City of Cumming, Georgia

Financial Statements

With Independent Auditor's Report

For the year ended December 31, 2015

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Honorable Mayor, Members of the City Council and City Administrator City of Cumming, 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 unit, each major fund, and the remaining fund information of the City of Cumming, Georgia (the City) as of and for the year ended December 31, 2015, 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 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.

Opinions

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, the discretely presented component unit, each major fund, and the remaining fund information of the City of Cumming, Georgia, as of December 31, 2015, and the respective changes in financial position, and, where applicable, cash flows, thereof, and the respective budgetary comparison for the General Fund for the year ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Emphasis of Matter

As described in I, the City of Cumming, Georgia, inplemented Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 68, Accounting and Financial Reporting for Pensions - an amendment of GASB Statement No. 27, as well as Statement No. 71, Pension Transition for Contributions Made Subsequent to the Measurement Date - an amendment of GASB Statement No. 68, as of January 1, 2015. These standards significantly changed the accounting for the City of Cumming's net pension liability and the related disclosures. Our opinions are not modified with respect to this matter.

Other Matters

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis and other required supplementary information on pages 5 through 8 and 41 through 43 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's financial statements as a whole. The schedule of projects funded with special purpose 1% local option sales tax is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements. The schedule of projects funded with special purpose 1% local option sales tax is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relate directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the 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 financial statements or to the financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the information is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with Government Auditing Standards, we have also issued our report dated March 14, 2016, on our consideration of the City's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing and not to provide an opinion on the internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with Government Auditing Standards and should be considered in conjunction with this report in considering the results of our audit.

Cumming, Georgia March 14, 2016 LeRry, Cole +Stephens, LLC

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

Our discussion and analysis of the City of Cumming's financial performance provides an overview of the City's financial activities for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2015.

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

- The assets of the City exceeded its liabilities at the close of the most recent fiscal year by \$224,454,535. Of this amount \$47,413,779 (unrestricted net position) may be used to meet the government's ongoing obligations to citizens and creditors.
- The governments total net position increased by \$9,771,261. Beginning net position for governmental activities was restated by \$1,424,500 and business type activities was restated by \$1,288,834 as a result of the implementation of GASB 68.
- As of the close of the current fiscal year, the City's governmental funds reported combined ending fund balances of \$17,772,559 a decrease of \$2,797,288 in comparison with the prior year.
- At the end of the current fiscal year, the City's unreserved, unassigned fund balance for the general fund was \$15,173,967.

USING THIS ANNUAL REPORT

This annual report consists of a series of financial statements. The Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities (on pages 11-12) provide information about the activities of the City as a whole and present a longer-term view of the City's finances. For governmental activities, these statements tell how these services were financed in the short term as well as what remains for future spending. Fund financial statements also report the City's operations in more detail than the government-wide statements by providing information about the City's most significant funds.

Reporting the City as a Whole

The Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities report information about the City as a whole and about its activities that explain whether the City is in a better or worse position as a whole as a result of the year's activities. These statements include all assets and liabilities using the accrual basis of accounting, which is similar to the accounting used by most private-sector companies. All of the current year's revenues and expenses are taken into account regardless of when cash is received or paid.

These two statements report the City's net position and changes in them. The measurement of increases and decreases in a City's net position—the difference between assets and liabilities—over time are one indicator of the City's overall financial position. An increase in net position indicates an improvement in the City's financial condition, whereas a decrease in net position may indicate deterioration in financial condition.

In the Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities, we divide the City into two types of activities:

- Governmental activities Most of the City's basic services are reported here, including police, fire, street, planning and parks departments as
 well as general administration, the fairgrounds and the Playhouse Theater. Most of these activities are funded by franchise, licensing, and
 permit fees, program fees, and sales tax as well as fees for services.
- Business type activities The City charges a fee to customers to cover the cost of certain services it provides. The City's water and sewer system is reported here.

Reporting the City's Most Significant Funds

The fund financial statements begin on page 14 and provide detailed information about the most significant funds – not the City as a whole. Some funds are required to be established by State law. However, the City Council may also establish other funds to help it control and manage money for particular purposes, or to show that it is meeting its responsibilities in how a particular type of resource is handled. The City's two kinds of funds are:

- Governmental Funds Most of the City's basic services are reported in governmental funds, which focus on how money flows into and out of those funds and the balances left at year-end that are available for spending. These funds are reported using an accounting method called modified accrual accounting, which measures cash and all other financial assets that can readily be converted to cash. The governmental fund statements provide a detailed short-term view of the City's general government operations and the basic services it provides. Governmental fund information helps you determine whether there are more or fewer financial resources that can be spent in the near future to finance the City's programs.
- Proprietary Funds When the City charges customers for the services it provides, these services are generally reported in proprietary funds. Proprietary funds are reported in the same way that all activities are reported in the Statement of Net Assets and the Statement of Activities. In fact, the City's enterprise fund is the same as the business-type activities we report in the government-wide statements but provide more detail and additional information, such as eash flows, for this fund.

Notes to the 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 financial statements can be found on pages 21-39 of this report.

THE CITY AS A WHOLE

The City's combined net position increased during 2015 by \$9,771,261, of which \$1,049,248 was an increase in governmental activities and \$8,722,013 was an increase in business-type activities.

Table 1 Net Position December 31, 2015

		tal Activities	-	pe Activities		Total						
Correct and Others Areste	2014	2015	2014	2015	2014	2015						
Current and Other Assets Capital Assets	\$ 22,423,610 70,601,944	\$ 18,643,717 74,581,917	\$ 45,972,664 87,985,724	\$ 53,356,188 89,951,904	\$ 68,396,274 158,587,668	\$ 71,999,905						
Total Assets	93,025,554	93,225,634	133,958,388	143,308,092	226,983,942	164,533,821 236,533,726						
		,,	100,000,000	110,500,075	220,703,712	230,353,720						
Deferred outflows of												
Resources Deferred outflows related to												
Pensions		219.327		163,571		382.898						
Current Liabilities	1,146,344	710,674	762,947	1,124,814	1,909,291	1,835,488						
Non Current Liabilities	3,291,933	4,886,064	3,678,691	5,231,229	6,970,624	10,117,293						
Total Liabilities	4,438,277	5,596,738	4,441,638	6,356,043	8,879,915	11,952,781						
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Deferred inflows of Resources Unearned revenues	707.410	1/0 404			705 410	160.404						
Deferred Inflows related to	707,419	160,484			707,419	160,484						
Pensions		183,133		165,691		348,824						
Total Deferred Inflow of												
Resources	707,419	343,617		165,691	707,419	509,308						
Net Assets:												
Invested in Capital Assets	70,601,944	74,581,917	87,985,724	89,951,904	158,587,668	164,533,821						
Restricted for Capital Projects	1,221,037	1,971,039	11,507,953	10,535,896	12,728,990	11,756,935						
Restricted for Promotion	- , ,,	.,,	,,,	10,000,000	72,720,770	11,750,755						
of Tourism												
Unrestricted,	16,056,877	10,951,650	30,023,073	36,462,129	46,079,950	48,163,779						
Total Net Position	\$ 87,879,858	\$ 87,504,606	\$ 129,516,750	\$ 136,949,929	\$ 217,396,608	\$ 224,454,535						
			Table 2									
			ges in Net Position									
			cember 31, 2015	4	_	_						
	Governmen 2014	tal Activities 2015	Business-ty 2014	pe Activities	Tot							
Revenues	2014	2.013	2014	2015	2014	2015						
Program Revenues:												
Charges for Services	\$ 5,161,379	\$ 5,546,505	\$ 15,521,675	\$ 17,672,929	\$ 20,683,054	\$ 23,219,434						
Operating Grants & Contributions		9,609				0.400						
Capital Grants and		7,007				9,609						
Contributions	215,332	1,296,866	962,690	6,622,543	1,178,022	7,919,409						
General Revenues:			•									
Sales Taxes	4,995,375	5,156.861			4,995,375	5,156,861						
Franchise Taxes	949,119	1,043,741			949,119	1,043,741						
Title Ad valorem Tax	1,123,222	1,090,343			1,123,222	1,090,343						
Insurance Premium Taxes	293,297	313,340			293,297	313,340						
Alcoholic Beverage Taxes Hotel Motel Taxes	675,915	738,017			675,915	738,017						
Unrestricted Investment	33,332	25,473			33,332	25,473						
Earnings	1	2	26,121	34,036	26,122	34,038						
Restricted Investment												
Earnings Grants & Contributions not			217,005	221,801	217,005	221,801						
restricted to Programs	850	1,614			950	1.714						
Total Revenues		\$ 15,222,371	\$ 16 727 401	d 04 551 200	850 \$ 20.175.212	1,614						
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Program Expenses						
General Government	\$ 1,569,103	\$ 1,852,441	\$	\$	\$ 1,569,103	\$ 1,852,441
Public Safety	2,283,131	2,279,059			2,283,131	2,279,059
Streets	3,187,732	3,338,865			3,187,732	3,338,865
Sanitation	353,852	378,845			353,852	378,845
Planning & Zoning	498,330	519,311			498,330	519,311
Culture and Recreation	5,819,259	5,804,602			5,819,259	5,804,602
Water & Sewer			15,569,161	15,829,296	15,569,161	15,829,296
Total Expenses Excess(Deficiency)	13,711,407	14,173,123	15,569,161	15,829,296	29,280,568	30,002,419
Before Special Items	(263,585)	1,049,248	1,158,330	8,722,013	894,745	9,771,261
Special Item	(106,637)				(106,637)	
Change in Net Position Net position, beginning of	(370,222)	1,049,248	1,158,330	8,722,013	788,108	9,771,261
year	88,250,080	87,879,858	128,358,420	129,516,750	216,608,500	217,396,608
Prior period adjustment Net position, beginning – as		(1,424,500)		(1,288,834)		(2,713,334)
restated	88,250,080	86,455,358	128,358,420	128,227,916	216,608,500	214,683,274
Net position, end of year	\$ 87,879,858	\$ 87,504,606	\$ 129,516,750	\$ 136,949,929	\$ 217,396,608	\$ 224,454,535

Total government wide revenue for 2015 was \$39,773,680 with \$23,219,434 in charges for services, \$7,929,018 in grants and contributions, \$8,367,775 in taxes, and \$255,839 in investment earnings. Of this amount, \$15,222,371 was in governmental activities and \$24,551,309 in business-type activities.

The City's expenses for 2015 government wide were \$30,002,419 with \$14,173,123 of the total included in governmental activities and \$15,829,296 for business type activities.

Governmental Activities

The City's 2015 governmental activities revenues increased by \$1,774,549. This amount is comprised of increases in Sales Taxes, Franchise Taxes and Beverage Taxes.

The cost of all governmental activities this year was \$14,173,123. Of this amount, \$5,546,505 was paid by program fees from those who directly benefited from the programs. The remainder was financed by other sources of revenue such as beverage and sales taxes as well as other general revenues. Table 3 presents the total cost of each of the City's largest programs as well as each program's net cost (total cost less revenues generated by the activities.) The net cost reflects the amount that was financed by general revenues other than program fees.

Table 3
Governmental Activities

	Total Cost	of Services	Net Cost of Services						
	2014	2015	2014	2015					
General Government	\$ 1,569,103	\$ 1,852,441	\$ 1,364,143	\$ 902,244					
Public Safety	2,283,131	2,279,059	1,785,917	1,815,932					
Streets	3,187,732	3,338,865	2,972,400	2,792,001					
Sanitation	353,852	378,845	(81,850)	(71,787)					
Planning & Zoning	498,330	519,311	(110,856)	(194,251)					
Culture & Recreation	5,819,259	5,804,602	2,404,942	2,076,004					
Totals	\$ 13,711,407	\$ 14,173,123	\$ 8,334,696	\$ 7,320,143					

Business-type Activities

Revenues of the City's business-type activities (see Table 2) increased by \$7,823,818, and expenses increased by \$260,135. Revenues increased primarily due to an increase in Capital Grants and Contributions.

THE CITY'S FUNDS

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

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

Because the focus of governmental funds is narrower than that of the government-wide financial statements, it is useful to compare the information presented for governmental funds with similar information presented for governmental activities in the government-wide financial statements. By doing so, readers may better understand the long-term impact of the government's near-term financing decision. Both the governmental fund balance sheet and the governmental fund 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 three individual 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 and the capital projects fund, both of which are considered major funds. Data from the third fund is presented in a separate column labeled non-major fund.

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

The basic governmental fund financial statements can be found on pages 14 - 17 of this report.

Proprietary funds. The City maintains one proprietary fund – an enterprise fund that is used to report the same functions presented as business-type activities in the government-wide financial statements. The City uses an enterprise fund to account for its water and sewer authority.

Proprietary funds provide the same type of information as the government-wide financial statements, only in more detail. The water and sewer enterprise fund is considered a major fund since it is the only proprietary fund maintained by the City.

The basic proprietary fund financial statements can be found on pages 18 - 20 of this report.

Notes to the 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 financial statements can be found on pages 21-39 of this report.

Other information. In addition to the basic financial statements and accompanying notes, this report also presents certain required supplementary information concerning the City's progress in funding its obligation to provide pension benefits to its employees. Required supplementary information can be found beginning on page 41 of this report.

General Fund Budgetary Highlights

During 2015, there was a \$1,095,600 increase in expenditures between the original and final amended budget. Of this increase, \$625,500 was offset by an increase in taxes. The remaining \$470,100 increase reflects increases in revenues such as fees for services and other revenues such as license and permits for a net total increase of 8.3% of the total budget.

CAPITAL ASSET AND DEBT ADMINISTRATION

Capital Assets

At the end of 2015, the City had \$164,533,821 invested in a broad range of capital assets, including buildings, plants, park facilities, streets and water and sewer lines. This represents a net increase of \$5,946,153. This increase primarily reflects the addition of capital assets added that have been under construction in previous years.

Additional information on the City's capital assets can be found in Note IV. C., on pages 29 and 30.

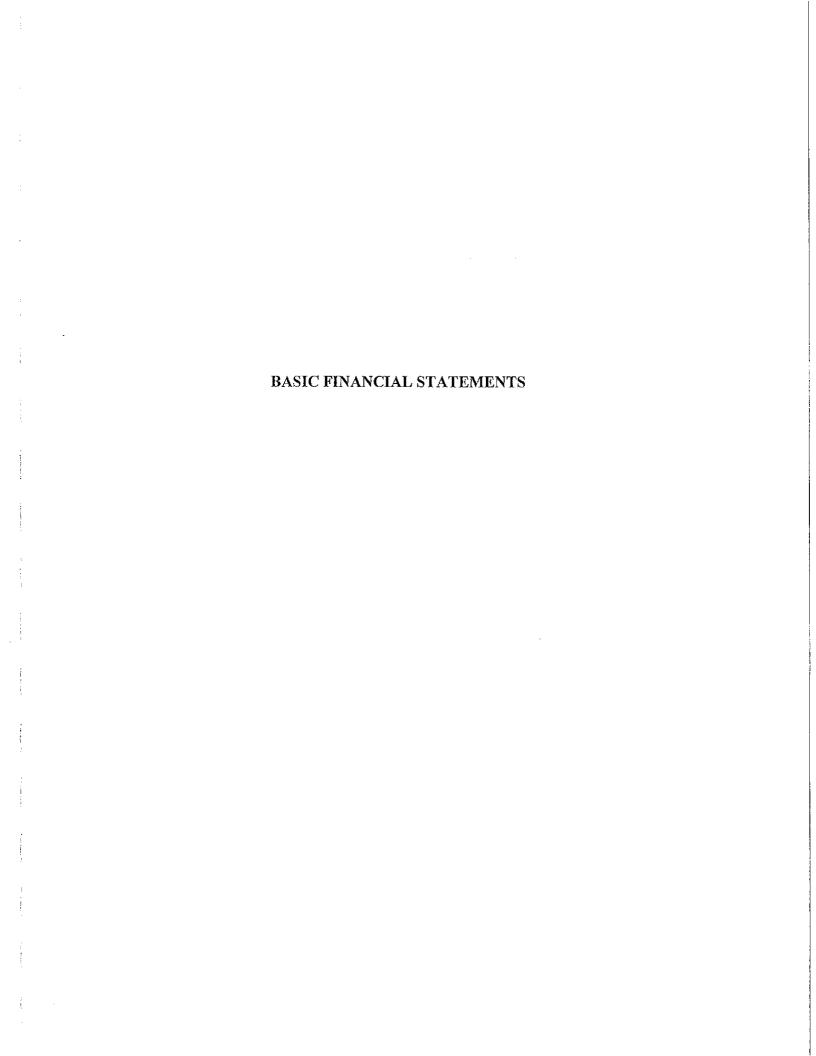
ECONOMIC FACTORS AND NEXT YEAR'S BUDGET

The 2016 budget reflects anticipated general fund revenues of \$13,462,500 and is balanced including a contingency reserve of \$1,200,000. This represents a decrease of \$727,100 or 5% over the final budget for 2015. This reflects an expected decrease in revenues from sales taxes and other taxes. The water and sewer fund budget reflects anticipated revenues of \$17,735,000. This budgeted amount represents an increase of \$2,770,000 or approximately 19% compared to 2015. This increase reflects an increase in sewer rates and in sewer reserve capacity.

Construction is ongoing on various capital projects for the Water and Sewer system.

REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION

This financial report is designed to provide a general overview of the City of Cumming's finances for all those with an interest in the government's finances. Questions concerning any of the information provided in this report or for additional financial information should be addressed to the City Clerk, 100 Main Street, Cumming, Georgia 30040.





CITY OF CUMMING, GEORGIA STATEMENT OF NET POSITION DECEMBER 31, 2015

Primary Government

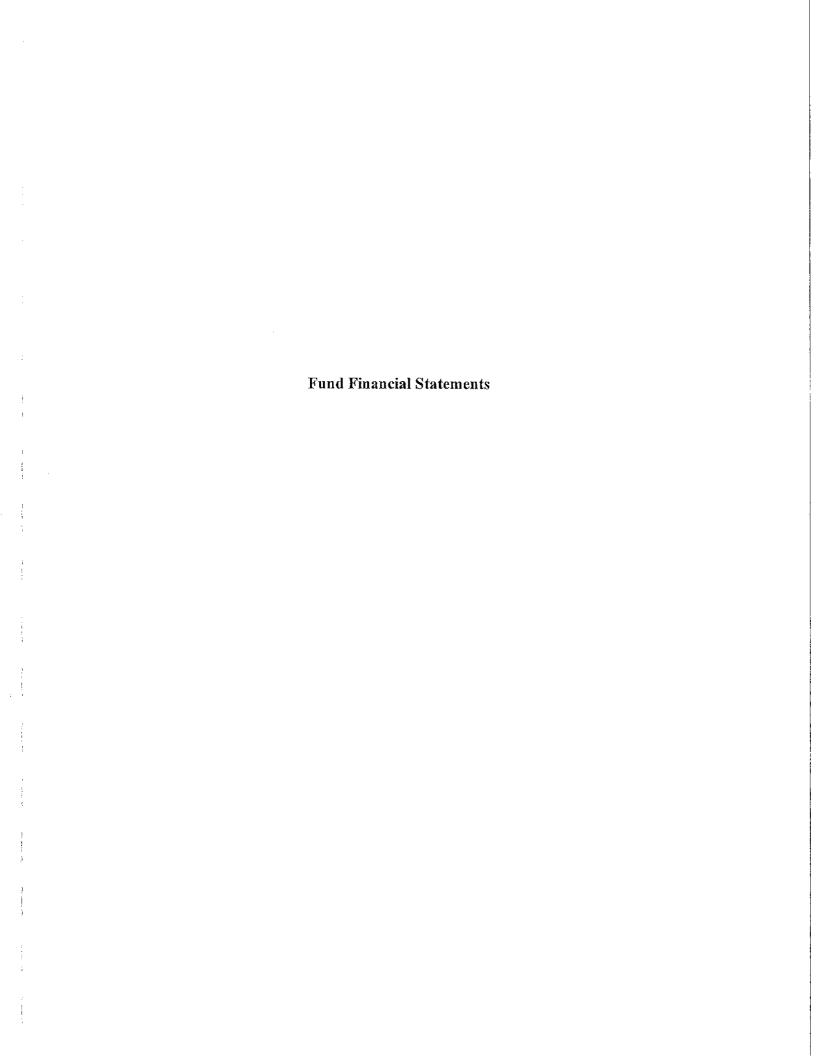
	(Governmental		Business-type			Component
		Activities		Activities		Total	Unit
ASSETS							
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	11,810,972	\$	39,831,630	\$	51,642,602	\$ 1,388,211
Receivables, net		205,947		1,705,010		1,910,957	-
Intergovernmental receivable		4,669,196		-		4,669,196	-
Note receivable		-		-		-	405,000
Internal balances		(41,334)		41,334			-
Inventory		-		234,356		234,356	
Prepaid expenses		27,897		17,824		45,721	-
Receivables-non-current		-		-		_	2,261,250
Restricted assets		1,971,039		11,526,034		13,497,073	
Capital assets, not being depreciated		14,013,834		20,197,082		34,210,916	-
Capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation		60,568,083		69,754,822		130,322,905	-
Total Assets		93,225,634		143,308,092		236,533,726	4,054,461
DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES							
Deferred outflows of resources related to pensions		219,327		163,571		382,898	_
Total Deferred Outflows of Resources		219,327		163,571	_	382,898	-
LIABILITIES							
Accounts payable		695,577		965,993		1,661,570	_
Accrued liabilities		15,097		50,075		65,172	-
Liabilities payable from restricted assets				108,746		108,746	_
Noncurrent liabilities:				100,7,0		100,770	
Due within one year		8,000		30,000		38,000	_
Due in more than one year		4,878,064		5,201,229		10,079,293	4,055,000
Total Liabilities		5,596,738		6,356,043		11,952,781	 4,055,000
		0,070,700		0,000,010		11,752,701	 4,055,000
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES							
Unearned revenues		160,484		_		160,484	-
Deferred inflows of resources related to pensions		183,133		165,691		348,824	-
Total Deferred Inflows of Resources		343,617	_	165,691	_	509,308	-
NET POSITION							
Invested in capital assets		74,581,917		89,951,904		164,533,821	-
Restricted for capital projects		1,971,039		10,535,896		12,506,935	_
Unrestricted		10,951,650		36,462,129		47,413,779	 (539)
Total Net Position	\$	87,504,606	\$	136,949,929	æ	224,454,535	\$ (539)

CITY OF CUMMING, GEORGIA STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2015

			Component Unit		€5											,																(539)
Revenue and let Position			Total		\$ (902,244)	(1.815.932)	(2,792,001)	71,787	194,251	(2,076,004)	(7,320,143)		8,466,176	0.1.601.60	\$ 1.146,033			A		1,090,343	5,156,861	1,043,741	313,340	25,473	738,017	1,614	34,038	221,801	8,625,228	9,771,261	214,683,274	\$ 224,454,535 \$
Net (Expenses) Revenue and Changes in Net Position	Primary Government		Business-Type Activities		·	•	•	1	1	1	1		8,466,176	0,1,001,0	\$ 8.466,176					•		•		•	•	1	34,036	221,801	255,837	8,722,013	128,227,916	\$ 136,949,929
	jahara I		Governmental Activities		\$ (902,244)	(1,815,932)	(2,792,001)	71,787	194,251	(2,076,004)	(7,320,143)				\$ (7.320.143)	· •	9 5	A	6	1,090,343	5,156,861	1,043,741	313,340	25,473	738,017	1,614	2		8,369,391	1,049,248		\$ 87,504,606
TOX THE TEAK EIVED DECEMBER 51, 2013		Capital	Grants and Contributions		\$ 750,002		546,864	•	1	1	1,296,866		6,622,543		\$ 7.919,409	·	9 6	9														
	Program Revenues	Operating	Grants and Contributions		,	6,300	•	•	•	3,309	609'6				\$ 9,609	د	9 6	9								ted to programs						
	;		Charges for Services		\$ 200,195	456,827	1	450,632	713,562	3,725,289	5,546,505		17,672,929	30.00	\$ 23.219.434		9 6	0	÷	tax			um taxes	S		Grants and contributions not restricted to programs	Unrestricted investment earnings	ment earnings	revenues	et position	ning, as restated	වා
			Expenses		\$ 1,852,441	2,279,059	3,338,865	378,845	519,311	5,804,602	14,173,123		15,829,296		\$ 30,002.419		9 6	9	General revenues:	11tle ad valorem tax	Sales taxes	Franchise taxes	Insurance premium taxes	Hotel/Motel taxes	Beverage taxes	Grants and contr	Unrestricted inv	Restricted investment earnings	Total general revenues	Change in net position	Net position-beginning, as restated	Net position-ending
			Functions/Programs	Governmental activities:	General government	Public safety	Streets	Sanitation	Planning and zoning	Culture and recreation	Total governmental activities	Business-type activities:	Water and sewer Total business-type activities		Total City of Cumming	Component unit	Total component unit	i viai component umt														

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.



CITY OF CUMMING, GEORGIA BALANCE SHEET GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS DECEMBER 31, 2015

				Major			1	Vonmajor		Total
		General		SPLOST	Ca	pital Projects	Hot	el/Motel Tax	G	overnmental
LOGRAN		Fund		Fund		Fund		Fund		Funds
ASSETS	als	10.070.04			4.					
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	10,878,361	\$	•	\$	932,611	\$	-	\$	11,810,972
Receivables, net										
Taxes receivable		· •		-		-		2,779		2,779
Franchise fees		71,926		-		-		-		71,926
Beverage taxes		75,335		•		-		-		75,335
Garbage collection charges		55,907		-		-		-		55,907
Intergovernmental receivable		4,669,196		-		-		-		4,669,196
Interfund receivables				-		184,640		-		184,640
Prepaid items		27,897		-		-		-		27,897
Restricted assets:										
Cash and cash equivalents		-		1,971,039		-		-		1,971,039
Receivables		-		-		-		_		-
Total Assets	\$	15,778,622	\$	1,971,039	\$	1,117,251	\$	2,779	\$	18,869,691
LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES, AND FUND BALANCE										
Liabilities										4
Accounts payable	\$	175,203	\$	_	\$	517,595	\$	2,779	\$	695,577
Accrued liabilities		15,097	•	_		· -				15,097
Interfund payable		225,974		_		_		-		225,974
Total Liabilities		416,274		-		517,595		2,779		936,648
Deferred inflows of resources		, ,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,								
Unearned revenues		160,484		_		_		-		160,484
Total Deferred Inflows of Resources		160,484						-		160,484
Fund balances										
Nonspendable for prepaid items		27,897				-		-		27,897
Restricted for capital projects		<u>.</u>		1,971,039		_		_		1,971,039
Assigned to construction of capital assets		_		-		599,656		-		599,656
Unassigned		15,173,967		_		,		_		15,173,967
Total Fund Balances		15,201,864		1,971,039		599,656		-		17,772,559
Total Liabilities and Fund Balances	\$	15,778,622	\$	1,971,039	<u>\$</u>	1,117,251	\$	2,779		
Amounts reported for governmental activities in	tha	statement of not		ion one differe	4 1					
					iii dec	ause:				
Capital assets used in governmental activitherefore, are not reported in the funds	iues a	ire not imancia	i reso	irces and,						74,581,917
Long-term liabilities, are not due and pa	ayabl	e in the current	perio	d, therefore, a	re not	reported in the	e funds			
OPEB Liability								(3,818,092)		
Net pension liability and related of	defen	ed outflows an	d infl	ows of resourc	es			(925,061)		
Compensated absences								(106,717)		(4,849,870)
Net position of governmental activities									\$	87,504,606

CITY OF CUMMING, GEORGIA STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2015

		Major						Vonmajor	Total		
		General		SPLOST	С	Capital Projects		el/Motel Tax	C	Sovernmental	
		Fund		Fund		Fund		Fund		Funds	
REVENUES											
Taxes	\$	8,342,302	\$	-	\$	-	\$	25,473	\$	8,367,775	
Licenses and permits		873,870		-		-		-		873,870	
Intergovernmental		46,864		750,000		500,000		-		1,296,864	
Charges for services		4,249,030		-		-		-		4,249,030	
Fines and forfeitures		423,605		-		-		-		423,605	
Investment earnings		2		2		-		_		4	
Contributions and donations		11,223		-		_		-		11,223	
Total Revenues	_	13,946,896		750,002		500,000		25,473	_	15,222,371	
EXPENDITURES											
Current:											
General government		1,697,980		-		-		-		1,697,980	
Public Safety		2,283,440		-		-		-		2,283,440	
Streets		1,650,323		-		-		-		1,650,323	
Planning and zoning		510,038		-		-		-		510,038	
Sanitation		378,845		-		-		-		378,845	
Culture and recreation		4,900,871		-		-		25,473		4,926,344	
Capital Outlay:											
Streets		-		-		4,796,293		-		4,796,293	
Culture and recreation		-		-		1,776,396		_		1,776,396	
Total Expenditures		11,421,497		-		6,572,689		25,473		18,019,659	
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over											
(under) expenditures		2,525,399		750,002		(6,072,689)		-		(2,797,288)	
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)											
Transfers in		-		-		1,025,183		•		(1,025,183)	
Transfers out		(1,025,183)						-		1,025,183	
Total other financing sources and uses		(1,025,183)		-		1,025,183				-	
Change in fund balance		1,500,216		750,002		(5,047,506)		-		(2,797,288)	
Fund balances - beginning		13,701,648		1,221,037		5,647,162		-	20,569,847		
Fund balances - ending	\$	15,201,864	\$	1,971,039	\$	599,656	\$	-	\$	17,772,559	
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CITY OF CUMMING, GEORGIA RECONCILIATION OF THE STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES OF GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS TO THE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2015

Net change in fund balances - total governmental funds		\$ (2,797,288)
The change in net position reported for governmental activities in the		
statement of activities is different because:		
Some expenses reported in the statement of activities do not require the use		
of current financial resources and, therefore, are not reported as		
expenditures in the governmental funds.		
Net change in OPEB liability	(644,385)	
Net change in pension liability and related deferred outflows		
and inflows of resources	499,439	
Net change in long-term compensated absences	11,509	(133,437)
Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures. However,		
in the statement of activities the cost of those assets is allocated over		
their estimated useful lives and reported as depreciation expense.		
This is the amount by which net capital outlay (\$7,257,351) exceeded		
depreciation (\$3,277,378) in the current period.		 3,979,973

1,049,248

Change in net position of governmental activities

CITY OF CUMMING, GEORGIA

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

FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2015

	Budgete	ed A	mounts			Variance with		
	Original		Final	A	ctual Amounts		Budget	
REVENUES		D	***************************************					
Taxes	\$ 7,820,000	\$	8,445,500	\$	8,342,302	\$	(103,198)	
Licenses and permits	720,000		813,000		873,870		60,870	
Intergovernmental	_		47,000		46,864		(136)	
Charges for services	4,138,000		4,361,900		4,249,030		(112,870)	
Fines and forfeitures	410,000		512,000		423,605		(88,395)	
Investment earnings	-		-		. 2		2	
Contributions and donations	 6,000		10,200		11,223		1,023	
Total Revenues	 13,094,000		14,189,600		13,946,896		(242,704)	
EXPENDITURES								
Current:								
General government	1,051,000		1,774,500		1,697,980		76,520	
Public Safety	2,119,650		2,485,150		2,283,440		201,710	
Streets	1,679,060		1,776,560		1,650,323		126,237	
Planning and zoning	482,800		521,100		510,038		11,062	
Sanitation	339,200		399,200		378,845		20,355	
Culture and recreation	 4,551,500		5,170,800		4,900,871		269,929	
Total Expenditures	 10,223,210		12,127,310		11,421,497		705,813	
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over								
(under) expenditures	2,870,790		2,062,290		2,525,399		463,109	
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)								
Transfers out	 (2,870,790)		(2,062,290)		(1,025,183)		1,037,107	
Total other financing sources and uses	 (2,870,790)		(2,062,290)		(1,025,183)		1,037,107	
Change in fund balance	-		-		1,500,216		1,500,216	
Fund balances - beginning	 13,701,648		13,701,648		13,701,648		_	
Fund balances - ending	\$ 13,701,648	\$	13,701,648	\$	15,201,864	\$	1,500,216	

CITY OF CUMMING, GEORGIA STATEMENT OF NET POSITION PROPRIETARY FUNDS DECEMBER 31, 2015

	Water and Sewer Fund
ASSETS	Sewel Fund
Current Assets:	
Cash on hand and in banks	\$ 39,831,630
Accounts receivable, net	1,705,010
Interfund receivable	43,119
Inventory	234,356
Prepaid expenses	17,824
Restricted cash	990,138
Total Current Assets	42,822,077
Noncurrent Assets:	
Restricted cash, cash equivalents and investments	10,535,896
Total Restricted Assets	10,535,896
Capital Assets:	
Capital assets, not being depreciated	20,197,082
Capital assets, being depreciated	150,917,306
	171,114,388
Accumulated depreciation	(81,162,484)
Net Capital Assets	89,951,904
Total Noncurrent Assets	100,487,800
Deferred Outflows of Resources	
Deferred outflows of resources related to pensions	163,571
Total deferred outflows of resources	163,571
TOTALASSETS	\$ 143,473,448
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LIABILITIES	
Current Liabilities:	
Accounts payable	\$ 965,993
Accrued liabilities	80,075
Interfund payable	1,785
Liabilities payable from restricted assets	108,746
Total Current Liabilities	1,156,599
Noncurrent Liabilities:	
Accrued employee benefits	40,429
Accrued OPEB Obligation	3,416,650
Net pension liability	862,758
Customer's deposits	881,392
Total Noncurrent Liabilities	5,201,229
Total Liabilities	6,357,828
Deferred Inflows of Resources	
Deferred in flows of resources related to pensions	165,691
Total deferred inflows of resources	165,691
NET POSITION	
Invested in capital assets	89,951,904
Restricted for capital projects	10,535,896
Unrestricted	36,462,129
Total Net Position	<u>\$ 136,949,929</u>

CITY OF CUMMING, GEORGIA STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES AND CHANGES IN NET POSITION PROPRIETARY FUNDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2015

	Water and
	Sewer Fund
Operating Revenues:	
Charges for services	\$ 17,672,929
Total Operating Revenues	17,672,929
Operating Expenses:	
Personal services	4,128,914
Purchased and contracted services	2,224,387
Supplies	3,199,089
Depreciation ·	6,276,906
Total Operating Expenses	15,829,296
Income from operations	1,843,633
Nonoperating Revenues/(Expenses):	
Interest income	255,837
Total Nonoperating Revenues/(Expenses)	255,837
Income before contributions	2,099,470
Capital contributions - tap fees and other	6,622,543
Change in net position	8,722,013
Total net position - beginning as restated	128,227,916
Total net position - ending	\$ 136,949,929

CITY OF CUMMING, GEORGIA STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS PROPRIETARY FUND TYPES FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2015

		Water and
	;	Sewer Fund
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Receipts from customers and users	\$	17,959,393
Payments to suppliers		(5,060,934)
Payments to employees		(3,978,928)
Net cash provided by operating activities		8,919,531
CASH FLOWS FROM NONCAPITAL FINANCING ACTIVITIES	,	
Advances to other funds		(9,184)
Net cash provided by noncapital financing activities		(9,184)
CASH FLOWS FROM CAPITAL AND RELATED FINANCING ACTIVITIES		
Acquisition and construction of capital assets		(8,243,086)
Proceeds from tap fees and sewer capacity reservations		6,622,543
Net cash used by capital and related financing activities		(1,620,543)
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES		
Interest		255,837
Net cash provided by investing activities		255,837
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents		7,545,641
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year		43,812,023
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year	\$	51,357,664
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year	\$	43,049,710
Investments		8,307,954
Cash, cash equivalents and investments at end of year	\$	51,357,664
Reconciliation of operating income to net cash provided by operating activities		
Operating Income	\$	1,843,633
Adjustments to reconcile operating income to net cash provided by operating activities:		
Depreciation		6,276,906
Change in assets and liabilities:		
(Increase) decrease in accounts receivable (net)		139,507
(Increase) decrease in inventory		30,991
(Increase) decrease in prepaid expenses		803
(Increase) decrease in deferred outflows of resources related to pensions		(163,571)
Increase (decrease) in accounts payable		328,628
Increase (decrease) in accrued liabilities		33,239
Increase (decrease) in customer deposits		146,957
Increase (decrease) in accrued employee benefits		116,747
Increase (decrease) in deferred inflows of resources related to pensions		165,691
Net cash provided by operating activities	\$	8,919,531

The accounting methods and procedures adopted by the City of Cumming, Georgia, conform to generally accepted accounting principles as applied to governmental entities. The following notes to the financial statements are an integral part of the City's financial statements.

I. Summary of significant accounting policies

A. Reporting entity

The City of Cumming, Georgia is a municipal corporation incorporated in 1910 under provisions of the laws of Georgia. The City is governed by an elected mayor and five-member council and provides the following services in addition to general administrative responsibilities: public safety inclusive of police, water and sewer, streets and sanitation, cultural and recreational activities, public improvements and planning and zoning.

In June 1999, the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) unanimously approved Statement No. 34, Basic Financial Statements-and Management's Discussion and Analysis-for State and Local Governments. Certain of the significant changes in the Statement include the following:

- For the first time the financial statements include:
 - A Management Discussion and Analysis (MD&A) section providing an analysis of the City's overall financial position and results of operations. A comparative analysis of financial information is presented in the MD&A.
- Financial statements prepared using full accrual accounting for all of the City's activities, including infrastructure.
- A change in the fund financial statements to focus on the major funds.

These and other changes are reflected in the accompanying financial statements (including notes to financial statements).

In conformity with generally accepted accounting principles, as set forth in Statement of Governmental Accounting Standards No. 14 "The Financial Reporting Entity", the accompanying financial statements present the government and its component units, entities for the government is considered to be financially accountable. Blended component units, although legally separate entities, are, in substance, part of the government's operations. Each discreetly presented component unit is reported in a separate column in the government-wide financial statements (see note below for description) to emphasize that it is legally separate from the government.

The primary government is financially accountable if it appoints a voting majority of the organization's governing body and (1) it is able to impose its will on that organization or (2) there is a potential for the organization to provide specific financial benefits to, or impose specific financial burdens on, the primary government. The primary government also may be financial accountable if an organization is fiscally dependent on the primary government regardless of whether the organization has (1) a separately elected governing board, (2) a governing board appointed by a higher level of government, or (3) a jointly appointed board. Imposition of will relates to the ability of the primary government to significantly influence the activities of the organization

At December 31, 2015 the City of Cumming, Georgia had no relationships with legally separate organizations that are required to be included in the reporting entity for financial statement purposes except as discussed in the following paragraph.

The Downtown Development Authority (a legally separate organization) established by OCGA 36-42-4 is a component unit of the City of Cumming, Georgia that requires discreet presentation. The City appoints all seven members of the board. Financial information of the Development Authority can be obtained from the City Clerk. The Development Authority operates on a calendar year. Separate financial statements for the Development Authority are not prepared.

B. Government-wide and fund financial statements

The government-wide financial statements (i.e., the statement of net position and the statement of activities) report information on all of the nonfiduciary activities of the primary government and its component units. For the most part, the effect of interfund activity has been removed from these statements. Governmental activities, which normally are supported by taxes and intergovernmental revenues, are reported separately from business-type activities, which rely to a significant extent on fees and charges for support. Likewise, the primary government is reported separately from certain legally separate component units for the primary government is financially accountable. The City's net position is reported in three parts - invested in capital assets, restricted and unrestricted.

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

Separate financial statements are provided for governmental funds and proprietary funds. Major individual governmental funds and major individual enterprise funds are reported as separate columns in the fund financial statements.

C. Measurement focus, basis of accounting, and financial statement presentation

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

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

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

The government reports the following major governmental funds:

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

The SPLOST capital projects fund is used to account for financial resources segregated for the acquisition or construction of major capital facilities funded with Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax.

The capital projects fund is used to account for financial resources segregated for the acquisition or construction of major capital facilities other than those financed by proprietary funds.

The government reports the following major proprietary fund:

The water and sewer fund accounts for the activities of the sewage treatment plant, sewage pumping stations and collection systems, the water treatment plant and water distribution system.

The government has no other major funds.

Additionally, the government reports the following fund types:

The Hotel/Motel Tax special revenue fund is used to account for the proceeds of specific revenue sources that are legally restricted to expenditures for specified purposes.

Private-sector standards of accounting and financial reporting issued prior to December 1, 1989, generally are followed in both the government-wide and proprietary fund financial statements to the extent that those standards do not conflict with or contradict guidance of the Governmental Accounting Standards Board. Governments also have the option of following subsequent private-sector guidance for their business-type activities and enterprise funds, subject to this same limitation. The government has elected not to follow subsequent private-sector guidance.

As a general rule the effect of interfund activity has been eliminated from the government-wide financial statements. Exceptions to this general rule are payments-in-lieu of taxes and other charges between the government's water and sewer function and various other functions of the government. Elimination of these charges would distort the direct costs and program revenues reported for the various function concerned.

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

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

When fund balance resources are available for a specific purpose in more than one classification, it is the City's policy to use the most restrictive funds first in the following order: restricted, committed, assigned and unassigned as they are needed.

D. Assets, liabilities, and net assets or equity

1. Cash and investments

The government's cash and cash equivalents are considered to be cash on hand, demand deposits, and short-term investments with original maturities of three months or less from the date of acquisition.

The City is authorized to invest idle cash from operating accounts for the purpose of increasing income through investment activities. State statutes authorize the City to invest in obligations of states, the United States government, obligations fully insured or guaranteed by the United States government or its agency, obligations of any corporation of the United States government, prime bankers' acceptances, the local government investment pool established by Code Section 36-83-8, repurchase agreements, and obligations of other political subdivisions of the Georgia.

Cash and investments are separately held and reflected in their respective funds. Investments in certificates of deposit with an original maturity of one year or less are stated at amortized cost all others are stated at fair value based on quoted market prices. Investments in the State Treasurer's investment pool are stated at fair value which equals the value of the pool shares. The City has not elected to report realized gains and losses. Participation in the State Treasurer's investment pool is voluntary and no income from investments associated with one fund is assigned to another fund. The State Treasurer's investment pool is managed by the State Treasurer and represents the combined state general fund and local government investment pool.

The State Depository Board exercises oversight responsibility over Georgia Fund 1. Oversight includes the ability to significantly influence operations, designation of management and accountability for fiscal matters. The State Depository Board reviews the investment policy and management fee structure. Georgia Fund 1 is not registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) as an investment company, but does operate in a manner consistent with the SEC's rule 2a-7 of the investment Company Act of 1940. The pool's primary objectives are safety of capital, investment income, liquidity and diversification while maintaining principal. Net asset value is calculated weekly to ensure stability. The pool is rated AAAf by Standard & Poor's. In order to provide its shareholders with a safe and liquid investment pool, the State Treasurer invests pool assets in U.S. Treasury Obligations, securities issued or guaranteed as to principal and interest by the U.S. Government or any of its agencies or instrumentalities, bankers acceptances and repurchase agreements contracted with highly rated counterparties. The City uses the weighted average maturity (WAM) method to report interest rate risk. As of December 31, 2015 the funds' WAM is 56 days.

2. Receivables and payables

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

Advances between funds, as reported in the fund financial statements, are offset by a fund balance reserve account in applicable governmental funds to indicate that they are not available for appropriation and are not expendable available financial resources.

All trade receivables are shown net of an allowance for uncollectibles. The trade accounts receivable allowance is calculated based on historical results see footnote IV B for further information.

3. Inventories and prepaid items

All inventories are valued at cost, which approximates market, using the average cost method. Inventories in the Enterprise Fund consist of expendable supplies held for consumption and items needed for repairs or improvements to the utility system. The cost is recorded as an asset at the time individual inventory items are purchased. Governmental funds did not maintain inventories at December 31, 2015.

Certain payments to vendors reflect costs applicable to future accounting periods and are recorded as prepaid items in both government-wide and fund financial statements.

4. Restricted assets

Certain resources accumulated in the capital projects fund and the water and sewer enterprise funds are restricted for construction of capital assets. The government-wide statement of net position reports \$12,506,935 of restricted net position, of which \$1,971,039 is restricted by enabling legislation.

5. Capital assets

Capital assets, which include property, plant, equipment and infrastructure assets (e.g. roads, bridges, sidewalks, and similar items), are reported in the applicable governmental or business-type activities columns in the government-wide financial statements. Capital assets are defined by the government as assets with an initial, individual cost of more than \$50,000 for infrastructure and \$10,000 for equipment and vehicles (amount not rounded) and an estimated useful life in excess of two years. Such assets are recorded at historical cost or estimated historical cost if purchased or constructed. In the case of the initial capitalization of general infrastructure assets (i.e. those reported by governmental activities), the City chose to include all such items regardless of their acquisition date or amount. The City was able to estimate the historical cost for the initial reporting of these assets through backtrending and has reported infrastructure assets as of January 1, 2002 consistent with the retroactive reporting requirements of GASB Statement 34. As the City constructs or acquires additional capital assets each period, including infrastructure assets, they are capitalized and reported at historical cost. The reported value excludes normal maintenance and repairs which are essentially amounts spent in relation to capital assets that do not increase the capacity or efficiency of the item or extend its useful life beyond the original estimate. In the case of donations, the City values these capital assets at the estimated fair value of the item at the date of its donation. Major outlays for capital assets and improvements are capitalized as projects are constructed. Interest incurred during the construction phase of capital assets of business-type activities is included as part of the capitalized value of the assets constructed. The total interest expense incurred by the City during the year was \$0.

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

Assets	Years
Public domain infrastructure	10 - 50
Buildings	10 - 40
Sewer treatment plant and improvements	20 - 30
Water system plant and improvements	15 - 30
Water distribution system	20 - 30
Equipment	3 - 10

6. Compensated absences

It is the government's policy to permit employees to accumulate earned but unused paid time off. There is no liability for unpaid accumulated sick leave since the government does not have a policy to pay any amounts when employees separate from service with the government. All vacation pay is accrued when incurred in the government-wide, proprietary and fiduciary fund financial statements. A liability for these amounts is reported in governmental funds only if they have matured, for example, as a result of employee resignations and retirements. For all governmental activities compensated activities are generally liquidated by the general fund.

7. Deferred outflows/inflows of resources

The City implemented GASI3 65, Items Previously Reported as Assets and Liabilities as of January 1, 2013. In addition to assets, the statement of financial position will sometimes report a separate section for deferred outflows of resources. This separate financial statement element, deferred outflows of resources, represents 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 City has one item in this category related to the pension contributions between the measurement date and year-end. In addition to liabilities, the statement of financial position will sometimes report a separate section for deferred inflows of resources. This separate financial statement element, deferred inflows of resources, represents an acquisition of net position that applies to future period(s) and so will not be recognized as an inflow of resources (revenue) until that time. The City has multiple types of deferred inflows, which arise only under modified accrual basis of accounting that qualifies for reporting in this category. Accordingly, the item unavailable revenue, is reported only in the governmental funds balance sheet. The governmental funds report unavailable revenues from taxes, charges for services and other fees. These amounts are deferred and will be recognized as an inflow of resources in the period in which the amounts become available. The City also has deferred inflows of resources related to its pension plan for the differences between expected and actual experience, changes in assumptions and the net difference between projected and actual earnings on the pension plan investments. This amount is deferred and will be recognized as a reduction of the net pension liability in future years.

8. 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.

9. Fund equity

The following fund balance classifications describe the relative strength of the spending constraints placed on the purposes for which resources can be used:

- Nonspendable fund balance amounts that are not in a spendable form (such as inventory) or are required to be maintained intact;
- o Restricted fund balance amounts constrained to specific purposes by their providers (such as grantors, bondholders and higher levels of government), through constitutional provisions or by enabling legislation;
- Committed fund balance amounts constrained to specific purposes by a government itself, using its highest level of
 decision-making authority; to be reported as committed, amounts cannot be used for any other purpose unless the
 government takes the same highest level action to remove or change the constraint;
- o Assigned fund balance amounts a government intends to use for a specific purpose; intent can be expressed by the governing body or by an official or body to which the governing body delegates the authority;
- o Unassigned fund balance amounts that are available for any purpose; positive amounts are reported only in the general fund

City Council 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 (such as for special incentives). Assigned fund balance is established by the City Council through adoption or amendment of the budget as intended for specific purpose (such as the purchase of capital assets, construction, debt service or other purposes).

10. Net position flow assumption

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

11. Comparative data/reclassifications

Comparative total data for the prior year has not been presented. Also, certain amounts presented in the prior year data have been reclassified in order to be consistent with the current year's presentation.

12. Management estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amount 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/expenses during the period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

II. Reconciliation of government-wide and fund financial statements

A. Explanation of certain differences between the governmental fund balance sheet and the government-wide statement of net position.

The governmental fund balance sheet includes a reconciliation between fund balance - total governmental funds and net position - governmental activities as reported in the government-wide statement of net position. One element of that reconciliation explains that long-term liabilities, including compensated absences are not due and payable in the current period, therefore, are not reported in the funds. The City excluded accrued compensated absences in the amount of \$106,717, OPEB liabilities in the amount of \$3,818,092 and net pension liability of \$925,061 from the fund financial statements because they are not due and payable in the current period. The City also excluded \$74,581,917 of capital assets from the fund statements. See footnote IV C for additional information regarding the components of the capital assets included in the government-wide statement of net position.

B. Explanation of certain differences between the governmental fund statement of revenues, expenditures and changes in fund balances and the government-wide statement of activities.

The governmental fund statement of revenues, expenditures and changes in fund balances includes a reconciliation between net changes in fund balances - total governmental funds and changes in net assets of governmental activities as reported in the government-wide statement of activities. One element of that reconciliation explains that "Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures. However, in the statement of activities the cost of those assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives and reported as depreciation expense". The details of this \$3,979,973 difference are as follows:

Capital outlay	\$ 7,257,351
Depreciation expense	 (3,277,378)
Net adjustment to increase net changes in fund	
balances - total governmental funds to arrive at	
changes in net position of governmental activities	\$ 3,979,973

Another element of that reconciliation states that "Some expenses reported in the statement of activities do not require the use of current financial resources and therefore are not reported as expenditures in governmental funds". The details of this (\$133,437) difference are as follows:

Change in OPEB liability	\$ (644,386)
Change in net pension liability and related deferred outflows	
and deferred inflows of resources	499,439
Compensated absences	 11.510
Net adjustment to increase net changes in fund	
balances - total governmental funds to arrive at	
changes in net position of governmental activities	\$ (133,437)

III. Stewardship, compliance and accountability

A. Budgetary information

An operating budget is legally adopted each fiscal year for the general, capital projects and special revenue funds. Annual budgets are adopted on a basis consistent with generally accepted accounting principles for all governmental funds. All annual appropriations lapse at fiscal year end. Generally, on or before the third Tuesday in August of each year, all departments of the government submit requests for appropriations to the government's administrator so that a budget may be prepared. Before the third Tuesday in October, the proposed budget is presented to the government's council for review. The council holds public hearings and a final budget is adopted no later that December 31.

The appropriated budget is prepared by fund, function and department. The government's department heads may make transfers of appropriation within a department. Transfers of appropriations between departments require the approval of the council. The legal level of budgetary control (i.e. the level at which expenditures may not legally exceed appropriations) is the department level. The City made certain supplemental appropriations during the year based on revenues received in excess of budgeted amounts. The general fund amended budget amounts are reflected in a separate column on the statement of revenues, expenditures and changes in fund balances-budget and actual.

Encumbrances are defined as commitments related to unperformed contracts for goods or services. The City does not record encumbrances in the normal course of operating its accounting system and none are recorded in the accompanying financial statements.

B. Excess of expenditures over appropriations

For the year ended December 31, 2015, expenditures did not exceed appropriations in any department (legal level of budgetary control).

C. Deficit fund equity

No funds reflected deficit fund equity at December 31, 2015.

IV. Detailed notes on all funds

A. Cash and investments

At December 31, 2015, the carrying amount of the City's cash deposits was \$56,831,721 and the bank balance was \$58,895,101.

The City's investments consist of certificates of deposit and deposits in the State Treasurer's investment pool (included above). The City elects to exclude investments with maturity of one year or less from the date of purchase from fair value reporting. These investments are stated at amortized cost. Investments in the State Treasurer's investment pool are stated at fair value. Fair value equals the value of the pool shares.

At December 31, 2015, the City's investments in certificates of deposit (stated at fair value) not included above was \$8,307,954 and their WAM is 166 days and the City's deposits in the State Treasurer's investment pool totaled \$3,218,080. Total deposits and investments as of December 31, 2015, are summarized as follows:

Carrying amount of deposits	\$ 53,613,641
Carrying amount of local government investment pool	3,218,080
Total shown above	 56,831,721
Carrying amount of investments in certificates of deposit	 8,307,954
Total deposits and investments	\$ 65,139,675
Cash on hand and in banks-total city	\$ 51,642,602
Restricted cash-SPLOST fund	1,971,039
Restricted cash and investments-enterprise fund	11,526,034
Total shown on financial statements	\$ 65,139,675
Credit Risk	

The City does not have a formal policy that would limit it's credit risk beyond the limits imposed by state law. See footnote 1.D for information on authorized investments and the local government investment pool's credit rating.

Custodial Risk-Deposits and Investments

Custodial risk is the risk that in the event of a bank failure, the City's deposits may not be returned to it. Georgia law governs collateral requirements for public deposits and requires depository institutions to maintain collateral equal to 110% of the City's deposits. The City does not have a deposit policy for custodial risk that would extend the requirements beyond state law. The City's cash, cash equivalents and investments are typically either covered by federal depository insurance, collateralized with securities held by the City's agent in the City's name or held by state treasurer's collateral pool which provides for additional assessments in the event that the pools collateral is insufficient to cover losses and therefore is similar to depository insurance. At December 31, 2015, the City did not have any deposits that were uninsured or under collateralized, as defined by State statutes.

B. Receivables

Receivables as of year end for the government's individual major funds in the aggregate, including the applicable allowances for uncollectible accounts, are as follows:

	(General	I	Enterprise	No	nmajor	
Receivables		Fund		Fund]	Fund	 Total
Taxes	\$	147,261	\$	-	\$	2,779	\$ 150,040
Accounts		60,822		1,831,010			1,891,832
Gross total receivables		208,083		1,831,010		2,779	2,041,872
Less: allowance for uncollectibles		(4,915)		(126,000)			(130,915)
Net total receivables	\$	203,168	\$	1,705,010	\$	2,779	\$ 1,910,957

All of the receivables are expected to be collected within one year. Governmental funds report deferred revenue in connection with receivables for revenues that are not considered to be available to liquidate liabilities of the current period. Governmental funds also defer revenue recognition in connection with resources that have been received, but not yet earned.

Due from other Governments at December 31, 2015, consists of sales taxes due from the State of Georgia Department of Revenue.

C. Capital assets

Capital asset activity for the year ended December 31, 2015 was as follows:

	Beginning Balance	Increases	Decreases	Ending Balance
Governmental activities:	Dalance	Incleases	Decreases	Dalance
Capital assets, not being depreciated:				
Land	\$ 10,638,006	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 10,638,006
Construction in progress	3,398,400	6,657,691	6,680,263	3,375,828
Total capital assets, not being depreciated	14,036,406	6,657,691	6,680,263	14,013,834
Capital assets, being depreciated:				
Buildings	32,722,511	· -	_	32,722,511
Improvements other than buildings	6,632,336		-	6,632,336
Equipment	3,277,836	354,814	-	3,632,650
Infrastructure	57,947,774	6,925,109	-	64,872,883
Total capital assets, being depreciated	100,580,457	7,279,923		107,860,380
Less accumulated depreciation for:				
Buildings	5,976,340	803,287	-	6,779,627
Improvements other than buildings	2,549,088	172,260	-	2,721,348
Equipment	2,848,401	173,675	-	3,022,076
Infrastructure	32,641,090	2,128,156	-	34,769,246
Total accumulated depreciation	44,014,919	3,277,378		47,292,297
Total capital assets, being depreciated, net	56,565,538	4,002,545		60,568,083
Governmental activities capital assets, net	\$ 70,601,944	\$ 10,660,236	\$ 6,680,263	\$ 74,581,917

	Beginning	7		D.		Ending
Business-type activities:	Balance	n	creases		ecreases	Balance
Capital assets, not being depreciated:						
Land	\$ 10,173,741	\$		\$		\$ 10,173,741
Construction in progress	1,889,118	Ф	8,261,845	Ф	127,622	10,023,341
Total capital assets, not being depreciated	12,062,859		8,261,845		127,622	20,197,082
Total capital assets, not being depreciated	12,002,639		0,201,043		127,022	20,197,082
Capital assets, being depreciated:						
Buildings	4,630,976		-		-	4,630,976
Water distribution system general	40,939,295		-		-	40,939,295
Water system plant	44,291,840		•		-	44,291,840
Wastewater treatment plant	59,130,999		106,242		43,714	59,193,527
Equipment	1,853,104		21,382		12,818	1,861,668
Total capital assets, being depreciated	150,846,214		127,624		56,532	150,917,306
Less accumulated depreciation for:						
Buildings	1,490,785		115,774		-	1,606,559
Water distribution system general	25,546,369		1,554,240		_	27,100,609
Water system plant	21,648,582		1,850,124		_	23,498,706
Wastewater treatment plant	24,629,487		2,694,407		24,953	27,298,941
Equipment	1,608,126		62,361		12,818	1,657,669
Total accumulated depreciation	74,923,349		6,276,906		37,771	81,162,484
Total capital assets, being depreciated, net	75,922,865		(6,149,282)	***************************************	18,761	69,754,822
Business-type activities capital assets, net	\$ 87,985,724		2,112,563	\$	146,383	\$ 89,951,904
Depreciation expense was charged to function/pro	ograms of the prima			ollows		
Governmental activities:						
General government					\$	190,534
Public safety					Ψ	93,480
Highway and streets, including depreciation	of general infrastru	cture a	ssets			2,180,623
Planning and zoning	ū					8,334
Culture and recreation						804,407
Total depreciation expense - governmental activit	ies				\$	3,277,378
Business-type activities:						
Water and sewer					\$	6,276,906
Total depreciation expense - business-type activit	ies				\$	6,276,906

Construction commitments

The government has construction commitments outstanding as of December 31, 2015 for several projects in progress at yearend. The remaining amount due under the contracts as of December 31, 2015 was \$10,022,415.

D. Interfund receivables, payables and transfers

The composition of interfund balances which relate primarily to expense reimbursements and other transfers as of December 31, 2015, is as follows:

Due to/from and advances to/from other funds:

Receivable Fund	Payable Fund	 Amount
Water and sewer	General fund	\$ 43,119
Capital projects fund	Water and sewer fund	1,785
Capital projects fund	General fund	182,855

^{*} Balance not expected to be paid within one year

Transfers are used to move unrestricted general fund revenues to finance various programs that the government must account for in other funds in accordance with budgetary authorizations. During 2015, the general fund transferred \$1,025,183 to the capital projects fund.

E. Long-term liabilities

There is no outstanding long-term debt at December 31, 2015.

Changes in Long-term liabilities

	Beginning			Ending	Due Within
	Balance	Additions	Reductions	Balance	One Year
Governmental activities;					
OPEB obligation	\$ 3,173,707	\$ 644,385	\$ -	\$ 3,818,092	\$ -
Net pension liability	1,195,584	-	234,329	961,255	
Compensated absences	118,226		11,509	106,717	8,000
Governmental activitiy long-term liabilities	\$ 4,487,517	\$ 644,385	\$ 245,838	\$ 4,886,064	\$ 8,000
Business-type activities:					
Customer deposits	\$ 734,435	\$ 146,957	\$ -	\$ 881,392	\$ -
OPEB obligation	2,868,142	548,508	-	3,416,650	_
Net pension liability	1,081,719	<u>.</u>	218,961	862,758	
Compensated absences	76,114		5,685	70,429	30,000
Business-type activity long-term liabilities	\$ 4,760,410	\$ 695,465	\$ 224,646	\$ 5,231,229	\$ 30,000

V. Other information

A. Risk management

The government is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts: theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; errors and omission; and natural disasters for which the government carries commercial insurance.

No significant reductions in insurance coverage occurred in 2015. The City did not settle any claims during the last three years that exceeded insurance coverage and had a material effect on the financial statements.

Pursuant to Title 34, Chapter 9, Article 5 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, the City is a member of the Georgia Municipal Association Workers' Compensation Self Insurance Fund. The liability of the fund to the employees of any employer (City of Cumming) is specifically limited to such obligations as are imposed by applicable state laws against the employer for workers' compensation and/or employer's liability. The City is obligated to pay all contributions and assessments as prescribed by the fund.

The Fund is to defend, in the name of and on behalf of the members, any suits or other proceeding which may at any time be instituted against them on account of injuries or death within the preview of the Workers' Compensation Law of Georgia, or on the basis of employee's liability, including suits or other proceedings alleging such injuries and demanding compensation therefore, although such suits, other proceedings, allegations or demands be wholly groundless, false or fraudulent. The Fund is to pay all costs taxed against members in any legal proceeding defended by the members, all interest accruing after entry of judgment, and all expenses incurred for investigation, negotiation or defense.

B. Contingent liabilities

The City is a defendant in several lawsuits in the ordinary course of business. The City's legal counsel believes that any potential loss is undeterminable at this point. The City intends to vigorously contest each lawsuit.

C. Joint Venture

The City, in conjunction with cities and counties in the immediately surrounding area are members of the Georgia Mountain Regional Commission. Membership in a commission is automatic for each municipality and county in the state. The official Code of Georgia provides for the organizational structure. Members are required by law to pay certain minimum dues to the commission. GMRC assesses membership dues at a rate per capita based on the last official U.S. Census of Population or official estimate by the Georgia Office of Planning and Budget, whichever is current and certified by Georgia Department of Community of Affairs. The City's portion of 2015 dues was timely paid and was less than \$1,000. The commission board membership includes the chief elected official of each county and municipality. The County and Municipal board members from the same county elect one member of the board who is a resident (but not an elected or appointed official or employee of the County or Municipality) to serve as the nonpublic board member from a County.

The Georgia Planning Act of 1989 (OCGA 50-8-34) defines Regional Commissions as "public agencies and instrumentality's" of their members Georgia laws also provide that the member governments are liable for any debts or obligations of a commission beyond its resources. (OCGA 50-8-39.1) Georgia Mountain Regional Development Commission financial statements are available upon request by writing to P.O. Box 1720 Gainesville, Georgia 30503.

D. Related organization

Pursuant to OCGA 8-3-50, the City's officials are responsible for appointing the members of the board of the Cumming Housing Authority, but the City's accountability for the housing authority does not extend beyond making the appointments. During 2015, the City did not provide any funding for the Cumming housing authority.

E. Employee retirement systems and pension plans

Plan Description

The City Council approved the adoption of a retirement plan effective January 1, 1987. The City contributes to the Georgia Municipal Association (GMA) Employee Benefit System (The Plan), an agent multiple employer defined benefit pension plan which is a public employee retirement system that acts as a common investment and administrative agent for Cities in the State of Georgia. The authority to establish and amend the benefit provisions rests with the City. Contributions made by the City are commingled with contributions made by other members of the GMEBS Retirement Fund for investment purposes. The City does not own any securities on its own. Investment income from the securities is allocated on a prorata basis. The GMEBS issues a publicly available financial report that includes the financial statements and required supplementary information for GMEBS-Retirement Trust Fund. That report may be obtained by writing to Georgia Municipal Association, 201 Pryor Street, SW, Atlanta, Georgia 30303. The Plan financial statements are prepared on the cash basis of accounting, modified to include contributions receivable, unrealized gains or losses on marketable securities owned by the Plan, and increments in the cash value of death benefits. Investments in securities are valued using an actuarial method that smooths the effects of short-term volatility in the market value of assets. Guaranteed Investment Contracts are reported at cost plus accrued interest credits to the valuation date. The Plan assets do not include any loans, notes, bonds or other instruments or securities of the City or related parties.

Benefits provided. All full-time City employees are eligible to participate in the plan (effective 1/1/15 the one year of service waiting period was eliminated). City employees may retire at age 55 under the early retirement provision if they have completed ten years of service. Normal retirement is at age 65. Benefits are payable for life in an amount equal to 1.50 percent of annual salary up to the dynamic breakpoint (DBP) plus 2.00 percent of annual salary over the DBP multiplied by total years of service. The DBP is subject to annual change. Benefits are based on the final average salary which is computed using the highest five consecutive years of the last ten years. The plan also provides death and disability benefits. These benefit provisions and all other requirements are established by the GMA Benefit System and the adoption agreement executed by the City.

Employees covered by benefit terms. At December 31, 2015, there were:

Retirees and beneficiaries currently receiving benefits	26
Inactive employees entitled to benefits but not yet receiving them	36
Active employees (95 fully vested and 48 not vested).	<u>143</u>
	205

Contributions. The Plan is subject to minimum funding standards of the Georgia Public Retirement Systems Standards law. The Board of Trustees of GMEBS has a dopted a recommended actuarial funding policy for the plan which meets state minimum requirements and will accumulate sufficient funds to provided the benefits under the plan. The funding policy for the Plan, as adopted by the City Council, is to contribute an amount equal to the actuarially recommended contribution rate. This rate is based on the estimated amount necessary to finance the costs of benefits earned by plan members during the year, with an additional amount to finance any unfunded accrued liability. Employees make no contributions to the Plan. The City is required to contribute at an actuarially determined rate. For the year ended December 31, 2015, The City's contribution rate was 8.55% of annual payroll. City contributions to the Plan were \$499,567 for the year ended December 31, 2015.

Net Pension Liability of the City

Effective January 1, 2015, the City adopted GASB Statement No. 68, Accounting and Financial Reporting for Pensions - an amendment of GASB Statement 27, as well as Statement No. 71, Pension Transition Contributions Made Subsequent to the Measurement Date - an amendment of GASB State No. 68 which significantly changed the City's accounting for pension amounts. The information disclosed below is presented in accordance with these new standards.

The City's net pension liability was measured as of March 31, 2015. The total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of July 1, 2015. An expected total pension liability as of March 31, 2015 was determined using standard roll-forward techniques.

Actuarial assumptions. The total pension liability in the July 1, 2015 actuarial valuation was determined using the following actuarial assumptions, applied to all periods included in the measurement:

Inflation	3.25%
Projected salary increases	3.25% plus age and service based merit increases
Net investment rate of return	7.75%

Mortality rates were based on the RP-2000 Combined Healthy Mortality Table with gender-distinct rates, set forward two years for males and one year for femails.

The actuarial assumptions used in the July 1, 2015 valuation were based on the results of an actuarial experience study for the peirod January 1, 2010 - June 30, 2014.

The cost of living adjustment is assumed to be 3.00%.

The long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was determined using a building-clock method in which best-estimate ranges of expected future real rates of return (expected returns, net of pension plan investment expense and inflation) are developed for each major asset class. these ranges are combined to produce the long-term expected rate of return by weighting the expected future real rates of return by the target asset allocation percentage and by adding expected inflation. 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, 2015 are summarized in the following table:

		Long-term	Long-term		
	Target	Expected Real	Nominal Real		
Asset Class	Allocation	Rate of Return *	Rate of Return		
Domestic equity	50.00%	5,95%	9.20%		
International equity	15.00%	6.45%	9.70%		
Fixed income	25.00%	1.55%	4.80%		
Real estate	10.00%	3,75%	7.00%		
Cash	0.00%				
Total	100.00%				

^{*} Rates shown are net of the 3.25% assumed rate of inflation

Discount rate. The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability was 7.75%. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed that City contributions will be made at rates equil to the actuarially determined contribution rates and the member rate. Based on those assumptions, the pension plan's fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make all projected future benefit payments of current plan members. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was applied to all of the projected benefit payments to determine the total pension liability.

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 December 31, 2015, were as follows:

	Total Pension Liability (a)		Plan Fiduciary Net Position (b)		Net Pension Liability (a) - (b)	
Balances at December 31, 2014	\$	14,843,966	\$	12,566,663	\$	2,277,303
Changes for the year:						
Service cost		297,936		-		297,936
Interest		1,138,867		-		1,138,867
Differences between expected						
and actual experience		(130,682)		-		(130,682)
Contributions-employer		-		491,544		(491,544)
Net investment income		-		1,226,368		(1,226,368)
Benefit payments, including refunds						-
of employee contributions		(297,822)		(297,822)		-
Administrative expense				(18,200)		18,200
Other		(59,699)		-		(59,699)
Net changes		948,600		1,401,890	,	(453,290)
Balances as December 31, 2015	\$	15,792,566	\$	13,968,553	\$	1,824,013

The required schedule of changes in the City's net pension liability and related ratios immediately following the notes to the financial statements presents multiyear trend information about whether the value of the 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 7.75%, 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 (6.75%) or 1-percentage-point higher (8.75%) than the current rate:

	Current					
	1%	Decrease	Dis	count Rate		1% Increase
	(6.75%)		(7.75%)		(8.75%)	
City of Cumming's						
net pension liability	\$	3,886,913	\$	1,824,013	\$	114,589

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 March 31, 2015 and the current sharing pattern of costs between employer and employeee.

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

For the year ended December 31, 2015, the City recognized pension expense of \$387,078. At December 31, 2015, the City reported deferred outlows of resources and deferred inflows of resourced related to pensions from the following sources:

	Deferred Outflows of Resources		Deferred Inflows of Resources	
Differences between expected and actual expense	\$	-	\$	(104,544)
Changes in assumptions		_		(47,760)
Net difference between projected and actual earnings				
on pension plan investments				(196,520)
City contributions subsequent to				
the measurement date		382,898		
Total	\$	382,898	\$	(348,824)

City contributions subsequent to the measurement date of \$382,898 are reported as deferred outflows of resources and will be recognized as a reduction of the net pension liability in the year ending December 31, 2015. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows and inflows of resources related to pension will be recognized as a component of pension expense as follows:

Year ending December 31:	
2016	\$ (87,206)
2017	(87,206)
2018	(87,206)
2019	 (87,206)
Total	\$ (348,824)

CITY OF CUMMING, GEORGIA NOTES TO BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS DECEMBER 31, 2015

F. Other postemployment benefits

Plan Description. The City provides a single employer other postemployment benefits (OPEB) (strictly limited to health insurance) plan to all eligible employees through the Georgia Municipal Association (GMA) healthcare conversion plan. The plan does not issue a stand-alone financial report and it is not included in the report of another entity. The authority to establish and amend the benefit provisions of the OPEB plan rests with the City. Any employee meeting the plans requirements will receive healthcare benefits for the employee's lifetime or as long as the Georgia Municipal Association Retirement Plan is in existence, whichever is less. The extent of the City's contribution to premium payments for eligible employees varies based on the requirements and options of the plan. The plan is financed on a pay-as-you-go basis. The plans eligibility requirements are: 1) age 55 or older; 2) fully vested in the Georgia Municipal Association Retirement Plan; 3) ten (10) years or more of consecutive service with the City of Cumming; 4) five (5) years or more of consecutive participation by the employee in the City's health insurance plan at the time of retirement. If employee elects benefit option 2, employee's spouse must have participated in the City's health insurance plan for at least five (5) consecutive years; and 5) employee's retirement decision must be officially approved by the Mayor and Council. Any employee whose employment is terminated for any reason other than approved retirement is not eligible. There are three benefit options available based on age at retirement. Option 1 - the eligible employee retires after reaching age 55, but before age 62. The City will pay 100% of the retiree's healthcare insurance cost through the GMA conversion plan until the retiree is medicare eligible. The retiree is responsible for 100% of the cost for any spouse or dependent coverage under this option. Option 2 - the eligible employee retires after reaching age 62, but before becoming medicare eligible. The City will pay 100% of the retiree's healthcare insurance cost through the GMA conversion plan until the retiree is medicare eligible. Additionally, the City will pay 50% of the healthcare cost for the retiree's spouse (if the spouse is a "qualified spouse" as defined by the plan) until the spouse is medicare eligible or 5 years, whichever occurs first. The retiree is responsible for the remaining 50% of spousal coverage and 100% of any other dependent coverage. Option 3 - the eligible employee retires after becoming medicare eligible or previously retired under option 1 or 2 and becomes medicare eligible. The City will pay 100% of the cost of the retiree's Medicare Supplement Policy for the retiree's lifetime. The retiree is responsible for 100% of the cost of any spouse coverage available under the Medicare Supplement Policy offered through the GMA. Membership in the plan as of the latest actuarial valuation date included 7 current retirees, beneficiaries and dependents and 133 current active participants for a total of 140.

Funding Policy. The contribution requirements are established and may be amended by the City. The required contribution was determined by an actuarial valuation. For the year ended December 31, 2015, the City contributed \$86,300 to the plan in the form of insurance premiums paid on behalf of existing retirees.

Annual OPEB Cost and Net OPEB Obligation. The City had an actuarial valuation performed for the plan as of July 1, 2013 to determine the funded status of the plan as of that date as well as the employer's annual required contribution (ARC) for the period according to the parameters of GASB Statement 45. The ARC represents a level of funding that, if paid on an ongoing basis, is projected to cover normal cost each year and amortize any unfunded actuarial liabilities (or funding excess) over a period not to exceed thirty years. The City's annual OPEB cost (income) of \$1,279,194 is equal to the ARC for the corresponding period, as the transition liability was set at zero as of December 31, 2007. The following table shows the component's of the City's annual OPEB cost for the year, the amount actually contributed to the plan, and changes in the City's net OPEB obligation:

Annual required contribution	\$	1,407,262
Interest on net OPEB obligation		158,765
Adjustment to annual required contribution		(286,833)
Annual OPEB cost (income)		1,279,194
Contributions made		(86,300)
Increase in net OPEB obligation		1,192,894
Net OPEB obligation-beginning of year		6,041,848
Net OPEB obligation-end of year	_\$	7,234,742

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The City's annual OPEB cost, the percentage of annual OPEB cost contributed to the plan, and the net OPEB obligation for 2015 is as follows:

Ended	 Cost	Cost Contributed	 Obligation
12/31/15	\$ 1,279,194	7%	\$ 7,234,742
12/31/14	1,279,194	7%	6,041,848
12/31/13	966,016	9%	4,850,976

Funded Status and Funding Progress. As of July 1, 2013, the most recent actuarial valuation date, the plan was 0% funded. The actuarial accrued liability for benefits was \$10,403,925, and the actuarial value of assets was \$0, resulting in an unfunded actuarial accrued liability (UAAL) of \$10,403,925. The covered payroll (annual payroll of active employees covered by the plan) was \$6,175,299, and the ratio of the UAAL to the covered payroll was 168 percent.

Actuarial valuation of an ongoing plan involve estimates of the value of reported amounts and assumptions about the probability of occurrence of events far into the future. Examples include assumptions about future employment, mortality, and the healthcare cost trend. Amounts determined regarding the funded status of the plan and the annual required contributions of the employer are subject to continual revision as the actual results are compared with past expectations and new estimates are made about the future. The schedule of funding progress, presented as required supplementary information following the notes to the financial statements, presents multiyear trend information about whether the actuarial value of plan assets is increasing or decreasing over time relative to the actuarial accrued liabilities for benefits.

Actuarial Methods and Assumptions. Projections of benefits for financial reporting purposes are based on the substantive plan (the plan as understood by the employer and the plan members) and include the types of benefits provided at the time of each valuation and the historical pattern of sharing of benefit costs between the employer and plan members to that point. The actuarial methods and assumptions used include techniques that are assigned to reduce the effects of short-term volatility in actuarial accrued liabilities and the actuarial value of assets, consistent with the long-term perspective of the calculations.

In the July 1, 2013, actuarial valuation, the projected unit credit actuarial cost method was used. The actuarial assumptions included a 4% investment rate of return (net of administrative expenses), which is a blended rate of the expected long-term investment returns on plan assets and on the employer's own investments calculated based on the funded level of the plan at the valuation date, and an annual healthcare cost trend rate of 8% initially, reduced by decrements to an ultimate rate of 5% over 6 years. Both rates included a 3.5% inflation assumption. The actuarial value of assets was determined using techniques that spread the effects of short-term volatility in the market value of investments over a five-year period. The UAAL is being amortized as a level dollar amount on a closed basis. The remaining amortization period at December 31, 2015, was 18.5 years.

G. Hotel/motel lodging tax

During the year ended December 31, 2015, the City levied a 5% lodging tax. The Official Code of Georgia Annotated (OCGA) 48-13-51(a)(3) requires that all lodging taxes levied in excess of 3% be expended or obligated contractually for the promotion of tourism, conventions or trade shows. The City's hotel/motel tax receipts for the year ended December 31, 2015 was \$25,473. Of that amount 100% or \$25,473 was spent during 2015 in compliance with OCGA 48-13-51(a)(3).

CITY OF CUMMING, GEORGIA NOTES TO BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS DECEMBER 31, 2015

H. Discreetly presented component unit

As discussed in Note I. A. the Downtown Development Authority is a component unit if the City requiring discreet presentation. The Downtown Development Authority is comprised of one fund (the General Fund) and is presented as a separate column in both the Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities. Significant disclosures related the the Downtown Development Authority follow.

Receivables consists of amounts due (\$2,666,250 at December 31, 2015) under a line of credit agreement dated November 28, 2011 in the amount of \$4,050,000 with Pilgrim Mill Center, LLC. The line of credit proceeds were to partially fund the construction of a facility for post-secondary educational purposes on the campus of University of North Georgia in Forsyth County. The line of credit agreement calls for payment to begin on the first day of the first month following the issuance of a Certificate of Occupancy for the facility constructed. Payments shall consist of 60 equal consecutive monthly payments of \$33,750 followed by 20 quarterly payments of \$101,250. The line of credit is secured by a Guaranty and Letter of Credit provided by The University of North Georgia. Approximately \$2,261,250 of the balance is not expected to be repaid within one year.

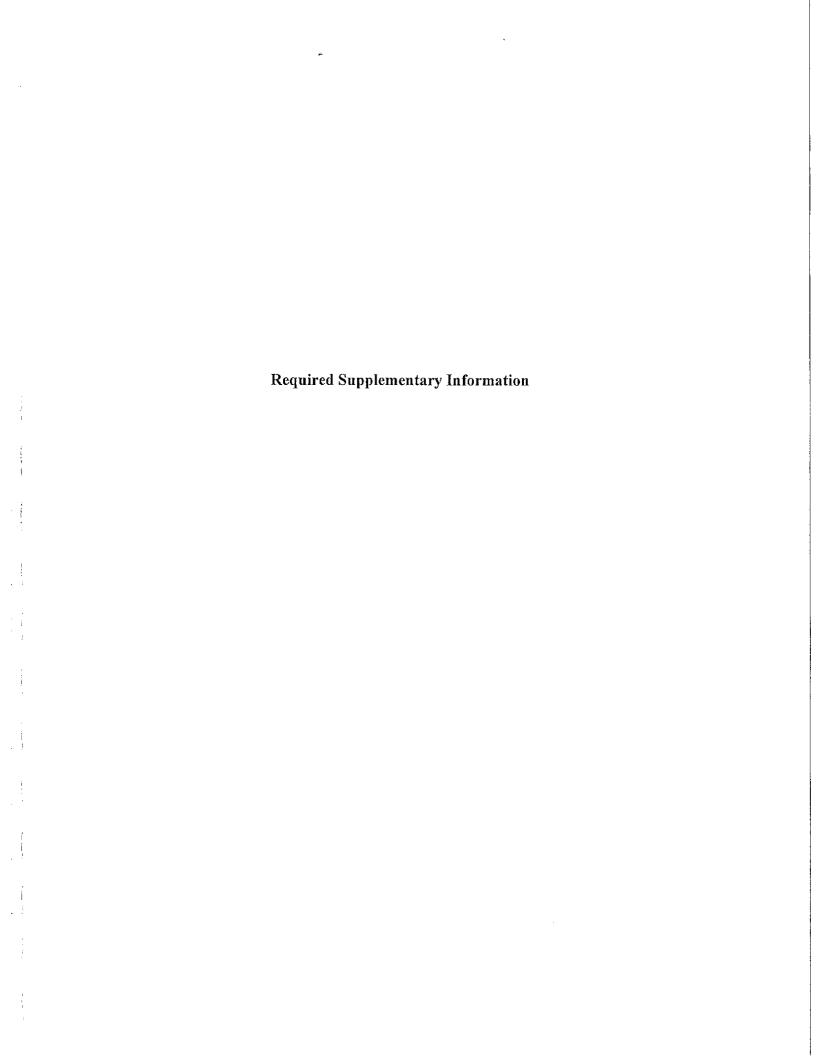
Long-term liabilities consists of amounts due to the City of Cumming General Fund. The General Fund advanced \$4,055,000 to the Downtown Development Authority for the purpose of loaning the funds to Pilgrim Mill Center LLC (see above). The General fund will be repaid periodically as the Development Authority receives payments pursuant to its line of credit agreement with Pilgrim Mill Center LLC.

I. Changes in accounting principles

The City has implemented Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 68, Accounting and Financial Reporting for Pensions - an amendment of GASB Statement 27, as well as Statement No. 71, Pension Transition

Contributions Made Subsequent to the Measurement Date - an amendment of GASB State No. 68, through which accounting for pension plans and the related disclosure requirements were modified. A restatement to the January 1, 2014 beginning net position was required to recognize these changes in accounting principles. The resulting adjustments to the government wide statements are as follows:

	overnmental Activities	Business-Type Activities		
Beginning net position, January 1, 2015, as previously reported	\$ 87,879,858	\$	129,516,750	
Change in accounting principle resulting from the implementation of GASB Statement No. 68	 (1,424,500)		(1,288,834)	
Beginning net position, January 1, 2015, as restated	\$ 86,455,358	\$	128,227,916	



CITY OF CUMMING, GEORGIA REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION DECEMBER 31, 2015

Schedule of Funding Progress for the City of Cumming OPEB Plan

Actuarial Valuation Date	 Actuarial Value of Assets (a)	-	Actuarial Accrued Liability (AAL) (b)	 Unfunded AAL (UAAL) (b-a)	Funded Ratio (a/b)	 Covered Payroll (c)	UAAL as a Percentage of Covered Payroll((b-a)/c)
7/1/13 7/1/10 3/1/08	\$ 0 0 0) ; 	\$ 10,403,925 7,034,653 4,674,654	\$ 10,403,925 7,034,653 4,674,654	0% 0 0	\$ 5,328,393 4,634,562 5,328,393	204.24% 151.79 87.73

CITY OF CUMMING, GEORGA REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION DECEMBER 31, 2015

Schedule of Changes in the City's Net Pension Liability and Related Ratios

		2015
Total pension liability		
Service cost	\$	297,936
Interest on total pension liability		1,138,867
Differences between expected and acutal experience		(130,682)
Changes of assumptions		(59,699)
Benefit payments, including refunds of employee contributions		(297,822)
Net change in total pension liability		948,600
Total pension liability - beginning		14,843,966
Total pension liability - ending (a)	\$	15,792,566
Plan fiduciary net position		
Contributions - employer	\$	491,544
Net investment income		1,226,368
Benefit payments, including refunds of employee contributions		(297,822)
Administrative expenses		(18,200)
Net change in plan fiduciary net position	<u> </u>	1,401,890
Plan fiduciary net positon - beginning		12,566,663
Plan fiduciary net position - ending (b)	\$	13,968,553
City's net pension liability - ending (a) - (b)	\$	1,824,013
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability		88.45%
Covered-employee payroll	\$	5,748,609
City's net pension liability as a percentage of		
covered-employee payroll		31.73%

Notes to the schedule

The schedule will present 10 years of information once it is accumulated

CITY OF CUMMING REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION DECEMBER 31, 2015

Schedule of City Contributions

	2015
Actuarially determined contribution	*
Contributions in relation to the actuarilly determined contribution	*
Contribution deficiency (excess)	*
Covered-employee payroll	ηι
Contributions as a percentage of covered-employee payroll	*

Notes to the schedule

Valuation Date

The actuarially determined contribution rate was determined as of July 1, 2015, with an interest adjust to the fiscal year. Contributions in relation to this actuarially determined contribution rate will be reported for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2016. *

Methods and assumptions used to determine contribution rates:

Actuarial Cost Method

Projected Unit Credit

Amortization Method

Closed level dollar for remaining unfunded liability

Remaining Amortization Period

Remaining amortization period varies for hte bases, with a net effective

amortization period of 10 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 end of year. The actuarial value is adjusted, if necessary, to the within 20% of market value.

Actuarial Assumptions

Net Investment Rate of Return

7.75%

Projected Salary Increases

3.25% plus service based merit increases

Cost of Living Adjustments

3.00%

Retirement Age

Employees: 65+5 or 55+25 (participant is not required to be in service of the

employer at the time of satisfying the alternative normal)

Officials: 65 or 55+25 (participant is not required to be in service of the employer at

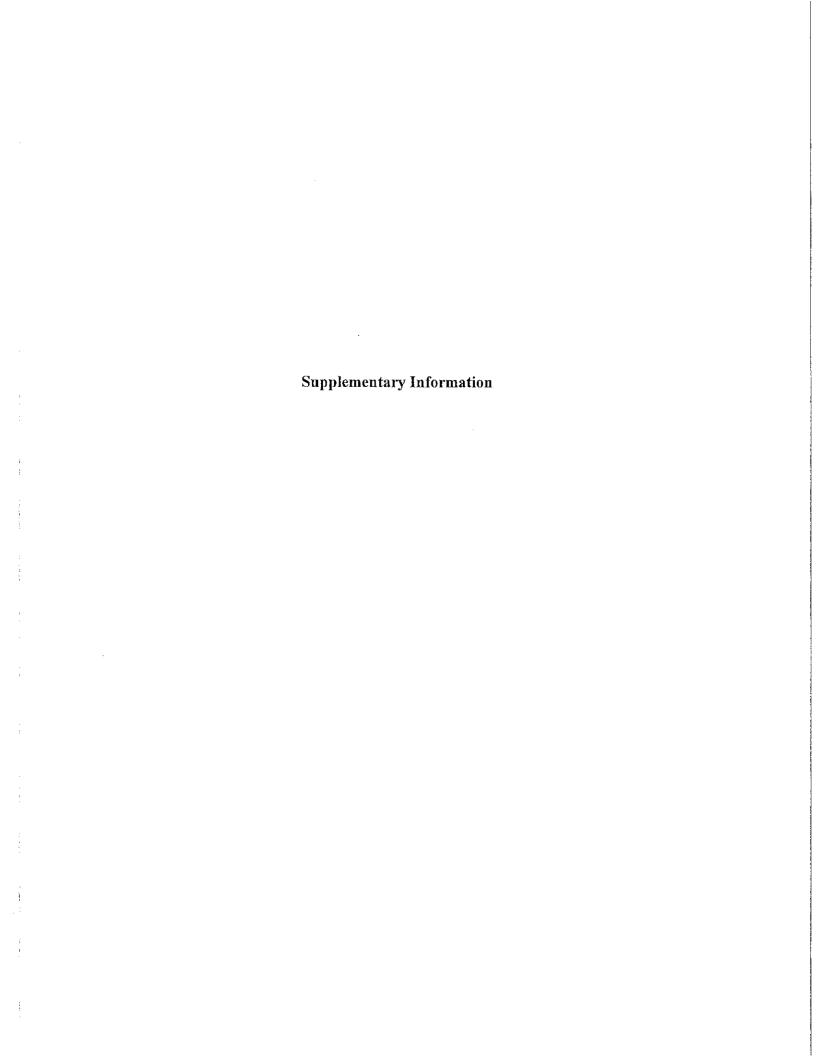
the time of satisfying the alternative normal)

Mortality

The actuarial valuation assumed life expectancies were adjusted as a result of

adopting the RP-2000 Healthy Annuitant Mortatlity Table.

The schedule will present 10 years of information once it is accumulated.



CITY OF CUMMING, GEORGIA SCHEDULE OF PROJECTS CONSTRUCTED WITH SPECIAL 1% SALES AND USE TAX **DECEMBER 31, 2015**

PROJECT NAME	 Original Estimated Cost	 Current Estimated Cost	 Prior Years Cost	 Current Years Cost	 Total Cost
SPLOST # 5					
Street improvements	\$ 12,600,000	\$ 20,900,000	\$ 20,295,010	\$ -	\$ 20,295,010
Historical preservation	2,300,000	2,300,000	2,560,777	-	2,560,777
Aquatic facility	6,000,000	6,000,000	6,000,000	-	6,000,000
Greenspace restoration	 3,100,000	3,100,000	 1,452,690	 -	1,452,690
TOTALS FOR SPLOST # 5	\$ 24,000,000	\$ 32,300,000	\$ 30,308,477	\$ -	\$ 30,308,477
SPLOST # 7 - SEE NOTE 1 BELOW					
Parks and recreation Street improvements Intake generator - water system	\$ 2,000,000 10,500,000 1,000,000	\$ 2,000,000 10,500,000 1,000,000	\$ - - -	\$ - 156,596	\$ - 156,596
TOTALS FOR SPLOST # 7	\$ 13,500,000	\$ 13,500,000	\$ 	\$ 156,596	\$ 156,596

NOTE - 1

The City and Forsyth County entered into an intergovernmental agreement whereby the County would receive the first \$100,000,000 in proceeds and assume responsibility for contruction of a courthouse and jail.

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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

Honorable Mayor, Members of the City Council and City Administrator City of Cumming, 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 unit, each major fund, and the remaining fund information of City of Cumming, Georgia as of and for the year ended December 31, 2015, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the City of Cumming, Georgia's basic financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated March 14, 2016.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered City of Cumming, Georgia's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) to determine the 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 Cumming, Georgia's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of City of Cumming, 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 City of Cumming, Georgia's financial statements are free of material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit, and accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

Purpose of this Report

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

Cumming, Georgia March 14, 2016 LeRoy, Wele + Stephens, LC

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INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT

Honorable Mayor, Member of the City Council and City Administrator City of Cumming, Georgia

We have examined management's assertion included in the accompanying State of Georgia Grant Certification Form about the City of Cumming, Georgia's compliance during the fiscal year ended December 31, 2015 with the requirement to use grant proceeds solely for the purpose or purposes for which the grant was made for of the following grant award: Local Assistance Grant #06-C-L-052.

Management is responsible for the City of Cumming, Georgia's compliance with this requirement. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on management's assertion about the City of Cumming, Georgia's compliance based on our examination.

Our examination was conducted in accordance with attestation standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and, accordingly, included examining, on a test basis, evidence about the City of Cumming, Georgia's compliance with this requirement and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances. We believe that our examination provides a reasonable basis for our opinion. Our examination does not provide a legal determination on the City of Cumming, Georgia's compliance with the specified requirement.

In our opinion, management's assertion that the City of Cumming, Georgia complied with the aforementioned requirement for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2015 is fairly stated, in all material respects.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the Georgia Department of Audits and Accounts and the State grantor agency identified on the Grant Certification Form and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than the specified parties.

Lekoy, Cole + Stephens, LLC

Cumming, Georgia March 14, 2016

State of Georgia Grant Certification Form Local Government Recipient (with no subrecipient)

INE				
Α	Local Government	City of Cumming	•	
В	State Awarding Agency	Georgia Department of Commur	nity Affairs	
С	Grant Identification Number	06-C-L-052		
D	Grant Title	To the City of Cumming to const	truct a bulkhead a	at Mary Alice Park
E	Grant Award Date	05/08/06		
F	Grant Amount	\$500,000.00		
		COLUMN 1 Current Year Activity For the Year Ended:		COLUMN 2 Cumulative Grant Activity The Year Ended:
G		12/31/	2015	12/31/2015
Н	Balance - Prior Year (Cash or Accrued or Deferred Revenue)	\$13,1	32.00	
	Grant Receipts or Revenue			#500.000.00
ı	Recognized Grant Disbursements or Expenditures EXCLUDING		50.00	\$500,000.00
J	AUDIT FEES		00.00	\$486,818.00
ĸ	Disbursements or Expenditures for Audit Fees Balance - Current Year		50.00	\$0.00
	(Cash or Accrued or Deferred Revenue) [Line H (col 1 only) + Line I -			2/2/22
L	[Line J - Line K]	\$13,18	32.00,\\\\	\$13,182.00
	EDIT CHECKS II Column 1, Line L equals Column 2, Grant Receipts/Revenue Does Not I Date Is Provided in Line G, Column Date Is Provided in Line G, Column Year End Dates On Line G Agree. Column 1, Line L Foots Correctly. Column 2, Line L Foots Correctly. Audit Fee is Within Legal Limit (\$25	Exceed Grant Award. 1. 2.	Line A is C Line B Is C Line C Is C Line D Is C Line E Is C	ADSHEET: Completed. Completed. Completed. Completed. Completed. Completed. Completed.

Certification of Local Government Officials

I have reviewed the information presented above and certify that it is accurate and correct. I further certify that the proceeds of the grant award identified above were used solely for the express purpose or purposes for which the grant was made.

Signature of Chief Elected Official And And Date 3-14-16
Signature of Chief Financial Officer Date

City of Cummig 2015 Grant Certification Form

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