ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT

For the Year Ended December 31, 2012

And Report of Independent Auditor



# TABLE OF CONTENTS

REPORT OF INDEPENDENT AUDITOR	1-2
MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS	3-9
BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS	
Government-wide Financial Statements	
Statement of net position	
Statement of activities	
Governmental funds balance sheet	12
Reconciliation of the governmental funds balance sheet to the statement of net position	13
Governmental funds statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balances	14
Reconciliation of the statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balances of governmental funds to the statement of activities	15
Statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balances budget and actual - general fund	16
Statement of net position - proprietary fund – water and sewer fund	17
Statement of revenues, expenses, and changes in net position – proprietary fund – water and sewer fund	18
Statement of cash flows - proprietary fund – water and sewer fund	
Notes to Financial Statements	
REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION	00
Schedule of funding progress	38
COMPLIANCE SECTION	
Report of Independent Auditor 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	39-40
Schedule of findings and responses	
Schedule of prior year findings and responses	
STATE REPORTING SECTION	
Schedule of expenditures of special purpose local option sales tax proceeds (2006-2010)	43
Schedule of expenditures of special purpose local option sales tax proceeds (2011-2016)	44



#### **Report of Independent Auditor**

Honorable Mayor and Members of City Council City of Harlem, Georgia

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

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the City of Harlem, Georgia (the "City") as of and for the year ended December 31, 2012, 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, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the City, as of December 31, 2012, and the respective changes in financial position and, where applicable, cash flows thereof and the respective budgetary comparison for the general fund for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

#### **Other Matters**

#### Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and the schedule of funding progress on pages 3–9 and 38 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 basic financial statements as a whole. The schedules of expenditures of special purpose local option sales tax proceeds are presented for additional analysis as required by the Office Code of Georgia 48-8-121 and are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements.

The schedules of expenditures of special purpose local option sales tax proceeds are the responsibility of management and were derived from and relate directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the information is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the financial statements as a whole.

#### Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated June 25, 2013 on our consideration of the City's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the City's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Augusta, Georgia June 25, 2013

Ching Bekaut LLP

#### MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

**DECEMBER 31, 2012** 

As management of the City of Harlem (the "City"), we offer readers of the City's financial statements this narrative overview and analysis of the City for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2012.

#### **FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS**

- The assets of the City exceeded its liabilities at the close of the most recent fiscal year ending December 31, 2012 by \$17.7 million. Of that amount \$3.3 million (unrestricted net assets) may be used to meet the City's ongoing obligations to the citizens and creditors.
- The City's total net assets decreased by \$341,000 for the year ended December 31, 2012. The decrease in net assets was due primarily from operating losses in the proprietary fund.
- As of December 31, 2012, the City's governmental funds reported combined ending fund balances of \$1.8 million a decrease of \$1.0 million in comparison with the prior year.
- The City's total long-term liabilities decreased \$195,903 during the year. Long-term liabilities consisted of two GEFA loans and two loans from BB&T Bank.
- The City's capital assets for governmental activities increased primarily due to the completion of a new public safety building.

#### **OVERVIEW OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

The discussion and analysis serves as an introduction to the City's basic financial statements. The City's basic financial statements are comprised of three components: government-wide financial statements, fund financial statements, and notes to the financial statements. This report also contains other supplementary information in addition to the basic financial statements themselves.

Government-wide financial statements - The government-wide financial statements are designed to provide readers with a broad overview of the City's finances in a manner similar to a private sector business. The statement of net position presents information on all of the City's assets and liabilities with the difference between the two reported as net position. Over time, increases or decreases in net position may serve as a useful indicator of whether the financial position of the City is improving or deteriorating. The statement of net position combines and consolidates governmental funds' current financial resources (short-term spendable resources) with capital assets and long-term obligations. Other nonfinancial factors should also be taken into consideration, such as changes in the City's property tax base and the condition of the City's infrastructure (i.e. roads, drainage improvements, and storm drains, etc.), to assess the overall health or financial condition of the City. The statement of activities presents information showing how the City's net position changed during the most recent fiscal year. All of the current year's revenues and expenses are taken into account regardless of when cash is received or paid. Thus, revenues and expenses are reported in this statement for some items that will only result in cash flows in future fiscal periods (e.g., uncollected taxes). Both the statement of net position and the statement of activities are prepared utilizing the accrual basis of accounting as opposed to the modified accrual basis used in prior reporting models.

#### MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

**DECEMBER 31, 2012** 

#### **OVERVIEW OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)**

In the statement of net position and the statement of activities, the City is divided into two categories of activities:

Governmental activities - Most of the City's basic services are reported in this category including the police, fire, transportation, culture and recreation, and general administration. Property taxes, sales taxes, insurance premium taxes, and franchise fees finance most of these activities.

Business-type activities - The City charges a fee to customers to help it cover all or most of the cost of services it provides. The City's water and sewer system is reported in this category.

#### **Reporting the City's Most Significant Funds**

**Fund financial statements** - The fund financial statements 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 establishes many other funds to help it control and manage money for particular purposes or to show that it is meeting legal responsibilities for using certain taxes, grants, and other money. The City's two kinds of funds - governmental and proprietary - utilize different accounting approaches.

Governmental funds - The majority of the City's basic services are reported in governmental funds, which focus on how money flows into and out of those funds. The balances left in the funds at year-end are those available for spending. These funds are reported using an accounting method identified as the modified accrual basis of accounting, which measures cash and all other financial assets that can readily be converted into 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 determine whether there are more or less financial recourses that can be spent in the near future to finance the City's programs. By comparing information presented for governmental funds with similar information presented for governmental activities in the government-wide statements, readers may better understand the long-term effect of the government's near-term financing decisions.

The relationships or differences between governmental activities (reported in the statement of net position and the statement of activities) and governmental funds is detailed in a reconciliation following the fund financial statements. The City maintains five individual governmental funds.

Information is presented separately in the Governmental Funds Balance Sheet and in the Governmental Funds Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances for the General Fund, the SPLOST 2006-2010 Fund, the SPLOST 2011-2016 Fund, the Capital Projects Fund, the CDBG Fund and the T-SPLOST Fund. The General Fund, the SPLOST 2006-2010 Fund, and the SPLOST 2011-2016 Fund are considered to be major funds.

**Proprietary funds** - The City charges customers for the services it provides (water and sewer service), whether to outside customers or to other units within the City. These services are generally reported in proprietary funds. Proprietary funds are reported in the same way that all activities are reported in the statement of net position and statement of activities. In fact, the City's enterprise fund (a component of the proprietary fund) is identical to the business-type activities that are reported in the government-wide financial statements but provide more detail and additional information, such as cash flows, for proprietary funds.

#### MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

**DECEMBER 31, 2012** 

#### **OVERVIEW OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)**

#### Reporting the City's Most Significant Funds (Continued)

**Notes to the basic financial statements** - The notes to the basic financial statements provide additional information that is essential to a full understanding of the data provided in the government-wide and fund financial statements. The notes to the basic financial statements can be found beginning on page 19 of this report.

#### **Other Information**

In addition to the basic financial statements and accompanying notes, this report presents certain required supplementary information concerning the City's progress in funding its obligation to provide pension benefits to its employees. The required supplementary information can be found on page 39.

As noted earlier, net position may serve over time as a useful indicator of a government's financial position. In the case of the City, assets exceeded liabilities by approximately \$17.7 million at the close of the current fiscal year.

#### MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

**DECEMBER 31, 2012** 

#### **GOVERNMENT-WIDE FINANCIAL ANALYSIS**

By far the largest portion of the City's net position (80 percent) reflects its investment in capital assets (e.g., land, buildings, machinery, and equipment), less any related debt used to acquire those assets that are still outstanding. The City uses its capital assets to provide services to citizens; consequently, these assets are not available for future spending. Although the City's investment in its capital assets is reported net of related debt, it should be noted that the resources needed to repay this debt must be provided from other sources since the capital assets themselves cannot be used to liquidate these liabilities.

# Summary of Net position December 31, 2012

	Govern	mer	ntal	Busine	/pe	Total Primary						
	Activ	vitie	s	Activ	vitie	S		Gover	nme	ent		
	 2012		2011	2012 2011 2012		2012		2011				
Current and other												
assets	\$ 2,026,716	\$	3,025,278	\$ 2,057,157	\$	2,166,266	\$	4,083,873	\$	5,191,544		
Capital assets	 11,947,359		10,974,379	 8,067,842		8,347,621		20,015,201		19,322,000		
Total assets	13,974,075		13,999,657	10,124,999		10,513,887		24,099,074		24,513,544		
Long-term liabilities												
outstanding	3,078,998		3,078,998	2,778,131		2,778,572		5,857,129		5,857,570		
Other liabilities	 308,991		305,046	208,765		285,614		517,756		590,660		
Total liabilities	3,387,989		3,384,044	2,986,896		3,064,186		6,374,885		6,448,230		
Net position:												
Net Invested in												
capital assets	9,003,433		9,319,921	5,289,711		5,414,869		14,293,144		14,734,790		
Restricted	156,653		156,568	-		-		156,653		156,568		
Unrestricted	 1,426,000		1,139,124	 1,848,392		2,034,832		3,274,392		3,173,956		
Total net position	\$ 10,586,086	\$	10,615,613	\$ 7,138,103	\$	7,449,701	\$	17,724,189	\$	18,065,314		

#### **Governmental Activities**

The City's governmental revenues decreased by 15% (\$393,489) when compared to 2011.

The most significant governmental expense for the City was in public safety expense which consists of operations of the public safety department. Public safety expenses totaled \$730,627 in 2012. These expenses were offset by revenues from fines and forfeitures which totaled more than \$65,998. Another significant governmental expense in 2012 was providing for the general government. General government expenses totaled \$552,731 which was offset by revenues from taxes of \$607,691.

#### MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

DECEMBER 31, 2012

#### **GOVERNMENT-WIDE FINANCIAL ANALYSIS (Continued)**

#### **Business-Type Activities**

Revenues from the City's business-type activities were \$1,279,059 for the year ended December 31, 2012. Expenses for the City's business-type activities were \$1,590,657 resulting in a net loss of \$311,598.

Governmental and business-type activities decreased the City's net position by \$341,125. A summary of this decrease is as follows:

#### **Changes in Net position**

	Govern Activ		Busine: Activ	-	-	Total P Gover		-	
	2012	2011	2012		2011	2012	2011		
Revenues:						 			
Program Revenues:									
Charges for services	\$ 506,136	\$ 516,477	\$ 1,278,607	\$	1,260,408	\$ 1,784,743	\$	1,776,885	
Operating grants	34,008	28,235	-		-	34,008		28,235	
Capital Grants/									
contributions	481,672	345,921	-		-	481,672		345,921	
General Revenues:									
Taxes	606,930	581,284	-		-	606,930		581,284	
Sales tax	761,190	766,945	-		-	761,190		766,945	
Other	40,203	 52,243	452		695	40,655		52,938	
Total revenues	2,430,139	2,291,105	1,279,059		1,261,103	3,709,198		3,552,208	
Expenses:									
General government	552,731	472,401	-		-	552,731		472,401	
Public safety	730,627	698,986	-		-	730,627		698,986	
Sanitation	247,579	235,064	-		-	247,579		235,064	
Fire	98,135	118,833	-		-	98,135		118,833	
Public works	543,845	627,178	-		-	543,845		627,178	
Community services	65,987	65,939	-		-	65,987		65,939	
Health and welfare	19,971	30,062	-		-	19,971		30,062	
Culture and recreation	56,299	49,003	-		-	56,299		49,003	
Interest on long-term									
debt	144,492	65,042	-		-	144,492		65,042	
Water and sewer	 	 	 1,590,657		1,551,922	 1,590,657		1,551,922	
Total expenses	 2,459,666	 2,362,508	 1,590,657		1,551,922	 4,050,323		3,914,430	
Excess	(29,527)	(71,403)	(311,598)		(290,819)	(341,125)		(362,222)	
Transfers		 (1,389,427)			1,389,427				
Increase (decrease)									
in net position	(29,527)	(1,460,830)	(311,598)		1,098,608	(341,125)		(362,222)	
Net position - beginning	10,615,613	12,076,443	7,449,701		6,351,093	18,065,314		18,427,536	
Net position - ending	\$ 10,586,086	\$ 10,615,613	\$ 7,138,103	\$	7,449,701	\$ 17,724,189	\$	18,065,314	

#### MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

**DECEMBER 31, 2012** 

#### CAPITAL ASSETS AND DEBT ADMINISTRATION

#### **Capital Assets**

As of December 31, 2012, the City had \$20.0 million (net of accumulated depreciation) of capital assets. This investment in capital assets includes police and fire equipment, buildings, park facilities, roads, and bridges. Major capital asset additions were the improvements made to a new Public Safety building totaling \$1,058,867, other improvements totaling \$29,398, and vehicle and equipment purchases totaling \$331,060.

#### Capital Assets at year-end

			siness-Type	Total
		Activities	 Activities	 Total
Land	\$	582,716	\$ 40,277	\$ 622,993
Buildings and improvements		6,470,374	-	6,470,374
Vehicle and equipment		1,687,541	310,388	1,997,929
Infrastructure		7,208,459	-	7,208,459
Construction in progress		-	8,751	8,751
Utility system		-	12,526,300	 12,526,300
		15,949,090	12,885,716	28,834,806
Less accumulated depreciation		(4,001,731)	 (4,817,874)	(8,819,605)
Total	\$	11,947,359	\$ 8,067,842	\$ 20,015,201
This year the major additions were:				
Vehicle and equipment	\$	316,713	\$ 14,347	\$ 331,060
Infrastructure		20,647	-	20,647
Utility system		-	8,751	8,751
Buildings and improvements		1,058,867	 -	 1,058,867
	\$	1,396,227	\$ 23,098	\$ 1,419,325

See the notes to the financial statements for more detailed information on the capital asset activity.

#### Debt

At year end the City had the following debt outstanding:

		2012	2011
Business-type:	<u>-</u>		
Notes payable - GEFA	\$	2,778,131	\$ 2,932,752
Governmental:			
Note Payable - BB&T Bank		3,000,000	3,000,000
Note Payable - BB&T Bank		78,998	 93,034
	\$	5,857,129	\$ 6,025,786

See the notes to the financial statements for more detailed information on the City's debt.

#### MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

**DECEMBER 31, 2012** 

#### **CAPITAL ASSETS AND DEBT ADMINISTRATION (Continued)**

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

For the year, revenues were \$17,622 more than expected and the expenditures were \$41,768 less than the budgeted amount excluding capital outlays that were paid with SPLOST funds.

#### **Economic Factors and Next Year's Budgets and Rates**

The City's elected and appointed officials consider many factors when setting the fiscal year 2013 budget including: property tax rates, expected sales tax and insurance premium tax and various fees that will be collected. Another factor is the economy. The local economy of the City remains strong. We continue to experience stable economic conditions and a relatively stable 2013 tax digest will provide consistent tax revenue.

#### **Contacting the City's Financial Management**

This financial report is designed to provide our citizens, taxpayers, customers, and investors and creditors with a general overview of the City's finances and to show the City's accountability for the money it receives. If you have any questions about this report or need additional financial information, contact the Mayor, City of Harlem at 320 N. Louisville Street, Harlem, Georgia 30814.

# STATEMENT OF NET POSITION

# DECEMBER 31, 2012

	Governmental Activities	Business-Type Activities	Total
ASSETS			
Current assets			
Cash & cash equivalents	\$ 2,762,981	\$ 879,582	\$ 3,642,563
Receivables, net			
Taxes	89,761	-	89,761
Accounts	136,339	58,451	194,790
Internal balances	(1,113,488)	1,113,488	-
Prepaid expenses	16,051	5,636	21,687
Restricted cash & cash equivalents	135,072	-	135,072
Capital assets			
Land	582,716	40,277	622,993
Construction in process	-	8,751	8,751
Depreciable, net of			
accumulated depreciation	11,364,643	8,018,814	19,383,457
Total assets	13,974,075	10,124,999	24,099,074
LIABILITIES			
Current liabilities			
Accounts payable	196,354	99,280	295,634
Accrued expenses	85,580	24,834	110,414
Compensated absences	22,566	28,303	50,869
Other liabilities	4,491	56,348	60,839
Noncurrent liabilities			
Due within one year	115,143	162,082	277,225
Due in more than one year	2,963,855	2,616,049	5,579,904
Total liabilities	3,387,989	2,986,896	6,374,885
Net position			
Net invested in capital assets	9,003,433	5,289,711	14,293,144
Restricted for	3,300,100	0,200,7 11	,200,
Economic development	156,653	_	156,653
Unrestricted	1,426,000	1,848,392	3,274,392
Total net position	\$10,586,086	\$ 7,138,103	\$ 17,724,189

# STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

				ı	Progran	n Revenue	S			-	-	ses) Revenue in Net Posit		d
			-			erating		tal Grants						
				Charges	Gra	nts and	-	and	Gove	rnmental	Bus	iness-Type		
	E	xpenses		r Services	Conti	ributions	Con	tributions	Ac	tivities		ctivities		Total
Primary Government		<u> </u>												
Functions/Programs														
Governmental Activities	Φ.	FF0 704	Φ.	20,000	ф	0.000	Φ.	404 670	Φ.	(00.000)	Ф		œ.	(00, 000)
General government	\$	552,731	\$	38,663	\$	6,000	\$	481,672	\$	(26,396)	\$	-	\$	(26,396)
Public safety Fire		730,627 98,135		68,811		-		-		(661,816) (98,135)		-		(661,816) (98,135)
Community services		65,987		_		18,008				(47,979)				(47,979)
Health and welfare		19,971		-		-		_		(19,971)		-		(19,971)
Public works (highways & streets)		543,845		-		10,000		_		(533,845)		-		(533,845)
Culture & recreation		56,299		38,842		, -		-		(17,457)		-		(17,457)
Sanitation		247,579		359,820		-		-		112,241		-		112,241
Interest		144,492				-		-		(144,492)				(144,492)
Total Governmental Activities		2,459,666		506,136		34,008		481,672		(1,437,850)		-		(1,437,850)
Business-Type Activities														
Water		1,590,657		1,278,607								(312,050)		(312,050)
Total Business-Type Activities		1,590,657		1,278,607								(312,050)		(312,050)
Total Primary Government	\$	4,050,323	\$	1,784,743	\$	34,008	\$	481,672		(1,437,850)		(312,050)		(1,749,900)
	Gen	eral Revenues												
		roperty taxes								280,633		-		280,633
		ales taxes								761,190		_		761,190
	0	ther taxes								326,297		-		326,297
	U	nrestricted inve	stmen	t earnings						2,620		452		3,072
	0	ther								37,583		-		37,583
	Tota	l General Reve	nues							1,408,323		452		1,408,775
	Char	nge in Net Posit	tion							(29,527)		(311,598)		(341,125)
	Net F	Position, Begini	ning of	Year						10,615,613		7,449,701		18,065,314
	Net F	Position, End o	f Year						\$	10,586,086	\$	7,138,103	\$	17,724,189

# CITY OF HARLEM, GEORGIA GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS BALANCE SHEET

							ı	Nonmajor			
			SPLOST 006-2010	_	SPLOST 011-2016	Capital Projects		CDBG	T-SPLOST	C	ombined
	General		Fund		Fund	Fund		Fund	Fund		Totals
ASSETS											
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 1,058,938	\$	988,270	\$	416,973	\$ 142,047	\$	156,653	\$ 100	\$	2,762,981
Taxes receivable	89,761		-		-	-		-	-		89,761
Accounts receivable	74,665		-		61,674	-		-	-		136,339
Prepaid expenses	16,051		-		-	-		-	-		16,051
Restricted cash & cash equivalents	135,072		-		-	-		-	-		135,072
Due from other funds	 549,981		-			 		-	 -		549,981
Total Assets	\$ 1,924,468	\$	988,270	\$	478,647	\$ 142,047	\$	156,653	\$ 100	\$	3,690,185
LIABILITIES											
Accounts payable	\$ 138,003	\$	-	\$	58,351	\$ -	\$	-	\$ -	\$	196,354
Due to other funds	109,513		987,738		428,816	137,302		-	100		1,663,469
Accrued salaries	25,268		-		-	· <u>-</u>		-	-		25,268
Other liabilities	 4,491		-		-	 -		-			4,491
Total Liabilities	277,275		987,738		487,167	137,302		-	100		1,889,582
Fund balance											
Nonspendable											
Prepaid expenditures	16,051		-		-	-		-	-		16,051
Restricted for											
Capital projects	135,072		532		-	-		-	-		135,604
Economic development	-		-		-	-		156,653	-		156,653
Committed to											
Museum building repairs	32,078		-		-	-		-	-		32,078
Capital outlay	-		-		-	4,745		-	-		4,745
Unassigned	 1,463,992				(8,520)	 			 <u>-</u>		1,455,472
	 1,647,193		532		(8,520)	 4,745		156,653	 		1,800,603
Total Liabilities and Fund Balance	\$ 1,924,468	\$	988,270	\$	478,647	\$ 142,047	\$	156,653	\$ 100	\$	3,690,185

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

# DECEMBER 31, 2012

Amounts reported for governmental activities in the	
statement of net position are different because:	
Ending fund balances - Governmental funds	\$ 1,800,603
Capital assets used in governmental activities are not	
financial resources and therefore are not reported	
as assets in the funds	
Historical cost of capital assets	15,949,090
Accumulated depreciation	(4,001,731)
	 11,947,359
Long-term liabilities, including bonds payable and accrued interest,	
which are not due and payable in the current period and therefore	
are not reported in the funds	
Notes payable	(3,078,998)
Compensated absences	(22,566)
Accrued interest	 (60,312)
	 (3,161,876)
Net position of governmental activities	\$ 10,586,086

### **GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS**

# STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES

							Nonmajor		
		General	SPL 2006 Fu	-2010	SPLOST 2011-2016 Fund	Capital Projects Fund	CDBG Fund	T-SPLOST Fund	Combined Totals
REVENUE									
Taxes	\$	607,691	\$	-	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 607,691
Permits & licenses		38,663		-	-	-	-	-	38,663
Fines and forfeitures		65,998		-	-	2,813	-	-	68,811
Intergovernmental revenue		760,429		-	481,140	-	-	-	1,241,569
Charges for services		360,220		-	-	-	-	-	360,220
Uses of money/property		2,463		532	-	72	85	-	3,152
Culture and recreation		38,842		-	-	-	-	-	38,842
Grants		34,008		-	-	-	-	-	34,008
Other		37,183							37,183
Total revenue		1,945,497		532	481,140	2,885	85	-	2,430,139
EXPENDITURES									
Current Operating									
General government		506,847		-	-	-	-	-	506,847
Public safety		683,717		-	-	-	_	-	683,717
Fire		61,715		-	-	-	_	-	61,715
Public works (highways & streets)		295,219		-	-	_	-	-	295,219
Health and welfare		19,971		-	-	-	_	-	19,971
Culture and recreation		48,403		-	-	_	-	-	48,403
Sanitation		245,137		-	_	-	_	-	245,137
Community services		35,598		-	-	_	_	_	35,598
Capital outlay		1,276,243		-	104,983	15,001	_	-	1,396,227
Debt service - principal		14,036		-	-	-	_	_	14,036
Debt service - interest		144,993		-	-	_	_	_	144,993
Total expenditures		3,331,879		-	104,983	15,001			3,451,863
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures		(1,386,382)		532	376,157	(12,116)	85	-	(1,021,724)
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	-								
Transfers in		27,835							27,835
Transfers (out)		21,033		-	-	(27,835)	-	-	(27,835)
Total other financing sources (uses)		27,835		<del></del>		(27,835)			(27,033)
Net change in fund balances				532	376,157		85		(1,021,724)
•		(1,358,547)		552	310,131	(39,951)	65	-	(1,021,724)
Fund balance		0.00==::			(00.4.5==)		450		
Beginning of year	_	3,005,740	Φ.	-	(384,677)	44,696	156,568	-	2,822,327
End of year	\$	1,647,193	\$	532	\$ (8,520)	\$ 4,745	\$ 156,653	\$ -	\$ 1,800,603

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

	ernmental activities in the		
statement of activities a	are different because:		
Net change in fund b	palances - total governmental funds		\$ (1,021,72
Governmental funds repor	t capital outlay as expenditures.		
However, in the statem	ent of activities the costs of those assets		
are allocated over their	estimated useful lives and reported as		
depreciation expense.			
This is the amount by v	which capital outlay exceeded depreciation		
in the current period.			
	Capital outlay	1,396,227	
	Depreciation expense	(423,247)	
			972,9
The issuance of long-term	debt (e.g., notes payable) provides current		
Constant and a second of the	governmental funds, while the repayment of th	ne principal	
πnancial resources to g	, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,		
	umes the current financial resources of govern	nmental funds.	
of long-term debt consu	,	nmental funds.	
of long-term debt consu Neither transaction how	umes the current financial resources of govern	nmental funds.	
of long-term debt consu Neither transaction how	umes the current financial resources of govern vever has any effect on net assets. effect of these differences in the treatment	nmental funds.	
of long-term debt consu Neither transaction how This amount is the net	umes the current financial resources of govern vever has any effect on net assets. effect of these differences in the treatment	nmental funds.	14,0
of long-term debt consu Neither transaction how This amount is the net	umes the current financial resources of govern wever has any effect on net assets. effect of these differences in the treatment ecounts.	nmental funds.	,
of long-term debt consu Neither transaction how This amount is the net	wines the current financial resources of government wever has any effect on net assets.  effect of these differences in the treatment accounts.  Notes payable	nmental funds.	4,6
of long-term debt consu Neither transaction how This amount is the net	wines the current financial resources of government wever has any effect on net assets.  effect of these differences in the treatment accounts.  Notes payable  Compensated absences	nmental funds.	 14,0 4,6 5 19,2

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

				Variance with
	Original	Final		Final
	Budget	Budget	Actual	Budget
REVENUES			71000.0.1	
Taxes	\$ 564,200	\$ 564,200	\$ 607,691	\$ 43,491
Permits and licenses	33,456	33,456	38,663	5,207
Fines and forfeitures	100,000	90,000	65,998	(24,002)
Intergovernmental	765,000	765,000	760,429	(4,571)
Charges for services	343,440	355,440	360,220	4,780
Use of money/property	1,530	1,530	2,463	933
Culture and recreation	48,250	51,150	38,842	(12,308)
Grants	26,000	36,000	34,008	(1,992)
Other	24,299	31,099	37,183	6,084
Total revenues	1,906,175	1,927,875	1,945,497	17,622
EXPENDITURES				
General government	453,012	510,412	506,847	3,565
Public safety	834,173	690,674	683,717	6,957
Public works, highways	343,088	315,088	295,219	19,869
Sanitation	228,000	246,800	245,137	1,663
Health and welfare	20,150	20,750	19,971	779
Culture and recreation	48,020	51,948	48,403	3,545
Community services	34,840	34,240	35,598	(1,358)
Fire	68,442	68,442	61,715	6,727
Capital outlay	-	1,407,200	1,276,243	130,957
Debt service - principal	13,750	14,050	14,036	14
Debt service - interest	4,000	145,000	144,993	7
Total expenditures	2,047,475	3,504,604	3,331,879	172,725
Revenue over expenditures	(141,300)	(1,576,729)	(1,386,382)	190,347
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES				
Bond proceeds	-	1,377,000	-	(1,377,000)
Transfers in	141,300	199,729	27,835	(171,894)
	141,300	1,576,729	27,835	(1,548,894)
Net change in fund balance	\$ -	\$ -	(1,358,547)	\$ (1,358,547)
Fund balance, beginning of year			3,005,740	
Fund balance, end of year			\$ 1,647,193	

# STATEMENT OF NET POSITION PROPRIETARY FUND WATER & SEWER FUND

# DECEMBER 31, 2012

ASSETS	
Current assets	
Cash & cash equivalents	\$ 879,582
Accounts receivable, net of allowance	58,451
Prepaid expenses	5,636
Due from other funds	1,222,332
Total Current Assets	2,166,001
Capital assets	
Land	40,277
Depreciable, net of accumulated depreciation	8,018,814
Construction in progress	8,751
	8,067,842
Total Assets	10,233,843
LIABLITIES	
Current liabilities	
Accounts payable	99,638
Customer deposits	55,990
Accrued expenses	24,834
Due to other funds	108,844
Compensated absences	28,303
Notes payable - current portion	162,082
Total Current Liabilities	479,691
Noncurrent liabilities	
Construction loan payable - GEFA	2,616,049
Total Noncurrent Liabilities	2,616,049
Total Liabilities	3,095,740
Net position	
Net investment in capital assets	5,289,711
Unrestricted	1,848,392
Total Net Position	\$ 7,138,103

# STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES, AND CHANGES IN NET POSITION PROPRIETARY FUND WATER & SEWER FUND

	2012
OPERATING REVENUES	
Water and sewer sales	\$ 1,224,479
Sewer taps	7,300
Service charges/penalties	34,855
Other	11,973
Total operating revenues	1,278,607
OPERATING EXPENSE	
Salaries and wages	359,239
Insurance and pension cost	111,691
Utilities	83,872
Maintenance and repair	158,490
Chemicals	27,829
Postage and supplies	20,433
Miscellaneous	37,591
County water and sewerage charges	293,456
Depreciation	302,878
Professional fees	29,211
Testing and training	11,672
Vehicle expense	22,675
Total operating expenses	1,459,037
Operating loss	(180,430)
NON-OPERATING REVENUE (EXPENSE)	
Interest income	452
Interest expense	(131,620)
Total non-operating expenses	(131,168)
Change in net position	(311,598)
Total net position, beginning of year	7,449,701
Total net position, end of year	\$ 7,138,103

# STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS PROPRIETARY FUND WATER & SEWER FUND

Cash flows from operating activities:	
Cash received from customers and others	\$ 1,277,502
Cash paid for goods and services	(607,133)
Cash paid to or on behalf of employees	(473,093)
Cash advanced to other funds	118,249
Net cash provided by operating activities	315,525
Cash flows from capital and related financing activities:	
Principal paid on long-term debt	(154,621)
Interest paid on long-term debt	 (131,620)
Net cash used in capital and related financing activities	 (286,241)
Cash flows from investing activities:	
Purchase of fixed assets	(23,099)
Interest income received	 452
Net cash used in investing activities	 (22,647)
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents	6,637
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of year	872,945
Cash and cash equivalents, end of year	\$ 879,582
Reconciling operating loss to net cash provided by operating activities:	
Operating loss	\$ (180,430)
Adjustments to reconcile operating loss to net cash provided by	
operating activities	
Depreciation	302,878
Net change in assets and liabilities:	
Accounts receivable	(3,170)
Prepaid expenses	667
Due to/from other funds	118,249
Increase in accounts and other payables	 77,331
Net cash provided by operating activities	\$ 315,525

#### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

**DECEMBER 31, 2012** 

#### Note 1—Summary of significant accounting policies

The accounting and reporting policies of the City of Harlem, Georgia ("City") reflected in the accompanying financial statements conform to accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America applicable to state and local governments.

*Introduction* - The City complies with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles ("GAAP") pronouncements.

The City has no component unit entities for which the City is considered to be financially accountable.

#### A. Financial reporting entity - basis of presentation

**Primary government** - The City was created in 1870. The City provides the following services: public safety, streets and highways, public improvements, culture and recreation, and general and administrative services. The accompanying financial statements present the City's primary government funds for which the City is financially accountable.

#### B. Government-wide and fund financial statements

The government-wide financial statements include the statement of net position and statement of activities and report information on all of the activities of the City. The effect of interfund transfers has been removed from the government-wide statements but continues to be reflected on the fund statements, if applicable. Governmental activities are supported mainly by taxes and intergovernmental revenues.

The statement of activities reflects the degree to which the direct expenses of a given function are offset by program revenues. Direct expenses are those that are clearly identifiable with a specific function. Program revenues include the following: 1) charges to customers or applicants who purchase, use, or directly benefit from goods, services, or privileges provided by a given function, 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 in program revenues are reported as general revenues.

Separate fund financial statements are provided for governmental funds and proprietary funds. Each major fund is reported in separate columns in the fund financial statements. The combined amounts for these funds are reflected in a single column in the fund balance sheet and statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balances.

#### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

**DECEMBER 31, 2012** 

#### Note 1—Summary of significant accounting policies (Continued)

#### 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. Revenues are recorded when earned and expenses are recorded when liabilities are incurred, regardless of timing and 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 have been met.

Governmental fund level 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 collected within the current period or soon enough thereafter to pay liabilities of the current period. For this purpose, the government considers revenue to be available if it is collected within 60 days of the end of the current fiscal period. Grant revenues availability period is generally considered to be one year. Major revenue sources that are susceptible to accrual are property taxes, sales taxes, insurance premium taxes, and intergovernmental revenue. Expenditures generally are recorded when a liability is incurred, as under accrual accounting.

The government reports the following major governmental funds:

The General Fund is the general operating fund of the City and is always classified as a major fund. The General fund is used to account for all financial resources except those required to be accounted for in another fund. Major revenue sources include property taxes, charges for services, intergovernmental revenues and investment of idle funds. Primary expenditures are for general administration, public safety, public works, streets, recreation, and capital acquisition.

Sales Tax 2006-2010 Fund and Sales Tax 2011-2016 Fund are used to account for monies received from intergovernmental revenues (i.e., Special Purpose Sales Taxes) for various City projects.

The government reports the following nonmajor governmental funds:

The Capital Projects Fund accounts for the financial resources to be used for the purchase and construction of major projects lasting longer than one year, other than those accounted for in specific funds.

The Community Development Block Grant Program ("CDBG") Funds are Capital Projects funds which are for a Revolving Loan Fund that came about from the CDBG-Economic Improvement Program. This program allows the City to loan money to businesses for economic improvement; the loans are repaid to the City to be re-loaned to other businesses.

T-SPLOST Funds are used to account for monies received from intergovernmental revenues (i.e., Special Purpose Sales Taxes) for various City infrastructure projects.

#### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

**DECEMBER 31, 2012** 

#### Note 1—Summary of significant accounting policies (Continued)

#### C. Measurement focus, basis of accounting, and financial statement presentation (continued)

The Proprietary Fund is accounted for using the accrual basis of accounting as follows:

Revenues are recognized when earned, and expenses are recognized when the liabilities are incurred. On the proprietary funds financial statements, operating revenues are those that flow directly from the operations of the activity, i.e., charges to customers or users who purchase or use the goods or services of that activity. Operating expenses are those that are incurred to provide those goods or services. Non-operating revenues and expenses are items such as investment income and interest expense that are not a result of the direct operations of the activity.

The City reports the following proprietary fund:

Water and Sewerage Fund to account for water and sewer operations as well as construction and maintenance of water and sewerage projects.

#### D. Assets, liabilities, deferred outflows/inflows of resources, and net position/fund balance

#### 1. Deposits and investments

The City's cash and cash equivalents are considered to be cash on hand, demand deposits, and short-term investments. State statues and the City's official Investment Policy authorize the City to invest in obligations of the U.S. Treasury, commercial paper, repurchase agreements, Banker's acceptances, money market mutual funds, and direct obligations of the state of Georgia.

The City records investments at fair market value in accordance with provisions of the Governmental Accounting Standards Board ("GASB") Statement No. 31, "Accounting and Financial Reporting for Certain Investments and for External Investment Pools." All investment income is recognized as revenue in the appropriate fund's statement of activity of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balance.

#### 2. Receivables and payables

Accounts receivable - Property tax receivables and revenues for property taxes are reflected on the government-wide statement based on the full accrual method of accounting. Property tax receivables for prior year's levy are shown net of an allowance for uncollectibles.

Accounts receivable from other governments include amounts due from grantors for approved grants for specific programs and reimbursements for services performed by the City. Program grants are recorded as receivables and revenues at the time all eligibility requirements established by the provider have been met.

#### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

**DECEMBER 31, 2012** 

#### Note 1—Summary of significant accounting policies (Continued)

# D. Assets, liabilities, deferred outflows/inflows of resources, and net position/fund balance (continued)

#### 2. Receivables and payables (continued)

Reimbursements for services performed are recorded as receivables and revenues when they are earned in the government-wide statements. Included are billable services for certain contracts. Revenues received in advance of the costs being incurred are recorded as deferred revenue in the fund statements. Receivables are shown net of an allowance for uncollectibles.

#### 3. Inventories and prepaid expenses

Inventories of the General and Proprietary Funds are accounted for as expenditures at the time of purchase and are not inventoried at year-end due to the amounts being immaterial. Expenditures for insurance and similar services extending over more than one accounting period are allocated between accounting periods. Reported prepaid expenses are equally offset by a fund balance reserve which indicates that they do not constitute "available spendable resources".

#### 4. Capital assets - primary government

Capital assets, which include land, buildings, and infrastructure assets (e.g., roads and bridges), are reported in the government-wide financial statements. Capital assets such as vehicles, furniture, and equipment are defined as assets with a cost of \$2,500 or more. Infrastructure assets include city-owned roads and bridges. Capital assets are recorded at historical costs if purchased or constructed. Donated capital assets are recorded at estimated fair market value at the date of donation.

The costs of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of the asset or materially extend asset lives are not capitalized. Capital assets are depreciated using the straight-line method over the following estimated useful lives:

Assets	Years
Buildings	40-50
Furniture & fixtures	5-7
General equipment	5 -10
Trucks	4-7
Cars	4-5
Computer hardware	3-5
Infrastructure	30
Utility systems	5-40

#### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

**DECEMBER 31, 2012** 

#### Note 1—Summary of significant accounting policies (Continued)

# D. Assets, liabilities, deferred outflows/inflows of resources, and net position/fund balance (continued)

#### 5. Deferred outflows/inflows of resources

In addition to assets, the statement of net position will sometimes report a separate section for deferred outflows of resources. This separate financial statement element, *deferred outflows of resources*, represents a consumption of net position that applies to a future period(s) and so will *not* be recognized as an outflow of resources (expense/ expenditure) until then.

In addition to liabilities, the statement of net position will sometimes report a separate section for deferred inflows of resources. This separate financial statement element, *deferred inflows of resources*, represents an acquisition of net position that applies to a future period(s) and so will *not* be recognized as an inflow of resources (revenue) until that time.

#### 6. Compensated absences and post-retirement benefits

The vacation policy of the City provides for the accumulation of up to a certain amount of earned vacation leave with such leave being fully vested when earned. For the City's government-wide financial statements and proprietary fund financial statements, an expense and a liability for compensated absences and the salary-related payments are recorded when leave is earned. The City has assumed a first-in, first-out method of using accumulated compensated time. The portion of that time that is estimated to be used in the next fiscal year has been designated as a current liability in the government-wide financial statements. No accrual has been established for accumulated sick leave of employees since it is the City's policy to record the cost of sick leave only when it is used.

#### 7. Long-term obligations

In the government-wide financial statements, long-term debt and other long-term obligations are reported as liabilities in the statement of net position.

#### 8. Unemployment compensation benefits

The City is the reimbursing employer for unemployment compensation benefits. Reimbursements are made on the basis of regular billings received from the Georgia Unemployment Commission.

#### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

**DECEMBER 31, 2012** 

#### Note 1—Summary of significant accounting policies (Continued)

# D. Assets, liabilities, deferred outflows/inflows of resources, and net position/fund balance (continued)

#### 9. Net position/fund balance

Fund balance represents the difference between current assets and current liabilities. In the fund financial statements, governmental funds report fund balance classifications that comprise a hierarchy based primarily on the extent to which the City is bound to honor constraints on the specific purposes for which amounts in those funds can be spent. Fund balances are classified as follows:

- Nonspendable Fund balances are reported as nonspendable when amounts cannot be spent because they are either (a) not in spendable form or (b) legally or contractually required to be maintained intact.
- Restricted Fund balances are reported as restricted when there are limitations imposed on their use through external restrictions imposed by creditors, grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments or imposed by law through state statute.
- Committed Fund balances are reported as committed when they can be used only for specific
  purposes pursuant to constraints imposed by formal action of the City of Harlem City Council (the
  "Council") through the adoption of a formal policy. Only the Council may modify or rescind the
  commitment.
- Assigned Fund balances are reported as assigned when amounts are constrained by the City's intent
  to be used for specific purposes, but are neither restricted nor committed. Through policy, authorization
  to assign fund balance remains with the Council.
- Unassigned Fund balances are reported as unassigned as the residual amount when the balances do not meet any of the above criterion. The City reports positive unassigned fund balance in the general fund only. Negative unassigned fund balances may be reported in all governmental funds.

#### Flow assumptions

When both restricted and unrestricted amounts of fund balance are available for use for expenditures incurred, the City's policy is to use restricted amounts first and then unrestricted amounts as they are needed. For unrestricted amounts of fund balance, the City's policy is to use fund balance in the following order: 1) committed, 2) assigned, and 3) unassigned.

#### **Net position**

Net position represents the difference between assets and liabilities in reporting which utilizes the economic resources measurement focus. Net position is classified in the following categories:

*Net investment in capital assets* - This category groups all capital assets, including infrastructure, into one component of net position. Accumulated depreciation and outstanding balances of debt that are attributable to the acquisition, construction, or improvement of these assets reduces this category.

Restricted net position - This category represents external restrictions imposed by creditors, grantors, contributors, laws, or regulations of other governments and restrictions imposed by law through Constitutional provision enabling legislation.

#### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

**DECEMBER 31, 2012** 

#### Note 1—Summary of significant accounting policies (Continued)

# D. Assets, liabilities, deferred outflows/inflows of resources, and net position/fund balance (continued)

#### 9. Net position/fund balance (continued)

#### **Net position (continued)**

*Unrestricted net position* - This category represents the net position of the City which is not restricted for any project or other purpose. The City first applies unrestricted resources when an expense is incurred for the purposes for which both restricted and unrestricted resources are available.

#### 10. Use of estimates

The preparation of the basic financial statements in conformance with GAAP requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported in the basic financial statements and accompanying notes. Actual results may differ from those estimates.

#### E. Stewardship, compliance and accountability

#### 1. Budgetary information

During the year proceeding the budget year, the City follows the administrative and fiscal procedures below in establishing the budgetary data reflected in the accompanying financial statements of the General Fund:

In October, the City's clerk and other department heads prepare a tentative budget to be given to the mayor for review. After the review is completed, the City publishes notice of a public hearing on the proposed budget. The hearing is held a week from the date the notice is published.

After the public hearing has been held, the budget is voted on and approved at the first City council meeting in December.

Changes in and amendments to the adopted budget are approved during the course of the year, as long as reserves are available to fund these modifications.

The accompanying statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balances, budget (budgetary basis) and actual, for the General Fund, presents a comparison of the legally adopted budget with actual operating results on a budgetary basis. The City's budget is prepared using GAAP. Encumbrance accounting, under which purchase orders and contracts are recorded in order to reserve that portion of the applicable appropriation, is not used by the City.

#### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

**DECEMBER 31, 2012** 

#### Note 1—Summary of significant accounting policies (Continued)

#### E. Stewardship, compliance and accountability (continued)

#### 2. Expenditures in excess of budget

The City's financial statements reflect expenditures in excess of budgeted amounts at the department level in the General Fund for the following:

	Final		
	Budget	Actual	Excess
Community Services	34,240	35,598	(1,358)

#### 3. Fund balance deficit

The SPLOST 2011-2016 Fund had a deficit fund balance at December 31, 2012 of (\$8,520). This deficit will be financed through future sales tax revenues of the fund.

#### Note 2—Deposits, investments, and investment policies

#### A. Primary government

For the purpose of the statement of cash flow, the City's reporting entity considers highly liquid debt instruments with an original maturity of three months or less when purchased to be cash equivalents. The carrying amount of cash is a reasonable estimate of fair value. Investment fair values are based on quoted market prices or dealer quotes.

#### B. Custodial credit risk - deposits

Custodial credit risk is the risk that in the event of a bank failure, the City's deposits may not be returned to it. It is the City's policy for cash to be 100% secured by collateral valued at market or par, whichever is lower, less the amount of the Federal Deposit Insured Corporation insurance. At December 31, 2012, the carrying amount of the City's deposits was \$3,777,635. At December 31, 2012, \$3,135,810 of the Government's approximate \$3,726,092 bank balance was uninsured. Of these uninsured deposits, \$3,135,810 was collateralized with securities held by the financial institution, by its trust department or agency, but not in the Government's name.

#### C. Investments

The City can invest money subject to its control and jurisdiction in obligations of the United States, bonds or certificates of indebtedness of the state of Georgia, certificates of deposits of banks which have deposits insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, and other legal investments. All investments held by the City are in accordance with this policy.

#### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

**DECEMBER 31, 2012** 

#### Note 3—Property taxes and other receivables

#### A. Receivables

The Columbia County Tax Commissioner bills and collects property taxes, then remits the City its respective share of property taxes. Property taxes for 2012 were levied on September 15, 2012 and were due November 15, 2012. The unpaid taxes became a lien 30 days after the due date. Unpaid property taxes received within 60 days of the year end are recognized and recorded as revenue.

The City receives approximately 4% of a 1% local option sales tax on all retail sales within the City. The proceeds of such tax collected each year are used to reduce, on a dollar for dollar basis, the millage equivalent amount of property taxes to be levied in the subsequent year. Local option sales tax collections collected during the year ended December 31, 2012, totaled \$760,429.

The City also receives approximately 2.7% of 1% Special Local Option Sales Tax ("SPLOST") funds to be used as designated and approved after public hearings. The approved expenditures are generally for capital projects in the City. The SPLOST received during the year ended December 31, 2012, totaled \$481,140.

Property taxes attach as an enforceable lien on property as of January 1. Taxes are levied prior to November 15 and are delinquent after that date.

Receivables as of year-end for the governmental activities and business-type activities, individual major governmental funds, including the applicable allowances for uncollectible accounts, as required by generally accepted accounting principles are as follows:

	Government Activities	al	ess-type ivities	Total	
Receivables					
Taxes	<del>-</del> \$ 89,76	31	\$ -	\$	89,761
Accounts	136,33	39	159,211		295,550
Gross receivables	226,10	00	159,211		385,311
Less, allowance for uncollectible			(100,760)		(100,760)
Net total receivable	\$ 226,10	00	\$ 58,451	\$	284,551

#### **NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

DECEMBER 31, 2012

# Note 4—Capital assets

# A. General government

A summary of changes in capital assets follows:

	Beginning			_		Ending
Governmental activities		Balance	 ncreases		ecreases	 Balance
Capital assets, not being depreciated						
Land	\$	582,716	\$ -	\$	-	\$ 582,716
Construction in progress		1,716,236	1,226,906		(2,943,142)	 <u> </u>
Total capital assets, not being						
depreciated		2,298,952	 1,226,906		(2,943,142)	 582,716
Capital assets, being depreciated						
Infrastructure		7,187,812	20,647		-	7,208,459
Buildings & improvements		3,695,271	2,775,103		-	6,470,374
Vehicles & equipment		1,370,828	 316,713			 1,687,541
		12,253,911	3,112,463		-	15,366,374
Less accumulated depreciation						
Infrastructure		(1,900,911)	(239,938)			(2,140,849)
Buildings & improvements		(776,749)	(112,649)		-	(889,398)
Vehicles & equipment		(900,824)	 (70,660)		-	 (971,484)
		(3,578,484)	(423,247)			 (4,001,731)
Total capital assets, being						
depreciated, net		8,675,427	2,689,216			 11,364,643
Governmental activities capital						
assets, net	\$	10,974,379	\$ 3,916,122	\$	(2,943,142)	\$ 11,947,359

Depreciation expense for year ended December 31, 2012, was charged to functions/programs of the primary government as follows:

Governmental activities		
General government	\$	47,381
Public safety		48,642
Sanitation		2,442
Fire		36,420
Community services		30,389
Public works		250,077
Culture & recreation		7,896
Total depreciation expense – governmental activities	<u>\$</u>	423,247

# NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

DECEMBER 31, 2012

# Note 4—Capital assets (Continued)

# **B.** Proprietary fund

A summary of changes in business-type activities capital assets follows:

	В	eginning					Ending
	Balance Increas				Decreases	Balance	
Business-type activities							
Capital assets, not being depreciated	Φ.	40.077	Φ.		Φ.	Φ.	40.077
Land Construction in progress	\$	40,277	\$	- 8,751	\$ -	\$	40,277 8,751
				0,731			0,731
Total capital assets, not being							
depreciated		40,277		8,751			49,028
Capital assets, being depreciated							
Vehicles & equipment		296,041		14,347	-		310,388
Utility systems		12,526,300		-			12,526,300
Total capital assets, being							
depreciated, net		12,822,341		14,347	-		12,836,688
Less accumulated depreciation							
Vehicles & equipment		(284,391)		(9, 195)	-		(293,586)
Utility systems		(4,230,605)		(293,683)			(4,524,288)
Total accumulated depreciation		(4,514,996)		(302,878)			(4,817,874)
Total capital assets, being							
depreciated, net		8,307,345		(288,531)			8,018,814
Capital assets, net	\$	8,347,622	\$	(279,780)	\$ -	\$	8,067,842

### Note 5—Long-term debt

The following is a summary of long-term debt activity for the year ended December 31, 2012:

	Balance January 1,			2012			Balance cember 31,	Due Within	
		2012	Ac	ditions	Re	ductions	2012	0	ne Year
Governmental activities: Notes payable Compensated absences	\$	3,093,034 27,246	\$	22,566	\$	14,036 27,246	\$ 3,078,998 22,566	\$	115,143 22,566
Governmental activities long-term liablities	\$	3,120,280	\$	22,566	\$	41,282	\$ 3,101,564	\$	137,709
Business-type activities:									
2001 GEFA loan	\$	1,197,437	\$	-	\$	80,787	\$ 1,116,650	\$	85,087
2005 GEFA loan		1,735,315		-		73,834	1,661,481		76,995
Compensated absences		20,160		28,303		20,160	 28,303		28,303
Business-type activities long-term liablities	\$	2,952,912	\$	28,303	\$	174,781	\$ 2,806,434	\$	190,385

#### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

**DECEMBER 31, 2012** 

#### Note 5—Long-term debt (Continued)

#### A. Governmental activities debt

#### 1. Notes payable

In July 2009, the City received an eight-year loan from BB&T Bank for the purchase of a fire truck. The interest rate on the loan is 4.88%. The first payment was due in July 2009.

Annual debt service requirements as of December 31, 2012, are as follows:

				•	Total
	Principal	In	terest	Pa	yment
2013	\$ 14,594	\$	3,136	\$	17,730
2014	15,173		2,557		17,730
2015	15,776		1,954		17,730
2016	16,402		1,328		17,730
2017	 17,053		677		17,730
	\$ 78,998	\$	9,652	\$	88,650

In August 2011, the City received a twenty-year loan from BB&T Bank for renovations to the Public Safety Facility as well as the addition of a new fire station. The interest rate on the loan is 4.71%. The first interest payment was due in February 2012.

Annual debt service requirements as of December 31, 2012, are as follows:

						Total
	ı	Principal		Interest	F	Payment
2013	\$	100,549	\$	140,130	\$	240,679
2014		105,340		135,339		240,679
2015		110,360		130,319		240,679
2016		115,620		125,059		240,679
2016		121,130		119,549		240,679
2018-2022		697,934		505,461		1,203,395
2023-2027		880,857		322,538		1,203,395
2028-2031		868,210		94,506		962,716
	\$	3,000,000	\$	1,572,901	\$	4,572,901

#### B. Business-type activities debt

#### 1. Notes payable

The City applied to the Georgia Environmental Facilities Authority ("GEFA") in 2001 and received a construction loan of \$1,750,000. The proceeds were used to pay a substantial part of the cost of water system improvements. The final draw of \$103,972 was transferred to the City in March 2005. The loan consists of 76 installments of \$35,233. Interest on the construction loan is 5.15%.

#### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

**DECEMBER 31, 2012** 

#### Note 5—Long-term debt (Continued)

#### B. Business-type activities debt (continued)

#### 1. Notes payable (continued)

Annual debt service requirements as of December 31, 2012, are as follows:

				Total
	Principal		Interest	Payment
2013	\$ 85,087	′ \$	55,847	\$ 140,934
2014	89,526	6	51,408	140,934
2015	94,227	,	46,707	140,934
2016	99,151		41,783	140,934
2017	104,398	}	36,536	140,934
2018-2022	610,087	,	94,583	704,670
2023	34,174	<u> </u>	444	 34,618
	\$ 1,116,650	\$	327,308	\$ 1,443,958

In 2005, the City applied for and received a second construction loan from GEFA for improvements to the water and sewer system. The final draw was received by the City in September 2008. The loan, which has an interest rate of 4.2%, consists of 240 installments of \$12,109.

Annual debt service requirements as of December 31, 2012, are as follows:

			Total
	Principal	Interest	Payment
2013	\$ 76,995	\$ 68,311	\$ 145,306
2014	80,292	65,014	145,306
2015	83,730	61,576	145,306
2016	87,315	57,991	145,306
2017	91,053	54,253	145,306
2018-2022	517,197	209,333	726,530
2023-2027	637,820	88,710	726,530
2028	87,079	1,273	88,352
	\$ 1,661,481	\$ 606,461	\$ 2,267,942

The loan agreement includes certain financial covenants requiring the City to maintain a fixed charge coverage ratio of not less than 1.05. At December 31, 2012, the City was not in compliance with this covenant and has obtained a waiver from its lender through the next evaluation date.

#### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

**DECEMBER 31, 2012** 

#### Note 6—Interfund receivables/transfers

Interfund receivable and payable balances as of December 31, 2012, are as follows:

		Due From											
	<u> </u>			Water &		Capital		SPLOST		SPLOST			
	•	ieneral		Sewer		Projects	20	006-2010	20	11-2016	1	T-SPLOST	
Due to		Fund		Fund		Fund		Fund		Fund		Fund	Total
General Fund	\$	-	\$	108,844	\$	17,500	\$	-	\$	423,537	\$	100	\$ 549,981
Water & Sewer Fund		109,513				119,802		987,738		5,279			 1,222,332
	\$	109,513	\$	108,844	\$	137,302	\$	987,738	\$	428,816	\$	100	\$ 1,772,313

Interfund receivables and payables result from timing differences related to charges for services or reimbursable expenses. The City expects to repay these interfund balances within one year.

#### Note 6—Interfund receivables/transfers (Continued)

Interfund transfers for the year ended December 31, 2012, consisted of the following:

Transfers between funds were routine and primarily to support the operation of the funds receiving transfers.

	Trar	_		
	(	Capital		
	P	rojects		
Tranfsers to:		Fund		Total
General Fund		27,835		27,835
	\$	27,835	\$	27,835

#### Note 7—Risk management

The City carries property and liability insurance through commercial insurance companies. Annual premiums are based on the amount of coverage and policy deductibles requested by the City.

#### Risk pool

The City is exposed to various risks of losses related to torts, thefts of, damage to, and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees; and natural disasters. The City has joined together with other municipalities in the state as part of the Georgia Interlocal Risk Management Agency ("GIRMA") for property and liability insurance and the Worker's Compensation Self-Insurance Fund ("WCSIF"), public entity risk pools currently operating as common risk management, and insurance programs for member local governments. The Georgia Municipal Association ("GMA") administers both risk pools.

As part of their agreement, the City must assist and cooperate in the defense and settlement of claims against the City. The City must furnish full cooperation to the pools' attorneys, claims adjusters, and any agent or independent contractor of the pools. In addition, the City must report as promptly as possible, and in accordance with any coverage descriptions issued, all incidents which could result in the funds being required to pay claim for loss or injuries to municipal property or injuries to persons or property when such loss or injury is within the scope of the protection of a fund or funds in which the City participates.

#### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

**DECEMBER 31, 2012** 

#### Note 7—Risk management (Continued)

#### Risk pool (Continued)

The fund is to defend and protect the members of the funds against liability or loss as prescribed in the member governments' contracts and in accordance with the workers' compensation laws of Georgia. The funds are 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.

There were no significant reductions in insurance coverage from the prior year, and there have been no settlements that exceed the City's insurance coverage.

#### Note 8—Pension plan and defined contribution plan

The City Council approved the adoption of a retirement plan May 11, 1987, and closed entry to the plan as of December 17, 2012, and contributes to the Georgia Municipal Employees Benefit System ("GMEBS") Pension Plan ("Plan"), an agent multiple employer defined benefit pension plan that acts as a common investment and administrative agent for cities in the state of Georgia. The City's payroll for employees covered by the Plan for the year ended December 31, 2012, was \$836,186. The City's total payroll for the year ended December 31, 2012, was \$1,022,609. The required contribution for 2012 was \$164,920.

All full-time City employees prior to December 17, 2012 were eligible to participate in the Plan after one year of service. Benefits vest after ten years of service. City employees may retire at age 55 under the early retirement provisions if they have completed ten years of service. Normal retirement is at age 65. Benefits are payable for life in an amount of covered compensation plus 2% of Participant Final Average Earnings, multiplied by years of service. The Plan also provides death and disability benefits. These benefit provisions and all other requirements are established by the GMEBS Pension Trust and Adoption Agreement executed by the City.

City employees are not required to contribute to the Plan. The City is required to contribute the amounts necessary to fund the Plan using the actuarial basis specified by the Plan.

Summary of employer costs and contributions:

		Percentage		
Fiscal	Annual	of Pension		Net Pension
Year	Pension	Cost	Actual	Obligation
Beginning	Cost	Contributed	Contribution	(NPO)
1/1/2013	152,375	N/A	N/A	-
1/1/2012	164,920	N/A	N/A	-
1/1/2011	123,852	100.00%	123,852	-

#### Summary of funding progress:

											UAAL	as of
	Α	ctuarial	P	ctuarial	ι	Infunded					Perce	ntage
Actuarial	V	alue of	1	Accrued		AAL	Fu	unds	C	overed	of Co	vered
Valuation		Assets	Liak	oility (AAL)		(UAAL)	R	atio	F	Payroll	Pay	roll
Date		(A)		(B)		(B-A)	(/	A/B)		( C)	(B-A)	)/( C)
7/1/2012	\$	922,173	\$	1,645,723	\$	723,550		56.03%	\$	836,186		86.53%

#### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

#### **DECEMBER 31, 2012**

#### Note 8—Pension plan and defined contribution plan (Continued)

Actual assumptions and methods used to determine the actual value of assets are:

Valuation date July 1, 2012

Actuarial cost method Projected unit credit

Amortization method Closed level dollar for remaining

unfunded liability

Amortization period Remaining amortization period varies

for the bases, with a net effective amortization period of 13 years

Actuarial 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 be within 32% of

market value for 2012.

Actuarial assumptions:

Investment rate of return

7.75%

Projected salary increases 3.50% plus age and service based

merit increases

Cost of living adjustments 2.00%

Funding policy and annual contribution - The Board of Trustees of the GMEBS has adopted an actuarial funding policy for determination of annual contributions and the systematic funding of liabilities arising under the Plan. The annual minimum contribution is the sum of 1) the normal cost (including administrative expenses), 2) the level dollar amortization of the unfunded actuarial accrued liability (initial unfunded actuarial accrued liability over 13 years for actuarial gains and losses, 20 years for plan provisions and 30 years for actuarial assumptions and cost methods from the end of the year during which such changes arise), and 3) interest on these amounts from the valuation date to the date contributions are paid (assumed monthly). Well-funded plans may have a full funding credit applied to reduce the recommended contributions.

This credit insures that contributions are not required if a plan's assets exceed the present value of future benefits. The annual recommended contribution is the greater of 1) the minimum contribution described above and 2) normal cost (including administrative expenses) with interest, adjusted by a full funding credit to ensure that contributions are not required if a plan's assets exceed the present value of future benefits.

#### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

**DECEMBER 31, 2012** 

#### Note 8—Pension plan and defined contribution plan (Continued)

*Current Plan membership* - As of July 1, 2012, the date of the actuarial report, the current Plan membership includes the following categories of participants:

Retirees and beneficiaries currently receiving benefits	11
Terminated employees entitled to benefits but not yet receiving those	14
Current active employees	
Vested	11
Nonvested	21
Total membership in the Plan	57

GMEBS issues a separate, stand-alone report which can be obtained from City Hall or from GMEBS.

However, current and historical trend information is designed to provide information about the Plan's progress in accumulating sufficient assets to pay benefits when due. This data is presented as supplemental information on page 39.

#### **Defined Contribution Plan**

As of December 17, 2012, the City Council approved the adoption of "The Georgia Municipal Association 401(a) Defined Contribution Plan". All full-time employees with six months of service hired after December 17, 2012 are eligible to participate in the plan. The City automatically contributes an amount equal to 3% of the employee's annual salary. The City will also match 100% of contributions up to 3% of total compensation. Automatic contributions and matching contributions are 100% vested after a participant has been employed five years and matching contributions remain 0% vested until the participant satisfies the full vesting period. As of December 31, 2012, there were no plan participants.

Georgia Municipal Association, 201 Pryor Street, SW, Atlanta, Georgia 30303, is the Plan administrator for all pension plans.

#### Note 9—Joint venture

Under Georgia law, the City, in conjunction with other cities and counties in the Central Savannah River Area, is a member of the Central Savannah River Area Regional Commissions ("RC") and is required to pay annual dues thereto. During the year ended December 31, 2012, the City paid \$2,666 in such dues and service charges. Membership in a RDC is required by the Official Code of Georgia Annotated ("OCGA") Section 50-8-34 that provides for the organizational structure of the RC in Georgia. The RC Board membership includes the chief elected official of each City and municipality of the area. OCGA 50-8-39.1 provides that the member governments are liable for any debts or obligations of an RC. Separate financial statements may be obtained from: CSRA Regional Commissions, 3023 River Watch Parkway, Augusta, Georgia 30907.

#### Note 10—Housing authority

The Housing Authority of Harlem, Georgia (the "Housing Authority"), is considered a related organization based upon the criteria in GASB No. 14. Pursuant to Official Code of Georgia Annotated ("OCGA") 8-3-4, the Housing Authority is a separate legal entity from the City. Further, pursuant to OCGA 8-3-50, the City appoints a voting majority of the Housing Authority members. However, the City is not able to impose its will upon the Housing Authority nor does a financial benefit/burden relationship exist between them. In 2012, the City did not receive funds from the Harlem Housing Authority as payment in lieu of taxes.

#### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

**DECEMBER 31, 2012** 

#### Note 11—Commitments and contingencies

#### A. Commitments

The City has an active construction project as of December 31, 2012. The project is for renovations to an inground water storage tank. The total project cost is estimated to be \$122,000 and \$8,751 has been spent as of December 31, 2012.

#### **B.** Contingencies

The City is a defendant in several lawsuits. Management intends to contest these open cases vigorously. The City's legal counsel has stated that the outcome of these lawsuits is not presently determinable.

#### Note 12—Landfill post-closure cost

#### A. Landfill Closure

The City contracts with the County to dispose of its solid waste materials collected. In prior years the City maintained a landfill; however, it has been closed for several years. The state of Georgia requires the City to perform certain maintenance and monitoring functions at the closed landfill and to make periodic reports to the appropriate agencies. The estimated liability for post-closure cost is undeterminable; however, the City believes the maintenance cost is immaterial. However, changes in the post-closure care may occur for increases or decreases in cost due to inflation or deflation, changes in technology, changes to post-closure care requirements, and changes in the extent of environmental remediation required by law. If at such time that the post-closure care cost is determined and is a material liability appropriate disclosure will be reflected in the financial statements. The maintenance costs for 2012 were \$0.

#### Note 13—New accounting pronouncements

For fiscal year 2012, the City has implemented GASB Statement No. 63 "Financial Reporting of Deferred Outflows of Resources, Deferred Inflows of Resources, and Net Position" and GASB No. 65, "Items Previously Reported as Assets and Liabilities."

GASB Statement No. 63 will improve financial reporting by standardizing the presentation of deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources and their effects on a government's net position. It alleviates uncertainty about reporting those financial statement elements by providing guidance where none previously existed.

GASB Statement No. 65 improves financial reporting by clarifying the appropriate use of the financial statement elements deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources to ensure consistency in financial reporting.

The implementation of GASB No. 63 or GASB No. 65 did not result in a change to beginning net position or fund balance.

# SCHEDULE OF FUNDING PROGRESS

# DECEMBER 31, 2012

										UAAL as of
	A	ctuarial	ı	Actuarial	ι	Infunded				Percentage
Actuarial	\	/alue of	1	Accrued		AAL	Funds	C	Covered	of Covered
Valuation		Assets	Lial	bility (AAL)		(UAAL)	Ratio		Payroll	Payroll
Date		(A)		(B)		(B-A)	(A/B)		( C)	(B-A)/( C)
7/1/2012	\$	922,173	\$	1,645,723	\$	723,550	56.03%	\$	836,186	86.53%
7/1/2011	\$	828,752	\$	1,628,090	\$	799,338	50.90%	\$	914,579	87.40%
7/1/2010	\$	757,842	\$	1,158,455	\$	400,613	65.42%	\$	889,547	45.04%



# Report of Independent Auditor on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting and on Compliance and Other Matters Based on an Audit of Financial Statements Performed in Accordance With Government Auditing Standards

Honorable Mayor and Members of City Council City of Harlem, Georgia

We have audited in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States of America, the financial statements of governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of the City of Harlem, Georgia (the "City"), as of and for the year ended December 31, 2012, and the notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the City's basic financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated June 25, 2013.

#### **Internal Control over Financial Reporting**

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

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the preceding paragraph and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies and therefore, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that were not identified. However, as described in the accompanying schedule of findings and responses, we identified certain deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses.

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 City's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected on a timely basis. We consider the deficiencies described in the accompanying schedule of findings and responses to be material weaknesses as described in 2012-01.

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

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the City's financial statements are free of material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grants, 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 that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

#### City of Harlem's Response to Findings

Ching Bekaut LLP

The City's response to the finding identified in our audit is described in the accompanying schedule of findings and responses. The City's response was not audited and, accordingly, we express no opinion on it.

#### **Purpose of this Report**

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

Augusta, Georgia June 25, 2013

#### SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND RESPONSES

FOR YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2012

#### **Finding 2012-01**

#### **CONDITION:**

The City of Harlem, Georgia (the "City") did not prepare its financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2012 or its conversion entries related to converting the Fund Financial Statements to the statement of net assets and statement of activities. The City also did not reconcile certain balance sheet accounts during the year on a timely basis.

During our audit procedures, significant adjustments were posted to the internal financial statements in order for the financial statements to be in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles ("GAAP"). Based upon the City's request, we prepared the conversion entries to convert the Fund Financial Statements to the statement of net assets and statement of activities, and other year-end adjustments and reclassifications. Also, during our audit procedures as accounts were reconciled to supporting documentation, we proposed adjustments to correct balance sheet accounts to the supporting schedules.

The City relies on an external party to maintain the capital assets and calculate depreciation. The City has placed an overreliance on the external party and performed an insufficient review of the depreciation calculation in order to detect material misstatements.

#### **CAUSE:**

The City does not have sufficient resources with the financial statement expertise which would allow the City to internally prepare its conversion entries for the Fund Financial Statements to the government-wide financial statements, in accordance with GAAP. Historically, due to the cost-benefit analysis made by management of internal control over financial reporting, the City has engaged its auditor to assist in the conversion to GAAP basis and financial statement preparation.

The City also has not had sufficient resources in the accounting and finance departments which would allow sufficient time to be spent on reconciling balance sheet accounts for all funds to the supporting documentation on a timely basis.

#### **RECOMMENDATION:**

We recommend that management consider the cost-benefit analysis of the preparation of its financial statements in accordance with GAAP. We also recommend that management continue the training and supervision of its finance and accounting staff in order to reconcile all balance sheet accounts to supporting documentation on a timely basis.

#### MANAGEMENT'S RESPONSE AND CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN:

Management concurs with the findings. Management reviews the cost benefit of internal control over financial reporting and has determined the most prudent course of action is to engage the auditor to assist in the conversion to GAAP basis and financial statement preparation.

#### SCHEDULE OF PRIOR YEAR FINDINGS AND RESPONSES

FOR YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2012

#### **Finding 2011-01**

#### **CONDITION:**

The City of Harlem, Georgia (the "City") did not prepare its financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2011 or its conversion entries related to converting the Fund Financial Statements to the statement of net assets and statement of activities. The City also did not reconcile certain balance sheet accounts during the year on a timely basis.

During our audit procedures, significant adjustments were posted to the internal financial statements in order for the financial statements to be in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles ("GAAP"). Based upon the City's request, we prepared the conversion entries to convert the Fund Financial Statements to the statement of net assets and statement of activities, and other year-end adjustments and reclassifications. Also, during our audit procedures as accounts were reconciled to supporting documentation, we proposed adjustments to correct balance sheet accounts to the supporting schedules.

The City relies on an external party to maintain the capital assets and calculate depreciation. The City has placed an overreliance on the external party and performed an insufficient review of the depreciation calculation in order to detect material misstatements.

#### **CAUSE:**

The City does not have sufficient resources with the financial statement expertise which would allow the City to internally prepare its conversion entries for the Fund Financial Statements to the government-wide financial statements, in accordance with GAAP. Historically, due to the cost-benefit analysis made by management of internal control over financial reporting, the City has engaged its auditor to assist in the conversion to GAAP basis and financial statement preparation.

The City also has not had sufficient resources in the accounting and finance departments which would allow sufficient time to be spent on reconciling balance sheet accounts for all funds to the supporting documentation on a timely basis.

#### **RECOMMENDATION:**

We recommend that management consider the cost-benefit analysis of the preparation of its financial statements in accordance with GAAP. We also recommend that management continue the training and supervision of its finance and accounting staff in order to reconcile all balance sheet accounts to supporting documentation on a timely basis.

#### **ACTIONS TAKEN OR PLANNED TO CORRECT DEFICIENCIES:**

Management concurs with the findings. Management reviews the cost benefit of internal control over financial reporting and has determined the most prudent course of action is to engage the auditor to assist in the conversion to GAAP basis and financial statement preparation.

#### **CURRENT STATUS:**

Repeat finding at 2012-01.

# SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF SPECIAL PURPOSE LOCAL OPTION SALES TAX PROCEEDS (2006-2010)

Project	Original Estimated Cost	Prior Year	Current Year	To Date	Percentage of Completion
Tier I					
Upgrade & Improve Sewer Plant/Repair, Replace & Construction new Sewer/ Water Lines	\$ 1,404,000	\$ 1,404,000		\$ 1,404,000	100%
Total - Tier I	1,404,000	1,404,000	-	1,404,000	
Tier II					
Public Buildings	189,000	178,883	-	178,883	95%
Generator	50,000	-	-	-	0%
Infrastructure	50,000	661,033	-	661,033	100%
Vehicles (Police, Fire, Public Works)	100,000	-	-	-	0%
Water & Sewer	70,000	70,000		70,000	100%
Total - Tier II	459,000	909,916	-	909,916	
Tier III					
Water & Sewer	447,000	194,045	-	194,045	43%
Vehicles	150,000	-	-	-	0%
Communications	40,000	-	-	-	0%
Public Buildings	200,000			-	0%
Total - Tier III	837,000	194,045		194,045	
Grand Total	\$ 2,700,000	\$ 2,507,961	\$ -	\$ 2,507,961	

# SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF SPECIAL PURPOSE LOCAL OPTION SALES TAX PROCEEDS (2011-2016)

Project	Original Estimated Cost	Prior Year	Current Year	To Date	Percentage of Completion	
Tier I						
Vehicles and Equipment Infrastructure (Water & Sewer) Transportation (roads and sidewalks	\$ 350,000 718,224 200,000	\$ 40,528 100,000	\$ 104,983 -	\$ 145,511 100,000	42% 14% 0%	
Public buildings Recreation	850,000 250,000	850,000 9,923	- -	850,000 9,923	100% 4%	
Total - Tier I	2,368,224	1,000,451	104,983	1,105,434		
Tier II						
Vehicles and Equipment	50,000	-	-	-	0%	
Infrastructure (Water & Sewer)	610,377	-	-	-	0%	
Public Buildings	150,000				0%	
Total - Tier II	810,377	-	-	-		
Tier III						
Infrastructure (Water & Sewer)	521,749			<u>-</u>	. 0%	
Total - Tier III	521,749			-		
Grand Total	\$ 3,700,350	\$ 1,000,451	\$ 104,983	\$ 1,105,434		