

CITY OF BUFORD, GEORGIA
AUDITED BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2021

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

**The Honorable Members of the Board of Commissioners
City of Buford, Georgia**

REPORT ON THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, the discretely presented component units, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the City of Buford, Georgia (the "City") as of and for the year ended June 30, 2021, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the City's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

MANAGEMENT'S RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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

AUDITOR'S RESPONSIBILITY

Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audit. We did not audit the financial statements of the City of Buford Board of Education, which represent 100% of the assets, net position, revenues, and expenses of the discretely presented component unit. Those financial statements were audited by other auditors whose report has been furnished to us, and our opinion, insofar as it relates to the amounts included for the City of Buford Board of Education, is based solely on the report of the other auditors. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

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

Honorable Members of the Board of Commissioners
City of Buford, Georgia

OPINIONS

In our opinion, based on our audit and the report of other auditors, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, the discretely presented component units, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the City of Buford, Georgia, as of June 30, 2021, and the respective changes in financial position and where applicable, cash flows thereof, and the respective budgetary comparison for the General Fund, thereof for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

OTHER MATTERS

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis on pages 4 through 12, the City of Buford Retirement Plan on pages 63-66 and the City of Buford Other Postemployment Benefit Plan on pages 67-68 be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

Other Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the City of Buford, Georgia's basic financial statements. The accompanying supplementary information which consists of the combining and individual nonmajor fund financial statements, budgetary comparison schedules, combining fiduciary fund financial statements, and Schedule of Projects Constructed and Expenditures Incurred with Special Sales Tax Proceeds are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements. The schedule of expenditures of federal awards is presented to purposes of additional analysis as required by Title 2 U.S. *Code of Federal Regulations* Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards*, and is also not a required part of the basic financial statements.

The combining nonmajor and individual fund financial statements, budgetary comparison schedules, combining fiduciary fund financial statements, Schedule of Projects Constructed and Expenditures Incurred with Special Sales Tax Proceeds, and schedule of expenditures of federal awards are the responsibility of management and were derived from and relate directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the combining and individual nonmajor fund financial statements, budgetary comparison schedules, combining fiduciary fund financial statements, Schedule of Projects Constructed and Expenditures Incurred with Special Sales Tax Proceeds, and schedule of expenditures of federal awards are fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

To the Board of Commissioners
City of Buford, Georgia

OTHER REPORTING REQUIRED BY GOVERNMENTAL AUDITING STANDARDS

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated December 22, 2021, on our consideration of the City of Buford, Georgia's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the City of Buford, Georgia's internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the City of Buford, Georgia's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Wilcox & Bivings, P.C.

Suwanee, Georgia
December 22, 2021

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS-UNAUDITED

**CITY OF BUFORD, GEORGIA
MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS-UNAUDITED
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2021**

Management of the City of Buford, Georgia (the "City") provides this Management Discussion and Analysis, as prescribed by the provisions of Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement 34 (GASB 34). This narrative overview and analysis of the City's financial activities is for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2021. Please consider this information in conjunction with the City's financial statements, which follow.

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

- The assets of the City exceeded its liabilities at the close of the fiscal year ended June 30, 2021 by \$208,672,281 ("net position"). Of this amount, \$36,827,532, was reported as "unrestricted net position". \$159,572,050 of net position consisted of net investment in capital assets. The remainder of net position consisted of amounts restricted by law, contracts, donors or debt agreements. \$11,546,493 was restricted for capital projects to be financed by SPLOST funds, \$102,802 was restricted for debt service of the 2010, 2015, and 2017 General Obligation Bonds, and \$623,404 was restricted for Education.
- The City's total net position increased by \$23,697,643 in the fiscal year ended June 30, 2021.
- As of the close of the current fiscal year ended June 30, 2021, the City's governmental funds reported combined ending fund balances of \$24,376,536. 47.14% of this total amount, \$11,489,896 is available for use within the City's policies ("unassigned fund balances").
- At the end of the current fiscal year, unassigned fund balance for the general fund was \$11,489,896 or 20.41% of total general fund expenditures.

OVERVIEW OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

This discussion and analysis is intended to serve as an introduction to the City's basic financial statements. The City's basic financial statements are comprised of three components: 1) government-wide financial statements, 2) fund financial statements, and 3) notes to the financial statements. The report also contains other supplemental information in addition to the basic financial statements themselves.

Government-wide financial statements

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

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

The statement of activities presents information showing how the City's net position changed during the fiscal year. All changes in net position are reported when the underlying event giving rise to the change occurs, regardless of the timing of related cash flows. Thus, revenues and expenses are reported in this statement for some items that will only result in cash flows in future fiscal periods, such as uncollected property taxes and earned and unused compensated absences.

Both of the government-wide financial statements distinguish functions of the City that are principally supported by taxes and intergovernmental revenues ("governmental activities") from functions that are intended to recover all or a significant portion of their costs through user fees and charges ("business-type activities").

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

OVERVIEW OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - CONTINUED

Fund financial statements

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

Governmental Funds

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

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

The City maintains fifteen governmental funds. Information is presented separately in the governmental fund balance sheet and in the governmental fund statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balances for the General Fund which is considered to be a major fund. Data from the other fourteen funds are combined into a single, aggregated presentation, Individual fund data for each of these non-major governmental funds is provided in the form of combining statements elsewhere in this report.

The basic governmental fund financial statements can be found on pages 15 to 19 of this reporting package.

Proprietary Funds

The City maintains one type of proprietary fund. Enterprise funds are used to report the same functions presented as business-type activities in the government-wide financial statements. The City uses enterprise funds to account for its gas, electric, solid waste and recycling, wastewater and water operations (Utilities Fund) and to account for the operations of the Buford Community Center Fund. Proprietary funds provide the same type of information as the government-wide financial statements, only in more detail. The Utilities Fund is considered a major fund of the City. The basic proprietary funds financial statements can be found on pages 20 to 23 of this reporting package.

Fiduciary Funds

The City maintains three fiduciary funds consisting of custodial funds related to the Buford Board of Education SPLOST funds from Gwinnett and Hall Counties. The basic fiduciary fund financial statements can be found on pages 24 to 25 of this reporting package.

Notes to the Basic Financial Statements

The notes provide additional information that is essential to a full understanding of the data provided in the government-wide and fund financial statements. The notes to the basic financial statements can be found on pages 26 to 62 of this reporting package.

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OVERVIEW OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - CONTINUED

Supplementary Information Required or Recommended by GASB 34

Supplementary information required by GASB 34 consisting of pension and OPEB disclosures, combining nonmajor governmental funds, schedules of budget to actual for nonmajor governmental funds and a statement of changes in assets and liabilities for the agency funds can be found on pages 63 to 92 of this reporting package.

The Single Audit Section

Reporting and schedules required by *Government Auditing Standards* and the Single Audit can be found on pages 93 to 101 of this reporting package.

Schedule Required by the State of Georgia

The schedule required by the State of Georgia relating to SPLOST expenditures can be found on page 102 of this reporting package.

GOVERNMENT-WIDE FINANCIAL ANALYSIS

As noted earlier, net position may serve over time as a useful indicator of government's financial position. In the case of the City of Buford, assets exceeded liabilities by \$208,672,281 as of June 30, 2021.

The largest portion of the City's net position, totaling \$159,572,050 (76.47%) reflects its investments in capital assets (such as land, buildings and improvements, furniture, machinery and equipment, computer equipment, vehicles, utility systems and infrastructure); less any related debt used to acquire those assets that are still outstanding. The City uses these capital assets to provide services to citizens; consequently, these assets are not available for future spending. Although the City's investment in its capital assets is reported net of related debt, it should be noted that the resources needed to repay this debt must be provided from other sources, since the capital assets themselves cannot be used to liquidate these liabilities.

An additional portion of the City's net position, totaling \$12,272,699 (5.88%) represents resources that are subject to external restrictions on how they may be used. The remaining balance of unrestricted net position of \$36,827,532 (17.65%) may be used to meet the government's ongoing obligations to citizens and creditors.

The property tax rate decreased to 12.65 mills from 12.70 for the tax year billed in 2020 and payable in the fiscal year ending June 30, 2021.

At June 30, 2021, the governmental activities of the City had positive balances in net investment in capital assets of \$99,128,653, in restricted assets totaling \$12,272,699, and in unrestricted net position of \$2,524,599. At June 30, 2020, the governmental activities of the City had positive balances in net investment in capital assets of \$90,312,068 and in restricted assets totaling \$12,140,877, and a negative balance in unrestricted net position of \$(4,487,535).

The unrestricted net position of business-type activities had a positive balance of \$34,302,933 as of June 30, 2021, and a positive balance of \$27,139,829 as of June 30, 2020.

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GOVERNMENT-WIDE FINANCIAL ANALYSIS - CONTINUED

CITY OF BUFORD, GEORGIA'S CONDENSED NET POSITION

	<u>Governmental Activities</u>		<u>Business-Type Activities</u>		<u>Total - Primary Government</u>	
	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
Current and other assets	\$ 85,869,242	\$ 81,698,423	\$ 75,925,691	\$ 46,463,608	\$ 161,794,933	\$ 128,162,031
Capital assets	<u>103,131,889</u>	<u>94,815,304</u>	<u>61,652,389</u>	<u>59,869,399</u>	<u>164,784,278</u>	<u>154,684,703</u>
Total assets	<u>189,001,131</u>	<u>176,513,727</u>	<u>137,578,080</u>	<u>106,333,007</u>	<u>326,579,211</u>	<u>282,846,734</u>
Deferred outflows of resources	<u>3,326,592</u>	<u>2,756,423</u>	<u>3,058,421</u>	<u>2,348,063</u>	<u>6,385,013</u>	<u>5,104,486</u>
Noncurrent liabilities	72,651,212	73,489,474	37,390,669	16,296,894	110,041,881	89,786,368
Other liabilities	<u>4,596,676</u>	<u>6,765,173</u>	<u>7,561,858</u>	<u>4,609,816</u>	<u>12,158,534</u>	<u>11,374,989</u>
Total liabilities	<u>77,247,888</u>	<u>80,254,647</u>	<u>44,952,527</u>	<u>20,906,710</u>	<u>122,200,415</u>	<u>101,161,357</u>
Deferred inflows of resources	<u>1,153,884</u>	<u>1,050,093</u>	<u>937,644</u>	<u>765,132</u>	<u>2,091,528</u>	<u>1,815,225</u>
Net position:						
Net investment in capital assets	99,128,653	90,312,068	60,443,397	59,869,399	159,572,050	150,181,467
Restricted	12,272,699	12,140,877	-	-	12,272,699	12,140,877
Unrestricted	<u>2,524,599</u>	<u>(4,487,535)</u>	<u>34,302,933</u>	<u>27,139,829</u>	<u>36,827,532</u>	<u>22,652,294</u>
Total net position	\$ <u>113,925,951</u>	\$ <u>97,965,410</u>	\$ <u>94,746,330</u>	\$ <u>87,009,228</u>	\$ <u>208,672,281</u>	\$ <u>184,974,638</u>

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GOVERNMENT-WIDE FINANCIAL ANALYSIS - CONTINUED

Analysis of the City's Operations

The following table provides a summary of the City's operations for the year ended June 30, 2021 and June 30, 2020. Governmental activities increased the City's net position by \$15,960,541 for the year ended June 30, 2021 and increased net position by \$9,386,309 for the year ended June 30, 2020. Business-type activities increased the City's net position by \$7,737,102 for the year ended June 30, 2021 and increased net position by \$309,440 for the year ended June 30, 2020.

CITY OF BUFORD, GEORGIA'S CHANGES IN NET POSITION

	<u>Governmental Activities</u>		<u>Business-Type Activities</u>		<u>Total-Primary Government</u>	
	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
Revenues:						
Program revenues:						
Charges for services	\$ 1,731,377	\$ 1,389,553	\$ 83,571,897	\$ 75,666,756	\$ 85,303,274	\$ 77,056,309
Capital grants and Contributions	5,680,205	2,462,182	1,152,900	567,700	6,833,105	3,029,882
Operating grants and Contributions	4,019,606	2,624,220	-	-	4,019,606	2,624,220
General revenues:						
Taxes	27,672,920	23,746,449	-	-	27,672,920	23,746,449
Franchise fees	1,025,254	1,030,883	-	-	1,025,254	1,030,883
Investment income	96,305	113,578	252,818	543,336	349,123	656,914
Gain (loss) on sale of assets	80,000	121	-	-	80,000	121
Miscellaneous	<u>166,316</u>	<u>229,155</u>	<u>1,613,190</u>	<u>2,073,227</u>	<u>1,779,506</u>	<u>2,302,382</u>
Total revenues	<u>40,471,983</u>	<u>31,596,141</u>	<u>86,590,805</u>	<u>78,851,019</u>	<u>127,062,788</u>	<u>110,447,160</u>
Expenses:						
General government	4,386,586	5,001,974	-	-	4,386,586	5,001,974
Public safety	599,932	670,866	-	-	599,932	670,866
Public services	9,887,761	10,752,477	-	-	9,887,761	10,752,477
Board of Education	31,304,378	32,277,283	-	-	31,304,378	32,277,283
Downtown development	1,602,475	558,106	-	-	1,602,475	558,106
Debt service	2,547,448	2,565,380	-	-	2,547,448	2,565,380
Gas system	-	-	21,403,120	20,818,379	21,403,120	20,818,379
Electric system	-	-	17,683,685	16,082,134	17,683,685	16,082,134
Solid waste and recycling	-	-	4,726,760	4,228,311	4,726,760	4,228,311
Wastewater system	-	-	4,252,106	4,339,806	4,252,106	4,339,806
Water system	-	-	3,283,412	2,663,921	3,283,412	2,663,921
Utilities Fund - Nondivisional	-	-	670,501	272,871	670,501	272,871
Community Center	-	-	<u>1,016,981</u>	<u>1,435,203</u>	<u>1,016,981</u>	<u>1,435,203</u>
Total expenses	<u>50,328,580</u>	<u>51,826,086</u>	<u>53,036,565</u>	<u>49,840,625</u>	<u>103,365,145</u>	<u>101,666,711</u>
Excess (deficiency) in net position before contributions and transfers	(9,856,597)	(20,229,945)	33,554,240	29,010,394	23,697,643	8,780,449
Contributions	-	915,300	-	-	-	915,300
Transfers - internal	<u>25,817,138</u>	<u>28,700,954</u>	<u>(25,817,138)</u>	<u>(28,700,954)</u>	-	-
Change in net position	15,960,541	9,386,309	7,737,102	309,440	23,697,643	9,695,749
Net position – July 1	<u>97,965,410</u>	<u>88,579,101</u>	<u>87,009,228</u>	<u>86,699,788</u>	<u>184,974,638</u>	<u>175,278,889</u>
Net position – June 30	\$ <u>113,925,951</u>	\$ <u>97,965,410</u>	\$ <u>94,746,330</u>	\$ <u>87,009,228</u>	\$ <u>208,672,281</u>	\$ <u>184,974,638</u>

**CITY OF BUFORD, GEORGIA
MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS-UNAUDITED
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FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OF THE GOVERNMENT'S FUNDS

Governmental funds

The focus of the City's governmental funds is to provide information on near-term inflows, outflows, and balances of spendable resources. Such information is useful in assessing the City's financing requirements. In particular, unassigned fund balance may serve as a useful measure of a government's net resources available for spending at the end of the fiscal year.

At the end of the current fiscal year, the City's governmental funds reported combined ending fund balances of \$24,376,536. Of this amount, \$12,273,403 (50.35%) of this total is restricted due to external limitations on its use. These uses include 1) capital projects funded by the 2017 General Obligation Bonds \$704 and SPLOST funds \$11,546,493, 2) debt service related to the 2010 GOB Bond \$65,372, 2015 GOB Bond \$7,200, and 2017 GOB Bond \$30,230, and 3) education purposes \$623,404. \$613,237 (2.52%) of fund balances is considered unspendable because it has been used for prepaid items. \$11,489,896 (47.13%) constitutes unassigned fund balance.

The General Fund is the main operating fund of the City. At the end of the current fiscal year, unassigned fund balance of the General Fund was \$11,489,896, and total fund balance was \$12,407,056. As a measure of the General Fund's liquidity, it may be useful to compare both unassigned fund balance and total fund balance to the fund's total operational expenditures. Unassigned fund balance represents 20.41% of total expenditures, while total fund balance represents 22.04% of that same amount.

The General Fund's fund balance increased by \$7,687,341 during the current fiscal year. Key factors are as follows:

- Total revenues increased by \$9,782,981. Components of this increase included an increase in property tax revenues of \$3,786,286 due to increases in real property valuations; and an increase in intergovernmental revenues of \$5,299,164 due to an increase in operating and capital grant revenue and intergovernmental revenues received from component units.
- Total expenditures were relatively flat from the prior year as they increased by \$28,367. Components of this increase included a decrease in general governmental expenditures of \$2,359,978 due to a decrease in capital expenditures for construction projects and property purchases; and an increase in intergovernmental expenditures to the Buford Board of Education of \$1,626,282.
- Other financing sources increased by \$5,945,777 due primarily to a decrease in transfers out of \$6,404,347.

Proprietary funds

The City's proprietary funds statements provide the same type of information found in the government-wide financial statements, but in more detail. Unrestricted net position of the proprietary funds was \$34,302,933, primarily represented by unrestricted net position of \$34,358,457 from the Utilities Fund. The funds had an overall net increase in fund net position of \$7,737,102, represented primarily by an increase in Utilities Fund net position of \$7,753,857.

General Fund Budgetary Highlights

The City made revisions to the original budgeted expenditures as necessary during the year, as approved by the City Commission, including amending the budget in order to equal actual expenditures at the end of the fiscal year. Overall, these changes resulted in an increase from original budgeted expenditures by \$1,011,229 a percentage increase of 1.83%. Budgeted expenditures for Financial Administration were decreased by \$(314,580), and intergovernmental expenditures to the City of Buford Board of Education were increased by \$1,179,378.

**CITY OF BUFORD, GEORGIA
MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS-UNAUDITED
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2021**

CAPITAL ASSETS

The City's investment in capital assets for its governmental and business-type activities as of June 30, 2021 and 2020, amounted to \$164,784,278 and \$154,684,703, net of accumulated depreciation. This investment in capital assets includes land, buildings and improvements, furniture, machinery and equipment, computer equipment, utility infrastructure, infrastructure assets, and vehicles.

Major capital asset events during the current fiscal year included the following:

- The City added \$3,227,918 to its Gas System, \$202,943 to its Electric System, and \$2,140,762 to its Water and Wastewater System for improvements and expansion of the systems.
- The City capitalized \$2,861,784 in street additions and improvements.
- The City purchased land parcels totaling \$874,593.
- The City transferred land parcels totaling \$1,602,475 to the Buford Downtown Development Authority.
- The City incurred \$8,972,329 in construction in progress in its governmental activities including \$8,318,992 in construction costs on the new Legion ballfields.
- The City increased its buildings and improvements by \$8,029,447 primarily due to the completion of construction of the new City parking deck in the total amount of \$7,997,447.
- The City increased its streets by \$1,601,323 due to street paving and other construction projects.
- The City incurred construction in progress costs for improvements and expansion of its Water and Wastewater System of \$2,294,803.

Depreciation expense totaled \$3,666,497 in the governmental activities and \$5,556,049 in the business-type enterprises.

CAPITAL ASSETS AT YEAR-END (NET OF ACCUMULATED DEPRECIATION)

	<u>Governmental Activities</u>		<u>Business-Type Activities</u>		<u>Total-Primary Government</u>	
	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
Land	\$ 22,779,571	\$ 23,507,453	\$ 202,663	\$ 202,663	\$ 22,982,234	\$ 23,710,116
Construction in progress	17,815,307	15,815,633	4,058,056	2,779,522	21,873,363	18,595,155
Utility system infrastructure	-	-	125,165,831	123,311,643	125,165,831	123,311,643
Buildings and improvements	47,357,255	39,327,808	146,773	146,773	47,504,028	39,474,581
City parks	5,299,848	4,726,902	-	-	5,299,848	4,726,902
Furniture and equipment	1,232,037	1,070,486	721,182	698,347	1,953,219	1,768,833
Sidewalks	1,523,755	1,523,755	-	-	1,523,755	1,523,755
Streets	27,681,053	26,080,962	-	-	27,681,053	26,080,962
Streetscapes & hardscapes	10,758,647	10,560,013	-	-	10,758,647	10,560,013
Vehicles	405,808	352,958	1,755,019	1,393,802	2,160,827	1,746,760
Accumulated depreciation	(31,721,392)	(28,150,666)	(70,397,135)	(68,663,351)	(102,118,527)	(96,814,017)
Total	\$ 103,131,889	\$ 94,815,304	\$ 61,652,389	\$ 59,869,399	\$ 164,784,278	\$ 154,684,703

Additional information on the City's capital assets can be found in note 5 in the notes to the basic financial statements on pages 40-42 of this reporting package.

**CITY OF BUFORD, GEORGIA
MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS-UNAUDITED
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2021**

DEBT ADMINISTRATION

At the end of the current fiscal year, the City had \$82,898,788 in outstanding debt consisting of general obligation bonds of \$62,668,357 and revenue bonds of \$20,203,431.

CITY OF BUFORD, GEORGIA'S OUTSTANDING DEBT

	Governmental Activities		Business-Type Activities		Total-Primary Government	
	2021	2020	2021	2020	2021	2020
General obligation bonds	\$ <u>62,668,357</u>	\$ <u>63,698,321</u>	\$ <u>20,230,431</u>	\$ <u> -</u>	\$ <u>82,898,788</u>	\$ <u>63,698,321</u>
Total	\$ <u>62,668,357</u>	\$ <u>63,698,321</u>	\$ <u>20,203,431</u>	\$ <u> -</u>	\$ <u>82,898,788</u>	\$ <u>63,698,321</u>

The City's total debt increased by \$19,200,467 during the current fiscal year. This was attributable to the City making principal payments to retire \$500,000 of general obligation bonds along with \$529,964 of amortization of bond reoffering premiums, and the issuance of revenue bonds in the amount of \$20,377,559.

The General Obligation Bonds issued in 2015 and 2017 were for the purpose of acquisition and construction of school facilities to be owned by the Board of Education of the City of Buford school system "BOE". The General Obligation Refunding Bonds issued in 2017 were issued to advance refund a portion of the General Obligation Bonds issued in 2015. The City has entered into intergovernmental contracts with the BOE in regards to issuance, use of proceeds and payment of the Bonds. The contracts stipulate that the BOE's payment obligations consist of the payments of all amounts coming due as principal and interest on the Bonds as set forth in the Bonds and the Bond Ordinance directly to and for the applicable account of the City as so designated by the City. The obligation of the BOE to pay promptly its obligations shall be absolute and unconditional and shall not be subject to any defense or right of setoff, counterclaim, or recoupment arising from any breach by the City of any obligation to the Board or the breach by the BOE of any obligation to the City. In addition, the Board has notified the State Board of Education of the issuance of the Bonds and has authorized and directed the State Board to withhold and transfer any state appropriation to which the BOE is entitled to. The Sinking Fund Custodian shall be required to transfer to the paying agent for the Bonds such amounts of monies as are necessary to provide for the payment of the principal and/or interest on the Bonds coming due each payment date. The BOE has assigned SPLOST revenues from an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Board of Education of Gwinnett County for use in payment of the Bonds.

The Revenue Bonds issued in 2020 were primarily for the purpose of constructing a new water plant. Construction is currently in progress on the plant and only \$1,208,992 had been spent of the bond proceeds as of June 30, 2021. The City had \$18,870,910 of bond funds including interest earned on hand at June 30, 2021.

Additional information on the City's long-term debt can be found in note 6 on pages 42-49 of this reporting package.

ECONOMIC FACTORS AND NEXT YEAR'S BUDGETS

The area's economy continues to show strength with a particularly high level of activity in the light industrial/office/warehouse sector. Several projects have been completed with others slated for completion in 2022. Single family housing construction is healthy with several developments offering a range of housing opportunities. The retail sector continues its steady improvement. Several commercial developments are either proposed or in concept development. The City plans to continue improvements to its infrastructure, further invest in its utility systems, support planning and development in the City and focus on delivery of services to its citizens and customers.

With regards to capital projects, the City's downtown parking deck has been completed and improvements to the new Legion ballfields are ongoing. Numerous gas and sewer extension and improvement projects were completed in 2021 supporting development, roadway projects, system safety and reliability, which will continue in 2022. The City is currently constructing a new water plant, which is being financed by revenue bonds issued in 2020.

**CITY OF BUFORD, GEORGIA
MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS-UNAUDITED
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2021**

ECONOMIC FACTORS AND NEXT YEAR'S BUDGETS - CONTINUED

Buford Community Center and Theatre continues to host events, weddings, receptions and meetings with demand for the facility remaining strong. Buford Youth Sports Complex continues to host youth sporting events and draws teams and spectators from across Georgia and the Southeast.

Fiscal Year 2022 Budget

General Fund budgeted revenue and transfers in for the 2022 fiscal year total \$66,935,195, while General Fund budgeted expenditures and transfers out for the 2022 fiscal year total \$57,182,750.

Budgeted revenues for the Enterprise Funds for the 2022 fiscal year include \$5,909,000 for the Waste Water System, \$13,360,000 for the Water System, \$8,485,000 for Solid Waste and Recycling, \$22,870,000 for the Electric System, \$47,087,034 for the Gas System, \$1,274,000 for Nondivisional revenues, and \$1,412,600 for the Buford Community Center for a total of \$100,397,634. Budgeted expenditures and transfers out for the 2022 fiscal year include \$7,282,000 for the Waste Water System, \$15,229,500 for the Water System, \$5,239,000 for Solid Waste and Recycling, \$20,797,568 for the Electric System, \$22,587,570 for the Gas System, \$90,000 for Nondivisional expenditures and \$33,000,000 transfers out, and \$1,411,500 for the Buford Community Center for a total of \$105,637,138.

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

This financial report is designed to provide a general overview of the City's finances for all with an interest in the City's finances. Questions concerning any of the information provided in this report or requests for additional information should be addressed to the City of Buford, 2300 Buford Highway, Buford, Georgia 30518.

The financial statements of the City of Buford Board of Education are audited by the Georgia Department of Audits, as allowed by Code of Georgia Annotated 50-6-6. These component financial statements can be obtained from the City of Buford Board of Education at 70 Wiley Drive, Buford, Georgia 30518.

BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

**CITY OF BUFORD, GEORGIA
STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
JUNE 30, 2021**

	<u>Primary Government</u>			<u>Component Units</u>	
	<u>Governmental Activities</u>	<u>Business-type Activities</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>06/30/19 City of Buford Board of Education</u>	<u>Downtown Development Authority</u>
ASSETS					
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 16,995,147	\$ 16,241,362	\$ 33,236,509	\$ 11,073,096	\$ 7,115,070
Investments	7,940,299	26,791,384	34,731,683	-	2,342,757
Receivables - net	875,391	5,020,416	5,895,807	1,453,152	-
Due from other governments	743,671	-	743,671	4,754,033	-
Internal balances	(67,130)	67,130	-	-	-
Prepaid items	613,237	1,228,773	1,842,010	213,714	-
Inventories	-	-	-	11,720	-
Property held for resale	-	-	-	-	1,602,475
Cash on hand with fiscal agent	-	-	-	20,167,160	-
Restricted cash and cash equivalents	103,506	18,870,910	18,974,416	-	-
Restricted investments	-	7,705,716	7,705,716	-	-
Intergovernmental contracts receivable	58,665,121	-	58,665,121	-	-
Capital assets being depreciated - net	62,537,011	57,391,670	119,928,681	68,405,813	-
Capital assets not being depreciated	40,594,878	4,260,719	44,855,597	82,809,957	-
Total assets	<u>189,001,131</u>	<u>137,578,080</u>	<u>326,579,211</u>	<u>188,888,645</u>	<u>11,060,302</u>
DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES					
OPEB related deferred outflows	829,754	762,865	1,592,619	2,674,383	-
Pension related deferred outflows	2,496,838	2,295,556	4,792,394	11,941,645	-
Total deferred outflows of resources	<u>3,326,592</u>	<u>3,058,421</u>	<u>6,385,013</u>	<u>14,616,028</u>	<u>-</u>
LIABILITIES					
Bank overdrafts	-	26,868	26,868	-	-
Accounts payable	2,206,844	4,429,435	6,636,279	2,723,416	-
Accrued interest	1,279,253	341,850	1,621,103	1,209,772	-
Other accrued liabilities	80,615	318,623	399,238	12,865,743	-
Unearned revenue	-	1,787,954	1,787,954	160,456	-
Due to primary government	-	-	-	6,199,970	-
Long-term liabilities:					
due within one year:					
Intergovernmental contract payable	-	-	-	4,416,557	-
Bonds payable	1,029,964	657,128	1,687,092	-	-
due in more than one year:					
Intergovernmental contract payable	-	-	-	70,012,646	-
Customer deposits	-	7,705,716	7,705,716	-	-
Accrued compensated absences	194,688	165,612	360,300	-	-
Bonds payable	61,638,393	19,573,303	81,211,696	-	-
Net OPEB liability	6,700,243	6,160,109	12,860,352	32,449,753	-
Net pension liability	4,117,888	3,785,929	7,903,817	43,254,060	-
Total liabilities	<u>77,247,888</u>	<u>44,952,527</u>	<u>122,200,415</u>	<u>173,292,373</u>	<u>-</u>
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES					
Deferred gain on bond refunding	134,025	-	134,025	312,822	-
OPEB related deferred inflows	865,322	795,565	1,660,887	6,235,249	-
Pension related deferred inflows	154,537	142,079	296,616	1,271,798	-
Total deferred inflows of resources	<u>1,153,884</u>	<u>937,644</u>	<u>2,091,528</u>	<u>7,819,869</u>	<u>-</u>
NET POSITION					
Net Investment in capital assets	99,128,653	60,443,397	159,572,050	77,028,636	-
Restricted for:					
Capital projects	11,546,493	-	11,546,493	753,863	-
Debt service	102,802	-	102,802	319,724	-
Education	623,404	-	623,404	-	-
Federal programs	-	-	-	115,950	-
Unrestricted	2,524,599	34,302,933	36,827,532	(55,825,742)	11,060,302
Total net position	<u>\$ 113,925,951</u>	<u>\$ 94,746,330</u>	<u>\$ 208,672,281</u>	<u>\$ 22,392,431</u>	<u>\$ 11,060,302</u>

SEE NOTES TO BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS.

**CITY OF BUFORD, GEORGIA
STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2021**

Functions/Programs:	Expenses	Program Revenues		
		Charges for Services	Operating Grants and Contributions	Capital Grants and Contributions
Primary government				
Governmental activities:				
General government	\$ 735,415	\$ 548,176	\$ 5,680,205	\$ 3,167,956
Financial administration	3,651,171	-	-	-
Public safety, Marshal and Code enforcement	599,932	21,732	-	-
Highway and street	6,244,022	-	-	851,650
Building inspection	506,298	1,032,337	-	-
Culture and recreation	2,151,922	129,132	-	-
Maintenance	985,519	-	-	-
Board of Education	31,304,378	-	-	-
Downtown Development Authority	1,602,475	-	-	-
Interest and fiscal charges	<u>2,547,448</u>	-	-	-
Total governmental activities	<u>50,328,580</u>	<u>1,731,377</u>	<u>5,680,205</u>	<u>4,019,606</u>
Business-type activities:				
Gas system	21,403,120	44,773,041	-	602,900
Electric system	17,683,685	22,964,872	-	-
Solid waste and recycling	4,726,760	8,557,725	-	-
Wastewater system	4,252,106	4,586,638	-	-
Water system	3,283,412	1,353,802	-	550,000
Non-divisional utility	670,501	1,217,420	-	-
Community Center	<u>1,016,981</u>	<u>118,399</u>	-	-
Total business-type activities	<u>53,036,565</u>	<u>83,571,897</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,152,900</u>
Total primary government	\$ <u>103,365,145</u>	\$ <u>85,303,274</u>	\$ <u>5,680,205</u>	\$ <u>5,172,506</u>
Component Units				
City of Buford Board of Education	\$ 61,997,274	\$ 2,690,486	\$ 35,718,592	\$ 10,358,647
Downtown Development Authority	<u>1,600,110</u>	-	-	-
Total component units	\$ <u>63,597,384</u>	\$ <u>2,690,486</u>	\$ <u>35,718,592</u>	\$ <u>10,358,647</u>

General revenues:

Taxes:

 Property

 Sales, excise, and other

 Franchise fees

 Investment income

 Payments from City of Buford

 Gain on sale of assets

 Miscellaneous

 Transfers

Total general revenues and transfers

Change in net position

Net position at beginning of year

Net position at end of year

Net (Expense) Revenue and Changes in Net Position			Component Units	
Primary Government			06/30/19 City of Buford Board of Education	Downtown Development Authority
Governmental Activities	Business-Type Activities	Total		
\$ 8,660,922	\$ -	\$ 8,660,922	\$ -	\$ -
(3,651,171)	-	(3,651,171)	-	-
(578,200)	-	(578,200)	-	-
(5,392,372)	-	(5,392,372)	-	-
526,039	-	526,039	-	-
(2,022,790)	-	(2,022,790)	-	-
(985,519)	-	(985,519)	-	-
(31,304,378)	-	(31,304,378)	-	-
(1,602,475)	-	(1,602,475)	-	-
(2,547,448)	-	(2,547,448)	-	-
<u>(38,897,392)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(38,897,392)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
-	23,972,821	23,972,821	-	-
-	5,281,187	5,281,187	-	-
-	3,830,965	3,830,965	-	-
-	334,532	334,532	-	-
-	(1,379,610)	(1,379,610)	-	-
-	546,919	546,919	-	-
-	(898,582)	(898,582)	-	-
-	<u>31,688,232</u>	<u>31,688,232</u>	-	-
<u>\$(38,897,392)</u>	<u>\$ 31,688,232</u>	<u>\$(7,209,160)</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$(13,229,549)	\$ -
-	-	-	-	(1,600,110)
<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$(13,229,549)</u>	<u>\$(1,600,110)</u>
\$ 23,547,973	\$ -	\$ 23,547,973	\$ 17,666,565	\$ -
4,124,947	-	4,124,947	4,187,690	-
1,025,254	-	1,025,254	-	-
96,305	252,818	349,123	3,176	40,964
-	-	-	-	1,602,475
80,000	-	80,000	-	1,712,434
166,316	1,613,190	1,779,506	3,846,135	-
<u>25,817,138</u>	<u>(25,817,138)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
<u>54,857,933</u>	<u>(23,951,130)</u>	<u>30,906,803</u>	<u>25,703,566</u>	<u>3,355,873</u>
15,960,541	7,737,102	23,697,643	12,474,017	1,755,763
<u>97,965,410</u>	<u>87,009,228</u>	<u>184,974,638</u>	<u>9,918,414</u>	<u>9,304,539</u>
<u>\$ 113,925,951</u>	<u>\$ 94,746,330</u>	<u>\$ 208,672,281</u>	<u>\$ 22,392,431</u>	<u>\$ 11,060,302</u>

SEE NOTES TO BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS.

**CITY OF BUFORD, GEORGIA
BALANCE SHEET
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
JUNE 30, 2021**

	General	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
ASSETS			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 5,827,285	\$ 11,167,862	\$ 16,995,147
Investments – certificates of deposit	7,940,299	-	7,940,299
Property taxes receivable - net	656,860	-	656,860
Sales, excise, and other taxes receivable	-	98,562	98,562
Other receivables	119,969	-	119,969
Due from other governments	253,267	490,404	743,671
Interfund balances	120,784	-	120,784
Prepaid items	293,756	319,481	613,237
Restricted cash and cash equivalents	<u>-</u>	<u>103,506</u>	<u>103,506</u>
Total assets	\$ <u>15,212,220</u>	\$ <u>12,179,815</u>	\$ <u>27,392,035</u>
LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES AND FUND BALANCES			
LIABILITIES			
Accounts payable	\$ 2,184,423	\$ 22,421	\$ 2,206,844
Accrued expenses	80,615	-	80,615
Interfund balances	<u>-</u>	<u>187,914</u>	<u>187,914</u>
Total liabilities	<u>2,265,038</u>	<u>210,335</u>	<u>2,475,373</u>
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES			
Property tax revenue	<u>540,126</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>540,126</u>
Total deferred inflows of resources	<u>540,126</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>540,126</u>
FUND BALANCES			
Non-spendable:			
Prepaid items	293,756	319,481	613,237
Restricted for:			
Capital project – SPLOST construction	-	11,546,493	11,546,493
Capital projects - City of Buford			
Board of Education	-	704	704
Debt service	-	102,802	102,802
Education	623,404	-	623,404
Unassigned	<u>11,489,896</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>11,489,896</u>
Total fund balances	<u>12,407,056</u>	<u>11,969,480</u>	<u>24,376,536</u>
Total liabilities, deferred inflows of resources and fund balances	\$ <u>15,212,220</u>	\$ <u>12,179,815</u>	\$ <u>27,392,035</u>

SEE NOTES TO BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

**CITY OF BUFORD, GEORGIA
RECONCILIATION OF THE GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS BALANCE SHEET
TO GOVERNMENT-WIDE STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
JUNE 30, 2021**

Total fund balance - total governmental funds	\$ 24,376,536
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of net position are different because:	
Capital assets used in governmental activities are not current financial resources, and therefore, are not reported in the governmental funds balance sheet.	103,131,889
Long-term receivables applicable to governmental activities are not due and receivable in the current period and accordingly are not reported in the governmental funds balance sheet:	
Intergovernmental contracts receivable	58,665,121
Other long-term assets are not available to pay for current period expenditures, and therefore, are reported as deferred inflows of resources in governmental funds:	
Property tax revenue	540,126
Deferred outflows of resources are not due and payable in the current period, and therefore, are not reported in the funds:	
OPEB related experience differences, assumption changes, differences between projected and actual earnings on OPEB plan investments, and contributions	829,754
Pension related experience differences, assumption changes, differences between projected and actual earnings on pension plan investments, and contributions	2,496,838
Deferred inflows of resources are not available to pay for current-period expenditures, and therefore, are not reported in the funds:	
OPEB related differences between expected and actual experience	(865,322)
Pension related differences between expected and actual experience	(154,537)
Long-term liabilities applicable to governmental activities are not due and payable in the current period and accordingly are not reported in fund liabilities. Interest on long-term debt is not accrued in governmental funds, but is recognized as an expenditure when due. All liabilities, both current and long-term, are reported in the statement of net position:	
General obligation bonds - 2010 issue	(4,003,236)
General obligation bonds - 2015 issue	(10,700,000)
General obligation bonds - 2017 issue	(43,500,000)
Reoffering premium - 2015 issue	(848,952)
Reoffering premium - 2017 issue	(3,616,169)
Deferred gain on bond refunding	(134,025)
Accrued interest payable	(1,279,253)
Compensated absences	(194,688)
OPEB liability	(6,700,243)
Net pension liability	(4,117,888)
Net position of governmental activities	\$ <u>113,925,951</u>

SEE NOTES TO BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

CITY OF BUFORD, GEORGIA
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2021

	General	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
REVENUES			
Taxes - property	\$ 23,554,745	\$ -	\$ 23,554,745
Taxes - sales, excise, and other	3,715,454	409,493	4,124,947
Intergovernmental	5,697,763	3,988,168	9,685,931
Charges for services	1,731,377	-	1,731,377
Franchise fees	1,025,254	-	1,025,254
Investment income	96,206	13,979	110,185
Miscellaneous	<u>166,316</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>166,316</u>
Total revenues	<u>35,987,115</u>	<u>4,411,640</u>	<u>40,398,755</u>
EXPENDITURES			
Current operating:			
General government:			
General	12,785,780	-	12,785,780
Financial administration	3,842,420	-	3,842,420
Public safety:			
Public safety, Marshal and code enforcement	589,019	-	589,019
Public services:			
Highway and street	5,329,887	-	5,329,887
Building inspection	517,028	-	517,028
Culture and recreation	957,960	67,294	1,025,254
Maintenance	960,757	-	960,757
Intergovernmental:			
Buford Board of Education	31,304,378	-	31,304,378
Capital outlay	-	-	-
Debt Service			
Principal retirement	-	500,000	500,000
Interest and fiscal charges	<u>-</u>	<u>2,574,428</u>	<u>2,574,428</u>
Total expenditures	<u>56,287,229</u>	<u>3,141,722</u>	<u>59,428,951</u>
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenditures	(<u>20,300,114</u>)	<u>1,269,918</u>	(<u>19,030,196</u>)
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)			
Sales of surplus property	80,000	-	80,000
Transfers in	29,367,556	645,774	30,013,330
Transfers out	<u>(1,460,101)</u>	<u>(2,736,091)</u>	<u>(4,196,192)</u>
Total other financing sources (uses)	<u>27,987,455</u>	(<u>2,090,317</u>)	<u>25,897,138</u>
Net change in fund balance	7,687,341	(820,399)	6,866,942
Fund balance - beginning	<u>4,719,715</u>	<u>12,789,879</u>	<u>17,509,594</u>
Fund balance - ending	\$ <u>12,407,056</u>	\$ <u>11,969,480</u>	\$ <u>24,376,536</u>

SEE NOTES TO BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS.

**CITY OF BUFORD, GEORGIA
RECONCILIATION OF THE STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES,
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE OF GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
TO THE GOVERNMENT-WIDE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2021**

Net change in fund balances - total governmental funds **\$ 6,866,942**

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

Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures. However, in the Government-wide statement of activities, the cost of those assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives as depreciation expense. When assets are sold or retired, the difference between the sales proceeds, if any, and the net book value of the assets is reported in the statement of activities as a gain or loss:

Capital asset additions	13,585,557
Depreciation expense	(3,666,497)
Loss on disposal of assets	(1,602,475)

Revenues in the government-wide statement of activities that do not provide current financial resources are not reported as revenues in the funds. This is the increase (decrease) during the current year in deferred inflows or resources that are earned but not collected:

Property tax revenue	(6,772)
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In the governmental funds, payments received on long-term intergovernmental contracts receivable are reported as intergovernmental revenues. However, in the statement of activities, the intergovernmental contracts receivable, is recorded in the year it is created and repayments serve to reduce the long-term receivable. This is the net effect of these differences in the current year:

	(529,964)
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The issuance of long-term debt (e.g. bonds) provides current financial resources to governmental funds while the repayment of the principal of long-term debt consumes current financial resources of governmental funds. Neither transaction, however, has any effect on net position. Also, governmental funds report the effect of issuance cost, premiums, discounts, and similar items when debt is first issued, whereas the amounts are deferred and amortized in the government-wide statement of activities:

Principal payments on general obligation bonds	500,000
Amortization of bond reoffering premiums	529,964
Amortization of gain on advance bond refunding	17,870

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

Accrued interest	9,110
Compensated absences	(2,568)
OPEB cost	(53,847)
Pension cost	<u>313,221</u>

Change in net position of governmental activities **\$ 15,960,541**

SEE NOTES TO BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS.

CITY OF BUFORD, GEORGIA
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE -
BUDGET AND ACTUAL - GENERAL FUND
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2021

	<u>General Fund</u>			Variance with Final budget Over (Under)
	<u>Original Budget</u>	<u>Final Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	
REVENUES				
Taxes - property	\$ 20,694,500	\$ 20,694,500	\$ 23,554,745	\$ 2,860,245
Taxes - sales, excise, and other	3,232,000	3,232,000	3,715,454	483,454
Intergovernmental	4,081,195	4,081,195	5,697,763	1,616,568
Charges for services	1,349,500	1,349,500	1,731,377	381,877
Franchise fees	1,080,000	1,080,000	1,025,254	(54,746)
Investment income	35,000	35,000	96,206	61,206
Miscellaneous	<u>105,000</u>	<u>105,000</u>	<u>166,316</u>	<u>61,316</u>
Total revenues	<u>30,577,195</u>	<u>30,577,195</u>	<u>35,987,115</u>	<u>5,409,920</u>
EXPENDITURES				
Current operating:				
General government:				
General	13,038,000	12,785,780	12,785,780	-
Financial administration	4,157,000	3,842,420	3,842,420	-
Public safety:				
Public safety, Marshal and Code enforcement	670,500	589,019	589,019	-
Public services:				
Highway and street	5,110,500	5,329,887	5,329,887	-
Building inspection	474,000	517,028	517,028	-
Culture and recreation	896,000	957,960	957,960	-
Maintenance	805,000	960,757	960,757	-
Intergovernmental:				
Board of Education	<u>30,125,000</u>	<u>31,304,378</u>	<u>31,304,378</u>	-
Total expenditures	<u>55,276,000</u>	<u>56,287,229</u>	<u>56,287,229</u>	<u>-</u>
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenditures	<u>(24,698,805)</u>	<u>(25,710,034)</u>	<u>(20,300,114)</u>	<u>5,409,920</u>
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)				
Sales of surplus equipment	20,000	20,000	80,000	60,000
Transfers in	39,376,000	39,376,000	29,367,556	(10,008,444)
Transfers out	<u>(1,750,750)</u>	<u>(1,460,101)</u>	<u>(1,460,101)</u>	-
Net other financing sources (uses)	<u>37,645,250</u>	<u>37,935,899</u>	<u>27,987,455</u>	<u>(9,948,444)</u>
Net change in fund balance	12,946,445	12,225,865	7,687,341	(4,538,524)
Fund balance - beginning	<u>4,719,715</u>	<u>4,719,715</u>	<u>4,719,715</u>	<u>-</u>
Fund balance - ending	\$ <u>17,666,160</u>	\$ <u>16,945,580</u>	\$ <u>12,407,056</u>	\$ <u>(4,538,524)</u>

SEE NOTES TO BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS.

**CITY OF BUFORD, GEORGIA
STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
PROPRIETARY FUNDS
JUNE 30, 2021**

	Utilities Fund	Nonmajor Enterprise Fund	Total Enterprise Funds
ASSETS			
Current assets:			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 16,241,362	\$ -	\$ 16,241,362
Investments	26,791,384	-	26,791,384
Accounts receivable, net	5,020,416	-	5,020,416
Due from other funds	-	67,130	67,130
Prepaid items	<u>1,168,567</u>	<u>60,206</u>	<u>1,228,773</u>
Total current assets	<u>49,221,729</u>	<u>127,336</u>	<u>49,349,065</u>
Noncurrent assets:			
Restricted assets:			
Restricted cash	18,870,910	-	18,870,910
Restricted investments	7,705,716	-	7,705,716
Capital assets - net	<u>61,464,832</u>	<u>187,557</u>	<u>61,652,389</u>
Total noncurrent assets	<u>88,041,458</u>	<u>187,557</u>	<u>88,229,015</u>
Total assets	<u>137,263,187</u>	<u>314,893</u>	<u>137,578,080</u>
DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES			
Deferred outflows of resources related to OPEB	762,865	-	762,865
Deferred outflows of resources related to pensions	<u>2,204,501</u>	<u>91,055</u>	<u>2,295,556</u>
Total deferred outflows of resources	<u>2,967,366</u>	<u>91,055</u>	<u>3,058,421</u>
LIABILITIES			
Current liabilities:			
Bank overdrafts	-	26,868	26,868
Accounts payable	4,406,833	22,602	4,429,435
Accrued interest	341,850	-	341,850
Other accrued liabilities	312,187	6,436	318,623
Unearned revenue	1,725,754	62,200	1,787,954
Revenue bonds payable	<u>657,128</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>657,128</u>
Total current liabilities	<u>7,443,752</u>	<u>118,106</u>	<u>7,561,858</u>
Noncurrent liabilities:			
Customer deposits payable	7,705,716	-	7,705,716
Accrued compensated absences	165,612	-	165,612
Revenue bonds payable	19,573,303	-	19,573,303
Net OPEB liability	6,160,109	-	6,160,109
Net pension liability	<u>3,635,756</u>	<u>150,173</u>	<u>3,785,929</u>
Total noncurrent liabilities	<u>37,240,496</u>	<u>150,173</u>	<u>37,390,669</u>
Total liabilities	<u>44,684,248</u>	<u>268,279</u>	<u>44,952,527</u>
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES			
Deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB	795,565	-	795,565
Deferred inflows of resources related to pensions	<u>136,443</u>	<u>5,636</u>	<u>142,079</u>
Total deferred inflows of resources	<u>932,008</u>	<u>5,636</u>	<u>937,644</u>
NET POSITION			
Investment in capital assets	60,255,840	187,557	60,443,397
Unrestricted	<u>34,358,457</u>	<u>(55,524)</u>	<u>34,302,933</u>
Total net position	<u>\$ 94,614,297</u>	<u>\$ 132,033</u>	<u>\$ 94,746,330</u>

SEE NOTES TO BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS.

CITY OF BUFORD, GEORGIA
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES, AND CHANGES IN NET POSITION
PROPRIETARY FUNDS
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2021

	Utilities Fund	Nonmajor Enterprise Fund	Total Enterprise Funds
OPERATING REVENUES			
Charges for services:			
Gas	\$ 44,773,041	\$ -	\$ 44,773,041
Electric	22,964,872	-	22,964,872
Solid waste and recycling	8,557,725	-	8,557,725
Wastewater	4,586,638	-	4,586,638
Water	1,353,802	-	1,353,802
Penalties	1,031,405	-	1,031,405
Service charges	186,015	-	186,015
Buford Community Center	<u>-</u>	<u>118,399</u>	<u>118,399</u>
Total charges for services	<u>83,453,498</u>	<u>118,399</u>	<u>83,571,897</u>
Miscellaneous:			
Other	<u>19,379</u>	<u>360</u>	<u>19,739</u>
Total miscellaneous	<u>19,379</u>	<u>360</u>	<u>19,739</u>
Total operating revenues	<u>83,472,877</u>	<u>118,759</u>	<u>83,591,636</u>
OPERATING EXPENSES			
Utilities purchased for resale	29,393,285	-	29,393,285
Personal services	7,617,321	363,645	7,980,966
Depreciation	5,530,933	25,116	5,556,049
Contractual services	4,973,704	196,453	5,170,157
Materials and supplies	2,119,732	26,392	2,146,124
Utilities	935,224	126,988	1,062,212
Repairs and maintenance	490,821	75,849	566,670
Event expenses	-	195,816	195,816
Other operating	<u>97,485</u>	<u>6,722</u>	<u>104,207</u>
Total operating expenses	<u>51,158,505</u>	<u>1,016,981</u>	<u>52,175,486</u>
Income (loss) from operations	32,314,372	(898,222)	31,416,150
NONOPERATING REVENUES (EXPENSES)			
Refunds and rebates	2,196,351	-	2,196,351
Grant revenue	550,000	-	550,000
Investment income	252,808	10	252,818
Amortization	147,128	-	147,128
Interest expense	(651,217)	-	(651,217)
Debt issuance costs	<u>(356,990)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(356,990)</u>
Total nonoperating revenues (expenses)	<u>2,138,080</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>2,138,090</u>
Income (loss) before transfers	34,452,452	(898,212)	33,554,240
TRANSFERS	<u>(26,698,595)</u>	<u>881,457</u>	<u>(25,817,138)</u>
Total transfers	<u>(26,698,595)</u>	<u>881,457</u>	<u>(25,817,138)</u>
Change in net position	7,753,857	(16,755)	7,737,102
Total net position at beginning of year	<u>86,860,440</u>	<u>148,788</u>	<u>87,009,228</u>
Total net position at end of year	<u>\$ 94,614,297</u>	<u>\$ 132,033</u>	<u>\$ 94,746,330</u>

SEE NOTES TO BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS.

**CITY OF BUFORD, GEORGIA
STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
PROPRIETARY FUNDS
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2021**

	Utilities Fund	Nonmajor Enterprise Fund	Total Enterprise Funds
<i>CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES:</i>			
Receipts from customers	\$ 84,024,233	\$ 143,189	\$ 84,167,422
Receipts from other operating sources	19,379	360	19,739
Receipts from interfund services provided	553,467	-	553,467
Payments to suppliers for goods and services	(36,298,056)	(663,430)	(36,961,486)
Payments for personal services	(7,239,765)	(374,274)	(7,614,039)
Net cash provided (used) by operating activities	<u>41,059,258</u>	<u>(894,155)</u>	<u>40,165,103</u>
<i>CASH FLOWS FROM NONCAPITAL FINANCING ACTIVITIES:</i>			
Transfers from other funds	-	881,457	881,457
Proceeds from refunds and rebates	1,593,451	-	1,593,451
Increase in bank overdraft	-	12,688	12,688
Transfers to other funds	(26,698,595)	-	(26,698,595)
Net cash provided (used) by noncapital financing activities	<u>(25,105,144)</u>	<u>894,145</u>	<u>(24,210,999)</u>
<i>CASH FLOWS FROM CAPITAL AND RELATED FINANCING ACTIVITIES:</i>			
Receipts from borrowing of capital debt	20,377,559	-	20,377,559
Receipts from capital grants	550,000	-	550,000
Receipts from refunds and rebates	602,900	-	602,900
Purchases of capital assets	(7,339,039)	-	(7,339,039)
Interest paid on capital debt	(309,367)	-	(309,367)
Capital debt issuance costs	(356,990)	-	(356,990)
Prepayments of principal and interest on capital debt	(851,850)	-	(851,850)
Net cash provided (used) by capital and related financing activities	<u>12,673,213</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>12,673,213</u>
<i>CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES:</i>			
Purchases of investments	(2,470,998)	-	(2,470,998)
Income from investments	<u>252,808</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>252,818</u>
Net cash provided (used) by investing activities	<u>(2,218,190)</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>(2,218,180)</u>
Increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	26,409,137	-	26,409,137
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year	<u>8,703,135</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>8,703,135</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year	\$ <u>35,112,272</u>	\$ <u>-</u>	\$ <u>35,112,272</u>

SEE NOTES TO BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS.

**CITY OF BUFORD, GEORGIA
STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS - CONTINUED
PROPRIETARY FUNDS
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2021**

	Utilities Fund	Nonmajor Enterprise Fund	Total Enterprise Funds
<i>RECONCILIATION OF INCOME (LOSS) FROM OPERATIONS TO NET CASH PROVIDED (USED) BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES:</i>			
Income (loss) from operations	\$ 32,314,372	\$(898,222)	\$ 31,416,150
Adjustments to reconcile income (loss) from operations to net cash provided (used) by operating activities:			
Cash flows reported in other categories:			
Depreciation	5,530,933	25,116	5,556,049
Changes in assets and liabilities:			
Accounts receivable	332,796	-	332,796
Due from other funds	-	(447)	(447)
Prepaid items	(12,185)	(50,262)	(62,447)
Deferred outflows OPEB	(161,891)	-	(161,891)
Deferred outflows pension	(529,954)	(18,513)	(548,467)
Accounts payable	1,702,960	14,141	1,717,101
Other accrued liabilities	35,559	(143)	35,416
Unearned revenue	163,069	24,790	187,859
Customer deposits payable	628,337	-	628,337
Compensated absences	427	-	427
Net OPEB liability	632,223	-	632,223
Net pension liability	255,736	3,749	259,485
Deferred inflows OPEB	30,433	-	30,433
Deferred inflows of pension	<u>136,443</u>	<u>5,636</u>	<u>142,079</u>
Net cash provided (used) by operating activities	\$ <u>41,059,258</u>	\$(<u>894,155</u>)	\$ <u>40,165,103</u>
<i>RECONCILIATION OF CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS TO THE STATEMENT OF NET POSITION</i>			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 16,241,362	\$ -	\$ 16,241,362
Restricted cash and cash equivalents	<u>18,870,910</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>18,870,910</u>
Total cash and cash equivalents at end of year	\$ <u>35,112,272</u>	\$ <u>-</u>	\$ <u>35,112,272</u>

SEE NOTES TO BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS.

**CITY OF BUFORD, GEORGIA
STATEMENT OF FIDUCIARY NET POSITION
FIDUCIARY FUNDS
JUNE 30, 2021**

	Custodial Funds
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ASSETS	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 2,331,800
Investments	<u>5,905,519</u>
Total assets	\$ <u>8,237,319</u>
NET POSITION	
Restricted for:	
City of Buford Board of Education	\$ <u>8,237,319</u>
Total net position	\$ <u>8,237,319</u>

SEE NOTES TO BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS.

**CITY OF BUFORD, GEORGIA
STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN FIDUCIARY NET POSITION
FIDUCIARY FUNDS
JUNE 30, 2021**

	Custodial Funds
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ADDITIONS	
Intergovernmental	\$ 114,419
Investment income	<u>13,101</u>
Total additions	<u>127,520</u>
 DEDUCTIONS	
Intergovernmental	<u>1,250,315</u>
Total deductions	<u>1,250,315</u>
Net increase (decrease) in fiduciary net position	(1,122,795)
Total net position at beginning of year	<u>9,360,114</u>
Total net position at end of year	\$ <u>8,237,319</u>

SEE NOTES TO BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS.

NOTES TO BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

**CITY OF BUFORD, GEORGIA
NOTES TO BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2021**

NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial statements of the City of Buford, Georgia (the "City") have been prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles in the United States of America ("GAAP") applicable to state and local governments. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board ("GASB") is the accepted standard-setting body for establishing governmental accounting and financial reporting principles. The GASB periodically updates its codification of the existing Governmental Accounting and Financial Reporting Standards, which, along with subsequent GASB pronouncements (Statements and Interpretations), constitutes GAAP for governmental units. The more significant of these accounting policies are described below.

These financial statements are prepared in accordance with GASB Statement No. 34, *Basic Financial Statements and Management's Discussion and Analysis for State and Local Governments*. This Statement established financial reporting requirements for state and local governments throughout the United States. As part of the implementation of GASB Statement No. 34, the City has prepared required supplementary information titled *Management's Discussion and Analysis*, which precedes the financial statements.

REPORTING ENTITY

The City was incorporated December 23, 1937, under Code of Georgia Annotated Title 69-1 and reincorporated under a revised City Charter in 2003. The City operates under a Commission-Manager form of government and is vested with all rights, powers, and privileges incident to a Municipal corporation. The City's charter authorizes the following services: public safety (public safety, marshal and code enforcement), highways and streets, culture and recreation, maintenance, sanitation and utility services, education and general administrative services.

The City for financial reporting purposes includes all of the funds relevant to the operations of the City of Buford. The Government Accounting Standards Board has set forth criteria to determine if legally separate organizations are considered to be component units in which the City is considered to be financially accountable or other organizations whose nature and significant relationship with the City is such that exclusion would cause the City's financial statements to be incomplete or misleading. These criteria include appointing a voting majority of an organization's governing body and (1) the ability of the City to impose its will on that organization or (2) the potential for the organization to provide specific financial benefits to, or impose specific financial burdens on, the City. Additionally, the primary government is required to consider other organizations for which the nature and significance of their relationship with the primary government are such that exclusion would cause the reporting entity's financial statements to be misleading or incomplete. Blended component units, although legally separate entities, are, in substance, part of the City's operations, and accordingly, data from these units are combined with data of the City. Discretely presented component units are reported in a separate column in the government-wide financial statements to emphasize that they are legally separate from the government. The component units discussed below should be included in the City's reporting entity because of their operational or financial relationship with the City.

Discretely Presented Component Units

City of Buford Board of Education - The City of Buford Board of Education ("BOE") is the governing authority of the City School System. There are five members on the Board. Four of them are elected by the public, and one is the Chairman of the City of Buford Board of Commissioners. The BOE is a legally separate entity with the power to sue or be sued. The BOE has decision-making authority, the power to designate management, the power to incur indebtedness, and the ability to significantly influence operations. The BOE controls the employment of all personnel and has the final decision on how its funds are disbursed. However, the City Commission holds the authority to levy taxes and determines the amount of tax revenue flowing to the BOE. The City approves the property tax millage, levies the tax and remits the school portion of the tax to the board. In addition, the City provides additional funds as necessary to ensure that the quality of educational facilities and services provided are maintained at the highest level possible. Finally, the City may, and has, approved the issuance of bonded debt for the use of the BOE and is legally responsible for that debt. Thus, the BOE is a component unit of the City because it is fiscally dependent on the City. The amounts on the government-wide financial statements are from the BOE's audited financial statements for the year ending June 30, 2019, which were released on September 2, 2021 and are the latest available as of the date of our report.

**CITY OF BUFORD, GEORGIA
NOTES TO BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2021**

NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - CONTINUED

REPORTING ENTITY - CONTINUED

Discretely Presented Component Units - Continued

The financial statements of the City of Buford Board of Education noted above were audited by other independent auditors. These component financial statements can be obtained from the City of Buford Board of Education at 2625 Sawnee Avenue, Buford, Georgia 30518.

Note information in these Notes to Basic Financial Statements does not include any data related to the City of Buford Board of Education. GASBS No. 14, paragraph 63 states that "determining which discretely presented component unit disclosures are essential to fair presentation is a matter of professional judgment and should be done on a component unit-by-component unit basis." Because of the fact that these financial statements are primarily concerned with the Primary Government of the City of Buford, and due to the fact that the BOE has separately issued financial statements that are readily available to users, this information is not included in these notes.

City of Buford Downtown Development Authority – The City of Buford Downtown Development Authority ("DDA") is governed by a board appointed by the City of Buford Board of Commissioners. The DDA is responsible for the revitalization and redevelopment of the geographical area within the corporate limits of the City.

The DDA did not issue separate financial statements for the year ended June 30, 2021.

MEASUREMENT FOCUS, BASIS OF ACCOUNTING AND BASIS OF PRESENTATION

Government-Wide Financial Statements

The City of Buford's Government-Wide Financial Statements include a Statement of Net Position and a Statement of Activities and Changes in Net Position and report information on all of the activities of the City. The statements present summaries of governmental and business-type activities of the City accompanied by a total column. Fiduciary activities of the City are not included in these statements.

These statements are presented on an "economic resources" measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. Accordingly, all the City's assets and liabilities, including capital assets as well as infrastructure assets acquired after July 1, 1980 and long-term liabilities, are included in the Statement of Net Position. The Statement of Activities presents changes in net position. Under the accrual basis of accounting, revenues are recognized in the period in which they are earned while expenses are recognized in the period in which the liability is incurred. The types of transactions reported as program revenues of the City are reported in three categories: (1) charges for services, (2) operating grants and contributions, and (3) capital grants and contributions. Governmental activities, which normally are supported by taxes and intergovernmental revenues, are reported separately from business-type activities, which rely to a significant extent on fees and charges for support.

Certain eliminations have been made as prescribed by GASB Statement No. 34 in regards to interfund activities, payables and receivables. All internal balances in the Statement of Net Position have been eliminated except those representing balances between the governmental activities and the business-type activities, which are presented as internal balances and eliminated in the total column. In the Statement of Activities, transactions of a service type nature between the governmental activities and the business-type activities have not been eliminated.

The City applies all applicable GASB pronouncements, including all NCGA Statements and Interpretations currently in effect.

NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - CONTINUED

MEASUREMENT FOCUS, BASIS OF ACCOUNTING AND BASIS OF PRESENTATION - CONTINUED

Governmental Fund Financial Statements

Governmental fund financial statements include a Balance Sheet and a Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances for all governmental funds. An accompanying schedule is presented to reconcile and explain differences in fund balances and changes in fund balances as presented in these statements to the net position and changes in net position presented in the government-wide financial statements. The City has presented all funds that meet those qualifications.

All governmental funds are accounted for on a spending or "*current financial resources*" measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. Accordingly, only current assets and current liabilities are included on the Balance Sheets. The Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances presents increases (revenues and other financing sources) and decreases (expenditures and other financing uses) in net current assets. Under the modified accrual basis of accounting, revenues are recognized in the accounting period in which they become both measurable and available to finance expenditures in the current period. Accordingly, revenues are recorded when received in cash, except those revenues that are subject to accrual (generally sixty days after year-end) which are recognized when due. The primary revenue sources, which have been treated as susceptible to accrual by the City are property tax, sales tax, intergovernmental revenues and other taxes. Sales taxes collected and held by the state at year-end on behalf of the government are also recognized as revenue. All other governmental fund revenues are recognized when received. Expenditures are recorded in the accounting period in which the related fund liability is incurred. However, debt service expenditures, as well as expenditures related to compensated absences are recorded only when payment is due.

Governmental funds are those funds through which most governmental functions typically are financed. The measurement focus of governmental funds is on the sources, uses and balance of current financial resources.

The City has presented the following major governmental funds:

General Fund - The General Fund is the main operating fund of the City. This fund is used to account for all financial resources not accounted for in other funds. 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.

Other governmental funds that are not considered major include the following:

Special Revenue Funds

Special revenue funds are used by the City to account for the accumulation and disbursement of restricted resources. The following is a description of the City's special revenue funds:

Hotel/Motel Tax Fund - used to account for receipt and allocation of the City's hotel/motel tax. Use of this tax is limited by law to promotion of tourism. The City hotel/motel tax rate for its three hotels was 7% during the fiscal year ending June 30, 2021.

Auto Rental Excise Tax Fund – used to account for receipt and allocation of the City's rental motor vehicle excise tax. Use of this tax is limited by law to promote industry, trade, commerce, and tourism; for the provision of convention, trade, sports, and recreational facilities. The City's rental motor vehicle excise tax rate was 3% during the fiscal year ending June 30, 2021.

NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - CONTINUED

MEASUREMENT FOCUS, BASIS OF ACCOUNTING AND BASIS OF PRESENTATION - CONTINUED

Governmental Fund Financial Statements - Continued

Debt Service Funds

The debt service funds account for the accumulation of resources for, and the payment of governmental long-term debt principal, interest, and fiscal charges. The following is a description of the City's debt service funds:

2010 General Obligation Bond Debt Service Fund – used to service the governmental long-term debt related to the 2010 General Obligation Bonds used to finance the construction of the Buford Community Center, Town Park and Theatre.

2015 General Obligation Bond Debt Service Fund – used to service the governmental long-term debt related to the 2015 General Obligation Bonds used to finance the construction of educational facilities related to the City of Buford Board of Education.

2017 General Obligation Bond Debt Service Fund – This fund is used to service the governmental long-term debt related to the 2017 General Obligation Bonds used to finance the construction of educational facilities related to the City of Buford Board of Education.

Capital Project Funds

Capital project funds account for all resources used for the acquisition and/or construction of major capital facilities by the City, except those financed by the General and Enterprise Funds. The following is a description of the City's capital projects funds:

Gwinnett County 2009 SPLOST Fund - used to account for the construction and financing of projects funded by the Gwinnett County 2009 SPLOST.

Gwinnett County 2014 SPLOST Fund - used to account for the construction and financing of projects funded by the City of Buford 2014 SPLOST.

Gwinnett County 2017 SPLOST Fund - used to account for the construction and financing of projects funded by the Gwinnett County 2017 SPLOST.

Hall County 2009 SPLOST Fund - used to account for the construction and financing of projects funded by the Hall County 2009 SPLOST.

Hall County 2015 SPLOST Fund - used to account for the construction and financing of projects funded by the Hall County 2015 SPLOST.

Hall County 2020 SPLOST Fund - used to account for the construction and financing of projects funded by the Hall County 2020 SPLOST.

Rest Haven 2001 SPLOST Fund - used to account for the construction and financing of projects funded by the City of Rest Haven 2001 SPLOST.

Rest Haven 2005 SPLOST Fund - used to account for the construction and financing of projects funded by the City of Rest Haven 2005 SPLOST.

2017 General Obligation Bond Capital Project Fund – This fund is used to account for the construction and financing of projects funded by the City of Buford 2017 General Obligation Bonds.

NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - CONTINUED

MEASUREMENT FOCUS, BASIS OF ACCOUNTING AND BASIS OF PRESENTATION - CONTINUED

Proprietary Funds Financial Statements

Proprietary funds financial statements include a Statement of Net Position, a Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Position, and a Statement of Cash Flows for each major proprietary fund and aggregated non-major funds.

Proprietary funds are accounted for using the "*economic resources*" measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. The accounting objectives are determinations of net income, financial position and cash flow. Accordingly, all assets and liabilities (whether current or noncurrent) are included on the Statement of Net Position. The Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Position presents increases (revenues) and decreases (expenses) in total net position. Under the accrual basis of accounting, revenues are recognized in the period in which they are earned while expenses are recognized in the period in which the liability is incurred.

Operating revenues in the proprietary fund are those revenues that are generated from the primary operations of the funds. All other revenues are reported as non-operating revenues. Operating expenses are those expenses that are essential to the primary operations of the funds. All other expenses are reported as non-operating expenses.

The City has presented the following major proprietary fund:

Utilities Fund - used to account for the provision of electric, gas, water, waste water, sanitation and recycling services to the residents of the City of Buford and its surrounding areas. Activities of the fund include administration, operations and maintenance of the utility systems, and billing and collection activities. The fund also accounts for the accumulation of resources for, and the payment of, long-term debt principal and interest for enterprise fund debt. All costs are financed through charges to utility customers with rates reviewed regularly and adjusted, if necessary, to ensure the integrity of the fund.

Other proprietary funds that are not considered major include the following:

Buford Community Center Fund - used to account for the activity of the Buford Community Center, Town Park and Theatre.

Fiduciary Fund Financial Statements

Fiduciary Fund Financial Statements include a Statement of Fiduciary Net Position and a Statement of Changes in Fiduciary Net Position. The City's Fiduciary Funds represent custodial funds. The custodial funds use the "*economic resources*" measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting like the proprietary funds explained above. Custodial funds of the City are related to Buford Board of Education SPLOST funds from Gwinnett and Hall Counties.

USE OF RESTRICTED/UNRESTRICTED NET POSITION

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

NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - CONTINUED

BUDGETS AND BUDGETARY ACCOUNTING

Annual budgets are adopted for the General, Special Revenue, and Proprietary (Enterprise) Funds. Capital Projects are budgeted over the life of the projects. Debt Service is budgeted through either the General or Proprietary (Enterprise) Fund depending on the type of debt. The budget for the General Fund is adopted on a basis consistent with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP). The budget for the Proprietary (Enterprise) Fund is adopted on a GAAP basis, except that depreciation expense is not budgeted. Budget amounts are as originally adopted, or as amended by the Board of Commissioners.

Budgeting Policy

- The prior year's actual revenues and expenditures/expenses for the General and Proprietary (Enterprise) Funds are compared to budget amounts for that year.
- Adjustments are made to the prior year's budgeted revenues and expenditures/expenses to make budgeted amounts agree with actual amounts. These are the proposed budgets for the coming year.
- The proposed budgets are submitted to the Board of Commissioners, who make adjustments to the proposed budgets as it deems necessary.
- The proposed budgets are revised in accordance with the Board of Commissioners recommendations and resubmitted to the Board of Commissioners for their approval.
- After reviewing the budget revisions, the Board of Commissioners approves and adopts the budgets.
- All budget amendments must be approved by the Board of Commissioners.
- All appropriations lapse at the end of the fiscal year.

CASH, CASH EQUIVALENTS AND INVESTMENTS

For purposes of the Statement of Cash Flows, the City considers cash, demand deposits, certificates of deposit, cash with agents and all highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less when purchased to be cash and cash equivalents. All investments are recorded at fair value based on quoted market prices. Fair value is the amount at which a financial instrument could be exchanged in a current transaction between willing parties. The City generally holds all investments until maturity.

INTERFUND RECEIVABLES AND PAYABLES

Transactions between funds that are representative of lending/borrowing arrangements outstanding at the end of the fiscal year are referred to as "due to/from other funds". Any residual balances outstanding between the governmental activities and the business-type activities are reported in the government-wide financial statements as "internal balances".

TRANSACTIONS BETWEEN FUNDS

Legally authorized transfers are treated as interfund transfers and are included in the results of operations of both the Governmental and Proprietary Funds.

PAYMENTS BETWEEN CITY AND BUFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION CUSTODIAL FUNDS

Resource flows between the City and the custodial funds related to the Buford Board of Education SPLOST funds are reported as external transactions - that is, as revenues and expenses/expenditures in the financial statements.

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NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - CONTINUED

ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE AND UNEARNED REVENUES

Accounts receivable are recorded in the General, Special Revenue, Capital Project and Proprietary Funds. Receivables are stated at their net realizable value (face value less the allowance for uncollectible accounts). Delinquent taxes receivable are fully reserved by the deferral of the related revenues until payment is received. Utility revenue is recorded when earned. The accrual of earned, but unbilled receivables is made at year-end and included in the accompanying financial statements. The Utilities Fund grants credit to utility customers, all of whom are located in North Georgia Counties. Allowances for doubtful accounts totaled \$551,661 for the General Fund and \$4,276,634 for the Utilities Fund. No allowance was considered necessary for any receivables in the special revenue or capital project funds.

PREPAID ITEMS

Prepaid balances are for payments made by the City in the current year for services occurring in the subsequent fiscal year, and the reserve for prepaid items has been recorded to signify that a portion of the fund balance is not available for subsequent expenditures ("nonspendable fund balance").

RESTRICTED CASH AND INVESTMENTS

Certain funds are held in the Capital Project Funds, Debt Service Funds, and Utilities Fund in accounts restricted for capital outlay and debt service. These funds are held in cash or investments as allowed by State law and the requirements of the related debt agreements. The investments are stated at fair value and the City records all investment revenue earned on these investments in the appropriate fund.

INVENTORIES

There are no inventories of supplies or materials recorded at June 30, 2021, as amounts stored for supplies and materials were not of a material nature at that date.

DEFERRED OUTFLOWS/INFLOWS OF RESOURCES

In addition to assets, the statement of net position will sometimes report a separate section for deferred outflows of resources. The separate financial statement element, *deferred outflows of resources*, represents a consumption of net position that applies to future period(s) and so will not be recognized as an outflow of resources (expense/expenditure) until then. The amounts that qualify for reporting in this category are related to pensions and other post-employment benefits (OPEB).

In addition to liabilities, the statement of net position will sometimes report a separate section for deferred inflows of resources. The separate financial statement element, *deferred inflows of resources*, represents an acquisition of net position that applies to future period(s) and so will not be recognized as an inflow of resources (revenue) until then. The amounts that qualify for reporting in this category are related to deferred gain on bond refunding, pensions, and other post-employment benefits (OPEB).

In addition to liabilities, governmental activities fund balance will sometimes report a separate section for deferred inflows of resources. The separate financial statement element, *deferred inflows of resources*, represents an acquisition of net position that applies to future period(s) and so will not be recognized as an inflow of resources (revenue) until then. The amounts that qualify for reporting in this category are related to property taxes.

MANAGEMENT ESTIMATES

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

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NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - CONTINUED

PROPERTY TAX

Property Taxes - City property tax revenues are recognized when levied to the extent that they result in current receivables. Receivables outstanding more than 60 days after the fiscal year-end are recorded as deferred revenue in governmental funds. Taxes were levied on October 5, 2020, which is the date that the millage rate was established. Taxes are payable by December 20 and become delinquent and attach as an enforceable lien on that date. The City bills and collects property taxes through the General Fund and the funds are entirely related to and for the use of the Buford Board of Education and transferred along with additional funding appropriations as set by the City Commission in the budget process. The millage rate for the 2020 tax digest was set at 12.65 mills.

CAPITAL ASSETS

Capital assets, which include property, plant and equipment and infrastructure assets, are reported in the applicable governmental or business-type activities columns in the government-wide financial statements and in the fund financial statements for proprietary funds. All capital assets are recorded at historical cost or estimated historical cost if actual historical cost is not available. Donated assets are valued at their fair market value on the date donated. Capital assets utilized in the governmental funds are recorded as expenditures in the governmental fund financial statements. Depreciation expense is recorded in the government-wide financial statements and in the fund financial statements for proprietary funds. Repairs and maintenance are recorded as expenses and expenditures; renewal and betterments are capitalized.

Assets capitalized, not including infrastructure assets, have an original cost of \$5,000 or more and over one year of useful life. Infrastructure assets capitalized have an original cost of \$10,000 or more. Depreciation has been calculated on depreciable assets using the straight-line method. Estimated useful lives are as follows:

Buildings and improvements	15-50 years
Park improvements	5-25 years
Equipment	5-10 years
Furniture and fixtures	10 years
Sidewalks	16 years
Streets, streetscapes and hardscapes	20 years
Utility Plant - Electric	10-25 years
Utility Plant - Gas	10-25 years
Utility Plant - Waste Water	10-25 years
Utility Plant - Water	10-25 years
Vehicles	5-10 years

The City has elected not to capitalize collections and works of art. Collections such as works of art and historical artifacts meet the definition of a capital asset. The requirement for capitalization is waived, however, for collections that meet the following conditions:

- The collection is held for reasons other than financial gain.
- The collection is protected, kept unencumbered, cared for, and preserved.
- The collection is subject to an organizational policy requiring that the proceeds from sales of collection items be used to acquire other items for collections.

The sale or disposal of capital assets is recorded by removing the cost and accumulated depreciation from the accounts and charging the resulting gain or loss to income.

GASB Statement No. 34 requires the City to report and depreciate new infrastructure assets. Infrastructure assets include roads, bridges, drainage, sidewalks, etc. The City finalized implementation of the general provisions of GASB Statement No. 34 related to retroactive infrastructure provisions in the fiscal year ending June 30, 2007. All infrastructure acquired after years ending June 30, 1980 is included in these financial statements.

NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - CONTINUED

COMPENSATED ABSENCES

Compensated absences are recorded on the statement of activities in the government-wide financial statements and the statement of revenues, expenses, and changes in net position in the proprietary fund financial statements. The City's policy for compensated absences is as follows. Vacation is accrued at the rate of five days per year for employees with zero through three years of service, at a rate of ten days per year for employees with four years to nine years of service and at a rate of fifteen days per year for employees with ten or more years of service. Unused vacation leave, not to exceed thirty days, may be carried into the next calendar year. Any annual vacation leave above thirty days will be paid at the end of the calendar year. Sick leave accrues at the rate of five days per year. Unused sick leave may be carried into the next calendar year, not to exceed ten days.

LONG-TERM OBLIGATIONS

In the government-wide financial statements, and proprietary fund types in the fund financial statements, long-term debt and other long-term obligations are reported as liabilities in the applicable governmental activities, business-type activities, or proprietary fund type statement of net position. Long-term liabilities expected to be financed from governmental fund types are not recorded in the governmental fund financial statements. Any related interest expense is recorded on the statement of activities in the government-wide financial statements and the statement of revenues, expenses, and changes in net position in the proprietary fund financial statements. Payments of principal and interest are recorded as expenditures on the statement of revenues, expenditures and changes in fund balance in the governmental fund financial statements.

Bond discounts and premiums are deferred and amortized over the term of the bonds using the effective interest method. Bonds payable are reported net of the applicable discount or premium. In the fund financial statements, governmental fund types report the face amount of debt issued and related premiums or discounts as other financing sources. Bond issuance costs are reported as debt service expenditures.

GOVERNMENTAL FUND BALANCES

In accordance with GASB Statement No. 54 *Fund Balance Reporting and Governmental Fund Type Definitions*, the City classifies governmental fund balances as follows:

Nonspendable fund balance - amounts that cannot be spent because they are not in a spendable form, such as prepaid expenses or inventory, or because they are legally or contractually required to be maintained intact.

Restricted fund balance - constraints are placed on the use of specific purposes by their providers, such as grantors, creditors and bondholders, contributors, or laws and regulations of other governments or imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.

Committed fund balance - amounts that can be used only for specific purposes pursuant to constraints imposed by formal action of the City of Buford Board of Commissioners. The Board of Commissioners is the City's highest level of decision-making authority, and the formal action that is required to be taken to establish, modify, or rescind a fund balance commitment is a resolution approved by the Board. Committed fund balance should also incorporate contractual obligations to the extent that existing resources in the fund have been specifically committed for use in satisfying those contractual requirements.

Assigned fund balance - amounts that are constrained by the City's intent to use for a specific purpose, but are neither restricted nor committed. The intent should be expressed by the Board of Commission.

Unassigned fund balance – the residual classification representing fund balance that has not been assigned to other funds and that has not been restricted, committed or assigned to specific purposes within the fund. These are amounts that are available for any purpose; positive amounts are reported only in the General Fund.

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NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - CONTINUED

GOVERNMENTAL FUND BALANCES - CONTINUED

The City Commission establishes (and modifies or rescinds) fund balance commitments by passage of an ordinance or resolution. This is typically done through adoption and amendment of the budget. A fund balance commitment is further indicated in the budget document as a designation or commitment of the fund. Assigned fund balance is established by the City Commission through adoption or amendment of the budget as intended for specific purpose (such as purchase of fixed assets, construction, debt service, or for other purposes).

Flow assumptions - When both restricted and unrestricted amounts of fund balance are available for use for expenditures incurred, it is the City's policy to use restricted amounts first and then unrestricted amounts as they are needed. For unrestricted amounts of fund balance, it is the City's policy to use fund balance in the following order: Committed, then Assigned, and lastly, Unassigned.

NOTE 2 - DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS

Deposits

Custodial credit risk - the risk that, in the event of the failure of a depository institution, the City will not be able to recover deposits or will not be able to recover collateral securities that are in the possession of an outside party. State statutes require all deposits to be 110% collateralized by depository insurance, obligations of the United States or certain obligations guaranteed by the U.S. Government, obligations of the State of Georgia, or industrial revenue bonds or bonds of public or development authorities, counties, or municipalities of the State of Georgia. The collateral pledged by the banks' trust department in the City's name is composed of bonds of U.S. Government Agencies. The City's policy on custodial credit risk is to comply with the requirements of the State of Georgia.

Deposits of the City's reporting entity are insured or collateralized with securities held by the City, its agent, or by the pledging financial institution's trust department or agent in the name of the City or applicable public trust. The City has not adopted a formal deposit policy.

Investments

State statutes authorize the City to invest only in certificates of deposit of banks and savings and loan associations which have deposits insured by the FDIC with any uninsured amounts collateralized by direct obligations of the United States or the State of Georgia; obligations of the United States and of its agencies and instrumentalities; or bonds or certificates of indebtedness of the State of Georgia and of its agencies and its instrumentalities. The City has not adopted a formal investment policy.

At June 30, 2021, the City's primary government investments were classified as follows:

Investments	\$ 34,731,683
Restricted investments	<u>7,705,716</u>
Total primary government investments	\$ <u>42,437,399</u>

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NOTE 2 - DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS - CONTINUED

Investments - Continued

As of June 30, 2021, the City had the following investments:

<u>Investment</u>	<u>Rating</u>	<u>Maturity</u>	<u>Fair Value</u>
<u>Primary Government</u>			
<u>Governmental activities</u>			
Certificates of Deposit	N/A	365 day	\$ 7,940,299
<u>Business-type activities</u>			
Certificates of Deposit	N/A	365 day	18,889,221
Municipal Competitive Trust:			
Flexible Operating Account	N/A	07/01/21-06/16/22	11,866,073
Intermediate Extended Maturity	N/A	07/01/21-10/01/40	<u>3,741,806</u>
Total primary government			\$ <u>42,437,399</u>
<u>Component Unit</u>			
<u>Downtown Development Authority</u>			
Certificates of Deposit	N/A	365 day	\$ <u>2,342,757</u>
Total Downtown Development Authority			\$ <u>2,342,757</u>

The City is involved in an external investment pool, the Municipal Competitive Trust, which is administered by the Municipal Electric Authority of Georgia ("MEAG"), a governmental entity. The City entered into a Municipal Competitive Trust agreement with MEAG. The City purchases for resale, electric power from MEAG. The City is a beneficiary of this trust, and the City and MEAG deposit monies in the trust from time to time. All monies are held by the trustee, Municipal Competitive Trust, for the City's benefit and are invested in investment securities. The City has recorded the assets in the Enterprise Fund. The Municipal Competitive Trust permits the investment of funds in direct obligations of the United States Government, direct and general obligations of states, certain Federal agency discount notes and repurchase agreements collateralized by securities, which would otherwise be permissible under the laws of the State of Georgia. The fair value of the City's position in the pool changes with market conditions, and is calculated based on the fair market value of net position held in the pool at the close of each business day.

Credit Risk - the City's policy regarding credit risk is to follow state statute. The Municipal Competitive Trust permits the investment of funds in direct obligations of the United States Government, direct and general obligations of states, certain Federal agency discount notes and repurchase agreements collateralized by securities, which would otherwise be permissible under the laws of the State of Georgia.

Custodial Credit Risk - for an investment, the custodial risk is the risk that in the event of the failure of the counterparty, the City will not be able to recover the value of its investments or collateral securities that are in the possession of an outside party. An investment in money market funds is neither insured nor guaranteed by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation or any other government agency. Although money market funds seek to preserve the value of the investment at \$1.00 per share, it is possible to lose money by investing in the funds. Fund shares are not guaranteed by the US Government. The fund is a managed portfolio and its holdings are subject to change. The fund shares are held in an investment account in the City's name. Custodial Credit Risk is not required for external investment pools; therefore, the Municipal Competitive Trust is exempt from this requirement. The City has no policy on custodial credit risk.

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NOTE 2 - DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS - CONTINUED

Investments - Continued

Interest Rate Risk - interest rate risk is the risk that changes in interest rates may adversely affect an investment’s fair value. Since the price of a bond fluctuates with market interest rates, the risk that an investor faces is that the price of a bond held in a portfolio will decline if market interest rates rise. The portfolio’s weighted average maturity (WAM) is a key determinant of the tolerance of a fund’s investments to rising interest rates. In general, the longer the WAM, the more susceptible the fund is to rising interest rates. The US Treasury Money Market interest rate risk is based on WAM. The Municipal Competitive Trust interest rate risk is based on the maximum duration of maturity of its investments.

Concentration of Credit Risk - the City places no limit on the amount that the City may invest in any one issuer. External investment pools are excluded from the concentration of credit risk requirement; therefore, the Municipal Competitive Trust is exempt from this requirement.

Foreign Currency Risk - The City has no foreign currency risk as all investments are in U.S. dollar-denominated assets.

Fair Value Measurements – The City categorizes its fair value measurements within the fair value hierarchy established by generally accepted accounting principles. The hierarchy is based on valuation inputs used to measure the fair value of the asset. Level 1 inputs are quoted market prices in active markets for identical assets; Level 2 inputs are significant other observable inputs; and Level 3 inputs are significant unobservable inputs. The City’s fair value measurements follow:

<u>Investment</u>	<u>Level 1</u>	<u>Level 2</u>	<u>Level 3</u>	<u>Fair Value</u>
Primary Government				
Municipal Competitive Trust:				
Short-term Portfolio	\$ -	\$ 11,866,073	\$ -	\$ 11,866,073
Intermediate Extended Maturity	-	<u>3,741,806</u>	-	<u>3,741,806</u>
Total investments measured at fair value	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 15,607,879</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 15,607,879</u>
Investments recorded at cost:				
Certificates of deposit				<u>26,829,520</u>
Total primary government investments				<u>\$ 42,437,399</u>

Component Unit

Downtown Development Authority – All investments of the Downtown Development Authority were invested in certificates of deposit, and were recorded at cost, which was \$2,342,757 at June 30, 2021.

NOTE 3 - RECEIVABLES

	<u>Governmental Activities</u>	<u>Business- type Activities</u>	<u>Total</u>
Current receivables:			
Property taxes	\$ 656,860	\$ -	\$ 656,860
Sales and excise tax receivable	98,562	-	98,562
Accounts	-	5,020,416	5,020,416
Other	<u>119,969</u>	-	<u>119,969</u>
Total current receivables	<u>\$ 875,391</u>	<u>\$ 5,020,416</u>	<u>\$ 5,895,807</u>

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NOTE 3 - RECEIVABLES - CONTINUED

Intergovernmental contracts receivable

The City has entered into intergovernmental contracts with the City of Buford Board of Education (BOE) regarding the issuance, use of proceeds, and payment of General Obligation Bonds Series 2015, 2017A, 2017B, and GO Refunding Bonds Series 2017C. The Bonds were issued to provide funds, together with other available funds of the BOE to finance the costs of acquiring, constructing, and equipping certain capital outlay projects of the BOE and the costs of issuance of the bonds including capitalized interest. The intergovernmental contracts state that the BOE’s payment obligations consist of the payments of all amounts coming due as principal and interest on the Bonds. The BOE will fund the bonds with ESPLOST revenues, and thus the City has an intergovernmental contracts receivable from the BOE for the outstanding Bonds. The outstanding principal balance on the Bonds was \$54,200,000 with a premium outstanding of \$4,465,121 for total intergovernmental contracts receivable of \$58,665,121 at June 30, 2021. Two capital project funds accounted for the sources and uses of the Bond proceeds. At June 30, 2021, the City had restricted assets available to use for the BOE capital projects of \$704 in the 2017 GOB Capital Project Fund.

NOTE 4 - INTERFUND RECEIVABLES/PAYABLES AND TRANSACTIONS

Interfund balances result from the time lag between the dates that interfund goods and services are provided or reimbursable expenditures occur, transactions are recorded, and payment between funds are made. All interfund receivable/payable amounts are classified as short-term.

Interfund receivables/payables are as follows at June 30, 2021:

<u>Fund</u>	<u>Interfund Receivables</u>	<u>Interfund Payables</u>
General Fund		
Due from Other Governmental Funds	\$ <u>120,784</u>	\$ _____ -
Total General Fund	<u>120,784</u>	_____ -
Other Governmental Funds		
Due to General Fund	-	120,784
Due to Buford Community Center Enterprise Fund	_____ -	<u>67,130</u>
Total Non-Major Governmental Funds	_____ -	<u>187,914</u>
Non-Major Proprietary Fund – Buford Community Center Fund		
Due from Other Governmental Funds	<u>67,130</u>	_____ -
Total Non-Major Proprietary Fund	<u>67,130</u>	_____ -
Total	\$ <u>187,914</u>	\$ <u>187,914</u>

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NOTE 4 - INTERFUND RECEIVABLES/PAYABLES AND TRANSACTIONS - CONTINUED

Interfund transactions consisted of the following for the year ending June 30, 2021:

	<u>Transfers In</u>	<u>Transfers Out</u>
<u>General Fund:</u>		
Utilities Fund	\$ 26,698,595	\$ -
Other Governmental Funds	2,668,961	645,774
Buford Community Center Fund	<u>-</u>	<u>814,327</u>
Total General Fund	<u>29,367,556</u>	<u>1,460,101</u>
<u>Other Governmental Funds:</u>		
General Fund	645,774	2,668,961
Buford Community Center Fund	<u>-</u>	<u>67,130</u>
Total Other Governmental Funds	<u>645,774</u>	<u>2,736,091</u>
<u>Proprietary Funds:</u>		
<u>Utilities Fund:</u>		
General Fund	<u>-</u>	<u>26,698,595</u>
Total Utilities Fund	<u>-</u>	<u>26,698,595</u>
<u>Buford Community Center Fund:</u>		
General Fund	814,327	-
Other Governmental Funds	<u>67,130</u>	<u>-</u>
Total Buford Community Center Fund	<u>881,457</u>	<u>-</u>
Totals	\$ <u>30,894,787</u>	\$ <u>30,894,787</u>

Transfers are used to (a) move revenues from the fund that statute or budget requires to collect them to the fund that statute or budget requires to expend them and to (b) use unrestricted revenues collected in the General Fund and Utilities Fund to finance various programs accounted for in other funds in accordance with budgetary authorizations. (c) Transfer funds to finance the debt service funds in fulfillment of the 2010, 2015, and 2017 General Obligation Bond obligations. (d) Transfers of funds from the Gwinnett County 2014 SPLOST Fund (other governmental funds) and Gwinnett County 2017 SPLOST Fund (other governmental funds) were to refund the General Fund for allowable costs incurred in prior years on SPLOST eligible capital projects that were funded up front by the General Fund.

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NOTE 5 - CAPITAL ASSETS

Following is a summary of changes in the capital assets of governmental activities:

	<u>Balance July 1, 2020</u>	<u>Increases</u>	<u>Decreases</u>	<u>Balance June 30, 2021</u>
GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES:				
Not being depreciated:				
Land	\$ 15,422,291	\$ 874,593	\$(1,602,475)	\$ 14,694,409
Land - schools	8,085,162	-	-	8,085,162
Construction in progress	<u>15,815,633</u>	<u>8,972,329</u>	<u>(6,972,655)</u>	<u>17,815,307</u>
Subtotal	<u>39,323,086</u>	<u>9,846,922</u>	<u>(8,575,130)</u>	<u>40,594,878</u>
Other capital assets:				
Buildings and improvements	39,327,808	8,029,447	-	47,357,255
City parks	4,726,902	572,946	-	5,299,848
Equipment	431,137	256,090	(94,539)	592,688
Furniture and fixtures	639,349	-	-	639,349
Sidewalks	1,523,755	-	-	1,523,755
Streets	26,080,962	1,601,323	(1,232)	27,681,053
Streetscapes and hardscapes	10,560,013	198,634	-	10,758,647
Vehicles	<u>352,958</u>	<u>52,850</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>405,808</u>
Subtotal	<u>83,642,884</u>	<u>10,711,290</u>	<u>(95,771)</u>	<u>94,258,403</u>
Accumulated depreciation:				
Buildings and improvements	(11,114,581)	(1,387,734)	-	(12,502,315)
City parks	(1,470,113)	(214,205)	-	(1,684,318)
Equipment	(212,694)	(61,176)	94,539	(179,331)
Furniture and fixtures	(639,349)	-	-	(639,349)
Sidewalks	(518,156)	(95,235)	-	(613,391)
Streets	(10,135,705)	(1,317,863)	1,232	(11,452,336)
Streetscapes and hardscapes	(3,943,277)	(525,984)	-	(4,469,261)
Vehicles	<u>(116,791)</u>	<u>(64,300)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(181,091)</u>
Subtotal	<u>(28,150,666)</u>	<u>(3,666,497)</u>	<u>95,771</u>	<u>(31,721,392)</u>
Net other capital assets	<u>55,492,218</u>	<u>7,044,793</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>62,537,011</u>
Total capital assets	\$ <u>94,815,304</u>	\$ <u>16,891,715</u>	\$(<u>8,575,130</u>)	\$ <u>103,131,889</u>

Depreciation was charged to functions as follows:

Governmental activities:	
General government	\$ 241,216
Financial and administration	25,476
Public safety, Marshal and Code enforcement	2,265
Highway and street	2,155,753
Building inspection	-
Culture and recreation	1,192,796
Maintenance	<u>48,991</u>
Total governmental activities depreciation expense	\$ <u>3,666,497</u>

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NOTE 5 - CAPITAL ASSETS - CONTINUED

Following is a summary of changes in the capital assets of business-type activities:

	<u>Balance July 1, 2020</u>	<u>Increases</u>	<u>Decreases</u>	<u>Balance June 30, 2021</u>
BUSINESS-TYPE ACTIVITIES:				
<u>Not being depreciated:</u>				
Land - Gas	\$ 11,183	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 11,183
Land - Sanitation	85,000	-	-	85,000
Land - Water & waste water	106,480	-	-	106,480
Construction in progress - Gas	479,035	41,226	(479,035)	41,226
Construction in progress - Water & wastewater	<u>2,300,487</u>	<u>2,294,803</u>	<u>(578,460)</u>	<u>4,016,830</u>
Subtotal	<u>2,982,185</u>	<u>2,336,029</u>	<u>(1,057,495)</u>	<u>4,260,719</u>
<u>Other capital assets:</u>				
Buildings and improvements - BCC	146,773	-	-	146,773
Equipment - Electric	19,866	6,670	-	26,536
Equipment - Gas	162,954	16,165	-	179,119
Equipment - Water & wastewater	358,203	-	-	358,203
Equipment - BCC	157,324	-	-	157,324
Utility plant - Electric	18,772,976	202,943	-	18,975,919
Utility plant - Gas	71,169,348	3,227,918	(3,164,725)	71,232,541
Utility plant - Water & wastewater	33,369,319	2,140,762	(552,710)	34,957,371
Vehicles - Electric	300,152	46,500	-	346,652
Vehicles - Gas	450,450	326,842	(104,830)	672,462
Vehicles - Solid waste & recycling	552,945	92,705	-	645,650
Vehicles - Water & wastewater	<u>90,255</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>90,255</u>
Subtotal	<u>125,550,565</u>	<u>6,060,505</u>	<u>(3,822,265)</u>	<u>127,788,805</u>
<u>Accumulated depreciation:</u>				
Buildings and improvements - BCC	(48,924)	(9,785)	-	(58,709)
Equipment - Electric	(8,267)	(2,209)	-	(10,476)
Equipment - Gas	(62,629)	(20,173)	-	(82,802)
Equipment - Water & wastewater	(43,359)	(35,821)	-	(79,180)
Equipment - BCC	(42,500)	(15,331)	-	(57,831)
Utility plant - Electric	(13,817,407)	(913,361)	-	(14,730,768)
Utility plant - Gas	(37,014,592)	(2,734,692)	3,164,725	(36,584,559)
Utility plant - Water & wastewater	(16,961,113)	(1,620,336)	552,710	(18,028,739)
Vehicles - Electric	(75,566)	(41,466)	-	(117,032)
Vehicles - Gas	(363,926)	(82,456)	104,830	(341,552)
Vehicles - Solid waste & recycling	(198,203)	(62,367)	-	(260,570)
Vehicles - Water & waste water	<u>(26,865)</u>	<u>(18,052)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(44,917)</u>
Subtotal	<u>(68,663,351)</u>	<u>(5,556,049)</u>	<u>3,822,265</u>	<u>(70,397,135)</u>
Net other capital assets	<u>56,887,214</u>	<u>504,456</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>57,391,670</u>
Net capital assets	\$ <u>59,869,399</u>	\$ <u>2,840,485</u>	\$ <u>(1,057,495)</u>	\$ <u>61,652,389</u>

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NOTE 5 - CAPITAL ASSETS - CONTINUED

Depreciation was charged to functions as follows:

Business-type activities:		
Electric		\$ 957,037
Gas		2,837,321
Solid Waste and Recycling System		62,368
Waste Water		837,103
Water		837,104
Buford Community Center		<u>25,116</u>
Total business-type activities depreciation expense		<u>\$ 5,556,049</u>

NOTE 6 - LONG-TERM DEBT

The following is a summary of changes in long-term debt for the year ended June 30, 2021:

<u>Type of Debt</u>	<u>Balance July 1, 2020</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Deductions</u>	<u>Balance June 30, 2021</u>	<u>Amounts Due within One Year</u>
Governmental activities:					
General Obligation Bonds direct placement	\$ 4,503,236	\$ -	\$(500,000)	\$ 4,003,236	\$ 500,000
General Obligation Bonds Reoffering premium	54,200,000	-	-	54,200,000	-
	<u>4,995,085</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(529,964)</u>	<u>4,465,121</u>	<u>529,964</u>
General Obligation Bonds - net	63,698,321	-	(1,029,964)	62,668,357	1,029,964
Compensated absences	192,120	2,568	-	194,688	-
Net OPEB liability	6,489,258	210,985	-	6,700,243	-
Net pension liability	<u>4,139,739</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(21,851)</u>	<u>4,117,888</u>	<u>-</u>
Total governmental activities Long-term liabilities	<u>\$ 74,519,438</u>	<u>\$ 213,553</u>	<u>\$(1,051,815)</u>	<u>\$ 73,681,176</u>	<u>\$ 1,029,964</u>
Business-type activities:					
Revenue Bonds Reoffering premium	\$ -	\$ 17,435,000	\$ -	\$ 17,435,000	\$ 510,000
	<u>-</u>	<u>2,942,559</u>	<u>(147,128)</u>	<u>2,795,431</u>	<u>147,128</u>
Revenue Bonds - net	-	20,377,559	(147,128)	20,230,431	657,128
Compensated absences	165,185	427	-	165,612	-
Net OPEB liability	5,527,886	632,223	-	6,160,109	-
Net pension liability	<u>3,526,444</u>	<u>259,485</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,785,929</u>	<u>-</u>
Total business-type activities Long-term liabilities	<u>\$ 9,219,515</u>	<u>\$ 21,269,694</u>	<u>\$(147,128)</u>	<u>\$ 30,342,081</u>	<u>\$ 657,128</u>

The reporting entity's long-term debt is segregated between the amounts to be repaid from governmental activities and amounts to be repaid from business-type activities.

For governmental activities, compensated absences, net OPEB liability, and net pension liability are liquidated by the General Fund.

For business-type activities, compensated absences and net pension liability are liquidated by the Utilities Fund and the Buford Community Center Fund. Net OPEB liability is liquidated by the Utilities Fund.

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NOTE 6 - LONG-TERM DEBT - CONTINUED

GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES

As of June 30, 2021, the governmental long-term debt of the financial reporting entity consisted of the following:

GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS PAYABLE

City of Buford General Obligation Bonds Series 2010

On October 21, 2010 the City issued City of Buford General Obligation Bonds Series 2010 payable in the original amount of \$10,000,000 in a direct placement. The bonds were issued for the purpose of providing funds to be used to pay the cost of acquiring, constructing, and equipping certain additional facilities, including a multi-purpose facility to house and in furtherance of the following: (i) recreation and athletics, including, but not limited to a passive park, (ii) fine arts, including, but not limited to a theater, (iii) education, (iv) public meeting space and community-wide events and programs, and (v) administrative offices, and other buildings and facilities useful in connection therewith and acquiring property, real and personal, necessary therefor, and paying expenses incident thereto, including the costs of issuing the bonds. The City has pledged its full faith and credit and taxing power to the bonds. The bonds bear an interest rate of 3.50%, with a final maturity date of July 1, 2030.

The following is a summary of the maturity of the bonds and interest thereon:

Amount of original issue	\$ 10,000,000
Less: amount redeemed	(5,996,764)
 Net amount outstanding June 30, 2021 - total general obligation bonds payable	 4,003,236
Less: current maturities	<u>500,000</u>
 Long-term maturities	 \$ <u>3,503,236</u>

Annual debt service requirements

The annual debt service requirements to maturity, including principal and interest, for the General Obligation Bonds, Series 2010 long-term debt as of June 30, 2021, are as follows:

<u>Year Ending June 30,</u>	<u>Governmental Activities</u>		<u>Total</u>
	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>	
2022	\$ 500,000	\$ 135,738	\$ 635,738
2023	500,000	118,238	618,238
2024	500,000	100,738	600,738
2025	500,000	83,238	583,238
2026	500,000	65,738	565,738
2027-2028	<u>1,503,236</u>	<u>92,216</u>	<u>1,595,452</u>
 Total	 \$ <u>4,003,236</u>	 \$ <u>595,906</u>	 \$ <u>4,599,142</u>

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NOTE 6 - LONG-TERM DEBT - CONTINUED

GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES - Continued

City of Buford General Obligation Bonds Series 2015

On June 17, 2015, the City issued City of Buford General Obligation Bonds Series 2015 payable in the original amount of \$33,050,000. The bonds were issued for the purpose of providing funds, together with other available funds of the Board of Education of the City of Buford ("BOE") to finance the costs of acquiring, constructing, and equipping certain capital outlay projects of the School System and the costs of issuance of the Bonds including capitalized interest, more specifically for the purpose of acquisition, construction and equipping certain additional Buford City School facilities, the addition of classrooms to existing schools, renovation of existing facilities and technology and preventive maintenance thereto in furtherance of K-12 education in the Buford City School district and other buildings and facilities useful in connection therewith, and acquiring property, real and personal, necessary thereof, and paying expenses incident thereto; to provide for the date and the maximum interest rate or rates of interest which such bonds shall bear, and the schedule of maturities of said bond issue; to provide for the levy of and collection of taxes to service said bond issue, and for other related purposes. On December 6, 2017, \$22,350,000 of the bonds were advance refunded by the issuance of the City of Buford General Obligation Refunding Bonds Series 2017C. The proceeds of this advance refunding were deposited into an escrow fund to refund and defease the refunded bonds. Accordingly, the escrow account assets and the liability for the defeased bonds are not included in the City's financial statements. The remaining bonds from the 2015 issue bear an interest rate of 5.250%, with a final maturity date of January 1, 2029. The City has pledged its full faith and credit and taxing power to the bonds.

The City previously entered into an intergovernmental contract with the BOE in regards to issuance, use of proceeds and payment of the City of Buford General Obligation Bonds Series 2015. This contract was replaced in its entirety by an amended and restated contract entered into on December 1, 2017 as part of the issuance of the City of Buford General Obligation Refunding Bonds Series 2017C.

The BOE has assigned SPLOST revenues from the Intergovernmental Agreement with the Board of Education of Gwinnett County dated July 17, 2015 for use in payment of the Bonds.

The following is a summary of the maturity of the bonds and interest thereon:

Amount of original issue at par	\$ 33,050,000
Less: amount redeemed	<u>(22,350,000)</u>
Net amount outstanding June 30, 2021 - total general obligation bonds payable	10,700,000
Less: current maturities	<u> -</u>
Long-term maturities	<u>\$ 10,700,000</u>

Annual debt service requirements

The annual debt service requirements to maturity, including principal and interest, for the General Obligation Bonds, Series 2015 long-term debt as of June 30, 2021, are as follows:

<u>Year Ending June 30,</u>	<u>Governmental Activities</u>		
	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Total</u>
2022	\$ -	\$ 561,750	\$ 561,750
2023	-	561,750	561,750
2024	-	561,750	561,750
2025	-	561,750	561,750
2026	-	561,750	561,750
2027-2029	<u>10,700,000</u>	<u>1,685,250</u>	<u>12,385,250</u>
Total	\$ 10,700,000	\$ 4,494,000	\$ 15,194,000

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NOTE 6 - LONG-TERM DEBT - CONTINUED

GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES - Continued

City of Buford General Obligation Bonds Series 2017A and Series 2017B - Continued

Annual debt service requirements

The annual debt service requirements to maturity, including principal and interest, for the General Obligation Bonds Series 2017A and Series 2017B long-term debt as of June 30, 2021, are as follows:

	<u>Governmental Activities</u>		
<u>Year Ending June 30,</u>	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Total</u>
2022	\$ -	\$ 961,500	\$ 961,500
2023	-	961,500	961,500
2024	9,420,000	961,500	10,381,500
2025	-	490,500	490,500
2026	-	490,500	490,500
2027-2029	<u>9,810,000</u>	<u>1,471,500</u>	<u>11,281,500</u>
Total	\$ <u>19,230,000</u>	\$ <u>5,337,000</u>	\$ <u>24,567,000</u>

City of Buford General Obligation Refunding Bonds Series 2017C

On December 6, 2017, the City issued The City of Buford General Obligation Refunding Bonds Series 2017C in the amount of \$24,270,000. The City has pledged its full faith and credit and taxing power to the bonds. The Series 2017C bonds were issued to advance refund \$22,350,000 of the City's previously issued City of Buford General Obligation Bonds Series 2015. The bonds bear interest rates averaging from 3.00% to 4.00%, with a final maturity date of January 1, 2048. The City advance refunded a portion of the Series 2015 bonds in order to issue additional bonds for the construction of BOE facilities and to extend the maturity of the bonds by 19 years, which will result in an increase in total scheduled debt service payments of \$17,921,571 and an economic loss (difference between the present value of the debt service payments on the old and new debt) of \$982,127. The proceeds of the Series 2017C issue resulted in a gain on advance refunding as follows:

Net carrying amount of City of Buford G.O. Bonds Series 2015 refunded:		
Principal balance		\$ 22,350,000
Unamortized bond issue premium		<u>2,600,808</u>
City of Buford G.O. Bonds Series 2015 Bonds refunded		\$ 24,950,808
Reacquisition price of City of Buford G.O. Bonds Series 2015		<u>24,754,238</u>
Gain on advance refunding		\$ <u>196,570</u>

The City entered into an amended and restated intergovernmental contract with the BOE in regards to issuance, use of proceeds and payment of the City of Buford General Obligation Bonds Series 2015 and City of Buford General Obligation Refunding Bonds Series 2017C as of December 1, 2017. The amended and restated contract replaced the 2015 intergovernmental contract in its entirety. The contract stipulates that the BOE's payment obligations consist of the payments of all amounts coming due as principal and interest on the Bonds as set forth in the Bonds and the Bond Ordinance directly to and for the applicable account of the City as so designated by the City. The obligation of the BOE to pay promptly its obligations shall be absolute and unconditional and shall not be subject to any defense or right of setoff, counterclaim, or recoupment arising from any breach by the City of any obligation to the BOE or the breach by the BOE of any obligation to the City. In addition, the BOE has notified the State Board of Education of the issuance of the Bonds and has authorized and directed the State Board to withhold and transfer any state appropriation to which the BOE is entitled to. The Sinking Fund Custodian shall be required to transfer to the paying agent for the Bonds such amounts of monies as are necessary to provide for the payment of the principal and/or interest on the Bonds coming due each payment date.

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NOTE 6 - LONG-TERM DEBT - CONTINUED

GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES - Continued

City of Buford General Obligation Refunding Bonds Series 2017C - Continued

Annual debt service requirements

The annual debt service requirements to maturity, including principal and interest, for the General Obligation Refunding Bonds Series 2017C long-term debt as of June 30, 2021, are as follows:

<u>Year Ending June 30,</u>	<u>Governmental Activities</u>		
	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Total</u>
2022	\$ -	\$ 896,294	\$ 896,294
2023	-	896,294	896,294
2024	-	896,294	896,294
2025	-	896,294	896,294
2026	-	896,294	896,294
2027-2031	1,815,000	4,445,869	6,260,869
2032-2036	5,225,000	3,717,069	8,942,069
2037-2041	6,270,000	2,672,168	8,942,168
2042-2046	7,555,000	1,385,037	8,940,037
2047-2048	<u>3,405,000</u>	<u>173,306</u>	<u>3,578,306</u>
Total	\$ <u>24,270,000</u>	\$ <u>16,874,919</u>	\$ <u>41,144,919</u>

BUSINESS-TYPE ACTIVITIES

As of June 30, 2021, the long-term debt from proprietary fund activity consisted of the following:

REVENUE BONDS PAYABLE

City of Buford Combined Utility System Revenue Bonds, Series 2020

On July 21, 2020, the City issued The City of Buford Combined Utility System Revenue Bonds, Series 2020 in the total amount of \$17,435,000. The bonds are secured by a first and prior pledge of a lien on the net revenues of the City's water, wastewater, electric, and natural gas system (collectively the "Combined System") to the bonds. The Series 2020 bonds were issued for the purpose of providing funds to be applied to (i) the financing of costs of the acquisition, construction and installation of certain additions, extensions and improvements to the water and sewerage portions of the Combined System, including without limitation, the construction and development of a new water plant and improvements to one or more existing sewer main service lines; (ii) the purchase of a municipal bond insurance policy and a debt service reserve insurance policy for the Series 2020 Bonds; and (iii) the payment of costs of issuing the Series 2020 Bonds. The bonds bear interest rates ranging from 3.00% to 4.00%, with a final maturity date of July 1, 2040, with optional redemption for all bonds maturing July 1, 2030 and thereafter at the option of the City.

As part of the bond ordinance, the City has covenanted to place in effect a schedule of rates, fees and charges for services, facilities and commodities furnished by the Combined System and as often as it shall appear necessary the City will revise and adjust such schedule of rates, fees and charges for any of its water, sewerage, gas distribution or electric distribution services and facilities, or all of them, to the extent necessary to produce funds sufficient to: (a) operate, maintain and repair the Combined System on a sound basis, and (b) produce an amount equal to 110% of the amount required to discharge the payment of principal of and the interest on the Series 2020 Bonds and any Additional Bonds as same become due and payable in the then current period commencing on July 2 in an year and ending on July 1 in the next ensuing year. At June 30, 2021, the net revenues (excluding bond interest, depreciation, amortization, capital contributions, and transfers) of the Combined System Enterprise Fund were in compliance with this requirement.

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NOTE 6 - LONG-TERM DEBT - CONTINUED

BUSINESS-TYPE ACTIVITIES - Continued

City of Buford Combined Utility System Revenue Bonds, Series 2020

At June 30, 2021 the City had \$18,870,910 of restricted cash on hand from the Series 2020 Bonds and reoffering premium available to be used for capital improvements for its water and sewerage portions of the Combined System.

Annual debt service requirements

The annual debt service requirements to maturity, including principal and interest, for the Combined Utility System Revenue Bonds, Series 2020 long-term debt as of June 30, 2021, are as follows:

<u>Year Ending June 30,</u>	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Total</u>
2022	\$ 510,000	\$ 673,500	\$ 1,183,500
2023	620,000	650,900	1,270,900
2024	645,000	625,600	1,270,600
2025	675,000	602,575	1,277,575
2026	695,000	582,025	1,277,025
2027-2031	3,865,000	2,483,700	6,348,700
2032-2036	4,705,000	1,628,900	6,333,900
2037-2041	<u>5,720,000</u>	<u>590,000</u>	<u>6,310,000</u>
Total	\$ <u>17,435,000</u>	\$ <u>7,837,200</u>	\$ <u>25,272,200</u>

The annual debt service requirements to maturity, including principal and interest, for long-term debt as of June 30, 2021, are as follows:

DEBT SERVICE REQUIREMENTS - TOTAL GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS PAYABLE, SERIES 2010, SERIES 2015, AND SERIES 2017

<u>Year Ending June 30,</u>	<u>Governmental Activities</u>				
	<u>Direct Placement General Oblig. Bonds</u>		<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Total</u>
	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>			
2022	\$ 500,000	\$ 135,738	\$ -	\$ 2,419,544	\$ 3,055,282
2023	500,000	118,238	-	2,419,544	3,037,782
2024	500,000	100,738	9,420,000	2,419,544	12,440,282
2025	500,000	83,238	-	1,948,544	2,531,782
2026	500,000	65,738	-	1,948,544	2,514,282
2027-2031	1,503,236	92,216	22,325,000	7,602,618	31,523,070
2032-2036	-	-	5,225,000	3,917,069	9,142,069
2037-2041	-	-	6,270,000	2,672,169	8,942,169
2042-2046	-	-	7,555,000	1,385,037	8,940,037
2047-2048	-	-	<u>3,405,000</u>	<u>173,306</u>	<u>3,578,306</u>
Total	\$ <u>4,003,236</u>	\$ <u>595,906</u>	\$ <u>54,200,000</u>	\$ <u>26,905,919</u>	\$ <u>85,705,061</u>

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NOTE 6 - LONG-TERM DEBT - CONTINUED

DEBT SERVICE REQUIREMENTS - REVENUE BONDS PAYABLE, SERIES 2020
Business-type Activities

<u>Year Ending June 30,</u>	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Total</u>
2022	\$ 510,000	\$ 673,500	\$ 1,183,500
2023	620,000	650,900	1,270,900
2024	645,000	625,600	1,270,600
2025	675,000	602,575	1,277,575
2026	695,000	582,025	1,277,025
2027-2031	3,865,000	2,483,700	6,348,700
2032-2036	4,705,000	1,628,900	6,333,900
2037-2041	<u>5,720,000</u>	<u>590,000</u>	<u>6,310,000</u>
Total	\$ <u>17,435,000</u>	\$ <u>7,837,200</u>	\$ <u>25,272,200</u>

NOTE 7 - FUND BALANCES

The City's governmental fund balance classifications are nonspendable, restricted for specific purposes, as required by bond ordinances, higher levels of government, or unassigned. As of June 30, 2021, the City's classifications of governmental fund balances are as follows:

Governmental Funds

<u>Nonspendable:</u>		
Prepaid items		\$ 613,237
<u>Restricted for:</u>		
Capital Projects – City of Buford Board of Education		704
Capital Projects – SPLOST Construction		11,546,493
Debt Service		102,802
Education		623,404
<u>Unassigned</u>		<u>11,489,896</u>
Total governmental fund balances		\$ <u>24,376,536</u>

NOTE 8 - RESTRICTED NET POSITION

Governmental Activities

Restricted net position is comprised of the following at June 30, 2021:

Restricted for:		
Capital Projects - SPLOST		\$ 11,546,493
Debt service		102,802
Education		<u>623,404</u>
Total net position restricted for governmental-type activities		\$ <u>12,272,699</u>

Business-type Activities

The City had no restricted net position for its business-type activities at June 30, 2021.

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NOTE 9 - PENSION PLAN

Plan Description

The City's defined benefit pension plan, City of Buford Retirement Plan ("The BRP"), provides retirement and death benefits to plan members and beneficiaries. These retirement provisions were established by an adoption agreement executed by the City Commission. The BRP is affiliated with the Georgia Municipal Employees Benefit System ("GMEBS"), an agent multiple-employer pension plan administered by the Georgia Municipal Association. The Georgia Municipal Association assigns the authority to establish and amend the benefit provisions of the plans that participate in GMEBS to the respective employer entities; for the BRP, that authority rests with the City of Buford. The Georgia Municipal Association issues a publicly available financial report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information for GMEBS. That report may be obtained by written request to Georgia Municipal Association, 201 Pryor Street, SW, Atlanta, Georgia 30303.

Membership of the plan

Retirees and beneficiaries receiving benefits	71
Terminated vested participants	9
Active plan members	<u>116</u>
Total	<u>196</u>

Funding Policy

BRP members are not required and do not contribute to BRP. BRP is a noncontributory plan. The City is required to contribute 100% of the amount necessary to fund BRP at an actuarially determined rate; the current rate is 21.12% of expected payroll. The contribution requirements of the City are established and may be amended by the GMEBS Board of Trustees.

BRP is subject to minimum funding standards of the Georgia Public Retirement Systems Standards Law. The GMEBS Board of Trustees has adopted an actuarial funding policy that requires a different funding level than the estimated minimum annual contribution to minimize fluctuations in annual contribution amounts and to accumulate sufficient funds to secure benefits under the plan. The funding policy for the plan is to contribute an amount equal to the recommended contribution each year. The recommended contribution is developed under the actuarial funding policy each year, and meets applicable state funding standards. These contributions are determined under the entry age normal actuarial cost method and the asset valuation method for developing the actuarial value of assets. The amortization of the unfunded actuarial accrued liability is level dollar over 30 years for the initial unfunded accrued liability, 15 years for actuarial gains and losses, 10 years for temporary retirement incentive programs, 20 years for other changes to plan provisions, and 30 years for actuarial assumptions and cost methods. The total amortization must be within a corridor of the 10-year and the 30-year amortization of the unfunded/(surplus) actuarial accrued liability. In a year when the 10-year or 30-year corridor applies, the following year, the prior year bases are combined into one 10-year or 30-year base. These amortization periods, if applicable, are closed for this plan year.

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NOTE 9 - PENSION PLAN - CONTINUED

Investment Data

The market value of assets is based on current values as of three months preceding the valuation date (September 30, 2020) as is assumed to be current through that date. All asset data that was used in the actuarial valuation has been supplied by GMEBS. Net investment return is assumed to be 7.375% on an ongoing basis, based on the long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments. The long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was determined using a building-block method in which the best-estimate ranges of expected future real rates of return (expected returns, net of pension plan investment expense and inflation) are developed for each major asset class. These ranges are combined to produce the long-term expected rate of return by weighting the expected future real rates of return by the target asset allocation percentage and by adding expected inflation. The difference between the resulting rate and the rate on the ongoing basis is a margin for adverse deviation. Best estimates of arithmetic real rates of return for each major asset class included in the pension plan's target asset allocation as of March 31, 2020 are summarized in the following table.

<u>Asset Class</u>	<u>Target Allocation</u>	<u>Long-Term Expected Real Rate of Return</u>
Domestic equity	45%	6.40%
International equity	20%	7.05%
Domestic fixed income	20%	1.15%
Real estate	10%	4.50%
Global fixed income	5%	1.25%
Cash	<u>0%</u>	
Total	<u>100%</u>	

NET PENSION LIABILITY

The City's net pension liability was measured as of September 30, 2020. The total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of January 1, 2021 with update procedures performed by the actuary to roll forward to the total pension liability measured as of September 30, 2020.

Net pension liability is calculated as follows:

Total pension liability	\$ 26,681,629
Fiduciary net position	(18,777,812)
Net pension liability	\$ <u>7,903,817</u>
 Fiduciary net position as a percentage of total pension liability	 70.38%

Total pension liability uses Entry Age Normal liabilities calculated using ages and service amounts as of January 1, 2021 are used to measure total pension liability as of September 30, 2020. The balances as of September 30, 2020 constitute measurements of the net pension liability for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2021.

The mortality and economic actuarial assumptions used in the January 1, 2021 valuation were based on the results of an actuarial experience study for the period January 1, 2015 through June 30, 2019. Mortality rates were based on the sex-distinct Pri-2012 head count rated Healthy Mortality Table with rates multiplied by 1.25.

NOTE 9 - PENSION PLAN - CONTINUED

Assumptions on which the cost of BRP is calculated include investment return, mortality rates, retirement rates, disability rates, withdrawal rates, and salary increase rates.

Total pension liability, fiduciary net position, and net pension liability are based on a September 30, 2020 measurement date which would make them applicable to the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2020 and ending June 30, 2021.

Benefit Terms

The eligibility requirement is immediate for employees and officials. Employees and officials are vested after 10 years. The type of benefit payment is a life annuity. Death benefits are term vested Auto A death benefit effective January 1, 2003. Previously eligibility was "early or normal". The benefit formula is 2.00%. All participants are eligible to receive an annual variable cost-of-living adjustment not to exceed 3.0%. The Georgia Municipal Association has assigned the authority to the City to establish and amend the benefit provisions of the plan.

Actuarial Assumptions

The total pension liability in the January 1, 2021 actuarial valuation was based on the projected unit credit actuarial cost method and the asset valuation method for developing the actuarial value of assets. The actuarial assumptions included the following:

- Rate of return on investment 7.375% per year
- Projected salary increases 2.25% per year plus age and service based on merit increases
- Inflation rate assumption 2.25%
- Cost of living adjustments 2.10%

Changes in Assumptions

There were no changes in assumptions for the current fiscal year.

Benefit Changes

There were no changes in benefits for the current fiscal year.

Discount Rate

The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability was 7.375%. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed that City contributions will be made at rates equal to the difference between actuarially determined contribution rates. Based on those assumptions, the pension plan's fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make all projected future benefit payments of the current plan members. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was applied to all of the projected benefit payments to determine the total pension liability. The discount rate was unchanged from the plan's prior fiscal year.

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NOTE 9 - PENSION PLAN - CONTINUED

Changes in the Net Pension Liability of the City. The changes in the components of the net pension liability of the City for the year ended June 30, 2021, were as follows:

	<u>Total Pension Liability (a)</u>	<u>Plan Fiduciary Net Position (b)</u>	<u>Net Pension Liability (Asset) (a) – (b)</u>
Beginning balance	\$ 24,013,100	\$ 16,346,917	\$ 7,666,183
Changes for the year:			
Service cost	338,466	-	338,466
Interest	1,752,387	-	1,752,387
Differences between expected and actual experience	1,758,441	-	1,758,441
Contributions – employer	-	1,851,972	(1,851,972)
Contributions – employee	-	-	-
Net investment income	-	1,786,142	(1,786,142)
Benefit payments, including refunds of employee contributions	(1,180,765)	(1,180,765)	-
Administrative expense	-	(26,454)	26,454
Other changes	-	-	-
Ending balance	\$ <u>26,681,629</u>	\$ <u>18,777,812</u>	\$ <u>7,903,817</u>

The required schedule of changes in the City’s net pension liability and related ratios immediately following the notes of the financial statements presents multiyear trend information about whether the value of plan assets is increasing or decreasing over time relative to the total pension liability.

Sensitivity of the net pension liability to changes in the discount rate. The following presents the net pension liability of the City, calculated using the discount rate of 7.375 percent, as well as, what the City’s net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1 percentage point lower (6.375%) or 1 percentage point higher (8.375%) than the current rate:

<u>1% Decrease (6.375%)</u>	<u>Current Discount Rate (7.375%)</u>	<u>1% Increase (8.375%)</u>
\$ <u>11,621,999</u>	\$ <u>7,903,817</u>	\$ <u>4,845,495</u>

Actuarial valuations involve estimates of the value of reported amounts and assumptions about the probability of events far into the future, and actuarially determined amounts are subject to continual revision as results are compared to past expectations and new estimates are made about the future. Actuarial calculations reflect a long-term perspective. Calculations are based on the substantive plan in effect as of September 30, 2020 and the current sharing pattern of costs between employer and employee.

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NOTE 9 - PENSION PLAN - CONTINUED

PENSION EXPENSE AND DEFERRED OUTFLOWS/INFLOWS OF RESOURCES RELATED TO PENSIONS

Pension expense for the year ended June 30, 2021 is \$1,741,289.

Deferred outflows/inflows of resource related to pensions:

	<u>Deferred Outflows of Resources</u>	<u>Deferred Inflows of Resources</u>
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$ 1,863,420	\$ -
Changes in assumptions	1,027,915	-
Changes in benefit terms	-	-
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on pension plan		
Investments	-	(296,616)
City contributions subsequent to the measurement date	<u>1,901,059</u>	<u>-</u>
Total	\$ <u>4,792,394</u>	\$ <u>(296,616)</u>

Employer contributions made subsequent to the measurement date of the net pension liability of \$1,901,059 are reported as deferred outflows of resources and will be recognized as a reduction of the net pension liability in the year ending June 30, 2021. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions will be recognized in pension expense as follows:

Projected recognition of deferred outflows/(inflows):

<u>Year Ended</u>	<u>Recognition</u>
June 30, 2022	\$ 832,365
June 30, 2023	800,135
June 30, 2024	721,887
June 30, 2025	240,332
June 30, 2026	-
Thereafter	<u>-</u>
Total	\$ <u>2,594,719</u>

NOTE 10 - POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS OTHER THEN PENSIONS - OPEB

Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

The City uses accounting policies consistent with recognition of liabilities and expenses in the Government-Wide financial statements as described in Note 1 and with GASB Statement No. 75. The City has chosen the pay-as-you-go method of funding the Plan, and as of June 30, 2021, the Plan reported no assets.

General Information about the OPEB Plan

Plan administration. The City of Buford Other Postemployment Benefit Plan (OPEB) is a defined benefit postretirement healthcare, prescription drug, and life insurance plan. The Plan is administered through the Georgia Municipal Employees Benefit System (GMEBS), an agent multiple-employer OPEB plan administered by the Georgia Municipal Association (GMA). The authority to establish and amend benefit provisions of the Plan rests with the City and is established by ordinance. The Plan does not issue separate financial statements. No assets are accumulated in a trust that meets the criteria in paragraph 4 of GASB Statement No. 75, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Postemployment Benefits Other Than Pensions*.

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NOTE 10 - POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS OTHER THEN PENSIONS - OPEB - CONTINUED

Benefits Provided. The Plan allows employees to continue medical, prescription drug, dental and life insurance coverage beyond retirement, depending on whether the retiree had those coverages at the time they retire. Spouse benefits are the same as benefits for retirees except for life insurance. Benefits are payable to a spouse regardless of when the retiree dies. Retiree and spouse contribution rates are periodically reset by City ordinance.

City Contributions. The City has not elected to advance fund the OPEB Plan, but rather maintains the OPEB Plan on a "pay-as-you-go" basis, in that claims are paid as they arise, rather than establishing an irrevocable trust to accumulated restricted funds. The plan is noncontributory in that the City contributes 100% of the benefit payments to the plan. The GMA issues a publicly available financial report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information for GMEBS.

Employees eligible for the plan include the following:

Elected officials: officials and their dependents are eligible for a period equal to their years of service.

Appointed positions and department heads: employees and their dependents are eligible for a period equal to their years of service in which they held an appointed position.

Regular employees: After thirty years of service, the employee and their dependents are eligible for life.

Employees covered by the benefit terms. At January 1, 2020, City plan membership consisted of the following:

Retired members or beneficiaries currently receiving benefits	9
Vested terminated members entitled to but not yet receiving benefits	0
Active members	<u>113</u>
Total	<u>122</u>

Total OPEB Liability

The City's Net OPEB liability was measured as of June 30, 2020. The Plan Fiduciary Net Positions (plan assets, if any) were valued as of the measurement dates and the Total OPEB liability was determined from actuarial valuations using data as of January 1, 2020.

Actuarial assumptions and other inputs. The total OPEB liability was measured as of June 30, 2020 using the following actuarial assumptions and other inputs, applied to all periods included in the measurement, unless otherwise noted:

Inflation	2.25%
Salary increases	2.25%, plus service-based merit increases
Discount rate	2.21%
Healthcare cost trends	Medical and Prescription Drug: 7.00% Trended down to 4.50% over 10 years Dental: 3.00%
Mortality rates	Sex-distinct Pri-2002 head-count weighted Healthy Mortality Table with rate multiplied by 1.25.

The discount rate was based on the index of the General Obligation, 20-year, Municipal Bond Rate as of each measurement date.

The actuarial assumptions used for the June 30, 2020 measurement date were based on the results of an actuarial experience study for the period January 1, 2015 to June 30, 2019.

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NOTE 10 - POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS OTHER THEN PENSIONS - OPEB - CONTINUED

Changes in the Total OPEB Liability of the City. The changes in the components of the total OPEB liability of the City for the year ended June 30, 2021, were as follows:

	<u>Total OPEB Liability (a)</u>	<u>Plan Fiduciary Net Position (b)</u>	<u>Net OPEB Liability (Asset) (a) – (b)</u>
Beginning balance	\$ 12,017,144	\$ -	\$ 12,017,144
Changes for the year:			
Service cost	426,621	-	426,621
Interest	432,725	-	432,725
Differences between expected and actual experience	(358,525)	-	(358,525)
Changes of assumptions	504,178	-	504,178
Contributions – employer	-	161,791	(161,791)
Net investment income	-	-	-
Benefit payments, including refunds of employee contributions	(161,791)	(161,791)	-
Administrative expense	-	-	-
Ending balance	\$ <u>12,860,352</u>	\$ <u>-</u>	\$ <u>12,860,352</u>

Benefit Changes

There were no plan changes in benefit provisions reflected for the June 30, 2020 measurement date.

Changes of Assumptions

Reflected for the June 30, 2020 measurement date

- The discount rate from the 20-year Bond GO Index for June 30, 2020 was 2.21%. For June 30, 2019 it was 3.50%.
- The assumed excise tax liability was removed from base legislation passed in December 2019.
- Healthcare costs were updated to reflect the most recent claims experience.
- Healthcare trend was updated to 7.0% graded down by 0.25% per year to a 4.50% ultimate rate.

Sensitivity of the total OPEB liability to changes in the discount rate. The following presents the total OPEB liability of the City, as well as what the City's total OPEB liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1-percentage-point lower (1.21%) or 1-percentage-point higher (3.21%) than the current rate.

	<u>1% Decrease (1.21%)</u>	<u>Current Discount Rate (2.21%)</u>	<u>1% Increase (3.21%)</u>
Total OPEB liability	\$ <u>16,517,362</u>	\$ <u>12,860,352</u>	\$ <u>10,162,886</u>

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

	<u>1% Decrease In Healthcare Cost Trend Rates</u>	<u>Current Healthcare Cost Trend Rates</u>	<u>1% Increase in Healthcare Cost Trend Rates</u>
Total OPEB liability	\$ <u>9,892,382</u>	\$ <u>12,860,352</u>	\$ <u>17,050,466</u>

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NOTE 10 - POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS OTHER THEN PENSIONS - OPEB - CONTINUED

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

For the year ended June 30, 2021, the City recognized OPEB expense of \$725,031. At June 30, 2021, the City reported deferred outflows/inflows of resource related to OPEB from the following sources:

	<u>Deferred Outflows of Resources</u>	<u>Deferred Inflows of Resources</u>
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$ 16,792	\$ 313,712
Changes in assumptions or other inputs	1,405,408	1,347,175
City contributions subsequent to the measurement date	<u>170,419</u>	<u>-</u>
Total	\$ <u>1,592,619</u>	\$ <u>1,660,887</u>

Employer contributions made subsequent to the measurement date of the total OPEB liability of \$170,419 are reported as deferred outflows of resources and will be recognized as a reduction of the total OPEB liability in the year ending June 30, 2021. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB will be recognized in OPEB expense as follows:

Projected recognition of deferred outflows/(inflows):

<u>Year Ended</u>	<u>Recognition</u>
June 30, 2022	\$(134,320)
June 30, 2023	(134,320)
June 30, 2024	(134,320)
June 30, 2025	(134,320)
June 30, 2026	99,166
Thereafter	<u>199,427</u>
Total	\$ <u>(238,687)</u>

NOTE 11 - HOTEL/MOTEL LODGING TAX

The City has levied a hotel/motel lodging tax under OCGA 48-13-51(b). The City levies excise taxes at the rate of 7%. 3/7 (42.86%) goes into the general fund; 2/7 (28.57%) is remitted to the Cities destination marketing organizations (e.g. Gwinnett Convention and Visitors Bureau and Lake Lanier Convention and Visitors Bureau); the remaining 2/7 (28.57%) is spent on "tourism product development" such as the Buford Community Center or as defined in 48-13-50.2 under the definition tourism product development. A summary of the transactions for the year ending June 30, 2021 follows:

Total hotel/motel tax receipts collected @ 7%	\$ 235,022
Less: 71.43% of hotel/motel tax collected @ 7% to be remitted to City of Buford General Fund and Buford Community Center Fund	(<u>167,728</u>)
Tax collected to be expended for the promotion of tourism, conventions and trade shows	67,294
Expenditures for promotion of tourism, conventions and trade shows remitted to the Gwinnett and Lake Lanier Convention & Visitors Bureaus	(<u>67,294</u>)
Collections over (under) expenditures for year ended June 30, 2021	\$ <u>-</u>

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NOTE 12 – AUTO RENTAL EXCISE TAX

The City has levied a rental motor vehicle excise tax. OCGA 48-13-93 requires that all motor rental vehicle excise taxes be expended for the purpose of promoting industry, trade, commerce, and tourism; for the provision of convention, trade, sports, and recreational facilities. During the year ended June 30, 2021, the City recognized \$174,471 in revenue from rental motor vehicle excise tax. Of this amount \$174,471, was expended for these purposes.

NOTE 13 - EXCESS EXPENDITURES OR EXPENSES OVER APPROPRIATIONS

The City had no excess expenditures or expenses over appropriations for the year ending June 30, 2021.

NOTE 14 - DEFICIT FUND BALANCES/NET POSITION

The City had no deficits in fund balances or net position as of June 30, 2021.

NOTE 15 - DEFERRED COMPENSATION PLAN

The City offers its employees a deferred compensation plan created in accordance with Internal Revenue Service Code 457. The plan, available to all City employees, permits them to defer a portion of their salary until future years. Participation in the plan is optional. The deferred compensation plan is not available to employees until termination, retirement, death or unforeseeable emergencies.

In accordance with Section 457 of the Internal Revenue Code, plan assets are held in trust for the exclusive benefit of participants and their beneficiaries. Accordingly, the assets and liabilities of the deferred compensation plans are not included in the accompanying financial statements.

NOTE 16 - LITIGATION

The City is a party to one legal proceeding and one claim with no legal proceedings, which normally occur in the course of governmental operations. The legal proceeding and claim are not likely to have a material adverse impact on the affected funds of the City, and accordingly, no provision for losses has been recorded.

NOTE 17 – COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES

The City has *Potential Liability under MEAG Contracts* as follows:

Electrical System. The City has entered into Power Sales Contracts with the Municipal Electric Authority of Georgia ("MEAG") pursuant to which the City purchases electric power and energy for resale to its customers. MEAG was created by the State of Georgia for the purpose of owning and operating electric generation and transmission facilities to supply bulk electric power to political subdivisions of Georgia which owned and operated electric distribution systems as of March 18, 1975.

Under the terms of its Power Sales Contracts with MEAG, the City is obligated to take from MEAG, and MEAG is obligated to provide, all electric power and energy required by the City in excess of the amount received by the City as an allotment from federally owned projects through the Southeastern Power Administration ("SEPA"). Such allotment of SEPA power has been assigned by the City to MEAG and is transmitted to the City by MEAG through Georgia's Integrated Transmission System for a separate charge. Under its Power Sales Contracts with MEAG, the City has the right to receive additional power as needed from the Integrated Transmission System. The price paid by the City to MEAG under its Power Sales Contracts is intended to cover the City's share of all the costs of MEAG, including debt service on MEAG's long-term debt. The amounts required to be paid to MEAG under the Power Sales Contracts are payable first from revenues of the City's electrical system. To the extent the required payments are not made from revenues of the City's electric system or other funds, the City is required to include in its general revenue or appropriation measure or annual tax levy amounts sufficient to make such payments. Payments by the City are required to be made by the City whether or not MEAG's facilities or any part thereof are operating or operable or the output there from is interrupted, interfered with, curtailed or terminated in whole or in part. In addition, the City may be obligated to purchase additional power, subject to contractual limitations, in the event other MEAG participants default.

MEAG has issued bonds for the purpose of providing power generation and transmission and telecommunication facilities. The City is contingently liable for their pro rata share of the bonds as a power purchase cost until they are retired. The City's contingent contractual obligation varies by individual MEAG project and totals approximately \$109,023,970 as of June 30, 2021. The contingent obligations of the City are general obligations of the City to which the City's full faith credit and taxing powers are pledged.

The City has *Potential Liability under MGAG Contracts* as follows:

Gas System. The City has entered into the Gas Supply Contract and certain Supplemental Gas Supply Contracts with the Municipal Gas Authority of Georgia ("MGAG") under which the City buys natural gas for resale to its customers. Under such contracts with MGAG, the City is obligated to take from MGAG, and MGAG is obligated to provide, all of the City's natural gas requirements. The price paid by the City to MGAG under its contracts is intended to cover the City's share of all the costs of MGAG, including scheduled debt service of MGAG. Such payments are required to be made by the City whether or not MGAG's facilities or natural gas properties or any part thereof are operating or operable or the output there from is interrupted, interfered with, curtailed or terminated in whole or in part, or whether or not any of its natural gas suppliers or transporters defaults in its obligations under its gas supply or transportation contracts with MGAG. To the extent the required payments are not made from the revenues of the System or other funds, the City is required to include in its general revenue or appropriation measure or annual tax levy amounts sufficient to make such payments. The City is contingently liable for its pro-rata share of MGAG's debt in the amount of \$10,325,373 of as June 30, 2021. The contingent obligations of the City are general obligations of the City to which the City's full faith credit and taxing powers are pledged.

NOTE 17 – COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES - CONTINUED

Gwinnett County and City of Buford Wholesale Sewage Agreement

The City entered into an agreement with Gwinnett County on May 2, 2018 to purchase water reclamation services from Gwinnett. The agreement is for a period of 50 years, or until it is dissolved or revised by mutual consent by both Gwinnett and the City. The payment terms of the agreement are for the City to make an annual payment to Gwinnett in the amount of \$1,375,000 per year over 12 years totaling \$16,500,000. The agreement provides for an annual increase in the amount of instantaneous daily flow that the City can send to Gwinnett with an initial daily flow maximum of 83,333 gallons per day increasing annually by 83,333 gallons per day until the daily maximum flow reaches 1,000,000 gallons per day in year 12. Payments are to be made annually unless the daily max flow sent from the City to Gwinnett exceeds the current allotted daily max flow. If the City exceeds its daily maximum flow then the City will be required to make a payment to Gwinnett that corresponds with the daily max flow tier level that occurred in the previous month. The City has made payments totaling \$6,875,000 as of June 30, 2021.

Construction of water plant

The City is in the process of constructing a new water plant and has entered into a construction contract in the amount of \$19,175,774. The water plant construction is being financed primarily by the City of Buford Combined Utility System Revenue Bonds, Series 2020 that were issued during the fiscal year, and are referred to in Note 6 of this report. As of June 30, 2021, the City had not spent any of the bond proceeds on the construction contract, but had spent \$1,208,992 of the bond proceeds on engineering fees and other costs associated with the project. At June 30, 2021, the City had \$18,870,910 of restricted cash available for costs associated with construction of the plant.

Current Economic Environment

The current economic environment presents municipalities with circumstances and challenges, which in some cases could result in declines in the volume of tax collections, other general revenues, municipal utility billings; constraints on liquidity and difficulty obtaining financing. These financial statements have been prepared using fair values and information currently available to the City, which are susceptible to change in the future based on economic conditions.

Worldwide Coronavirus Pandemic

The City has been negatively impacted by the effects of the worldwide coronavirus pandemic. The City is closely monitoring its operations, liquidity, and capital resources and is actively working to minimize the current and future impact of this unprecedented situation. The City obtained CARES Act funding through the Coronavirus Relief Fund during the current fiscal year in order to help offset some expenses during the early part of the pandemic. The City has also obtained American Rescue Plan Act funding subsequent to the date of these financial statements. As of the date of the issuance of these financial statements, the full impact to the City's financial position is not known.

NOTE 18 - 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. Significant losses in these areas are all covered by commercial insurance. There have been no significant reductions in insurance coverage. Settlement amounts have not exceeded insurance coverage for the current year or the three prior years.

**CITY OF BUFORD, GEORGIA
NOTES TO BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2021**

NOTE 19 - TRANSACTIONS WITH COMPONENT UNITS AND OTHER RELATED ENTITIES

For the year ended June 30, 2021, The City incurred the following intergovernmental revenues, expenditures and transfers relating to the City of Buford Board of Education, a component unit of the City. For additional information, see Note 1.

General Fund

Operating transfers to City of Buford Board of Education	\$ 30,100,000
Coronavirus Relief Funds passed through to the City of Buford Board of Education	1,133,535
Other transfers for expenditures to City of Buford Board of Education	<u>70,843</u>
Total intergovernmental expenditures relating to City of Buford Board of Education	\$ <u>31,304,378</u>

Fiduciary Custodial Funds

Amounts from Education SPLOST funds held in trust for the City of Buford Board of Education totaled \$8,237,319 as of June 30, 2021.

Component Unit - Downtown Development Authority

For the year ended June 30, 2021, The City transferred property with a book value of \$1,602,475 to the City of Buford Downtown Development Authority, a component unit of the City. Additionally, the Authority paid \$1,600,000 to the City of Buford General Fund during the year.

In addition, The City of Buford Housing Authority is a related organization of the City. The Authority provides safe and sanitary dwelling accommodations for persons of low income. The City appoints a voting majority of the Authority's board, but is not financially accountable for the Authority. The City has no significant influence over the management, budget, or policies of the Authority. The Authority reports independently. The City received payment in lieu of taxes from the Authority for the year ended June 30, 2021 totaling \$6,195.

NOTE 20 - JOINT VENTURE

Under Georgia law, the City, in conjunction with other cities and counties in the 10 county metro Atlanta area, is a member of the Atlanta Regional Commission ("ARC"). The City pays no annual dues to ARC. Membership in a Regional Commission ("RC") is required by the Official Code of Georgia Annotated (OCGA) Section 50-8-34, which provides for the organizational structure of an RC in Georgia. The ARC Board membership includes each county commission chairman in the region, one mayor from each county (except Fulton County) chosen by a caucus of mayors, one mayor from the northern half and one mayor from the southern half of Fulton County elected by a caucus of mayors within northern and southern Fulton County, the mayor of the City of Atlanta, one member of the Atlanta City Council, fifteen private citizens, one from each of the 15 multi-jurisdictional districts of roughly equal population, elected by the 23 public officials, and one member appointed by the Board of the Georgia Department of Community Affairs. OCGA Section 50-8-39.1 provides that the member governments are liable for any debts or obligations of the ARC. Separate financial statements may be obtained from Atlanta Regional Commission, 40 Courtland St, NE, Atlanta, GA 30303 or the Northeast Georgia Regional Commission, 305 Research Drive, Athens, GA 30605-2725.

NOTE 21 - 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. Any liability for reimbursement which may arise as the result of these audits is not believed by management to have a direct and material effect on the financial statements taken as a whole.

NOTE 22 - MUNICIPAL SOLID WASTE LANDFILL CLOSURE AND POSTCLOSURE CARE

The City's municipal solid waste landfill located at Peachtree Industrial Boulevard and McEver Road (The "landfill") ceased accepting waste in 1986. In 1998 the landfill was capped with a minimum of two-foot thick soil cover to close the site under existing EPD rules and regulations, then grassed, and has since been routinely maintained by the City to preserve its integrity. According to state and federal laws and regulations, the City must perform certain maintenance and monitoring functions at the site for a minimum of 30 years from the time of closure, and since 1997, the landfill has been the subject of routine ground water and methane monitoring and reporting in conformance with EPD rules and regulations. The City previously recognized a liability for closure and postclosure care costs, which was fully amortized as of June 30, 2018. There is no remaining estimated total current cost of closure and postclosure care remaining to be recognized. The percentage of landfill capacity used to date is 100%, and it has an estimated remaining landfill life of zero years. The City is and will maintain the landfill as a grassed area to discourage erosion. There are no assets restricted for payment of closure and postclosure care costs. The City continued to perform routine ground water and methane monitoring and testing at the site during the current year, and expended \$77,485 on the monitoring and testing. Even though there is no remaining liability for closure and postclosure care costs, the City could potentially be subject to additional costs due to changes in requirements of and decisions made by the EPD in relation to the landfill, inflation, or changes in technology.

The City is listed on the State of Georgia's Hazardous Site Inventory and, as such, is eligible for reimbursement of certain costs. Any reimbursable amounts have not been included in cost estimates due to the uncertainty of amounts to be reimbursed. The City is not under any closure and post closure financial assurance requirements per EPD rule 391-3-4-.13 due to its closing prior to October 8, 1993.

NOTE 23 – SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

The City retired its City of Buford General Obligation Bonds Series 2010 in August of 2021. The bonds were previously issued through a direct placement, and the City retired the bonds by repaying the bondholder the outstanding principal and interest accrued through the retirement date. The final payoff amount was \$3,768,352.

The City's General Obligation Bonds Series 2015 and Refunding Bonds Series 2017C were advance refunded by the issuance of Board of Education of the City of Buford (Georgia) Refunding Revenue Bonds Taxable Series 2021 in December of 2021. The bonds are expected to be repaid from revenues generated from the City of Buford Board of Education's Educational Local Option Sales Tax. However, the City has entered into an intergovernmental agreement with the City of Buford Board of Education in which the City has pledged its full faith and credit and ad valorem taxing power as security for the Series 2021 bonds.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
REQUIRED BY GASB**

**CITY OF BUFORD
REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
SCHEDULE OF CHANGES IN THE NET PENSION LIABILITY AND RELATED RATIOS
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2021**

	<u>CITY OF BUFORD RETIREMENT PLAN</u>						
	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>
<u>Total Pension Liability</u>							
Service cost	\$ 338,466	\$ 260,982	\$ 295,792	\$ 290,915	\$ 282,761	\$ 242,345	\$ 229,426
Interest	1,752,387	1,325,206	1,237,995	1,141,107	1,064,758	860,448	814,082
Differences between Expected and actual Experience	1,758,441	75,920	705,887	643,809	392,980	910,203	74,088
Changes in assumptions	-	1,620,701	-	277,477	-	-	23,680
Changes of benefit terms	-	3,891,754	-	-	-	1,281,817	-
Benefit payments, including Refunds of employee Contributions	(1,180,765)	(1,139,797)	(944,292)	(788,624)	(722,078)	(595,041)	(490,971)
Net change in total pension Liability	2,668,529	6,034,766	1,295,382	1,564,684	1,018,421	2,699,772	650,305
Total pension liability – Beginning	<u>24,013,100</u>	<u>17,978,334</u>	<u>16,682,952</u>	<u>15,118,268</u>	<u>14,099,847</u>	<u>11,400,075</u>	<u>10,749,770</u>
Total pension liability – Ending (a)	<u>\$ 26,681,629</u>	<u>\$ 24,013,100</u>	<u>\$ 17,978,334</u>	<u>\$ 16,682,952</u>	<u>\$ 15,118,268</u>	<u>\$ 14,099,847</u>	<u>\$ 11,400,075</u>
<u>Plan Fiduciary Net Position</u>							
Contributions – employer	\$ 1,851,972	\$ 1,851,747	\$ 1,926,160	\$ 1,991,281	\$ 1,966,440	\$ 806,632	\$ 740,510
Contributions – employee	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Net Investment income	1,786,142	455,009	1,320,193	1,593,046	953,798	80,385	770,232
Benefit payments, including Refunds of employee Contributions	(1,180,765)	(1,139,797)	(944,292)	(788,624)	(722,078)	(595,041)	(490,971)
Administrative expense	(26,454)	(25,878)	(25,152)	(25,331)	(14,366)	(15,919)	(12,688)
Other	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Net change in fiduciary Net position	2,430,895	1,141,081	2,276,909	2,770,372	2,183,794	276,057	1,007,083
Plan fiduciary net position – Beginning	<u>16,346,917</u>	<u>15,205,836</u>	<u>12,928,927</u>	<u>10,158,555</u>	<u>7,974,761</u>	<u>7,698,704</u>	<u>6,691,621</u>
Plan fiduciary net position – Ending (b)	<u>\$ 18,777,812</u>	<u>\$ 16,346,917</u>	<u>\$ 15,205,836</u>	<u>\$ 12,928,927</u>	<u>\$ 10,158,555</u>	<u>\$ 7,974,761</u>	<u>\$ 7,698,704</u>
<u>Net Position Liability</u>							
Net pension liability – Ending (a) – (b)	<u>\$ 7,903,817</u>	<u>\$ 7,666,183</u>	<u>\$ 2,772,498</u>	<u>\$ 3,754,025</u>	<u>\$ 4,959,713</u>	<u>\$ 6,125,086</u>	<u>\$ 3,701,371</u>
Plan's fiduciary net position As a percentage of the Total pension liability	70.38%	68.07%	84.58%	77.50%	67.19%	56.56%	67.53%
Covered-employee payroll	\$ 6,360,617	\$ 5,785,007	\$ 5,477,581	\$ 6,066,224	\$ 5,655,240	\$ 5,475,883	\$ 5,393,065
Net pension liability as a Percentage of covered- Employee payroll	124.26%	132.52%	50.62%	61.88%	87.70%	111.86%	68.63%

**CITY OF BUFORD
REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
SCHEDULE OF CONTRIBUTIONS
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2021**

	<u>CITY OF BUFORD RETIREMENT PLAN</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	*	\$ 735,492	\$ 888,965	\$ 938,559	\$ 1,008,855	\$ 757,901	\$ 758,076
Contributions in relation to The actuarially determined Contribution	*	1,736,642	1,888,965	1,938,559	2,008,855	1,952,301	758,076
Contribution deficiency (excess)	*	(1,001,150)	(1,000,000)	(1,000,000)	(1,000,000)	(1,194,400)	-
Covered-employee payroll	*	\$ 5,785,007	\$ 5,477,581	\$ 6,066,224	\$ 5,655,240	\$ 5,475,883	\$ 5,393,065
Contributions as a percentage Of covered-employee Payroll	*	30.02%	34.49%	31.96%	35.52%	35.65%	14.06%

* 2021 information will be determined after fiscal year end and will be included in the 2022 audit report.

**CITY OF BUFORD, GEORGIA
REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
NOTES TO REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION - PENSION
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2021**

NOTE 1 - RECOMMENDED CONTRIBUTION

The GMEBS Board of Trustees has adopted an actuarial funding policy for determination of annual contributions and the systematic funding of liabilities arising under the BRP. The annual minimum contribution is the sum of 1) the normal cost (including administrative expenses), 2) the closed level dollar amortization of the unfunded actuarial liability over a period that ranges from 10 to 30 years based on the funding policy adopted by the GMEBS Board of Trustees, and 3) interest on these amounts from the valuation date to the date contributions are paid (assumed monthly).

NOTE 2 – VALUATION DATE

The actuarially determined contribution rate was determined as of January 1, 2021, with an interest adjustment to the fiscal year. Contributions in relation to this actuarially determined contribution rate will be reported for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2022.

NOTE 3 – METHODS AND ASSUMPTIONS USED TO DETERMINE CONTRIBUTION RATES:

Actuarial Cost Method – Entry Age Normal

Amortization Method – Closed level dollar for remaining unfunded liability

Remaining Amortization Period – Remaining amortization period varies for the bases, with a net effective amortization period of 14 years

Asset Valuation Method – Sum of actuarial value at beginning of year and the cash flow during the year plus the assumed investment return, adjusted by 10% of the amount that the value exceeds or is less than the market value at the end of year. The actuarial value is adjusted, if necessary, to be within 20% of market value.

Actuarial Assumptions:

- **Rate of return on investment** **7.375% per year**
- **Projected salary increases** **2.25% per year plus age and service based on merit increases**
- **Cost of living adjustments** **2.10%**

Normal Retirement Age – 65+5 or 60+30 or Rule of 75

Early Retirement Age – 55+10

The mortality and economic actuarial assumptions used in the January 1, 2021 valuation were based on the results of an actuarial experience study for the period January 1, 2015 through June 30, 2019. Mortality rates were based on the Pri-2012 head-count weighted Healthy Mortality Table with rates multiplied by 1.25.

**CITY OF BUFORD, GEORGIA
REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
NOTES TO REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION - PENSION
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2021**

NOTE 4 - CHANGES OF ASSUMPTIONS

There were no changes of assumptions for the current fiscal year.

NOTE 5 - BENEFIT CHANGES

There were no changes in benefits for the current fiscal year.

**CITY OF BUFORD
REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
SCHEDULE OF CHANGES IN THE TOTAL OPEB LIABILITY AND RELATED RATIOS
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2021**

	<u>CITY OF BUFORD OPEB PLAN</u>			
	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>
Total OPEB Liability				
Service cost	\$ 426,621	\$ 303,320	\$ 329,837	\$ 421,379
Interest	432,725	402,317	377,047	338,642
Changes of benefit terms	-	-	-	-
Differences between Expected and actual Experience	(358,525)	18,451	4,002	909
Changes in assumptions	504,178	1,285,673	(660,436)	(1,868,799)
Benefit payments, including Refunds of employee Contributions	(161,791)	(170,196)	(150,158)	(151,309)
Net change in total OPEB Liability	843,208	1,839,565	(99,708)	(1,259,178)
Total OPEB liability – Beginning	<u>12,017,144</u>	<u>10,177,579</u>	<u>10,277,287</u>	<u>11,536,465</u>
Total OPEB liability – Ending (a)	<u>\$ 12,860,352</u>	<u>\$ 12,017,144</u>	<u>\$ 10,177,579</u>	<u>\$ 10,277,287</u>
Plan fiduciary net position				
Contributions – employer	\$ 161,791	\$ 170,196	\$ 150,158	\$ 151,309
Net investment income	-	-	-	-
Benefit payments	(161,791)	(170,196)	(150,158)	(151,309)
Administrative expense	-	-	-	-
Net Change in plan fiduciary Net position	-	-	-	-
Plan fiduciary net position – Beginning	-	-	-	-
Plan fiduciary net position – Ending (b)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Net OPEB Liability – Ending (a) - (b)	<u>\$ 12,860,352</u>	<u>\$ 12,017,144</u>	<u>\$ 10,177,579</u>	<u>\$ 10,277,287</u>
Plan's fiduciary net position As a percentage of the Total OPEB Liability	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Covered-employee payroll	\$ 6,360,617	\$ 5,785,007	\$ 5,477,581	\$ 6,066,224
Total OPEB liability as a Percentage of covered- Employee payroll	202.19%	207.73%	185.80%	169.42%

**CITY OF BUFORD, GEORGIA
REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
NOTES TO REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION - OPEB
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2021**

NOTE 1 - CONTRIBUTION RATE

Actuarially determined contribution rates are calculated as of the middle of the fiscal year, based on the most recent valuation date.

Methods and assumptions used to determine contribution rates:

Discount rate	2.21%
Actuarial cost method	Entry Age Level Percent of Pay Actuarial Cost Method
Amortization method	Open 30 years, level percent of payroll
Remaining amortization period	30 years
Asset valuation method	Market Value
Payroll increase assumption	2.25%

NOTE 2 - PLAN ASSETS

There were no assets accumulated in a trust that meets the criteria in GASB 75, Paragraph 4 to pay related benefits.

NOTE 3 - CHANGES OF ASSUMPTIONS

Changes of Assumptions: Reflected for the June 30, 2020 Measurement Date

- The discount rate from the 20-year Bond GO Index for June 30, 2020 was 2.21%. For June 30, 2019 it was 3.50%.
- The assumed excise tax liability was removed from base legislation passed in December 2019.
- Healthcare costs were updated to reflect the most recent claims experience.
- Healthcare trend was updated to 7.0% graded down by 0.25% per year to a 4.50% ultimate rate.

NOTE 4 - BENEFIT CHANGES

There were no plan changes in benefit provisions reflected for the June 30, 2020 measurement date.

OTHER CONTENTS OF THE FINANCIAL SECTION

COMBINING FINANCIAL STATEMENTS NON-MAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS

Nonmajor Governmental Funds are funds in which total fund assets plus deferred outflows of resources, liabilities plus deferred inflows of resources, revenues or expenditures are less than 10% of total governmental funds, and total fund assets plus deferred outflows of resources, liabilities plus deferred inflows of resources, revenues or expenditures are less than 5% of total governmental and business-type funds. These funds are made up of funds used to account for resources, which are required legally or by sound financial management to be accounted for in a fund other than the General Fund.

SPECIAL REVENUE FUND

The Special Revenue Funds are used by the City to account for the accumulation and disbursement of restricted resources. The following is a description of the City's Special Revenue Fund:

Hotel/Motel Tax Fund - used to account for receipt and allocation of the City's hotel/motel tax. Use of this tax is limited by law to promotion of tourism. The City hotel/motel tax rate for its three hotels was 7% during the fiscal year ending June 30, 2021.

Auto Rental Excise Tax Fund – used to account for the receipt and allocation of the City's auto rental excise tax. Use of this tax is limited by law to promote industry, trade, commerce, and tourism, certain capital outlay projects, and maintenance and operating expenses or security and public safety expenses associated with those capital outlay projects. The City auto rental excise tax rate was 3% during the fiscal year ending June 30, 2021.

DEBT SERVICE FUNDS

The Debt Service Funds account for the accumulation of resources for, and the payment of governmental long-term debt principal, interest, and fiscal charges. The governmental long-term debt serviced by the Debt Service Funds consist of the 2010 General Obligation Bonds, 2015 General Obligation Bonds, and 2017 General Obligation Bonds.

CAPITAL PROJECTS FUNDS

The Capital Projects Funds account for all resources used for the acquisition and/or construction of major capital facilities by the City, except those financed by the General and Proprietary Funds. The following is a description of the City's non-major Capital Projects Funds.

Gwinnett County 2009 SPLOST Fund - used to account for the construction and financing of projects funded by the City of Buford 2009 SPLOST.

Gwinnett County 2014 SPLOST Fund - used to account for the construction and financing of projects funded by the City of Buford 2014 SPLOST.

Gwinnett County 2017 SPLOST Fund - used to account for the construction and financing of projects funded by the City of Buford 2017 SPLOST.

Hall County 2009 SPLOST Fund - used to account for the construction and financing of projects funded by the Hall County 2009 SPLOST.

Hall County 2015 SPLOST Fund - used to account for the construction and financing of projects funded by the Hall County 2015 SPLOST.

Hall County 2020 SPLOST Fund - used to account for the construction and financing of projects funded by the Hall County 2020 SPLOST.

Rest Haven 2001 SPLOST Fund - used to account for the construction and financing of projects funded by the City of Rest Haven 2001 SPLOST.

Rest Haven 2005 SPLOST Fund - used to account for the construction and financing of projects funded by the City of Rest Haven 2005 SPLOST.

2017 General Obligation Bond Capital Project Fund - used to account for the construction of the new Buford high school funded by the issuance of the 2017 General Obligation Bonds.

**CITY OF BUFORD, GEORGIA
 COMBINING BALANCE SHEET
 NONMAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
 AS OF JUNE 30, 2021**

	SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	DEBT SERVICE FUNDS	CAPITAL PROJECT FUNDS	TOTAL NON-MAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
ASSETS				
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 111,773	\$ -	\$ 11,056,089	\$ 11,167,862
Sales, excise, and other tax receivable	98,562	-	-	98,562
Due from other governments	-	-	490,404	490,404
Prepaid items	-	319,481	-	319,481
Restricted cash and cash equivalents	<u>-</u>	<u>102,802</u>	<u>704</u>	<u>103,506</u>
Total assets	\$ <u>210,335</u>	\$ <u>422,283</u>	\$ <u>11,547,197</u>	\$ <u>12,179,815</u>
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES				
LIABILITIES				
Accounts payable	\$ 22,421	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 22,421
Interfund balances	<u>187,914</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>187,914</u>
Total liabilities	<u>210,335</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>210,335</u>
FUND BALANCES				
Nonspendable:				
Prepaid items	-	319,481	-	319,481
Restricted for:				
Tourism, conventions and trade shows	-	-	-	-
Debt Service	-	102,802	-	102,802
Capital projects - City of Buford				
Board of Education	-	-	704	704
Capital projects – SPLOST construction	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>11,546,493</u>	<u>11,546,493</u>
Total fund balances	<u>-</u>	<u>422,283</u>	<u>11,547,197</u>	<u>11,969,480</u>
Total liabilities and fund balances	\$ <u>210,335</u>	\$ <u>422,283</u>	\$ <u>11,547,197</u>	\$ <u>12,179,815</u>

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**CITY OF BUFORD, GEORGIA
 COMBINING STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
 NONMAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
 FOR THE YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2021**

	SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	DEBT SERVICE FUNDS	CAPITAL PROJECTS FUNDS	TOTAL NON-MAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
REVENUES				
Taxes – sales, excise, and other	\$ 409,493	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 409,493
Intergovernmental revenue	-	1,209,772	2,778,396	3,988,168
Investment income	<u>97</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>13,880</u>	<u>13,979</u>
Total revenues	<u>409,590</u>	<u>1,209,774</u>	<u>2,792,276</u>	<u>4,411,640</u>
EXPENDITURES				
Current operating:				
Public services:				
Culture and recreation	67,294	-	-	67,294
Intergovernmental:				
Buford Board of Education	-	-	-	-
Capital outlay	-	-	-	-
Debt service:				
Principal retirement	-	500,000	-	500,000
Interest and fiscal agent fees	<u>-</u>	<u>2,574,428</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,574,428</u>
Total expenditures	<u>67,294</u>	<u>3,074,428</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,141,722</u>
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenditures	<u>342,296</u>	(<u>1,864,654</u>)	<u>2,792,276</u>	<u>1,269,918</u>
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)				
Transfers in	-	645,774	-	645,774
Transfers out	(<u>342,296</u>)	<u>-</u>	(<u>2,393,795</u>)	(<u>2,736,091</u>)
Net other financing sources (uses)	(<u>342,296</u>)	<u>645,774</u>	(<u>2,393,795</u>)	(<u>2,090,317</u>)
Net change in fund balance	-	(1,218,880)	398,481	(820,399)
Fund balance - beginning	<u>-</u>	<u>1,641,163</u>	<u>11,148,716</u>	<u>12,789,879</u>
Fund balance - ending	\$ <u>-</u>	\$ <u>422,283</u>	\$ <u>11,547,197</u>	\$ <u>11,969,480</u>

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**CITY OF BUFORD, GEORGIA
 COMBINING BALANCE SHEET
 NONMAJOR SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS
 AS OF JUNE 30, 2021**

NON-MAJOR SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS

	Hotel/ Motel Tax Fund	Auto Rental Excise Tax Fund	Total Nonmajor Special Revenue Funds
ASSETS			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 111,773	\$ -	\$ 111,773
Sales, excise, and other taxes receivable	<u>78,473</u>	<u>20,089</u>	<u>98,562</u>
Total assets	\$ <u>190,246</u>	\$ <u>20,089</u>	\$ <u>210,335</u>
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES			
LIABILITIES			
Accounts payable	\$ 22,421	\$ -	\$ 22,421
Interfund balances	<u>167,825</u>	<u>20,089</u>	<u>187,914</u>
Total liabilities	<u>190,246</u>	<u>20,089</u>	<u>210,335</u>
FUND BALANCE			
Restricted for:			
Tourism, conventions, and trade shows	-	-	-
Total fund balance	-	-	-
Total liabilities and fund balance	\$ <u>190,246</u>	\$ <u>20,089</u>	\$ <u>210,335</u>

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**CITY OF BUFORD, GEORGIA
 COMBINING STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
 NONMAJOR SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS
 AS OF JUNE 30, 2021**

NON-MAJOR SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS

	Hotel/ Motel Tax Fund	Auto Rental Excise Tax Fund	Total Nonmajor Special Revenue Funds
REVENUES			
Taxes – sales, excise, and other	\$ 235,022	\$ 174,471	\$ 409,493
Investment income	<u>97</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>97</u>
Total revenues	<u>235,119</u>	<u>174,471</u>	<u>409,590</u>
EXPENDITURES			
Culture and recreation	<u>67,294</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>67,294</u>
Total expenditures	<u>67,294</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>67,294</u>
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over(under) expenditures	<u>167,825</u>	<u>174,471</u>	<u>342,296</u>
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)			
Transfers out	(<u>167,825</u>)	(<u>174,471</u>)	(<u>342,296</u>)
Net other financing sources (uses)	(<u>167,825</u>)	(<u>174,471</u>)	(<u>342,296</u>)
Net change in fund balance	-	-	-
Fund balance - beginning	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Fund balance - ending	\$ <u><u>-</u></u>	\$ <u><u>-</u></u>	\$ <u><u>-</u></u>

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**CITY OF BUFORD, GEORGIA
 COMBINING BALANCE SHEET
 NONMAJOR DEBT SERVICE FUNDS
 AS OF JUNE 30, 2021**

NON-MAJOR DEBT SERVICE FUNDS				
	2010 GOB Debt Service Fund	2015 GOB Debt Service Fund	2017 GOB Debt Service Fund	Total Nonmajor Debt Service Funds
ASSETS				
Prepaid items	\$ 319,481	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 319,481
Restricted cash and cash equivalents	<u>65,372</u>	<u>7,200</u>	<u>30,230</u>	<u>102,802</u>
Total assets	\$ <u>384,853</u>	\$ <u>7,200</u>	\$ <u>30,230</u>	\$ <u>422,283</u>
FUND BALANCES				
Nonspendable:				
Prepaid items	\$ 319,481	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 319,481
Restricted for: Debt Service	<u>65,372</u>	<u>7,200</u>	<u>30,230</u>	<u>102,802</u>
Total fund balances	\$ <u>384,853</u>	\$ <u>7,200</u>	\$ <u>30,230</u>	\$ <u>422,283</u>

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**CITY OF BUFORD, GEORGIA
 COMBINING STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
 NONMAJOR DEBT SERVICE FUNDS
 AS OF JUNE 30, 2021**

NON-MAJOR DEBT SERVICE FUNDS				
	2010 GOB Debt Service Fund	2015 GOB Debt Service Fund	2017 GOB Debt Service Fund	Total Nonmajor Debt Service Funds
REVENUES				
Intergovernmental	\$ -	\$ 280,875	\$ 928,897	\$ 1,209,772
Investment income	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>
Total revenues	<u>-</u>	<u>280,875</u>	<u>928,899</u>	<u>1,209,774</u>
EXPENDITURES				
Debt service:				
Principal retirement	500,000	-	-	500,000
Interest and fiscal charges	<u>153,634</u>	<u>562,250</u>	<u>1,858,544</u>	<u>2,574,428</u>
Total expenditures	<u>653,634</u>	<u>562,250</u>	<u>1,858,544</u>	<u>3,074,428</u>
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenditures	(<u>653,634</u>)	(<u>281,375</u>)	(<u>929,645</u>)	(<u>1,864,654</u>)
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)				
Transfers in	<u>644,524</u>	<u>500</u>	<u>750</u>	<u>645,774</u>
Net other financing sources (uses)	<u>644,524</u>	<u>500</u>	<u>750</u>	<u>645,774</u>
Net change in fund balance	(9,110)	(280,875)	(928,895)	(1,218,880)
Fund balance - beginning	<u>393,963</u>	<u>288,075</u>	<u>959,125</u>	<u>1,641,163</u>
Fund balance - ending	\$ <u>384,853</u>	\$ <u>7,200</u>	\$ <u>30,230</u>	\$ <u>422,283</u>

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**CITY OF BUFORD, GEORGIA
 COMBINING BALANCE SHEET
 NONMAJOR CAPITAL PROJECTS FUNDS
 AS OF JUNE 30, 2021**

NON-MAJOR CAPITAL PROJECTS FUNDS

	GWINNETT COUNTY 2009 SPLOST	GWINNETT COUNTY 2014 SPLOST	GWINNETT COUNTY 2017 SPLOST	HALL COUNTY 2009 SPLOST	HALL COUNTY 2015 SPLOST
ASSETS					
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 2,774,527	\$ -	\$ 6,588,561	\$ 92,083	\$ 756,288
Due from other governments	-	-	434,417	-	-
Restricted cash and cash equivalents	-	-	-	-	-
Total assets	\$ 2,774,527	\$ -	\$ 7,022,978	\$ 92,083	\$ 756,288
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES					
LIABILITIES					
Accounts payable	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Interfund balances	-	-	-	-	-
Total liabilities	-	-	-	-	-
FUND BALANCES					
Restricted for:					
Capital projects - City of Buford Board of Education	-	-	-	-	-
Capital projects - SPLOST construction	2,774,527	-	7,022,978	92,083	756,288
Total fund balances	2,774,527	-	7,022,978	92,083	756,288
Total liabilities and fund balances	\$ 2,774,527	\$ -	\$ 7,022,978	\$ 92,083	\$ 756,288

HALL COUNTY 2020 SPLOST	REST HAVEN 2001 SPLOST	REST HAVEN 2005 SPLOST	2017 GOB CAPITAL PROJECT	TOTAL NONMAJOR CAPITAL PROJECTS FUNDS
\$ 255,016	\$ 19,156	\$ 570,458	\$ -	\$ 11,056,089
55,987	-	-	-	490,404
<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>704</u>	<u>704</u>
<u>\$ 311,003</u>	<u>\$ 19,156</u>	<u>\$ 570,458</u>	<u>\$ 704</u>	<u>\$ 11,547,197</u>
\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
-	-	-	704	704
<u>311,003</u>	<u>19,156</u>	<u>570,458</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>11,546,493</u>
<u>311,003</u>	<u>19,156</u>	<u>570,458</u>	<u>704</u>	<u>11,547,197</u>
<u>\$ 311,003</u>	<u>\$ 19,156</u>	<u>\$ 570,458</u>	<u>\$ 704</u>	<u>\$ 11,547,197</u>

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**CITY OF BUFORD, GEORGIA
 COMBINING STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
 NONMAJOR CAPITAL PROJECTS FUNDS
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2021**

	NON-MAJOR CAPITAL PROJECTS FUNDS				
	GWINNETT COUNTY 2009 SPLOST	GWINNETT COUNTY 2014 SPLOST	GWINNETT COUNTY 2017 SPLOST	HALL COUNTY 2009 SPLOST	HALL COUNTY 2015 SPLOST
REVENUES					
Intergovernmental revenue	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,467,481	\$ -	\$ -
Investment income	<u>3,323</u>	<u>444</u>	<u>8,577</u>	<u>92</u>	<u>767</u>
Total revenues	<u>3,323</u>	<u>444</u>	<u>2,476,058</u>	<u>92</u>	<u>767</u>
EXPENDITURES					
Intergovernmental:					
Buford Board of Education	-	-	-	-	-
Capital outlay	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Total expenditures	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Excess (deficiency) of Revenues over (under) Expenditures	<u>3,323</u>	<u>444</u>	<u>2,476,058</u>	<u>92</u>	<u>767</u>
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)					
Transfers out	<u>-</u>	<u>(393,795)</u>	<u>(2,000,000)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Net other financing sources (uses)	<u>-</u>	<u>(393,795)</u>	<u>(2,000,000)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Net change in fund balance	3,323	(393,351)	476,058	92	767
Fund balance - beginning	<u>2,771,204</u>	<u>393,351</u>	<u>6,546,920</u>	<u>91,991</u>	<u>755,521</u>
Fund balance - ending	\$ <u>2,774,527</u>	\$ <u>-</u>	\$ <u>7,022,978</u>	\$ <u>92,083</u>	\$ <u>756,288</u>

HALL COUNTY 2020 SPLOST	REST HAVEN 2001 SPLOST	REST HAVEN 2005 SPLOST	2017 GOB CAPITAL PROJECT	TOTAL NONMAJOR CAPITAL PROJECTS FUNDS
\$ 310,915	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,778,396
<u>88</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>570</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>13,880</u>
<u>311,003</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>570</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,792,276</u>
-	-	-	-	-
<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
<u>311,003</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>570</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,792,276</u>
<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(2,393,795)</u>
<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(2,393,795)</u>
311,003	19	570	-	398,481
<u>-</u>	<u>19,137</u>	<u>569,888</u>	<u>704</u>	<u>11,148,716</u>
\$ <u>311,003</u>	\$ <u>19,156</u>	\$ <u>570,458</u>	\$ <u>704</u>	\$ <u>11,547,197</u>

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**CITY OF BUFORD, GEORGIA
HOTEL/MOTEL TAX FUND
SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE - BUDGET AND ACTUAL
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2021**

	Final Budget	Actual	Variance with Final budget Over (Under)
REVENUES			
Taxes – sales, excise, and other	\$ 325,000	\$ 235,022	\$(89,978)
Investment income	<u>200</u>	<u>97</u>	<u>(103)</u>
Total revenues	<u>325,200</u>	<u>235,119</u>	<u>(90,081)</u>
 EXPENDITURES			
Current operating:			
Public services:			
Culture and recreation	<u>67,294</u>	<u>67,294</u>	<u>-</u>
Total expenditures	<u>67,294</u>	<u>67,294</u>	<u>-</u>
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenditures	<u>257,906</u>	<u>167,825</u>	<u>(90,081)</u>
 OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)			
Transfers out	<u>(167,825)</u>	<u>(167,825)</u>	<u>-</u>
Net other financing sources (uses)	<u>(167,825)</u>	<u>(167,825)</u>	<u>-</u>
Net change in fund balance	90,081	-	(90,081)
Fund balance - beginning	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Fund balance - ending	\$ <u>90,081</u>	\$ <u>-</u>	\$(<u>90,081</u>)

**CITY OF BUFORD, GEORGIA
 AUTO RENTAL EXCISE TAX FUND
 SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES
 AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE - BUDGET AND ACTUAL
 FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2021**

	Final Budget	Actual	Variance with Final budget Over (Under)
REVENUES			
Taxes – sales, excise, and other	\$ <u>130,000</u>	\$ <u>174,471</u>	\$ <u>44,471</u>
Total revenues	<u>130,000</u>	<u>174,471</u>	<u>44,471</u>
EXPENDITURES			
Current operating:			
Public services:			
Culture and recreation	-	-	-
Total expenditures	-	-	-
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenditures	<u>130,000</u>	<u>174,471</u>	<u>44,471</u>
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)			
Transfers out	(<u>174,471</u>)	(<u>174,471</u>)	-
Net other financing sources (uses)	(<u>174,471</u>)	(<u>174,471</u>)	-
Net change in fund balance	(44,471)	-	44,471
Fund balance - beginning	-	-	-
Fund balance - ending	\$ (<u>44,471</u>)	\$ -	\$ <u>44,471</u>

**CITY OF BUFORD, GEORGIA
2010 GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND DEBT SERVICE FUND
SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE - BUDGET AND ACTUAL
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2021**

	<u>Final Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Variance with Final budget Over (Under)</u>
REVENUES	\$ <u> -</u>	\$ <u> -</u>	\$ <u> -</u>
Total revenues	<u> -</u>	<u> -</u>	<u> -</u>
EXPENDITURES			
Debt service:			
Principal retirement	500,000	500,000	-
Interest and fiscal charges	<u>153,634</u>	<u>153,634</u>	<u> -</u>
Total expenditures	<u>653,634</u>	<u>653,634</u>	<u> -</u>
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenditures	<u>(653,634)</u>	<u>(653,634)</u>	<u> -</u>
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)			
Transfers in	<u>650,000</u>	<u>644,524</u>	<u>(5,476)</u>
Net other financing sources (uses)	<u>650,000</u>	<u>644,524</u>	<u>(5,476)</u>
Net change in fund balance	<u>(3,634)</u>	<u>(9,110)</u>	<u>(5,476)</u>
Fund balance - beginning	<u>393,963</u>	<u>393,963</u>	<u> -</u>
Fund balance - ending	\$ <u>390,329</u>	\$ <u>384,853</u>	\$ <u>(5,476)</u>

**CITY OF BUFORD, GEORGIA
2015 GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND DEBT SERVICE FUND
SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE - BUDGET AND ACTUAL
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2021**

	<u>Final Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Variance with Final budget Over (Under)</u>
REVENUES			
Intergovernmental	\$ -	\$ 280,875	\$ 280,875
Investment income	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Total revenues	<u>-</u>	<u>280,875</u>	<u>280,875</u>
EXPENDITURES			
Debt service:			
Interest & fiscal charges	<u>562,250</u>	<u>562,250</u>	<u>-</u>
Total expenditures	<u>562,250</u>	<u>562,250</u>	<u>-</u>
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenditures	(<u>562,250</u>)	(<u>281,375</u>)	<u>280,875</u>
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)			
Transfers in	<u>-</u>	<u>500</u>	<u>500</u>
Net other financing sources (uses)	<u>-</u>	<u>500</u>	<u>500</u>
Net change in fund balance	(<u>562,250</u>)	(<u>280,875</u>)	<u>281,375</u>
Fund balance - beginning	<u>288,075</u>	<u>288,075</u>	<u>-</u>
Fund balance - ending	\$(<u>274,175</u>)	\$ <u>7,200</u>	\$ <u>281,375</u>

**CITY OF BUFORD, GEORGIA
2017 GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND DEBT SERVICE FUND
SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE - BUDGET AND ACTUAL
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2021**

	<u>Final Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Variance with Final budget Over (Under)</u>
REVENUES			
Intergovernmental	\$ -	\$ 928,897	\$ 928,897
Investment income	<u>-</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>
Total revenues	<u>-</u>	<u>928,899</u>	<u>928,899</u>
EXPENDITURES			
Debt service:			
Interest and fiscal charges	<u>1,858,544</u>	<u>1,858,544</u>	<u>-</u>
Total expenditures	<u>1,858,544</u>	<u>1,858,544</u>	<u>-</u>
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenditures	(<u>1,858,544</u>)	(<u>929,645</u>)	<u>928,899</u>
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)			
Transfers in	<u>-</u>	<u>750</u>	<u>750</u>
Net other financing sources (uses)	<u>-</u>	<u>750</u>	<u>750</u>
Net change in fund balance	(<u>1,858,544</u>)	(<u>928,895</u>)	<u>929,649</u>
Fund balance - beginning	<u>959,125</u>	<u>959,125</u>	<u>-</u>
Fund balance - ending	\$(<u>899,419</u>)	\$ <u>30,230</u>	\$ <u>929,649</u>

**CITY OF BUFORD, GEORGIA
 GWINNETT COUNTY 2009 SPLOST FUND
 SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES
 AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE - BUDGET AND ACTUAL
 FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2021**

	Final Budget	Actual	Variance with Final budget Over (Under)
REVENUES			
Intergovernmental revenue	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Investment income	-	<u>3,323</u>	<u>3,323</u>
Total revenues	-	<u>3,323</u>	<u>3,323</u>
EXPENDITURES			
Capital outlay	-	-	-
Total expenditures	-	-	-
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenditures	-	<u>3,323</u>	<u>3,323</u>
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)			
Transfers in	-	-	-
Total other financing sources (uses)	-	-	-
Net change in fund balance	-	3,323	3,323
Fund balance - beginning	<u>2,771,204</u>	<u>2,771,204</u>	-
Fund balance - ending	\$ <u>2,771,204</u>	\$ <u>2,774,527</u>	\$ <u>3,323</u>

**CITY OF BUFORD, GEORGIA
 GWINNETT COUNTY 2014 SPLOST FUND
 SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES
 AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE - BUDGET AND ACTUAL
 FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2021**

	Final Budget	Actual	Variance with Final budget Over (Under)
REVENUES			
Intergovernmental revenue	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Investment income	<u>-</u>	<u>444</u>	<u>444</u>
Total revenues	<u>-</u>	<u>444</u>	<u>444</u>
EXPENDITURES			
Capital outlay	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Total expenditures	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenditures	<u>-</u>	<u>444</u>	<u>444</u>
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)			
Transfers out	(<u>393,795</u>)	(<u>393,795</u>)	<u>-</u>
Total other financing sources (uses)	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Net change in fund balance	(<u>393,795</u>)	(<u>393,351</u>)	<u>444</u>
Fund balance - beginning	<u>393,351</u>	<u>393,351</u>	<u>-</u>
Fund balance - ending	\$(<u><u>444</u></u>)	\$ <u><u>-</u></u>	\$ <u><u>444</u></u>

**CITY OF BUFORD, GEORGIA
 GWINNETT COUNTY 2017 SPLOST FUND
 SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES
 AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE - BUDGET AND ACTUAL
 FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2021**

	Final Budget	Actual	Variance with Final budget Over (Under)
REVENUES			
Intergovernmental revenue	\$ 1,800,000	\$ 2,467,481	\$ 667,481
Investment income	<u>-</u>	<u>8,577</u>	<u>8,577</u>
Total revenues	<u>1,800,000</u>	<u>2,476,058</u>	<u>676,058</u>
EXPENDITURES			
Capital outlay	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Total expenditures	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenditures	<u>1,800,000</u>	<u>2,476,058</u>	<u>676,058</u>
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)			
Transfers out	(<u>2,000,000</u>)	(<u>2,000,000</u>)	<u>-</u>
Total other financing sources (uses)	(<u>2,000,000</u>)	(<u>2,000,000</u>)	<u>-</u>
Net change in fund balance	(200,000)	476,058	676,058
Fund balance - beginning	<u>6,546,920</u>	<u>6,546,920</u>	<u>-</u>
Fund balance - ending	\$ <u><u>6,346,920</u></u>	\$ <u><u>7,022,978</u></u>	\$ <u><u>676,058</u></u>

**CITY OF BUFORD, GEORGIA
HALL COUNTY 2009 SPLOST FUND
SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE - BUDGET AND ACTUAL
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2021**

	Final Budget	Actual	Variance with Final budget Over (Under)
REVENUES			
Intergovernmental revenue	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Investment income	<u>-</u>	<u>92</u>	<u>92</u>
Total revenues	<u>-</u>	<u>92</u>	<u>92</u>
EXPENDITURES			
Capital outlay	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Total expenditures	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenditures	<u>-</u>	<u>92</u>	<u>92</u>
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)			
Transfers in	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Total other financing sources (uses)	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Net change in fund balance	-	92	92
Fund balance - beginning	<u>91,991</u>	<u>91,991</u>	<u>-</u>
Fund balance - ending	\$ <u><u>91,991</u></u>	\$ <u><u>92,083</u></u>	\$ <u><u>92</u></u>

**CITY OF BUFORD, GEORGIA
HALL COUNTY 2015 SPLOST FUND
SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE - BUDGET AND ACTUAL
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2021**

	Final Budget	Actual	Variance with Final budget Over (Under)
REVENUES			
Intergovernmental revenue	\$ 25,000	\$ -	\$(25,000)
Investment income	<u>-</u>	<u>767</u>	<u>767</u>
Total revenues	<u>25,000</u>	<u>767</u>	<u>(24,233)</u>
EXPENDITURES			
Capital outlay	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Total expenditures	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenditures	<u>25,000</u>	<u>767</u>	<u>(24,233)</u>
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)			
Transfers in	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Total other financing sources (uses)	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Net change in fund balance	25,000	767	(24,233)
Fund balance - beginning	<u>755,521</u>	<u>755,521</u>	<u>-</u>
Fund balance - ending	\$ <u><u>780,521</u></u>	\$ <u><u>756,288</u></u>	\$(<u><u>24,233</u></u>)

**CITY OF BUFORD, GEORGIA
HALL COUNTY 2020 SPLOST FUND
SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE - BUDGET AND ACTUAL
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2021**

	Final Budget	Actual	Variance with Final budget Over (Under)
REVENUES			
Intergovernmental revenue	\$ -	\$ 310,915	\$ 310,915
Investment income	-	<u>88</u>	<u>88</u>
Total revenues	-	<u>311,003</u>	<u>311,003</u>
EXPENDITURES			
Capital outlay	-	-	-
Total expenditures	-	-	-
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenditures	-	<u>311,003</u>	<u>311,003</u>
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)			
Transfers in	-	-	-
Total other financing sources (uses)	-	-	-
Net change in fund balance	-	311,003	311,003
Fund balance - beginning	-	-	-
Fund balance - ending	\$ <u>-</u>	\$ <u>311,003</u>	\$ <u>311,003</u>

**CITY OF BUFORD, GEORGIA
REST HAVEN 2001 SPLOST FUND
SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE - BUDGET AND ACTUAL
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2021**

	Final Budget	Actual	Variance with Final budget Over (Under)
REVENUES			
Intergovernmental revenue	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Investment income	-	<u>19</u>	<u>19</u>
Total revenues	-	<u>19</u>	<u>19</u>
EXPENDITURES			
Capital outlay	-	-	-
Total expenditures	-	-	-
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenditures	-	<u>19</u>	<u>19</u>
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)			
Transfers in	-	-	-
Total other financing sources (uses)	-	-	-
Net change in fund balance	-	19	19
Fund balance - beginning	<u>19,137</u>	<u>19,137</u>	-
Fund balance - ending	\$ <u><u>19,137</u></u>	\$ <u><u>19,156</u></u>	\$ <u><u>19</u></u>

**CITY OF BUFORD, GEORGIA
REST HAVEN 2005 SPLOST FUND
SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE - BUDGET AND ACTUAL
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2021**

	<u>Final Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Variance with Final budget Over (Under)</u>
REVENUES			
Intergovernmental revenue	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Investment income	<u>-</u>	<u>570</u>	<u>570</u>
Total revenues	<u>-</u>	<u>570</u>	<u>570</u>
EXPENDITURES			
Capital outlay	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Total expenditures	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenditures	<u>-</u>	<u>570</u>	<u>570</u>
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)			
Transfers in	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Total other financing sources (uses)	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Net change in fund balance	-	570	570
Fund balance - beginning	<u>569,888</u>	<u>569,888</u>	<u>-</u>
Fund balance - ending	\$ <u><u>569,888</u></u>	\$ <u><u>570,458</u></u>	\$ <u><u>570</u></u>

**CITY OF BUFORD, GEORGIA
2017 GOB CAPITAL PROJECT FUND
SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE - BUDGET AND ACTUAL
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2021**

	Final Budget	Actual	Variance with Final budget Over (Under)
REVENUES			
Intergovernmental revenue	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Investment income	-	-	-
Total revenues	-	-	-
EXPENDITURES			
Intergovernmental:			
Buford Board of Education	-	-	-
Total expenditures	-	-	-
Excess (deficiency) of Revenues over (under) Expenditures	-	-	-
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)			
Transfers in	-	-	-
Net other financing sources (uses)	-	-	-
Net change in fund balance	-	-	-
Fund balance - beginning	704	704	-
Fund balance - ending	\$ 704	\$ 704	\$ -

COMBINING FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FIDUCIARY FUNDS

CUSTODIAL FUNDS

The Custodial Funds account for all resources held by the City in trust for use by the City of Buford Board of Education. They are Educational SPLOST funds used for the acquisition and/or construction of major capital facilities and assets, or debt service on debt issued for the acquisition and/or construction of major capital facilities for the BOE. The following is a description of the City's Custodial Fiduciary Funds.

Gwinnett County E-SPLOST V Fund - used to account for the construction and financing of projects funded by the City of Buford Board of Education Gwinnett County E-SPLOST V.

Hall County E-SPLOST IV Fund - used to account for the construction and financing of projects funded by the City of Buford Board of Education Hall County E-SPLOST IV.

Hall County E-SPLOST V Fund - used to account for the construction and financing of projects funded by the City of Buford Board of Education Hall County E-SPLOST V.

**CITY OF BUFORD, GEORGIA
 COMBINING STATEMENT OF FIDUCIARY NET POSITION
 CUSTODIAL FUNDS
 CITY OF BUFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION SPLOST FUNDS
 JUNE 30, 2021**

	CUSTODIAL FUNDS			Total Custodial Funds
	Gwinnett County E-SPLOST V Fund	Hall County E-SPLOST IV Fund	Hall County E-SPLOST V Fund	
ASSETS				
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 1,649,914	\$ 681,879	\$ 7	\$ 2,331,800
Investments	<u>5,905,519</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>5,905,519</u>
Total assets	\$ <u>7,555,433</u>	\$ <u>681,879</u>	\$ <u>7</u>	\$ <u>8,237,319</u>
NET POSITION				
Restricted for: City of Buford Board of Education	\$ <u>7,555,433</u>	\$ <u>681,879</u>	\$ <u>7</u>	\$ <u>8,237,319</u>
Total net position	\$ <u>7,555,433</u>	\$ <u>681,879</u>	\$ <u>7</u>	\$ <u>8,237,319</u>

SEE INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT.

**CITY OF BUFORD, GEORGIA
 COMBINING STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN FIDUCIARY NET POSITION
 CUSTODIAL FUNDS
 CITY OF BUFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION SPLOST FUNDS
 JUNE 30, 2021**

	CUSTODIAL FUNDS			
	Gwinnett County E-SPLOST V Fund	Hall County E-SPLOST IV Fund	Hall County E-SPLOST V Fund	Total Custodial Funds
ADDITIONS				
Intergovernmental Investment income	\$ 102,507 <u>12,213</u>	\$ - <u>858</u>	\$ 11,912 <u>30</u>	\$ 114,419 <u>13,101</u>
Total additions	<u>114,720</u>	<u>858</u>	<u>11,942</u>	<u>127,520</u>
DEDUCTIONS				
Intergovernmental	<u>1,180,160</u>	<u>40,543</u>	<u>29,612</u>	<u>1,250,315</u>
Total deductions	<u>1,180,160</u>	<u>40,543</u>	<u>29,612</u>	<u>1,250,315</u>
Net increase (decrease) in fiduciary net position	(1,065,440)	(39,685)	(17,670)	(1,122,795)
Total net position at beginning of year	<u>8,620,873</u>	<u>721,564</u>	<u>17,677</u>	<u>9,360,114</u>
Total net position at end of year	\$ <u>7,555,433</u>	\$ <u>681,879</u>	\$ <u>7</u>	\$ <u>8,237,319</u>

SEE INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT.

SINGLE AUDIT SECTION

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

To the Honorable Members of the Board of Commissioners
City of Buford, Georgia

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, the discretely presented component units, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the City of Buford, Georgia, as of and for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2021, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the City of Buford, Georgia's basic financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated December 22, 2021. Our report includes a reference to other auditors who audited the financial statements of the City of Buford Board of Education, as described in our report on the City of Buford, Georgia's financial statements. This report does not include the results of the other auditors' testing of internal control over financial reporting or compliance and other matters that are reported separately by those auditors.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the City of Buford, Georgia'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 of Buford, Georgia's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the City of Buford, Georgia's internal control.

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

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

Compliance and Other Matters

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

To the Honorable Members of the Board of Commissioners
City of Buford, Georgia

Purpose of this Report

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

Wilcox & Bivings, P.C.

Suwanee, Georgia
December 22, 2021

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

**To the Honorable Members of the Board of Commissioners
City of Buford, Georgia**

Report on Compliance for Each Major Federal Program

We have audited the City of Buford, Georgia's compliance with the types of compliance requirements described in the *OMB Compliance Supplement* that could have a direct and material effect on each of the City of Buford, Georgia's major federal programs for the year ended June 30, 2021. The City of Buford, Georgia's major federal programs are identified in the summary of auditors' results section of the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs.

Management's Responsibility

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

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on compliance for each of the City of Buford, Georgia's major federal programs based on our audit of the types of compliance requirements referred to above. We conducted our audit of compliance in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America; the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States; and the audit requirements of Title 2 U.S. *Code of Federal Regulations*, Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (Uniform Guidance). Those standards and the Uniform Guidance require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether noncompliance with the types of compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on a major federal program occurred. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence about the City of Buford, Georgia's compliance with those requirements and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.

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

Opinion on Each Major Federal Program

In our opinion, the City of Buford, Georgia complied, in all materials respects, with the types of compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on each of its major federal programs for the year ended June 30, 2021.

To the Honorable Members of the Board of Commissioners
City of Buford, Georgia

Report on Internal Control over Compliance

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

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

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

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

Wilcox & Bivings, P.C.

Suwanee, Georgia
December 22, 2021

**CITY OF BUFORD, GEORGIA
SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2021**

Federal Grantor/Program or Cluster Title/Pass-through Grantor	Federal CFDA Number	Pass-through Entity Identifying Number	Passed Through to Subrecipients	Federal Expenditures
<u>U.S. Department of the Treasury:</u>				
COVID-19 Coronavirus Relief Fund/ Gwinnett County	21.019	G-089-000001-0004	\$ 1,133,535	\$ 1,884,981
COVID-19 Coronavirus Relief Fund/ State of Georgia Office of the Governor	21.019	PR-0001271	<u>-</u>	<u>61,561</u>
Total U.S. Department of the Treasury			<u>1,135,535</u>	<u>1,946,542</u>
<u>U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development:</u>				
Office of Community Planning and Development:				
Community Development Block Grants-Entitlement Grants/ Gwinnett County	14.218	BUFORD-19-2554	-	550,000
Community Development Block Grants-Entitlement Grants/ Gwinnett County	14.218	BUFORD-19-2555	-	330,000
Community Development Block Grants-Entitlement Grants/ Gwinnett County	14.218	BUFORD-20-TBD	<u>-</u>	<u>305,000</u>
Total U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development			<u>-</u>	<u>1,185,000</u>
Total Expenditures of Federal Awards			\$ <u>1,135,535</u>	\$ <u>3,131,542</u>

See accompanying notes to schedule of expenditures of federal awards.

**CITY OF BUFORD, GEORGIA
NOTES TO SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2021**

NOTE A - BASIS OF PRESENTATION

The accompanying schedule of expenditures of federal awards (the Schedule) includes the federal award activity of the City of Buford, Georgia, under programs of the federal government for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2021. The information in this schedule is presented in accordance with the requirements of Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements of Federal Awards* (The Uniform Guidance). Therefore, some amounts presented in this schedule may differ from amounts presented in, or used in, the preparation of, the basic financial statements.

NOTE B - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Expenditures reported on the Schedule, including expenditures provided through to subrecipients, are reported on the accrual basis of accounting. Such expenditures are recognized following the cost principles contained in OMB Circular A-87, *Cost Principles for State, Local and Indian Tribal Governments*, or the cost principles contained in Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements of Federal Awards*, wherein certain types of expenditures are not allowable or are limited as to reimbursement.

NOTE C - DE MINIMIS INDIRECT COST RATE

The 10-percent *de minimis* indirect cost rate allowed under the Uniform Guidance does not apply to the City's federal awards.

NOTE D - SUBRECIPIENTS

The City provided through to the City of Buford Board of Education \$1,133,535 of COVID-19 Coronavirus Relief Funds for the safe reopening of schools. The City had no other subrecipients under its federal awards.

**CITY OF BUFORD, GEORGIA
SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2021**

SECTION I-SUMMARY OF AUDITORS' RESULTS

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Type of Auditor's Report Issued:

- ❖ Unmodified opinion.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting:

- ❖ Material weaknesses - none reported.
- ❖ Significant deficiencies - none reported.
- ❖ Noncompliance material to the financial statements - none reported.

FEDERAL AWARDS

Types of Auditors' Report Issued on Compliance for Major Programs:

- ❖ Unmodified opinion.

Internal Control Over Major Programs:

- ❖ Material weaknesses - none reported.
- ❖ Significant deficiencies - none reported.

Audit findings:

- ❖ No audit findings disclosed that are required to be reported in accordance with 2 CFR Section 200.516(a).

Identification of Major Programs:

- ❖ CFDA #21.019 - United States Department of Treasury/Coronavirus Relief Fund.
- ❖ CFDA #14.218 – United States Department of Housing & Urban Development/Community Development Block Grants-Entitlement Grants.

Dollar Threshold Used to Distinguish Between Type A and Type B Programs:

- ❖ The threshold for distinguishing Types A and B programs was \$750,000.

Auditee status:

- ❖ The City of Buford, Georgia did not qualify as a low-risk auditee.

SECTION II - FINANCIAL STATEMENT AUDIT - FINDINGS

- ❖ No matters reported.

SECTION III – MAJOR FEDERAL AWARD PROGRAMS AUDIT - FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS

- ❖ No matters reported.

**CITY OF BUFORD, GEORGIA
SCHEDULE OF PRIOR YEAR AUDIT FINDINGS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2021**

Financial Statement Findings:

- ❖ No matters reported.

Federal Award Findings and Questioned Costs:

- ❖ No matters reported.

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**CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2021**

- ❖ **As there were no findings for the year ended June 30, 2021, there are no corrective actions.**

**SCHEDULE REQUIRED BY THE
STATE OF GEORGIA**

CITY OF BUFORD, GEORGIA
SCHEDULE OF PROJECTS CONSTRUCTED WITH SPECIAL PURPOSE LOCAL OPTION SALES TAX PROCEEDS
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2021

<u>PROJECT DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>Original Estimate Amount</u>	<u>Current Estimate Amount</u>	<u>Amount Expended In Prior Years</u>	<u>Amount Expended In Current Year</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Estimated Percentage of Completion</u>
<i>REST HAVEN 2001 SPLOST</i>						
Recreational Facilities	\$ -	\$ 91,035	\$ 71,879	\$ -	\$ 71,879	78.96%
Total Rest Haven 2001 SPLOST	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 91,035</u>	<u>\$ 71,879</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 71,879</u>	
<i>REST HAVEN 2005 SPLOST</i>						
Transportation	\$ 296,785	\$ 570,458	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0.00%
Total Rest Haven 2005 SPLOST	<u>\$ 296,785</u>	<u>\$ 570,458</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	
<i>HALL COUNTY 2009 SPLOST</i>						
Transportation	\$ 25,732	\$ 92,083	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0.00%
Total Hall County 2009 SPLOST	<u>\$ 25,732</u>	<u>\$ 92,083</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	
<i>GWINNETT COUNTY 2009 SPLOST</i>						
Transportation	\$ 5,960,000	\$ 4,733,445	\$ 2,179,281	\$ -	\$ 2,179,281	46.04%
Recreational Facilities	1,677,101	1,331,958	1,200,000	-	1,200,000	90.09%
Water & Sewer	2,000,000	1,588,405	1,500,000	-	1,500,000	94.43%
Total Gwinnett County 2009 SPLOST	<u>\$ 9,637,101</u>	<u>\$ 7,653,808</u>	<u>\$ 4,879,281</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 4,879,281</u>	
<i>GWINNETT COUNTY 2014 SPLOST</i>						
Recreational Facilities & Equipment	\$ 4,172,696	\$ 3,810,404	\$ 3,810,404	\$ -	\$ 3,810,404	100.00%
Transportation	1,788,299	1,473,494	1,079,699	393,795*	1,473,494	100.00%
Total Gwinnett County 2014 SPLOST	<u>\$ 5,960,995</u>	<u>\$ 5,283,898</u>	<u>\$ 4,890,103</u>	<u>\$ 393,795</u>	<u>\$ 5,283,898</u>	
<i>HALL COUNTY 2015 SPLOST</i>						
Transportation	\$ 111,249	\$ 118,294	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0.00%
Water & Sewer	600,000	637,994	-	-	-	0.00%
Total Hall County 2015 SPLOST	<u>\$ 711,249</u>	<u>\$ 756,288</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	
<i>GWINNETT COUNTY 2017 SPLOST</i>						
Parking Facilities	\$ 3,765,543	\$ 3,765,543	\$ -	\$ 2,000,000*	\$ 2,000,000	53.11%
Recreational Facilities & Equipment	6,932,788	6,932,788	-	-	-	0.00%
Transportation	941,677	941,677	-	-	-	0.00%
Total Gwinnett County 2017 SPLOST	<u>\$ 11,640,008</u>	<u>\$ 11,640,008</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 2,000,000</u>	<u>\$ 2,000,000</u>	
<i>HALL COUNTY 2020 SPLOST</i>						
Transportation	1,427,215	1,427,215	-	-	-	0.00%
Total Hall County 2020 SPLOST	<u>\$ 1,427,215</u>	<u>\$ 1,427,215</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	

* Reported as a transfer as amount was transferred to the General Fund to reimburse previous allowable expenditures for SPLOST approved projects.