no measurement focus. Under the accrual basis, revenue is recognized when earned and expenses are recognized when a liability is incurred, regardless of the timing of related cash flows. Property taxes are recognized as revenue in the year for which they are levied. Grants and similar items are recognized as revenue as soon as all eligibility requirements imposed by the provider have been met.

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

Property taxes, state and local sales taxes, licenses, and interest associated with the current fiscal period are all considered to be susceptible to accrual and have been recognized as revenues of the current fiscal period. Only the portion of special assessments receivable within the current fiscal period are considered to be susceptible to accrual as revenue of the current period. All other revenue items are considered to be available only when cash is received by the City.

*Proprietary, agency, and the pension trust funds* are reported using the economic resources measurements focus and the accrual basis of accounting.

Proprietary funds distinguish operating revenues and expenses from non-operating items. Operating revenues and expenses generally result from providing services and producing and delivering goods in connection with the proprietary funds' principal ongoing operations. The principal operating revenues of the City's enterprise funds are charges to customers for sales and services. Operating expenses for enterprise funds include cost of sales and services, administrative expenses, and depreciation on capital assets. All revenues and expenses not meeting this definition are reported as non-operating revenues and expenses.

# **Use of Estimates in the Preparation of Financial Statements**

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 expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

# **Budgets and Budgetary Accounting**

Formal budgets are adopted by the Mayor and City Council as a management control device during the year for the general fund. Other governmental funds contain restricted resources, which are mandated by third parties. Therefore, management has not established formal budgets for the special revenue and capital projects funds.

Expenditures may not legally exceed budgeted appropriations at the fund level. Budgetary integration is employed as a management tool during the fiscal year, and the budget is amended, as necessary, to meet changing needs. Council approves departmental budgets. Transfers between departments and any revisions in the total appropriation must be approved by the Mayor and City Council. Unused appropriations for any of the annual fund's lapse at the end of the year.

As of September 30, 2020, General Fund expenditures exceeded budgeted appropriations within the general government function by \$267,042 and the public safety function by \$1,270.

## **Cash and Cash Equivalents**

For purposes of reporting cash flows, the City considers demand deposits and all highly liquid investments with a maturity of three months or less when purchased to be cash equivalents.

# **Internal Balances**

Residual balances outstanding between the governmental activities and the business-type activities are reported in the government-wide financial statements as internal balances.

# **Inventories and Prepaid Items**

All inventories are valued at cost using the first-in/first-out (FIFO) method. Inventories consist of expendable supplies held for consumption. The cost is recorded as an asset at the time the individual item is purchased. Inventories reported in the governmental funds are equally offset by a fund balance reserve, which indicates that they do not constitute "available, spendable resources" even though they are a component of net current assets.

Certain payments to vendors reflect costs applicable to future reporting periods and are recorded as prepaid items in both the government-wide and fund financial statements. The cost of prepaid items is recorded as expenditures/expenses when consumed rather than when purchased.

# **Capital Assets**

Capital assets, including property, plant, equipment, and infrastructure assets (e.g., primary, and secondary roads, drainage) are reported in the applicable governmental or business-type activities columns in the government-wide financial statements. Capital assets are defined as assets with an initial, individual cost of more than \$5,000 and an estimated useful life greater than two years. Capital assets are recorded at historical cost. Donated capital assets are recorded at estimated fair market value at the date of donation. The cost of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of the asset or materially extend the assets' lives is not capitalized.

Major outlays for capital assets and improvements are capitalized as projects are constructed. Interest incurred during the construction phase of capital assets of business-type activities is included as part of the capitalized value of the assets constructed.

Property, plant and equipment of the primary government are depreciated using the straight-line method over the following useful lives:

	Userul Lite
Buildings and improvements	20-40 years
Improvements other than buildings	25-40 years
Machinery and equipment	5-10 years
Infrastructure	25-75 years

Museum collections are held, cared for and used for public exhibition and scholarly study only. Museum staff are specially trained to protect and care for these objects. If any museum collection items are sold or disposed of, proceeds from the sale are restricted to replacing collection items. Using proceeds outside the restricted purposes is prohibited.

# **Deferred Outflows/Inflows of Resources**

In addition to assets, the statement of net position will sometimes report a separate section for deferred outflows of resources. This represents a consumption of net position that applies to a future period(s) and will not be recognized as an outflow or resources (as either an expense or expenditure) until that period. The City has the following deferred outflow to report. Deferred charges on refunding's reported in the government-wide statement of net position. A deferred charge on refunded debt results from the difference in carrying value of the refunded debt and its reacquisition price. This amount is deferred and amortized over the shorter of the life of the refunded or refunding debt. Deferred contributions for the pension plan were made during the fiscal year but are after the measurement date of the actuarial report. These amounts will be recognized during the next measurement date of the actuarial report. These amounts will be recognized during the next measurement date of the actuarial report. These amounts will be recognized during the next measurement period.

In addition to liabilities, the statement of financial position will sometimes report a separate section for deferred inflows of resources. This represents an acquisition of net position that applies to a future period(s) and will not be recognized as an inflow of resources (revenue) until that time. The City has program income and other income earned in future periods.

The City also has deferred inflows and/or outflows of resources related to pension amounts based on GASB Statement No. 68 guidelines. Differences between projected and actual earnings on pension plan investments are deferred and amortized over five years. Changes in pension plan assumptions and difference between expected and actual investment experience are deferred and amortized over the expected remaining service lives of employees.

The City also has deferred inflows and/or outflows of resources related to other post-employment benefit amounts based on GASB Statement No. 75 guidelines. Differences between actual and expected experience related to other-post-employment benefits are deferred and amortized over ten years.

# **Net Position Flow Assumption**

Sometimes the City will fund outlays for a particular purpose from both restricted (e.g., restricted bond or grant proceeds) and unrestricted resources. In order to calculate the amounts to report as restricted net position and unrestricted net position in the government-wide and proprietary fund financial statements, a flow assumption must be made about the order in which the resources are considered to be applied. It is the government's policy to consider restricted net position to have been depleted before unrestricted net position is applied.

# **Fund Balance Flow Assumptions**

Sometimes the City will fund outlays for a particular purpose from both restricted and unrestricted resources (the total of committed, assigned and unassigned fund balance). In order to calculate the amounts to report for each category of fund balance in the governmental fund financial statements, a flow assumption must be made about the order in which the resources are considered to be applied. It is the City's policy to consider restricted fund balance to have been depleted before using any of the components of unrestricted fund balance. Further, when the components of unrestricted fund balance can be used for the same purpose, committed fund balance is depleted first, followed by assigned fund balance. Unassigned fund balance is applied last.

# **Net Position**

The government-wide financial statements and proprietary fund financial statements utilize a net position presentation. Net position is categorized as net investment in capital assets, restricted and unrestricted.

Net Investment in Capital Assets is intended to reflect the position of net assets which are associated with non-liquid capital assets less outstanding capital asset related debt.

# **Net Position** (Continued)

Restricted Net Position represents net position that has third-party (statutory, bond covenant or granting agency) limitations on their use.

Unrestricted Net Position represents net position that is not restricted for any project or other purpose. While management may have categorized and segmented portions for various purposes, the City has the unrestricted authority to revisit or alter these managerial decisions.

# **Fund Balance**

Governmental funds utilize a fund balance presentation for equity. Fund balance is categorized as nonspendable, restricted, committed, assigned or unassigned.

Nonspendable Fund Balance – represents amounts that cannot be spent because they are either not in spendable form (such as inventory or prepaid) or legally required to remain intact (such as notes receivable or principal of a permanent fund).

Restricted Fund Balance – represents amounts with external constraints placed on the use of these resources (such as debt covenants, grantors, other governments, etc.) or imposed by enabling legislation.

Committed Fund Balance – represents amounts that can only be used for specific purposes as pursuant to official action by City Council prior to the end of the reporting period. Committed resources cannot be used for any other purposes unless the City Council removes or changes the specified use by resolution.

Assigned Fund Balance – represents amounts the City intends to use for specific purposes as expressed by the City Council or an official delegated the authority to assign amounts. This is the residual classification for all governmental funds other than the general fund. Assignment of amounts to a specific purpose as part of the annual budget ordinance may be made by resolution or motion of the City Council.

*Unassigned Fund Balance* – represents fund balance that has not been assigned to other funds and has not been restricted, committed, or assigned to specific purposes within the general fund.

# **Compensated Absences**

A portion of accumulated sick pay benefits has not been recorded as a liability. Upon leaving, employees who have sick leave or frozen sick leave are entitled to 50% of the value up to 600 hours of wages along with 100% of accumulated annual leave, PTO and comp time.

Governmental funds report the compensated absence liability at the fund reporting level only "when due."

# **Long-Term Obligations**

In the government-wide financial statements long-term debt and other long-term obligations are reported as liabilities in the applicable governmental and business-type activities statement of net position. Similarly, long-term debt and other obligations of the City are recorded as liabilities in the appropriate fund. Bond premiums and discounts are deferred and amortized over the life of the bonds using the effective interest method. Bonds payable are reported net of the applicable bond premium or discount. Bond issuance costs are reported as expenses when incurred.

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

#### **Property Tax Information**

Property taxes are assessed by the Calhoun County Tax Assessor and collected by the Calhoun County Tax Collector. The Calhoun County property tax calendar specifies the following action on the following dates:

Levy (assessment date)

September 30

Lien date

September 30

October 1

Collection dates October 1 to December 31

Delinquent date January 1

Property taxes are recognized when they become available. Available includes those property taxes receivable, which are expected to be collected within 60 days after year-end.

#### **Interfund Transactions**

Activity between funds that are representative of lending/borrowing arrangements outstanding at the end of the fiscal year as well as all other outstanding balances between funds are reported as "due to/from other funds."

# **Pensions**

The City's employees (except policemen and firemen) participate in an agent multiple-employer plan administered by the Retirement Systems of Alabama. The Employees' Retirement System of Alabama (the Plan) financial statements are prepared using the economic resources measurement focus and accrual basis of accounting. Contributions are recognized as revenues when earned, pursuant to the Plan requirements. Benefits and refunds are recognized when due and payable in accordance with the terms of the Plan. Expenses are recognized when the corresponding liability is incurred, regardless of when the payment is made. Investments are reported at fair value. Financial statements are prepared in accordance with requirements of the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB). Under these requirements, the Plan is considered a component unit of the State of Alabama. Net pension liability represents the portion of the present value of projected benefit payments attributed to past periods of service to be provided through the Pension Plan to current active and inactive employees less the fiduciary net position of the Pension Plan. It represents the City's total pension liability minus the fiduciary net position available to pay that liability. Investments that comprise the fiduciary net position are reported at fair value. The City is required to measure and disclose amounts relating to net pension liability, deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources, pension expense, and the fiduciary net position of the Pension Plan. Actuarially determined periodic contributions are made by the City in order to maintain sufficient assets to pay benefits when due.

The City's policemen and firemen participate in the Policemen's and Firemen's Retirement Fund, a Pension Trust Fund for the City of Anniston, Alabama (Fund). Participants should refer to Act No. 2002-298, 2002 Regular Session and its amendments for a more complete description of the Fund's provisions. The Fund was substantially amended by the State of Alabama with Act No. 2012-484, effective October 1, 2012. Effective October 1, 2012, the number of trustees was increased from 3 trustees to 5 trustees.

# NOTE 2 – STEWARDSHIP, COMPLIANCE, AND ACCOUNTABILITY

Compliance with Finance Related Legal and Contractual Provisions

The City incurred no material violations of finance related legal and contractual provisions.

#### **NOTE 3 – CASH DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS**

# **Interest Rate Risk**

The City does not have a formal investment policy that limits investment maturities as a means of managing its exposure to fair value losses arising from increasing interest rates. However, all investments are reviewed on a monthly basis for interest rate fluctuations and appropriate actions are taken to minimize this risk. It also improves information provided by state and local governmental employers about financial support for OPEB that is provided by other entities.

# **Custodial Credit Risk**

Custodial credit risk for deposits is the risk that, in the event of the failure of a depository financial institution, a government will not be able to recover deposits or will not be able to recover collateral securities that are in the possession of an outside party. State statutes require all deposits and investments (other than federal or state government instruments) to be collateralized by depository insurance, obligations of the U.S. government, or bonds of public authorities, counties, or municipalities. The City is restricted by State statute to investments in U.S. Government Treasury and Agency securities, certificates of deposit and money market accounts, repurchase agreements and reverse repurchase agreements, banker's acceptances and commercial paper. Each of the banks holding the City's deposits, as well as those of the component units, is a certified participant in the SAFE program.

Through the SAFE program, all public funds are protected through a collateral pool administered by the Alabama State Treasury. Cash deposits and savings held at local banks are insured by the FDIC or collateralized by assets administered by the state treasurer's office in accordance with the "SAFE" program.

At September 30, 2020, all of the deposits of the City were fully collateralized in accordance with the state statutes.

As of September 30, 2020, the primary government's investments consisted of money market accounts which totaled \$2,361,280.

# **Police and Fire Trust Fund Investments**

The Police and Fire Pension Trust Fund is managed by a separate pension Board. The Fund is managed with long-term objectives that include maximizing total investment earnings. State statutes and City policies allow the Pension Trust and Other Postemployment Benefit Trust Funds a broader range of investments than other City investments. The City's Pension Trust funds have no investments in any one issuer that represent 5 percent or more of plan net position. The credit risk of investments of the Permanent, Pension Trust and Other Postemployment Benefit Trust Funds is summarized as follows:

Fair value investments classified at Level 1 of the fair value hierarchy are valued using prices quoted in active markets for those securities. Fair value investments classified as Level 2 of the fair value hierarchy are valued using the active market rates for the underlying securities. Fair value investments classified as Level 3 of the fair value hierarchy are valued using non-observable inputs.

The fair value and classification of the investments at September 30, 2020 is as follows:

	Fair Value Measurements Using				sing:		
		Fair					
		Value		Level 1	Level 2		Level 3
Police and Fire Pension Trust Fund:							
Equities	\$	15,020,351	\$	15,020,351	\$ -	\$	-
U.S. Government Securities		3,931,835		-	3,931,835		-
Municipal bonds		340,857		-	340,857		-
Corporate bonds and debentures		4,447,939		-	4,447,939		-
Foreign bonds and debentures		118,248		_	118,248		_
Collective investment pools		6,806,737		-	6,806,737		-
Real estate		1,692,251		-	-		1,692,251
Farmland		1,581,938			 <del>_</del>	_	1,581,938
Total	\$	33,940,156	\$	15,020,351	\$ 15,645,616	\$	3,274,189

# **NOTE 4 – RECEIVABLES**

Receivables at September 30, 2020, consist of the following:

# **Governmental Activities Funds**

		General	Co	Clellan mpact struction		Special Drug Task Force	Gover	major nmental ands		Total
Taxes Accounts Notes Intergovernmental Gross receivables Less: Allowance for Uncollectible	\$	1,986,863 1,700,601 	\$	86,092 86,092	\$	371,794 371,794	1,1 3 1,9	162,110 138,995 363,861 964,966 351,557)	\$	1,986,863 2,162,711 1,138,995 1,067,579 6,356,148 (1,016,009)
Net receivables	<u>\$</u>	3,268,844	<u>\$</u>	86,092	<u>\$</u>	371,794	\$ 1,6	513,409	<u>\$</u>	5,340,139
Business-Type Activit	<u>ies</u>				St	ormwater Fees		raining hool		Total
Intergovernmental Gross receivables Less: Allowance for uncollectible					\$	27,162 27,162	\$	500 500	\$	27,662 27,662
Net receivables					<u>\$</u>	27,162	\$	500	\$	27,662

# NOTE 5 – INTERFUND BALANCES AND TRANSFERS

# **Interfund Balances**

Interfund balances are a result of the timing difference between the dates that (a) interfund goods and services are provided or reimbursable expenditures occur, (b) transactions are recorded in the accounting system, and (c) payments between funds are made.

	Receivable Fund								
	Proprietary		General	McClellan	Special Drug	Nonmajor Governmental		al	
	Funds		Fund	Fund	Task Force		Funds		Total
Payable Fund:									
General Fund	\$	-	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$	472,654	\$	472,654
Public Building Authority		-	164,081	-	-		-		164,081
McClellan Fund		-	504,524	-	-		111,147		615,671
Debt Service		-	175,156	-	-		-		175,156
Special Drug Task Force		-	974,980	-	-		_		974,980
Nonmajor Governmental Funds	1,226,68	35	481,144	555,542	583,210		241,873	3	3,088,454
Proprietary Funds	986,9	76		<del>_</del>			80,534	_1	1,067,510
Total	\$2,213,60	51	\$2,299,885	\$ 555,542	\$ 583,210	\$	906,208	\$6	5,558,506

# NOTE 5 – INTERFUND BALANCES AND TRANSFERS (Continued)

# **Interfund Transfers**

Transfers within the City are substantially for the purpose of subsidizing operating functions and transferring cash receipt collections on utility accounts. Resources are accumulated in a fund or component unit to support and simplify the administration of various projects or programs. Interfund transfers are transactions between transferring funds out of one fund to support the operations of another fund.

	Transfers out:					
	General	Enterprise	Debt	Nonmajor Governmenta		
	Fund	Funds	Service	Funds	Total	
Transfers in:						
General Fund	\$ -	\$ 17,200	\$ 266,990	\$ 200,543	\$ 484,733	
Public Building Authority	562,540	_	-	-	562,540	
McClellan	193,640	_	-	-	193,640	
Debt Service	1,118,043	_	-	-	1,118,043	
Special Drug Task Force	426,794	_	-	-	426,794	
Nonmajor Governmental Funds	549,973	5,000	706,503	536,357	1,797,833	
Enterprise Funds				196,276	196,276	
Total	\$ 2,850,990	\$ 22,200	\$ 973,493	<u>\$ 933,176</u>	<u>\$ 4,779,859</u>	

# **NOTE 6 – CAPITAL ASSETS**

The following is a summary of changes in capital assets and accumulated depreciation:

	Beginning		Adjustments/	Ending
	Balance	Additions	Retirements	Balance
Governmental Activities				
Non-depreciable capital assets:				
Land	\$ 9,960,481	\$ 18,085	\$ -	\$ 9,978,566
Collections	8,430,077	-	-	8,430,077
Construction in progress	3,525,652	237,430	(1,784,541)	1,978,541
Total non-depreciable assets	21,916,210	255,515	(1,784,541)	20,387,184
Depreciable capital assets:				
Buildings and improvements	65,508,630	75,156	125,403	65,709,189
Machinery and equipment	15,277,464	873,126	-	16,150,590
Improvements other than buildings	5,392,727	6,664	-	5,399,391
Infrastructure	106,405,334	114,226	1,582,745	108,102,305
	192,584,155	1,069,172	1,708,148	195,361,475
Less accumulated depreciation:		4 602 00=		••••
Buildings and improvements	27,643,773	1,683,807	-	29,327,580
Machinery and equipment	11,885,668	844,285	-	12,729,953
Improvements other than buildings	1,716,873	369,159	-	2,086,032
Infrastructure	83,200,240	2,732,820		85,933,060
	124,446,554	5,630,071	<del>-</del>	130,076,625
Total depreciable assets, net	68,137,601	(4,560,899)	1,708,148	65,284,850
Total capital assets, net	\$ 90,053,811	\$ (4,305,384)	\$ (76,393)	<u>\$ 85,672,034</u>
(Continued)				

# NOTE 6 – CAPITAL ASSETS (Continued)

# **Governmental Activities** (Continued)

Depreciation expense was charged to functions/programs of the governmental activities of the primary government as follows:

General government Public safety Public works Housing and development Culture and recreation Total	\$ 384,643 578,539 2,954,764 1,182,209 529,916 \$ 5,630,071			
	Beginning		Adjustments/	Ending
<b>Business-type Activities</b>	Balance	Additions	Retirements	Balance
Non-depreciable capital assets:				
Construction in progress	<u>\$ 462,174</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>\$ (462,174)</u>	\$ -
Total non-depreciable assets	462,174	<u>=</u>	(462,174)	<u>=</u>
Depreciable capital assets:				
Buildings and improvements	-	272,668	462,174	734,842
Furniture, fixtures, and equipment	498,466	8,547		507,013
	498,466	281,215	462,174	1,241,855
Less accumulated depreciation:		12.026		12.026
Buildings and improvements Furniture, fixtures, and equipment	126,327	13,826 63,208	-	13,826 189,535
Furniture, fixtures, and equipment	120,327	05,208	<del></del>	169,333
	126,327	77,034		203,361
Total depreciable assets, net	372,139	204,181	462,174	1,038,494
Total capital assets, net	<u>\$ 834,313</u>	<u>\$ 204,181</u>	<u>\$</u>	\$ 1,038,494
Component Units				
Non-depreciable capital assets:				
Land	\$ 19,800	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 19,800
Collections	30,907			30,907
Total non-depreciable assets	50,707	<del>_</del>		50,707
Depreciable capital assets:	1 007 220	62 600		1 140 020
Collections Building improvements	1,087,238 376,051	62,690 52,889	-	1,149,928 428,940
Machinery & equipment	346,760	24,867	-	371,627
Machinery & equipment		21,007		371,027
	1,810,049	140,446	<u> </u>	1,950,495
Less accumulated depreciation: Collections	040.084	55 042		006 027
Building improvements	940,084 216,757	55,943 28,463	-	996,027 245,220
Machinery & equipment	264,111	17,521	- -	281,632
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	1,420,952	101,927		1,522,879
Total depreciable assets, net	389,097	38,519		427,616
Total capital assets, net	<u>\$ 439,804</u>	\$ 38,519	<u>\$</u>	<u>\$ 478,323</u>

#### NOTE 7 – LONG-TERM LIABILITIES

# **Governmental Activities**

Debt related to governmental activities at September 30, 2020, consisted of the following:

# **General Obligation Bonds and Warrants**

The City periodically issues general obligation bonds for the acquisition and construction of major capital facilities. These bonds are direct obligations and are backed by the full faith and credit of the City. Certain bonds are subject to federal arbitrage regulations. These bonds are generally issued as 15 to 20-year serial bonds.

General obligation bonds are summarized by issue as follows:

Series	Original Principal	Interest Rates	Final Maturity	Se	Principal ept. 30, 2020
General Obligations Refunding Bonds and Warrants					
Series 2010A and 2010B	\$ 7,440,000	4.20% - 5.30%	03/01/35	\$	5,100,000
Building Revenue Bonds, Series 2011	16,170,000	2.00% - 5.50%	05/01/33		11,950,000
Building Revenue Bonds, Series 2011	15,000,000	2.20% - 5.00%	03/01/43		5,340,000
General Obligation Warrants, Series 2014 A	2,650,000	3.48%	01/31/29		1,906,000
General Obligation Warrants, Series 2016	9,200,000	4.00%	03/01/43		9,000,000
General Obligation Warrants, Series 2018	 3,000,000	3.16%	02/01/33		2,600,000
Total	\$ 53,460,000			\$	35,896,000

# **Capital Leases**

The City has entered into capital lease agreements as lessee for financing the acquisition of various equipment. The lease agreements qualify as capital leases for accounting purposes (titles transfer at the end of the lease terms) and therefore, have been recorded at the present value of the future minimum lease payments as of the date of their inceptions. The following is an analysis of leased assets under capital leases as of September 30, 2020:

Maturities of general long-term liabilities are as follows:

For the			
Year Ending	Bonds and	Capital Lease	
September 30,	Warrants	Obligations	Total
2021	\$ 1,979,000	\$ 434,910	\$ 2,413,910
2022	2,039,000	407,494	2,446,494
2023	2,227,000	251,251	2,478,251
2024	4,877,000	92,975	4,969,975
2025	4,572,000	48,115	4,620,115
2026-2030	9,902,000	_	9,902,000
2031-2035	3,755,000	-	3,755,000
2036-2040	3,880,000	_	3,880,000
2041-2044	2,665,000		2,665,000
	\$ 35,896,000	\$ 1,234,745	\$ 37,130,745

# **Business-Type Activities**

Debt related to business-type activities at September 30, 2020, consisted of the following:

# **Capital Leases**

The City has entered into a capital lease agreement as lessee for financing the acquisition of stormwater equipment. The lease agreement qualifies as a capital lease for accounting purposes (titles transfer at the end of the lease terms) and therefore, has been recorded at the present value of the future minimum lease payments as of the date of its inception.

# **NOTE 7 – LONG-TERM LIABILITIES** (Continued)

# Capital Leases (Continued)

The following is an analysis of the City's capital assets under capital lease arrangements as of September 30, 2020:

Capital asset cost \$ 1,494,360 Accumulated depreciation 433,280 Capital assets, net \$ 1,061,080

# **Settlement Payable**

Settlement payable is related to a refund of sales tax for \$1,080,425 to be paid in equal installments of \$360,142 over three years. The first payment was made in February 2019. The settlement was satisfied in February 2021.

## Refunding

During fiscal year 2017, the City refunded certain bonds by placing the proceeds of new bonds in irrevocable trusts to provide for all future debt service payments on the refunded bonds. Accordingly, the trust account assets and the liabilities for the refunded bonds are not included in the City's financial statements. At September 30, 2020, the remaining liabilities for the bonds refunded were as follows:

Year	Primary			
Refunded	Government			
2011	\$ 1.240,000			

# **Changes in Long-Term Liabilities**

Changes in long-term liabilities for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2020, were as follows:

	Beginning Balance	Additions	Retirements	Ending Balance	Amount Due Within One Year
<b>Primary Government</b> Governmental Activities:					
Bonds and warrants \$ (Discount) Premium	37,535,000 82,815	\$ - 3,362	\$ 1,639,000	\$ 35,896,000 <u>86,177</u>	\$ 1,979,000 
Total bonds and warrants	37,617,815	3,362	1,639,000	35,982,177	1,684,000
Capital lease payable Settlement payable Compensated absences	908,398 720,283 3,354,297	751,990 - - 3,283,364	425,643 360,142 3,354,297	1,234,745 360,141 3,283,364	434,910 360,141 3,283,364
<u>\$</u>	42,600,793	\$ 4,038,716	\$ 5,779,082	\$ 40,860,427	<u>\$ 5,762,415</u>
Business-type Activities:					
Capital lease payable <u>\$</u>	284,435	<u>\$</u>	<u>\$ 46,805</u>	\$ 237,630	<u>\$ 48,779</u>

#### NOTE 8 - EMPLOYEE BENEFIT PLANS

# Employee Retirement System of Alabama (ERS) - Anniston, Alabama City Employees

# General Information about the Pension Plan

Plan description. The Employees' Retirement System of Alabama (ERS), an agent multiple-employer public employee retirement plan, was established as of October 1, 1945, pursuant to the Code of Alabama 1975, Title 36, Chapter 27 (Act 515 of the Legislature of 1945). The purpose of the ERS is to provide retirement allowances and other specified benefits for state employees, State Police, and on an elective basis, to all cities, counties, towns, and quasi-public organizations. Assets of the ERS are pooled for investment purposes. However, separate accounts are maintained for each individual employer so that each employer's share of the pooled assets is legally available to pay the benefits of its employees only. The responsibility for the general administration and operation of the ERS is vested in its Board of Control which consists of 13 trustees. The Plan is administered by the Retirement Systems of Alabama (RSA). The Code of Alabama 1975, Title 36, Chapter 27 grants the authority to establish and amend the benefit terms to the ERS Board of Control. The Plan issues a publicly available financial report that can be obtained at www.rsa-al.gov.

The ERS Board of Control consists of 13 trustees as follows:

- 1) The Governor, ex officio.
- 2) The State Treasurer, ex officio.
- 3) The State Personnel Director, ex officio.
- 4) The State Director of Finance, ex officio.
- 5) Three vested members of ERS appointed by the Governor for a term of four years, no two of whom are from the same department of state government nor from any department of which an ex officio trustee is the head.
- 6) Six members of ERS who are elected by members from the same category of ERS for a term of four years as follows:
  - a. Two retired members with one from the ranks of retired state employees and one from the ranks of retired employees of a city, county, or a public agency each of whom is an active beneficiary of ERS.
  - b. Two vested active state employees.
  - c. Two vested active employees of an employer participating in ERS pursuant to the *Code of Alabama 1975, Section 36-27-6.*

Benefits provided. State law establishes retirement benefits as well as death and disability benefits and any ad hoc increase in postretirement benefits for the ERS. Benefits for ERS members vest after 10 years of creditable service. State employees who retire after age 60 (52 for State Police) with 10 years or more of creditable service or with 25 years of service (regardless of age) are entitled to an annual retirement benefit, payable monthly for life. Local employees who retire after age 60 with 10 years or more of creditable service or with 25 or 30 years of service (regardless of age), depending on the particular entity's election, are entitled to an annual retirement benefit, payable monthly for life. Service and disability retirement benefits are based on a guaranteed minimum or a formula method, with the member receiving payment under the method that yields the highest monthly benefit. Under the formula method, members of the ERS (except State Police) are allowed 2.0125% of their average final compensation (highest 3 of the last 10 years) for each year of service. State Police are allowed 2.875% for each year of State Police service in computing the formula method.

Act 377 of the Legislature of 2012 established a new tier of benefits (Tier 2) for members hired on or after January 1, 2013. Tier 2 ERS members are eligible for retirement after age 62 (56 for State Police) with 10 years or more of creditable service and are entitled to an annual retirement benefit, payable monthly for life. Service and disability retirement benefits are based on a guaranteed minimum or a formula method, with the member receiving payment under the method that yields the highest monthly benefit. Under the formula method, Tier 2 members of the ERS (except State Police) are allowed 1.65% of their average final compensation (highest 5 of the last 10 years) for each year of service. State Police are allowed 2.375% for each year of state police service in computing the formula method.

# Employee Retirement System of Alabama (ERS) - Anniston, Alabama City Employees (Continued)

Members are eligible for disability retirement if they have 10 years of credible service, are currently in-service, and determined by the RSA Medical Board to be permanently incapacitated from further performance of duty. Preretirement death benefits equal the annual earnable compensation of the member as reported to the Plan for the preceding year ending September 30 are paid to the beneficiary.

The ERS serves approximately 907 local participating employers. The ERS membership includes approximately 93,986 participants.

As of September 30, 2019, membership consisted of:

	Anniston	State
Retirees and beneficiaries currently receiving benefits	122	25,871
Terminated employees entitled to but not yet receiving benefits	10	1,794
Terminated employees not entitled to a benefit	32	11,001
Active members	164	55,222
Post-DROP Participants who are still in active service	<del></del>	98
	328	93,986

Contributions. Covered members of the ERS contributed 5% of earnable compensation to the ERS as required by statute until September 30, 2011. From October 1, 2011, to September 30, 2012, covered members of the ERS were required by statute to contribute 7.25% of earnable compensation. Effective October 1, 2012, covered members of the ERS are required by statute to contribute 7.50% of earnable compensation. Certified law enforcement, correctional officers, and firefighters of the ERS contributed 6% of earnable compensation as required by statute until September 30, 2011. From October 1, 2011, to September 30, 2012, certified law enforcement, correctional officers, and firefighters of the ERS were required by statute to contribute 8.25% of earnable compensation. Effective October 1, 2012, certified law enforcement, correctional officers, and firefighters of the ERS are required by statute to contribute 8.50% of earnable compensation. State Police of the ERS contribute 10% of earnable compensation. ERS local participating employers are not required by statute to increase contribution rates for their members.

Tier 2 covered members of the ERS contribute 6% of earnable compensation to the ERS as required by statute. Tier 2 certified law enforcement, correctional officers, and firefighters of the ERS are required by statute to contribute 7% of earnable compensation. Tier 2 State Police members of the ERS contribute 10% of earnable compensation. These contributions rates are the same for Tier 2 covered members of ERS local participating employers.

The ERS establishes rates based upon an actuarially determined rate recommended by an independent actuary. The actuarially determined rate is the estimated amount necessary to finance the costs of benefits earned by employees during the year with additional amounts to finance any unfunded accrued liability, the pre-retirement death benefit and administrative expenses of the Plan. For the year ended September 30, 2020, the City's active employee contribution rate was 7.50% (Tier 1) and 6.00% (Tier 2) of covered employee payroll, and the City's average contribution rate to fund the normal and accrued liability costs was 128.6% percent of pensionable payroll.

City's contractually required contribution rate for the year ended September 30, 2020 was 7.71% of pensionable pay for Tier 1 employees, and 7.72% of pensionable pay for Tier 2 employees.

These required contribution rates are based upon the actuarial valuation dated September 30, 2017, a percent of annual pensionable payroll, and actuarially determined as an amount that, when combined with member contributions, is expected to finance the costs of benefits earned by members during the year, with an additional amount to finance any unfunded accrued liability. Total employer contributions to the pension plan from the System were \$494,659 for the year ended September 30, 2020.

# Employee Retirement System of Alabama (ERS) – Anniston, Alabama City Employees (Continued)

*Net Pension Liability.* The City's net pension liability was measured as of September 30, 2019, and the total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as September 30, 2018 rolled forward to September 30, 2019 using standard roll-forward techniques as shown in the following table:

(a) Total Pension Liability as of September 30, 2018	\$ 31,719,859
(b) Entry Age Normal Cost for the period October 1, 2018 – September 30, 2019	548,512
(c) Transfers Among Employers	3,194
(d) Actual Benefit Payments and Refunds for the period October 1, 2018 – September 30, 2019	(2,078,502)
(e) Total Pension Liability as of September 30, 2019 = [(a) x (1.0775)] + (b) + (c) + [(d) x (1.03875)]	\$ 32,555,469
(f) Difference between Expected and Actual Experience (Gain)/Loss Liability transferred	(13,190) (16,384) 3,194

Actuarial assumptions. The total pension liability as of September 30, 2019, was determined based on the annual actuarial funding valuation report prepared as of September 30, 2018. The key actuarial assumptions are summarized below:

Inflation 2.75%
Salary increases 3.25% - 5.00%
Investment rate of return 7.70% (net of pension plan investment expense)

Mortality rates were based on the sex distinct RP-2000 Blue Collar Mortality Table Projected with Scale BB to 2020 with an adjustment of 125% at all ages for males and 120% for females ages 78 and older. The rates of mortality for the period after disability retirement are according to the sex distinct RP-2000 Disabled Retiree Mortality Table Projected with Scale BB to 2020 with an adjustment of 130% at all ages for females. The actuarial assumptions used in the September 30, 2017 valuation was based on the results of an investigation of the economic and demographic experience for the ERS based upon participant data as of September 30, 2015. The Board of Control accepted and approved these changes in September 2016, which became effective at the beginning of fiscal year 2016.

The long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was determined using a log-normal distribution analysis in which best-estimate ranges of expected future real rates of return (expected returns, net of pension plan investment expense and inflation) are developed for each major asset class. These ranges are combined to produce the long-term expected rate of return by weighting the expected future real rates of return by the target asset allocation percentage and by adding expected inflation. The target asset allocation and best estimates of geometric real rates of return for each major asset class are as follows:

	Long-Term Expected	
Asset Class	Real Rate of Return	Target Allocation
Fixed Income	17.0%	4.4%
U.S. Large Stocks	32.0%	8.0%
U.S. Mid Stocks	9.0%	10.0%
U.S. Small Stocks	4.0%	11.0%
International Developed Market Stocks	12.0%	9.5%
International Emerging Market Stocks	3.0%	11.0%
Alternatives	10.00%	10.1%
Real Estate	10.00%	7.5%
Cash Equivalents	3.00%	1.5%
	100.00%	

<sup>\*</sup>Includes assumed rate of inflation of 2.50%

# Employee Retirement System of Alabama (ERS) - Anniston, Alabama City Employees (Continued)

Discount rate. The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability was the long-term rate of return, 7.70%. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed that plan member contributions will be made at the current contribution rate and that the employer contributions will be made in accordance with the funding policy adopted by the ERS Board of Control. Based on those assumptions, components of the pension plan's fiduciary net position were projected to be available to make all projected future benefit payments of current plan members. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was applied to all periods of projected benefit payments to determine the total pension liability.

# Changes on Net Pension Liability

		Increase (Decrease)					
	Total Pension Plan Fiduciary Net I				Net Pension		
		Liability	Net Position		Liability		
		(a)	(b)		(a) - (b)		
Balances at 9/30/2018	<u>\$</u>	31,735,071	<u>\$ 24,476,944</u>	\$	7,258,127		
Changes for the year:							
Service cost		548,512	-		548,512		
Interest		2,363,578	-		2,363,578		
Changes of assumptions		-	-		-		
Differences between expected							
and actual experience		(16,384)	-		(16,384)		
Contributions – employer		-	591,130		(591,130)		
Contributions – employees		-	493,128		(493,128)		
Net investment income		-	615,797		(615,797)		
Benefits payments, including							
refunds of employee contributions		(2,078,502)	(2,078,502)		-		
Administrative expense		=	-		-		
Transfers among employers		3,194	3,194		<u> </u>		
Net changes		820,398	(375,253)		1,195,651		
Balances at 9/30/2019	<u>\$</u>	32,555,469	<u>\$ 24,101,691</u>	\$	8,453,778		

Sensitivity of the net pension liability to changes in the discount rate. The following table presents the City's net pension liability calculated using the discount rate of 7.70%, as well as what the City's proportionate share of the net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1-percentage point lower (6.70%) or 1-percentage-point higher (8.70%) than the current rate:

	1%		Current	1%
	Decrease	D	iscount Rate	Increase
	 (6.70%)		(7.70%)	(8.70%)
Net pension liability	\$ 11,939,563	\$	8,453,778	\$ 5,495,828

Pension plan fiduciary net position. Detailed information about the pension plan's fiduciary net position is available in the separately issued RSA Comprehensive Annual Report for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2019. The supporting actuarial information is included in the GASB Statement No. 68 Report for the ERS prepared as of September 30, 2019. The auditor's report on the Schedule of Changes in Fiduciary Net Position by Employer and accompanying notes detail by employer and in the aggregate additional information needed to comply with GASB 68. The additional financial and actuarial information is available at www.rsa-al.gov.

Pension Expense and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to Pensions. For the year ended September 30, 2020, the City recognized pension expense of \$494,659. At September 30, 2020, the City reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions of the following sources:

# Employee Retirement System of Alabama (ERS) - Anniston, Alabama City Employees (Continued)

	O	Deferred outflows of Resources	I	Deferred nflows of Resources
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$	180,031	\$	1,168,606
Changes in assumptions		276,833		-
Net difference between projected and actual				
earnings on pension plan investments		252,738		-
Contributions subsequent to the measurement				
date of September 30, 2019		494,659		<u>=</u>
Total	<u>\$</u>	1,204,261	\$	1,168,606

\$494,659 reported as deferred outflows of resources related to pensions resulting from City contributions subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a reduction of the net pension liability in the year ended September 30, 2021. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions will be recognized in pension expense as follows:

Year Ended September 30:	
2021	\$ (367,647)
2022	(378,781)
2023	45,392
2023	 242,032
	\$ (459,004)

## Anniston's Policemen's and Firemen's Retirement Plan

<u>Organization</u> - The Plan is a single-employer benefit pension plan established by the State of Alabama and administered by a board of trustees. The Plan provides retirement, disability, and death benefits to police and firefighters of the City of Anniston, Alabama, and their beneficiaries.

<u>Plan Administrator and Board Composition</u> - The Board of Trustees administers the plan. The Board is composed of five members. One member is elected by the retirees and surviving spouses of retirees of the Plan. One member is a member of the City of Anniston Fire Department elected by members of the Fire Department. One member is a member of the City of Anniston Police Department elected by members of the Police Department. One member is the City of Anniston Finance Director. One member is appointed by the City Council of the City of Anniston who is a qualified elector in the City of Anniston, who is not a member, or the spouse, child, parent, sibling, or in-law of a member currently represented on the Board of Trustees.

<u>Funding Requirements</u> - Employer contributions are actuarially determined. Employee contributions are as described below and may be amended by ordinance.

<u>Effective Date</u> - The Plan was established in 1951 through the enactment of Act No. 608 of the Alabama Legislature. The Plan was amended and restated effective October 1, 2012 with Act No. 2012-484.

Amendment One was adopted August 1, 2013. Upon the amendment and restatement effective October 1, 2012, a participant's monthly benefit was defined to not exceed 75% of "monthly compensation" provided if the Accrued Benefit equals or exceeds 75% of "monthly compensation" as of October 1, 2012, the monthly benefit cannot exceed the Participant's Accrued Benefit calculated as of the end of the first full year of continuous service beginning on or after October 1, 2012. Amendment One clarified that "monthly compensation" for this purpose means the average of the Participant's monthly compensation for the last three years preceding retirement (i.e., Average Monthly Compensation).

The Plan was amended and restated effective as of October 1, 2015 to incorporate an amendment revising benefits payable for hires on and after January 1, 2016.

# Anniston's Policemen's and Firemen's Retirement Plan (Continued)

Amendment One was adopted May 4, 2017 to amend Section 13(e) to add language stating that for a member who dies while performing qualified military service the member's beneficiary is entitled to benefits as if the member has resumed employment then terminated due to death.

Amendment Two was adopted August 2, 2018 effective January 1, 2018 to clarify that although the "Normal Retirement Age" is age 65 for retirements on and after October 1, 2012, early retirement reductions still apply at age 65 and older if at least 10 years are not earned at retirement.

Plan Year - The 12-month period from October 1st to the following September 30th.

Participant - An individual becomes a Participant immediately upon hire by the City of Anniston as a sworn police officer or a sworn firefighter.

# Description of Plan

<u>Credited Service</u> - The continuous period beginning on the first day of employment as a sworn police officer or sworn firefighter and ending on the earliest of the date of retirement, termination, or death. Credited Service is computed in completed years. No credit is given for partial years. Participants who terminate prior to becoming eligible to retire lose the service credited under the Plan.

Continuous service is credited in accordance with the Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act of 1994 (USERRA) for a Participant who is an employee immediately prior to the commencement of qualified military service (and who gives advance written notice of the qualified military service) for a period of not more than five years (consecutive or individual years) has separated from qualified military service under conditions other than a disqualifying or dishonorable discharge, and returns to work or applies for reemployment within the period specified below, if Employee Contributions are made for the period of absence.

	Return to
Military	Work after
Service	Discharge
< 31 days	One day
< 30 and < 181 days	14 days
>180 days	90 days

If a participant is hospitalized for or recovering from an illness or injury that was incurred or aggravated during qualified military service, USERRA requires the Participant return to work or apply for reemployment upon recovery (recovery being no more 2 years).

Vesting - Prior to October 1, 2012, 100% upon the earlier of earning 20 years of Credited Service and age 60.

Effective October 1, 2012, the retirement benefit earned by a Participant is fully vested no later than retirement eligibility. Benefits of affected Participants also shall become vested, to the extent funded, upon the termination or partial termination of the Plan or the complete discontinuance of contributions to the Plan.

<u>Compensation</u> – For participants hired prior to January 1, 2016, compensation includes regular salary, including accumulated vacation pay, overtime pay, longevity pay, comp pay, and any differential wage payment as defined in Code Section 3401(h)(2), generally relating to military pay. Bonuses and paid accumulated sick leave, expense allowances, and other non-regular forms of compensation are excluded.

For participants hired on or after January 1, 2016, Compensation only includes regular salary. Accumulated vacation pay, overtime pay, longevity pay, comp pay, any differential wage payment as defined in Code Section 3401(h)(2) (generally relating to military pay), bonuses and paid accumulated sick leave, expenses allowances, and other non-regular forms of compensation are all excluded.

# Anniston's Policemen's and Firemen's Retirement Plan (Continued)

<u>Employee Contributions</u> - Prior to October 1, 2012, 10% of Compensation was contributed by Participants (on a pretax basis effective October 1, 2002). Effective on and after October 1, 2012, 14% of Compensation is contributed by Participants on a pre-tax basis.

Employee contributions made for a period of qualified military service are made either in a lump sum payment or over a period equal to the lesser of (1) 3 x qualified military service for (2) 5 years.

A member who terminates non-vested, or before becoming eligible for a benefit from the Plan, is entitled to a refund of accumulated employee contributions without interest and has no further claim to benefits from this Plan. Non-vested terminations who subsequently return to employment are treated as a new employee and accrual of benefits begin as of the date of reemployment.

Ottober 1, 2012, the City contributed 10% of compensation. Effective on and after October 1, 2012, the City contributes amounts that are sufficient to meet the normal cost of the Plan and to amortize the Plan's unfunded liability over 30 years.

In addition, prior to October 1, 2012, each public utility, qualified to do business under the laws of Alabama and selling electricity, electric current, natural gas, intra-city bus transportation, local exchange telephone service, or telegraph service in Anniston, annually paid into the fund a sum equal to 0.5% of gross revenues of such utilities into the fund. Effective October 1, 2012, public utilities no longer contribute to the Plan.

Also, effective October 1, 2012, if the City of Anniston's contributions equal or exceed three times or are less than two times the employee contributions, the board may amend or modify employee contributions, the City of Anniston's contribution, or both. Benefits may also be revised by board resolution.

<u>Average Monthly Compensation</u> - For members hired prior to January 1, 2016, the average of monthly compensation for the last three years preceding retirement. For members hired on or after January 1, 2016, the average of monthly compensation for the last five years preceding retirement.

<u>Normal Retirement Eligibility</u> - Prior to October 1, 2012, normal retirement eligibility was defined as the earlier of age 60 regardless of credited service, or the following credited service requirements regardless of age:

	Service
	Required
	For Normal
Hire Date	Retirement
< 5/29/1979	20 years
> = 5/29/1979	25 years

Effective October 1, 2012, normal retirement eligibility is defined having earned 25 years credited service. However, participants actively employed on September 30, 2012 who reach age 60 prior to earning 20 years of credited service are eligible for normal retirement at age 60. While section 15 of the Plan document refers to age 65 normal retirement, a member becomes eligible to retire at age 65 and is fully vested, but early retirement reductions still apply. This is the normal retirement eligibility applicable to participants hired prior to January 1, 2016.

For participants hired on and after January 1, 2016, normal retirement eligibility is defined as the earlier of age 60 with ten years of service and age 56 with 25 years of credited service. While section 15 of the Plan document refers to age 65 normal retirement, a member becomes eligible to retire at age 65 and is fully vested, but early retirement reduction s applies if at least 10 years are not earned at retirement.

Normal Retirement Benefit - Prior to October 1, 2012, the benefit payable upon reaching normal retirement eligibility was the following:

3% x 3-year average monthly compensation x credited service not more than 30 years

# Anniston's Policemen's and Firemen's Retirement Plan (Continued)

Effective October 1, 2012, the normal retirement benefit for members hired on and after May 29, 1979 (and hired prior to January 1, 2016 is calculated in accordance with the following formula where total credited service may not exceed 30 years:

2.5% x 3-year average monthly compensation x full years beginning on or after October 1, 2012 plus 3.0% x 3-year average monthly compensation x years of service at 3.0% multiplier\*

\*The years of service at the 3.0% multiplier equal completed years of service at retirement minus full years of service beginning on or after October 1, 2012.

Note all active members as of October 1, 2012, were hired after May 29, 1979.

However, the normal retirement benefit for participants actively employed on September 30, 2012 who reach age 60 prior to earning 20 years of credited service is as follows where total credited service may not exceed 30 years:

2.5% x 3-year average monthly compensation x credited service on or after age 60 plus 3.0% x 3-year average monthly compensation x credited service before age 60

Note only one active member as of October 1, 2012, reached age 60 prior to earning 20 years of credited service. This individual retired May 30, 2013. No other member will have benefits payable under this benefit definition in the future.

Effective October 1, 2012, the monthly benefit payable may not exceed 75% of 3-year average monthly compensation except for those where the accrued benefit exceeds 75% of 3-year average monthly compensation as of October 1, 2012. For these members, the monthly benefit payable may not exceed the participant's accrued benefit calculated as of the end of the first full year of continuous service beginning on or after October 1, 2012.

For participants hired on or after January 1, 2016 the normal retirement benefit is calculated as the following:

2.5% x 5-year average monthly compensation x credited service not more than 30 years

The normal form of payment is an unreduced 50% joint & survivor annuity.

<u>Early Retirement Eligibility</u> - Participants hired before January 1, 2016 become eligible for Early Retirement upon earning at least 20 years of Credited Service, regardless of age. They are also eligible for early retirement upon reaching age 65, regardless of service.

For participants hired on and after January 1, 2016, Early Retirement Eligibility is defined as the earlier of age 55 with 10 years of Credited Service and age 50 with 25 years of Credited Service. They are also eligible for early retirement upon reaching age 65, regardless of service.

Early Retirement Benefit - For participants hired before January 1, 2016, the Normal Retirement Benefit reduced by 4% for each year Credited Service is less than 25 years, even if you are age 65 at retirement. Prior to October 1, 2012, the Normal Retirement Benefit was not reduced for Credited Service less than 25 years for Participants who were age 60 at retirement. Effective October 1, 2012, the Normal Retirement benefit is not reduced for Credited Service less than 25 years. In addition, the Normal Retirement Benefit is not reduced for Participants who were actively employed on September 30, 2012 and reach age 60 prior to earning 20 years of Credited Service.

For participants hired on and after January 1, 2016, the Normal Retirement benefit is reduced actuarially using assumptions as adopted by the Board of Trustees for each full month of age at retirement earlier than Normal Retirement Eligibility for members who have earned at least 10 years of service. For members who have less than 10 years of service but are at least age 65, the early retirement reduction is 4% for each year service is less than 10 years.

# Anniston's Policemen's and Firemen's Retirement Plan (Continued)

<u>Line-of-Duty Disability Benefits</u> - Prior to October 1, 2012, participants became eligible for line-of-duty disability benefits immediately upon hire. Participants who became permanently physically or mentally disabled as a result of injuries received in the line-of-duty were entitled to a monthly Disability Benefit as if 30 years of Credited Service had been worked, as follows:

3% x 3-year average monthly compensation x 30 years of credited service x disability percentage

For participants who had less than 3 years of service, average monthly compensation is the average of compensation over the entire period of employment.

For participants hired before July 1, 2002, the disability percentage is 100%. For participants hired on or after July 1, 2002, if the participant is determined to be 50% or more physically disabled, the disability percentage is 100%. If the participant is deemed to be less than 50% disabled, the disability percentage is the percent of physical disability as described below.

Effective October 1, 2012, participants continue to become eligible for line-of-duty disability benefits immediately upon hire. A participant who becomes physically or mentally disabled as a result of bodily injury, disease, or mental disorder received in the line-of-duty, which renders the participant incapable of continuing employment as a sworn police officer or sworn firefighter performing the same duties and having the same responsibilities as those immediately prior to the time of the disability, is entitled to receive a monthly disability benefit equal to the greater of:

40% x monthly compensation at disability or 100% of the accrued benefit at disability (disregarding 20-year eligibility requirement)

In lieu of this monthly benefit a participant may elect instead to receive employee contributions without interest.

Off-Duty Disability Benefits - Prior to October 1, 2012, effective July 1, 2002 participants became eligible for off-duty disability benefits after completion of at least 5 years of credited service. Once the participant had been physically or mentally disabled from any cause other than from injuries received in the line-of-duty for at least 3 months, a monthly disability benefit was payable if 25 years of credited service have been worked, as follows:

3% x 3-year average monthly compensation x 25 years of credited service x disability percentage

Effective October 1, 2012, the plan does not provide a disability benefit to a participant who becomes physically or mentally disabled, other than as a result of injuries received in the line-of-duty. However, the participant may make a request to the retirement board for the payment of employee contributions without interest.

<u>Disability Percentage</u> - The participant may be sent to a physician selected by the retirement board for examination to determine the extent of the participant's disability. The American Medical Association's guidelines for the evaluation of permanent impairment is used to determine the percentage of disability suffered by the participant. If the retirement board determines that the participant is no longer disabled to the degree previously approved for, the retirement board shall order that the benefits to the participant be adjusted or discontinued as applicable.

#### Life Insurance

Prior to October 1, 2012, if any participant dies and left a surviving spouse, a \$1,500 single lump sum life insurance benefit was payable. If there was no surviving spouse, \$1,500 was split amongst any surviving children under the age of 18 years old. No life insurance is payable to any participant after October 1, 2012.

# Anniston's Policemen's and Firemen's Retirement Plan (Continued)

# **Line-Of-Duty Survivor Benefits**

Prior to October 1, 2012, the surviving spouse of a participant who died as a result of injuries received in the line-of-duty was entitled to a monthly survivor benefit which was the actuarial equivalent 100% joint & survivor form payable based on a monthly benefit calculated as if 30 years of credited service had been worked, as follows:

3% x 3-year average monthly compensation x 30 years of credited service

If there was no surviving spouse or if the surviving spouse was to die, 50% of this amount is split amongst any surviving children under the age of 18 years. In the event an active participant died without having a surviving spouse or surviving children under the age of 18 years, an amount equal to the accumulated employee contributions without interest was payable.

Effective October 1, 2012, the surviving spouse of a participant who dies as a result of injuries received in the line-of-duty is entitled to a monthly survivor benefit equal to 62.5% of the participant's monthly accrued benefit calculated as if 25 years of credited service had been worked. This monthly benefit is discontinued upon the remarriage of the surviving spouse. If there is no surviving spouse or if the surviving spouse should die, this benefit is split amongst any surviving children under the age of 18 years. In the event an active participant dies without having a surviving spouse or surviving children under the age of 18 years, an amount equal to the accumulated employee contributions without interest is payable.

The surviving spouse of a participant who retired prior to January 1, 1989 receives 50% of the monthly amount that was in payment to the participant at the time of death. If there is no surviving spouse, 25% of the monthly amount that was in payment is split amongst any surviving children under the age of 18 years.

#### **Off-Duty Survivor Benefits**

Prior to October 1, 2012, the surviving spouse of a participant who earned at least 20 years of credited service and who died not as a result of injuries received in the line-of-duty was entitled to a monthly survivor benefit which is the actuarially equivalent 100% joint & survivor form of the benefit defined for normal retirement, unreduced for commencement prior to normal retirement eligibility. If there was no surviving spouse or if the surviving spouse should die, 50% of this amount was split amongst any surviving children under the age of 18 years.

In the event an active participant died without having a surviving spouse or surviving children under the age of 18 years, an amount equal to the accumulated employee contributions without interest is payable. The survivor of a participant who died off-duty with less than 20 years of credited service is due a refund of employee contributions without interest.

Effective October 1, 2012, the plan does not provide a survivor benefit for deaths not as a result of injuries received in the line-of-duty. However, the surviving spouse or children under the age of 18 years may make a request to the retirement board for the payment of employee contributions without interest. The surviving spouse of a participant who retired prior to January 1, 1989, receives 50% of the monthly amount that was in payment to the participant at the time of death. If there is no surviving spouse, 25% of the monthly amount that was in payment is split amongst any surviving children under the age of 18 years.

# **Optional Forms of Benefit**

Members entitled to a normal retirement benefit, or an early retirement benefit may elect to receive a 50% joint & survivor annuity (option A), an actuarially equivalent 100% joint & survivor annuity (option B) or an actuarially equivalent life only annuity (option C).

A participant having elected a 50% Joint & Survivor Annuity (option A) will receive the benefit described under normal retirement or early retirement. Upon the death of such participant who leaves a surviving spouse, 50% of the amount being paid to the participant at the time of death is payable to the surviving spouse. If the participant does not leave a surviving spouse but leaves surviving children under the age of 18, 25% of the monthly amount that was in payment is split amongst any surviving children under the age of 18 years. Effective for retirements occurring on and after October 1, 2012, if the deceased participant's spouse remarries, monthly pension benefits cease.

# Anniston's Policemen's and Firemen's Retirement Plan (Continued)

A participant having elected a 100% Joint & Survivor Annuity (option B) will receive a monthly benefit in an amount which is the actuarial equivalent which would have been payable had the participant elected option A. This monthly amount is payable to the participant during his or her lifetime and then upon his or her death to the spouse, without reduction. Upon the death of the surviving spouse, 50% of the monthly amount that was in payment is split amongst any surviving children under the age of 18 years. Effective for retirements occurring on and after October 1, 2012, if the deceased participant's spouse remarries, monthly pension benefits cease.

A participant having elected a Life Only Annuity (option C) will receive a monthly benefit which is the actuarial equivalent of the amount which would have been paid if the participant had elected option A. No death benefits are payable to any survivor or dependents of the participant who selects this form of payment.

# **Actuarial Equivalence**

Based on the 1971 group annuity mortality table and an interest rate of 7%. In practice, participant mortality is as under the 1971 group annuity mortality table for males and spouse mortality is as under the 1971 group annuity mortality for males set forward 7 years. The computation of the life only annuity for unmarried members assumes an actuarial increase from the normal 50% joint & survivor form assuming a spouse who is three years younger.

# **Partial Lump Sum Option**

Prior to October 1, 2012, participants were allowed to elect to receive a monthly retirement benefit on a reduced basis in return for the payment of a lump sum amount, in cash, at the time the monthly retirement benefit is first payable. The participant could elect to receive the lump sum, based on the monthly normal or early retirement benefit payable as a life only annuity.

The monthly life only retirement benefit after deducting for the partial lump sum payment is monthly life only retirement benefit prior to reduction times the reduction factor. The monthly retirement benefit after deducting for the partial lump sum payment is then reduced appropriately for optional forms which provide survivor benefit continuance.

Effective October 1, 2012, the plan does not provide a partial lump sum option.

# **Thirteenth Checks**

When the actuary certifies that the necessary funds are available, the board may increase the benefits provided retirees by passing a resolution which declares that the monthly benefit paid to each retiree, surviving spouse, or other beneficiary of the retiree shall be increased by a flat dollar amount per month, increased by a flat dollar amount per year of active service per month, or be increased to a minimum monthly amount. Additionally, the board may pass a resolution to issue 13th checks.

# **Actuarial Assumptions and Methods**

Assumed Rate of Investment Return: 7.8% per year (net of investment and administrative expenses)

Inflation: 2.0% per year

Salary Increase – Total Payroll: 2.0% per year.

Salary Increase – Individual: 5.5% per year. In addition, three-year final average earnings are increased 2.1% for hires before January 1, 2016 to account for accrued leave payouts at retirement. There is no load for accrued leave payouts for hires after January 1, 2016 since their benefit is based solely on base pay.

Mortality: In the prior valuation mortality was assumed under the RP 2000 Blue Collar Mortality Table (set forward 10 years for disabled members) with mortality improvements assumed using Scale AA projected from 2000 to the valuation year. Effective with the October 1, 2018 actuarial valuation mortality improvements are fully generational using Scale AA. 95% of active death is assumed not in the line of duty.

# Anniston's Policemen's and Firemen's Retirement Plan (Continued)

Retirement: For participants hired prior to January 1, 2019, unisex rates of retirement are as follows:

	Service						
Age	< 20	20	21 - 24	25	26 - 29	>=30	
<=39	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	
40 - 64	0%	25%	10%	50%	10%	100%	
>=65	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	

For participants hired on and after January 1, 2019, retirement is assumed at a rate of 100% at the earlier of age 65 regardless of service, age 60 with 10 years of Credited Service, and age 56 with 25 years of Credited Service. We have assumed that the basis for actuarial reduction of the monthly benefit for early retirement at the earlier of age 55 with 10 years of Credited Service and age 50 with 25 years of Credited Service are the valuation assumptions.

Termination: Unisex rates of termination are as follows:

<u>Service</u>	Rate	<u>Service</u>	Rate	<u>Service</u>	Rate
0-4	15%	8	7%	12	3%
5	10%	9	6%	13-19	2%
6	9%	10	5%	20+	0%
7	8%	11	4%		

Disability: Unisex rates, as follows:

Age	Rate	Age	Rate	Age	Rate	<u>Age</u>	Rate
<=19	0.0000%	31	0.2318%	43	0.5866%	55	2.0178%
20	0.1204%	32	0.2448%	44	0.6488%	56	2.2266%
21	0.1312%	33	0.2594%	45	0.7190%	57	2.4534%
22	0.1416%	34	0.2760%	46	0.7974%	58	2.6996%
23	0.1516%	35	0.2948%	47	0.8852%	59	2.9660%
24	0.1614%	36	0.3166%	48	0.9830%	60	3.2538%
25	0.1708%	37	0.3414%	49	1.0916%	61	3.5640%
26	0.1802%	38	0.3700%	50	1.2118%	62	3.8980%
27	0.1896%	39	0.4028%	51	1.3446%	63	4.2570%
28	0.1992%	40	0.4402%	52	1.4906%	64	4.6420%
29	0.2092%	41	0.4830%	53	1.6508%	65+	0.0000%
30	0.2200%	42	0.5316%	54	1.8262%		

50% of disabilities are assumed to be service connected.

Plan Expenses: Administrative and investment expenses are assumed to be paid through the investment return.

Marital Assumption: Husbands are assumed to be three years older than wives. 75% of active service-related deaths are assumed to be married.

Funding Method: Entry Age (level percent of salary).

Actuarial Value of Assets: The market value of assets is adjusted to recognize gains and losses over a five-year period. The Actuarial Value of Assets shall not be more than 120% or less than 80% of the market value of assets.

# **Plan Membership Statistics**

Valuation as of October 1, 2020

Inactive currently receiving benefits	202
Active members	162
	<u>364</u>

# Anniston's Policemen's and Firemen's Retirement Plan (Continued)

# **Net Pension Liability**

The total pension liability under GASB 67 and 68 is based on the October 1, 2020 actuarial valuation which used the following actuarial assumptions applied to all periods included in the measurement.

Salary increases 5.50% Single discount rate 7.80%

Mortality RP-00 Blue Collar Mortality Table (set forward 10 years for disabled members)

with mortality improvements assumed using Scale AA

Assumptions are based on the assumptions used by the prior actuary supplemented with changed retirement expectations resulting from Plan changes that became effective October 1, 2012 and January 1, 2016. Effective for the October 1, 2020 actuarial valuation mortality improvements are fully generational.

The discount rate was revised from 7.76% as of October 1, 2019 to 7.80% as of October 1, 2020. Further information regarding the calculation of the discount rate is found in the following section entitled "Calculation of the Discount Rate".

The components of the net pension liability at September 30, 2020 were as follows:

Total pension liability \$ 78,428,838
Plan fiduciary net position (34,895,220)
Net pension liability \$ 43,533,618

Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability 44.49 %

Sensitivity of the net position liability to changes in the discount rate is as follows:

	1%	1% Current	
	Decrease	Discount Rate	Increase
	(6.80%)	(7.80%)	(9.80%)
Net pension liability (asset)	\$ 52,004,350	\$ 43,533,618	\$ 36,429,471

# **Calculation of the Discount Rate**

The long-term expected net rate of return on investments was determined using a building-block method. Best-estimate ranges of expected future real rates of return (expected returns net of investment and administrative expenses and inflation) are developed for each major asset class. The long-term expected net rate of return on investments is the best-estimate ranges weighted by the asset allocation plus expected inflation.

Best estimates of arithmetic real rates of return for each major asset class as provided by the investment monitor are shown in the following table:

		Long-Term	
		Real	Weighted
		Annualized	by Target
Investment Category	Allocation	Return*	Allocation
All Cap	10%	5.6%	0.6%
Large Cap	25	5.5	1.4
Smid Cap	17	6.8	1.2
International Equity	8	3.5	0.3
Real Assets	10	5.0	0.5
Fixed Income	<u>30</u>	2.9	0.9
	<u>100</u> %		<u>4.9</u> %

# Anniston's Policemen's and Firemen's Retirement Plan (Continued)

\*For illustrative purposes, historical long-term average returns have been used as a reasonable expectation of returns by the investment monitor. The expected rate of inflation is 2.2%. The long term real annualized return weighted by target allocation plus the expected rate of inflation is 6.9%.

Note, however, that long-term expected net rates of return for actuarial valuations should be compared to geometric returns. It is unclear if the above information is being produced net of administrative expenses. In addition, we expect inflation at 2.0% whereas the investment monitor expects inflation at 2.2%.

The funding valuation of the Plan assumes the plan will earn 7.8% per year (net of investment and administrative expenses but including inflation). The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability was 7.80%. This is the single rate that reflects the long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments expected to be used to finance the payment of benefits. A projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed the plan member contributions are made at the current contribution rate and that the City contributions will be made equal to the difference between the actuarily determined contribution and the member contributions. Based on those assumptions, the pension plan's fiduciary net position is projected to be available to make all projected future benefit payments of current plan members. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments is applied to all periods of projected benefit payments to determine the total pension liability. For purposes of this determination, we understand pension plan assets are expected to be invested using a strategy to achieve the discount rate.

# **Changes on Net Pension Liability**

	Increase (Decrease)				
	<b>Total Pension</b>		Plan Fiduciary	Net Pension	
	Liability		Net Position	Liability	
		(a)	<u>(b)</u>	(a) – (b)	
Balances at 9/30/2019	\$	78,869,960	\$ 33,874,451 \$	44,995,509	
Changes for the year:					
Service cost		1,229,659	-	1,229,659	
Interest expense		5,942,117	-	5,942,117	
Differences between expected					
and actual experience		(1,280,637)	-	(1,280,637)	
Changes in assumptions		(310,481)	=	(310,481)	
Contributions – employer		=	4,290,280	(4,290,280)	
Contributions – employees		=	1,030,127	(1,030,127)	
Net investment income		=	1,903,887	(1,903,887)	
Benefits payments, including					
refunds of employee contributions		(6,021,780)	(6,021,780)	_	
Administrative expenses		<u>-</u>	(181,745)	181,745	
Net changes		(441,122)	1,020,769	(1,461,891)	
Balances at 9/30/2020	\$	78,428,838	<u>\$ 34,895,220</u> <u>\$</u>	43,533,618	

# Anniston's Policemen's and Firemen's Retirement Plan (Continued)

# Pension Expense and Deferred Outflows and Inflows of Resources

For the year ended September 30, 2020, the City recognized pension expense of \$9,875,722. At September 30, 2020, the City reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions of the following sources:

	Deferred Outflows o <u>Resources</u>	of Inflows of
Differences between expected and actual experience Changes in assumptions Net difference between projected and actual	\$ 992,9'	75 \$ 989,583 - 20,337,422
earnings on pension plan investments		_ 247,203
Total	<u>\$ 992,9°</u>	<u>\$ 21,574,208</u>

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

Year Ended September 30:	
2021	\$ (10,741,727)
2022	(8,964,458)
2023	(906,264)
2024	31,216
2025	
	\$ (20.581,233)

# **NOTE 9 – OTHER POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS**

# City of Anniston OPEB Health Care Plan - Primary Government

# General Information about the OPEB Plan

*Plan description*. The City, through its substantive commitment to provide other postemployment benefits (OPEB), maintains a single employer defined benefit plan to provide certain postretirement healthcare benefits to all former employees.

The City pays for postemployment healthcare benefits on a pay-as-you-go basis. The City is studying the establishment of trusts that would be used to accumulate and invest assets necessary to pay for the accumulated liability. These financial statements assume that pay-as-you-go funding will continue.

*Benefits provided.* Former employees who have 25 years of continuous service, regardless of age, or who have 10 years of continuous service and are age 60. Such benefits are available to spouses or dependents of retiree until the spouse and / or other dependent attains Medicare eligibility.

*Employees covered by benefit terms*. At the measurement date of September 30, 2020, the following employees were covered by the benefit terms:

Inactive employees or beneficiaries currently receiving benefits	149
Active employees	256
	<u>405</u>

# **NOTE 9 – OTHER POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS** (Continued)

# City of Anniston OPEB Health Care Plan – Primary Government (Continued)

Contributions. The City contributed \$609,507 to the OPEB Health Care Plan in fiscal year 2020. The annual required contribution amount is determined using actuarial methods and assumptions approved by the Commission. The Council establishes and may amend the funding policy for the OPEB Health Care Plan.

# **Total OPEB Liability**

The City's total OPEB liability of \$8,967,975 was measured as of September 30, 2020, and was determined by an actuarial valuation as of October 1, 2019.

Actuarial assumptions and other inputs. The total OPEB liability as of September 30, 2020 actuarial valuation was determined using the following actuarial assumptions, applied to all periods included in the measurement:

Inflation 2.50 percent annually Salary increases 3.50 percent annually

Discount rate 4.00 percent Healthcare cost trend rates 5.00 percent

Retirees' share of benefit related costs 80 percent of projected health insurance premiums for retirees up to

\$375 per month and up to \$296 per month for retirees' spouse. Retirees are eligible with 25 years of creditable service or at age 60

with 10 years of service until they are Medicare eligible.

The discount rate was based on the S&P 500 Taxable Municipal Bond Index.

Mortality rates are from the RPU-2014 Blue Collar without projection

# **Changes in Total OPEB Liability**

	Total OPEB Liability (a)		
Balances at September 30, 2019	\$	8,858,568	
Changes for the year:			
Service cost		174,744	
Interest		351,142	
Differences between expected			
and actual experience		240,385	
Benefits payments,		(656,864)	
Net changes		109,407	
Balances at September 30, 2020	<u>\$</u>	8,967,975	

Sensitivity of the total OPEB liability to changes in the discount rate. The following presents the total OPEB liability of the City calculated using the discount rate of 4.0 percent, as well as what the total OPEB liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1-percentage-point lower (3.0 percent) or 1-percentage-point higher (5.0 percent) than the current rate:

	1%		
	Decrease (3.0%)	Discount Rate (4.0%)	Increase (5.0%)
Total OPEB liability	\$ 9,464,099	\$ 8,967,975	\$ 8,225,666

# **NOTE 9 – OTHER POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS** (Continued)

# City of Anniston OPEB Health Care Plan – Primary Government (Continued)

Sensitivity of the total OPEB liability to changes in the healthcare cost trend rates. The following presents the total OPEB liability of the City, as well as what the City's total OPEB liability would be if it were calculated using healthcare cost trend rates that are 1-percentage-point lower (4.0 percent) or 1-percentage-point higher (6.0 percent) than the current healthcare cost trend rates:

		Healthcare Cost			
	1% Decrease	Trend Rates	1% Increase		
	(4.0%)	(5.0%)	(6.0%)		
Total OPEB liability	\$ 8,100,590	\$ 8,967,97 <u>5</u>	\$ 9,623,912		

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

OPEB Expense. For the year ended September 30, 2020, the City recognized OPEB expense of \$609,507.

Deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources. At September 30, 2020, The City reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEBs from the following sources:

	Deferred Outflows of Resources		Deferred Inflows of Resources
Difference between actual and expected experience	\$	1,215,108	\$ 
Total	\$	1,215,108	\$ <del>_</del>

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

Year	Ended	Septeml	per 30:

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2021	\$ (103,433)
2022	(103,433)
2023	(103,433)
2024	(103,433)
2025	(103,433)
Thereafter	(697,943)
	\$ (1.215.108)
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<sup>\*</sup>In the table shown above, positive amounts will increase OPEB expense while negative amounts will decrease OPEB expense.

# Payable to the OPEB Plan

At September 30, 2020, no amounts were payable to the OPEB plan by the City.

#### **NOTE 10 – TAX ABATEMENTS**

The City of Anniston and the City of Anniston Industrial Development Authority offers abatements of certain state, county, and municipal ad-valorem taxes (non-educational portion), sales and use taxes (non-educational portion), and mortgage and recording taxes with respect to projects pursuant to the provisions of Act No. 92-599 enacted during the 1992 Regular Session of the Legislature of Alabama and now codified as Chapter 9B of Title 40 of the Code of Alabama (1975) (herein called the "Tax Abatement Act").

To qualify for these abatements, an entity must commit to a new project or major addition to an existing facility that equals the lesser of \$2 million or 30% of the original cost and only certain NAICS codes qualify. The recipients of the tax abatements agree to take various development actions, including establishing and operating an industrial enterprise, installing, and operating various machinery and personal property, and creating jobs. Property taxes are abated by applying a reduced millage rate to the assessed value to determine the adjusted property tax due. Sales and use taxes are abated by applying reduced sales and use tax rate to the materials and/or equipment purchased. The City abates 5% of general sales and use taxes and 0.5% of machinery in manufacturing sales and use taxes.

The City's property tax revenues were reduced by \$271,831 during the reporting period as a result of these agreements while the City's sales and use tax revenues were reduced by \$139,293 during the reporting period.

In addition to the above program, the City of Anniston utilizes Amendment 772 to the Constitution of Alabama of 1901 to offer economic incentives to entities that are bringing new businesses to the City or expanding current ones. During the reporting period, the City rebated sales and use taxes totaling \$458,555. The City's sales and use tax revenues were not reduced by this amount because the rebates were recorded as expenditures. The amount of sales and use taxes rebated depends on the scope of the project.

#### NOTE 11 – RESTRICTIONS AND CONTINGENCIES

# **Grant Contingencies**

Amounts received or receivable from grantor agencies are subject to audit and adjustment by grantor agencies. Any disallowed claims, including amounts already collected, may constitute a liability of the applicable funds.

# **Other Contingencies**

The City is a defendant in various litigations of which legal counsel and City management are of the opinion that none will have a material adverse effect on the financial statements of the City. These actions include both asserted and unasserted claims. The City's legal counsel has advised that damages on any asserted claims, should an unfavorable judgment be reached, will be within the limits of the City's insurance coverage and therefore should not impact upon municipal assets. The City's maximum liability is estimated to be from \$10,000 up to \$100,000 insurance deductible for claims. No accrual has been included in these financial statements for this matter.

#### **NOTE 12 – RISK MANAGEMENT AND LITIGATION**

The City is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts, theft, errors and omissions, job-related illnesses and injuries, and natural disasters. Risk management is the process of managing the City's activities to minimize the adverse effects of certain types of losses and to obtain finances to provide for or restore the economic damages of those losses. The liability, if any, for this contingency is measured in accordance with Financial Accounting Standards Boards (FASB) Statement No. 5. Expenses are recognized when incurred and offsetting revenues are recorded as a reduction against the applicable expenditure. For insured programs, there have been no significant reductions in insurance coverage. Settlement amounts have not exceeded insurance coverage for the current year or the three prior years.

Effective February 2019, a settlement was reached with an organization regarding a refund of sales tax. The resulting liability was \$1,080,425 and will be paid in full by February 2021.

The City of Anniston operates as a self-insurer under the Alabama Workers' Compensation Law which was granted authorization by the State of Alabama Department of Labor.

#### **NOTE 13 – DEFERRED COMPENSATION PLAN**

Employees are also eligible to participate in the PEIRAF Deferred Compensation Plan of the Retirement Systems of Alabama. Employees may defer a portion of their pre-tax compensation into this plan and are eligible to remove the proceeds at retirement. The City does not contribute to this plan.

#### **NOTE 14 – RISKS AND UNCERTAINTIES**

During 2020, local, U.S., and world governments have encouraged self-isolation to curtail the spread of the global pandemic, coronavirus disease (COVID-19), by mandating temporary work stoppage in many sectors and imposing limitations on travel, size, and duration of group meetings. Many sectors are experiencing disruption to business operations and the impact of reduced customer spending. There is unprecedented uncertainty surrounding the duration of the pandemic, its potential economic ramifications, and any government actions to mitigate them. If the pandemic continues, it may have an adverse effect on the City's future operations, financial position, and liquidity.

# **NOTE 15 – SUBSEQUENT EVENTS**

Management has evaluated events and transactions subsequent to the balance sheet date through the date of the auditor's report (the date the financial statements were available to be issued) for potential recognition or disclosure in the financial statements. Management has not identified any other items requiring recognition or disclosure.

# REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

# SCHEDULE OF CHANGES IN THE CITY'S NET PENSION LIABILITY AND RELATED RATIOS

# EMPLOYMENT RETIREMENT SYSTEM OF ALABAMA

Last 10 Fiscal Years ending September 30

	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
Total pension liability						
Service cost	\$ 548,512	\$ 604,304	\$ 601,019	\$ 620,626	\$ 644,393	\$ 645,593
Interest	2,363,578	2,352,725	2,382,153	2,435,109	2,203,091	2,129,802
Differences between expected and actual experience	(16,384)	(172,561)	(1,387,885)	(1,521,044)	1,980,336	-
Changes of assumptions	-	163,213	-	634,226	-	-
Benefit payments, including refund of member contributions	(2,078,502)	(2,188,123)	(1,832,157)	(1,918,926)	(1,936,258)	(1,782,300)
Transfers among employers	 3,194	(476,287)	35,139	5,214	_	
Net change in total pension liability	820,398	283,271	(201,731)	255,205	2,891,562	993,095
Total pension liability - beginning	 31,735,071	 31,451,800	 31,653,531	31,398,326	 28,506,764	27,513,669
Total pension liability - ending (a)	\$ 32,555,469	\$ 31,735,071	\$ 31,451,800	\$ 31,653,531	\$ 31,398,326	\$ 28,506,764
Plan fiduciary net position						
Contributions - employer	\$ 591,130	\$ 575,719	\$ 611,421	\$ 532,219	\$ 517,085	\$ 541,741
Contributions - member	493,128	495,292	527,129	515,557	538,724	564,320
Net investment income	615,797	2,140,873	2,753,534	2,058,134	250,689	2,377,530
Benefit payments, including refund of member contributions	(2,078,502)	(2,188,123)	(1,832,157)	(1,918,926)	(1,936,258)	(1,782,300)
Transfers among employers	3,194	(476,287)	35,139	5,214	(597,870)	30,637
Net change in plan fiduciary net position	(375,253)	547,474	2,095,066	1,192,198	(1,227,630)	1,731,928
Plan fiduciary net position - beginning	 24,476,944	23,929,470	 21,834,404	 20,642,206	 21,869,836	20,137,908
Plan fiduciary net position - ending (b)	\$ 24,101,691	\$ 24,476,944	\$ 23,929,470	\$ 21,834,404	\$ 20,642,206	\$ 21,869,836
Net pension liability - ending (a) - (b)	\$ 8,453,778	\$ 7,258,127	\$ 7,522,330	\$ 9,819,127	\$ 10,756,120	\$ 6,636,928
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total						
pension liability	74.03%	77.13%	76.08%	68.98%	65.74%	76.72%
Covered employee payroll	\$ 7,096,189	\$ 7,029,793	\$ 7,431,288	\$ 7,482,303	\$ 7,258,581	\$ 7,231,287
Net pension liability as a percentage of covered employee payroll	119.13%	103.25%	101.23%	131.23%	148.18%	91.78%

This schedule will present 10 years as information is available.

# SCHEDULE OF CHANGES IN THE CITY'S NET PENSION LIABILITY AND RELATED RATIOS

#### POLICEMEN AND FIREMEN'S RETIREMENT FUND

**Last 10 Fiscal Years** 

		2020		2019		2018		2017		2016		2015		2014
Total pension liability														
Service cost	\$	1,229,659	\$	2,346,623	\$	2,595,590	\$	3,112,523	\$	2,886,593	\$	2,864,088	\$	1,105,270
Interest		5,942,117		4,917,971		4,436,023		3,851,444		4,081,057		4,037,240		5,054,431
Changes of benefit terms		-		-		-		-		-		51,201		131,764
Differences between expected and														
actual experience		(1,280,637)		1,840,755		200,597		1,268,849		(295,284)		769,346		248,886
Changes of assumptions		(310,481)		(36,736,139)		(5,125,733)		(11,618,958)		7,957,056		2,091,185		43,617,061
Benefit payments, including refund of														
member contributions		(6,021,780)		(5,923,325)		(5,733,012)		(5,243,975)		(5,091,540)		(4,688,577)		(4,428,334)
Net change in total pension liability		(441,122)		(33,554,115)		(3,626,535)		(8,630,117)		9,537,882		5,124,483		45,729,078
Total pension liability - beginning		78,869,960		112,424,075		116,050,610		124,680,727		115,142,845		110,018,362		64,289,284
Total pension liability - ending (a)	\$	78,428,838	\$	78,869,960	\$	112,424,075	\$	116,050,610	\$	124,680,727	\$	115,142,845	\$	110,018,362
Plan fiduciary net position														
Contributions - employer	\$	4,290,280	\$	4,101,272	\$	3,936,409	\$	3,821,164	\$	3,431,035	\$	3,332,850	\$	3,067,464
Contributions - member	-	1,030,127	*	1,085,496	*	1,116,605	-	1,058,117	•	1,048,607	*	1,063,270	*	1,122,594
Net investment income		1,903,887		1,017,730		3,404,855		3,591,276		2,551,226		564,957		2,720,956
Benefit payments, including refund of		y y		,,		-, - ,		- , ,		,,		,		,,
member contributions		(6,021,780)		(5,923,325)		(5,733,012)		(5,243,975)		(5,091,540)		(4,688,577)		(4,428,334)
Administrative expense		(181,745)		(193,629)		(222,341)		-		(199,247)		(195,238)		(132,727)
Other		_		_		_		_		_		_		-
Net change in plan fiduciary net position		1,020,769	_	87,544		2,502,516		3,226,582		1,740,081		77,262		2,349,953
Plan fiduciary net position - beginning		33,874,451		33,786,907		31,284,391		28,057,809		26,317,728		26,240,466		23,890,513
Plan fiduciary net position - ending (b)	\$	34,895,220	\$	33,874,451	\$	33,786,907	\$	31,284,391	\$	28,057,809	\$	26,317,728	\$	26,240,466
Net pension liability - ending (a) - (b)	\$	43,533,618	\$	44,995,509	\$	78,637,168	\$	84,766,219	\$	96,622,918	\$	88,825,117	\$	83,777,896
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability		44.5%		42.9%		30.1%		27.0%		22.5%		22.9%		23.9%
of the total pension hability		44.570		42.970		30.170		27.070		22.370		22.970		23.970
Covered employee payroll	\$	7,358,050	\$	7,753,543	\$	7,975,750	\$	7,557,979	\$	7,490,050	\$	7,594,786	\$	8,018,529
Net pension liability as a percentage of														
covered employee payroll		591.6%		580.3%		986.0%		1121.5%		1290.0%		1169.6%		1044.8%

#### Notes to Schedule:

Effective October 1, 2018 total pension liability employs fully generational mortality. Prior to that the total pension liability includes mortality improvements to the valuation year. The total pension liability as of October 1, 2013 is determined using the assumed rate of investment return of 8.0% per year (net of investment and administrative expenses). The total pension liability as of October 1, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017 and 2018 is determined using the 3.67%, 3.555, 3.09%, 3.85% and 4.42% single discount rate described in GASB 67. Effective October 1, 2017 a load was applied to final average salary to approximate the effect of accrued leave payouts at retirement.

This schedule will present 10 years as information is available.

# SCHEDULE OF EMPLOYER CONTRIBUTIONS EMPLOYMENT RETIREMENT SYSTEM OF ALABAMA

#### **Last 10 Calendar Years**

	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
Actuarially determined contribution	\$ 494,659	\$ 615,120	\$ 601,725	\$ 638,906	\$ 558,928	\$ 542,490
Contributions in relation to the actuarially determined contribution	494,659	615,120	601,725	638,906	558,928	542,490
Contribution deficiency (excess)	\$ -	\$ -	<u>\$ -</u>	\$ -	<u>\$</u>	<u> -</u>
Covered employee payroll	\$ 7,096,189	\$ 7,096,189	\$ 7,029,793	\$ 7,431,288	\$ 7,482,303	\$ 7,258,581
Contributions as a percentage of covered-employee payroll	6.97%	8.67%	8.56%	8.60%	7.47%	7.47%

#### **Notes to Schedule:**

# Valuation date:

Actuarially determined contribution rates are calculated as of September 30, three years prior to the end of the fiscal year in which contributions are reported.

# Methods and assumptions used to determine contribution rates:

Actuarial cost method Entry age

Amortization method Level percent closed

Remaining amortization period 27.5 years

Asset valuation method Five year smoothed market

Inflation 2.750%

Salary increases 3.25 - 5.00%, including inflation

Investment rate of return 7.75%, net of pension plan investment expense, including inflation

expense, including inflation

This schedule will present 10 years as information is available.

# SCHEDULE OF EMPLOYER CONTRIBUTIONS POLICEMEN AND FIREMEN'S RETIREMENT FUND Last 10 Fiscal Years

	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2	2013	2012	2011
Actuarially determined contribution	\$ 8,750,826	\$ 9,026,029	\$ 9,291,821	\$ 9,572,933	\$ 9,641,839	\$ 9,811,904	\$ 9,930,690	\$ 9	,738,007	\$ 8,797,577	\$ 8,065,253
Contributions in relation to the actuarially determined contribution	 4,290,280	4,101,272	 3,936,409	 3,821,164	3,431,035	3,332,850	3,067,464	2	,738,006	 1,184,715	 1,212,363
Contribution deficiency (excess)	\$ 4,460,546	\$ 4,924,757	\$ 5,355,412	\$ 5,751,769	\$ 6,210,804	\$ 6,479,054	\$ 6,863,226	\$ 7	,000,001	\$ 7,612,862	\$ 6,852,890
Covered employee payroll	\$ 7,358,050	\$ 7,753,543	\$ 7,975,750	\$ 7,557,979	\$ 7,490,050	\$ 7,594,786	\$ 8,018,529	\$ 7	7,729,129	\$ 7,652,450	\$ 7,666,590
Actuarially determined contribution as a percentage of covered-employee payroll	118.9%	116.4%	116.5%	126.7%	128.7%	129.2%	123.8%		126.0%	115.0%	105.2%
Actual Contributions as a percentage of covered-employee payroll	58.3%	52.9%	49.4%	50.6%	45.8%	43.9%	38.3%		35.4%	15.5%	15.8%

#### Notes to Schedule:

The actuarially determined contribution includes the total funding deficiency in each year. Each year's contribution deficiency includes the non-payment of deficiency in prior years.

#### Methods and assumptions used to determine contribution rates:

Actuarial cost method Entry age

Amortization method Effective October 1, 2016, a level percent of payroll assuming 2% annual total payroll increases. An assumption of 2.5% was used as October 1, 2015 and an assumption of

3.0% was used as of October 1, 2014.

Remaining amortization period Effective October 1, 2016, 25 years for each new base. Prior to this change a 30-year amortization period was used.

Asset valuation method 5-year smoothed market

Inflation 2.0%

Salary increases 5.5%, including inflation

Investment rate of return Effective October 1, 2019, 7.8% net of investment and administrative expenses, including inflation. Effective October 1, 2017, 7.9% net of investment and administrative

expenses, including inflation. Prior to October 1, 2016, 8.0% net of investment and administrative expenses, including inflation

Retirement age See "Description of Assumptions and Methods" for the assumed retirement age assumption

Mortality Effective October 1, 2018, mortality is assumed under the RP 2000 Blue Collar Mortality Table (set forward 10 years for disabled members) with fully generational mortality

improvements assumed using Scale AA. Effective October 1, 2017, mortality improvements were projected from 2000 to the valuation year.

# SCHEDULE OF CHANGES IN CITY OF ANNISTON'S TOTAL OPEB LIABILITY AND RELATED RATIOS

# **Last Fiscal Year Ending September 30**

	2020	2019	2018
Total OPEB Liability			
Service cost	\$ 174,744	\$ 201,813	\$ 166,827
Interest	351,142	340,177	312,630
Differences between actual and expected experience	240,385	1,026,112	35,291
Benefit payments, including refunds of employee contributions	 (656,864)	 (633,760)	 (474,259)
Net change in total OPEB liability	109,407	934,342	40,489
Total OPEB liability - beginning	 8,858,568	 7,924,226	 7,883,737
Total OPEB liability - ending (a)	\$ 8,967,975	\$ 8,858,568	\$ 7,924,226

<sup>\*\*</sup>GASB 75 requires a 10-year schedule for this data to be presented starting with the implementation of GASB 75. The information in this schedule is not required to be presented retroactively prior to the implementation date.

# OTHER SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

# NONMAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS COMBINING BALANCE SHEET

# **September 30, 2020**

						Special	Revenu	e				
ASSETS		Anniston Museum of Natural History		Berman Museum of World History		Longleaf Botanical Gardens		rections		Fire Tax District		Federal Seized Assets
	•	244.002	•	200	e.		\$	251	e	260 110	•	4.050
Cash and cash equivalents Investments	\$	244,992	\$	200	\$	-	\$	351	\$	368,110 565,601	\$	4,058
Receivables, net of allowance:		-		-		-		-		303,001		-
Taxes		_		_		_		_		_		_
Accounts receivables		1,030		65		30		2,561		_		_
Notes		1,050		-		-		2,501		_		_
Due from other funds		262		9,785		103,634		_		3,218		_
Due from other governments		17,400		-		-		_		17,659		_
Prepaid expenses				_		_		_		7,358		_
	\$	263,684	\$	10,050	\$	103,664	\$	2,912	\$	961,946	\$	4,058
Total assets	Φ	203,004	Φ	10,030	Φ	103,004	Ф	2,912	φ	901,940	J.	4,036
LIABILITIES										_		
Accounts payable	\$	19,697	\$	4,793	\$	3,075	\$	_	\$	40,957	\$	-
Other payables		-		-		-		-		-		-
Due to other funds		300,292		_		-		275,362		445,723		7,782
Due to other governments		-		_		_		_		-		-
Total liabilities		319,989		4,793		3,075		275,362		486,680		7,782
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES												
Unavailable revenue - loans		-		_		_		_		_		_
Total deferred inflows of resources				-		-		_		-		_
FUND BALANCES												
Nonspendable												
Prepaid expenses		-		-		-		-		7,358		-
Restricted for:												
Capital projects		-		-		-		-		-		-
Judicial		-		-		-		-		-		-
Public safety		-		-		-		-		467,908		-
Road improvements		-		-		-		-		-		-
Culture and recreation		-		5,257		-		-		-		-
Economic and industrial development	;	-		-		-		-		-		-
Housing and development		-		-		-		-		-		-
Unassigned		(56,305)				100,589		(272,450)				(3,724)
Total fund balances		(56,305)		5,257		100,589		(272,450)		475,266		(3,724)
Total liabilities, deferred inflows												
of resources, fund balances	\$	263,684	\$	10,050	\$	103,664	\$	2,912	\$	961,946	\$	4,058

Special Revenue

	State Seized Assets	Alabama rust Fund	 Chief of Police Fee	lletproof est Grant	Airport Grants	(	Gasoline Gasoline Tax Tax		asoline		Multiple Grants
\$	4,329	\$ 164,670	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$	44,292	\$	58,087	\$	-
	-	-	72	-	-		-		-		457,999
	-	24,439	35,804	3,234 2,736	- 108,987		5,855		7,392		195,319
		 <u> </u>	 <u> </u>	 2,730	-						-
\$	4,329	\$ 189,109	\$ 35,876	\$ 5,970	\$ 108,987	\$	50,147	\$	65,479	\$	653,318
\$	-	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$	-	\$	-	\$	3,409
	21,780	-	-	7,150	108,987		35,788		47,000		695,871
	21,780	 <u>-</u>	 <u>-</u>	 7,150	 108,987		35,788		47,000	_	699,280
_	<u>-</u>	 	 	 <u> </u>	 						
		 	 	 <u>-</u>	 					_	
	-	-	-	-	-		-		-		-
	_	189,109	_	_	_		_		_		_
	-	· -	-	-	-		-		-		-
	-	-	35,876	-	-		-		-		-
	-	-	-	-	-		14,359		18,479		-
	-	-	-	-	-		-		-		-
	-	-	-	_	-		-		-		-
	(17,451)			 (1,180)	<u>-</u>						(45,962)
_	(17,451)	 189,109	 35,876	 (1,180)	 		14,359		18,479	_	(45,962)
\$	4,329	\$ 189,109	\$ 35,876	\$ 5,970	\$ 108,987	\$	50,147	\$	65,479	\$	653,318

# NONMAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS COMBINING BALANCE SHEET

# **September 30, 2020**

					Sp	ecial Revenu	e		
		НОМЕ	20	JAG 15 Grant		City Court perations			
ASSETS		406.		400					
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	106,570	\$	100	\$	154,977	\$	87,324	
Investments		-		-		-		-	
Receivables, net of allowance Accounts receivables						353			
Notes		441,151		_		333		-	
Due from other funds		24,337		41,974		6,926		_	
Due from other governments		21,337		-		0,720		8,513	
Prepaid expenses		_		_		_		-	
Total assets	\$	572,058	\$	42,074	\$	162,256	\$	95,837	
LIABILITIES									
Accounts payable	\$	2,780	\$	_	\$	_	\$	-	
Other payables		-		-		114,372		-	
Due to other funds		227,128		-		-		-	
Total liabilities		229,908				114,372		<u>-</u>	
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES									
Unavailable revenue - loans		441,151							
Total deferred inflows of resources		441,151							
FUND BALANCES									
Nonspendable									
Prepaid expenses		-		-		-		-	
Restricted for:									
Capital projects		-		-		<u>-</u>		<u>-</u>	
Judicial		-		-		47,884		95,837	
Public safety		-		42,074		-		-	
Road improvements		-		-		-		-	
Culture and recreation		-		-		-		-	
Economic and industrial development		-		-		-		-	
Housing and development		(99,001)		-		-		-	
Unassigned			-	42.074		17 001		05 927	
Total liabilities, deferred inflavor		(99,001)		42,074		47,884	_	95,837	
Total liabilities, deferred inflows of resources, fund balances	\$	572,058	\$	42,074	\$	162,256	\$	95,837	
	-	,	<u> </u>	/	-	- ,	<u> </u>	/ /	

	Special Revenue								Cap	oital Projects			
Ι	Special Orug Task orce Office	De	ommunity evelopment lock Grant		UDAG evolving Loan	G Industrial Downtown  ring Development Development  n Authority Authority		velopment	Im	Capital provement Projects		Total	
\$	405,645	\$	318,156	\$	-	\$	14,796 -	\$	150,580	\$	-	\$	2,127,237 565,601
	- - -		219,502 158,374		126,785		- - -		- - -		- 494,221		462,110 787,438 906,208 363,861
\$	405,645	\$	696,032	\$	126,785	\$	14,796	\$	150,580	\$	494,221	\$	7,358 5,219,813
\$	168,207 583,210 751,417	\$	9,037 - 269,521 278,558	\$	- - - -	\$	- - - -	\$	- - - -	\$	64,795 - 62,860 127,655	\$	148,543 282,579 3,088,454 3,519,576
	<u>-</u>		464,129 464,129		<u>-</u>		<u>-</u>		<u>-</u>		<u>-</u>	_	905,280 905,280
	-		-		-		-		-		-		7,358
	- -		- -		- - -				-		366,566		555,675 143,721 545,858
	-		- -		- - -		- - 14,796		- - 150,580		- -		32,838 5,257 165,376
	(345,772)		(46,655) (46,655)		126,785 - 126,785		14,796		150,580		366,566		126,785 (787,911) 794,957
\$	405,645	\$	696,032	\$	126,785	\$	14,796	\$	150,580	\$	494,221	\$	5,219,813

# NONMAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS COMBINING SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES

# Year ended September 30, 2020

•	Special Revenue										
	Anniston Museum of Natural History	Berman Museum of World History	Longleaf Botanical Gardens	Corrections	Fire Tax District	Federal Seized Assets					
REVENUES	Φ.		Φ.	Φ.	Φ 000.010						
Taxes	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 988,918	\$ -					
Intergovernmental Charges for services	57,585 112,792	13,965 33,406	31,694	224,413	-	-					
Fines and forfeitures	112,/92	33,400	31,094	-	-	-					
Contributions and donations	70,360	10,835	29,032	-	_	_					
Investment income	63,122	10,033	27,032	_	5,914	_					
Other revenue	100	2,858	14,910	_	671	_					
Total revenues	303,959	61,064	75,636	224,413	995,503						
EXPENDITURES											
Current											
Judicial	-	-	-	-	-	-					
Public safety	-	-	-	-	994,984	-					
Public works	-	-	-	-	-	-					
Economic development	-	-	-	-	-	-					
Culture and recreation	679,305	229,571	139,615	-	-	-					
Housing and development	-	-	-	-	-	-					
Capital outlay	-	-	-	-	-	-					
Debt service -											
Principal	-	-	-	-	-	-					
Interest and fiscal charges											
Total expenditures	679,305	229,571	139,615		994,984						
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES											
OVER EXPENDITURES	(375,346)	(168,507)	(63,979)	224,413	519						
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)											
Transfers in	363,000	172,250	149,200	-	-	-					
Transfers out	(30,778)			(365,060)							
Total financing sources (uses)	332,222	172,250	149,200	(365,060)							
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCES	(43,124)	3,743	85,221	(140,647)	519	-					
Fund balance, beginning	(13,181)	1,514	15,368	(131,803)	474,747	(3,724)					
Fund balance, ending	\$ (56,305)	\$ 5,257	\$ 100,589	\$ (272,450)	\$ 475,266	\$ (3,724)					

Special Revenue

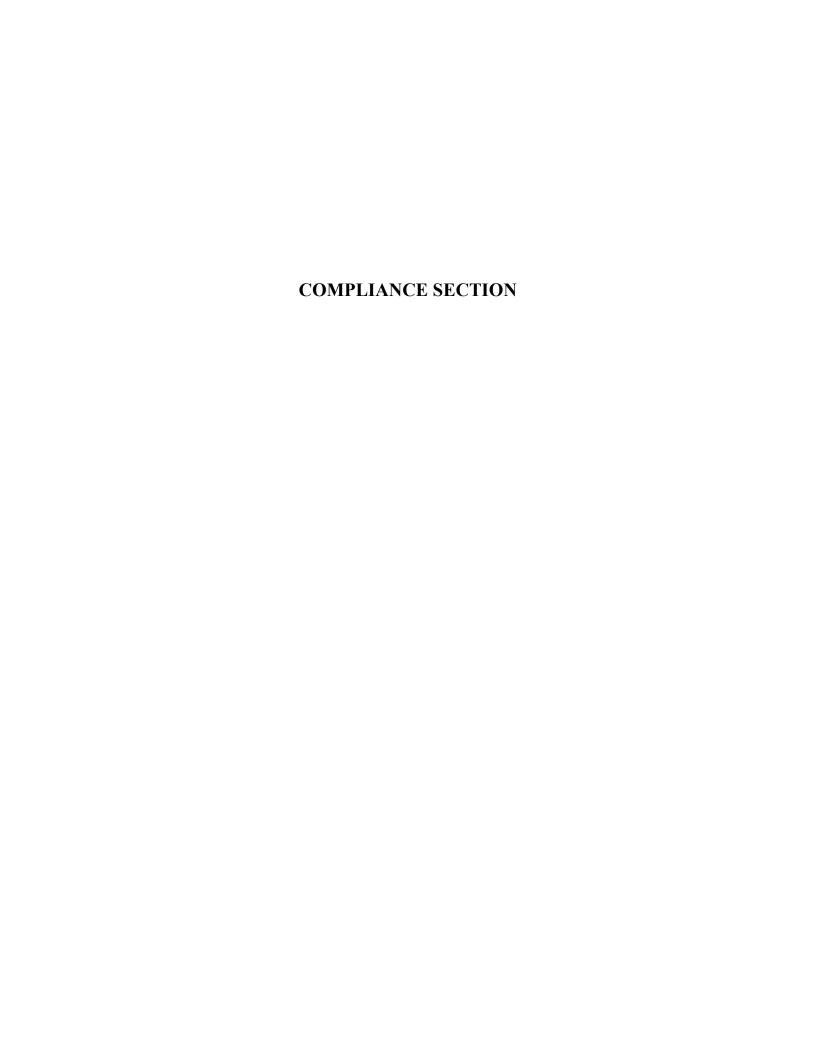
State Seized Assets		Alabama rust Fund	F	hief of Police Fee		lletproof st Grant	Airport Grants		Gasoline Tax		ven Cents asoline Tax		Multiple Grants
\$ -	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$ -	\$	64,743	\$	70,887	\$	-
-		-		7,306		2,964	173,216		-		-		572,930
-		-		-		-	-		-		11,364		-
-		-		-		-	-		-		-		_
-		-		_		_	_		_		_		_
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		<u>-</u>		7,306		2,964	 173,216		64,743		82,251	_	572,930
_		_		_		5,929	_		_		_		_
-		-		-		-	182,332		_		-		339,143
-		-		-		-	-		-		-		-
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-		-		-		-	-		-		-		-
-		-		-		-	-		-		-		-
-		-		-		-	-		-		-		-
	_				_	5,929	182,332	=		_		_	339,143
		<u>-</u>		7,306		(2,965)	 (9,116)		64,743		82,251		233,787
-		-		-		2,965	9,116		-		-		-
							 		(64,000)		(81,500)		
	-				-	2,965	 9,116		(64,000)		(81,500)		
-		-		7,306		-	-		743		751		233,787
(17,451	)	189,109		28,570		(1,180)	 	_	13,616		17,728		(279,749)
\$ (17,451	) \$	189,109	\$	35,876	\$	(1,180)	\$ -	\$	14,359	\$	18,479	\$	(45,962)

# NONMAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS COMBINING SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES

# Year ended September 30, 2020

-			Special Revenue	
	НОМЕ	JAG 2015 Grant	City Court Operations	Rebuild AL Gas Tax
REVENUES				
Taxes	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 95,837
Intergovernmental	147,842	67,611	-	-
Charges for services Fines and forfeitures	-	-	46,641	-
Contributions and donations	-	-	40,041	-
Investment income	1,123	-	-	_
Other revenue	1,125			
Total revenues	148,965	67,611	46,641	95,837
EXPENDITURES				
Current				
Judicial	-	-	148	-
Public safety	-	60,939	-	-
Public works	-	-	-	-
Economic development	-	-	-	-
Culture and recreation	-	-	-	-
Housing and development	208,965	-	-	-
Capital outlay	-	-	-	-
Debt service -				
Principal	-	-	-	-
Interest and fiscal charges	<del>_</del>		<del>_</del>	
Total expenditures	208,965	60,939	148	
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES				
OVER EXPENDITURES	(60,000)	6,672	46,493	95,837
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)				
Transfers in	-	-	-	-
Transfers out	<u> </u>	<u>-</u> _	(50,000)	<u>-</u> _
Total financing sources (uses)			(50,000)	
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCES	(60,000)	6,672	(3,507)	95,837
Fund balance, beginning	(39,001)	35,402	51,391	
Fund balance, ending	\$ (99,001)	\$ 42,074	\$ 47,884	\$ 95,837

Special Revenue								Capital Projects				
Special Drug Task Force Office		Community Development Block Grant		UDAG Revolving Loan		Anniston Industrial Development Authority		Anniston Downtown Development Authority		Capital Improvement Projects		Total
\$	290,504 - - 1,891 - 292,395	\$	2,556 3,395 455,188	\$	- - - - - - -	\$	- - - - - - -	\$	16 24,196 24,212	\$	224,660	\$ 1,220,385 2,232,233 189,256 46,641 110,227 74,622 46,130 3,919,494
	82,936 - - - -		- - - 179 543,874	2	- - 56,549 - -		36		- - - 7,521 - -		2,397 681,230	148 1,144,788 521,475 264,106 1,048,670 755,236 681,230
	82,936		544,053	2	- - 56,549		36		7,521		280,000 147,722 1,111,349	 280,000 147,722 4,843,375
	209,459		(88,865)	(2	56,549)		(36)		16,691		(886,689)	 (923,881) 1,797,833
	(341,838) (341,838)				<u>-</u>		<u>-</u>				1,101,302	 (933,176) 864,657
	(132,379) (213,393)		(88,865) 42,210	•	56,549) 83,334		(36) 14,832		16,691 133,889		214,613 151,953	(59,224) 854,181
\$	(345,772)	\$	(46,655)	\$ 1	26,785	\$	14,796	\$	150,580	\$	366,566	\$ 794,957



# SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS

# Year ended September 30, 2020

	Federal CFDA	Pass-Through Grantor's					
Federal Grantor/Pass-Through Grantor/Program Title	Number	Number	Expenditures				
			•				
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT							
CDBG - Entitlement Grants Cluster	14.218	N/A	\$ 543,944				
HOME Investment Partnerships Program	14.239	N/A	208,963				
Total U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development			752,907				
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE							
Coronavirus Emergency Supplemental Funding Program	16.034	N/A	173,335				
Bulletproof Vest Partnership Program	16.607	N/A	5,929				
Project Safe Neighborhoods	16.609	N/A	1,278				
Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program	16.738	N/A	235,519				
Total U.S. Department of Justice			416,061				
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION							
Alabama Department of Transportation							
Airport Improvement Program	20.106	3-01-0008-035-2020	164,099				
Total U.S. Department of Transportation			164,099				
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TREASURY							
Coronavirus Relief Fund	21.019	N/A	506,728				
Total U.S. Department of Treasury			506,728				
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY							
Assistance to Firefighters Grant	97.044	N/A	82,029				
Total U.S. Department of Homeland Security			82,029				
Total Expenditures of Federal Awards - Primary Government			\$ 1,921,824				

#### NOTES TO SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS

#### Year ended September 30, 2020

#### Note 1. Basis of Presentation

The accompanying schedule of expenditures of federal awards (the Schedule) includes the federal award activity of the City of Anniston, Alabama (the "City") under programs of the federal government for the year ended September 30, 2020. 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.

## Note 2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Expenditures reported on the Schedule are reported on the modified accrual basis of accounting. 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.

#### Note 3. Indirect Cost Rate

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



# 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

To the Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council City of Anniston, Alabama

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, business-type activities, the aggregate discretely-presented component units, each major fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of the City of Anniston, Alabama (the City), as of and for the year ended September 30, 2020, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the City's basic financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated October 19, 2021. Our report includes a reference to other auditors who audited the financial statements of Anniston Board of Education, the Public Library of Anniston-Calhoun County, and the Anniston Museum Endowment Corporation, Inc., as described in our report on the City's financial statements. This report does not include the results of the other auditors' testing of internal control over financial reporting or compliance and other matters that are reported on separately by those auditors. The Anniston Board of Education report was not available from other auditors as of the date of this report.

## **Internal Control over Financial Reporting**

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

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

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

#### **Compliance and Other Matters**

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

## **Purpose of this Report**

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

Henderson Hutcherson & McCullough, PLLC

Chattanooga, Tennessee October 19, 2021



# INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON COMPLIANCE FOR EACH MAJOR FEDERAL PROGRAM AND REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER COMPLIANCE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE UNIFORM GUIDANCE

To the Honorable Mayor And Members of the City Council City of Anniston, Alabama

#### Report on Compliance for Each Major Federal Program

We have audited the City of Anniston, Alabama's compliance with the types of compliance requirements described in the *U.S. Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Compliance Supplement* that could have a direct and material effect on each of the City of Anniston, Alabama's major federal programs for the year ended September 30, 2020. 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.

## Management's Responsibility

Management is responsible for compliance with federal statutes, regulations, and the terms and conditions of its federal awards applicable to its federal programs.

## Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on compliance for each of the City of Anniston, Alabama's major federal programs based on our audit of the types of compliance requirements referred to above. 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* (CFR) Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements*, *Cost Principles and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (Uniform Guidance). Those standards and the Uniform Guidance require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether noncompliance with the types of compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on a major federal program occurred. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence about the City's compliance with those requirements and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.

We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion on compliance for each major federal program. However, our audit does not provide a legal determination on the City's compliance.

#### Opinion on Each Major Federal Program

In our opinion, the City of Anniston, Alabama complied, in all material respects, with the types of compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on each of its major federal programs for the year ended September 30, 2020.

#### **Report on Internal Control over Compliance**

Management of the City of Anniston, Alabama, is responsible for establishing and maintaining effective internal control over compliance with the types of compliance requirements referred to above. In planning and performing our audit of compliance, we considered the City's internal control over compliance with the types of requirements that could have a direct and material effect on each major federal program to determine the auditing procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing an opinion on compliance for each major federal program 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 internal control over compliance. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the City of Anniston, Alabama's internal control over compliance.

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

Our consideration of internal control over compliance was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control over compliance that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies. We did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over compliance that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses may exist that have not been identified.

This 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.

Henderson Hutcherson & McCullough, PLLC

Chattanooga, Tennessee October 19, 2021

# SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS

# Year ended September 30, 2020

# SECTION 1 – SUMMARY OF AUDITOR'S RESULTS

SECTION 1 SOMMENT OF MODIFOR ST	RESCEIS					
Financial Statements						
Type of auditor's report issued:	Unmodified					
Internal control over financial reporting:						
• Material weaknesses identified:	yes	<u>x</u> no				
• Significant deficiencies identified that are considered to be material weaknesses?	yes	<u>x</u> none reported				
Noncompliance material to financial statement	s noted?	yes	<u>x</u> no			
Federal Awards						
Internal control over major programs:						
• Material weaknesses identified:	yes	<u>x</u> no				
• Significant deficiencies identified that are considered to be material weaknesses?	yes	x none reported				
Type of auditor's report issued on compliance major programs:	for	Unmodified				
Any audit findings disclosed under the Uniform Guidance?	n	yes	<u>x</u> no			
Identification of major programs:						
CFDA Numbers	Name of Feder	al Program or Cl	<u>uster</u>			
14.218	U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Developmen CDBG – Entitlement Grants Cluster					
U.S. Department of Justice Coronavirus Emergency Supplemental Fund						
20.106	U.S. Department of Transportation Airport Improvement Program					
Dollar threshold used to distinguish between T and Type B programs:	ype A	\$	750,000			
Auditee qualified as low-risk auditee?		yes	<u>x</u> no			

# SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS

Year ended September 30, 2020

SECTION II – FINANCIAL STATEMENT FINDINGS

None reported

SECTION III – FEDERAL AWARD FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS

None reported

# SCHEDULE OF PRIOR AUDIT FINDINGS

Year ended September 30, 2020

No findings for fiscal year ended September 30, 2019