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# City of Valparaiso, Florida Financial Statements September 30, 2024

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## INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

To the Honorable Mayor and  
Members of the City Commission  
City of Valparaiso, Florida

### Report on the Audit of Financial Statements

#### ***Opinions***

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 Valparaiso, Florida (the "City"), as of and for the 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, 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 the financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, and for the design, implementation and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

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

#### ***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 management's discussion and analysis, the budgetary comparison information, and the schedules related to the pension liabilities, contributions, and investment returns, as listed in the table of contents, 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 nor provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion nor provide any assurance.

**Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards**

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated June 26, 2025, 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 to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the City's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

*Warren Averett, LLC*

Fort Walton Beach, Florida  
June 26, 2025

**CITY OF VALPARAISO, FLORIDA  
MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS  
SEPTEMBER 30, 2024**

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This discussion and analysis (MD&A) of the City of Valparaiso, Florida's (the City) financial performance provides an overview of financial activity, identifies changes in financial position, and assists the reader in focusing on significant financial issues for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2024. The MD&A provides summary level financial information; therefore, it should be read in conjunction with the accompanying financial statements.

**FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS**

- Total assets increased by \$885,767, or 3.2%.
- Net position increased by \$2,524,897 or 12.8%.
- Total revenues decreased by \$537,381, or 4.4%. The decrease in revenues was primarily attributable to expending a substantial portion of the nonrecurring American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) grant funds for a sewer system rehabilitation project in the prior fiscal year.
- Total expenses decreased by \$406,268, or 4.2%. The decrease in expenses was primarily driven attributable to a reduction in operating expenses in the Communications Fund due to a change in the City's contracted cable service provider.

**USING THE ANNUAL REPORT**

This annual report consists of a series of financial statements, prepared in accordance with financial reporting standards issued by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board. The statement of net position and the statement of activities (on pages 10-11) provide information about the activities of the City as a whole and present a longer-term view of the City's finances. Fund financial statements start on page 12. For governmental activities, these statements tell how these services were financed in the short term as well as what remains for future spending. Fund financial statements also report the City's operations in more detail than the government-wide statements by providing information about the City's funds. The remaining statements provide financial information about activities for which the City acts solely as a trustee or agent for the benefit of those outside of the government.

**REPORTING THE CITY AS A WHOLE**

**Government-Wide Financial Statements**

Our analysis of the City as a whole begins on page 6. One of the most important questions asked about the City's finances is, "Is the City as a whole better off or worse off as a result of the year's activities?" The statement of net position and the statement of activities report information about the City as a whole and about its activities in a way that helps answer that question. These statements include all assets and liabilities using the accrual basis of accounting, which is similar to the accounting used by most private-sector companies. All of the current year's revenues and expenses are taken into account regardless of when cash is received or paid.

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MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS  
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These two statements report the City's net position and changes in them. You can think of the City's net position – the difference between assets and liabilities – as one way to measure the City's financial health, or financial position. Over time, increases or decreases in the City's net position are one indicator of whether its financial health is improving or deteriorating. You will need to consider other nonfinancial factors, however, such as changes in the City's property tax base and the condition of the City's roads, to assess the overall health of the City.

In the statement of net position and the statement of activities, we divide the City into two kinds of activities:

- **Governmental activities** – Most of the City's basic services are reported here, including the police, fire, public works, cemetery, library, parks, and general administration. Taxes and intergovernmental revenues finance most of these activities.
- **Business-type activities** – The City charges fees to customers to help it cover the costs of certain services it provides. The City's utility, communication, and sanitation systems are included here.

## **REPORTING THE CITY'S FUNDS**

### **Fund Financial Statements**

Our analysis of the City's funds begins on page 8. The fund financial statements begin on page 12 and provide detailed information about the most significant funds – not the City as a whole. Some funds are required to be established by State law or by bond covenants. However, the City Commission establishes many other funds to help it control and manage money for particular purposes or to show that it is meeting legal responsibilities for using certain taxes, grants, and other money. The City's two kinds of funds, governmental and proprietary, use different accounting approaches.

- **Governmental funds** – Most of the City's basic services are reported in governmental funds, which focus on how money flows into and out of those funds and the balances left at year end that are available for spending. These funds are reported using an accounting method called modified accrual accounting, which measures cash and all other financial assets that can readily be converted to cash. The governmental fund statements provide a detailed short-term view of the City's general government operations and the basic services it provides. Governmental fund information helps users determine whether there are more or fewer financial resources that can be spent in the near future to finance the City's programs. We describe the relationship (or differences) between governmental activities (reported in the statement of net position and the statement of activities) and governmental funds in the reconciliations on pages 13 and 15.
- **Proprietary funds** – When the City charges customers for the services it provides – whether to outside customers or to other units of the City – these services are generally reported in proprietary funds. Proprietary funds are reported in the same way that all activities are reported in the statement of net position and the statement of activities. In fact, the City's proprietary funds are the same as the business-type activities we report in the government-wide statements but provide more detail and additional information, such as cash flows, for proprietary funds. The proprietary funds financial statements begin on page 16.

**CITY OF VALPARAISO, FLORIDA  
MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS  
SEPTEMBER 30, 2024**

**REPORTING THE CITY'S FIDUCIARY RESPONSIBILITIES**

The City is the trustee, or fiduciary, for its employees' pension plan. All of the City's fiduciary activities are reported in a separate statement of fiduciary net position and statement of changes in fiduciary net position on pages 21 and 22.

We exclude these activities from the City's other financial statements because the City cannot use these assets to finance its operations. The City is responsible for ensuring that the assets reported in this fund are used for their intended purpose.

**FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OF THE CITY AS A WHOLE**

The following table reflects the net position of the City's governmental activities and business-type activities and is compared to the prior year.

**Table 1  
CITY OF VALPARAISO, FLORIDA  
STATEMENTS OF NET POSITION  
AS OF SEPTEMBER 30, 2024 AND 2023**

	Governmental Activities		Business-Type Activities		Total	
	2024	2023	2024	2023	2024	2023
Current and other assets	\$ 9,062,993	\$ 9,375,897	\$ 6,383,068	\$ 6,320,316	\$ 15,446,061	\$ 15,696,213
Capital assets, net	7,722,579	6,241,702	5,539,148	5,884,106	13,261,727	12,125,808
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>16,785,572</b>	<b>15,617,599</b>	<b>11,922,216</b>	<b>12,204,422</b>	<b>28,707,788</b>	<b>27,822,021</b>
<b>Deferred outflows of resources</b>	<b>210,844</b>	<b>381,959</b>	<b>44,477</b>	<b>44,975</b>	<b>255,321</b>	<b>426,934</b>
Current liabilities	292,143	1,794,323	275,946	340,282	568,089	2,134,605
Other liabilities	3,030,504	3,117,846	2,398,065	2,622,787	5,428,569	5,740,633
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<b>3,322,647</b>	<b>4,912,169</b>	<b>2,674,011</b>	<b>2,963,069</b>	<b>5,996,658</b>	<b>7,875,238</b>
<b>Deferred inflows of resources</b>	<b>475,889</b>	<b>381,757</b>	<b>179,686</b>	<b>205,981</b>	<b>655,575</b>	<b>587,738</b>
Net position						
Net investment in capital assets	4,933,604	3,353,169	3,278,469	3,385,148	8,212,073	6,738,317
Restricted	3,217,311	2,664,392	1,255,804	1,104,909	4,473,115	3,769,301
Unrestricted	4,873,051	4,688,071	4,752,637	4,590,290	9,625,688	9,278,361
<b>Total net position</b>	<b>\$ 13,023,966</b>	<b>\$ 10,705,632</b>	<b>\$ 9,286,910</b>	<b>\$ 9,080,347</b>	<b>\$ 22,310,876</b>	<b>\$ 19,785,979</b>

\* The amounts reported for 2023 in the table above have been updated to correct an error. See Note 17 to the financial statements for additional information.

For more detailed information on the amounts shown in Table 1, see the accompanying statement of net position.

The table on the following page reflects the changes in net position of the City's governmental and business-type activities and compares the current and previous fiscal year.

**CITY OF VALPARAISO, FLORIDA  
MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS  
SEPTEMBER 30, 2024**

**Table 2  
CITY OF VALPARAISO, FLORIDA  
STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN NET POSITION  
FOR THE YEARS ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2024 AND 2023**

	Governmental Activities		Business-Type Activities		Total	
	2024	2023	2024	2023	2024	2023
<b>REVENUES</b>						
Program revenues						
Charges for services	\$ 854,420	\$ 591,499	\$ 3,978,853	\$ 4,539,871	\$ 4,833,273	\$ 5,131,370
Operating grants and contributions	59,174	50,217	-	-	59,174	50,217
Capital grants and contributions	1,330,299	2,262,606	126,295	102,050	1,456,594	2,364,656
General revenues						
Property taxes	1,921,066	1,702,255	-	-	1,921,066	1,702,255
Utility service taxes	455,859	430,841	-	-	455,859	430,841
Sales taxes	1,517,195	1,547,475	-	-	1,517,195	1,547,475
Franchise taxes	458,229	466,263	-	-	458,229	466,263
Intergovernmental	611,369	310,856	-	-	611,369	310,856
Investment returns	251,824	95,602	74,464	37,182	326,288	132,784
Gain on disposal of capital assets	2,777	16,128	2,700	27,325	5,477	43,453
Miscellaneous	11,029	18,656	29,127	23,235	40,156	41,891
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>7,473,241</b>	<b>7,492,398</b>	<b>4,211,439</b>	<b>4,729,663</b>	<b>11,684,680</b>	<b>12,222,061</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>						
Primary government						
General government	1,213,075	1,123,817	-	-	1,213,075	1,123,817
Public safety	2,381,804	2,092,831	-	-	2,381,804	2,092,831
Physical environment	279,068	271,867	-	-	279,068	271,867
Economic environment	11,250	25,500	-	-	11,250	25,500
Transportation	486,156	513,972	-	-	486,156	513,972
Culture and recreation	655,272	709,017	-	-	655,272	709,017
Debt service interest	85,599	106,026	-	-	85,599	106,026
Business-type activities						
Utility	-	-	1,668,375	1,746,314	1,668,375	1,746,314
Communication	-	-	1,399,800	2,039,071	1,399,800	2,039,071
Sanitation	-	-	979,384	937,636	979,384	937,636
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>5,112,224</b>	<b>4,843,030</b>	<b>4,047,559</b>	<b>4,723,021</b>	<b>9,159,783</b>	<b>9,566,051</b>
<b>CHANGE IN NET POSITION</b>						
<b>BEFORE TRANSFERS</b>	<b>2,361,017</b>	<b>2,649,368</b>	<b>163,880</b>	<b>6,642</b>	<b>2,524,897</b>	<b>2,656,010</b>
Transfers	(42,683)	(1,330,058)	42,683	1,330,058	-	-
<b>CHANGE IN NET POSITION</b>	<b>2,318,334</b>	<b>1,319,310</b>	<b>206,563</b>	<b>1,336,700</b>	<b>2,524,897</b>	<b>2,656,010</b>
<b>NET POSITION – BEGINNING</b>	<b>10,705,632</b>	<b>9,386,322</b>	<b>9,080,347</b>	<b>7,743,647</b>	<b>19,785,979</b>	<b>17,129,969</b>
<b>NET POSITION – ENDING</b>	<b>\$ 13,023,966</b>	<b>\$ 10,705,632</b>	<b>\$ 9,286,910</b>	<b>\$ 9,080,347</b>	<b>\$ 22,310,876</b>	<b>\$ 19,785,979</b>

\* The amounts reported for 2023 in the table above have been updated to correct an error. See Note 17 to the financial statements for additional information.

For more detailed information on the amounts shown in Table 2, see the accompanying statement of activities.

**CITY OF VALPARAISO, FLORIDA  
MANAGEMENT’S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS  
SEPTEMBER 30, 2024**

**Governmental Activities**

The City’s revenue for governmental activities decreased \$19,157, or 0.3%, compared to the prior year. There was a large decrease in revenues from capital grants and contributions, which was attributable to expending nonrecurring American Rescue Plan Act (“ARPA”) grant funding on various projects, most notably, a sewer system rehabilitation project in the prior year. This was offset by increases in general revenues resulting from continued growth in the area.

**Business-Type Activities**

Revenues of the City’s business-type activities showed a decrease of \$518,224, or 11.0%, which is primarily attributable to a decrease in customers billed for cable services by the Communications Fund. Expenses decreased by \$675,462, or 14.3%, which is primarily attributable to a decrease in Communications Fund operating expenses. The corresponding decreases in revenues and expenses are the result of the City switching to a lower cost service provider for cable service stemming from rising costs of cable programming packages.

**THE CITY’S FUNDS**

As the City completed the year, its governmental funds (as presented in the balance sheet on page 12) reported a combined fund balance of \$7,311,360, which is an increase of \$740,584 from last year’s aggregate ending fund balance. This increase was attributable to discretionary sales surtax revenue exceeding the related expenditures and is consistent with the increase in restricted fund balance. As a measure of the General Fund’s liquidity, it may be useful to compare both unassigned fund balance and total fund balance to total expenditures. Unassigned fund balance represents 49.1% of total expenditures in the General Fund, while total fund balance represents 121.5% of that same amount.

**CAPITAL ASSET AND DEBT ADMINISTRATION**

**Capital Assets**

On September 30, 2024, the City had \$13,261,727 invested in capital assets (net of depreciation). This amount represents a net increase (including additions and deductions) of \$1,135,919, or 9.4%, over the prior fiscal year total. See Note 5 for additional information. The table on the following page shows a listing of capital assets for governmental and business-type activities by major category, net of depreciation, for the current and prior year.

Table 3  
CITY OF VALPARAISO, FLORIDA  
CAPITAL ASSETS  
(net of depreciation)  
AS OF SEPTEMBER 30, 2024 AND 2023

	Governmental Activities		Business-Type Activities		Total	
	2024	2023	2024	2023	2024	2023
Land	\$ 748,409	\$ 748,409	\$ 90,603	\$ 90,603	\$ 839,012	\$ 839,012
Construction in process	-	781,263	-	-	-	781,263
Buildings and improvements	2,682,073	2,743,450	4,421,934	4,697,084	7,104,007	7,440,534
Infrastructure	2,970,005	1,103,638	-	-	2,970,005	1,103,638
Machinery, equipment and vehicles	1,322,092	864,942	1,026,611	1,096,419	2,348,703	1,961,361
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 7,722,579</b>	<b>\$ 6,241,702</b>	<b>\$ 5,539,148</b>	<b>\$ 5,884,106</b>	<b>\$ 13,261,727</b>	<b>\$ 12,125,808</b>

**CITY OF VALPARAISO, FLORIDA  
MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS  
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**Debt**

On September 30, 2024, the City had \$5,061,111 of long-term debt outstanding consisting of revenue notes and bonds. This represents a decrease of \$353,193 from the prior fiscal year. The City's long-term debt is summarized in the table below.

Table 4  
CITY OF VALPARAISO, FLORIDA  
LONG-TERM DEBT OUTSTANDING  
AS OF SEPTEMBER 30, 2024 AND 2023

	Governmental Activities		Business-Type Activities		Total	
	2024	2023	2024	2023	2024	2023
Revenue bonds and notes payable	\$ 2,765,750	\$ 2,888,533	\$ 2,295,361	\$ 2,525,771	\$ 5,061,111	\$ 5,414,304

For additional information on long-term debt, see Note 8 in the accompanying financial statements.

**ECONOMIC FACTORS AND NEXT YEAR'S BUDGETS AND RATES**

Amounts available for appropriation in the fiscal year 2025 General Fund budget were \$5,728,910, which is a decrease of \$1,435,335 from the final amended fiscal year 2024 budget. The 2024 budget included various projects related to nonrecurring road improvements funded by grants as well as use of unspent nonrecurring ARPA funds. There were no such significant construction projects budgeted for in the fiscal year 2025 budget.

**CONTACTING THE CITY'S FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT**

This financial report was prepared by the City. For questions about this report or additional financial information, contact the City Clerk's Office, 465 Valparaiso Parkway, Valparaiso, Florida 32580.

**CITY OF VALPARAISO, FLORIDA**  
**STATEMENT OF NET POSITION**  
**SEPTEMBER 30, 2024**

	Primary Government		Total
	Governmental Activities	Business-Type Activities	
<b>ASSETS</b>			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 3,307,495	\$ 2,765,820	\$ 6,073,315
Investments	610,745	-	610,745
Receivables, net	106,852	497,862	604,714
Due from other governments	812,105	-	812,105
Internal balances	391,477	(391,477)	-
Inventory, at cost	-	165,027	165,027
Prepaid items	156,935	12,627	169,562
Restricted assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	2,472,341	1,411,903	3,884,244
Net pension asset	1,205,043	-	1,205,043
Capital assets			
Non-depreciable	748,409	90,603	839,012
Depreciable, net	6,974,170	5,448,545	12,422,715
Other assets			
Investment in joint venture	-	1,921,306	1,921,306
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>16,785,572</b>	<b>11,922,216</b>	<b>28,707,788</b>
<b>DEFERRED OUTFLOW OF RESOURCES</b>	<b>210,844</b>	<b>44,477</b>	<b>255,321</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>			
Accounts payable	104,960	62,947	167,907
Accrued liabilities	73,412	23,220	96,632
Accrued interest	9,115	33,680	42,795
Due to other governments	25,182	-	25,182
Payable from restricted assets			
Customer deposits	-	156,099	156,099
Accrued liabilities	79,474	-	79,474
Noncurrent liabilities			
Due within one year			
Compensated absences	207,349	64,372	271,721
Financing contracts payable	-	38,531	38,531
Revenue bonds and notes payable	124,734	237,679	362,413
Due in more than one year			
Other postemployment benefits (OPEB)	11,878	-	11,878
Net pension liability	45,527	38,332	83,859
Revenue bonds and notes payable	2,641,016	2,019,151	4,660,167
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>3,322,647</b>	<b>2,674,011</b>	<b>5,996,658</b>
<b>DEFERRED INFLOW OF RESOURCES</b>	<b>475,889</b>	<b>179,686</b>	<b>655,575</b>
<b>NET POSITION</b>			
Net investment in capital assets	4,933,604	3,278,469	8,212,073
Restricted			
Debt service	-	533,647	533,647
Capital projects	213,616	722,157	935,773
Pensions	847,862	-	847,862
Other purposes	2,155,833	-	2,155,833
Unrestricted	4,873,051	4,752,637	9,625,688
<b>TOTAL NET POSITION</b>	<b>\$ 13,023,966</b>	<b>\$ 9,286,910</b>	<b>\$ 22,310,876</b>

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**CITY OF VALPARAISO, FLORIDA  
STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2024**

Function/program activities	Program Revenues				Net (Expense) Revenue and Changes in Net Position		
	Expenses	Charges for Services	Operating Grants and Contributions	Capital Grants and Contributions	Primary Government		Total
					Governmental Activities	Business-Type Activities	
Governmental activities							
General government	\$ 1,213,075	\$ 651,765	\$ 5,895	\$ 657,013	\$ 101,598	\$ -	\$ 101,598
Public safety	2,381,804	32,034	-	100,159	(2,249,611)	-	(2,249,611)
Physical environment	279,068	98,166	-	344,506	163,604	-	163,604
Economic environment	11,250	-	-	-	(11,250)	-	(11,250)
Transportation	486,156	65,755	-	228,621	(191,780)	-	(191,780)
Culture and recreation	655,272	6,700	53,279	-	(595,293)	-	(595,293)
Debt service interest	85,599	-	-	-	(85,599)	-	(85,599)
Total governmental activities	<u>5,112,224</u>	<u>854,420</u>	<u>59,174</u>	<u>1,330,299</u>	<u>(2,868,331)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(2,868,331)</u>
Business-type activities							
Utility	1,668,375	1,574,858	-	126,295	-	32,778	32,778
Communication	1,399,800	1,539,633	-	-	-	139,833	139,833
Sanitation	979,384	864,362	-	-	-	(115,022)	(115,022)
Total business-type activities	<u>4,047,559</u>	<u>3,978,853</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>126,295</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>57,589</u>	<u>57,589</u>
<b>Total primary government</b>	<b><u>\$ 9,159,783</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 4,833,273</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 59,174</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 1,456,594</u></b>	<b><u>(2,868,331)</u></b>	<b><u>57,589</u></b>	<b><u>(2,810,742)</u></b>
General revenues							
Taxes							
Property taxes					1,921,066	-	1,921,066
Utility service taxes					455,859	-	455,859
Sales and excise taxes					1,517,195	-	1,517,195
Franchise taxes					458,229	-	458,229
Intergovernmental, unrestricted					611,369	-	611,369
Investment earnings					251,824	74,464	326,288
Gain on sale of capital assets					2,777	2,700	5,477
Miscellaneous					11,029	29,127	40,156
Transfers					(42,683)	42,683	-
Total general revenues and transfers					<u>5,186,665</u>	<u>148,974</u>	<u>5,335,639</u>
<b>CHANGE IN NET POSITION</b>					<u>2,318,334</u>	<u>206,563</u>	<u>2,524,897</u>
<b>NET POSITION AT BEGINNING OF YEAR, AS PREVIOUSLY REPORTED</b>					<u>10,757,271</u>	<u>8,989,967</u>	<u>19,747,238</u>
Error correction					(51,639)	90,380	38,741
<b>NET POSITION AT BEGINNING OF YEAR, AS RESTATED</b>					<u>10,705,632</u>	<u>9,080,347</u>	<u>19,785,979</u>
<b>NET POSITION AT END OF YEAR</b>	<b><u>\$ 13,023,966</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 9,286,910</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 22,310,876</u></b>				

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**CITY OF VALPARAISO, FLORIDA  
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS  
BALANCE SHEET  
SEPTEMBER 30, 2024**

	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Streets Fund</u>	<u>Stormwater Fund</u>	<u>Total Governmental Funds</u>
<b>ASSETS</b>				
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 3,027,928	\$ 254,980	\$ 24,587	\$ 3,307,495
Investments	610,745	-	-	610,745
Accounts receivable, net	12,806	-	4,398	17,204
Leases receivable	89,648	-	-	89,648
Due from other governments	134,433	296,002	381,670	812,105
Due from other funds, net	391,477	-	-	391,477
Prepaid items	156,935	-	-	156,935
Restricted assets				
Cash and cash equivalents	2,472,341	-	-	2,472,341
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<u>\$ 6,896,313</u>	<u>\$ 550,982</u>	<u>\$ 410,655</u>	<u>\$ 7,857,950</u>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>				
Accounts payable	\$ 86,810	\$ 12,450	\$ 5,700	\$ 104,960
Accrued liabilities	149,711	2,898	277	152,886
Due to other governments	25,182	-	-	25,182
Due to other funds	-	50,917	122,997	173,914
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<u>261,703</u>	<u>66,265</u>	<u>128,974</u>	<u>456,942</u>
<b>DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES</b>				
Lease contracts	89,648	-	-	89,648
<b>FUND BALANCE</b>				
Nonspendable	156,935	-	-	156,935
Restricted	2,392,867	-	-	2,392,867
Committed	8,992	-	281,681	290,673
Assigned	1,344,177	484,717	-	1,828,894
Unassigned	2,641,991	-	-	2,641,991
<b>TOTAL FUND BALANCE</b>	<u>6,544,962</u>	<u>484,717</u>	<u>281,681</u>	<u>7,311,360</u>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE</b>	<u>\$ 6,896,313</u>	<u>\$ 550,982</u>	<u>\$ 410,655</u>	<u>\$ 7,857,950</u>

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

Fund balance, total governmental funds (page 12) \$ 7,311,360

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

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

Governmental non-depreciable assets	\$ 748,409	
Governmental depreciable assets	14,100,253	
Less accumulated depreciation	<u>(7,126,083)</u>	7,722,579

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

Net pension asset		1,205,043
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Deferred inflows of resources and deferred outflows of resources related to pensions and other postemployment benefits are not available/receivable or due/payable, respectively, in the current period and therefore are not reported in the governmental funds.

Deferred outflows of resources related to pension plans	209,100	
Deferred inflows of resources related to pension plans	(386,014)	
Deferred outflows of resources related to OPEB plan	1,744	
Deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB plan	<u>(227)</u>	(175,397)

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

Revenue bonds and notes payable	(2,765,750)	
Accrued interest	(9,115)	
Compensated absences	(207,349)	
Other postemployment benefits (OPEB) liability	(11,878)	
Net pension liability	<u>(45,527)</u>	(3,039,619)

Net position of governmental activities (page 10)		<u><u>\$ 13,023,966</u></u>
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**CITY OF VALPARAISO, FLORIDA  
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS  
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2024**

	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Streets Fund</u>	<u>Stormwater Fund</u>	<u>Total Governmental Funds</u>
<b>REVENUES</b>				
Taxes	\$ 2,514,065	\$ 257,927	\$ -	\$ 2,771,992
Permits and fees	899,152	-	-	899,152
Intergovernmental	2,422,065	346,426	344,506	3,112,997
Charges for services	260,655	-	51,838	312,493
Fines and forfeitures	52,598	-	-	52,598
Miscellaneous	310,640	6,709	3,883	321,232
Total revenues	<u>6,459,175</u>	<u>611,062</u>	<u>400,227</u>	<u>7,470,464</u>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>				
Current				
General government	1,102,510	-	-	1,102,510
Public safety	2,129,327	-	-	2,129,327
Physical environment	208,919	-	43,801	252,720
Economic environment	11,250	-	-	11,250
Transportation	-	321,849	-	321,849
Culture and recreation	567,810	-	-	567,810
Capital outlay	1,228,242	519,158	344,506	2,091,906
Debt service				
Principal and interest	137,013	72,812	-	209,825
Total expenditures	<u>5,385,071</u>	<u>913,819</u>	<u>388,307</u>	<u>6,687,197</u>
<b>EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES</b>	1,074,104	(302,757)	11,920	783,267
<b>OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)</b>				
Transfers in	-	359,238	-	359,238
Transfers out	(401,921)	-	-	(401,921)
Total other financing sources (uses)	<u>(401,921)</u>	<u>359,238</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(42,683)</u>
<b>NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE</b>	672,183	56,481	11,920	740,584
<b>FUND BALANCE AT BEGINNING OF YEAR, AS PREVIOUSLY REPORTED</b>				
	5,903,018	436,796	282,601	6,622,415
Error correction	(30,239)	(8,560)	(12,840)	(51,639)
<b>FUND BALANCE AT BEGINNING OF YEAR, AS RESTATED</b>	<u>5,872,779</u>	<u>428,236</u>	<u>269,761</u>	<u>6,570,776</u>
<b>FUND BALANCE AT END OF YEAR</b>	<u>\$ 6,544,962</u>	<u>\$ 484,717</u>	<u>\$ 281,681</u>	<u>\$ 7,311,360</u>

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

Net change in fund balance – governmental funds (page 14) \$ 740,584

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

Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures; however, in the statement of activities, the cost of those assets is depreciated/amortized over the estimated useful lives of the assets.

Expenditures for capital assets	\$ 2,091,906	
Less current year depreciation	(613,806)	
Disposals / adjustments of capital assets	(59,752)	
Accumulated depreciation associated with disposals / adjustments	62,529	
		1,480,877

The issuance of long-term debt 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 on revenue bonds	70,152	
Principal payments on notes payable	51,304	
Bond premium amortization	1,327	
Change in accrued interest on long-term debt	1,003	
		123,786

Some expenses reported in the statement of activities do not require the use of current financial resources and therefore are not reported as expenditures in governmental funds:

Change in net pension asset (liability)	300,647	
Change in deferred outflows of resources related to pensions	(171,115)	
Change in deferred inflows of resources related to pensions	(116,257)	
Change in long-term compensated absences	(40,188)	
		(26,913)

Change in net position of governmental activities (page 11) \$ 2,318,334

See notes to the financial statements.

**CITY OF VALPARAISO, FLORIDA  
 PROPRIETARY FUNDS  
 STATEMENT OF NET POSITION  
 SEPTEMBER 30, 2024**

	<u>Utility Fund</u>	<u>Communication Fund</u>	<u>Sanitation Fund</u>	<u>Total</u>
<b>ASSETS</b>				
Current assets				
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 1,785,546	\$ 829,018	\$ 151,256	\$ 2,765,820
Receivables, net	348,402	73,264	76,196	497,862
Due from other funds	-	-	161,889	161,889
Inventory, at cost	123,302	41,725	-	165,027
Prepaid items	10,589	2,038	-	12,627
Restricted assets				
Cash and cash equivalents	<u>1,091,028</u>	<u>320,875</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,411,903</u>
Total current assets	<u>3,358,867</u>	<u>1,266,920</u>	<u>389,341</u>	<u>5,015,128</u>
Noncurrent assets				
Capital assets				
Non-depreciable	40,287	50,316	-	90,603
Depreciable, net	<u>4,884,577</u>	<u>321,476</u>	<u>242,492</u>	<u>5,448,545</u>
Total capital assets	4,924,864	371,792	242,492	5,539,148
Other assets				
Investment in joint venture	<u>1,921,306</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,921,306</u>
Total noncurrent assets	<u>6,846,170</u>	<u>371,792</u>	<u>242,492</u>	<u>7,460,454</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<u>10,205,037</u>	<u>1,638,712</u>	<u>631,833</u>	<u>12,475,582</u>
<b>DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES</b>				
	<u>37,515</u>	<u>2,667</u>	<u>4,295</u>	<u>44,477</u>

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**CITY OF VALPARAISO, FLORIDA  
 PROPRIETARY FUNDS  
 STATEMENT OF NET POSITION  
 SEPTEMBER 30, 2024**

	<u>Utility Fund</u>	<u>Communication Fund</u>	<u>Sanitation Fund</u>	<u>Total</u>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>				
Current liabilities				
Accounts payable	\$ 30,527	\$ 13,722	\$ 18,698	\$ 62,947
Accrued liabilities				
Compensated absences	21,891	28,625	13,856	64,372
Other	9,808	5,797	7,615	23,220
Due to other funds	306,591	72,861	-	379,452
Payable from restricted assets				
Customer deposits	156,099	-	-	156,099
Accrued interest	29,938	3,173	569	33,680
Financing contracts payable	-	-	38,531	38,531
Revenue bonds and note payable	143,301	94,378	-	237,679
Total current liabilities	<u>698,155</u>	<u>218,556</u>	<u>79,269</u>	<u>995,980</u>
Noncurrent liabilities				
Net pension liability	11,083	10,443	16,806	38,332
Revenue bonds and note payable, net	1,820,958	198,193	-	2,019,151
Total noncurrent liabilities	<u>1,832,041</u>	<u>208,636</u>	<u>16,806</u>	<u>2,057,483</u>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<u>2,530,196</u>	<u>427,192</u>	<u>96,075</u>	<u>3,053,463</u>
<b>DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES</b>				
	<u>162,428</u>	<u>6,614</u>	<u>10,644</u>	<u>179,686</u>
<b>NET POSITION</b>				
Net investment in capital assets	2,995,287	79,221	203,961	3,278,469
Restricted				
Debt service	212,772	320,875	-	533,647
System improvements	722,157	-	-	722,157
Unrestricted	<u>3,619,712</u>	<u>807,477</u>	<u>325,448</u>	<u>4,752,637</u>
<b>TOTAL NET POSITION</b>	<u>\$ 7,549,928</u>	<u>\$ 1,207,573</u>	<u>\$ 529,409</u>	<u>\$ 9,286,910</u>

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**CITY OF VALPARAISO, FLORIDA  
PROPRIETARY FUNDS  
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES AND CHANGES IN NET POSITION  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2024**

	<u>Utility Fund</u>	<u>Communication Fund</u>	<u>Sanitation Fund</u>	<u>Total</u>
<b>OPERATING REVENUES</b>				
Charges for services	\$ 1,574,858	\$ 1,539,633	\$ 864,362	\$ 3,978,853
<b>OPERATING EXPENSES</b>				
Personnel	361,200	403,258	553,267	1,317,725
Operating	842,957	857,226	352,634	2,052,817
Depreciation	387,755	126,192	72,812	586,759
Total operating expenses	1,591,912	1,386,676	978,713	3,957,301
<b>OPERATING INCOME (LOSS)</b>	(17,054)	152,957	(114,351)	21,552
<b>NONOPERATING REVENUES (EXPENSES)</b>				
Interest expense	(57,218)	(6,347)	(671)	(64,236)
Other debt service costs	(4,293)	(1,358)	-	(5,651)
Lease income	22,500	-	-	22,500
Equity losses in joint venture	(14,952)	-	-	(14,952)
Interest income	48,533	21,366	4,565	74,464
Gain (loss) on disposal of assets	2,700	(5,419)	-	(2,719)
Miscellaneous	2,250	4,277	100	6,627
Total nonoperating revenues (expenses)	(480)	12,519	3,994	16,033
<b>INCOME (LOSS) BEFORE CAPITAL CONTRIBUTIONS AND TRANSFERS</b>	(17,534)	165,476	(110,357)	37,585
<b>CAPITAL CONTRIBUTIONS AND TRANSFERS</b>				
Impact fees	126,295	-	-	126,295
Transfers in	1,754	40,929	-	42,683
Total capital contributions and transfers	128,049	40,929	-	168,978
<b>CHANGE IN NET POSITION</b>	110,515	206,405	(110,357)	206,563
<b>NET POSITION AT BEGINNING OF YEAR, AS PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED</b>	7,360,199	990,002	639,766	8,989,967
Error correction	79,214	11,166	-	90,380
<b>NET POSITION AT BEGINNING OF YEAR, AS RESTATED</b>	7,439,413	1,001,168	639,766	9,080,347
<b>NET POSITION AT END OF YEAR</b>	<u>\$ 7,549,928</u>	<u>\$ 1,207,573</u>	<u>\$ 529,409</u>	<u>\$ 9,286,910</u>

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**CITY OF VALPARAISO, FLORIDA  
 PROPRIETARY FUNDS  
 STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS  
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2024**

	<u>Utility Fund</u>	<u>Communication Fund</u>	<u>Sanitation Fund</u>	<u>Total</u>
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES</b>				
Receipts from customers and users	\$ 1,567,146	\$ 1,502,801	\$ 851,793	\$ 3,921,740
Payments to suppliers	(808,431)	(896,637)	(360,806)	(2,065,874)
Payments to employees	(360,676)	(397,019)	(553,054)	(1,310,749)
Miscellaneous income	24,750	4,277	100	29,127
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities	<u>422,789</u>	<u>213,422</u>	<u>(61,967)</u>	<u>574,244</u>
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM NON-CAPITAL FINANCING ACTIVITIES</b>				
Interfund activity	<u>(23,485)</u>	<u>1,750</u>	<u>(24,336)</u>	<u>(46,071)</u>
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM CAPITAL AND RELATED FINANCING ACTIVITIES</b>				
Proceeds from impact fees	126,295	-	-	126,295
Proceeds from sale of assets	2,700	-	-	2,700
Acquisition of capital assets	(175,006)	(72,216)	-	(247,222)
Principal paid on revenue bonds and notes	(95,471)	(94,378)	-	(189,849)
Principal paid on financing contracts	-	-	(37,921)	(37,921)
Interest	(45,962)	(7,290)	(1,229)	(54,481)
Other debt service costs	(4,293)	(1,358)	-	(5,651)
Net cash used in capital and related financing activities	<u>(191,737)</u>	<u>(175,242)</u>	<u>(39,150)</u>	<u>(406,129)</u>
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES</b>				
Interest income	<u>48,533</u>	<u>21,366</u>	<u>4,565</u>	<u>74,464</u>
<b>NET INCREASE (DECREASE) IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS</b>	256,100	61,296	(120,888)	196,508
<b>CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT BEGINNING OF YEAR</b>	<u>2,620,474</u>	<u>1,088,597</u>	<u>272,144</u>	<u>3,981,215</u>
<b>CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT END OF YEAR</b>	<u>\$ 2,876,574</u>	<u>\$ 1,149,893</u>	<u>\$ 151,256</u>	<u>\$ 4,177,723</u>
<b>CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT END OF YEAR CONSISTS OF</b>				
Current - cash and cash equivalents	\$ 1,785,546	\$ 829,018	\$ 151,256	\$ 2,765,820
Restricted - cash and cash equivalents	<u>1,091,028</u>	<u>320,875</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,411,903</u>
<b>TOTAL CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS</b>	<u>\$ 2,876,574</u>	<u>\$ 1,149,893</u>	<u>\$ 151,256</u>	<u>\$ 4,177,723</u>

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**CITY OF VALPARAISO, FLORIDA  
 PROPRIETARY FUNDS  
 STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS  
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2024**

	<u>Utility Fund</u>	<u>Communication Fund</u>	<u>Sanitation Fund</u>	<u>Total</u>
<b>RECONCILIATION OF OPERATING INCOME (LOSS) TO NET CASH PROVIDED BY (USED IN)</b>				
<b>OPERATING ACTIVITIES</b>				
Operating income (loss)	\$ (17,054)	\$ 152,957	\$ (114,351)	\$ 21,552
Adjustments to reconcile operating income (loss) to net cash provided by (used in) operating activities:				
Depreciation	387,755	126,192	72,812	586,759
Miscellaneous revenue	24,750	4,277	100	29,127
Decrease (increase) in assets:				
Accounts receivable, net	11,334	(36,832)	(12,569)	(38,067)
Inventory	53,547	19,106	-	72,653
Prepaid items	(902)	(40)	-	(942)
Decrease in deferred outflows of resources	(483)	(454)	(732)	(1,669)
Increase (decrease) in liabilities:				
Accounts payable	(18,119)	(58,477)	(8,172)	(84,768)
Customer deposits – restricted	5,457	-	-	5,457
Salaries and benefits payable	2,092	950	1,707	4,749
Accrued compensated absences	590	7,321	1,775	9,686
Net pension liability	(1,157)	(1,089)	(1,752)	(3,998)
Decrease in deferred inflows of resources	(25,021)	(489)	(785)	(26,295)
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities	<u>\$ 422,789</u>	<u>\$ 213,422</u>	<u>\$ (61,967)</u>	<u>\$ 574,244</u>

See notes to the financial statements.

**CITY OF VALPARAISO, FLORIDA  
FIDUCIARY FUNDS  
STATEMENT OF FIDUCIARY NET POSITION  
SEPTEMBER 30, 2024**

	<b>Pension Trust Fund</b>
<b>ASSETS</b>	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 65,006
Investments, at fair value	
Fixed income mutual funds	1,360,474
Equity mutual funds	3,217,778
Due from State of Florida	15,939
Employer receivable	7,874
Plan member receivable	1,369
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>4,668,440</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>NET POSITION</b>	
Restricted for pension benefits	<b>\$ 4,668,440</b>

See notes to the financial statements.

**CITY OF VALPARAISO, FLORIDA  
FIDUCIARY FUND  
STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN FIDUCIARY NET POSITION  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2024**

	<b>Pension Trust Fund</b>
<b>ADDITIONS</b>	
Contributions	
Employer	\$ 50,816
Plan members	13,943
State of Florida	101,090
Total contributions	165,849
Investment income	760,582
Less investment expense	(8,302)
Net investment income	752,280
<b>TOTAL ADDITIONS</b>	<b>918,129</b>
<b>DEDUCTIONS</b>	
Pension benefit payments	92,817
Professional services	8,125
Administrative expense	1,500
<b>TOTAL DEDUCTIONS</b>	<b>102,442</b>
<b>CHANGE IN FIDUCIARY NET POSITION</b>	<b>815,687</b>
<b>NET POSITION</b>	
Beginning of year	3,852,753
End of year	<b>\$ 4,668,440</b>

See notes to the financial statements.

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**1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES AND DESCRIPTION OF THE CITY**

**Description of the City**

The City of Valparaiso, Florida (the City) was incorporated in 1921 under the provisions of the Laws of Florida, Chapter 9101 (1921). The City operates under a Commission-Mayor form of government and provides the following services: public safety (law enforcement and fire control), streets, utilities, sanitation, culture-recreation, public improvements, planning and zoning, and general administrative services.

The basic financial statements of the City have been prepared in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States (GAAP) as applied to governmental units. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is the accepted standards setting body for establishing governmental and financial reporting principles.

**The Reporting Entity**

In evaluating how to define the City for financial reporting purposes, management has considered all potential component units. The decision to include, or exclude, a potential component unit in the reporting entity was made by applying the criteria set forth by GASB. The basic, but not the only criterion, for including a potential component unit within the reporting entity is the governing body's ability to exercise oversight responsibility. The most significant manifestation of this ability is financial interdependency. Other manifestations of the ability to exercise oversight responsibility include, but are not limited to, the selection of governing authority, the designation of management, the ability to significantly influence operations, and accountability for fiscal matters. A second criterion used in evaluating potential component units is the scope of public service. Application of this criterion involves considering whether the activity benefits the City and/or its citizens, or whether the activity is conducted within the geographic boundaries of the City and is generally available to its citizens. A third criterion used to evaluate potential component units for inclusion or exclusion from the reporting entity is the existence of special financing relationships, regardless of whether the City is able to exercise oversight responsibilities.

As of September 30, 2024, the City had one component unit, which has been presented in the financial statements of the primary government using the blended presentation method and is presented as an enterprise fund with a fiscal year that ends on September 30. The City of Valparaiso Cable Authority (the Authority) was formed in 2007 by Ordinance No. 564 as a dependent special district, to provide a cable communications system for customers within the City of Valparaiso, Florida. All the City's commission members serve as the Authority's Board of Directors. Therefore, the Authority's governing body is the same as the governing body of the City. The Authority functions as a department of the City. City management has operational and fiscal responsibility for the Authority's activities. The City does not issue a separate financial statement for this component unit.

Related organizations are those legally separate entities for which the City is responsible for appointing the board members or Trustees and for which the City is not otherwise financially accountable. These organizations are not included in the primary governments' financial statements as they are not considered to be part of the financial reporting entity. There were no entities meeting these criteria.

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**Government-Wide and Fund Financial Statements**

Government-wide financial statements, including the statement of net position and statement of activities, present information about the City as a whole. These statements include the non-fiduciary financial activity of the primary government.

Government-wide financial statements are prepared using the economic resources measurement focus. The statement of activities presents a comparison between direct expenses and program revenues for each function or program of the City's governmental activities. Direct expenses are those that are specifically associated with a service, program, or department and are thereby clearly identifiable to a particular function.

Program revenues include charges paid by the recipient of the goods or services offered by the program and grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operations or capital requirements of a particular program. Revenues that are not classified as program revenues are presented as general revenues, with certain exceptions. The comparison of direct expenses with program revenues identifies the extent to which each governmental function or business segment is self-financing or draws from the general revenues of the City.

The effects of interfund activity have been eliminated from the government-wide financial statements.

**Measurement Focus and Basis of Accounting**

The government-wide financial statements are prepared using the accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recognized when earned, and expenses are recognized when a liability is incurred, regardless of the timing of the related cash flows. Property taxes are recognized in the year for which they are levied. Revenues from grants, entitlements, and donations are recognized in the fiscal year in which all eligibility requirements imposed by the provider have been satisfied. When both restricted and unrestricted resources are available for use, it is the government's policy to use restricted resources first and then unrestricted resources, as they are needed.

Fund financial statements are used to account for the general government activities. Governmental fund types use the flow of current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. Under the modified accrual basis of accounting, revenues are recognized when susceptible to accrual (i.e., when they are "measurable and available"). "Measurable" means the amount of the transaction can be determined and "available" means collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to pay liabilities of the current period. The City considers all revenues available if they are collected within 60 days after year end. Expenditures are recorded when the related fund liability is incurred, except for unmatured interest on general long-term debt which is recognized when due, and certain compensated absences and claims and judgments which are recognized when the obligations are expected to be liquidated with expendable available financial resources.

Property taxes, franchise taxes, licenses, interest and special assessments are susceptible to accrual. Sales taxes collected and held by the state at year end on behalf of the City are also recognized as revenue. Other receipts and taxes become measurable and available when cash is received by the City and are recognized as revenue at that time. Entitlements and shared revenues are recorded at the time of receipt or earlier if the susceptible to accrual criteria are met. Expenditure-driven grants are recognized as revenue when the qualifying expenditures have been incurred and all other grant requirements have been met.

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The City's ad valorem taxes are assessed by the Okaloosa County Property Appraiser and collected by the Okaloosa County Tax Collector in accordance with Florida Statutes. The City retains the right and duty to set millage rates. Property taxes are not recorded as receivables on September 30th because, though legally assessed as of January 1, they are not due and payable until after the close of the fiscal year ended the following September 30th.

The following is the current property tax calendar:

Lien Date	January 1st
Levy Date	November 1st
Due Date	November 1st
Delinquent Date	April 1st

One percent discounts are granted for each month taxes are paid prior to March 1st.

Revenue recognition criteria for property taxes under GASB requires that only property taxes expected to be collected within 60 days of the current period be accrued. Property taxes which are uncollected as of the end of the fiscal year are generally immaterial in amount and highly susceptible to uncollectibility; therefore, they are not recorded as a receivable at the balance sheet date.

**Basis of Presentation**

The following three broad classifications are used to categorize the fund types used by the City:

***Governmental***

Governmental funds include the following major funds:

*General Fund* – the City's primary operating fund. This fund accounts for all financial resources of the general government, except those required to be accounted for in another fund. All general tax revenues and other receipts that are not restricted by law or contractual agreement to some other fund are accounted for in this fund. General operating expenditures, fixed charges and capital improvement costs that are not paid through other funds are paid from the General Fund.

*Streets Fund* – a special revenue fund primarily used to account for state revenues restricted for the use and expenditures of transportation.

*Stormwater Fund* – used to account for revenues and expenditures related to stormwater management and drainage.

***Enterprise***

Enterprise funds are accounted for using the economic resources measurement focus and use of the accrual basis of accounting. Under this method, revenues are recorded when earned and expenses are recorded at the time liabilities are incurred.

Enterprise funds include the following major funds:

*Utility Fund* – used to account for the operations associated with potable water supply, treatment, transmission and distribution services to area residents and the operations associated with sewer collection, treatment and disposal services to area residents.

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*Sanitation Fund* – used to account for the operations associated with sanitation collection and disposal services for the residents of the City.

*Communication Fund* – used to account for the operating activities of the City’s cable television, internet, telephone, and security services.

Enterprise 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 an enterprise fund’s principal ongoing operations. The principal operating revenues of the City’s enterprise funds are charges to customers for sales of water, sewer, and communication services. Operating expenses for enterprise funds include the cost of sales and service, administrative expenses, and depreciation on capital assets. All revenues and expenses not meeting this definition are reported as non-operating revenues and expenses.

***Fiduciary***

Fiduciary funds account for assets held by the City in a trustee capacity or as an agent on behalf of others. Trust funds account for assets held by the City under the terms of a formal trust agreement.

*Pension Trust Fund* – custodial in nature and does not present results of City operations. Pension Trust Funds have the economic resources measurement focus and are accounted for using the accrual basis of accounting. The Pension Trust Fund accounts for the assets of the City’s Police Officers’ and Firefighters’ Retirement Trust Fund.

**Assets, Liabilities, Deferred Outflows/Inflows of Resources, and Fund Balance or Net Position**

***Cash and Cash Equivalents***

The City’s cash and cash equivalents are considered to be cash on hand, demand deposits and short-term highly liquid investments purchased within three months of maturity.

The City maintains its deposits with banks that are *Qualified Public Depositories* under Florida law. All deposits are insured by federal depository insurance and/or collateralized pursuant to Chapter 280, Florida Statutes (the Florida Public Depository Security Act).

***Investments***

The City does not have a written investment policy but has adopted the provisions of Section 218.415, Florida Statutes, which permits the City to invest surplus funds in the following:

- The Local Government Surplus Funds Trust Fund or any intergovernmental investment pool authorized pursuant to the Florida Interlocal Cooperation Act as provided in Chapter 163.01, Florida Statutes.
- Securities and Exchange Commission registered money market funds with the highest credit quality rating from a nationally recognized rating agency.
- Interest bearing time deposits or savings accounts in *Qualified Public Depositories*, as defined in Section 280.02, Florida Statutes.
- Direct obligations of the U.S. Treasury.

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The City believes that by adhering to the deposits and investments policy described on the previous page, credit risk and custodial credit risk will be negligible. The City does not have a policy related to interest rate risk.

The police and firefighters' pension trust fund allows for investments in corporate stocks and bonds subject to certain limitations. The police and firefighters' pension plan investments consist primarily of mutual funds, which are reported at fair value. The City invests all of its surplus funds for the primary government and the Pension Trust Fund with the Florida Municipal Investment Trust (FMIvT). The FMIvT is administered by the Florida League of Cities and was created to offer diversified and professionally managed portfolios for the investment of the assets of participating municipalities. The FMIvT is a local government investment pool (LGIP) and is therefore considered an external investment pool for GASB reporting purposes. The City's investment is in the FMIvT portfolio, not the individual securities held within the portfolio. A copy of the FMIvT financial statements can be obtained online from the Florida League of Cities website ([www.floridaleagueofcities.com](http://www.floridaleagueofcities.com)).

***Receivables and Payables***

***Internal Balances***

Transactions between funds that are representative of lending/borrowing arrangements outstanding at the end of the fiscal year are referred to as either "interfund receivables/payables" (i.e., the current portion of interfund loans) or "advances to/from other funds" (i.e., the noncurrent portion of interfund loans). All other outstanding balances between funds are reported as "internal balances."

Advances between funds, if any, are offset by a nonspendable fund balance account in applicable governmental funds to indicate they are not available for appropriation and are not expendable available financial resources.

***Governmental Fund Receivables***

All receivables in governmental funds are shown net of an allowance for uncollectible amounts. On September 30, 2024, gross accounts receivable totaled \$19,391, with an allowance of doubtful accounts of \$2,187.

Services provided, deemed to be at market, or near market rates, are treated as revenues and expenditures/expenses. Reimbursements occur when one fund incurs a cost, charges the appropriate benefiting fund, and reduces its related cost as a reimbursement. All other interfund transactions are treated as transfers. Transfers between governmental or proprietary funds are netted as part of the reconciliation to the government-wide columnar presentation.

***Enterprise Fund Receivables***

Accounts receivable from customers are reported at the outstanding balance due from customers, net of any allowance for doubtful accounts. The City provides for doubtful accounts based on experience and analysis of individual accounts. When the collectability of a receivable becomes questionable, an allowance for doubtful accounts is established. When specific accounts are determined to be uncollectible, they are written off by charging the allowance and crediting the receivable. On September 30, 2024, gross accounts receivable totaled \$372,124, with an allowance for doubtful accounts of \$29,669.

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***Inventories and Prepaid Items***

Inventories in proprietary funds consist of expendable supplies held for consumption. They are reported at the lower of cost or net realizable value. When cost is not determinable, the City's uses approximate cost based upon current invoice prices. Maintenance and operation supplies are expensed when purchased rather than when consumed.

Payments to vendors that benefit future reporting periods are recorded as prepaid items. Both inventories and prepaid items are similarly reported in government-wide and fund financial statements.

***Restricted Assets***

Certain resources in the following funds are restricted for specific purposes:

*General Fund* – A police forfeiture fund was established to receive monies and proceeds from sale of confiscated property. Expenditures are made from this fund in accordance with state statutes. A library fund was established to receive donations from private sources to be used for the operating activities of the library. The City collects impact fees for fire protection and development. These funds are restricted for acquisition, expansion, or capital improvement projects for fire protection necessitated by new development in accordance with the City's Code of Ordinances. Discretionary sales tax revenues are restricted for the specific purposes approved by taxpayers in the November 2018 referendum.

*Enterprise Funds* – Water and sewer meter deposits received from customers of the water and sewer system are placed in a meter deposit account in the Utility Fund. The money is restricted to use as payment for the final customer bill or returned to the customer upon settlement of final bill.

Certain resources set aside for capital improvements are classified as restricted assets on the balance sheet because their use is limited by applicable bond covenants. The "project" account is used to segregate bond proceeds for capital improvements in the Utility Fund.

***Capital Assets***

Capital assets, which include property, plant and 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. Capital assets are defined by the City as buildings and improvements with an initial cost of more than \$10,000 or machinery and equipment with an initial cost of more than \$2,500 and a useful life in excess of one year. Such assets meeting these criteria are capitalized at historical cost, if purchased, while others are charged to expense. Donated assets are stated at estimated acquisition value on the date donated.

The City's infrastructure asset records include only those infrastructure assets categorized during the past ten years. An estimation of infrastructure costs before this period has not been made. The City elected not to retroactively report major infrastructure assets before this time under GASB Statement No. 34. The cost of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of the asset or materially extend assets' lives are not capitalized. When capital assets are disposed, the cost and applicable accumulated depreciation are removed from the respective accounts, and the resulting gain or loss is recorded in operations.

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Major outlays for capital assets and improvements are capitalized in proprietary funds as projects are constructed. Interest incurred during the construction phase of proprietary fund fixed assets is reflected in the capitalized value of the asset constructed, net of interest earned on the invested proceeds over the same period.

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

Assets	Useful Life
Buildings	40-50 years
Improvements other than buildings	15-25 years
Infrastructure	20-50 years
Vehicles	5-10 years
Office equipment	5-10 years
Machinery and equipment	5-15 years
CATV system	5-15 years
Water and sewer systems	20-50 years

**Leases**

The City is a lessor under various lease agreements and reports the leases in accordance with GASB Statement No. 87, *Leases*. For contracts meeting the definition of a lease, the City recognizes a lease receivable equal to the present value of expected lease payments over the lease term and a deferred inflow of resources equal to the lease receivable plus any cash or other consideration received upfront that pertains to a future period.

***Deferred Inflows/Outflows of Resources***

In addition to assets, the statement of financial position will 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. The City reports deferred outflows of resources of pension and OPEB-related items, as well as a deferred loss on advance refunding of debt recorded in the Utility Fund.

In addition to liabilities, the statement of financial position will 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. The City reports deferred inflows of resources of pension and OPEB-related items, as well as unavailable amounts due on lease contracts. See Note 7 for additional information on the City's deferred outflows and inflows of resources.

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***Compensated Absences***

Vested or accumulated leave (annual, personal and sick) that is expected to be liquidated with expendable available financial resources is reported as an expenditure and a fund liability of the governmental fund that will pay it. All vested or accumulated leave is accrued when incurred in the government-wide and proprietary fund financial statements. In accordance with the provisions of the GASB guidance, no liability is recorded for non-vesting accumulating rights to receive sick pay or personal leave benefits.

The policy of the City for sick leave is that all full-time, permanent employees accrue 80 hours or ten days per calendar year to a maximum of 240 hours. The policy of the City for vacation leave is that all full-time, permanent employees accrue vacation leave benefits in varying amounts to a maximum of 240 hours depending on length of employment. The estimated liabilities include required salary-related payments. Governmental funds report only matured compensated absences payable to currently terminating employees.

In the government-wide financial statements, compensated absences (i.e., paid absences for employee vacation leave and sick leave) are recorded as liabilities to the extent that it is probable that the benefits will result in termination payments. A liability is reported in the governmental fund financial statements only for the current portion of compensated absences expected to be paid using expendable available resources.

***Long-Term Obligations***

Long-term debt and other obligations financed by the proprietary funds are reported as liabilities in the fund and in the government-wide statement of net position. For proprietary fund types, bond premiums and discounts are deferred and amortized over the life of the bonds using the straight-line method. Bonds payable are reported net of the applicable bond premium or discount.

***Other Postemployment Benefits (OPEB) Liability***

For the purposes of measuring the net OPEB liability, deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB, and OPEB expense, information about the fiduciary net position of the OPEB Plan and additions to/deductions from the plan's fiduciary net position have been determined on the same basis as they are reported by the plan. For this purpose, the plan recognizes benefit payments when due and payable in accordance with the benefit terms.

The City has implemented GASB Statement No. 75, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Postemployment Benefits Other Than Pensions*, and reported a total OPEB liability of \$11,878, deferred outflows of resources of \$1,744, and deferred inflows of resources of \$227, as of September 30, 2024. These amounts have been recognized in the government-wide financial statements. Due to the insignificant amounts involved, management has elected not to provide the detailed footnotes as required by generally accepted accounting principles.

***Net Pension Liability***

For purposes of measuring the net pension liability, deferred outflows and inflows of resources related to pensions, and pension expense, information about the fiduciary net position of each plan, and additions to/deductions from the fiduciary net position of each plan have been determined on the same basis as they are reported by the plans. For this purpose, benefit payments (including refunds of employee contributions, if any) are recognized when currently due and payable in accordance with the benefit terms. Investments are reported at fair value. Administrative costs are financed from each respective fund's investment earnings.

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GASB Statement No. 68 requires that the reported results must pertain to liability and asset information within certain defined timeframes. See Notes 9 and 10 for defined timeframes on the Florida Retirement System/Health Insurance Subsidy and Public Safety Pension Plan, respectively.

***Classification of Fund Balances***

GASB Statement No. 54 establishes fund balance classifications that comprise a hierarchy based primarily on the extent to which a government is bound to observe constraints imposed upon the use of the resources reported in governmental funds. Fund balance classifications, under GASB, are comprised of the following:

- *Nonspendable* – includes amounts that are (a) not in spendable form, or (b) legally or contractually required to be maintained intact. The "not in spendable form" criterion includes items that are not expected to be converted to cash, for example: inventories, deposits, prepaid items, and advances to other funds.
- *Restricted* – includes amounts that can be spent only for the specific purposes stipulated by external resource providers, constitutionally or through enabling legislation. Restrictions may effectively be changed or lifted only with the consent of resource providers.
- *Committed* – includes fund balance amounts that can be used only for the specific purposes that are internally imposed by a formal action (an Ordinance) of the government's highest level of decision-making authority (City Commission). Commitments may be changed or lifted only by the City taking the same formal action (an Ordinance) that imposed the constraint initially. Contractual obligations are included to the extent that existing resources in the fund have been specifically committed for use in satisfying those contractual obligations.
- *Assigned* – includes spendable fund balance amounts that are intended to be used for specific purposes that are neither considered restricted nor committed. Intent is expressed by (a) the City Commission, or (b) a body (for example: a budget or finance committee) or official to which the City Commission has delegated the authority to assign amounts to be used for specific purposes. The City Commission is the body with authority to assign amounts. This indicates that resources in these funds are, at a minimum, intended to be used for the purposes of that fund.
- *Unassigned* – includes residual positive fund balance within the General Fund which has not been classified within the other above-mentioned categories. Unassigned fund balance may also include negative balances for any governmental fund if expenditures exceed amounts restricted, committed, or assigned for those specific purposes.

These classifications reflect not only the nature of funds but also provide clarity to the level of restriction placed upon fund balance. Fund balance can have different levels of restraint, such as external versus internal compliance requirements. Unassigned fund balance is a residual classification with the General Fund. The General Fund should be the only fund that reports a positive unassigned balance. In all other funds, unassigned is limited to negative residual fund balance. The City does not have a formal fund balance policy.

In circumstances when an expenditure is made for a purpose for which amounts are available in multiple fund balance classifications, fund balance is generally depleted in the order of restricted, committed, assigned, and unassigned.

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***Net Position***

Net position in the government-wide and proprietary funds financial statements are classified as net investment in capital assets, restricted, and unrestricted. These classifications are defined as follows:

- *Net investment in capital assets* – consists of capital assets, including restricted capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation and is reduced by the outstanding balances of any bonds, mortgages, notes or other borrowings that are attributable to the acquisition, construction, or improvement of those assets. Deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources that are attributable to the acquisition, construction, or improvement of those assets or related debt also should be included in this component of net position. If there are significant unspent related debt proceeds at year-end, the portion of the debt attributable to the unspent proceeds is not included in the calculation of net investment in capital assets. Instead, that portion of the debt is included in the same net position component as the unspent proceeds.
- *Restricted* – consists of restricted assets, other than capital assets, reduced by liabilities and deferred inflows of resources related to those assets. Generally, a liability relates to restricted assets if the asset results from a resource flow that also results in the recognition of a liability or if the liability will be liquidated with the restricted assets reported.
- *Unrestricted* – the net amount of the assets, deferred outflows of resources, liabilities, and deferred inflows of resources that are not included in the determination of net investment in capital assets or the restricted components of net position.

The City considers restricted amounts to be spent first when both restricted and unrestricted net position is available.

***Capital Contributions***

Capital contributions in the proprietary funds financial statements arise from grants or outside contributions of resources, such as impact fees, restricted to capital acquisition and construction.

***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 reported amounts of assets and liabilities, and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities, at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

***Reclassifications***

Certain amounts presented in the prior year have been reclassified in order to be consistent with the current year presentation. Such reclassifications have no effect on total fund balance or net position previously reported.

***Subsequent Events***

Subsequent events were evaluated from September 30, 2024, through June 26, 2025, which is the date the financial statements were available to be issued.

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**2. STEWARDSHIP, COMPLIANCE AND ACCOUNTABILITY**

**Budgets**

Budgets are adopted on a basis consistent with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles. Annual appropriated budgets are adopted by resolution for all governmental and proprietary funds. However, budgets for proprietary funds are not legally required to be reported on and are not included in these financial statements. All appropriations lapse at fiscal year-end except for appropriations related to multi-year capital projects

**3. CASH AND INVESTMENTS**

**Deposits**

*Custodial Credit Risk* – It is the City's policy to maintain its deposits only with *Qualified Public Depositories* as defined in Chapter 280, Florida Statutes. The provisions of this statute allow *Qualified Public Depositories* to participate in a multiple financial institution collateral pool to ensure the security for public deposits. All *Qualified Public Depositories* must place with or in the name of the Chief Financial Officer of the State of Florida, collateral in the amount of the average daily balance of public deposits multiplied by the average monthly balance of public deposits or 125 percent of the average daily balance of public deposits greater than capital. In the event of default by a *Qualified Public Depository*, excess losses over insurance and collateral will be recovered through assessments to all participants of the same type as the depository in default. Under this method, all City deposits, including certificates of deposit, are considered fully insured or collateralized.

At year end, the value of the City's deposits was \$9,893,758, all of which was held by *Qualified Public Depositories* under Chapter 280, Florida Statutes.

**Fair Value of Investments**

The City measures and records its investments using fair value measurement guidelines established by generally accepted accounting principles. These guidelines recognize a three-tiered fair value hierarchy as follows:

- Level 1 – directly observable, quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical assets or liabilities.
- Level 2 – inputs other than quoted prices included within Level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly or indirectly. These inputs are derived from or corroborated by observable market data through correlation or by other means.
- Level 3 – unobservable inputs used only when relevant Level 1 and Level 2 inputs are unavailable.

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The following table presents the investments carried at fair value on September 30, 2024:

<b>Investment Type</b>	<b>Fair Value</b>	<b>Level 1</b>	<b>Level 2</b>	<b>Level 3</b>
Florida Municipal Investment Trust				
High quality bond funds	\$ 783,531	\$ -	\$ 783,531	\$ -
High yield bond funds	75,626	-	-	75,626
Core plus fixed income funds	691,845	-	-	691,845
Large cap equity funds	1,576,389	-	1,576,389	-
Small to mid cap equity funds	951,868	-	951,868	-
International equity funds	436,466	-	436,466	-
Real estate funds	673,272	-	-	673,272
Total investments measured at fair value	<u>\$ 5,188,997</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 3,748,254</u>	<u>\$ 1,440,743</u>

**Investments**

As of September 30, 2024, the City's investments consist of those held in the General Fund as well as the pension trust funds. The types of investments that can be made by the City, are restricted by state statutes, retirement fund plan documents, and other contractual agreements, as described in Note 1 to the financial statements.

*Credit Risk*

Credit risk exists when there is a possibility the issuer or other counterparty to an investment may be unable to meet its obligations. The City is required to disclose the credit quality ratings for investments in debt securities as well as investments in external investment pools, money market funds, and other pooled investments of fixed-income securities. Investments may be aggregated by rating categories within the disclosure. State law limits investments in money market funds and mutual bond funds to funds with the highest credit quality rating from nationally recognized statistical rating organizations (i.e., Fitch, S&P).

As of September 30, 2024, the City's investments were rated as follows:

**Credit Risk for Investment Pool**

<b>Fixed Income Funds</b>	<b>Fitch Rating</b>
FMIvT Broad Market HQ Bond Fund	AAf / S4
FMIvT Intermediate HQ Bond Fund	AAAf / S3
FMIvT Expanded High Yield Bond Fund	Not Rated
FMIvT Core Plus Fixed Income Fund	Not Rated
<b>Equity Portfolios</b>	
FMIvT Large Cap Diversified Equity Fund	Not Rated
FMIvT Diversified Small-to-Mid-Cap Equity Fund	Not Rated
FMIvT International Blended Equity Fund	Not Rated
FMIvT Core Real Estate Fund	Not Rated

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*Custodial Credit Risk*

Custodial credit risk is the risk that the City will not be able to recover the value of the investments or collateral securities that are in the possession of an outside party. Investment in money market funds, open-end mutual funds, and external investment pools are not subject to custodial credit risk because they are not evidenced by securities that exist in physical or book entry form.

The City is required to disclose if investments are uninsured, unregistered and held by either the counterparty or the counterparty's trust department or agent but not in the City's name. The City's investment in FMIvT is with the investment pool, not the securities that make up the pool; therefore, no disclosure is required. The City may make redemptions of its investments in the FMIvT twice a month with five business days of notice.

*Concentration of Credit Risk*

The City is required to disclose the concentration of credit risk when five percent or more of the total assets of the portfolio are invested with a single issuer. Investments issued or explicitly guaranteed by the U.S. Government and investments in mutual funds, external investments pools, and other pooled investments are excluded from the concentration of credit risk disclosure requirements. The City has no limit on the amount it may invest in any one issuer. The FMIvT is an external investment pool; therefore, no additional disclosure is required.

*Interest Rate Risk*

Interest rate risk exists when there is a possibility that changes in interest rates could adversely affect an investment's fair value. Generally, the longer the maturity of an investment, the greater the sensitivity of its fair value to changes in market interest rates. Interest rate risk disclosures are required for all debt investments as well as investments in mutual funds, external investment pools, and other pooled investments that do not meet the definition of a 2a7-like pool.

GASB requires that interest rate risk be disclosed using one of the five approved methods. The five methods are: segmented time distribution, specific identification, weighted average maturity (WAM), duration, and simulation mode. The City's investment policy is limited to complying with statutory regulations. The state statutes have not addressed interest rate risk and therefore, the City has not adopted an investment policy on that point. It is the City's intention for its investments to provide sufficient liquidity to pay obligations as they become due. The City's WAM and duration for its investment in the FMIvT were as follows:

<b>Fixed Income Funds</b>	<b>Interest Rate Risk Information</b>	
	<b>Duration (Effective)</b>	<b>WAM</b>
FMIvT Intermediate HQ Bond Fund	5.10 years	7.10 years
FMIvT Broad Market HQ Bond Fund	4.10 years	4.90 years
FMIvT Expanded High Yield Bond Fund	3.17 years	5.27 years
FMIvT Core Plus Fixed Income Fund	6.24 years	6.66 years

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A reconciliation of cash and investments as shown on the balance sheet and statement of net position follows:

Deposits	\$	10,022,565
Investments		5,188,997
Total	<b>\$</b>	<b>15,211,562</b>
Cash and cash equivalents, primary government	\$	6,073,315
Restricted cash and cash equivalents, primary government		3,884,244
Investments, primary government		610,745
Total primary government		10,568,304
Cash and cash equivalents, fiduciary funds		65,006
Investments, fiduciary funds		4,578,252
Total fiduciary funds		4,643,258
Grand total	<b>\$</b>	<b>15,211,562</b>

**4. RECEIVABLES**

Receivables on September 30, 2024, were as follows:

	Governmental Activities		Business-Type Activities			Total
	General	Stormwater	Utility	Comms	Sanitation	
Accounts	\$ 14,817	\$ 4,574	\$ 198,050	\$ 94,950	\$ 79,124	\$ 391,515
Less allowance for doubtful accounts	(2,011)	(176)	(5,055)	(21,686)	(2,928)	(31,856)
Leases	89,648	-	155,407	-	-	245,055
	<b>\$ 102,454</b>	<b>\$ 4,398</b>	<b>\$ 348,402</b>	<b>\$ 73,264</b>	<b>\$ 76,196</b>	<b>\$ 604,714</b>

**Leases Receivable**

The City leases real property to various unrelated parties for use as telecommunications towers. The City is a lessor under two real property leases.

The City's lease receivable is measured at the present value of lease payments expected to be received during the lease term, including options reasonably certain to be exercised. The remaining lease terms range from one to seven years, and the discount rate used to calculate the present value of the lease payments was 4.25%, which is the City's estimated incremental borrowing rate for real property. The total amount of inflows of resources recognized and reflected in the financial statements are shown on the next page:

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	<u>General</u>	<u>Utilities</u>	<u>Total</u>
Principal	\$ 22,124	\$ 22,500	\$ 44,624
Interest	4,229	9,063	13,292
Total inflows of resources – leases	<u>\$ 26,353</u>	<u>\$ 31,563</u>	<u>\$ 57,916</u>

**Due from Other Governments**

As of September 30, 2024, the City's receivables due from other governments for the governmental activities were \$812,105. Amounts due from other governments for governmental activities consisted primarily of reimbursements from the State of Florida for qualifying grant expenditures incurred during the fiscal year as well as taxes and shared revenues due from the State.

**5. CAPITAL ASSETS**

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

	<u>Beginning Balance</u>	<u>Increases</u>	<u>Decreases/ Transfers</u>	<u>Ending Balance</u>
<b>Governmental activities</b>				
Capital assets not being depreciated				
Land	\$ 748,409	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 748,409
Construction in process	781,263	-	(781,263)	-
Total capital assets not being depreciated	<u>1,529,672</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(781,263)</u>	<u>748,409</u>
Capital assets being depreciated				
Buildings and improvements	4,554,362	86,235	-	4,640,597
Infrastructure	4,091,301	1,950,582	28,976	6,070,859
Machinery, equipment and vehicles	2,641,173	55,089	692,535	3,388,797
Total capital assets being depreciated	<u>11,286,836</u>	<u>2,091,906</u>	<u>721,511</u>	<u>14,100,253</u>
Less accumulated depreciation				
Buildings and improvements	(1,810,912)	(147,612)	-	(1,958,524)
Infrastructure	(2,987,663)	(172,943)	59,752	(3,100,854)
Machinery, equipment and vehicles	(1,776,231)	(293,251)	2,777	(2,066,705)
Total accumulated depreciation	<u>(6,574,806)</u>	<u>(613,806)</u>	<u>62,529</u>	<u>(7,126,083)</u>
Total capital assets being depreciated, net	<u>4,712,030</u>	<u>1,478,100</u>	<u>784,040</u>	<u>6,974,170</u>
<b>Governmental activities, net</b>	<u>\$ 6,241,702</u>	<u>\$ 1,478,100</u>	<u>\$ 2,777</u>	<u>\$ 7,722,579</u>

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	<b>Beginning Balance</b>	<b>Increases</b>	<b>Decreases/ Transfers</b>	<b>Ending Balance</b>
<b>Business-type activities</b>				
Capital assets not being depreciated				
Land	\$ 90,603	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 90,603
Capital assets being depreciated				
Buildings and improvements	10,599,234	34,015	-	10,633,249
Machinery, equipment and vehicles	4,937,884	213,207	(119,327)	5,031,764
Total capital assets being depreciated	15,537,118	247,222	(119,327)	15,665,013
Less accumulated depreciation				
Buildings and improvements	(5,902,150)	(309,165)	-	(6,211,315)
Machinery, equipment and vehicles	(3,841,465)	(277,594)	113,906	(4,005,153)
Total accumulated depreciation	(9,743,615)	(586,759)	113,906	(10,216,468)
Total capital assets being depreciated, net	5,793,503	(339,537)	(5,421)	5,448,545
<b>Business-type activities, net</b>	<b>\$ 5,884,106</b>	<b>\$ (339,537)</b>	<b>\$ (5,421)</b>	<b>\$ 5,539,148</b>

Depreciation expense was charged to functions of the primary government as follows:

**Governmental activities**

General government	\$ 102,692
Public safety	235,808
Physical environment	26,431
Transportation	165,468
Culture and recreation	83,407
Total depreciation expense – governmental activities	<u>\$ 613,806</u>

**Business-type activities**

Utility	\$ 387,755
Communication	126,192
Sanitation	72,812
Total depreciation expense – business-type activities	<u>\$ 586,759</u>

**6. JOINT VENTURE**

A regional sanitary sewer system designed to provide service to residents of Valparaiso, Niceville, and Okaloosa County was completed and placed in service during 1982. During 2012, Okaloosa County transferred its ownership to the City of Niceville, as described in the subsequent paragraph. The project was funded 75% by U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) grants and 25% by the local government applicants. The in-service cost of the property, plant and equipment paid for through the initial combined funding of the participants and the EPA was recorded pro-rata on the accounting records of the individual participants.

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The City's initial portion of property, plant and equipment were accounted for in its Utility Fund; however, all subsequent additions related to the regional sanitary sewer system obtained by the City are recorded to the investment in joint venture.

In 2012, the City of Niceville, Florida (Niceville) and Okaloosa County, Florida (the County) executed an amendment to the operational agreement which resulted in the transfer of the County's share of wastewater treatment capacity at the plant to Niceville. As a result of the transfer of capacity, the County is no longer a member of the Board and Niceville and Valparaiso are now 80% and 20% owners, respectively. In 2012, the Board of Directors approved the change of the Board's name from Niceville, Valparaiso, Okaloosa County Regional Sewer Board to Niceville-Valparaiso Regional Sewer Board, Inc. In 2012, Niceville and the City entered into a memorandum of understanding. As part of this understanding, Niceville agreed that the cost for treatment of non-flow proportional related expenses of the City would remain the same as if the County's wastewater was still being treated at the Board's facility. Niceville assumes responsibility for these additional costs until such time as Niceville's annual flow is equal to the sum of its flow and the County's flow for the immediately preceding 12 months (subsequent to the County diverting its flow from the Board's facility).

The net operating results of the system are accounted for as a joint venture under the equity method. The City's investment in the joint venture decreased \$14,952 for the year ended September 30, 2024. The City's portion of the equity in the joint venture was \$1,921,306 on September 30, 2024.

The system is managed and operated by a separate governing body (Niceville-Valparaiso Regional Sewer Board, Inc.) consisting of four members: two appointed by each of the two participants. The Board is responsible for preparing and approving its own budget. The cost of operations, including additional equipment, inventory purchases, etc. is accounted for, in total, on the books and financial statements of the Board.

The following is a condensed summary of the assets, liabilities and equity, and operating results of the Board's fiscal year ended June 30, 2024. The Regional Sewer Board's audited financial statements can be obtained from the City Clerk's office.

**Summary of Assets, Liabilities and Net Position  
June 30, 2024**

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Assets	
Current assets	\$ 3,257,318
Capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation	6,510,601
Total assets	\$ 9,767,919
Liabilities and net position	
Liabilities	\$ 161,389
Net position	9,606,530
Total liabilities and net position	\$ 9,767,919

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**Summary of Operating Results  
For the Year Ended June 30, 2024**

Sewer operating revenues	\$ 2,006,054
Operating expenses	<u>2,317,248</u>
Operating loss	(311,194)
Nonoperating revenues (expenses), net	<u>223,429</u>
Net loss before capital contributions	(87,765)
Capital contributions	<u>13,006</u>
Change in net position	<u><u>\$ (74,759)</u></u>

**7. DEFERRED OUTFLOWS AND INFLOWS OF RESOURCES**

As of September 30, 2024, the City's deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources were comprised of the following:

**Governmental Activities**

	<b>General Fund</b>	<b>Governmental Activities</b>
<i>Deferred outflows of resources</i>		
City pension plan contributions subsequent to the measurement date	\$ -	\$ 1,663
Changes in actuarial assumptions related to net pension liabilities (and asset)	-	30,847
Differences between expected and actual experience on pension plan actuarial assumptions	-	175,180
Changes in proportionate share of net pension liability	-	1,410
Changes in assumptions related to the total OPEB liability	-	877
Differences between expected and actual experience on OPEB plan actuarial assumptions	-	867
	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 210,844</u>
<i>Deferred inflows of resources</i>		
Changes in actuarial assumptions related to net pension liabilities (and asset)	\$ -	\$ 17,803
Differences between expected and actual experience on pension plan actuarial assumptions	-	160,186
Differences between expected and actual returns on pension plan investments	-	182,804
Changes in proportionate share of net pension liability	-	25,221
Changes in assumptions related to the total OPEB liability	-	227
Lease contracts	89,648	89,648
	<u>\$ 89,648</u>	<u>\$ 475,889</u>

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**Business-Type Activities**

	<u>Utility Fund</u>	<u>Comms Fund</u>	<u>Sanitation Fund</u>	<u>Totals</u>
<i>Deferred outflows of resources</i>				
City pension plan contributions subsequent to the measurement date	\$ 405	\$ 381	\$ 615	\$ 1,401
Changes in actuarial assumptions related to net pension liabilities (and asset)	1,205	1,135	1,827	4,167
Differences between expected and actual experience on pension plan actuarial assumptions	880	828	1,334	3,042
Changes in proportionate share of net pension liability	343	323	519	1,185
Deferred loss on advance refunding of long-term debt	34,682	-	-	34,682
	<u>\$ 37,515</u>	<u>\$ 2,667</u>	<u>\$ 4,295</u>	<u>\$ 44,477</u>
<i>Deferred inflows of resources</i>				
Changes in actuarial assumptions related to net pension liabilities (and asset)	\$ 312	\$ 294	\$ 472	\$ 1,078
Differences between expected and actual experience on pension plan actuarial assumptions	5	5	8	18
Differences between expected and actual returns on pension plan investments	563	530	853	1,946
Changes in proportionate share of net pension liability	6,141	5,785	9,311	21,237
Lease contracts	155,407	-	-	155,407
	<u>\$ 162,428</u>	<u>\$ 6,614</u>	<u>\$ 10,644</u>	<u>\$ 179,686</u>

**8. LONG-TERM DEBT**

**Changes in Long-Term Debt Liabilities**

Long-term debt activity for the year ended September 30, 2024, is summarized as follows:

	<u>Beginning Balance</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Reductions</u>	<u>Ending Balance</u>	<u>Due Within One Year</u>
<b>Governmental activities</b>					
<i>Direct borrowings</i>					
FMLC Revenue Bonds, Series 2016	\$ 205,347	\$ -	\$ (50,085)	\$ 155,262	\$ 50,085
FMLC Revenue Bonds, Series 2017B	413,044	-	(20,067)	392,977	21,739
Bond premium	19,907	-	(1,327)	18,580	-
Note payable – office building	2,250,235	-	(51,304)	2,198,931	52,910
Compensated absences	167,161	188,213	(148,025)	207,349	207,349
<b>Total governmental activities</b>	<u>\$ 3,055,694</u>	<u>\$ 188,213</u>	<u>\$ (270,808)</u>	<u>\$ 2,973,099</u>	<u>\$ 332,083</u>

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	<u>Beginning Balance</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Reductions</u>	<u>Ending Balance</u>	<u>Due Within One Year</u>
<b>Business-type activities</b>					
<i>Direct borrowings</i>					
FMLC Revenue Bonds, Series 2016	\$ 614,652	\$ -	\$ (149,915)	\$ 464,737	\$ 149,915
FMLC Revenue Bonds, Series 2017B	821,956	-	(39,933)	782,023	43,261
Bond premium	39,612	-	(2,641)	36,971	-
Financing contract – boom loader	76,452	-	(37,921)	38,531	38,531
<i>Other debt</i>					
Refunding Revenue Note, Series 2020	973,099	-	-	973,099	44,503
Compensated absences	54,686	58,112	(48,426)	64,372	64,372
<b>Total business-type activities</b>	<u>\$ 2,580,457</u>	<u>\$ 58,112</u>	<u>\$ (278,836)</u>	<u>\$ 2,359,733</u>	<u>\$ 340,582</u>

**Description of Long-Term Debt Outstanding**

*Governmental Activities – Direct Borrowings*

\$2,405,000 Florida Municipal Loan Council Revenue Bonds, Series 2016, due in annual installments of \$185,000 to \$315,000 through October 2026; interest at 2.00% to 4.00%. Issue is prorated between General Fund, Streets Fund, Communication Fund and Utility Fund. Available non-ad valorem revenues from the Communication and Utility Funds are pledged for payment of the bonds. This note was issued to refund two prior bond issues. The original proceeds were used for renovations to the City Hall complex as well as rebuilding a Valparaiso Cable Authority distribution plant and updating technology fiber to the plant.

\$1,495,000 Florida Municipal Loan Council Revenue Bonds, Series 2017B, due in annual installments of \$50,000 to \$105,000 through October 2037; interest at 3.00% to 5.00%. Issue is prorated between General Fund, Streets Fund, and Utility Fund. Available non-ad valorem revenues from the Utility Fund are pledged for payment of the bonds. Proceeds from this bond were used for repaving projects and park improvements in the governmental funds.

For both direct borrowing issuances discussed above, the lender may declare all unpaid principal and accrued interest to be immediately due and payable in the event of default (nonpayment). These issuances do not contain any subjective acceleration clauses.

\$2,314,373 seller-financed note payable, due in monthly installments of \$10,000 through September 2051 with one final payment of \$4,746 due in October 2051, bearing interest at 2.90%, collateralized by a commercial office building. This building was reported as a financing contract in the prior year financial statements until formal transfer of ownership occurred in June 2023 in the form of a seller-financed promissory note. The note is secured by the City's non-ad valorem revenues. In the event of default (nonpayment), the lender may file suit against the City to enforce its legal rights. The contract does not contain any subjective acceleration clauses.

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*Business-Type Activities – Direct Borrowings*

\$2,405,000 Florida Municipal Loan Council Revenue Bonds, Series 2016, due in annual installments of \$185,000 to \$315,000 through October 2026; interest at 2.00% to 4.00%. Issue is prorated between General Fund, Streets Fund, Communication Fund and Utility Fund. Available non-ad valorem revenues from the Communication and Utility Funds are pledged for payment of the bonds. This note was issued to refund two prior bond issues. The original proceeds were used for renovations to the City Hall complex as well as rebuilding a Valparaiso Cable Authority distribution plant and updating technology fiber to the plant.

\$1,495,000 Florida Municipal Loan Council Revenue Bonds, Series 2017B, due in annual installments of \$50,000 to \$105,000 through October 2037; interest at 3.00% to 5.00%. Issue is prorated between General Fund, Streets Fund, and Utility Fund. Available non-ad valorem revenues from the Utility Fund are pledged for payment of the bonds. Proceeds from this bond were used to upgrade water meters and to relocate existing utilities along Tom's Bayou Bridge.

For the direct borrowing issuances discussed above, the lender may declare all unpaid principal and accrued interest to be immediately due and payable in the event of default (nonpayment). These issuances do not contain any subjective acceleration clauses.

\$150,500 financing contract payable, due in annual installments of \$39,152 through November 2024, bearing interest at 1.61%, collateralized by a grapple boom loader. In the event of default (nonpayment), the lender may terminate the contract and repossess the financed equipment or declare all unpaid rental payments remaining under the financing contract to be immediately due and payable. The contract does not contain any subjective acceleration clauses.

*Business-Type Activities – Other Debt*

\$1,097,103 Refunding Revenue Note, Series 2020, due in annual installments of \$34,347 to \$69,453 through October 2040; interest at 2.73%. Available non-ad valorem revenues from the Utility Fund are pledged for payment of the note. Proceeds from this note were used to fully refund the Series 2010C Revenue Bonds. The original proceeds were used for the construction and renovation of the Niceville-Valparaiso Regional Sewer Board, Inc. (portion of costs allocated to the City as a member) and other capital improvements to the City's sewer system. The lender may declare all unpaid principal and accrued interest to be immediately due and payable in the event of default (nonpayment). This note does not contain any subjective acceleration clauses.

The City is required to comply with certain debt covenants under bond agreements. As of September 30, 2024, the City is not aware of any material noncompliance.

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**Annual Requirements to Amortize Debt Outstanding**

The annual requirements to amortize all debt outstanding except accrued and annual leave as of September 30, 2024, was as follows:

**Governmental Activities**

<b>Year Ending September 30</b>	<b>Notes Payable</b>			<b>Revenue Bonds</b>		
	<b>Principal</b>	<b>Interest</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Principal</b>	<b>Interest</b>	<b>Total</b>
2025	\$ 52,910	\$ 67,090	\$ 120,000	\$ 71,824	\$ 17,186	\$ 89,010
2026	54,565	65,435	120,000	73,076	15,020	88,096
2027	56,272	63,728	120,000	77,251	12,709	89,960
2028	58,033	61,967	120,000	25,084	10,890	35,974
2029	59,849	60,151	120,000	25,084	9,636	34,720
2030-2034	328,533	271,467	600,000	143,812	34,359	178,171
2035-2039	383,249	216,751	600,000	132,108	9,375	141,483
2040-2044	447,077	152,923	600,000	-	-	-
2045-2049	521,534	78,466	600,000	-	-	-
2050-2052	236,909	7,838	244,747	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 2,198,931</b>	<b>\$ 1,045,816</b>	<b>\$ 3,244,747</b>	<b>\$ 548,239</b>	<b>\$ 109,175</b>	<b>\$ 657,414</b>

**Business-Type Activities**

<b>Year Ending September 30</b>	<b>Financing Contracts</b>			<b>Revenue Bonds and Notes</b>		
	<b>Principal</b>	<b>Interest</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Principal</b>	<b>Interest</b>	<b>Total</b>
2025	\$ 38,531	\$ 620	\$ 39,151	\$ 237,679	\$ 63,034	\$ 300,713
2026	-	-	-	245,801	56,369	302,170
2027	-	-	-	255,892	49,257	305,149
2028	-	-	-	97,303	43,727	141,030
2029	-	-	-	101,527	39,880	141,407
2030-2034	-	-	-	559,713	150,103	709,816
2035-2039	-	-	-	584,952	59,880	644,832
2040-2044	-	-	-	136,992	3,766	140,758
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 38,531</b>	<b>\$ 620</b>	<b>\$ 39,151</b>	<b>\$ 2,219,859</b>	<b>\$ 466,016</b>	<b>\$ 2,685,875</b>

**9. FLORIDA RETIREMENT SYSTEM**

Certain City employees participate in the Florida Retirement System (FRS). As provided by Chapters 121 and 112, Florida Statutes, the FRS provides two cost sharing, multiple employer defined benefit plans administered by the Florida Department of Management Services, Division of Retirement, including the FRS Pension Plan (pension plan) and the Retiree Health Insurance Subsidy (HIS Plan). Effective January 1, 1996, the pension plan was closed to new entrants.

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Under Section 121.4501, Florida Statutes, the FRS also provides a defined contribution plan (Investment Plan) alternative to the FRS Pension Plan, which is administered by the State Board of Administration (SBA). As a general rule, membership in the FRS is compulsory for all employees working in a regularly established position for a state agency, county government, district school board, state university, community college, or a participating city or special district within the State of Florida. The FRS provides retirement and disability benefits, annual cost-of-living adjustments, and death benefits to plan members and beneficiaries. Benefits are established by Chapter 121, Florida Statutes, and Chapter 60S, Florida Administrative Code. Amendments to the law can be made only by an act of the Florida State Legislature.

The State of Florida annually issues a publicly available financial report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information for the FRS. The latest available report may be obtained by writing to the State of Florida Division of Retirement, Research and Education Section, Department of Management Services, P.O. Box 9000, Tallahassee, Florida 32315-9000, or from the website: [www.dms.myflorida.com/workforce\\_operations/retirement/publications](http://www.dms.myflorida.com/workforce_operations/retirement/publications).

**Pension Plan**

*Plan Description*

The pension plan is a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan, with a Deferred Retirement Option Program (DROP) for eligible employees.

*Benefits Provided*

Benefits under the pension plan are computed on the basis of age, average final compensation, and service credit.

Regular Class members enrolled before July 1, 2011, who retire at or after age 62 with at least six years of credited service or 30 years of service regardless of age are entitled to a retirement benefit payable monthly for life, equal to 1.60% of their final average compensation based on the five highest years of salary, for each year of credited service. Vested members with less than 30 years of service may retire before age 62 and receive reduced retirement benefits.

Senior Management Service class members who retire at or after age 62 with at least six years of credited service or 30 years of service regardless of age are entitled to a retirement benefit payable monthly for life, equal to 2.0% of their final average compensation based on the five highest years of salary for each year of credited service.

For pension plan members enrolled on or after July 1, 2011, the vesting requirement is extended to eight years of credited service for all these members and increasing normal retirement to age 65 or 33 years of service regardless of age for *Regular*, *Senior Management Service*, and *Elected Officers'* class members, and to age 60 or 30 years of service regardless of age for Special Risk class members. Also, the final average compensation for all these members will be based on the eight highest years of salary.

As provided in Section 121.101, Florida Statutes, if the member is initially enrolled in the pension plan before July 1, 2011, and all service credit was accrued before July 1, 2011, the annual cost-of-living adjustment is three percent per year. If the member is initially enrolled before July 1, 2011, and has service credit on or after July 1, 2011, there is an individually calculated cost-of-living adjustment. The annual cost-of-living adjustment is a proportion of three percent determined by dividing the sum of the pre-July 2011 service credit by the total service credit at retirement multiplied by three percent.

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Plan members initially enrolled on or after July 1, 2011, will not have a cost-of-living adjustment after retirement.

In addition to the above benefits, the DROP program allows eligible members to defer receipt of monthly retirement benefit payments while continuing employment with an FRS employer for a period not to exceed 96 months. Deferred monthly benefits are held in the FRS Trust Fund and accrue interest. There are no required contributions by DROP participants.

*Contributions*

Effective July 1, 2011, all enrolled members of the FRS, other than DROP participants, are required to contribute 3% of their salary to the FRS. In addition to member contributions, governmental employers are required to make contributions to the FRS based on state-wide contribution rates established by the Florida Legislature. These rates are updated as of July 1 of each year. The employer contribution rates by job class for each of the prior three years are as follows:

	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
Regular Class	13.63%	13.57%	11.91%
Senior Management Class	34.52%	34.52%	31.57%
DROP	21.13%	21.13%	18.60%

These employer contribution rates include 2.0% for HIS Plan subsidies after July 1, 2023. The City's contributions, including employee contributions, to the pension plan totaled \$10,518, \$6,936, and \$8,117 for the fiscal years ended September 30, 2024, 2023 and 2022, respectively.

*Pension Liabilities, Pension Expense and Deferred Outflows/Inflows of Resources*

On September 30, 2024, the City reported a liability of \$63,922 for its proportionate share of the pension plan's net pension liability. The City's proportionate share of the net pension liability was based on the City's share of contributions to the FRS relative to the contributions of all participating members. On June 30, 2024, the City's proportionate share was 0.000165238%.

The net pension liability was measured as of June 30, 2024, and the total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of July 1, 2024.

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For the fiscal year ended September 30, 2024, the City recognized a reduction in pension expense of \$798. In addition, the City reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions from the following sources:

	<b>Deferred Outflows of Resources</b>	<b>Deferred Inflows of Resources</b>
Net difference between expected and actual experience	\$ 6,458	\$ -
Changes of assumptions	8,761	-
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on pension plan investments	-	4,249
Changes in proportion and differences between City pension plan contributions and proportionate share of contributions	2,230	26,773
City pension plan contributions subsequent to the measurement date	2,774	-
	<b>\$ 20,223</b>	<b>\$ 31,022</b>

A component of deferred outflows of resources related to the pension plan of \$2,774, resulting from City 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, 2025. Other components reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to the pension plan will be recognized in pension expense as follows:

Fiscal Year Ending September 30:	<b>Amount</b>
2025	\$ (11,931)
2026	1,145
2027	(3,617)
2028	111
2029	719
	<b>\$ (13,573)</b>

***Actuarial Assumptions***

The total pension liability in the July 1, 2024 actuarial valuation was determined using the following actuarial assumptions, applied to all periods included in the measurement:

Inflation		2.40%
Salary increases	3.50%, average, including inflation	
Investment rate of return	6.70%, net of pension plan investment expense, including inflation	

Mortality rates were based on the PUB-2010 table, projected generationally with Scale MP-2021.

The actuarial assumptions used in the July 1, 2024, valuation were based on the results of a 2024 actuarial experience study for the period July 1, 2018, through June 30, 2023.

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The long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was not based on historical returns, but instead, is based on a forward-looking capital market economic model. The allocation policy's description of each asset class was used to map the target allocation to the asset classes shown below. Each asset class assumption is based on a consistent set of underlying assumptions and includes an adjustment for the inflation assumption. The target allocation and best estimates of arithmetic and geometric real rates of return for each major asset class are summarized in the following table:

<b>Asset Class</b>	<b>Target Allocation<sup>(1)</sup></b>	<b>Annual Arithmetic Return</b>	<b>Compound Annual (Geometric) Return</b>	<b>Standard Deviation</b>
Cash	1.00%	3.30%	3.30%	1.10%
Fixed income	29.00%	5.70%	5.60%	3.90%
Global equity	45.00%	8.60%	7.00%	18.20%
Private equity	12.00%	8.10%	6.80%	16.60%
Strategic investments	11.00%	12.40%	8.80%	28.40%
Real estate (property)	<u>2.00%</u>	6.60%	6.20%	8.70%
Total	<u><u>100.00%</u></u>			
Assumed inflation – mean			2.40%	1.50%

<sup>(1)</sup> As outlined in the Pension Plan's investment policy

**Discount Rate**

The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability was 6.70%. The pension 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 calculation the total pension liability is equal to the long-term expected rate of return.

**Sensitivity of the Net Position Liability to Changes in the Discount Rate**

The following represents the City's proportionate share of the net pension liability calculated using the discount rate of 6.70%, as well as what the City's proportionate share of the net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is one percentage point lower or one percentage point higher than the current rate:

	<b>1% Decrease (5.70%)</b>	<b>Current Discount Rate (6.70%)</b>	<b>1% Increase (7.70%)</b>
City's proportionate share of the net pension liability	\$ 112,436	\$ 63,922	\$ 23,281

**Pension Plan Fiduciary Net Position**

Detailed information regarding the pension plan's fiduciary net position is available in the separately issued FRS Pension Plan and Other State-Administered Systems Annual Comprehensive Financial Report.

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**HIS Plan**

*Plan Description*

The HIS Plan is a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan established under Section 112.363, Florida Statutes, and may be amended by the Florida legislature at any time. The benefit is a monthly payment to assist retirees of state-administered retirement systems in paying their health insurance costs and is administered by the Florida Department of Management Services, Division of Retirement.

*Benefits Provided*

For the fiscal year ended September 30, 2024, eligible retirees and beneficiaries received a monthly HIS payment of \$7.50 for each year of creditable service completed at the time of retirement, with a minimum HIS payment of \$40 and a maximum HIS payment of \$225 per month. To be eligible to receive these benefits, a retiree under a State-administered retirement system must provide proof of health insurance coverage, which may include Medicare.

*Contributions*

The HIS Plan is funded by required contributions from FRS participating employers as set by the Florida Legislature. Employer contributions are a percentage of gross compensation for all active FRS members. For the fiscal year ended September 30, 2024, the HIS contribution for the plan was 2.00%. The City contributed 100% of its statutorily required contributions for the current and preceding three years. HIS Plan contributions are deposited in a separate trust fund from which payments are authorized. HIS Plan benefits are not guaranteed and are subject to annual legislative appropriation. In the event legislative appropriation or available funds fail to provide full subsidy benefits to all participants, benefits may be reduced or cancelled.

The City's contributions to the HIS Plan totaled \$1,135, \$1,147, and \$1,437 for the fiscal years ended September 30, 2024, 2023 and 2022, respectively.

*Pension Liabilities, Pension Expense and Deferred Outflows/Inflows of Resources*

On September 30, 2024, the City reported a liability of \$19,937 for its proportionate share of the HIS Plan's net pension liability. The City's proportionate share of the net pension liability was based on the City's share of contributions to the HIS plan relative to the contributions of all participating members. On June 30, 2024, the City's proportionate share was 0.000132907%.

The net pension liability was measured as of June 30, 2024, and the total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of July 1, 2024.

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For the fiscal year ended September 30, 2024, the City recognized a reduction in pension expense of \$3,870. In addition, the City reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions from the following sources:

	<b>Deferred Outflows of Resources</b>	<b>Deferred Inflows of Resources</b>
Net difference between expected and actual experience	\$ 193	\$ 38
Changes of assumptions	353	2,360
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on pension plan investments	-	7
Changes in proportion and differences between City pension plan contributions and proportionate share of contributions	365	19,685
City pension plan contributions subsequent to the measurement date	290	-
	<u>\$ 1,201</u>	<u>\$ 22,090</u>

A component of deferred outflows of resources related to the HIS Plan of \$290, resulting from City 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, 2025. Other components reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to the HIS Plan will be recognized in pension expense as follows:

Fiscal Year Ending September 30:	<b>Amount</b>
2025	\$ (5,138)
2026	(5,475)
2027	(4,864)
2028	(3,308)
2029	(1,903)
Thereafter	<u>(491)</u>
	<u>\$ (21,179)</u>

**Actuarial Assumptions**

The total pension liability in the July 1, 2024, actuarial valuation was determined using the following actuarial assumptions, applied to all periods included in the measurement:

Inflation	2.40%
Salary increases	3.50%, average, including inflation
Investment rate of return	3.93%

Mortality rates were based on the PUB-2010 table, projected generationally with Scale MP-2021.

Because the HIS Plan is funded on a pay-as-you-go basis, no experience study has been completed for that plan. The actuarial assumptions used in the July 1, 2024, valuation were based on certain results of the most recent experience study for the FRS Pension Plan.

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*Discount Rate*

The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability was 3.93%. In general, the discount rate for calculating the total pension liability is equal to the single rate equivalent to discounting at the long-term expected rate of return for benefit payments prior to the projected depletion date. Because the HIS benefit is essentially funded on a pay-as-you-go basis, the depletion date is considered to be immediate, and the single equivalent discount rate is equal to the municipal bond rate selected by the HIS Plan sponsor. The Bond Buyer General Obligation 20-Bond Municipal Bond Index was adopted as the applicable municipal bond index.

*Sensitivity of the Net Position Liability to Changes in the Discount Rate*

The following represents the City's proportionate share of the net pension liability calculated using the discount rate of 3.93%, as well as what the City's proportionate share of the net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is one percentage point lower or one percentage point higher than the current rate:

	<b>1% Decrease (2.93%)</b>	<b>Current Discount Rate (3.93%)</b>	<b>1% Increase (4.93%)</b>
City's proportionate share of the net pension liability	\$ 22,696	\$ 19,937	\$ 17,647

*Pension Plan Fiduciary Net Position*

Detailed information regarding the HIS Plan's fiduciary net position is available in the separately issued FRS Pension Plan and Other State-Administered Systems Annual Comprehensive Financial Report.

**10. DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLAN – PUBLIC SAFETY PENSION PLAN**

**Plan Description**

*Plan Administration*

The Police Officers and Firefighters Retirement Plan (the Public Safety Pension Plan) is a single-employer defined benefit plan, established under Chapters 185 and 175, Florida Statutes, which covers all police officers and firefighters hired on or after January 1, 1996. The City Commission has the authority to establish and amend benefit provisions to this plan. The City's payroll for employees covered by this plan applicable to the October 1, 2023, actuarial valuation was approximately \$704,455.

As of October 1, 2023, employee membership data related to the Public Safety Pension Plan was as follows:

Inactive plan members or beneficiaries currently receiving benefits	5
Inactive plan members entitled to but not yet receiving benefits	8
Active plan members	13
	26

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*Benefits Provided*

The Public Safety Pension Plan provides retirement, disability, and death benefits to plan members and beneficiaries. Employees who retire with 6 years of service and are age 55 or who retire with 25 years of service and are age 52 are entitled to an annual retirement benefit, payable monthly for life, in an amount equal to 3% of average final compensation (average of the highest five years of compensation out of the last 10 years of employment) multiplied by credited service. Employees with ten years of service may retire at or after age 50 and receive reduced retirement benefits. The normal form of benefit is a ten-year certain and life annuity.

*Funding Policy*

The Public Safety Pension Plan is funded by employer contributions at actuarially determined rates, which are expressed as a percentage of annual covered payroll, that are sufficient to accumulate sufficient assets to pay benefits when due. The employees of the plan contribute at a rate of 2% of their annual salary. For 2024, the City contributed \$51,134 to the plan, and the State of Florida contributed \$99,558. The employees' contributions to the plan for the current year totaled \$16,391. The contributions are deposited with the Florida Municipal Pension Trust Fund where they are invested in mutual funds. Administration costs of the Public Safety Pension Plan are financed by investment earnings.

**Net Pension Liability**

The employer's reporting date is September 30, 2024. The measurement date for calculating the net pension liability was September 30, 2024. The actuarial valuation date was October 1, 2023.

*Actuarial Assumptions*

The total pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of October 1, 2023, updated to September 30, 2024, using the following actuarial assumptions:

Inflation	2.62%
Salary increases	4.50%
Discount rate	7.00%
Investment rate of return	7.00%

Mortality rates are obtained from the PUB-2010 Headcount-Weighted Mortality Table for public safety employees, with full generational improvements in mortality using Scale MP-2020. Based upon other studies of municipal police officers and firefighters, the City feels that this assumption sufficiently accommodates future mortality improvements.

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

Best estimates of arithmetic real rates of return for each major asset class included in the Public Safety Pension Plan's target asset allocation as of September 30, 2024, are summarized in the following table:

<b>Asset Class</b>	<b>Target Allocation</b>	<b>Long-Term Expected Real Rate of Return</b>
Core bonds	15.00%	1.60%
Core plus	15.00%	2.10%
U.S. large cap equity	25.00%	4.60%
U.S. small cap equity	14.00%	5.50%
Non-U.S. equity	21.00%	6.70%
Core real estate	10.00%	5.00%
Total	<u>100.00%</u>	4.38%

***Discount Rate***

The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability was 7.00%. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed that plan member contributions will be made at the current contribution rate and that sponsor contributions will be made at rates equal to the difference between actuarially determined contribution rates and the member rate. Based on those assumptions, the Public Safety Pension Plan's fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make all projected future benefit payments of current plan members. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was applied to all periods of projected benefit payments to determine the total pension liability.

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**Changes in Net Pension Liability (Asset)**

	<b>Increase (Decrease)</b>		
	<b>Total Pension Liability</b>	<b>Plan Fiduciary Net Position</b>	<b>Net Pension Liability (Asset)</b>
	<b>(a)</b>	<b>(b)</b>	<b>(a) – (b)</b>
Balances at September 30, 2023	\$ 2,944,825	\$ 3,853,968	\$ (909,143)
Changes:			
Service cost	245,330	-	245,330
Interest	219,082	271,716	(52,634)
Investment income	-	488,866	(488,866)
Demographic experience	149,425	-	149,425
Contributions – employer	-	150,692	(150,692)
Contributions – employee	-	16,391	(16,391)
Benefit payments, including refunds of employee contributions	(92,817)	(92,817)	-
Administrative expenses	-	(17,928)	17,928
Net changes during year	521,020	816,920	(295,900)
Balances at September 30, 2024	<u>\$ 3,465,845</u>	<u>\$ 4,670,888</u>	<u>\$ (1,205,043)</u>

*Sensitivity of the Net Pension Asset to Changes in the Discount Rate*

The following represents the City's net pension liability calculated using the discount rate of 7.00%, as well as what the City's net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is one percentage point lower and one percentage point higher than the current rate:

	<b>Current Discount</b>		
	<b>1% Decrease</b>	<b>Rate</b>	<b>1% Increase</b>
	<b>6.00%</b>	<b>7.00%</b>	<b>8.00%</b>
City's net pension asset	\$ 684,394	\$ 1,205,043	\$ 1,630,520

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For the year ended September 30, 2024, the City recognized a pension expense of \$146,281 related to the Public Safety Pension Plan. On September 30, 2024, the City reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pension on the Public Safety Pension Plan from the following sources:

	<b>Deferred Outflows of Resources</b>	<b>Deferred Inflows of Resources</b>
Differences between projected and actual earnings on pension plan investments	\$ -	\$ 180,494
Differences between actual and expected experience	171,571	160,166
Changes of assumptions	25,900	16,521
Total	<b>\$ 197,471</b>	<b>\$ 357,181</b>

Components reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to the Public Safety Pension Plan will be recognized in pension expense as follows:

Year ended September 30:

2025	\$ 51,021
2026	(37,877)
2027	109,853
2028	95,242
2029	(22,662)
Thereafter	(35,867)
	<b>\$ 159,710</b>

**Pension Plan Fiduciary Net Position**

The plan issues a stand-alone financial report each year, which contains information about the plan's fiduciary net position. The plan's fiduciary net position has been determined on the same basis used by the pension plan and is equal to the market value of assets calculated under the accrual basis of accounting. This reported is available to the public at the plan's administrative office: Retirement Department, Florida League of Cities, Inc., P.O. Box 1757, Tallahassee, FL 32302.

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**11. SUPPLEMENTAL RETIREMENT PLANS**

**Defined Contribution Retirement Plan**

In 2004, the City adopted the Florida Municipal Pension Trust Fund’s Section 401(a) Defined Contribution Retirement Plan (the “Plan”). The Plan is administered by the Florida Municipal Pension Trust Fund. The Plan’s eligibility provisions are the same as the defined benefit pension plan, except that the minimum age requirement was removed. The Plan provides retirement benefits to substantially all City employees. All benefits vest after ten years of credited service. To be eligible for the Plan, employees must have completed ninety (90) days of service. Contributions to the Plan are discretionary but are currently funded by the City at 9% of each eligible employee’s compensation. For the year ended September 30, 2024, the City’s contributions to the Plan totaled \$153,060. The City Commission has the authority to establish and amend the provisions of the Plan.

**Deferred Compensation Plan**

In 1996, the City adopted the Florida Municipal Pension Trust Fund’s Deferred Compensation Plan (the “Plan”) under Internal Revenue Code Section 457(b). The Plan allows substantially all City employees to make pretax contributions, in accordance with the Plan. The City does not make contributions to the Plan. The City’s fiduciary responsibility is to administer the Plan properly and to assure the investment alternatives made available are reasonable. Contributions made by Plan members during the year ended September 30, 2024, were \$86,408.

**12. INTERFUND BALANCES AND TRANSFERS**

The following is a summary of interfund balances reported in the fund financial statements:

Due to Fund	Due from Fund					Total
	Governmental Funds			Enterprise Funds		
	General Fund	Streets Fund	Stormwater Fund	Utility Fund	Communication Fund	
<i>Governmental funds</i>						
General Fund	\$ -	\$ 50,917	\$ 122,997	\$ 306,591	\$ 72,861	\$ 553,366
<i>Enterprise funds</i>						
Sanitation Fund	161,889	-	-	-	-	161,889
Total	<u>\$ 161,889</u>	<u>\$ 50,917</u>	<u>\$ 122,997</u>	<u>\$ 306,591</u>	<u>\$ 72,861</u>	<u>\$ 715,255</u>

Interfund balances due to the General Fund represent expenses paid by the General Fund on behalf of the underlying funds. The interfund balances due from the General Fund represent revenues collected for the benefit of those funds that have not been transferred from the General Fund.

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During the year ended September 30, 2024, the General Fund paid for capital project costs funded by American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) grant awards for improvements reported in the Communications Fund. These costs incurred by the General Fund for these projects have been reported as interfund transfers in the accompanying financial statements. The General Fund transferred \$40,929 to the Communication Fund for ancillary installation costs related to multiple generators.

**13. GOVERNMENTAL FUND BALANCES**

As of September 30, 2024, the City's governmental fund balances were classified as follows:

	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Streets Fund</u>	<u>Stormwater Fund</u>	<u>Total Governmental Funds</u>
Nonspendable				
Prepaid items	\$ 156,935	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 156,935
Restricted for				
Discretionary sales taxes	2,155,833	-	-	2,155,833
Capital expansion – fire	213,616	-	-	213,616
Library	14,085	-	-	14,085
Law enforcement	9,333	-	-	9,333
Total restricted	<u>2,392,867</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,392,867</u>
Committed				
Senior center	8,992	-	-	8,992
Stormwater system	-	-	281,681	281,681
Total committed	<u>8,992</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>281,681</u>	<u>290,673</u>
Assigned for				
Parks and recreation	416,012	-	-	416,012
Library	7,270	-	-	7,270
Transportation	-	484,717	-	484,717
FY25 appropriations	920,895	-	-	920,895
Total assigned	<u>1,344,177</u>	<u>484,717</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,828,894</u>
Unassigned	<u>2,641,991</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,641,991</u>
<b>Total Fund Balance</b>	<u><u>\$ 6,544,962</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 484,717</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 281,681</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 7,311,360</u></u>

**14. EXPENDITURES IN EXCESS OF BUDGETED APPROPRIATIONS**

Actual expenditures exceeded final budgeted appropriations by \$270,549 for the Streets Fund during the year ended September 30, 2024.

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**15. RISK MANAGEMENT**

The City is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees; and natural disasters. The City carries commercial insurance for all other risks of loss, including fidelity bond, accidental death and dismemberment and employee health insurance. Settled claims resulting from these risks have not exceeded commercial insurance coverage in any of the past three fiscal years.

**16. COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES**

**Grants**

In the normal course of operations, the City receives grant funds from various federal and state agencies. The grant programs are subject to audit by agents of the granting authority, the purpose of which is to ensure compliance with conditions precedent to the granting of funds. The liability, if any, for reimbursement which may arise as the result of these audits is not believed to be material.

**Litigation**

The City is a party to various claims and assessments arising from its actions in the course of carrying out its public services. The City carries general liability coverage and management believes its coverage is sufficient to cover all significant losses arising from the unsuccessful outcome of any pending and/or threatened litigation.

**Fire Protection Services Agreement**

In 2019, the City executed an interlocal agreement with the City of Niceville to enhance fire protection services in both jurisdictions. The agreement allows for the sharing of personnel and facilities to provide mutual aid for fire protection and emergency services to residents of both municipalities. The agreement has no end date but may be amended from time to time upon the mutual agreement of both municipalities. The agreement was subsequently terminated by the City in April 2025, as the City Commission decided to bring fire protection services in-house.

**17. PRIOR PERIOD ADJUSTMENT - RESTATEMENT**

The City restated its September 30, 2023, ending fund balances and net position for multiple opinion units to correct reporting errors discovered in April 2025. One of the errors corrected was the result of an over-accrual of cost-reimbursement grant revenues, which was mistakenly included the City's matching share of eligible grant expenditures in the Stormwater Fund and the Streets Fund. The other error was related to an inaccurate allocation of customer accounts receivable, including late charges, as of September 30, 2023, which affected multiple opinion units.

The financial statement line items affected by the errors in the City's financial statements as of and for the year ended September 30, 2023, are summarized as follows:

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**Government-Wide Financial Statements**

	<b>Primary Government</b>		
	<b>Governmental Activities</b>	<b>Business-Type Activities</b>	<b>Totals</b>
<b><u>Statement of Net Position</u></b>			
Receivables, net - as previously reported	\$ 126,779	\$ 395,344	\$ 522,123
Error correction - allocation of receivables	(4,310)	64,451	60,141
Receivables, net - as restated	<u>\$ 122,469</u>	<u>\$ 459,795</u>	<u>\$ 582,264</u>
Due from other governments - as previously reported	\$ 358,413	\$ -	\$ 358,413
Error correction - grant revenues	(21,400)	-	(21,400)
Due from other governments - as restated	<u>\$ 337,013</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 337,013</u>
Internal balances - as previously reported	\$ 332,246	\$ (332,246)	\$ -
Error correction - allocation of receivables	(25,929)	25,929	-
Internal balances - as restated	<u>\$ 306,317</u>	<u>\$ (306,317)</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
Unrestricted net position - as previously reported	\$ 4,739,710	\$ 4,499,910	\$ 9,239,620
Error corrections	(51,639)	90,380	38,741
Unrestricted net position - as restated	<u>\$ 4,688,071</u>	<u>\$ 4,590,290</u>	<u>\$ 9,278,361</u>
<b><u>Statement of Activities</u></b>			
Program revenues			
Charges for services - as previously reported	\$ 617,428	\$ 3,596,326	\$ 4,213,754
Error correction - allocation of receivables	(25,929)	90,380	64,451
Charges for services - as restated	<u>\$ 591,499</u>	<u>\$ 3,686,706</u>	<u>\$ 4,278,205</u>
Capital grants and contributions - as previously reported	\$ 2,284,006	\$ -	\$ 2,284,006
Error correction - grant revenues	(21,400)	-	(21,400)
Capital grants and contributions - as restated	<u>\$ 2,262,606</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 2,262,606</u>
General revenues			
Utility service taxes - as previously reported	\$ 435,151	\$ -	\$ 435,151
Error correction - allocation of receivables	(4,310)	-	(4,310)
Utility service taxes - as restated	<u>\$ 430,841</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 430,841</u>
Net position at end of year - as previously reported	\$ 10,757,271	\$ 8,989,967	\$ 19,747,238
Error corrections	(51,639)	90,380	38,741
Net position at end of year - as restated	<u>\$ 10,705,632</u>	<u>\$ 9,080,347</u>	<u>\$ 19,785,979</u>

**CITY OF VALPARAISO, FLORIDA  
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SEPTEMBER 30, 2024**

**Governmental Funds Financial Statements**

	<b>Governmental Funds</b>			<b>Totals</b>
	<b>General Fund</b>	<b>Stormwater Fund</b>	<b>Streets Fund</b>	
<b><u>Balance Sheet - Governmental Funds</u></b>				
Accounts receivable, net - as previously reported	\$ 11,853	\$ 3,153	\$ -	\$ 15,006
Error correction - allocation of receivables	(4,310)	-	-	(4,310)
Accounts receivable, net - as restated	<u>\$ 7,543</u>	<u>\$ 3,153</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 10,696</u>
Due from other governments - as previously reported	\$ 231,718	\$ 50,004	\$ 76,691	\$ 358,413
Error correction - grant revenues	-	(12,840)	(8,560)	(21,400)
Due from other governments - as restated	<u>\$ 231,718</u>	<u>\$ 37,164</u>	<u>\$ 68,131</u>	<u>\$ 337,013</u>
Due from other funds, net - as previously reported	\$ 244,126	\$ 29,963	\$ 58,157	\$ 332,246
Error correction - allocation of receivables	(25,929)	-	-	(25,929)
Due from other funds, net - as restated	<u>\$ 218,197</u>	<u>\$ 29,963</u>	<u>\$ 58,157</u>	<u>\$ 306,317</u>
Fund balance - as previously reported	\$ 5,903,018	\$ 282,601	\$ 436,796	\$ 6,622,415
Error corrections	(30,239)	(12,840)	(8,560)	(51,639)
Fund balance - as restated	<u>\$ 5,872,779</u>	<u>\$ 269,761</u>	<u>\$ 428,236</u>	<u>\$ 6,570,776</u>
<b><u>Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance - Governmental Funds</u></b>				
<b>Revenues</b>				
Taxes - as previously reported	\$ 2,267,655	\$ -	\$ 268,598	\$ 2,536,253
Error correction - allocation of receivables	(4,310)	-	-	(4,310)
Taxes - as restated	<u>\$ 2,263,345</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 268,598</u>	<u>\$ 2,531,943</u>
Intergovernmental - as previously reported	\$ 3,601,219	\$ 46,368	\$ 218,697	\$ 3,866,284
Error correction - grant revenues	-	(12,840)	(8,560)	(21,400)
Intergovernmental - as restated	<u>\$ 3,601,219</u>	<u>\$ 33,528</u>	<u>\$ 210,137</u>	<u>\$ 3,844,884</u>
Charges for services - as previously reported	\$ 308,303	\$ 51,190	\$ -	\$ 359,493
Error correction - allocation of receivables	(25,929)	-	-	(25,929)
Charges for services - as restated	<u>\$ 282,374</u>	<u>\$ 51,190</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 333,564</u>
Fund balance at end of year - as previously reported	\$ 5,903,018	\$ 282,601	\$ 436,796	\$ 6,622,415
Error corrections	(30,239)	(12,840)	(8,560)	(51,639)
Fund balance at end of year - as restated	<u>\$ 5,872,779</u>	<u>\$ 269,761</u>	<u>\$ 428,236</u>	<u>\$ 6,570,776</u>

**CITY OF VALPARAISO, FLORIDA  
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**Proprietary Funds Financial Statements**

	<b>Utility Fund</b>	<b>Communications Fund</b>
<b><u>Statement of Net Position - Proprietary Funds</u></b>		
Receivables, net - as previously reported	\$ 306,451	\$ 25,266
Error correction - allocation of receivables	53,285	11,166
Receivables, net - as restated	<u>\$ 359,736</u>	<u>\$ 36,432</u>
Due to other funds - as previously reported	\$ 357,759	\$ 112,040
Error correction - allocation of receivables	(25,929)	-
Due to other funds - as restated	<u>\$ 331,830</u>	<u>\$ 112,040</u>
Unrestricted net position - as previously reported	\$ 3,464,073	\$ 634,924
Error corrections	79,214	11,166
Unrestricted net position - as restated	<u>\$ 3,543,287</u>	<u>\$ 646,090</u>
<b><u>Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Net Position - Proprietary Funds</u></b>		
Operating Revenues		
Charges for services - as previously reported	\$ 1,549,702	\$ 2,046,624
Error correction - allocation of receivables	79,214	11,166
Charges for services - as restated	<u>\$ 1,628,916</u>	<u>\$ 2,057,790</u>
Net position at end of year - as previously reported	\$ 7,360,199	\$ 990,002
Error correction - allocation of receivables	79,214	11,166
Net position at end of year - as restated	<u>\$ 7,439,413</u>	<u>\$ 1,001,168</u>

**REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**

**CITY OF VALPARAISO, FLORIDA  
REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION  
SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN  
FUND BALANCE – BUDGET AND ACTUAL (UNAUDITED)  
GENERAL FUND  
FOR THE 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>		
<b>REVENUES</b>				
Taxes	\$ 2,445,500	\$ 2,445,500	\$ 2,514,065	\$ 68,565
Permits and fees	487,500	487,500	899,152	411,652
Intergovernmental	1,901,250	1,906,250	2,422,065	515,815
Charges for services	308,785	308,785	260,655	(48,130)
Fines and forfeitures	9,100	9,100	52,598	43,498
Miscellaneous	86,100	86,100	310,640	224,540
Total revenues	<u>5,238,235</u>	<u>5,243,235</u>	<u>6,459,175</u>	<u>1,215,940</u>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>				
Current				
General government	1,155,550	1,155,550	1,102,510	53,040
Public safety	2,491,525	2,491,525	2,129,327	362,198
Physical environment	350,790	350,790	208,919	141,871
Economic environment	-	-	11,250	(11,250)
Culture and recreation	823,025	828,025	567,810	260,215
Capital outlay	1,186,200	2,127,995	1,228,242	899,753
Debt service				
Principal and interest	210,360	210,360	137,013	73,347
Total expenditures	<u>6,217,450</u>	<u>7,164,245</u>	<u>5,385,071</u>	<u>1,779,174</u>
<b>EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES</b>	(979,215)	(1,921,010)	1,074,104	2,995,114
<b>OTHER FINANCING USES</b>				
Transfers out	-	-	(401,921)	(401,921)
<b>NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE</b>	(979,215)	(1,921,010)	672,183	2,593,193
<b>FUND BALANCE AT BEGINNING OF YEAR, AS PREVIOUSLY REPORTED</b>				
Error correction	-	-	(30,239)	(30,239)
<b>FUND BALANCE AT BEGINNING OF YEAR, AS RESTATED</b>	<u>1,511,615</u>	<u>2,081,135</u>	<u>5,872,779</u>	<u>3,791,644</u>
<b>FUND BALANCE AT END OF YEAR</b>	<u>\$ 532,400</u>	<u>\$ 160,125</u>	<u>\$ 6,544,962</u>	<u>\$ 6,384,837</u>

See notes to the budgetary comparison schedules.

**CITY OF VALPARAISO, FLORIDA  
REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION  
SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE –  
BUDGET AND ACTUAL (UNAUDITED)  
STREETS FUND  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2024**

	<u>Budgeted Amounts</u>		<u>Actual</u>	<b>Variance with Final Budget – Positive (Negative)</b>
	<u>Original</u>	<u>Final</u>		
<b>REVENUES</b>				
Taxes	\$ 286,500	\$ 286,500	\$ 257,927	\$ (28,573)
Intergovernmental	374,215	374,215	346,426	(27,789)
Miscellaneous	1,500	1,500	6,709	5,209
Total revenues	<u>662,215</u>	<u>662,215</u>	<u>611,062</u>	<u>(51,153)</u>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>				
Current				
Transportation	405,620	405,620	321,849	83,771
Capital outlay	237,650	237,650	519,158	(281,508)
Debt service				
Principal and interest	-	-	72,812	(72,812)
Total expenditures	<u>643,270</u>	<u>643,270</u>	<u>913,819</u>	<u>(270,549)</u>
<b>EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES</b>	<u>18,945</u>	<u>18,945</u>	<u>(302,757)</u>	<u>(321,702)</u>
<b>OTHER FINANCING SOURCES</b>				
Transfers in	-	-	359,238	359,238
<b>NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE</b>	18,945	18,945	56,481	37,536
<b>FUND BALANCE AT BEGINNING OF YEAR, AS PREVIOUSLY REPORTED</b>	(18,945)	(18,945)	436,796	455,741
Error correction	-	-	(8,560)	(8,560)
<b>FUND BALANCE AT BEGINNING OF YEAR, AS RESTATED</b>	<u>(18,945)</u>	<u>(18,945)</u>	<u>428,236</u>	<u>447,181</u>
<b>FUND BALANCE AT END OF YEAR</b>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 484,717</u>	<u>\$ 484,717</u>

See notes to the budgetary comparison schedules.

**CITY OF VALPARAISO, FLORIDA  
REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION  
SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE –  
BUDGET AND ACTUAL (UNAUDITED)  
STORMWATER FUND  
FOR THE 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>		
<b>REVENUES</b>				
Intergovernmental	\$ 390,000	\$ 390,000	\$ 344,506	\$ (45,494)
Charges for services	51,000	51,000	51,838	838
Miscellaneous	1,000	1,000	3,883	2,883
Total revenues	<u>442,000</u>	<u>442,000</u>	<u>400,227</u>	<u>(41,773)</u>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>				
Current				
Physical environment	97,680	97,680	43,801	53,879
Capital outlay	<u>356,475</u>	<u>356,475</u>	<u>344,506</u>	<u>11,969</u>
Total expenditures	<u>454,155</u>	<u>454,155</u>	<u>388,307</u>	<u>65,848</u>
<b>NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE</b>	(12,155)	(12,155)	11,920	24,075
<b>FUND BALANCE AT BEGINNING OF YEAR, AS PREVIOUSLY REPORTED</b>	12,155	12,155	282,601	270,446
Error correction	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(12,840)</u>	<u>(12,840)</u>
<b>FUND BALANCE AT BEGINNING OF YEAR, AS RESTATED</b>	<u>12,155</u>	<u>12,155</u>	<u>269,761</u>	<u>257,606</u>
<b>FUND BALANCE AT END OF YEAR</b>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 281,681</u>	<u>\$ 281,681</u>

See notes to the budgetary comparison schedules.

**CITY OF VALPARAISO, FLORIDA  
REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION  
NOTES TO THE BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULES (UNAUDITED)  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2024**

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Annual appropriated budgets are adopted for the General Fund, Streets Fund, Stormwater Fund, and the proprietary funds. The annual budgets for the General Fund, Streets Fund, and Stormwater Fund are adopted using the modified accrual basis of accounting, which is in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) for governmental fund types. Every appropriation, except an appropriation for a multi-year capital project, lapses at the end of the year to the extent it has not been expended or encumbered.

Annual appropriated budgets are adopted by resolution for all governmental and proprietary funds on or before October 1 of each year as required by state statute. However, budgets for proprietary funds are not legally required to be reported on and are not included in these financial statements.

Budgets are amended through a resolution passed by a majority vote of the City Commission at a publicized meeting. The total revenue(s) and/or expenditure(s) must exceed \$5,000 before the amendment will be considered. All budget amounts presented as required supplementary information have been adjusted for legally authorized amendments.

Each fund's appropriated budget is prepared on a detailed line-item basis. Revenues are budgeted by source. Expenditures are budgeted by department and class as follows: personnel services, other services and charges, supplies, capital outlay, transfers, and debt service. Expenditures are not to exceed appropriations at the fund level, which is the City's basis of budgetary control.

**CITY OF VALPARAISO, FLORIDA  
REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION  
SCHEDULE OF PROPORTIONATE SHARE OF NET PENSION LIABILITY (UNAUDITED)  
FLORIDA RETIREMENT SYSTEM  
LAST TEN YEARS**

	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2015</b>
City's proportion of the net pension liability	0.000165238%	0.000157577%	0.000181587%	0.000324310%	0.000362415%	0.000392533%	0.000372639%	0.000352555%	0.000317841%	0.000293381%
City's proportionate share of the net pension liability \$	63,922	\$ 62,789	\$ 67,565	\$ 24,498	\$ 157,076	\$ 135,183	\$ 112,241	\$ 104,284	\$ 80,255	\$ 37,894
City's covered payroll	\$ 56,250	\$ 74,398	\$ 85,181	\$ 115,361	\$ 129,157	\$ 134,277	\$ 125,422	\$ 115,301	\$ 122,530	\$ 89,458
City's proportionate share of the net pension liability as a percentage of its covered payroll	113.64%	84.40%	79.32%	21.24%	121.62%	100.67%	89.49%	90.45%	65.50%	42.36%
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability	83.70%	82.38%	82.89%	96.40%	78.85%	82.61%	84.26%	83.89%	84.88%	92.00%

NOTES:

- The amounts presented for each fiscal year were determined as of June 30<sup>th</sup>.

**CITY OF VALPARAISO, FLORIDA  
REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION  
SCHEDULE OF PROPORTIONATE SHARE OF NET PENSION LIABILITY (UNAUDITED)  
HEALTH INSURANCE SUBSIDY  
LAST TEN YEARS**

	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2015</b>
City's proportion of the net pension liability	0.000132907%	0.000187738%	0.000233614%	0.000325802%	0.000372103%	0.000401405%	0.000383910%	0.000361564%	0.000396859%	0.000388411%
City's proportionate share of the net pension liability	\$ 19,937	\$ 29,815	\$ 24,743	\$ 39,964	\$ 45,433	\$ 44,913	\$ 40,633	\$ 38,660	\$ 46,252	\$ 39,612
City's covered payroll	\$ 56,250	\$ 74,398	\$ 85,181	\$ 115,361	\$ 129,157	\$ 134,277	\$ 125,422	\$ 115,301	\$ 122,530	\$ 89,458
City's proportionate share of the net pension liability as a percentage of its covered payroll	35.44%	40.08%	29.05%	34.64%	35.18%	33.45%	32.40%	33.53%	37.75%	44.28%
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability	4.80%	4.12%	4.81%	3.56%	3.00%	2.63%	2.15%	1.64%	0.97%	0.50%

**NOTES:**

- The amounts presented for each fiscal year were determined as of June 30<sup>th</sup>.

**CITY OF VALPARAISO, FLORIDA  
REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION  
SCHEDULE OF CONTRIBUTIONS (UNAUDITED)  
FLORIDA RETIREMENT SYSTEM  
LAST TEN YEARS**

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>
Contractually required contribution	\$ 10,518	\$ 6,936	\$ 8,117	\$ 10,755	\$ 12,553	\$ 12,259	\$ 10,967	\$ 10,722	\$ 7,056	\$ 8,846
Contributions in relation to the contractually required contribution	<u>(10,518)</u>	<u>(6,936)</u>	<u>(8,117)</u>	<u>(10,755)</u>	<u>(12,553)</u>	<u>(12,259)</u>	<u>(10,967)</u>	<u>(10,722)</u>	<u>(7,056)</u>	<u>(8,846)</u>
Contribution deficiency (excess)	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
City's covered payroll	\$ 56,750	\$ 66,229	\$ 86,566	\$ 105,241	\$ 128,133	\$ 134,217	\$ 127,349	\$ 128,113	\$ 109,277	\$ 119,940
Contributions as a percentage of covered-employee payroll	18.53%	10.47%	9.38%	10.22%	9.80%	9.13%	8.61%	8.37%	6.46%	7.38%

NOTES:

- The amounts presented for each fiscal year were determined as of September 30<sup>th</sup>.

**CITY OF VALPARAISO, FLORIDA  
REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION  
SCHEDULE OF CONTRIBUTIONS (UNAUDITED)  
HEALTH INSURANCE SUBSIDY  
LAST TEN YEARS**

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>
Contractually required contribution	\$ 1,135	\$ 1,147	\$ 1,437	\$ 1,747	\$ 2,127	\$ 2,228	\$ 2,114	\$ 2,127	\$ 1,814	\$ 1,991
Contributions in relation to the contractually required contribution	<u>(1,135)</u>	<u>(1,147)</u>	<u>(1,437)</u>	<u>(1,747)</u>	<u>(2,127)</u>	<u>(2,228)</u>	<u>(2,114)</u>	<u>(2,127)</u>	<u>(1,814)</u>	<u>(1,991)</u>
Contribution deficiency (excess)	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
City's covered payroll	\$ 56,750	\$ 66,229	\$ 86,566	\$ 105,241	\$ 128,133	\$ 134,217	\$ 127,349	\$ 128,113	\$ 109,277	\$ 119,940
Contributions as a percentage of covered-employee payroll	2.00%	1.73%	1.66%	1.66%	1.66%	1.66%	1.66%	1.66%	1.66%	1.66%

NOTES:

- The amounts presented for each fiscal year were determined as of September 30<sup>th</sup>.

**CITY OF VALPARAISO, FLORIDA  
REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION  
SCHEDULE OF CHANGES IN NET PENSION LIABILITY  
AND RELATED RATIOS (UNAUDITED)  
PUBLIC SAFETY PENSION PLAN  
LAST TEN YEARS**

Measurement Date	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
<b>Total Pension Liability</b>										
Service cost	\$ 245,330	\$ 188,381	\$ 124,695	\$ 136,198	\$ 124,018	\$ 141,025	\$ 140,605	\$ 134,635	\$ 123,530	\$ 99,473
Interest	219,082	193,183	179,506	166,819	160,272	146,089	137,846	117,428	100,326	89,976
Differences between expected and actual experience	149,425	27,544	(84,757)	25,265	(147,982)	523	(127,361)	(24,617)	42,204	(34,250)
Changes of assumptions	-	-	-	(75,001)	-	-	-	90,444	-	-
Benefit payments, including refunds of employee contributions	(92,817)	(91,381)	(82,272)	(59,578)	(52,468)	(62,891)	(30,466)	(30,016)	(30,039)	(29,141)
<b>Net change in total pension liability</b>	<b>521,020</b>	<b>317,727</b>	<b>137,172</b>	<b>193,703</b>	<b>83,840</b>	<b>224,746</b>	<b>120,624</b>	<b>287,874</b>	<b>236,021</b>	<b>126,058</b>
<b>Total pension liability – beginning</b>	<b>2,944,825</b>	<b>2,627,098</b>	<b>2,489,926</b>	<b>2,296,223</b>	<b>2,212,383</b>	<b>1,987,637</b>	<b>1,867,013</b>	<b>1,579,139</b>	<b>1,343,118</b>	<b>1,217,060</b>
<b>Total pension liability – ending (a)</b>	<b>\$ 3,465,845</b>	<b>\$ 2,944,825</b>	<b>\$ 2,627,098</b>	<b>\$ 2,489,926</b>	<b>\$ 2,296,223</b>	<b>\$ 2,212,383</b>	<b>\$ 1,987,637</b>	<b>\$ 1,867,013</b>	<b>\$ 1,579,139</b>	<b>\$ 1,343,118</b>
<b>Plan Fiduciary Net Position</b>										
Contributions – employer	\$ 150,692	\$ 166,857	\$ 114,659	\$ 108,555	\$ 106,773	\$ 97,787	\$ 84,921	\$ 99,862	\$ 166,749	\$ 153,593
Contributions – employee	16,391	16,283	11,051	11,486	10,392	9,980	11,218	10,283	10,430	10,255
Interest	271,716	246,327	279,109	231,990	214,506	200,835	184,080	158,634	140,129	131,153
Net investment income	488,866	48,905	(801,012)	402,312	(15,332)	(48,826)	10,972	142,461	19,983	(133,786)
Benefit payments, including refunds of employee contributions	(92,817)	(91,381)	(82,272)	(59,578)	(52,468)	(62,891)	(30,466)	(30,016)	(30,039)	(29,141)
Administrative expenses	(17,928)	(13,531)	(13,663)	(12,883)	(11,178)	(11,467)	(10,838)	(10,394)	(9,521)	(10,374)
<b>Net change in plan fiduciary net position</b>	<b>816,920</b>	<b>373,460</b>	<b>(492,128)</b>	<b>681,882</b>	<b>252,693</b>	<b>185,418</b>	<b>249,887</b>	<b>370,830</b>	<b>297,731</b>	<b>121,700</b>
<b>Plan fiduciary net position – beginning</b>	<b>3,853,968</b>	<b>3,480,508</b>	<b>3,972,636</b>	<b>3,290,754</b>	<b>3,038,061</b>	<b>2,852,643</b>	<b>2,602,756</b>	<b>2,231,926</b>	<b>1,934,195</b>	<b>1,812,495</b>
<b>Plan fiduciary net position – ending (b)</b>	<b>\$ 4,670,888</b>	<b>\$ 3,853,968</b>	<b>\$ 3,480,508</b>	<b>\$ 3,972,636</b>	<b>\$ 3,290,754</b>	<b>\$ 3,038,061</b>	<b>\$ 2,852,643</b>	<b>\$ 2,602,756</b>	<b>\$ 2,231,926</b>	<b>\$ 1,934,195</b>
<b>Net pension liability (asset) – ending (a) – (b)</b>	<b>\$ (1,205,043)</b>	<b>\$ (909,143)</b>	<b>\$ (853,410)</b>	<b>\$ (1,482,710)</b>	<b>\$ (994,531)</b>	<b>\$ (825,678)</b>	<b>\$ (865,006)</b>	<b>\$ (735,743)</b>	<b>\$ (652,787)</b>	<b>\$ (591,077)</b>
<b>Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability (asset)</b>	<b>134.77%</b>	<b>130.87%</b>	<b>132.48%</b>	<b>159.55%</b>	<b>143.31%</b>	<b>137.32%</b>	<b>143.52%</b>	<b>139.41%</b>	<b>141.34%</b>	<b>144.01%</b>
<b>Covered payroll</b>	<b>\$ 704,455</b>	<b>\$ 566,810</b>	<b>\$ 444,976</b>	<b>\$ 429,503</b>	<b>\$ 376,973</b>	<b>\$ 431,944</b>	<b>\$ 430,057</b>	<b>\$ 417,258</b>	<b>\$ 405,994</b>	<b>\$ 339,428</b>
<b>Net pension liability (asset) as a percentage of covered payroll</b>	<b>-171.06%</b>	<b>-160.40%</b>	<b>-191.79%</b>	<b>-345.22%</b>	<b>-263.82%</b>	<b>-191.15%</b>	<b>-201.14%</b>	<b>-176.33%</b>	<b>-160.79%</b>	<b>-174.14%</b>

NOTES:

- For the 2024 measurement date, the City began using the PUB-2010 based mortality tables using Scale MP-2021, as mandated by State law.

**CITY OF VALPARAISO, FLORIDA  
REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION  
SCHEDULE OF CONTRIBUTIONS (UNAUDITED)  
PUBLIC SAFETY PENSION PLAN  
LAST TEN YEARS**

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>
Actuarially determined contribution	\$ 236,526	\$ 202,241	\$ -	\$ 82,823	\$ 82,455	\$ 86,629	\$ 110,221	\$ 100,519	\$ 94,181	\$ 65,067
Contributions in relation to the actuarially determined contributions	<u>150,692</u>	<u>166,857</u>	<u>114,659</u>	<u>108,555</u>	<u>106,773</u>	<u>97,787</u>	<u>84,921</u>	<u>99,862</u>	<u>166,749</u>	<u>153,593</u>
<b>Contribution deficiency (excess)</b>	<u><u>\$ 85,834</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 35,384</u></u>	<u><u>\$ (114,659)</u></u>	<u><u>\$ (25,732)</u></u>	<u><u>\$ (24,318)</u></u>	<u><u>\$ (11,158)</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 25,300</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 657</u></u>	<u><u>\$ (72,568)</u></u>	<u><u>\$ (88,526)</u></u>
<b>Covered payroll</b>	\$ 704,455	\$ 566,810	\$ 444,976	\$ 429,503	\$ 376,973	\$ 431,944	\$ 430,057	\$ 417,258	\$ 405,994	\$ 339,428
<b>Contributions as a percentage of covered payroll</b>	21.39%	29.44%	25.77%	25.27%	28.32%	22.64%	19.75%	23.93%	41.07%	45.25%

See notes to the schedule of contributions.

**CITY OF VALPARAISO, FLORIDA  
REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION  
NOTES TO THE SCHEDULE OF CONTRIBUTIONS (UNAUDITED)  
PUBLIC SAFETY PENSION PLAN**

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**Valuation Date:** October 1, 2023

**Methods and Assumptions Used to Determine Contribution Rates:**

Actuarial cost method: Aggregate Cost Method

Financing of unfunded

actuarial accrued  
liabilities:

Under this actuarial cost method, a funding cost is developed for the plan as a level percentage of payroll. The level funding percentage is calculated as the excess of the total future benefit liability over accumulated assets and future employee contributions, with this excess spread over the expected future payroll for current active participants. The normal cost is equal to the level funding percentage multiplied by the expected payroll for the year immediately following the valuation date. The actuarial accrued liability is equal to the accumulated assets. Therefore, under the aggregate cost method, no unfunded accrued liability is developed.

Discount rate: 7.00% per year

Wage inflation rate: 2.62% per year

Salary increases: 4.50% per year

**Mortality:**

For non-retired participants, PUB-2010 Headcount-Weighted Employee Mortality Table for public safety employees, with full generational improvements in mortality using Scale MP-2018 and with ages set forward one year

For retirees, PUB-2010 Headcount-Weighted Retiree Mortality Tables with sex distinct rates with full generational improvements in mortality using Scale MP-2018 and with ages set forward one year

**Retirement:** Retirement is assumed to occur at normal retirement age

Non-investment  
expenses:

2.25% of covered payroll

**Future contributions:** Contributions from the employer and employees are assumed to be made as legally required

**Previous contributions:** For the 2022 plan year there were no contributions required per the actuarial evaluation

**CITY OF VALPARAISO, FLORIDA  
 REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION  
 SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENT RETURNS (UNAUDITED)  
 LAST TEN YEARS**

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	<u>9/30/2024</u>	<u>9/30/2023</u>	<u>9/30/2022</u>	<u>9/30/2021</u>	<u>9/30/2020</u>	<u>9/30/2019</u>	<u>9/30/2018</u>	<u>9/30/2017</u>	<u>9/30/2016</u>	<u>9/30/2015</u>
<b>Public Safety Pension Plan</b>										
Annual Money-Weighted Rate of										
Return Net of Investment Expense	7.97%	1.19%	-1.60%	2.30%	0.91%	0.72%	1.08%	2.51%	1.21%	-2.44%

## **COMPLIANCE SECTION**

**INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT ON COMPLIANCE FOR THE U.S. DEPARTMENT  
OF TREASURY CORONAVIRUS STATE AND LOCAL FISCAL RECOVERY FUNDS  
PROGRAM (CSLFRF) REQUIREMENTS FOR AN ALTERNATIVE CSLFRF  
COMPLIANCE EXAMINATION ENGAGEMENT**

To the Honorable Mayor and  
Members of the City Commission

We have examined the City of Valparaiso, Florida's (the City) compliance with the compliance requirements "activities allowed or unallowed" and "allowable cost/cost principles" (the specified requirements) as described in Part IV "Requirements for an Alternative Compliance Examination Engagement for Recipients That Would Otherwise be Required to Undergo a Single Audit or Program-Specific Audit as a Result of Receiving Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds" of the CSLFRF section of the 2024 OMB Compliance Supplement during the year ended September 30, 2024.

Management is responsible for the City's compliance with the 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; the standards applicable to attestation engagements contained in Government Auditing Standards, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States; and the "Requirements for an Alternative Compliance Examination Engagement." Those standards and requirements 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. 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 judgement, including the 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.

We are required to be independent of the City and to meet our ethical responsibilities in accordance with relevant ethical requirements relating to the examination engagement.

Our examination does not provide a legal determination of the City's compliance with specified requirements.

In our opinion, the City complied, in all material respects, with the specified requirements for the year ended September 30, 2024.

**Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards**

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we are required to report all deficiencies that are considered to be significant deficiencies or material weaknesses in internal control, fraud, and noncompliance with provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, or grant agreements that have a material effect on the City's compliance with the specified requirements and any other instances that warrant the attention of those charged with governance. We are also required to obtain and report the views of responsible officials concerning the findings, conclusions and recommendations, as well as any planned corrective actions. We performed our examination to express an opinion on the City's compliance with the specified requirements and not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the internal control over the specified requirements or on compliance and other matters; accordingly, we express no such opinions. The results of our tests disclosed no matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

**Intended Purpose**

The purpose of this examination report is solely to express an opinion on whether the City complied, in all material respects, with the specified requirements referenced above during the year ended September 30, 2024. Accordingly, this report is not suitable for any other purpose.

*Warren Averett, LLC*

Fort Walton Beach, Florida  
June 26, 2025

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

To the Honorable Mayor and  
Members of the City Commission

We have audited, in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the City of Valparaiso, Florida (the City), as of and for the 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 June 26, 2025.

**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 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. We identified a deficiency in internal control, described in the accompanying schedule of findings and responses as item #2024-001 that we consider to be a material weakness.

**Report on Compliance and Other Matters**

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

**City of Valparaiso, Florida's Response to Findings**

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

**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.



Fort Walton Beach, Florida  
June 26, 2025

**CITY OF VALPARAISO, FLORIDA  
 SCHEDULE OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES OF FUNDS  
 RELATED TO THE *DEEPWATER HORIZON* OIL SPILL  
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2024**

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	<b>Amounts Received in the 2023-2024 Fiscal Year</b>	<b>Amounts Expended in the 2023-2024 Fiscal Year</b>
Source:		
Natural Resource Damage Assessment – <i>Deepwater Horizon</i> Oil Spill (NRDA-DWH)	\$ 379,500	\$ 82,515

See independent auditors' report.

**INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT ON THE SCHEDULE OF  
RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES OF FUNDS RELATED  
TO THE *DEEPWATER HORIZON* OIL SPILL**

To the Honorable Mayor and  
Members of the City Commission  
City of Valparaiso, Florida

We have audited the financial statements of the City of Valparaiso, Florida (the City) as of and for the year ended September 30, 2024, and have issued our report thereon dated June 26, 2025, which contained an unmodified opinion on those financial statements. Our audit was performed for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statements as a whole.

The Schedule of Receipts and Expenditures of Funds related to the *Deepwater Horizon* Oil Spill is presented for the purpose of additional analysis as required by Chapter 288.8018, Florida Statutes, and the Chapter 10.557(3)(f), *Rules of the Auditor General*, and is not a required part of the 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 financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America.

In our opinion, the information is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the financial statements as a whole.



Fort Walton Beach, Florida  
June 26, 2025

**INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT ON AN EXAMINATION OF  
COMPLIANCE REQUIREMENTS IN ACCORDANCE WITH CHAPTER 10.550,  
RULES OF THE AUDITOR GENERAL**

To the Honorable Mayor and  
Members of the City Commission

We have examined the City of Valparaiso, Florida's (the City's) compliance with the following requirements for the year ended September 30, 2024:

- Section 218.415, Florida Statutes, in regard to investments.
- Section 218.8018, Florida Statutes, in regard to *Deepwater Horizon* oil spill receipts and expenditures.

Management is responsible for the City's compliance with those requirements. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the City's compliance 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. 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 judgement, including the 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.

We are required to be independent of the City and to meet our ethical responsibilities in accordance with relevant ethical requirements relating to the examination engagement.

Our examination does not provide a legal determination of the City's compliance with specified requirements.

In our opinion, the City complied, in all material respects, with the specified requirements for the year ended September 30, 2024.

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



Fort Walton Beach, Florida  
June 26, 2025

**CITY OF VALPARAISO, FLORIDA  
SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND RESPONSES  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2024**

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**FINDING #2024-001 – ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE MANAGEMENT**

*Criteria*

The City's internal control over financial reporting should be designed to allow for management and employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, material misstatements on a timely basis.

*Condition*

The allocation of accounts receivables for program revenues and utility service taxes per the City's aging schedule to specific opinion units was inconsistent with the City's classification policy for assigning revenues to specific functions.

*Cause*

The City's accounting software does not have the functionality to provide an accounts receivable aging schedule that can be segregated by service type or billing code. In addition, accounts receivable for the Communications Fund are tracked in a separate software application outside the accounts receivable module in the City's accounting software. The City's policy for allocating accounts receivable and revenues to individual funds is not consistent with the underlying activity for each function.

*Effect*

There were material misstatements for revenue and receivables reported for multiple funds as of and for the year ended September 30, 2023. The City restated its beginning fund balance and net position to correct the error, which is described in Note 17 to the basic financial statements.

*Recommendation*

Management should review its policies and procedures for allocating accounts receivable to specific functions. Such policies should ensure that accounts receivable recorded in each fund represent valid claims against customers for transactions arising on or before the financial statement date and have been reduced to their estimated net realizable value. These controls should clearly outline the roles and responsibilities of City staff and provide for review and approval by management or other personnel that possess the skills, knowledge, or experience, to ensure accurate identification and reporting of service revenues and accounts receivable.

*Management's Response*

Management will review and update its existing policies and procedures for allocating accounts receivable to specific functions in a manner that accurately reflects the underlying transactions occurring in each fund.

## MANAGEMENT LETTER

To the Honorable Mayor and  
Members of the City Commission  
City of Valparaiso, Florida

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

We have audited the financial statements of the City of Valparaiso, Florida (the City), as of and for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2024, and have issued our report thereon dated June 26, 2025.

### **Auditors' Responsibility**

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 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 Financial Statements Performed in Accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*; and Independent Accountants' 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 these reports, which are dated June 26, 2025, 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 report. There were no findings or recommendations made in the preceding annual financial report.

### **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. The official title and legal authority for the City and the Valparaiso Cable Authority has been disclosed in Note 1 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.

Section 10.554(1)(i)2., *Rules of Auditor General*, requires that we communicate any recommendations to improve financial management. In connection with our audit, we identified no recommendations to improve financial management other than those discussed in the schedule of findings and responses.

### **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 City's geographical boundaries during the fiscal year under audit.

### **Special District Component Units**

Section 10.554(1)(i)5.c., *Rules of the Auditor General*, requires, if appropriate, that we communicate the failure of a special district that is a component unit of a county, municipality or special district, to provide the financial information necessary for proper reporting of the component unit within the audited financial statements of the county, municipality or special district in accordance with Section 218.39(3)(b), Florida Statutes. In connection with our audit, we did not note any special district component units that failed to provide the necessary information for proper reporting in accordance with Section 218.39(3)(b), Florida Statutes.

### **Specific Information**

As required by Section 218.39(3)(c), Florida Statutes, and Section 10.554(1)(i)6., *Rules of the Auditor General*, the Valparaiso Cable Authority (the VCA) reported:

- a) The total number of VCA employees compensated in the last pay period of the VCA's fiscal year as 5.
- b) The total number of independent contractors to whom nonemployee compensation was paid in the last month of the VCA's fiscal year as 1.
- c) All compensation earned by or awarded to employees, whether paid or accrued, regardless of contingency as \$269,295.
- d) All compensation earned by or awarded to nonemployee independent contractors, whether paid or accrued, regardless of contingency as \$54,289.
- e) No construction projects with a total cost of at least \$65,000 approved by the VCA that is scheduled to begin on or after October 1 of the fiscal year being reported.
- f) No budget variances or amendments based on the budget adopted under Section 189.016(4), Florida Statutes, before the beginning of the fiscal year being reported.

The specific information reported in the previous paragraph has not been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements, and accordingly, we do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on it.

**Additional Matters**

Section 10.554(1)(i)3., *Rules of 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, the mayor and members of the City Commission, and applicable management, and is not intended to be, and should not be, used by anyone other than these specified parties.

We greatly appreciate the assistance and cooperation extended to us during our audit.



Fort Walton Beach, Florida  
June 26, 2025