

CITY OF HIALEAH GARDENS, FLORIDA
BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2024

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT



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Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council
City of Hialeah Gardens, Florida

Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

Opinion

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the City of Hialeah Gardens, Florida (the "City") as of and for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2024, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the City's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the City as of September 30, 2024, and the respective changes in financial position, and, where applicable, cash flows thereof for the fiscal year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Basis for Opinions

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

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

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

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

Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

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

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

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

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

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis, budgetary comparison schedules, and the Schedule of Changes in the City's Net Pension Liability and Related Ratios, the Schedule of City Contributions, and the Schedule of Changes in the City's Total OPEB Liability and Related Ratios on pages 4–12 and 50–57 be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

Supplementary Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the City's basic financial statements. The accompanying combining financial statements, budgetary comparison schedules, and schedule of expenditures of state financial assistance, as required by Chapter 10.550, Rules of the Auditor General of the State of Florida, are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the combining and individual nonmajor fund financial statements and budgetary comparison schedules are fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated April 24, 2026, on our consideration of the City's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the City's internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering City's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Caballero Fierman Llerena & Garcia, LLP

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Miami, Florida
April 24, 2026

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

CITY OF HIALEAH GARDENS, FLORIDA
MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS
SEPTEMBER 30, 2024

As management of the City of Hialeah Gardens (the City), we offer readers of the City's financial statements this narrative overview and analysis of the financial activities of the City for fiscal year ended September 30, 2024. Readers are encouraged to consider the information presented here in conjunction with the auditors' reports, the basic financial statements, the notes to the financial statements and the other supplementary information.

This discussion and analysis is designed to (a) assist the reader in focusing on significant financial issues, (b) provide an overview of the City's financial activity, (c) identify changes in the City's financial position (its ability to address the next and subsequent year challenges), (d) identify any material deviations from the financial plan (the approved budget), and (e) identify individual fund issues or concerns. The information contained within this section should be considered only a part of a greater whole.

Financial Highlights

- The City's assets and deferred outflows of resources exceeded its liabilities and deferred inflows of resources at the close of the most recent fiscal year by approximately \$64.8 million (total net position).
- The City's total net position showed an increase of approximately \$2.2 million from approximately \$62.6 million in the fiscal year 2022 to \$64.8 million in fiscal year 2023. The increase was mainly attributable to current year operations. For current year operations, net position of our business-type activities increased by approximately \$1.6 million, while the net position of our governmental activities increased by approximately \$518 thousand.
- As of the close of the current fiscal year, the City's governmental funds reported negative combined fund balances of \$1.8 million, this attributable to the ongoing construction projects throughout the City.
- The City's total debt decreased by approximately \$421 thousand during the current fiscal year due to pay off of notes payable.

Overview of the Financial Statements

This annual report consists of four parts—*management's discussion and analysis* (this section), the *basic financial statements*, *required supplementary information* and an additional section that presents *combining statements* for nonmajor governmental funds. The basic financial statements include two kinds of statements that present different views of the City:

- The first two statements are *government-wide financial statements* that provide both short-term and long-term information about the City's overall financial status.
- The remaining statements are *fund financial statements* that focus on individual parts of the City government, reporting the City's operations in more detail than the government-wide statements.
- The governmental funds statements show how general government services such as public safety was financed in the short term as well as what remains for future spending.
- *Proprietary funds* statements offer short-term and long-term financial information about the activities the government operates like businesses, such as the stormwater operations, and water and wastewater systems.

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Overview of the Financial Statements (Continued)

The financial statements also include *notes* that explain some of the information in the financial statements and provide more detailed data. The statements are followed by a section of *required supplementary information* which further explains and supports the information in the financial statements. Figure A-1 shows how the required parts of this annual report are arranged and are related to one another. In addition to these required elements, we have included a section with combining statements that provide details about our nonmajor governmental funds, each of which is added together and presented in single columns in the basic financial statements.

Government-wide financial statements

The *government-wide financial statements* are designed to provide readers with a broad overview of the City of Hialeah Gardens' finances, in a manner similar to a private-sector business.

The *statement of net position* presents information on all of the City's assets, deferred outflows of resources, liabilities and deferred inflows of resources, with the difference between the two reported as net position. Over time, increases or decreases in net position may serve as a useful indicator of whether the financial position of the City of Hialeah Gardens is improving or deteriorating.

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

Both of the government-wide financial statements distinguish functions of the City that are principally supported by taxes and intergovernmental revenues (*governmental activities*) from other functions that are intended to recover all or a significant portion of their costs through user fees and charges (*business-type activities*). The government activities of the City of Hialeah Gardens include public works, parks and recreation, police, and general administration services. The business-type activities of City include the water and sewer, and storm-water systems.

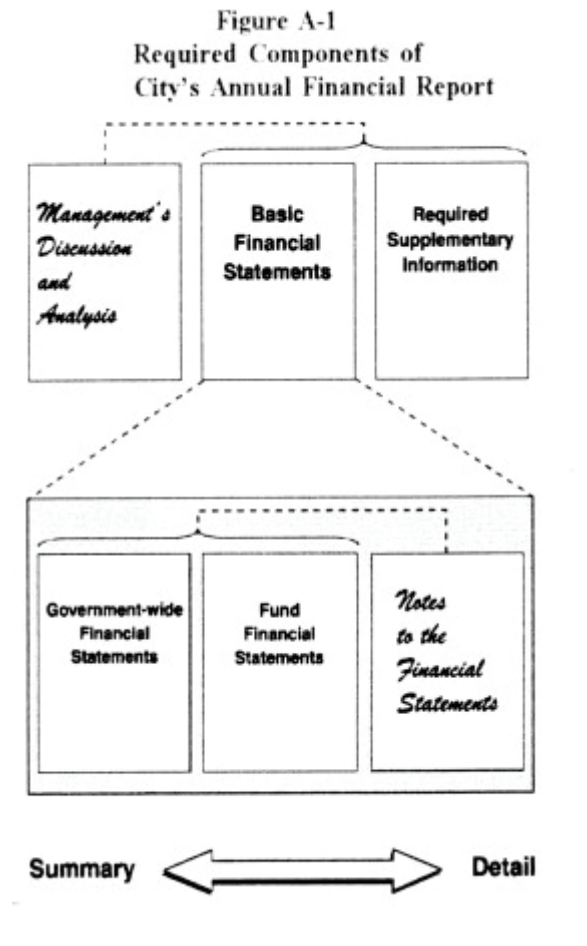
The government-wide financial statements can be found on pages 13 to 14 of this report.

Fund financial statements

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

Governmental funds

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



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Overview of the Financial Statements (Continued)

Governmental funds (Continued)

Because the focus of governmental funds is narrower than that of the government-wide financial statements, it is useful to compare the information presented for *governmental funds* with similar information presented for *governmental activities* in the government-wide financial statements. By doing so, readers may better understand the long-term impact of the government's near-term financing decisions. Both the governmental funds balance sheet and the governmental funds statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balances provide a reconciliation to facilitate this comparison between *governmental funds and governmental activities*.

The City of Hialeah Gardens maintains several individual governmental funds. Information is presented separately in the governmental funds balance sheet and in the governmental funds statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balances for the General Fund, Streets and Roads Fund, and the CITT Fund, which are considered to be a major funds. Data from the other governmental funds are combined into a single, aggregated presentation. Individual fund data for each of these nonmajor governmental funds is provided in the form of combining statements elsewhere in this report. Budgetary comparison statements have been provided for the General Fund, Streets and Roads Fund, and the CITT Fund to demonstrate compliance with this budget. The basic governmental fund financial statements can be found on pages 15 to 18 of this report.

Proprietary funds

The City maintains one type of proprietary fund. *Enterprise funds* are used to report the same functions presented as business-type activities in the government-wide financial statements. The City uses enterprise funds to account for its water and sewer, and stormwater operations.

Proprietary funds provide the same type of information as the government-wide financial statements, only in more detail. The proprietary funds financial statements provide separate information for the water and sewer and stormwater operations, the Water and Sewer Fund is considered to be a major fund of the City, while the stormwater fund is considered a non-major fund of the City.

The basic proprietary fund financial statements can be found on pages 19 to 21 of this report.

Fiduciary funds

Fiduciary funds are used to account for resources held for the benefit of parties outside the City. The fiduciary fund is not reflected in the government-wide financial statements because the resources of those funds are not available to support the City of Hialeah Gardens' own programs. The accounting used for fiduciary funds is much like that used for proprietary funds.

The fiduciary fund financial statements can be found on pages 22 to 23 of this report.

Notes to the basic financial statements

The notes provide additional information that is essential to a full understanding of the data provided in the government-wide and fund financial statements. The notes to the basic financial statements can be found on pages 24 to 49 of this report.

Other information

In addition to the basic financial statements and accompanying notes, this report also presents certain required supplementary information concerning the City's progress in funding its obligation to provide pension benefits to its employees and budgetary comparison schedules.

Required supplementary information can be found on pages 50 to 57 of this report.

The combining statements referred to earlier in connection with nonmajor governmental funds is presented immediately following the required supplementary information. Combining and individual fund statements and schedules can be found on pages 58 to 60 of this report. The City's Custodial Fund can be found on pages 22-23.

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Government-Wide Financial Analysis

Summary of Net Position

As noted earlier, net position may serve over time as a useful indicator of a government's financial position. There are six basic transactions that will affect the comparability of the Statement of Net Position summary presentation as reflected below:

- **Net results of activities** will impact (increase/decrease) current assets and unrestricted net position.
- **Borrowing for capital** will increase current assets and long-term debt.
- **Spending borrowed proceeds on new capital** will reduce current assets and increase capital assets. There is a second impact, an increase in invested in capital assets and an increase in related net debt which will not change the invested in capital assets, net of debt.
- **Spending of non-borrowed current assets on new capital** will reduce current assets and increase capital assets and will reduce unrestricted net position and increase invested in capital assets, net of debt.
- **Principal payment on debt** will reduce current assets and reduce long-term debt and reduce unrestricted net position and increase invested in capital assets, net of debt.
- **Reduction of capital assets through depreciation** will reduce capital assets and invested in capital assets, net of related debt.

Governmental Activities

Net position for the City's governmental activities increased by approximately \$47 thousand to approximately \$35.4 million.

A portion of the City's governmental net position is restricted as to the purpose they can be used for and are classified as invested in capital assets (land, buildings, streets, sidewalks, and equipment). The City 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 related debt, it should be noted that the resources needed to repay this debt must be provided from other sources, since the capital assets themselves cannot be used to liquidate these liabilities.

An additional portion of the City's governmental net position represents resources that are subject to external restrictions on how they may be used. The remaining balance of *unrestricted net position* may be used to meet government's ongoing obligations to citizens and creditors.

Table 1
City of Hialeah Gardens' Net Position

	Governmental Activities		Business-type Activities		Total	
	2024	2023	2024	2023	2024	2023
Current and other assets	\$ 8,441,496	\$ 9,967,227	\$ 2,954,842	\$ 4,208,962	\$ 11,396,338	\$ 14,176,189
Capital assets	40,391,019	38,660,807	29,821,238	28,069,325	70,212,257	66,730,132
Total assets	<u>48,832,515</u>	<u>48,628,034</u>	<u>32,776,080</u>	<u>32,278,287</u>	<u>81,608,595</u>	<u>80,906,321</u>
Pension Contributions	<u>3,942,699</u>	<u>5,034,480</u>	-	-	<u>3,942,699</u>	<u>5,034,480</u>
Total deferred outflows of resources	<u>3,942,699</u>	<u>5,034,480</u>	-	-	<u>3,942,699</u>	<u>5,034,480</u>
Long-term debt outstanding	1,145,369	1,707,131	64,714	64,714	1,210,083	1,771,845
Other liabilities	<u>12,873,453</u>	<u>14,105,759</u>	<u>2,521,026</u>	<u>2,343,156</u>	<u>15,394,479</u>	<u>16,448,915</u>
Total liabilities	<u>14,018,822</u>	<u>15,812,890</u>	<u>2,585,740</u>	<u>2,407,870</u>	<u>16,604,562</u>	<u>18,220,760</u>
Business license tax	390,572	468,522	-	-	390,572	468,522
Pension	2,837,565	2,369,143	-	-	2,837,565	2,369,143
OPEB	<u>146,009</u>	<u>102,283</u>	-	-	<u>146,009</u>	<u>102,283</u>
Total deferred inflows of resources	<u>3,374,146</u>	<u>2,939,948</u>	-	-	<u>3,374,146</u>	<u>2,939,948</u>
Net position:						
Net investment in capital assets	32,147,583	31,822,754	29,821,238	28,069,325	61,968,821	59,892,079
Restricted	6,795,028	5,801,727	16,104	16,104	6,811,132	5,817,831
Unrestricted	<u>(3,560,365)</u>	<u>(2,714,805)</u>	<u>352,998</u>	<u>1,784,988</u>	<u>(3,207,367)</u>	<u>(929,817)</u>
Total net position	<u>\$ 35,382,246</u>	<u>\$ 34,909,676</u>	<u>\$ 30,190,340</u>	<u>\$ 29,870,417</u>	<u>\$ 65,572,586</u>	<u>\$ 64,780,093</u>

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Government-Wide Financial Analysis (Continued)

Governmental Activities (Continued)

At the end of the current fiscal year, the City of Hialeah Gardens is able to report positive balances in two of the three categories of net position for the government as a whole, and positive balances in two of three categories for its business-type activities.

Summary of Changes in Net Position

The following information is presented to assist the reader in understanding the different types of normal impacts that can affect revenues:

- **Economic condition** can reflect a declining, stable or growing environment and has a substantial impact on property, non-ad valorem assessments, sales, gas, or other tax revenues as well as consumer spending habits for building permits, user fees and consumption.
- The City Council has significant authority to set **increases or decreases in City's rates** (water and sewer, stormwater, permitting, user fees, etc.).
- **Changing patterns in intergovernmental and grant revenues** (both recurring and non-recurring) can significantly change and impact the annual comparisons.
- **Market impacts on investment income** may cause investment revenues to fluctuate from the prior year.

Some other basic impacts on expenses are reflected below:

- **Introduction of new programs** can have a substantial impact on property, non-ad valorem assessments, sales, gas, or other tax revenues as well as consumer spending habits for building permits, user fees and consumption.
- **Changes in service demand levels** can cause the City to increase or decrease authorized staffing. Staffing costs (salary and related benefits) represent a large portion of the City's operating costs.
- **Salary increases** such as cost of living, performance increases and market adjustments can impact personal service costs.
- **While inflation** appears to be reasonably modest, the City is a major consumer of certain commodities such as chemicals, supplies, fuels and parts. Some functional expenses may experience unusual commodity specific increases.

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Government-Wide Financial Analysis (Continued)

Summary of Changes in Net Position (Continued)

	Table 2					
	Changes in City of Hialeah Gardens' Net Position					
	Governmental Activities		Business-type Activities		Total	
	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
Revenues:						
Program revenues:						
Charges for services	\$ 2,241,074	\$ 1,614,424	\$ 7,971,099	\$ 8,026,147	\$ 10,212,173	\$ 9,640,571
Operating grants/contributions	1,794,278	4,423,189	-	-	1,794,278	4,423,189
Capital grants/contributions	1,576,467	1,195	-	-	1,576,467	1,195
General revenues:						
Property taxes	10,328,201	8,974,997	-	-	10,328,201	8,974,997
Intergovernmental	3,670,002	4,156,834	-	-	3,670,002	4,156,834
Utility taxes	2,326,639	2,368,105	-	-	2,326,639	2,368,105
Franchise taxes	2,075,557	1,985,095	-	-	2,075,557	1,985,095
Investment income	21,972	17,405	78,440	55,017	100,412	72,422
Other	3,650,567	50,775	-	-	3,650,567	50,775
Total revenues	<u>27,684,757</u>	<u>23,592,019</u>	<u>8,049,539</u>	<u>8,081,164</u>	<u>35,734,296</u>	<u>31,673,183</u>
Expenses:						
General government	15,389,173	11,824,739	-	-	15,389,173	11,824,739
Public safety	8,531,398	7,938,006	-	-	8,531,398	7,938,006
Human services	748,834	982,895	-	-	748,834	982,895
Culture and recreation	2,497,161	2,270,514	-	-	2,497,161	2,270,514
Interest on long-debt	45,621	57,665	-	-	45,621	57,665
Water and sewer	-	-	7,516,844	6,242,407	7,516,844	6,242,407
Stormwater	-	-	212,772	191,441	212,772	191,441
Total expenses	<u>27,212,187</u>	<u>23,073,819</u>	<u>7,729,616</u>	<u>6,433,848</u>	<u>34,941,803</u>	<u>29,507,667</u>
Change in net position	472,570	518,200	319,923	1,647,316	792,493	2,165,516
Net position, beginning	<u>34,909,676</u>	<u>34,391,476</u>	<u>29,870,417</u>	<u>28,223,101</u>	<u>64,780,093</u>	<u>62,614,577</u>
Net position, ending	<u>\$ 35,382,246</u>	<u>\$ 34,909,676</u>	<u>\$ 30,190,340</u>	<u>\$ 29,870,417</u>	<u>\$ 65,572,586</u>	<u>\$ 64,780,093</u>

The City's total net position showed an increase of approximately \$792 thousand or 1% during the current fiscal year as a result of a decrease in expenditures on Governmental activities.

The City's total revenues increased by 12.8% or approximately \$4 million and total expenses increased by 18% or approximately \$5 million.

Revenues for the City's governmental activities increased from \$23.6 million to \$27.7 million, while the expenses increased from \$23.1 million to \$27.2 million. The increase in net position for governmental activities totaled approximately \$792 thousand in 2024, compared to a \$518 increase in 2023.

The functional activities that had expense increases compared to last fiscal year were:

- Increases in revenues are mainly due to increase in Ad Valorem revenues due to increase in property values.

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Government-Wide Financial Analysis (Continued)

Summary of Changes in Net Position (Continued)

Business-type Activities

For 2024, there was an decrease of approximately \$65 thousand in net position reported in connection with the City's business-type activities. Key elements of this increase are as follows:

- Charges for services for business-type activities decreased due to decrease in General Fund contributions to the department.
- Operating expenses increased due to increased in water cost from Miami Dade County water and Sewer.

Financial Analysis of the City's Funds

As the City completed the year, its governmental funds reported negative combined fund balances of approximately \$3.5 million, or an increase of approximately \$1.8 million compared to last year's negative combined fund balances of \$400 thousand. Included in this year's total change in fund balances are a \$1.7 increase in the General Fund, a increase of \$1.2 million in the Streets and Roads Fund, and an increase of \$954 thousand in the CITT Fund (major funds).

The General Fund

The General Fund is the chief operating fund of the City. General tax revenues and other receipts that are not allocated by law or contractual agreement to another fund are accounted for in this fund. General operating expenses, fixed charges and capital improvement costs not paid through other funds are paid from this fund. At the end of the current fiscal year, unassigned fund balance of the general fund was approximately \$2 million, as compared with \$769 thousand in the prior year. Non-spendable fund balance reported no changes to \$263 thousand in the current year compared to \$263 thousand for the prior year.

Compared to the prior year, total General Fund revenues increased by approximately \$740 thousand or 3% in fiscal year 2024. Change was due to the net effect of ad valorem proceeds received during the fiscal year.

In fiscal year 2024, total General Fund expenditures increased by \$5.4 million or 25% compared to the prior year. The increase was due to the capital projects and increase in other contractual services during fiscal year.

Major Funds

The City's other major fund is the Streets and Roads Fund which accounts for local option gas tax revenues and expenditures on transportation and public works projects. For 2024, there were no charges for services during the fiscal year. Charges for services are for construction projects in which the Streets and Roads fund performs the work and bills the water and sewer fund.

General Fund Budgetary Highlights

General Government:

- The City adopted a millage rate of 5.1613, which is an increase of 15.09% over the rolled back rate and provided the same level of services to Hialeah Gardens' residents.
- The City continued providing room and board to residents in distress who qualify under the low-income assistance programs.

Capital Assets:

- The Publics Works Department continues repairing sidewalks and driveways throughout all areas of the City of Hialeah Gardens.

CITY OF HIALEAH GARDENS, FLORIDA
MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS
SEPTEMBER 30, 2024

Capital Asset and Debt Administration

Capital assets

The City of Hialeah Gardens' investment in capital assets for its governmental and business type activities as of September 30, 2024 increased by \$2 million over the prior year. This investment in capital assets includes land, buildings and system improvements, machinery and equipment, streets and median improvements and infrastructure, park facilities, and stormwater infrastructure.

Table 3
City of Hialeah Gardens' Capital Assets

	Governmental Activities		Business-Type Activities		Total	
	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
Capital Assets	\$ 77,048,234	\$ 73,033,463	\$ 46,946,884	\$ 44,463,277	\$ 123,995,118	\$ 117,496,740
Accumulated depreciation	(36,657,215)	(34,372,656)	(17,125,646)	(16,393,952)	(53,782,861)	(50,766,608)
	<u>\$ 40,391,019</u>	<u>\$ 38,660,807</u>	<u>\$ 29,821,238</u>	<u>\$ 28,069,325</u>	<u>\$ 70,212,257</u>	<u>\$ 66,730,132</u>

This year's major capital asset additions before depreciation for the governmental activities equaled approximately \$4.4 million and include the following:

- Streets and roadways improvements
- Purchase of vehicles
- Park improvements
- Improvements to sewer lines

Additional information on the City's capital assets can be found in Note 7 on pages 38 and 39 of this report.

Long-term debt

At year-end the City had \$834 thousand in bonds and notes outstanding— a decrease of approximately \$493 thousand over last year— as shown in Table 4 below. The debt position of the City is summarized below and is more fully explained in Note 8 Long-Term Debt beginning on pages 40 to 42 of this report.

Table 4
City of Hialeah Gardens' Debt

	October 1, <u>2023</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Reductions</u>	September 30, <u>2024</u>	Due within <u>One Year</u>
Governmental activities:					
Total bonds and notes payable	\$ 1,129,671	\$ -	\$ (444,179)	\$ 685,492	\$ 479,930
Other liabilities:					
Capital lease	260,319	-	(60,558)	199,761	63,478
OPEB liability	315,432	-	(58,358)	257,074	-
Net pension liability	2,071,735	-	(1,473,027)	598,708	-
Compensated absences	858,806	707,713	(762,995)	803,524	-
Governmental activity long-term liabilities	<u>\$ 4,635,963</u>	<u>\$ 707,713</u>	<u>\$ (2,799,117)</u>	<u>\$ 2,544,559</u>	<u>\$ 543,408</u>
Business-type activities:					
Other liabilities:					
OPEB liability	15,208	-	(3,539)	11,669	-
Compensated absences	85,648	19,691	(4,855)	100,484	20,934
Total other liabilities	<u>100,856</u>	<u>19,691</u>	<u>(8,394)</u>	<u>112,153</u>	<u>20,934</u>
Business-type activities long-term liabilities	<u>\$ 100,856</u>	<u>\$ 19,691</u>	<u>\$ (8,394)</u>	<u>\$ 112,153</u>	<u>\$ 20,934</u>

CITY OF HIALEAH GARDENS, FLORIDA
MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS
SEPTEMBER 30, 2024

Economic Factors and Next Year's Budgets

- The City adopted a millage rate of 5.1613 for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2024 which is the same as previous year set by the County.
- Inflationary trends in the region compare unfavorably to national indices.
- Hialeah Gardens, like most communities across the state and nation, has been negatively impacted by the financial crisis and economic downturn gripping the United States. However, the City has maintained its high level of services while maintaining its tax millage rate the lowest it has been in years. Our millage rate this fiscal year is lower than it was in 1984. In addition, the City has still managed to keep a healthy surplus.

Requests for Information

The City's financial statements are designed to present users (citizens, taxpayers, customers, investors and creditors) with a general overview of the City's finances and to demonstrate the City's accountability. If you have questions about the report or need additional financial information, contact Juan Rivera, OMB Director, City of Hialeah Gardens, 10001 NW 87th Ave., Hialeah Gardens, FL 33016.

BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

CITY OF HIALEAH GARDENS, FLORIDA
STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
SEPTEMBER 30, 2024

	Governmental <u>Activities</u>	Business-Type <u>Activities</u>	<u>Total</u>
<u>ASSETS</u>			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 5,215,383	\$ 1,034,267	\$ 6,249,650
Accounts receivable - net	1,490,732	1,652,601	3,143,333
Prepays	73,109	-	73,109
Internal balances	1,301,017	(1,301,017)	-
Restricted assets:			
Cash and cash equivalents	-	1,568,991	1,568,991
Investments	361,255	-	361,255
Capital assets not being depreciated	6,554,659	14,419,688	20,974,347
Capital assets being depreciated, net	33,836,360	15,401,550	49,237,910
Total assets	<u>48,832,515</u>	<u>32,776,080</u>	<u>81,608,595</u>
<u>DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES</u>			
Pension	3,932,399	-	3,932,399
OPEB	10,300	-	10,300
Total deferred inflows of resources	<u>3,942,699</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,942,699</u>
<u>LIABILITIES</u>			
Accounts payable	484,919	1,393,978	1,878,897
Accrued payroll	527,608	39,238	566,846
Accrued interest	2,232	-	2,232
Customer deposits	-	1,052,117	1,052,117
Interfund loan	1,320,491	-	1,320,491
Unearned revenue	9,139,013	3,090	9,142,103
Noncurrent liabilities:			
Net pension liability	598,708	-	598,708
OPEB liability	257,074	11,669	268,743
The amount due in one year	543,408	20,934	564,342
The amount due in more than one year	1,145,369	64,714	1,210,083
Total liabilities	<u>14,018,822</u>	<u>2,585,740</u>	<u>16,604,562</u>
<u>DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES</u>			
Business license tax	390,572	-	390,572
Pension	2,837,565	-	2,837,565
OPEB	146,009	-	146,009
Total deferred inflows of resources	<u>3,374,146</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,374,146</u>
<u>NET POSITION</u>			
Net investment in capital assets	32,147,583	29,821,238	61,968,821
Restricted for:			
Debt service	361,255	16,104	377,359
Public safety	513,277	-	513,277
Transportation	5,920,496	-	5,920,496
Unrestricted	(3,560,365)	352,998	(3,207,367)
Total net position	<u>\$ 35,382,246</u>	<u>\$ 30,190,340</u>	<u>\$ 65,572,586</u>

See notes to basic financial statements

CITY OF HIALEAH GARDENS, FLORIDA
STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2024

Functions/Programs	Program Revenues			Net (Expense) Revenue and Changes in Net Position			
	Expenses	Charges for Services	Operating Grants and Contributions	Capital Grants and Contributions	Governmental Activities	Business- Type Activities	Total
Governmental activities:							
General government	\$ 15,389,173	\$ 2,162,257	\$ 1,442,193	\$ 1,576,467	\$ (10,208,256)	\$ -	\$ (10,208,256)
Public safety	8,531,398	78,817	-	-	(8,452,581)	-	(8,452,581)
Human services	748,834	-	349,385	-	(399,449)	-	(399,449)
Culture and recreation	2,497,161	-	2,700	-	(2,494,461)	-	(2,494,461)
Interest on long-term debt	45,621	-	-	-	(45,621)	-	(45,621)
Total governmental activities	27,212,187	2,241,074	1,794,278	1,576,467	(21,600,368)	-	(21,600,368)
Business-type activities:							
Water & Sewer	7,516,844	7,351,175	-	-	-	(165,669)	(165,669)
Stormwater	212,772	619,924	-	-	-	407,152	407,152
Total business-type activities	7,729,616	7,971,099	-	-	-	241,483	241,483
	\$ 34,941,803	\$ 10,212,173	\$ 1,794,278	\$ 1,576,467	\$ (21,600,368)	\$ 241,483	\$ (21,358,885)
General revenues:							
Ad valorem taxes, levied for general purpose					\$ 10,328,201	\$ -	\$ 10,328,201
Utility taxes					2,326,639	-	2,326,639
Franchise fees on gross receipts					2,075,557	-	2,075,557
Intergovernmental (unrestricted)					3,670,002	-	3,670,002
Investment income (unrestricted)					21,972	78,440	100,412
Other					3,650,567	-	3,650,567
Total general revenues and transfers					22,072,938	78,440	22,151,378
Change in net position					472,570	319,923	792,493
Net position, beginning					34,909,676	29,870,417	64,780,093
Net position, ending					\$ 35,382,246	\$ 30,190,340	\$ 65,572,586

See notes to basic financial statements

CITY OF HIALEAH GARDENS, FLORIDA
BALANCE SHEET
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
SEPTEMBER 30, 2024

	Major Funds				Total Governmental Funds
	General Fund	Streets and Roads Fund	CITT Fund	Other Governmental Funds	
<u>ASSETS</u>					
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 5,161,918	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 53,465	\$ 5,215,383
Accounts receivable - net	1,490,732	-	-	-	1,490,732
Due from other funds	10,065,111	809,862	5,997,431	904,730	17,777,134
Prepays	-	-	73,109	-	73,109
Restricted assets:					
Investments	<u>361,255</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>361,255</u>
Total assets	<u>17,079,016</u>	<u>809,862</u>	<u>6,070,540</u>	<u>958,195</u>	<u>24,917,613</u>
<u>LIABILITIES</u>					
Accounts payable	484,919	-	-	-	484,919
Due to other funds	6,918,361	9,112,838	-	444,918	16,476,117
Interfund loan	1,320,491	-	-	-	1,320,491
Unearned revenues	<u>9,139,013</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>9,139,013</u>
Total liabilities	<u>18,390,392</u>	<u>9,112,838</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>444,918</u>	<u>27,948,148</u>
<u>DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES</u>					
Business license tax	390,572	-	-	-	390,572
Unavailable revenues	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>150,044</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>150,044</u>
Total deferred inflows of resources	<u>390,572</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>150,044</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>540,616</u>
<u>FUND BALANCES</u>					
Nonspendable	-	-	73,109	-	73,109
Restricted	361,255	-	5,920,496	513,277	6,795,028
Unassigned	<u>(2,063,203)</u>	<u>(8,302,976)</u>	<u>(73,109)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(10,439,288)</u>
Total fund balances	<u>(1,701,948)</u>	<u>(8,302,976)</u>	<u>5,920,496</u>	<u>513,277</u>	<u>(3,571,151)</u>
Total liabilities, deferred inflows of resources, and fund balances	<u>\$ 17,079,016</u>	<u>\$ 809,862</u>	<u>\$ 6,070,540</u>	<u>\$ 958,195</u>	<u>\$ 24,917,613</u>

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CITY OF HIALEAH GARDENS, FLORIDA
RECONCILIATION OF THE BALANCE SHEET TO THE STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
SEPTEMBER 30, 2024

Fund balances - total government funds (Page 15) \$ (3,571,151)

Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of net position are different as a result of:

Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and therefore are not reported in the governmental funds.

Governmental capital assets	77,048,234
Less accumulated depreciation	(36,657,215)

Long-term liabilities, including bonds payable, are not due and payable in the current period and therefore are not reported in the governmental funds.

Revenue bonds	(524,841)	
Notes payable	(160,650)	
Capital lease payable	(199,762)	
OPEB liability	(257,074)	
Accrued interest	(2,232)	
Compensated absences	(803,524)	(1,948,083)

Net pension liability	(598,708)
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Deferred outflows of resources related to pension contributions and OPEB are not recognized in the governmental funds; however, they are reported in the statement of net position under full accrual accounting	3,942,699
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Deferred inflows of resources related to pension and OPEB earnings are not recognized in the governmental funds; however, they are reported in the statement of net position under full accrual accounting	(2,983,574)
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Revenue collected outside of the period of availability is not available to pay for current period expenditures and therefore, is a deferred inflow in the funds.	150,044
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Net position of governmental activities (Page 13) \$ 35,382,246

CITY OF HIALEAH GARDENS, FLORIDA
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2024

	Major Funds			Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
	General Fund	Streets and Roads Fund	CITT Fund		
REVENUES:					
Ad valorem taxes	\$ 10,328,201	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 10,328,201
Intergovernmental	4,855,814	740,040	1,434,787	-	7,030,641
Utility taxes	2,326,639	-	-	-	2,326,639
Franchise taxes	2,075,557	-	-	-	2,075,557
Impact fees	-	-	-	38,563	38,563
Licenses and permits	1,647,638	-	-	-	1,647,638
Charges for services	514,619	-	-	-	514,619
Fines and forfeitures	40,254	-	-	-	40,254
Interest	21,972	-	-	-	21,972
Other	177,083	-	-	-	177,083
Total revenues	<u>21,987,777</u>	<u>740,040</u>	<u>1,434,787</u>	<u>38,563</u>	<u>24,201,167</u>
EXPENDITURES:					
Current:					
General government	11,428,330	1,926,519	406,940	-	13,761,789
Public safety	7,826,591	-	-	-	7,826,591
Human services	854,841	-	-	-	854,841
Culture and recreation	2,388,995	-	-	-	2,388,995
Debt service:					
Principal retirement	444,179	-	60,558	-	504,737
Interest and fiscal charges	33,070	-	12,551	-	45,621
Capital outlay:					
General government	846,591	2,400	-	-	848,991
Public safety	2,721,529	-	-	-	2,721,529
Human services	144,940	-	-	-	144,940
Culture and recreation	331,840	-	-	-	331,840
Total expenditures	<u>27,020,906</u>	<u>1,928,919</u>	<u>480,049</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>29,429,874</u>
Excess (Deficiency) of revenues over expenditures before other financing sources	<u>(5,033,129)</u>	<u>(1,188,879)</u>	<u>954,738</u>	<u>38,563</u>	<u>(5,228,707)</u>
Other financing sources (uses):					
Proceeds from sale of fixed asset	3,476,184	-	-	-	3,476,184
Total other financing sources (uses)	<u>3,476,184</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,476,184</u>
Net change in fund balances	<u>(1,556,945)</u>	<u>(1,188,879)</u>	<u>954,738</u>	<u>38,563</u>	<u>(1,752,523)</u>
FUND BALANCES, beginning of year	<u>(145,003)</u>	<u>(7,114,097)</u>	<u>4,965,758</u>	<u>474,714</u>	<u>(1,818,628)</u>
FUND BALANCES, end of year	<u>\$ (1,701,948)</u>	<u>\$ (8,302,976)</u>	<u>\$ 5,920,496</u>	<u>\$ 513,277</u>	<u>\$ (3,571,151)</u>

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CITY OF HIALEAH GARDENS, FLORIDA
RECONCILIATION OF THE STATEMENT OF REVENUES,
EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE OF GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
TO THE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2024

Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of activities are different as a result of:

Net change in fund balances - total government funds (Page 17) \$ (1,752,523)

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

Expenditures for capital outlays	4,047,300	
Less current year depreciation	(2,284,559)	
Capital outlay which did not meet the threshold for capitalization	<u>(32,529)</u>	
Net adjustment		<u>1,730,212</u>

The issuance of long term debt (e.g., bonds, leases) provides current financial resources to governmental funds, while the repayment of the principal of long term debt consumes the current financial resources of governmental funds. Neither transaction, however, has any effect on net position.

Principal payments	504,737	
Proceeds from sale of fixed asset	(3,476,184)	
OPEB liability	46,689	
Compensated absences	55,282	
Net pension liability	<u>1,473,027</u>	<u>(1,396,449)</u>

The net pension expense is an actuarial calculation and does not require the use of current financial resources and its excluded as an expenditure in governmental funds. Additionally, since the current year contributions to the pension plan will be included in the subsequent year's pension expense calculation, those contributions should not be considered in the government-wide statements. 1,883,924

Revenue collected outside of the period of availability is not available to pay for current period expenditures however it is available to pay long term obligations of the City. 7,406

Change in net position of governmental activities (Page 14) \$ 472,570

CITY OF HIALEAH GARDENS, FLORIDA
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES AND CHANGES IN FUND NET POSITION
PROPRIETARY FUNDS
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2024

	Business-type Activities - Enterprise Funds		
	Major Fund	Non-Major Fund	Total
	<u>Water & Sewer</u>	<u>Stormwater</u>	
Operating revenues:			
Charges for services	\$ 7,351,175	\$ 619,924	\$ 7,971,099
Total operating revenues	<u>7,351,175</u>	<u>619,924</u>	<u>7,971,099</u>
Operating expenses:			
Operations and maintenance	1,621,393	76,567	1,697,960
Water and disposal costs	5,283,062	-	5,283,062
Depreciation	614,621	136,205	750,826
Total operating expenses	<u>7,519,076</u>	<u>212,772</u>	<u>7,731,848</u>
Operating income (loss)	<u>(167,901)</u>	<u>407,152</u>	<u>239,251</u>
Nonoperating revenues (expenses):			
Interest income	80,672	-	80,672
Total nonoperating expenses	<u>80,672</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>80,672</u>
Change in net position	(87,229)	407,152	319,923
Net position, beginning of year	<u>27,896,417</u>	<u>1,974,000</u>	<u>29,870,417</u>
Net position, end of year	<u>\$ 27,809,188</u>	<u>\$ 2,381,152</u>	<u>\$ 30,190,340</u>

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CITY OF HIALEAH GARDENS, FLORIDA
STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
PROPRIETARY FUNDS
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2024

	Business-type Activities - Enterprise Funds		
	Major Fund	Non-Major Fund	Total
	<u>Water & Sewer</u>	<u>Stormwater</u>	
Cash flows from operating activities:			
Cash received from customers, governments and other funds	\$ 7,479,585	\$ 1,537,440	\$ 9,017,025
Cash paid to suppliers and other funds	(5,983,071)	(2,219)	(5,985,290)
Cash paid for employees	(767,214)	(74,348)	(841,562)
Net cash provided by operating activities	<u>729,300</u>	<u>1,460,873</u>	<u>2,190,173</u>
Cash flows from capital related financing activities:			
Acquisition and construction of capital assets	(1,041,866)	(1,460,873)	(2,502,739)
Net cash used in capital and related financing activities	<u>(1,041,866)</u>	<u>(1,460,873)</u>	<u>(2,502,739)</u>
Cash flows from investing activities:			
Interest and other income	80,672	-	80,672
Net cash provided by investing activities	<u>80,672</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>80,672</u>
Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents	(231,894)	-	(231,894)
Cash and cash equivalents, October 1	<u>2,835,152</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,835,152</u>
Cash and cash equivalents, September 30	<u>\$ 2,603,258</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 2,603,258</u>
Reported in statement of net position as follows:			
Unrestricted	\$ 1,034,267	\$ -	\$ 1,034,267
Restricted	<u>1,568,991</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,568,991</u>
	<u>\$ 2,603,258</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 2,603,258</u>
Reconciliation of operating income to net cash provided by operating activities:			
Operating income (loss)	\$ (167,901)	\$ 407,152	\$ 239,251
Adjustments to reconcile operating income to net cash provided by operating activities:			
Depreciation	614,621	136,205	750,826
Change in assets and liabilities:			
(Increase) decrease in:			
Accounts receivable	5,118	-	5,118
Due from other funds	-	415,047	415,047
Increase (decrease) in:			
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	143,962	-	143,962
Compensated absences	-	-	-
OPEB liability	(3,539)	-	(3,539)
Due to other funds	99,592	502,469	602,061
Customer deposits	23,700	-	23,700
Other liabilities	<u>13,747</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>13,747</u>
Total adjustments	<u>897,201</u>	<u>1,053,721</u>	<u>1,950,922</u>
Net cash provided by operating activities	<u>\$ 729,300</u>	<u>\$ 1,460,873</u>	<u>\$ 2,190,173</u>

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CITY OF HIALEAH GARDENS, FLORIDA
STATEMENT OF FIDUCIARY NET POSITION
FIDUCIARY FUNDS
SEPTEMBER 30, 2024

	<u>Pension Trust Fund</u>	<u>Custodial Fund</u>
<u>ASSETS</u>		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 997,622	\$ 867,040
Receivables:		
State	-	-
City	85,369	1,320,491
Employee	20,268	-
Accrued interest and dividends	32,998	-
Proceeds from securities sold	-	-
Total receivables	138,635	1,320,491
Investments, at fair value		
U.S. Government securities	1,781,263	-
Corporate bonds	3,411,114	-
Domestic equity	12,878,345	-
International equity	3,181,248	-
Fixed income fund	1,919,930	-
Real estate fund	1,763,093	-
Total investments	24,934,993	-
Total assets	26,071,250	2,187,531
<u>LIABILITIES</u>		
Accrued expenses	17,444	16,917
Payable for securities purchased	6,480	-
Current portion - special assessment payable	-	727,440
Long-term portion - special assessment payable	-	1,445,075
Other liabilities		
Total liabilities	23,924	2,189,432
<u>NET POSITION</u>		
Net position restricted for pensions	\$ 26,047,326	\$ (1,901)

See notes to basic financial statements

CITY OF HIALEAH GARDENS, FLORIDA
STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN FIDUCIARY NET POSITION
FIDUCIARY FUNDS
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2024

	Pension <u>Trust Fund</u>	N.W. District Special Assessment Custodial <u>Fund</u>
Additions:		
Contributions:		
City	\$ 769,940	-
Member	182,797	-
State	277,334	-
Special assessment revenues	-	805,490
Total contributions	<u>1,230,071</u>	<u>805,490</u>
Investment income:		
Net appreciation in fair value of investments	3,536,253	-
Interest and dividend income	690,574	88,888
Total investment income	<u>4,226,827</u>	<u>88,888</u>
Less: investment expenses	102,277	-
Net investment income	<u>4,124,550</u>	<u>88,888</u>
Total additions	<u>5,354,621</u>	<u>894,378</u>
Deductions:		
Benefits paid	789,848	-
Refunds of contributions	49,284	-
Administrative expenses	91,111	-
Interest expense	-	109,131
Total deductions	<u>930,243</u>	<u>109,131</u>
Changes in net position	4,424,378	785,247
Net position, beginning of year	<u>21,622,948</u>	<u>(787,148)</u>
Net position, end of year	<u>\$ 26,047,326</u>	<u>\$ (1,901)</u>

See notes to basic financial statements

NOTES TO BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

CITY OF HIALEAH GARDENS, FLORIDA
NOTES TO BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
SEPTEMBER 30, 2024

NOTE 1 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

A. Financial Reporting Entity

The City of Hialeah Gardens, Florida, (the “City”) was incorporated under Chapter 165 of the Florida Statutes. The City operates under a Council-Mayor form of government and provides the following services as authorized by its charter: public safety, highways and streets, sanitation, health and social services, culture, recreation, public works, improvements, planning and zoning, and general administrative services.

As required by generally accepted accounting principles, these basic financial statements present the reporting entity of the City. Component units are legally separate entities for which the government is considered to be financially accountable and for which the nature and significance of their relationship with the primary government are such that exclusion would cause the City’s combined financial statements to be misleading or incomplete. The primary government is considered financially accountable if it appoints a voting majority of an organization’s governing body and 1) it is able to impose its will on the organization or 2) there is a potential for the organization to provide specific financial benefit to or impose specific financial burden on the Board. Additionally, the primary government is required to consider other organizations for which the nature and significance of their relationship with the primary government are such that exclusion would cause the reporting entity financial statements to be misleading or incomplete.

Based upon the application of these criteria, there were no organizations which met the criteria described above.

The financial statements of the City have been prepared in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP) as applied to governmental units. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is the accepted standard-setting body for establishing governmental accounting and financial reporting principles. The more significant of the City’s accounting policies are described below:

B. Government-Wide and Fund Financial Statements

The government-wide financial statements (i.e., the statement of net position and the statement of activities) report information on all of the non-fiduciary activities of the City. For the most part, the effect of inter-fund activity has been removed from these statements. Governmental activities, which normally are supported by taxes and intergovernmental revenues, are reported separately from business-type activities, which rely to a significant extent on fees and charges for support.

The statement of activities demonstrates the degree to which the direct expenses of a given function or segment are offset by program revenues. Direct expenses are those that are clearly identifiable with a specific function or segment. Program revenues include 1) charges to customers or applicants who purchase, use, or directly benefit from goods, services, or privileges provided by a given function or segment and 2) grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular function or segment. Taxes and other items not properly included among program revenues are reported instead as general revenues.

Separate financial statements are provided for governmental funds and proprietary funds. Major individual governmental funds and major individual enterprise funds are reported as separate columns in the fund financial statements. All remaining non-major governmental funds are aggregated and reported as other governmental or other proprietary funds.

C. Measurement Focus, Basis of Accounting and Basis of Presentation

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

CITY OF HIALEAH GARDENS, FLORIDA
NOTES TO BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
SEPTEMBER 30, 2024

NOTE 1 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

C. Measurement Focus, Basis of Accounting and Basis of Presentation (Continued)

Governmental fund financial statements are reported using the current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recognized as soon as they are both measurable and available. Revenues are considered to be available when they are collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to pay liabilities of the current period. For this purpose, the City considers receivables collected within 60 days after year-end to be available and recognizes them as revenues of the current year. Expenditures generally are recorded when a liability is incurred, as under accrual accounting. However, debt service expenditures, as well as expenditures related to compensated absences and claims and judgments, are recorded only when payment is due.

Property taxes, franchise taxes, licenses, and interest associated with the current fiscal period are all considered to be susceptible to accrual and so have been recognized as revenues of the current fiscal period. Only the portion of special assessments receivable due within the current fiscal period is considered to be susceptible to accrual as revenue of the current period. Revenues for expenditure driven grants are recognized when the qualifying expenditures are incurred. All other revenue items are considered to be measurable and available only when the City receives cash.

The City reports the following major governmental funds:

General Fund – This fund is the City’s primary operating fund. It accounts for all financial resources of the general government, except those required to be accounted for in another fund.

Streets and Roads Fund – This fund accounts for the revenues and expenses related to the maintenance and improvements of the City’s streets and roads.

CITT Fund – This fund accounts for the proceeds of revenues from Citizen Independent Transportation Trust (CITT) of Miami Dade that is legally restricted for transportation and transit related activities.

The City reports the following major proprietary funds:

Water and Sewer Fund – This fund accounts for the provision of potable water to residents and the corresponding sewage disposal, which is processed by Miami-Dade County. The City operates the water treatment facility, water distribution system, sewage transportation pipelines, and sewage pumping stations.

Additionally, the City reports the following fiduciary fund types:

Pension Trust Fund – This fund accounts for the activities of the Hialeah Gardens Police Officers Pension Trust Fund, which accumulates resources for pension benefit payments to qualified public safety employees.

Custodial Fund – This fund is custodial in nature and does not present results of operations or have a measurement focus. This fund is used to account for assets that the City holds for others in an custodial capacity.

The financial statements of the City have been prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) as applied to governmental units. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is the standard setting body for governmental accounting and financial reporting. The financial statements of the City follow the guidance of GASB Statement No. 62, *Codification of Accounting and Financial Reporting Guidance Contained in Pre-November 30, 1989 FASB and AICPA Pronouncements* for both the government wide and proprietary fund financial statements. Governments also have the option of following subsequent FASB pronouncements for their business-type activities and enterprise funds subject to this same limitation. The City has elected not to follow subsequent FASB guidance.

As a general rule the effect of interfund activity has been eliminated from the government-wide financial statements. Exceptions to this general rule are charges between the City’s enterprise fund functions and various other functions of the City. Elimination of these charges would distort the direct costs and program revenues reported for the various functions concerned.

CITY OF HIALEAH GARDENS, FLORIDA
NOTES TO BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
SEPTEMBER 30, 2024

NOTE 1 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

C. Measurement Focus, Basis of Accounting and Basis of Presentation (Continued)

Amounts reported as program revenues include 1) charges to customers or applicants for goods, services, or privileges provided, and 2) operating grants and contributions, and 3) capital grants and contributions, including special assessments. Internally dedicated resources are reported as general revenues rather than as program revenues. Likewise, general revenues include all taxes.

Proprietary funds distinguish operating revenues and expenses from non-operating items. Operating revenues and expenses generally result from providing services and producing and delivering goods in connection with a proprietary fund's principal ongoing operations. The principal operating revenues of the water & sewer, and stormwater fund, are charges to customers for services. The water & sewer fund also recognizes as operating revenue the portion of tap fees intended to recover the cost of connecting new customers to the system. Operating expenses for the enterprise funds include the cost of services, administrative expenses, and depreciation on capital assets. All revenues and expenses not meeting this definition are reported as non-operating revenues and expenses.

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

D. Deposits and Investments

The City's cash and cash equivalents include cash on hand and certificates of deposit with original maturities of three months or less from the date of acquisition. Substantially all other investments, including pension investments, are recorded at fair value.

The City's and pension plan investments are governed by their respective investment policies.

E. Receivables and Payables

Activity between funds that are representative of lending/borrowing arrangements outstanding at the end of the fiscal year are referred to as either "due to/from other funds" (i.e. the current portion of interfund loans) or "advances to/from other funds" (i.e. the non-current portion of interfund loans). All other outstanding balances between funds are reported as "due to/from other funds." Any residual balances outstanding between the governmental activities and business-type activities are reported in the government-wide financial statements as "internal balances."

Operating revenues in the Water and Sewer Enterprise Fund are generally recognized on the basis of cycle billings rendered monthly. Revenues for services delivered during the last month of the fiscal year that have not been read by September 30, 2024 are accrued based on meter readings for the applicable consumption period and billed in October.

All trade and property tax receivables are shown net of an allowance for uncollectible accounts. Uncollectible accounts receivable allowances are based on historical trends.

F. Prepaid Items

Certain payments to vendors reflect costs applicable to future accounting periods and are recorded as prepaid items in both government-wide and fund financial statements. Amounts reported in the governmental funds are offset by an equal reservation of fund balance in the fund financial statements. This is an indication that these components of current assets do not constitute available spending resources.

CITY OF HIALEAH GARDENS, FLORIDA
NOTES TO BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
SEPTEMBER 30, 2024

NOTE 1 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

G. Property Taxes

Property values are assessed as of January 1 of each year, at which time taxes become an enforceable lien on the property. Tax bills are mailed for the City by Miami Dade County on or about October 1 of each year and are payable with discounts of up to 4% offered for early payment. Taxes become delinquent on April 1 of the year following the year of assessment and State law provides for enforcement of collection of property taxes by seizure of the personal property or by the sale of interest-bearing tax certificates to satisfy unpaid property taxes.

Assessed values are established by the Miami-Dade County Property Appraiser. In November 1992, a Florida constitutional amendment was approved by the voters, which provides for limiting the increases in homestead property valuations for ad valorem tax purposes to a maximum of 3% annually and also provides for reassessment of market values upon changes in ownership. The County bills and collects all property taxes and remits them to the City.

State statutes permit municipalities to levy property taxes at a rate of up to 10 mills (\$10 per \$1,000 of assessed taxable valuation). The tax levy of the City is established by the City Council and the Miami-Dade County Property Appraiser incorporates the City's millage into the total tax levy, which includes the County and the County School Board tax requirements. The millage rate assessed by the City for the year ended September 30, 2024 was 5.1613 mills (\$5.1613 per \$1,000 of taxable assessed valuation).

H. Restricted Assets

Certain assets of the general fund have been classified as restricted because their use is restricted by a bond indenture agreement for the City's debt service requirements. Proceeds from forfeiture funds are classified as restricted in the Law Enforcement Special Revenue Fund since these resources are specifically earmarked for law enforcement purposes only. Additionally, proceeds from local option gas taxes and the Citizens Independent Transportation Tax are classified as restricted since these resources may only be used for road and transportation related expenditures.

The balance of the restricted asset accounts in the enterprise funds include \$1,568,991 in customer deposits placed with the City for utility services.

I. Capital Assets

Capital assets, which include property, plant, equipment, and infrastructure assets (e.g., roads, bridges, sidewalks, and similar items), are reported in the applicable governmental or business-type activities columns in the government-wide financial statements. The City defines capital assets as assets with an initial, individual cost of more than \$1,000 and an estimated useful life in excess of three years or more. Purchased or constructed assets are recorded at historical cost or estimated historical cost. Donated capital assets are recorded at estimated fair market value at the date of donation. Major outlays for capital assets and improvements are capitalized as projects are constructed. The costs of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add value to the asset or materially extend its useful life are not capitalized.

Capital assets of the City are depreciated using the straight-line method over the following estimated useful lives:

<u>Assets</u>	<u>Governmental Activities</u>	<u>Business-type Activities</u>
Buildings and improvements	20 – 50 years	N/A
Water and sewer systems	N/A	20 – 50 years
Vehicles	5 years	5 years
Office equipment	5 years	5 years
Machinery and equipment	5 years	5 years
Right to use Miami-Dade waterline	N/A	50 years
Infrastructure	40 – 50 years	40 – 50 years

CITY OF HIALEAH GARDENS, FLORIDA
NOTES TO BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
SEPTEMBER 30, 2024

NOTE 1 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

J. Unearned Revenues

Unearned revenues include amounts collected before revenue recognition criteria are met and receivables, which, under the modified accrual basis of accounting, are measurable, but not yet available. The unearned items consist primarily of impact fee revenues.

K. Utility Billings

Utility customers are billed monthly on a cycle basis. Unbilled revenue is recognized in the accompanying financial statements based upon estimates of revenues for services rendered between billing cycle dates and fiscal year end.

L. 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 separate financial statement element, deferred outflows of resources, represents a consumption of net position that applies to a future period(s) and so will not be recognized as an outflow of resources (expense/expenditure) until then. Currently, the City reports deferred outflows of resources relating to pensions of \$3,923,399 and OPEB of \$10,300.

In addition to liabilities, the statement of net position will sometimes report a separate section for deferred inflows of resources. This separate financial statement element, deferred inflows of resources, represents an acquisition of net position that applies to a future period(s) and so will not be recognized as an inflow of resources (revenue) until that time. Currently, there are three items in this category. The sources of these amounts are local business license tax collected in advance of \$390,572, \$150,044 CITT unavailable revenues, \$146,009 related to OPEB, and \$2,837,565 related to pensions. These amounts are deferred and will be recognized as an inflow of resources in the period that the amounts become available.

Net position is the residual of all other elements presented in a statement of financial position. It is the difference between (a) assets plus deferred outflow of resources and (b) liabilities and deferred inflows of resources.

M. Compensated Absences

City employees are granted vacation and sick leave in varying amounts based on length of service and the department which the employee services. The City's vacation and sick leave policy is to permit employees to accumulate earned but unused sick pay benefits. Such leave is accrued and reported as a fund liability when it is probable that the City will compensate the employee with expendable available financial resources. Vacation and sick leave are accrued when incurred in proprietary funds and reported as a fund liability. All vacation pay is accrued when incurred in the government-wide and proprietary fund financial statements. A liability for these amounts is reported in governmental funds only if they have matured, for example, as a result of employee resignations and retirements.

N. Employee Benefit Plan and Net Pension Liability

The City provides a separate defined benefit pension plan for its police officers. At September 30, 2024, the City recorded a net pension liability related to the plan in its government-wide statement of net position. Please refer to Note 10 for further information.

CITY OF HIALEAH GARDENS, FLORIDA
NOTES TO BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
SEPTEMBER 30, 2024

NOTE 1 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

O. Post-Employment Benefits Other Than Pensions (OPEB)

Pursuant to Section 112.0801, Florida Statutes, the City is mandated to permit participation in the health insurance program by retirees and their eligible dependents at a cost to the retiree that is no greater than the cost at which coverage is available for active employees. Retirees are required to pay 100% of the premium rates where premiums are determined based upon a blended rate used for active employees and retirees. These premium rates were adjusted to reflect differing utilization rates by age and gender and the impact of the Medicare program on claim costs. The blended rates provide an implicit subsidy for retirees because, on an actuarial basis, their current and future claims are expected to result in higher costs to the plan on average than those of active employees. The City currently provides these benefits in accordance with the vesting and retirement requirements of the City.

The plan is not accounted for as a trust fund and an irrevocable trust has not been established to fund this plan. The plan does not issue a separate financial report. The City is financing the post employee benefits on a pay-as-you-go basis. There are no assets accumulated in a trust that meets the criteria in paragraph 4 of Statement 75.

P. Long-Term Obligations

In the government-wide financial statements, and proprietary fund types in the fund financial statements, long-term debt and other long-term obligations are reported as liabilities in the applicable governmental activities, business-type activities, or proprietary fund type statement of net position. Bond insurance costs are amortized over the term of the related debt. For proprietary fund types, bonds payable is reported net of the applicable bond premium, discount, and issuance costs.

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 are reported as debt service expenditures.

Q. Net Position

Total equity as of September 30, 2024 is classified into three components of net position:

- Net investment in capital assets - This category consists of capital assets (including restricted capital assets), net of accumulated depreciation and reduced by any outstanding balances of bonds, mortgages, notes or other borrowings that are attributable to the acquisition, construction, and improvements of those assets.
- Restricted net position - This category consists of net position restricted in their use by (1) external groups such as grantors, creditors or laws and regulations of other governments; or (2) law, through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.
- Unrestricted net position - This category includes all of the remaining net position that do not meet the definition of the other two categories.

CITY OF HIALEAH GARDENS, FLORIDA
NOTES TO BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
SEPTEMBER 30, 2024

NOTE 1 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

R. Fund Balance

As of September 30, 2024, fund balances of the governmental funds are classified as follows:

- Non-spendable - Amounts that cannot be spent either because they are in non-spendable form or because they are legally or contractually required to be maintained intact.
- Restricted - Amounts that can be spent only for specific purposes because of constitutional provisions or enabling legislation or because of constraints that are externally imposed by creditors, grantors, contributors, or the laws or regulations of other governments.
- Committed - Amounts that can be used only for specific purposes determined by a formal action of the City Council. Commitments may be established, modified, or rescinded only through ordinances or resolutions (which are equally binding and the highest level of decision-making authority) approved by the City Council.
- Assigned - Assigned fund balances are amounts that are constrained by the City's intent to be used for specific purposes but are neither restricted nor committed. Intent is established by the City Council who has the authority to assign, modify or rescind amounts to be used for specific purposes. This balance includes (a) all remaining amounts that are reported in governmental funds (other than the General Fund) that are not classified as non-spendable, restricted, or committed, and (b) amounts in the General Fund that are intended to be used for a specific purpose. Specific amounts that are not restricted or committed in a special revenue or capital projects fund are assigned for the purposes in accordance with the nature of their fund type. Assignment within the General Fund conveys that the intended use of those amounts is for a specific purpose that is narrower than the general purposes of the City itself.
- Unassigned - This fund balance is the residual classification for the General Fund. It is also used to report negative fund balances in other governmental funds.

The City considers restricted amounts to be spent first when both restricted and unrestricted fund balance is available unless there are legal documents/contracts that prohibit this, such as grant agreements requiring dollar for dollar spending. Additionally, the City would first use committed, then assigned, and lastly unassigned amounts of unrestricted fund balance when expenditures are made.

	General Fund	Streets and Roads Fund	CITT Fund	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
Fund balances:					
Nonspendable:					
Prepays	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 73,109	\$ -	\$ 73,109
Restricted:					
Transportation	-	-	5,920,496	-	5,920,496
Public Safety	-	-	-	513,277	513,277
Debt service	361,255	-	-	-	361,255
Unassigned:	<u>(2,063,203)</u>	<u>(8,302,996)</u>	<u>(73,109)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(10,439,308)</u>
Total fund balances	<u>\$ (1,701,948)</u>	<u>\$ (8,302,996)</u>	<u>\$ 5,920,496</u>	<u>\$ 513,277</u>	<u>\$ (3,571,171)</u>
Fund balances:					
Nonspendable	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 73,109	\$ -	\$ 73,109
Restricted	361,255	-	5,920,496	513,277	6,795,028
Unassigned	<u>(2,063,203)</u>	<u>(8,302,996)</u>	<u>(73,109)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(10,439,308)</u>
Total fund balances	<u>\$ (1,701,948)</u>	<u>\$ (8,302,996)</u>	<u>\$ 5,920,496</u>	<u>\$ 513,277</u>	<u>\$ (3,571,171)</u>

CITY OF HIALEAH GARDENS, FLORIDA
NOTES TO BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
SEPTEMBER 30, 2024

NOTE 1 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

S. Net Position Flow Assumption

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

T. Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts of assets, liabilities, disclosures of contingent liabilities, revenues and expenditures/expenses reported in the financial statements and accompanying notes. These estimates include assessing the collectability of receivables, the realization of pension obligations and the useful lives of capital assets. Although these estimates as well as all estimates are based on management's knowledge of current events and actions it may undertake in the future, they may ultimately differ from actual results.

NOTE 2 – STEWARDSHIP, COMPLIANCE AND ACCOUNTABILITY

By its nature as a local government unit, the City is subject to various federal, state, and local laws and contractual regulations. The City has no material violations of finance-related legal and contractual obligations.

Fund Accounting Requirements

A fund is a grouping of related accounts that is used to maintain control over resources that have been segregated for specific activities or objectives. The City, like any other state and local governments, uses fund accounting to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance related requirements, bond covenants, and segregation for management purposes.

Revenue Restrictions

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

<u>Revenue Source</u>	<u>Legal Restrictions of Use</u>
Gas Tax	Roads, sidewalks, streets
Transportation Tax	Transportation and roads
Nutrition Program for the Elderly	Grant Program Expenditures
Police Forfeitures	Law Enforcement
Federal Emergency Management Agency	Disaster mitigation

For the year ended September 30, 2024, the City complied, in all material respects, with these revenue restrictions.

Deficit fund balance

The following funds had deficits in the amounts indicated as of September 30, 2024:

<u>Fund</u>	<u>Deficit</u>
General Fund	\$ 1,701,948
Special Revenue:	
Streets and Roads Fund	8,302,996

CITY OF HIALEAH GARDENS, FLORIDA
NOTES TO BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
SEPTEMBER 30, 2024

NOTE 2 – STEWARDSHIP, COMPLIANCE AND ACCOUNTABILITY (CONTINUED)

Deficit fund balance (Continued)

The deficit in the Streets and Roads Fund is attributable to the Northwest District Special Assessment Project. The City expects to eliminate the deficit using special assessment collections received in excess of the related debt service requirements. As the related special assessment debt matures in Fiscal Year 2027, the City anticipates transferring amounts to the Streets and Roads Fund equal to the related debt service payments until the deficit is fully eliminated.

The deficit in the General Fund is primarily attributable to capital-related costs associated with the construction of the Senior Center and Police Training Facility. Management expects to reduce the deficit through expenditure control measures and the identification of additional revenue sources.

Excesses of expenditures over appropriations

For fiscal year ended September 30, 2024, expenditures exceeded appropriations in the following departments for the General Fund.

		<u>Final</u>		<u>Actual</u>	<u>Amount in Excess</u>
		<u>Budget</u>			<u>of Final Budget</u>
General government services	\$	8,686,698	\$	12,274,921	\$ (3,588,223)
Culture and recreation		2,361,500		2,720,835	(359,335)

This excess of expenditures in these departments were funded with surpluses in other departments as well as greater than anticipated revenues.

NOTE 3 – DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS

Deposits

In addition to insurance provided by the Federal Depository Insurance Corporation, all deposits are held in banking institutions approved by the State Treasurer of the State of Florida to hold public funds. Under Florida Statutes Chapter 280, Florida Security for Public Deposits Act, the State Treasurer requires all Florida qualified public depositories to deposit with the Treasurer or another banking institution eligible collateral. In the event of a failure of a qualified public depository, the remaining public depositories would be responsible for covering any resulting losses. Accordingly, all amounts reported as deposits are insured or collateralized with securities held by the entity or its agent in the entity's name.

Investments – City

The City is authorized to invest in obligations of the U.S. Treasury, its agencies, instrumentalities, and the Local Government Surplus Funds Trust Fund administered by the State Board of Administration. The investment policy defined in the statutes attempts to promote, through state assistance, the maximization of net interest earnings on invested surplus funds of local units of governments while limiting the risk to which the funds are exposed.

As of September 30, 2024, the City had the following investments:

<u>Investment Type</u>	<u>Value</u>	Maturities (In Years) Less Than One Year
Certificates of deposit	\$ 361,255	\$ 361,255
Total	<u>\$ 361,255</u>	<u>\$ 361,255</u>

CITY OF HIALEAH GARDENS, FLORIDA
NOTES TO BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
SEPTEMBER 30, 2024

NOTE 3 – DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS (CONTINUED)

Investments – City (Continued)

Interest Rate Risk - Interest rate risk refers to the portfolio's exposure to fair value losses arising from increasing interest rates. The City does not have a written policy on interest rate risk; however, the City manages its exposure to declines in fair values by limiting the weighted average monthly maturity of its investment portfolio to less than one year.

Credit Risk - State law limits investments in bonds, U.S. Treasuries and agency obligations, or other evidence of indebtedness to the top ratings issued by nationally recognized statistical rating organizations (NRSRO) of the United States.

Concentration of Credit Risk - The City's investment policy does not stipulate any limit on the percentage that can be invested in any one issuer. GASB statement No. 40 requires disclosure when the percent is 5% or more in any one issuer. As of September 30, 2024, the value of each position held in the City's portfolio comprised less than 5% of the City's investment assets.

Investments – Pension Plan

Florida statutes and the Plan's investment policy authorize the Plan's Board of Trustees to invest in various investments. Investments in all equity securities are limited to those listed on major U.S. stock exchange and limited to no more than 70% (at market) of the Plan's total asset value. Investments in stocks of foreign companies are limited to 25% (at cost) of the value of the portfolio.

Fixed income securities must be rated A or better by at least one of the three nationally recognized rating agencies.

Authorized Investments	Target %	2024 Actual %
Domestic equity	47.5%	50.4%
International equity	12.5%	12.8%
Domestic bonds	20.0%	20.6%
International bonds	10.0%	7.4%
Real estate	10.0%	6.8%

As of September 30, 2024, the Plan had the following investments:

Investment Type	Fair Value	Investment Maturities (in Years)			
		Less than 1 Year	1-5 Years	6-10 Years	More than 10 Years
Collateralized mortgage obligations	\$ 2,009,345	\$ 11,007	\$ 297,818	\$ 309,356	\$ 1,391,164
Corporate bonds	1,319,262	174,732	813,713	330,817	-
Fixed income fund	1,919,930	-	-	-	1,919,930
Foreign bonds notes & debentures	82,507	-	48,964	33,543	-
Mortgage backed securities	711,656	451	332,194	201,757	177,254
Municipal obligations	56,874	5,002	10,013	-	41,859
U.S. government obligations	1,012,733	19,004	404,731	588,998	-
Total fixed income securities	\$ 7,112,307	\$ 210,196	\$ 1,907,433	\$ 1,464,471	\$ 3,530,207

Interest Rate Risk - Interest rate risk is the risk that changes in market interest rates will adversely affect the fair value of an investment. Generally, the longer the maturity of an investment the greater the sensitivity of its fair value to changes in market interest rates. As a means of limiting its exposure to interest rate risk, the Plan diversifies its investments by security type and institution, and limits holdings in any one type of investment with any one issuer with various durations of maturities.

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NOTE 3 – DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS (CONTINUED)

Investments – Pension Plan (Continued)

Credit Risk - Credit risk is the risk that a security or a portfolio will lose some or all its value due to a real or perceived change in the ability of the issuer to repay its debt. This risk is generally measured by the assignment of a rating by a nationally recognized statistical rating organization. The Plan's investment policy utilizes portfolio diversification in order to control this risk.

The following table discloses credit ratings by investment type, at September 30, 2024:

	<u>Fair Value</u>	<u>Percentage of Portfolio</u>
U.S. government guaranteed risk debt securities:	\$ 1,781,263	25.04%
AAA	327,822	4.61%
AA+	77,964	1.10%
AA	65,778	0.92%
AA-	33,709	0.47%
A+	188,011	2.64%
A	71,171	1.00%
A-	199,855	2.81%
BBB+	277,584	3.90%
BBB	203,093	2.86%
BBB-	331,298	4.66%
NR	3,554,759	49.98%
Total credit risk debt securities	<u>5,331,044</u>	<u>74.96%</u>
Total fixed income securities	<u>\$ 7,112,307</u>	<u>100.00%</u>

*Obligations of the U.S. government or obligations explicitly guaranteed by the U.S. government are not considered to have credit risk and do not have purchase limitations.

Concentration of Credit Risk - The investment policy of the Plan contains limitations on the amount that can be invested in any one issuer as well as maximum portfolio allocation percentages. As of September 30, 2024, no investment by any one issuer was above the 5% threshold required for disclosure.

Custodial of Credit Risk - This is the risk that in the event of a failure of the counterparty, the Plan will not be able to recover the value of its investments or collateral securities that are in the possession of an outside party. Consistent with the Plan's investment policy, the investments are held by Plan's custodial bank and registered in the Plan's name.

Risks and uncertainties - The Plan has investments in a combination of stocks, bonds, government securities and other investment securities. Investment securities are exposed to various risks, such as interest rate, market and credit risk. Due to the level of risk associated with certain investment securities and the level of uncertainty related to changes in the value of investment securities, it is at least reasonably possible that changes in risks in the near term would materially affect balances and the amounts reported in the statement of plan net assets and the statement of changes in plan net assets. The Plan, through its investment advisors, monitors the Plan's investments and the risks associated therewith on a regular basis, which the Plan believes minimizes these risks. The Plan does not participate in any securities lending transactions nor has it used, held or written derivative financial instruments.

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NOTE 3 – DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS (CONTINUED)

Investments – Pension Plan (Continued)

Foreign Currency Risk - Foreign currency risk is the risk that changes in exchange rates will adversely affect the fair value of the investment or a deposit. The Plan's international risk portfolio is denominated in U.S. Dollar, consequently, there is no foreign currency risk.

NOTE 4 – FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS

GASB 72 establishes a hierarchal disclosure framework which prioritizes and ranks the level of market price observability used in measuring investments at fair value. Market price observability is impacted by a number of factors, including the type of investment and the specific characteristics of the investment. Fair value represents the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. Investments with readily available actively quoted prices or for which fair value can be measured from actively quoted prices generally will have a higher degree of market price observability and lesser degree of judgment used in measuring fair value.

The Plan categorizes its fair value measurements within the fair value hierarchy established by generally accepted accounting principles. The hierarchy is based on the valuation inputs used to measure the fair value of the asset. Level 1 inputs are quoted prices in active markets for identical assets; Level 2 inputs are significant other observable inputs; Level 3 inputs are significant unobservable inputs.

The fair value measurement level within the fair value hierarchy is based on the lowest level of any input that is significant to the entire fair value measurement. Valuation techniques used should maximize the use of observable inputs and minimize the use of unobservable inputs.

The Plan has established a framework to consistently measure the fair value of the Plan's assets and liabilities in accordance with applicable accounting, legal, and regulatory guidance. This framework has been provided by establishing valuation policy and procedures that will provide reasonable assurance that assets and liabilities are carried at fair value.

In certain cases, the inputs used to measure fair value may fall into different levels of the fair value hierarchy. In such cases, an investment's level within the fair value hierarchy is based on the lowest level of input that is significant to the fair value measurement. The Plan's assessment of the significance of a particular input to the fair value measurement requires judgment and considers factors specific to the investment.

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NOTE 4 – FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS (CONTINUED)

The following table summarizes the Plan's investments within the fair value hierarchy at September 30, 2024:

	Fair Value Measurements Using		
	9/30/2024	Quoted Prices in Active Markets for Identical Assets (Level 1)	Significant Other Observable Inputs (Level 2)
<u>Investments by fair value level</u>			
Short-term investment funds	\$ 962,260	\$ 962,260	\$ -
Total short-term investment funds	<u>962,260</u>	<u>962,260</u>	<u>-</u>
<u>Equity Securities</u>			
Foreign stocks	3,181,248	1,651,727	1,529,521
Common stocks	4,971,582	4,971,582	-
Mutual fund - equity	7,906,763	7,906,763	-
Total equity securities	<u>16,059,593</u>	<u>14,530,072</u>	<u>1,529,521</u>
<u>Debt Securities</u>			
US government obligations	1,012,733	51,630	961,103
Municipal obligations	56,874	-	56,874
Collateralized mortgage obligations	2,009,345	-	2,009,345
Corporate/foreign bonds	1,401,769	-	1,401,769
Mortgage backed securities	711,656	-	711,656
Mutual fund - fixed income	1,919,930	1,919,930	-
Total debt securities	<u>7,112,307</u>	<u>1,971,560</u>	<u>5,140,747</u>
Subtotal investments at fair value	<u>\$ 24,134,160</u>	<u>\$ 17,463,892</u>	<u>\$ 6,670,268</u>
<u>Investments measured at Net Asset Value (NAV)</u>			
Real estate fund	<u>1,763,093</u>		
Total investment by NAV	<u>\$ 1,763,093</u>		
Total Investments at Fair Value	<u>\$ 25,897,253</u>		

Short-term investment funds - These consist primarily of money market funds, commercial paper and similar instruments with maturities of three months or less when purchased. Short term investments are reported at fair value or at cost or amortized cost, which approximates fair value. For those investments which are reported at fair value, the investments are valued using similar methodologies as described within the debt securities section below.

Equity securities - These include common stock, domestic and international equity funds. Domestic securities traded on a national securities exchange are valued at the last reported sales price on the last business day of the fiscal year. Securities traded in the over-the counter market and listed securities for which no sale was reported on that date are valued at the last reported bid price. International equities are valued based upon quoted foreign market prices and translated into U.S. dollars at the exchange rate in effect at September 30, 2024 and 2023. Securities which are not traded on a national security exchange are valued by the respective fund manager or other third parties based on yields currently available on comparable securities of issuers with similar credit ratings.

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NOTE 4 – FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS (CONTINUED)

Debt securities - Debt securities consist primarily of negotiable obligations of the U.S. government and U.S. government-sponsored agencies, corporations, and foreign debt securities (included in international fixed income in the statement of fiduciary net position). These securities can typically be valued using the close or last traded price on a specific date (quoted prices in active markets). When quoted prices are not available, fair value is determined based on valuation models that use inputs that include market observable inputs. These inputs included recent trades, yields, price quotes, cash flows, maturity, credit ratings, and other assumptions based upon the specifics of the investment's type.

Fixed income fund - The fair value of investments in mutual funds is based on quoted net asset values of the shares as of September 30, 2024.

The Plan's valuation methods for investments measured at the net asset value ("NAV") per share (or its equivalent) as of September 30, 2024, are as follows:

Investments measured at the NAV

	<u>Fair Value</u>	<u>Unfunded Commitments</u>	<u>Redemption Frequency (if Currently Eligible)</u>	<u>Redemption Notice Period</u>
Real estate Fund	\$ 1,763,093	-	Quarterly	30 Days
Total investments measured at NAV	<u>\$ 1,763,093</u>			

1. *Real Estate Fund* - Real estate funds are valued using their respective net asset value ("NAV") of outstanding units held as of September 30, 2024 and 2023. The most significant input into the NAV of such funds is the fair value of the investment holdings. These holdings are valued by the general partners on a quarterly or semi-annual basis, in conjunction with management and investment advisors. The real estate fund invests primarily in United States commercial real estate.

NOTE 5 – RECEIVABLES

Receivables at year-end, including the applicable allowance for uncollectible accounts, are as follows:

	<u>General</u>	<u>Water & Sewer Fund</u>	<u>Total</u>
Receivables:			
Accounts	\$ -	\$ 1,913,277	\$ 1,913,277
Taxes	1,335,210	-	1,335,210
Special Assessment	<u>155,522</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>155,522</u>
Total receivables	1,490,732	1,913,277	3,404,009
Less: Allowance for uncollectibles	<u>-</u>	<u>(260,676)</u>	<u>(260,676)</u>
Net receivables	<u>\$ 1,490,732</u>	<u>\$ 1,652,601</u>	<u>\$ 3,143,333</u>

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NOTE 6 – INTERFUND ACTIVITY

Interfund balances at September 30, 2024 are as follows:

	Interfund <u>Receivable</u>	Interfund <u>Payable</u>
General Fund	\$ 10,065,111	8,238,852
Streets and Roads Fund	809,862	9,112,838
CITT Fund	5,997,431	-
Custodial Fund	1,320,491	-
Water & Sewer Fund	-	214,675
Stormwater Fund	192,217	1,278,559
Non-major governmental funds	<u>904,730</u>	<u>444,918</u>
Total	<u>\$ 19,289,842</u>	<u>\$ 19,289,842</u>

The outstanding balances between funds result mainly from the time lag between the dates that (1) interfund goods and services are provided or reimbursable expenditures occur, (2) transactions are recorded in the accounting system, and (3) payments between funds are made.

NOTE 7 – CAPITAL ASSETS

Capital assets activity for the year ended September 30, 2024, was as follows:

	Beginning	Additions	Deletions	Transfers	Ending
Governmental activities:					
Capital assets not being depreciated:					
Land	\$ 2,839,157	\$ -	\$ 320,000	\$ -	\$ 3,159,157
Construction in progress	<u>1,750,100</u>	<u>1,965,402</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,715,502</u>
Total capital assets not being depreciated	<u>4,589,257</u>	<u>1,965,402</u>	<u>320,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>6,874,659</u>
Capital assets being depreciated:					
Building and improvements	20,614,889	537,991	-	-	21,152,880
Vehicles	5,078,071	405,203	-	-	5,483,274
Office equipment	715,037	-	-	-	715,037
Machinery and equipment	4,326,451	1,106,175	-	-	5,432,626
Infrastructure	<u>37,709,761</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>37,709,761</u>
Total capital assets being depreciated	<u>\$ 68,444,209</u>	<u>\$ 2,049,369</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 70,493,578</u>
Less accumulated depreciation for:					
Building and improvements	(7,432,177)	(502,850)	-	-	(7,935,027)
Vehicles	(3,530,680)	(589,996)	-	-	(4,120,676)
Office equipment	(563,625)	(24,353)	-	-	(587,978)
Machinery and equipment	(3,828,078)	(339,241)	-	-	(4,167,319)
Infrastructure	<u>(19,018,096)</u>	<u>(828,119)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(19,846,215)</u>
Total accumulated depreciation	<u>(34,372,656)</u>	<u>(2,284,559)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(36,657,215)</u>
Total capital assets being depreciated, net	<u>34,071,553</u>	<u>(235,190)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>33,836,363</u>
Governmental activities capital assets, net	<u>\$ 38,660,810</u>	<u>\$ 1,730,212</u>	<u>\$ 320,000</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 40,711,022</u>

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NOTE 7 – CAPITAL ASSETS (CONTINUED)

	Beginning	Additions	Deletions	Transfers	Ending
Business-type activities:					
Capital assets not being depreciated:					
Land	\$ 1,341,534	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,341,534
Construction in progress	14,309,115	1,388,357	(2,619,318)	-	13,078,154
Total capital assets not being depreciated	<u>15,650,649</u>	<u>1,388,357</u>	<u>(2,619,318)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>14,419,688</u>
Capital assets being depreciated:					
Building	2,448,799	-	-	-	2,448,799
Water system	17,589,165	2,619,318	-	-	20,208,483
Stormwater system	2,249,145	-	-	-	2,249,145
Right to use Miami-Dade waterline	1,147,100	-	-	-	1,147,100
Machinery and equipment	5,378,419	1,095,250	-	-	6,473,669
Total capital assets being depreciated	<u>28,812,628</u>	<u>3,714,568</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>32,527,196</u>
Less accumulated depreciation for:					
Building	(697,908)	(48,976)	-	-	(746,884)
Water system	(9,737,137)	(313,896)	-	-	(10,051,033)
Stormwater system	(1,507,095)	(45,925)	-	-	(1,553,020)
Right to use Miami-Dade waterline	(602,669)	(59,982)	-	-	(662,651)
Machinery and equipment	(3,849,143)	(262,915)	-	-	(4,112,058)
Total accumulated depreciation	<u>(16,393,952)</u>	<u>(731,694)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(17,125,646)</u>
Total capital assets being depreciated, net	<u>12,418,676</u>	<u>2,982,874</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>15,401,550</u>
Business-type activities capital assets, net	<u>\$ 28,069,325</u>	<u>\$ 4,371,231</u>	<u>\$ (2,619,318)</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 29,821,238</u>

Depreciation expense was charged to functions/programs of the City as follows:

Governmental activities:	
General Government	1,311,206
Public Safety	694,524
Human Services	26,674
Culture and Recreation	252,155
	<u>2,284,559</u>
Business- type activities:	
Water & Sewer	614,621
Stormwater	<u>136,205</u>

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NOTE 8 – LONG-TERM DEBT

Capital Improvements Revenue Bonds - Series 2014 - In May 2014, the City Council authorized and issued \$3,300,000 Capital Improvement Refunding Revenue Note, Series 2014 for the purpose of (i) refunding the City's outstanding Capital Improvement Revenue Bonds, Series 2004, which financed, together with other available moneys of the City, the costs of construction and expansion of certain City-owned buildings for various City department, funding a debt service reserve fund, financing architectural, engineering, environmental, legal and other planning costs related thereto, and paying costs of issuance of the Series 2004 bonds, and (ii) paying related closing costs, pursuant to the authority of and in compliance with the Constitution and laws of the State of Florida. The bonds are due in monthly installments of approximately \$28,000 including interest at 2.84% and mature on January 1, 2026. The bonds are collateralized by a pledge of the local government half-cent sales tax. This refunding resulted in a savings and economic gain of approximately \$500. The loan contains a provision that in an event of default, outstanding amounts including accrued interest are due immediately.

Debt service requirements to maturity for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2024 are summarized as follows:

	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Total</u>
2025	325,150	11,841	336,991
2026	<u>166,085</u>	<u>2,410</u>	<u>168,495</u>
Total	<u>\$ 491,235</u>	<u>\$ 14,251</u>	<u>\$ 505,486</u>

Conduit Debt – City of Hialeah Gardens Health Facilities Authority Revenue and Revenue Refunding Bonds (“Series 2015 Bonds”) - On January 28, 2016, the City of Hialeah Gardens through the City of Hialeah Gardens Health Facilities Authority (the “Authority”) issued \$52,580,000 in Health Facilities Authority (“HFA”) Revenue and Revenue Refunding Bonds to provide funds to Catholic Health Services, Inc., a non-profit public benefit corporation, for the purpose of advance refunding the Series 2007 Revenue Bonds in the amount of \$48,640,000.

The City acts solely as a lawful conduit in the issuance of the bonds described above and is not liable in any manner. The amount of debt outstanding as of September 30, 2024 was \$38,120,000.

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NOTE 8 – LONG-TERM DEBT (CONTINUED)

Special Assessment Debt – City of Hialeah Gardens Special Assessment Improvement Bonds, Series 2011 - Special assessment bonds are not a direct responsibility of the City. On August 30, 2011, the City issued \$10,000,000 in City of Hialeah Gardens, Special Assessment Improvement Bonds, Series 2011. Proceeds of the bonds are to benefit certain parcels of the N.W. District of the City. The principal and interest payments are funded solely from the collection of special assessments on the 52 property owners whose parcels will benefit from the improvements funded by the bond issue. The note contains a provision that in an event of default, the Bank may, either at law or in equity, seek enforcement of and exercise all remedies available to it under any applicable law or in equity, by suit, action, mandamus or other proceeding in any court of competent jurisdiction, in order to protect and enforce any and all rights under the laws of the State of Florida, or granted and contained in the bond agreement, and may enforce and compel the performance of all duties required by the bond agreement, or by any applicable statutes to be performed by the City or by any officer thereof.

Annual debt service requirements to maturity for the special assessment bonds are as follows:

	Principal	Interest	Total
2025	759,810	69,129	828,939
2026	685,265	35,317	720,582
Total	\$ 1,445,075	\$ 104,446	\$ 1,549,521

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NOTE 8 – LONG-TERM DEBT (CONTINUED)

Special Obligation Note – Series 2020 - On February 18, 2020, the City of Council authorized and issued \$750,000 Special Obligation Note – Series 2020 for the purpose of providing funds for (i) the purchase and equipping of police vehicles and (ii) paying certain costs associated with the issuance of the note. The note is due in monthly installments on the first day of each month. The note contains a provision that in the event of default, the note holder may declare the entire outstanding balance due on the note to be immediately due and payable.

	2025	<u>156,530</u>	<u>1,861</u>	<u>158,391</u>
	Total	<u>\$ 156,530</u>	<u>\$ 1,861</u>	<u>\$ 158,391</u>

The City's long-term debt activity for the year ended September 30, 2024 was as follows:

	<u>Beginning</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Reductions</u>	<u>Ending</u>	<u>Due within One Year</u>
Governmental activities:					
Bonds and notes payable:					
Capital improvement revenue bonds, 2014	\$ 820,821	\$ -	\$ (295,979)	\$ 524,842	\$ 325,150
Special obligation note - series 2020	<u>308,850</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(148,200)</u>	<u>160,650</u>	<u>154,780</u>
Total bonds and notes payable	<u>1,129,671</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(444,179)</u>	<u>685,492</u>	<u>479,930</u>
Other liabilities:					
Capital lease	260,319	-	(60,558)	199,761	63,478
OPEB liability	315,432	-	(58,358)	257,074	-
Compensated absences	858,806	707,713	(762,995)	803,524	-
Net pension liability	<u>2,071,735</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(1,473,027)</u>	<u>598,708</u>	<u>-</u>
Total other liabilities	<u>3,506,292</u>	<u>707,713</u>	<u>(2,354,938)</u>	<u>1,859,067</u>	<u>63,478</u>
Governmental activity long-term liabilities	<u>\$ 4,635,963</u>	<u>\$ 707,713</u>	<u>\$ (2,799,117)</u>	<u>\$ 2,544,559</u>	<u>\$ 543,408</u>
	<u>Beginning</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Reductions</u>	<u>Ending</u>	<u>Due within One Year</u>
Business-type activities:					
Other liabilities:					
OPEB liability	\$ 15,208	\$ -	\$ (3,539)	\$ 11,669	\$ -
Compensated absences	<u>85,648</u>	<u>19,691</u>	<u>(4,855)</u>	<u>100,484</u>	<u>20,934</u>
Total other liabilities	<u>100,856</u>	<u>19,691</u>	<u>(8,394)</u>	<u>112,153</u>	<u>20,934</u>
Business-type activities long-term liabilities	<u>\$ 100,856</u>	<u>\$ 19,691</u>	<u>\$ (8,394)</u>	<u>\$ 112,153</u>	<u>\$ 20,934</u>

At September 30, 2024 and for the fiscal year then ended, the City had complied with the provisions of its bond indenture agreements.

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NOTE 9 – RELATED PARTIES

The City through its Public Works department acts as general contractor on projects for the City’s Water and Sewer Department and construction of the N.W. District and Pump Stations projects. During 2024, the City’s Public Works department carried work of \$20,176 which have not yet been billed to the City’s Water and Sewer Department. The City has and expects to continue to have transactions with such related parties. In the opinion of management, such transactions were on substantially the same terms as those prevailing at the time of comparable transactions with other persons and did not involve more than a normal risk of collectability or present any other unfavorable features to the City.

NOTE 10 – EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT PLAN

Plan Description - The City has a single-employer defined benefit pension plan for its sworn police officers. The City of Hialeah Gardens Police Pension Trust Fund (the Plan) was established by City Ordinance effective October 1, 1990. The Plan is considered part of the City’s financial reporting entity and is included in the City’s financial statements as a pension trust fund. All full-time police officers are eligible and required to participate in the plan. Benefit and contribution provisions are established by City ordinance and may be amended only by the City Council. The Plan issues a publicly available financial report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information for the Plan. Those reports may be obtained by writing the City of Hialeah Gardens Police Officers Retirement Plan 3851 West State Road 84, Apt #101, Davie, FL 33312.

Participants - All full-time police officers employed by the City of Hialeah Gardens; Florida are eligible to participate in the Plan. Membership data at October 1, 2021 was as follows:

Retirees and beneficiaries currently receiving benefits and terminated employees entitled to benefits, but not yet receiving them.	22
Active participants:	
Nonvested	41
Total participants	<u>63</u>

Funding Policy - Employees are required to contribute 5% of their compensation. Employer contributions are actuarially determined. The State of Florida distributes money to local governments meeting certain eligibility requirements which is intended to encourage additional pension benefits for police officers. When received, those distributions, in part, count toward the actuarially required contribution.

Net Pension Liability - The City’s net pension liability to the Plan for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2024 was as follows:

Total pension liability	\$ 22,221,656
Plan fiduciary net position	21,622,948
Net pension liability	<u>\$ 598,708</u>

Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of total pension liability was 90.57%.

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NOTE 10 – EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT PLAN (CONTINUED)

Significant Actuarial Assumptions -

Significant Actuarial Assumptions:

Valuation Date: October 1, 2022
 Measurement Date: September 30, 2023

Methods and Assumptions Used to Determine Net Pension Liability:

Actuarial Cost Method	Entry Age Normal
Inflation rate	2.50%
Salary Increases	5.0% to 17.5% depending on service
Investment Rate of Return	7.25%

Retirement Age	Experience-based table of rates that are specific to the type of eligibility condition.
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Mortality table	The same versions of PUB-2010 Headcount-Weighted Mortality Tables as used by the Florida Retirement System (FRS) for Special Risk Class members in their July 1, 2020 actuarial valuation (with mortality improvements projected for healthy lives to all future years after 2010 using Scale MP-2018). Florida Statutes Chapter 112.63(1)(f) mandates the use of mortality tables from one of the two most recently published FRS actuarial valuation reports.
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Deferred Retirement Option Plan - Members who continue employment with the City past normal retirement date may freeze their accrued benefit and enter into the Deferred Retirement Option Plan (“DROP”). Maximum participation in the DROP shall be sixty (60) months. For members electing participation in the DROP, an individual DROP account shall be created. Payment shall be made by the Plan into the member’s DROP account in an amount equal to the regular monthly retirement benefit which the participant would have received had the participant separated from service and commenced receipt of pension benefits plus interest. Interest shall be based on the actual rate of return for the Plan. As of September 30, 2024, the DROP had two (2) members. At the end of September 30, 2024, the City had a DROP liability of \$226,681.

Pension Liabilities, Pension Expense, and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to Pensions – At September 30, 2024, the City reported a net pension liability of \$598,708. The net pension liability was measured as of September 30, 2023, and the total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of October 1, 2022.

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SEPTEMBER 30, 2024

NOTE 10 – EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT PLAN (CONTINUED)

For the fiscal year ended September 30, 2024, the City recognized pension expense of \$957,434 related to the Plan. In addition, the City reported, in the government-wide financial statements, deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions from the following sources:

	<u>Deferred Outflows of Resources</u>	<u>Deferred Inflows of Resources</u>
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$ -	\$ 1,369,284
Change of assumptions	-	194,525
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on Pension Plan investments	2,885,125	1,273,756
Employer contributions made subsequent to the measurement date	<u>1,047,274</u>	<u>-</u>
Total	<u>\$ 3,932,399</u>	<u>\$ 2,837,565</u>

The deferred outflows of resources related to pensions, totaling \$1,047,274, resulting from the City's contributions to the Plan subsequent to the measurement date, will be recognized as a reduction of the net pension liability in the fiscal year ended September 30, 2024. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions will be recognized in pension expense as follows:

<u>Fiscal Year Ending September 30,</u>	<u>Net Deferred Outflows of Resources</u>
2025	(67,013)
2026	(82,970)
2027	557,439
2028	(293,088)
2029	(66,808)
Thereafter	<u>-</u>
Total	<u>\$ 47,560</u>

Long-Term Expected Rate of Return - The long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was determined based upon the historical average (means returns) which best-estimate ranges of expected future real rates of return. In order to determine the real rates of return, it is necessary to subtract the expected inflation rate from the nominal investment return and investment expenses. The long-term expected rate of return for the Plan was calculated by weighting the expected future rates of return of each asset class by the corresponding target allocation percentages. Best estimates of real rates of return for each major asset class included in the Plan's target asset allocation as of September 30, 2024 summarized in the following table:

<u>Asset Class</u>	<u>Long Term Expected Rate of Return</u>
Domestic Equity	7.5%
International Equity	8.5%
Domestic Bonds	2.5%
International Bonds	3.5%
Real Estate	4.5%

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NOTE 10 – EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT PLAN (CONTINUED)

Rate of Return - For the year ended September 30, 2024, the annual money-weighted rate of return on Plan investments, net of investment expense, was 8.61%. The money-weighted rate of return expresses investment performance, net of investment manager and consultant expenses adjusted for the changing amounts actually invested. Inputs to the internal rate of return calculation are determined on a monthly basis.

Discount Rate - The discount rate used to measure the net pension liability of the Plan was 7.25 percent. The Plan's fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make all projected future benefit payments of current active and inactive employees. Therefore, the discount rate for calculating the total pension liability is equal to the long-term expected rate of return.

Sensitivity of the City's Net Position Asset to Changes in the Discount Rate - The following represents the City's net pension liability calculated using the discount rate of 7.25 percent, as well as what the City's net pension liability would be if it calculated using a discount rate that is one percentage point lower (6.25 percent) or one percentage point higher (8.25 percent) than the current rate:

	1% Decrease	Current Discount Rate	1% Increase
	<u>6.25%</u>	<u>7.25%</u>	<u>8.25%</u>
Net pension liability \$	2,940,441	\$ 598,708	\$ (1,368,466)

NOTE 11 – DEFINED CONTRIBUTION PLAN

The City as a single employer contributes to the City of Hialeah Gardens Money Purchase Plan, which is a defined contribution plan created in accordance with Internal Revenue Code Section 401(a). The Plan is available to all City employees, and the City contributes 2% of the employees' salary regardless of whether the employee contributes to the Plan. Employees may contribute up to 5% of their salaries and the City will match those contributions 2 to 1 up to the 5% match. Employer contributions for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2024 were approximately \$435,463.

NOTE 12 – RISK MANAGEMENT

The City is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of damage to and destruction of assets; errors and omissions and natural disasters for which the City carries commercial insurance. There have been no reductions in insurance coverage from coverages in the prior year and there have been no claims settled which have exceeded insurance coverage for each of the past three years.

Liability Insurance - The public liability program is designed to cover all public liability type claims incurred, subject to the limitation established by the State of Florida Waiver of Sovereign Immunity Act. Insurance coverage is primarily provided by the Florida Municipal Liability Insurance Program supplemented by other policies and outside carriers. The City's deductible portion of liability claims, and premiums paid to insurers are charged to the funds as incurred.

Worker's Compensation - The City participates in Miami Dade County's self-insured workmen's compensation program. Premiums are billed annually and are based on the City's claim history.

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NOTE 13 – COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES

Litigation - Various suits and claims arising in the ordinary course of operations are pending against the City. While the ultimate effect of such litigation cannot be ascertained at this time, in the opinion of legal counsel, the City has sufficient insurance coverage to cover any claims and/or liabilities, which may arise from such action. The effect of such losses would not materially affect the financial position of the City or the results of its operations.

Grants - Amounts received or receivable from grant 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. In the opinion of management, future disallowances of grant expenditures, if any, would not have a material adverse effect on the City's financial condition.

Agreements with Miami-Dade County (Water and Sewer) - The Department of Water and Sewers has entered into two agreements with the Miami-Dade Water and Sewer Department (the "County"), whereby the County will sell treated water and provide wastewater treatment and disposal services to the extent required by the City. Rates paid by the City vary depending on usage and costs incurred by the County. The charges to operations under these agreements for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2024 were \$5,283,062.

Agreement with the City of Hialeah (Transit Services) - The City entered into an interlocal agreement for the City of Hialeah to provide public transportation services. The agreement calls for annual renewals and monthly payments of \$17,500. Total payments to the City of Hialeah for public transportation services were approximately \$210,000 for 2024.

Tax-Exempt Bonds - As disclosed in Note 8 Long-Term Debt; the City has issued tax-exempt bonds to fund capital projects and infrastructure. If the bonds were deemed to be taxable, then the City's interest costs would markedly rise; the potential increase in interest costs would only be determinable at the time such debt was deemed taxable. The City does not, at this time, expect the tax-exempt status of the debt to change.

NOTE 14 – POST-EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS OTHER THAN PENSIONS (OPEB)

General Information about the OPEB Plan

Plan description - The City's defined benefit OPEB plan, provides OPEB for all permanent full time employees, and is a single employer benefit plan administered by the City. Chapter 627 of the Florida Statutes requires that the City make health coverage available to retirees at the employer's group rate. The City provides no funding for any portion of the premiums after retirement. However, the City recognizes that there is an "implicit subsidy" arising because of the blended rate premium since retiree health care costs, on average, are higher than active employee healthcare costs. The plan is not accounted for as a trust fund and an irrevocable trust has not been established to fund this plan. The plan does not issue a separate financial report. It is the City's current policy to fund the plan on a "pay-as-you-go" basis. There are no assets accumulated in a trust that meets the criteria in paragraph 4 of Statement 75.

Benefits provided - Employees who retire from the City and their dependents are eligible to continue to participate in the City's health insurance, life insurance, and long-term care benefits currently offered through the City at the "blended" employee group rate, which the City determines on an annual basis. The retiree must continue to meet all participation requirements and pay all applicable premiums by the specified due date. Life insurance and long-term care benefits are portable and the retiree must pay premiums to the carrier directly. The City provides no funding for any portion of the premiums after retirement.

Employees covered by the benefit terms - As of September 30, 2024, there are one hundred and fifty (150) active employees with health insurance coverage.

Total OPEB Liability - The City's total OPEB liability of \$268,743 measured as of September 30, 2024.

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SEPTEMBER 30, 2024

NOTE 14 – POST-EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS OTHER THAN PENSIONS (OPEB)
(CONTINUED)

Actuarial assumptions and other inputs - The total OPEB liability in the September 30, 2024 valuation was determined using the following actuarial assumptions and other inputs, applied to all periods included in the measurement, unless otherwise specified:

Discount Rate	4.40%
Inflation Rate	2.20%
Healthcare Trend Rate	3.94%

Mortality Rates	<p>Healthy, <i>general</i>: Pub-2010 general employees headcount-weighted mortality projected with fully generational MP2019 mortality improvement scale.</p> <p>Pre-retirement, <i>LEOS</i>: Pub-2010 public safety employees headcount-weighted mortality projected with fully generational MP2019 mortality improvement scale.</p> <p>Healthy, <i>general</i>: Pub-2010 general retirees headcount-weighted mortality projected with fully generational MP2019 mortality improvement scale.</p> <p>Post-employment, <i>LEOS</i>: Pub-2010 public safety retirees headcount-weighted mortality projected with fully generational MP2019 mortality improvement scale.</p> <p>Disabled, <i>general</i>: Pub-2010 general disabled retirees headcount-weighted mortality projected with fully generational MP2019 mortality improvement scale.</p> <p>Disabled, <i>LEOS</i>: Pub-2010 public safety disabled retirees headcount-weighted mortality projected with fully generational MP2019 mortality improvement scale.</p>
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The payroll growth assumption is based on the Florida Retirement Systems actuarial valuation as of February 1, 2022.

	Total OPEB Liability
Balance at 9/30/2022 for FYE 2023	<u>\$ 330,640</u>
Changes for the fiscal year	
Service Cost	20,592
Interest	14,121
Differences between expected and actual experience	(50,758)
Changes in assumptions for other inputs	(26,447)
Benefit payments	(19,405)
Net changes	<u>(61,897)</u>
Balance at 9/30/2023 for FYE 2024	<u>\$ 268,743</u>

Sensitivity of the Total OPEB Liability to changes in the Discount Rate - The following presents the total OPEB liability of the City, as well as what the City's total OPEB liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is one percentage point lower (3.40%), or one percentage higher (5.40%) than the current discount rate:

	1% Decrease 3.63%	Discount Rate 4.63%	1% Increase 5.63%
Total OPEB Liability \$	286,493	268,743	251,249

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NOTES TO BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
SEPTEMBER 30, 2024

NOTE 14 – POST-EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS OTHER THAN PENSIONS (OPEB)
(CONTINUED)

Sensitivity of the Total OPEB Liability to changes in the Healthcare Trend Rate - The following presents the total OPEB liability of the City, as well as what the City's total OPEB liability would be if it were calculated using a healthcare trend rate that is one percentage point lower (2.94%), or one percentage higher (4.94%) than the current healthcare trend rate:

	1% Decrease 3.05%	Healthcare Trend Discount Rate 4.05%	1% Increase 5.04%
Total OPEB Liability \$	238,667	268,743	304,134

OPEB Expenses and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to OPEB - For the year ended September 30, 2024, the City Plan recognized OPEB expenses of \$16,708. At September 30, 2024, the Plan reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB from the following sources:

	Deferred Outflows of Resources	Deferred Inflows of Resources
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$ -	\$ 89,975
Changes in assumptions and other inputs	10,300	57,034
Total	<u>\$ 10,300</u>	<u>\$ 146,009</u>

At the beginning of the current measurement period, the average of the expected remaining service lives for the purposes of recognizing the applicable deferred outflows and inflows of resources established in the current measurement period is 7 years.

Deferred Outflows and Inflows of Resources by Year to be recognized in future OPEB expenses are as follows:

Fiscal year ended <u>September 30:</u>	Net Deferred Outflows of <u>Resources</u>
2025	\$ (28,027)
2026	(26,943)
2027	(25,424)
2028	(26,597)
2029	(17,687)
Thereafter	(11,031)

REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

CITY OF HIALEAH GARDENS, FLORIDA
BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE
GENERAL FUND
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2024

	<u>Budgeted Amounts</u>		<u>Actual</u>	<u>Variance with Final Budget Positive/(Negative)</u>
	<u>Original</u>	<u>Final</u>		
Revenues:				
Ad valorem taxes	\$ 10,350,517	\$ 10,350,517	\$ 10,328,201	\$ (22,316)
Intergovernmental	9,064,000	9,064,000	4,855,814	(4,208,186)
Utility taxes	2,165,000	2,165,000	2,326,639	161,639
Franchise taxes	1,825,000	1,825,000	2,075,557	250,557
Licenses and permits	1,167,000	1,167,000	1,647,638	480,638
Charges for services	893,000	893,000	514,619	(378,381)
Fines and forfeitures	30,000	30,000	40,254	10,254
Interest	15,000	15,000	21,972	6,972
Other	66,000	66,000	177,083	111,083
Total revenues	<u>25,575,517</u>	<u>25,575,517</u>	<u>21,987,777</u>	<u>(3,587,740)</u>
Expenditures:				
Current:				
General government	8,686,698	8,686,698	12,274,921	(3,588,223)
Public safety	11,864,000	11,864,000	10,548,120	1,315,880
Human services	1,413,500	1,413,500	999,781	413,719
Culture and recreation	2,361,500	2,361,500	2,720,835	(359,335)
Debt service:				
Principal retirement	457,031	457,031	444,179	12,852
Interest and fiscal charges	36,614	36,614	33,070	3,544
Total expenditures	<u>24,819,343</u>	<u>24,819,343</u>	<u>27,020,906</u>	<u>(2,201,563)</u>
Deficiency of revenues under expenditures	756,174	756,174	(5,033,129)	(4,276,955)
Fund balance appropriated	-	-	-	-
Other financing sources (uses):				
Proceeds from sale of fixed asset	-	-	3,476,184	3,476,184
Net change in fund balance	<u>\$ 756,174</u>	<u>\$ 756,174</u>	<u>(1,556,945)</u>	<u>\$ (4,276,955)</u>
FUND BALANCE, beginning of year			<u>(145,003)</u>	
FUND BALANCE, end of year			<u>\$ (1,701,948)</u>	

See note to budgetary comparison schedule

CITY OF HIALEAH GARDENS, FLORIDA
BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE
STREETS AND ROADS FUND - MAJOR SPECIAL REVENUE FUND
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2024

	<u>Budgeted Amounts</u>		<u>Actual Amounts</u>	Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)
	<u>Original</u>	<u>Final</u>		
Revenues:				
Intergovernmental	\$ 760,000	\$ 760,000	\$ 740,040	\$ (19,960)
Total revenues	<u>760,000</u>	<u>760,000</u>	<u>740,040</u>	<u>(19,960)</u>
Expenditures:				
Current:				
General government	601,000	601,000	1,926,539	(1,325,539)
Debt service:				
Principal retirement	154,000	154,000	-	154,000
Interest and fiscal charges	5,000	5,000	-	5,000
Capital outlay:				
General government	-	-	2,400	(2,400)
Total expenditures	<u>760,000</u>	<u>760,000</u>	<u>1,928,939</u>	<u>(1,166,539)</u>
Deficiency of revenues under expenditures	-	-	(1,188,899)	(1,188,899)
Other financing sources				
Loan proceeds	-	-	-	-
Total other financing sources	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Net change in fund balance	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>(1,188,899)</u>	<u>\$ (1,188,899)</u>
Fund balances, beginning of year			<u>(7,114,097)</u>	
Fund balances, end of year			<u>\$ (8,302,996)</u>	

See note to budgetary comparison schedule

CITY OF HIALEAH GARDENS, FLORIDA
BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE
CITT FUND - MAJOR SPECIAL REVENUE FUND
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2024

	<u>Budgeted Amounts</u>		<u>Actual Amounts</u>	Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)
	<u>Original</u>	<u>Final</u>		
Revenues:				
Intergovernmental	\$ 823,100	\$ 823,100	\$ 1,434,787	\$ 611,687
Total revenues	<u>823,100</u>	<u>823,100</u>	<u>1,434,787</u>	<u>611,687</u>
Expenditures:				
Current:				
General government	550,000	550,000	406,940	143,060
Debt service:				
Principal retirement	57,800	57,800	60,558	(2,758)
Interest and fiscal charges	15,300	15,300	12,551	2,749
Capital Outlay	<u>200,000</u>	<u>200,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>200,000</u>
Total expenditures	<u>823,100</u>	<u>823,100</u>	<u>480,049</u>	<u>343,051</u>
Excess of revenues over expenditures	-	-	954,738	954,738
Net change in fund balance	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	954,738	<u>\$ 954,738</u>
Fund balances, beginning of year			<u>4,965,758</u>	
Fund balances, end of year			<u>\$ 5,920,496</u>	

See note to budgetary comparison schedule

CITY OF HIALEAH GARDENS, FLORIDA
NOTE TO BUDGETARY COMPARISON
SCHEDULES SEPTEMBER 30, 2024

BUDGETARY INFORMATION

The following procedures are used to establish the budgetary data reflected in the financial statements:

Annual budgets are adopted for the General Fund, the CITT fund, and the Streets and Roads Fund, on a basis consistent with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

1. Prior to July 30 of each year, the Mayor submits to the City Council a proposed operating budget for the fiscal year commencing the following October 1. The operating budget includes proposed expenditures and the means of financing such expenditures.
2. Public hearings are held to obtain taxpayer comments.
3. Prior to October 1, the budget is legally enacted through passage of an ordinance.
4. The level of control at which expenditures may not exceed budget is at the departmental level. The City Council approves these levels by annual resolution. The Mayor is authorized to transfer budgeted amounts within individual departments; any revisions that alter the total expenditures of any appropriation center within a fund must be approved by the City Council.

The final budget includes no supplemental appropriations.

This excess of expenditures in the general government services and the human services departments were funded with surpluses in other departments as well as greater than anticipated revenues.

For the year ended September 30, 2024, expenditures exceeded appropriations as follows:

General Fund:	
General government	\$ 3,588,223
Culture and recreation	359,335
Streets and Roads Fund:	
Current: general government	1,325,539
Capital outlay: general government	2,400
CITT Fund:	
Debt service: principal retirement	2,758

These unfavorable variances were primarily due to unbudgeted costs associated with the City's growth, which increased maintenance costs related to City beautification. In addition, improvements to the City's stormwater systems, roads, and parks contributed to the unfavorable variances.

CITY OF HIALEAH GARDENS, FLORIDA
REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
SCHEDULE OF CHANGES IN THE CITY'S NET PENSION LIABILITY (ASSET)
AND RELATED RATIOS
(UNAUDITED)

Reporting period ending Measurement date	9/30/2024	9/30/2023	9/30/2022	9/30/2021	9/30/2020	9/30/2019	9/30/2018	9/30/2017	9/30/2016	9/30/2015	9/30/2014
Total pension liability	\$ 792,734	\$ 700,608	\$ 714,815	\$ 698,725	\$ 656,877	\$ 595,447	\$ 538,779	\$ 490,341	\$ 491,321	\$ 435,930	\$ 435,930
Service cost	1,612,810	1,540,375	1,498,503	1,410,004	1,324,351	1,265,945	1,220,303	1,213,413	1,149,899	1,080,398	1,080,398
Interest	(1,180,303)	(431,820)	(320,021)	(60,375)	(56,806)	(201,103)	(106,482)	(392,758)	67,419	17,978	-
Changes of benefit terms:											
Differences between expected and actual experience											
Changes in assumptions	(1,016,783)	(766,880)	(472,418)	(829,933)	(822,688)	(23,765)	453,086	(32,469)	(6,573)	-	-
Refunds of contributions	(38,812)	(90,596)	(15,643)	(21,751)	(14,446)	(832,824)	(1,376,619)	(1,229,360)	(521,971)	(868,735)	-
Benefit payments, including refunds of member contributions	71,295	54,351	68,413	51,874	58,553	59,704	8,844	49,973	18,856	18,634	-
Other (increase in State contribution reserve)	240,941	1,006,038	550,690	1,248,544	1,145,839	1,316,490	590,034	99,140	1,198,951	684,205	-
Net change in total pension liability	\$ 21,980,715	\$ 20,974,677	\$ 20,423,987	\$ 19,174,443	\$ 18,028,604	\$ 16,712,114	\$ 16,122,080	\$ 16,022,940	\$ 14,823,989	\$ 14,139,784	\$ 14,823,989
Total pension liability-beginning	\$ 22,221,656	\$ 21,980,715	\$ 20,974,677	\$ 20,423,987	\$ 19,174,443	\$ 18,028,604	\$ 16,712,114	\$ 16,122,080	\$ 16,022,940	\$ 14,823,989	\$ 14,823,989
Total pension liability-ending	\$ 21,980,715	\$ 20,974,677	\$ 20,423,987	\$ 19,174,443	\$ 18,028,604	\$ 16,712,114	\$ 16,122,080	\$ 16,022,940	\$ 14,823,989	\$ 14,139,784	\$ 14,823,989
Plan fiduciary net position	\$ 678,197	\$ 639,659	\$ 612,643	\$ 611,800	\$ 575,925	\$ 523,208	\$ 541,601	\$ 483,462	\$ 505,211	\$ 470,955	\$ 470,955
Contributions - City	248,713	214,826	244,949	209,871	223,230	225,532	211,274	156,460	125,343	125,121	125,121
Contributions - State	161,016	151,866	145,453	145,253	136,736	124,219	126,886	111,522	109,271	103,782	103,782
Contributions - Member	1,792,499	(3,097,327)	3,862,785	1,157,572	262,445	1,489,774	1,841,503	1,142,054	(175,980)	1,238,189	1,238,189
Net investment income (loss)	(1,016,783)	(766,880)	(923,959)	(829,933)	(822,688)	(832,824)	(1,376,619)	(1,229,360)	(521,971)	(868,735)	-
Benefit payments, including refunds of member contributions	(38,812)	(90,596)	(15,643)	(21,751)	(14,446)	(832,824)	(1,376,619)	(1,229,360)	(521,971)	(868,735)	-
Refunds of contributions	(110,862)	(62,535)	(80,392)	(53,916)	(67,865)	(57,873)	(78,535)	(67,632)	(54,534)	(47,780)	-
Administrative expenses	1,713,988	(3,010,987)	3,845,816	1,218,896	293,337	1,448,271	1,266,110	564,037	(19,233)	1,021,532	-
Net change in plan fiduciary net position	\$ 19,908,980	\$ 22,919,967	\$ 19,074,151	\$ 17,855,255	\$ 17,561,918	\$ 16,113,647	\$ 14,847,537	\$ 14,283,500	\$ 14,302,733	\$ 13,281,201	\$ 13,281,201
Plan fiduciary net position - beginning	\$ 21,622,948	\$ 19,908,980	\$ 22,919,967	\$ 19,074,151	\$ 17,855,255	\$ 17,561,918	\$ 16,113,647	\$ 14,847,537	\$ 14,283,500	\$ 14,302,733	\$ 14,302,733
Plan fiduciary net position - ending	\$ 598,708	\$ 2,071,735	\$ (1,945,290)	\$ 1,349,836	\$ 1,319,188	\$ 466,686	\$ 598,467	\$ 1,274,543	\$ 1,739,440	\$ 521,256	\$ 521,256
City's net pension liability (asset)	\$ 97.31%	\$ 90.57%	\$ 109.27%	\$ 93.39%	\$ 93.12%	\$ 97.41%	\$ 96.42%	\$ 92.09%	\$ 89.14%	\$ 86.48%	\$ 86.48%
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability	\$ 3,220,320	\$ 3,037,320	\$ 2,909,080	\$ 2,905,060	\$ 2,734,720	\$ 2,484,380	\$ 2,537,728	\$ 2,230,433	\$ 2,185,416	\$ 2,075,635	\$ 2,075,635
Covered payroll	18.59%	68.21%	-66.87%	46.46%	48.24%	18.78%	23.58%	57.14%	79.59%	25.11%	25.11%
City's net pension liability as a percentage of covered payroll											

CITY OF HIALEAH GARDENS, FLORIDA
REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
SCHEDULE OF CITY CONTRIBUTIONS
(UNAUDITED)

Fiscal Year Ended September 30,	Actuarially Determined Contribution	Actual Contribution	Contribution Deficiency (Excess)	Covered Payroll	Actual Contribution as a % of Covered Employee Payroll
2014	\$ 577,442	\$ 577,442	\$ -	\$ 2,075,635	27.82%
2015	611,698	611,698	-	2,185,416	27.99%
2016	589,949	589,949	-	2,230,433	26.45%
2017	650,166	700,300 *	(50,134)	2,537,728	27.60%
2018	650,659	689,036 **	(38,377)	2,484,380	27.73%
2019	749,040	740,602 ***	8,438	2,734,720	27.08%
2020	750,086	769,797 ****	(19,711)	2,905,060	26.50%
2021	742,683	788,179 *****	(45,496)	2,909,060	27.09%
2022	656,669	800,134 *****	(143,465)	3,037,320	26.34%
2023	534,251	855,615 *****	(321,364)	3,220,320	26.57%
2024	539,982	961,669 *****	(421,687)	3,655,940	26.30%

* Includes a City contribution of \$541,601 plus a State contribution of \$158,699. The Plan's financial statements as of September 30, 2017 include a receivable State contribution of \$211,274, \$158,699 of which is applied to the required contribution for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2017 and the remaining \$52,575 is allocated to the Share Plan, based on the default rules of Senate Bill 172.

** Includes a City contribution of \$523,208 plus a State contribution of \$165,828. The Plan's financial statements as of September 30, 2018 include a receivable State contribution of \$225,532, \$165,828 of which is applied to the required contribution for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2018 and the remaining \$59,704 is allocated to the Share Plan, based on the default rules of Senate Bill 172.

*** Includes a City contribution of \$575,925 plus a State contribution of \$164,677. The Plan's financial statements as of September 30, 2019 include a receivable State contribution of \$223,230, \$164,677 of which is applied to the required contribution for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2019 and the remainin \$58,553 is allocated to the Share Plan, based on the default rules of Senate Bill 172.

**** Includes a City contribution of \$611,800 plus a State contribution of \$157,997. The Plan's financial statements as of September 30, 2020 include a receivable State contribution of \$209,871, \$157,997 of which is applied to the required contribution for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2020 and the remainin \$51,874 is allocated to the Share Plan, based on the default rules of Senate Bill 172.

***** Includes a City contribution of \$612,643 plus a State contribution of \$175,536. The Plan's financial statements as of September 30, 2021 include a receivable State contribution of \$244,949, \$175,536 of which is applied to the required contribution for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2021 and the remaining \$69,413 is allocated to the Share Plan, based on the default rules of Senate Bill 172.

***** Includes a City contribution of \$639,659 plus a State contribution of \$160,475. The Plan's financial statements as of September 30, 2022 include a receivable State contribution of \$214,826, \$160,475 of which is applied to the required contribution for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2022 and the remaining \$54,351 is allocated to the Share Plan, based on the default rules of Senate Bill 172.

***** Includes a City contribution of \$678,197 plus a State contribution of \$177,418. The Plan's financial statements as of September 30, 2023 include a receivable State contribution of \$248,713, \$177,418 of which is applied to the required contribution for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2023 and the remaining \$71,295 is allocated to the Share Plan, based on the default rules of Senate Bill 172.

***** Includes a City contribution of \$769,9407 plus a State contribution of \$191,729. The Plan's financial statements as of September 30, 2024 include a State contribution of \$277,334, \$191,729 of which is applied to the required contribution for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2024 and the remaining \$85,605 is allocated to the Share Plan, based on the default rules of Senate Bill 172.

CITY OF HIALEAH GARDENS, FLORIDA
REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
SCHEDULE OF CITY CONTRIBUTIONS
(UNAUDITED) (CONTINUED)

NOTES TO SCHEDULE OF CONTRIBUTIONS

Valuation Date:	October 1, 2022
Notes:	Actuarially determined contributions are calculated as of October 1, which is two 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	Aggregate
Amortization method	N/A
Remaining amortization period	N/A
Asset valuation method	5-year smoothed market
Inflation	2.5%
Salary increases	5.0% - 17.5%, depending on service
Investment rate of return	7.25%
Retirement age	Experience-based table of rates that are specific to the type of eligibility condition.
Mortality	Experience-based table of rates that are specific to the type of eligibility condition. The same versions of PUB-2010 Headcount-Weighted Mortality Tables as used by the Florida Retirement System (FRS) for Special Risk Class members in their July 1, 2021 actuarial valuation (with mortality improvements projected for healthy lives to all future years after 2010 using Scale MP-2018). Florida Statutes Chapter 112.63(1)(f) mandates the use of mortality tables from one of the two most recently published FRS actuarial valuation reports.

CITY OF HIALEAH GARDENS, FLORIDA
REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
SCHEDULE OF CHANGES IN THE CITY'S TOTAL OPEB LIABILITY
AND RELATED RATIOS
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2024

Total OPEB Liability for fiscal year ended September 30: Measurement Date:	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018
	9/30/2023	9/30/2022	9/30/2021	9/30/2020	9/30/2019	9/30/2018	9/30/2017
Service cost	\$ 20,592	\$ 27,359	\$ 29,615	\$ 27,140	\$ 19,682	\$ 19,872	\$ 20,215
Interest	14,121	7,671	9,374	9,810	13,158	11,748	10,187
Differences between expected and actual experience	(50,758)	-	(65,465)	-	(28,204)	-	-
Changes in assumptions	(26,447)	(46,588)	3,092	8,202	17,575	(7,621)	(9,257)
Benefit payments	(19,405)	(16,175)	(14,419)	(11,393)	(11,393)	(16,107)	(12,096)
Net Change in total OPEB liability	(61,897)	(27,733)	(37,803)	33,759	10,818	7,892	9,049
Total OPEB liability- beginning	330,640	358,373	396,176	362,417	351,599	343,707	334,658
Total OPEB liability- ending	\$ 268,743	\$ 330,640	\$ 358,373	\$ 396,176	\$ 362,417	\$ 351,599	\$ 343,707
Covered payroll	N/A	N/A	\$ 8,517,372	\$ 8,517,372	\$ 7,810,700	\$ 7,830,753	\$ 6,227,270
Total OPEB liability as a percentage of covered payroll	N/A	N/A	4.65%	4.65%	4.64%	4.49%	5.52%

This schedule is presented to illustrate the requirement to show information for 10 years. However, until a full 10-year trend is compiled, governments should present information for those years for which information is available.

COMBINING FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

CITY OF HIALEAH GARDENS, FLORIDA
COMBINING BALANCE SHEET
NON-MAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2024

	Special Revenue Funds		Total Nonmajor Governmental Funds
	Public Safety Impact Fund	Law Enforcement Forfeiture Fund	
<u>ASSETS</u>			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ -	\$ 53,465	\$ 53,465
Due from other funds	861,217	43,513	904,730
Total assets	861,217	96,978	958,195
<u>LIABILITIES</u>			
Due to other funds	444,918	-	444,918
Total liabilities	444,918	-	444,918
<u>FUND BALANCES</u>			
Restricted	416,299	96,978	513,277
Total fund balances	416,299	96,978	513,277
Total liabilities and fund balances	\$ 861,217	\$ 96,978	\$ 958,195

CITY OF HIALEAH GARDENS, FLORIDA
COMBINING STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
NON-MAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2024

	<u>Special Revenue Funds</u>		Total Nonmajor Governmental <u>Funds</u>
	Public Safety Impact <u>Fund</u>	Law Enforcement Forfeiture <u>Fund</u>	
Revenues:			
Impact fees	\$ 38,563	\$ -	\$ 38,563
Fines and forfeitures	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Total revenues	<u>38,563</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>38,563</u>
Excess of revenues over expenditures	<u>38,563</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>38,563</u>
Net change in fund balances	38,563	-	38,563
Fund balances, beginning of year	<u>377,736</u>	<u>96,978</u>	<u>474,714</u>
Fund balances, end of year	<u>\$ 416,299</u>	<u>\$ 96,978</u>	<u>\$ 513,277</u>

CITY OF HIALEAH GARDENS, FLORIDA
SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE
BUDGET AND ACTUAL - PUBLIC SAFETY IMPACT FUND
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2024

	<u>Budgeted Amounts</u>		<u>Actual Amounts</u>	Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)
	<u>Original</u>	<u>Final</u>		
Revenues:				
Impact fees	\$ 40,000	\$ 40,000	\$ 38,563	\$ (1,437)
Total revenues	<u>40,000</u>	<u>40,000</u>	<u>38,563</u>	<u>(1,437)</u>
Expenditures:				
Capital outlay:				
Public safety	<u>40,000</u>	<u>40,000</u>	-	40,000
Total expenditures	<u>40,000</u>	<u>40,000</u>	-	<u>40,000</u>
Excess of revenues over expenditures	-	-	38,563	38,563
Net change in fund balance	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	38,563	<u>\$ 38,563</u>
Fund balances, beginning of year			<u>377,736</u>	
Fund balances, end of year			<u>\$ 416,299</u>	

COMPLIANCE SECTION



Accountants

Advisors

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

Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council
City of Hialeah Gardens, Florida

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the City of Hialeah Gardens (the "City"), as of and for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2024, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the City's basic financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated April 24, 2026.

Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting

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

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

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies and therefore, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that have not been identified. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses. We did identify deficiencies in internal control, described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs as items 2019-03 and 2023-01 that we consider to be significant deficiencies.

Report on Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the City's financial statements are free from material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the financial statements. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit, and accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed one instance of noncompliance or other matters that is required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards* and which is described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs as item 2020-04.

City's Response to Findings

The City's response to the findings identified in our audit is described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs. The City's response was not subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and, accordingly, we express no opinion on it.

Purpose of this Report

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the City'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 City's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

Caballero Fierman Llerena & Garcia, LLP

Caballero Fierman Llerena & Garcia, LLP
Miami, Florida
April 24, 2026



**INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT ON COMPLIANCE FOR EACH MAJOR STATE PROJECT,
AND ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER COMPLIANCE REQUIRED BY THE CHAPTER 10.550, RULES
OF THE AUDITOR GENERAL**

Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council
City of Hialeah Gardens, Florida

Report on Compliance for Each Major State Project

Opinion on Each Major State Project

We have audited the City of Hialeah Gardens, Florida's (the "City") compliance with the types of compliance requirements identified as subject to audit in the OMB *Compliance Supplement* and the requirements described in the *Department of Financial Services' State Projects Compliance Supplement* that could have a direct and material effect on each of the City's major state projects for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2024. The City's major state projects are identified in the summary of auditors' results section of the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs.

In our opinion, the City complied, in all material respects, with the types of compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on each of its major state projects for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2024.

Basis for Opinion on Each Major State Project

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 Chapter 10.550, Rules of the Auditor General. Our responsibilities under those standards, the Chapter 10.550, Rules of the Auditor General, are further described in the Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance section of our report.

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

Responsibilities of Management for Compliance

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

Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether material noncompliance with the compliance requirements referred to above occurred, whether due to fraud or error, and express an opinion on the City's compliance based on our audit. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, *Government Auditing Standards*, the Chapter 10.550, Rules of the Auditor General, will always detect material noncompliance when it exists. The risk of not detecting material noncompliance resulting from fraud is higher than for that resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Noncompliance with the compliance requirements referred to above is considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, it would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user of the report on compliance about the City's compliance with the requirements of each major state project as a whole.

In performing an audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, *Government Auditing Standards*, the Chapter 10.550, Rules of the Auditor General, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material noncompliance, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the City's compliance with the compliance requirements referred to above and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.
- Obtain an understanding of the City's internal control over compliance relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances and to test and report on internal control over compliance in accordance with Chapter 10.550, Rules of the Auditor General, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the City's internal control over compliance. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.

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

Report on Internal Control over Compliance

A deficiency in internal control over compliance exists when the design or operation of a control over compliance does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, noncompliance with a type of compliance requirement of a state project on a timely basis. A *material weakness in internal control over compliance* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control over compliance, such that there is a reasonable possibility that material noncompliance with a type of compliance requirement of a state project 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 state project 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 Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance section above and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control over compliance that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies in internal control over compliance. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over compliance that we consider to be material weaknesses, as defined above. However, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies in internal control over compliance may exist that were not identified.

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

The purpose of this report on internal control over compliance is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over compliance and the results of that testing based on the requirements of the Chapter 10.550, Rules of the Auditor General. Accordingly, this report is not suitable for any other purpose.

Caballero Fierman Llerena & Garcia, LLP

Caballero Fierman Llerena & Garcia, LLP
Miami, Florida
April 24, 2026

CITY OF HIALEAH GARDENS, FLORIDA
 SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF STATE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE
 FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2024

<i>State Grantor, Pass-through Grantor, Program or Cluster Title</i>	<i>CSFA Number</i>	<i>Contract/Grant Number</i>	<i>Expenditures</i>
<u>Florida Department of Elder Affairs:</u>			
Local Services Programs (LSP)	65.009	KL2257	\$ 349,385
Total Florida Department of Environmental Protection			349,385
<u>Department of Law Enforcement</u>			
Hialeah Gardens Active Shooter and Emergency Response Training Facility	71.097	3W003	729,330
Total Florida Department of Law Enforcement			729,330
Total Expenditures of State Financial Assistance			\$ 1,078,715

CITY OF HIALEAH GARDENS, FLORIDA
NOTES TO THE SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF STATE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2024

NOTE 1 - BASIS OF PRESENTATION

The accompanying schedule of expenditures of state financial assistance (the Schedule) includes the state grant activity of the City of Hialeah Gardens, Florida (the City) under programs of the state of Florida for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2024. The information in this Schedule is presented in accordance with the requirements of Chapter 10.550, Rules of the Auditor General. 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 position or cash flows of the City.

NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Expenditures reported on the Schedule are reported on the accrual basis of accounting. Such expenditures are recognized following the cost principles contained in the Rules of the Department of Financial Services, wherein certain types of expenditures are not allowable or are limited as to reimbursement, except for the Equitable Sharing Programs for Justice and Treasury which follow the *Guide to Equitable Sharing for State, Local and Tribal Law Enforcement Agencies*. Pass-through entity identifying numbers are presented where available.

NOTE 3 - INDIRECT COST RATE

The City has not elected to use the 10-percent de minimis indirect cost rate allowed under the the Chapter 10.550 Rules of the Auditor General.

NOTE 4 - CONTINGENCY

The grant revenue amounts received are subject to audit and adjustment. If any expenditures are disallowed by grantor agency as a result of such an audit, any claim for reimbursement to the grantor agencies would become a liability of the City. In the opinion of management, all grant expenditures are in compliance with the terms of the grant agreements and applicable federal and state laws and regulations.

CITY OF HIALEAH GARDENS, FLORIDA
SUMMARY SCHEDULE OF PRIOR AUDIT FINDINGS
FISCAL YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2024

PRIOR YEAR COMMENTS AND STATUS

The following addresses the status of financial statement findings reported in the fiscal year ended September 30, 2024 schedule of findings and responses:

Matters that are modified and repeated in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs:

- 2019-03 Deficit Fund Balance
- 2020-04 Annual Financial Audit Report
- 2023-01 Journal Entries

CITY OF HIALEAH GARDENS, FLORIDA
SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2024

SECTION I - SUMMARY OF AUDITORS' RESULTS

Financial Statements

Type of auditors' report issued:	<i>Unmodified</i>
Internal control over financial reporting:	
Material weakness(es) identified?	_____ Yes <u> X </u> No
Significant deficiencies identified?	<u> X </u> Yes _____ None reported
Noncompliance material to financial statements noted?	<u> X </u> Yes _____ No

State Financial Assistance

Internal control over major state projects:	
Material weakness(es) identified?	_____ Yes <u> X </u> No
Significant deficiencies identified?	_____ Yes <u> X </u> None reported
Type of auditors' report issued on compliance for major state programs:	<i>Unmodified</i>
Any audit findings disclosed that are required to be reported in accordance with Chapter 10.550, Rules of the Auditor General?	_____ Yes <u> X </u> No

Identification of major state projects:

<u>CSFA Number</u>	<u>State Project or Cluster</u>
71.097	Hialeah Gardens Active Shooter and Emergency Response Training Facility

Dollar threshold used to distinguish between Type A and Type B programs:	State \$349,385
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CITY OF HIALEAH GARDENS, FLORIDA
SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS
FISCAL YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2024

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

I - CURRENT YEAR FINANCIAL STATEMENT FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

SIGNIFICANT DEFICIENCIES

2019-03 Deficit Fund Balance

Criteria

Pursuant to Section 218.39(5), Florida Statutes, the auditor must notify each member of the governing body for which: (1) deteriorating financial conditions exist that may cause a condition described in Section 218.503(1), Florida Statutes, and (2) a fund balance deficit in total or for that portion of a fund balance not classified as restricted, committed, or non-spendable, or a total or unrestricted net position deficit, as reported on the fund financial statements of entities required to report under governmental financial reporting standards.

Condition

The Streets and Roads fund is reporting a deficit that has increased annually over the past seven years with an increase in 2024. Additionally, the General fund is reporting a deficit that has increased from the prior year, resulting in total Governmental Funds reporting a deficit fund balance in total as of September 30, 2024.

Cause

Costs incurred in anticipation of future revenue creation have impacted current cash & investments as well as the overall fund balances of the Streets and Roads fund. The General Fund had a deficiency in revenues over expenditures for the last two fiscal years.

Effect

If the City does not implement cost reductions or revenue enhancements to replenish fund equities and cash reserves, there is a risk that there may be a future a deteriorating financial condition that may cause a condition as described in State law Section 218.503(1), Florida Statutes to occur.

Recommendation

We recommend the City's management implement cost reductions or revenue enhancements which would replenish fund equities and current cash and investments. Additionally, we recommend the City review its debt obligations and grant obligations to ensure there are sufficient funds available for future use.

View of responsible officials and planned corrective actions

The City continues to implement cost cutting efforts to the Street and Roads fund to keep reducing the fund's deficit. In addition, As the related special assessment debt matures in Fiscal Year 2027, the City anticipates transferring amounts to the Streets and Roads Fund equal to the related debt service payments until the deficit is fully eliminated. The General Fund deficit is primarily due to capital costs for the Senior Center and Police Training Facility, and management expects to address it through expenditure controls and additional revenue sources.

2023-01 Journal Entries

Criteria

Journal entry transactions should be prepared by one individual and reviewed by another individual in management to ensure accuracy and to provide a system of internal control for tracking journal entries.

CITY OF HIALEAH GARDENS, FLORIDA
SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS
FISCAL YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2024

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS (CONTINUED)

I - CURRENT YEAR FINANCIAL STATEMENT FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS (CONTINUED)

Condition

During our performance of audit planning procedures for fiscal year ended September 30, 2024, journal entry testing procedures were performed and disclosed that the City does not have a formal review process in place to ensure journal entries have a preparer and separate review and are documented and tracked.

Cause

Improper internal controls in place to ensure journal entries are properly reviewed and approved.

Effect

Without proper review of journal entry transactions, the City would be exposed to material misstatements due to improper recording in addition to possible fraud or misuse of funds.

Recommendation

We recommend that the City implement internal controls associated with the review of journal entry transactions to ensure proper preparation and approval.

View of responsible officials and planned corrective actions

In July 2025, the City implemented a new accounting system that includes fund accounting software. The new system is expected to provide the Finance Department with enhanced accounting tools and support timely financial reporting.

NONCOMPLIANCE

2020-04 Annual Financial Audit Report

Criteria

Florida Statutes section 218.39 states that local government entity shall have an annual financial audit of its accounts and records completed within 9 months after the end of its fiscal year by an independent certified public accountant retained by it and paid from its public funds.

Condition

The City did not complete its annual financial audit for the fiscal year ended 2024 within 9 months after year end.

Cause

Delays in the financial close and reporting procedures of the City.

Effect

The City is not in compliance with Florida Statute section 218.39.

Recommendation

We recommend that, in the future, the City completes its annual financial audits within 9 months after its fiscal year end.

CITY OF HIALEAH GARDENS, FLORIDA
SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS
FISCAL YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2024

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS (CONTINUED)

I - CURRENT YEAR FINANCIAL STATEMENT FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS (CONTINUED)

View of responsible officials and planned corrective actions

In July 2025, the City implemented a new accounting system that includes fund accounting software. The new system is expected to provide the Finance Department with enhanced accounting tools and support timely financial reporting.



MANAGEMENT LETTER IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE RULES OF THE AUDITOR GENERAL OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA

Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council
City of Hialeah Gardens, Florida

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the financial statements of the City of Hialeah Gardens, Florida (the "City"), as of and for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2024, and have issued our report thereon dated April 24, 2026.

Auditors' Responsibility

We conducted our audit 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 Chapter 10.550, Rules of the Auditor General.

Other Reporting Requirements

We have issued our Independent Auditors' Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting and on Compliance and Other Matters Based on an Audit of the Financial Statements Performed in Accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*; Schedule of Findings and Responses; and Independent Accountant's Report on an examination conducted in accordance with *AICPA Professional Standards*, AT-C Section 315, regarding compliance requirements in accordance with Chapter 10.550, Rules of the Auditor General. Disclosures in those reports and schedule, which are dated April 24, 2026 should be considered in conjunction with this management letter.

Prior Audit Findings

Section 10.554(1)(i)1., Rules of the Auditor General, requires that we determine whether or not corrective actions have been taken to address findings and recommendations made in the preceding annual financial audit report. Corrective actions have not been taken to address findings and recommendations made in the preceding annual financial audit report as described in the Summary Schedule of Prior Audit Findings.

Official Title and Legal Authority

Section 10.554(1)(i)4., Rules of the Auditor General, requires that the name or official title and legal authority for the primary government and each component unit of the reporting entity be disclosed in this management letter, unless disclosed in the notes to the financial statements. This information is disclosed in the notes to the financial statements.

Financial Condition and Management

Section 10.554(1)(i)5.a. and 10.556(7), Rules of the Auditor General, requires us to apply appropriate procedures and communicate the results of our determination as to whether or not the City has met one or more of the conditions described in Section 218.503(1), Florida Statutes, and identification of the specific condition(s) met. In connection with our audit, we determined that the City did not meet any of the conditions described in Section 218.503(1), Florida Statutes.

Pursuant to Sections 10.554(1)(i)5.b. and 10.556(8), Rules of the Auditor General, we applied financial condition assessment procedures for the City. It is management's responsibility to monitor the City's financial condition, and our financial condition assessment was based in part on representations made by management and the review of financial information provided by same. This assessment was performed as of the fiscal year end.

Financial Condition and Management (Continued)

Section 10.554(1)(i)2., Rules of the Auditor General, requires that we communicate any recommendations to improve financial management. In connection with our audit, we did not have any such recommendations.

Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) Programs

As required by Section 10.554(1)(i)6.a., Rules of the Auditor General, the City did not operate a PACE program authorized pursuant to Section 163.081 or Section 163.082, Florida Statutes, within the Authority's geographical boundaries during the fiscal year under audit.

Additional Matters

Sections 10.554(1)(i)3., Rules of the Auditor General, requires us to communicate noncompliance with provisions of contracts or grant agreements, or abuse, that have occurred, or are likely to have occurred, that have an effect on the financial statements that is less than material, but which warrants the attention of those charged with governance. In connection with our audit, we did not have any such findings.

Purpose of this Letter

Our management letter is intended solely for the information and use of the Legislative Auditing Committee, members of the Florida Senate and the Florida House of Representatives, the Florida Auditor General, Federal and other granting agencies, City Council and applicable management, and is not intended to be and should not be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

Caballero Fierman Llerena & Garcia, LLP

Caballero Fierman Llerena & Garcia, LLP
Miami, Florida
April 24, 2026



Accountants

Advisors

**INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT PURSUANT TO
SECTION 218.415 FLORIDA STATUTES**

Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council
City of Hialeah Gardens, Florida

We have examined the City of Hialeah Gardens, Florida, (the "City") compliance with the requirements of Section 218.415 Florida Statutes during the period of October 1, 2023 to September 30, 2024. Management is responsible for the City's compliance with those specified requirements. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the City's compliance with the specified requirements based on our examination.

Our examination was conducted in accordance with attestation standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. Those standards require that we plan and perform the examination to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the City complied, in all material respects, with the specified requirements referenced above. An examination involves performing procedures to obtain evidence about whether the City complied with the specified requirements. The nature, timing, and extent of the procedures selected depend on our judgment, including an assessment of the risks of material noncompliance, whether due to fraud or error. We believe that the evidence we obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

Our examination does not provide a legal determination on the City's compliance with specified requirements. In our opinion, the City complied, in all material respects, with the requirements of Section 218.415 Florida Statutes during the period of October 1, 2023 to September 30, 2024.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of management, the Mayor, the City Council, others within the City and the Auditor General of the State of Florida and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

Caballero Fierman Llerena & Garcia, LLP

Caballero Fierman Llerena & Garcia, LLP
Miami, Florida
April 24, 2026

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, personally appeared Juan C. Rivera, who being duly sworn, deposes and says on oath that:

1. I am the Chief Financial Officer of the City of Hialeah Gardens, which is a local governmental entity of the State of Florida.
2. The governing body of City of Hialeah Gardens adopted Ordinance No. 90-08 implementing an impact fee.
3. The City of Hialeah Gardens has complied and, as of the date of this Affidavit, remains in compliance with Section 163.31801, Florida Statutes.

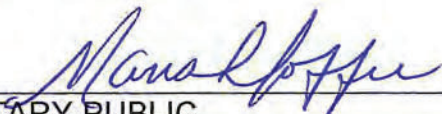
FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NAUGHT.



Juan C. Rivera

STATE OF FLORIDA
COUNTY OF MIAMI DADE COUNTY

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED before me this 6 day of APRIL,
2026.



NOTARY PUBLIC
Print Name MARIA L. JOFFEE

Personally known or produced identification _____

Type of identification produced: _____

My Commission Expires:
8/23/2026

