

**CITY OF SOCIAL CIRCLE, GEORGIA**  
**ANNUAL COMPREHENSIVE FINANCIAL REPORT**  
**FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED**  
**JUNE 30, 2023**

Prepared by:  
City of Social Circle Finance Department

## **INTRODUCTORY SECTION**

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*The City Of*  
**SOCIAL CIRCLE**

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February 16, 2024

Honorable David Keener, Mayor,  
Members of the City Council,  
and Citizens of Social Circle, Georgia

Ladies and Gentlemen:

The Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR) for the City of Social Circle, Georgia, for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023, is hereby submitted as mandated by both local ordinance and state statutes. These statutes and ordinances require the City of Social Circle to issue an annual report on its financial activity and position, and that this report be audited by an independent firm of certified public accountants. It is required that local governments publish within six months of the close of each fiscal year a complete set of audited financial statements.

This report was prepared by the City's Finance Department, responsible for both the accuracy of the presented data and the completeness and fairness of presentation, including all disclosures rests with the City. We believe the report, as presented, is accurate in all material aspects. We also believe it is presented in a manner designed to set forth the financial position and results of operations of the City as measured by the financial activity of its various funds. Finally, we believe that all disclosures necessary to enable the reader to gain a maximum understanding of the City's financial affairs have been included.

Management assumes full responsibility for the completeness and reliability of the information contained in this report, based upon a comprehensive framework of internal control that it has established for this purpose. Because the cost of internal controls should not exceed anticipated benefits, the objective is to provide reasonable, rather than absolute, assurance that the financial statements are free of any material misstatements.

Mauldin & Jenkins, LLC, has issued an unmodified ("clean") opinion on the City of Social Circle's financial statements for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023. The independent auditor's report is located at the front of the financial section of this report.

Management's discussion and analysis (MD&A) immediately follows the independent auditor's report and provides a narrative introduction, overview, and analysis of the basic financial statements. MD&A complements this letter of transmittal and is best read in conjunction with it.

***"Georgia's Greatest Little Town"***

## **Profile of the Government**

Social Circle was incorporated in 1832 and is described as “Georgia’s Greatest Little Town.” Located in Walton and part of Newton County, the City of Social Circle is an iconic location along the Great Walton railroad that extends to the center of the City and provides a connection to the CSX Railroad. The railway is still active, and the Historic Train Depot remains adjacent to the center of the City. The City occupies a land area of about 11 square miles and serves a population of about 5,011 (based upon the U. S. Census Bureau 2022 estimate).

Policy making and legislative authority of the government is vested in the mayor and four council members, who are elected for four-year terms and staggered, with elections for Mayor, District 2 and 4 in one cycle and District 1 and 3 at the next two-year election cycle. The mayor is elected at large by popular vote, with councilmen being elected by their district’s majority vote. The mayor and council members serve until their successors are qualified and elected. The Mayor and Council appoint a City Manager to carry out the administrative operations of the government. The City is empowered to levy a property tax on both real and personal property located within its boundaries and can levy all other taxes granted to municipalities within the State of Georgia.

The City operates under a Council/Manager form of government, whereby the Mayor and City Council possess all the executive and legislative powers granted to the government under the constitution and laws of the State of Georgia and the City of Social Circle charter. The City Manager possesses all the administrative powers granted to the government under the constitution and laws of the State of Georgia and the City’s charter.

Most City functions are performed by City employees. The City offers water, sewer, gas, and trash services to the City based on where services are available. The sanitation and recycling services are outsourced by a contracted company. Also, most paving and larger projects, such as the recently constructed Friendship Park, are contracted-out projects. Nearly all other internal needs are met by the employees of the City, including finance, fire, police, court, public works, transit, and others. The location of the City provides convenient access to the Atlanta airport. Proximity to the Atlanta area provides opportunities for employment, culture, and retail.

The annual budget serves as the foundation for the City’s financial plan and assists in the control of the financial stability and health of the government. The Mayor and City Council are required to adopt a final budget no later than the close of the fiscal year. The budget is prepared by fund, function, and department. The City Manager may transfer resources within a department (within a fund) as they deem necessary. However, transfers between departments or funds require approval from the City Council.

## **Local Economy**

The City is home to approximately 150 businesses. The largest employers include Standridge Color Corporation, Social Circle City Schools, General Mills, and Goodyear Tire & Rubber. The City of Social Circle is largely residential, however, is becoming more and more industrial.

The City has experienced some population growth over the past couple of decades. The population within the City is diverse, in that it consists of families who have lived here for several generations, as well as newer residents seeking the pleasant small-town lifestyle. The City has much to offer with gorgeous scenery and is just close enough to Atlanta to be convenient, but far enough away to still have the country atmosphere. The median age of the City residents is 39.9 based on the most recent U.S. Census Bureau information.

Median household income in 2014 was \$46,796. In 2023, the median income was estimated at \$68,333. The median home price in 2023 was approximately \$222,300.

North and South Cherokee and East and West Hightower are the main roadways in Social Circle, and the industrial area is served by our bypass, Social Circle Parkway, which is also State Route 11. There are 50 miles of streets that are maintained by the City.

### **Long-Term Financial Planning**

As detailed within the following financial statements, the City's policy is to maintain a minimum unassigned General Fund balance equal to 25% of operating expenditures including Debt Service. Excess fund balances over reserve requirements will be used in subsequent periods for pay-as-you-go capital projects and one-time non-recurring expenditures.

As part of the financial strategic plan, the City millage rate remains stable using a Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT) from the City utility services, which are operated on an enterprise, or business basis. The City Council approved a millage rate of 7.9 mills, which has remained the same as the prior year. A comprehensive framework of financial policies was adopted in 2015 and is reviewed annually.

The City maintained sufficient cash reserves to operate the fiscal year without issuing a tax anticipation note. Various equipment and vehicles for its public safety departments were purchased and the City continued payments on the financing for fire trucks. Utility services, including water, sewer, gas, and sanitation services, maintained revenues above operational costs.

The City had one remaining tax abatement that ended in September 2020. This may change in future years. Anticipated long-term benefits of future tax abatements consist of further economic growth.

The City is expected to continue to develop as a preferred location for appropriate business and residential investment as the area's economy continues to strengthen.

### **Relevant Financial Policies**

Throughout the year, the Finance Department administered the City Council's approved Financial Management Program, which outlines the policy within which the government's finances are maintained. These policies address fund balances, the use of one-time revenues, issuance of debt, purchasing and procurement, cash and investment management, and accounting practices. In total, these policies formulate the core criteria for which internal evaluations occur. On an annual basis, the criteria establishing the Financial Management Program are reviewed to maintain relativity to the changing financial needs of the government.



## **Major Initiatives**

Social Circle achieved numerous successes in Fiscal Year 2023. The City project to renovate and create a new website with Granicus, was completed in February of Fiscal Year 2023. The City also received the Annual Comprehensive Financial Reporting Award, as well as the Popular Annual Financial Reporting Award from the Government Finance Officers Association for the second time. These awards were for Fiscal Year 2022. City management focus was on improvements to infrastructure and major capital projects. The Police Department was re-certified by the State. The Fire Department completed the Office of EMS Agency re-licensing for their First Responder license. The Public Works lot worked towards better organization to increase functionality and services to the citizens. Transit maintained clean and safe transportation for our citizens. The City established a Community Development Department and filled positions needed. Several events were hosted downtown. The Wastewater Treatment Department completed the 2020 CDBG Mill Village Project. The Water Distribution Department completed the radio read meter change-out project. Lastly, our Gas Department completed several gas service upgrades including installing new residential gas mains and meters for new subdivisions. The City made several large hurdles throughout the Fiscal Year of 2023.

## **Awards and Acknowledgments**

We are pleased to present the City's Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR) and submit the same to the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) for consideration in the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting program. We believe that our ACFR meets the program's requirements. This is the fourth time in which the City has applied for the ACFR Award.

The preparation of this report would not have been possible without the efficient and dedicated services of the entire staff of the City of Social Circle. I would like to express my appreciation to all members of the City who assisted and contributed to the preparation of this report. Credit also must be given to the Mayor and City Council for their unfailing support in maintaining the highest standards of leadership and professionalism in the management of the City's finances.

Respectfully submitted,

*Karen Slaton-Dixon*

Karen Slaton-Dixon  
Finance Director

**CITY OF SOCIAL CIRCLE, GEORGIA**

**PRINCIPAL OFFICIALS**

**JUNE 30, 2023**

**Mayor and City Council**

David Keener

Mayor

City Council

Traysa Price

Tyson Jackson

Nathan Boyd

Steve Shelton

Administration

Susan Roper

Eric Taylor

Anthony Powell

City Clerk

City Manager

City Attorney

Jason Guest

Police Chief

Amber McKibben

Mainstreet Director

Ken Zaydel

Fire Chief

Karen Slaton-Dixon

Interim Finance Director

Robbie Groves

Interim Director of Public Works

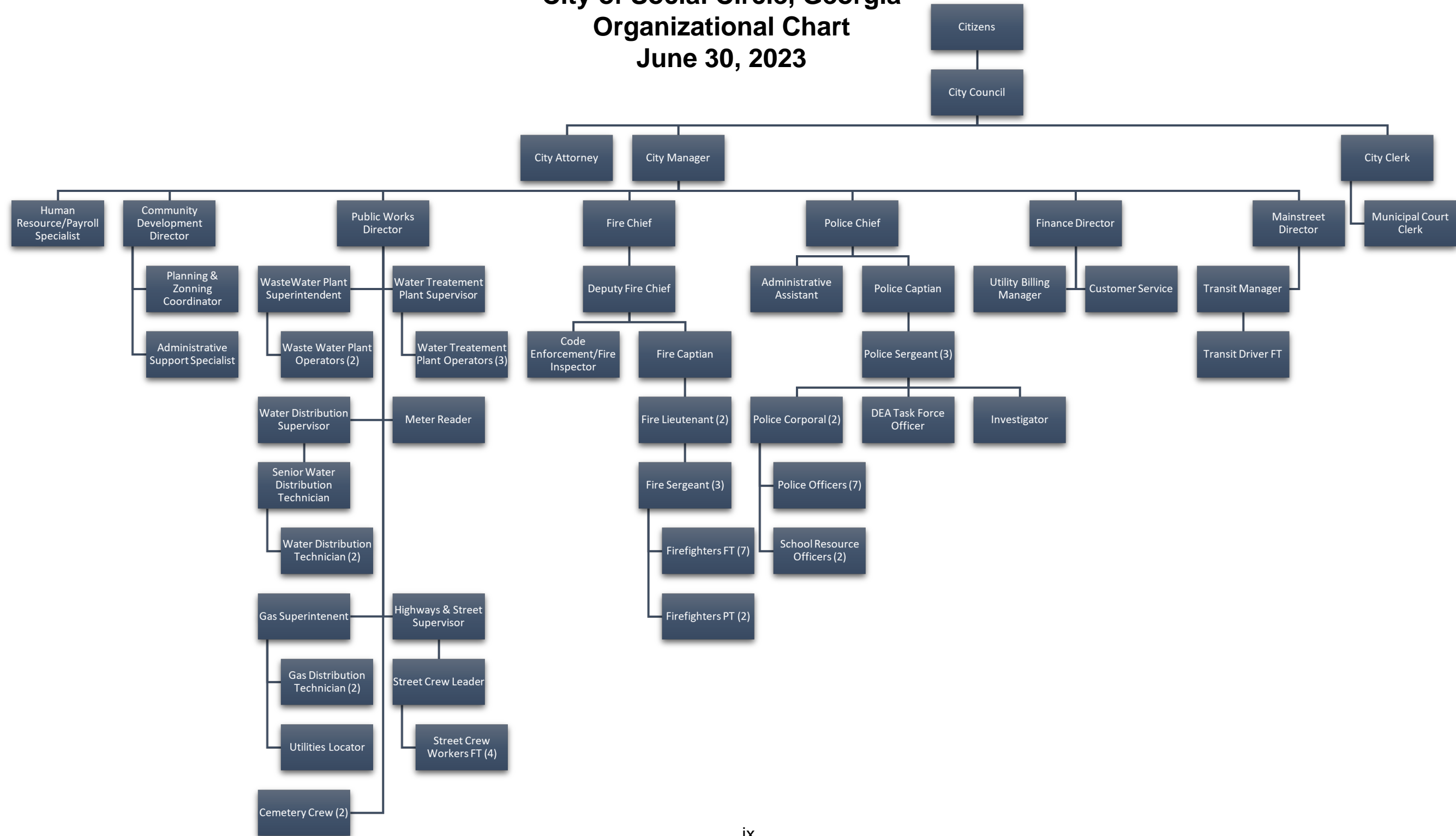
Ashley Davis

Community Development Director

Barbara Schlageter

Assistant Clerk for Planning & Development

# City of Social Circle, Georgia Organizational Chart June 30, 2023





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For the Fiscal Year Ended

June 30, 2022

*Christopher P. Morrill*

Executive Director/CEO

## **FINANCIAL SECTION**

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## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

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**Honorable Mayor and Members  
of City Council  
City of Social Circle, Georgia**

### **Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements**

#### ***Opinions***

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, the aggregate discretely presented component units, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the **City of Social Circle, Georgia** (the "City") as of and for the year ended June 30, 2023, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the City's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, the aggregate discretely presented component units, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the City, as of June 30, 2023, and the respective changes in financial position, and, where applicable, cash flows thereof and the budgetary comparisons for the General Fund and the ARPA Fund, for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

#### ***Basis for Opinions***

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

#### ***Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements***

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

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

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### ***Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements***

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

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS and *Government Auditing Standards*, we:

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

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

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### ***Required Supplementary Information***

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis, schedule of changes in net pension liability and related ratios – retirement plan and schedule of city contributions – retirement plan, be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

### ***Supplementary Information***

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the City's basic financial statements. The combining and individual fund statements and schedules, the schedule of expenditures of special purpose local option sales tax proceeds, as required by the Official Code of Georgia §48-8-121, and the schedule of expenditures of federal awards, as required by Title 2 U.S. *Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 200, Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (collectively, the "supplementary information") are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the supplementary information is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

### ***Other Information***

Management is responsible for the other information included in the annual report. The other information comprises the introductory and statistical sections but does not include the basic financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. Our opinions on the basic financial statements do not cover the other information, and we do not express an opinion or any form of assurance thereon.



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In connection with our audit of the basic financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and consider whether a material inconsistency exists between the other information and the basic financial statements, or the other information otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If, based on the work performed, we conclude that an uncorrected material misstatement of the other information exists, we are required to describe it in our report.

**Other Reporting Required by *Government Auditing Standards***

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated February 16, 2024, on our consideration of the City's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the City's internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the City's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

*Mauldin & Jenkins, LLC*

Atlanta, Georgia  
February 16, 2024

**CITY OF SOCIAL CIRCLE, GEORGIA  
MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS**

As management of the City of Social Circle, Georgia we present management's analysis of the City's financial condition and activities for the fiscal year that ended June 30, 2023. This information should be read and considered in conjunction with the financial statements.

**Financial Highlights**

- The assets and deferred outflows of resources of the City exceeded its liabilities and deferred inflows of resources at the close of the fiscal year 2023 by \$30,369,699 (total net position).
- Of this amount, \$4,887,028 (unrestricted net position) was available for use to meet the City's ongoing obligations to its citizens and creditors.
- The City's total net position increased by \$638,843.
- At the close of the fiscal year 2023 the City's governmental funds reported combined ending fund balances of \$6,254,029. Of this amount, \$3,500,494, or 56% is available for spending at the government's discretion (Unassigned fund balance). The remaining balance of \$2,753,535, is allocated as \$481,892 (Non-Spendable), and \$2,271,643 (Restricted).

**Overview of the Financial Statements**

Management's Discussion and Analysis (MD&A) serves as an introduction to the City of Social Circle's basic financial statements. The City's basic financial statements include government-wide financial statements, fund financial statements, and notes to the financial statements. The MD&A should be read and considered with the basic audited financial statements and supplementary information.

**Government-wide Financial Statements.** The government-wide financial statements are designed to provide readers with an overview of the City's finances in a manner similar to commercial enterprises and can be found on pages 15 through 17 of this report.

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

The statement of activities presents information showing how the City's net position changed during the fiscal year. All changes in net position are reported as soon as the underlying event giving rise to the change occurs, regardless of the timing of the related cash flows. 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 property taxes and earned but unused vacation leave).

Both government-wide financial statements distinguish between functions of the City that are principally supported by taxes and intergovernmental revenues (governmental activities) from other functions that are intended to recover all or a significant portion of their costs through user fees and charges (business-type activities). The governmental activities of the City include general government, judicial, public safety, public works, health and welfare, culture and recreation, and housing and development. The business-type activities of the City include water and sewer, natural gas, and solid waste management.

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

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

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

The City maintains four individual governmental funds. Information is presented separately in the governmental fund balance sheet and in the governmental statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balances for the General Fund, ARPA Fund and SPLOST Fund, which are considered major funds. The data from the three other funds, the nonmajor funds, are aggregated into a single presentation. The individual fund data for these funds are in the combined statements elsewhere in this report.

The City adopts an annual appropriated budget for its General Fund. A budgetary comparison has been provided to demonstrate compliance with this budget. The City also adopted an annual budget for its special revenue and permanent funds. A project-length budget was adopted for the Capital Project Fund. Budgetary comparisons for the nonmajor funds are included as supplementary information. The City's legal level of budgeting control is at the department level for the General Fund and at the total expenditure level for the remaining funds.

The basic governmental fund financial statements can be found on pages 18 through 22 of this report.

**Proprietary funds.** The City maintains one type of proprietary fund. Enterprise funds are used to report the same functions presented as business-type activities in government-wide financial statements. The City uses enterprise funds to account for its solid waste operations, water and sewer system operations, and natural gas system operations, and can be found on pages 23 through 26 of this report.

Proprietary funds provide the same type of information as government-wide financial statements, only in more detail. The Water and Sewer Fund and the Natural Gas Fund are major funds of the City. The Solid Waste Fund is reported as a nonmajor fund.

**Fiduciary funds.** Fiduciary funds are used to account for resources held for the benefit of parties outside the City government. Fiduciary funds are not reflected in the government-wide financial statement because the resources of those funds are not available to support the City's own programs. The accounting for fiduciary funds is much like that used for proprietary funds. The basic fiduciary fund financial statements can be found on pages 27 and 28 of this report.

**Notes to the financial statements.** The notes which can be found beginning on page 29 of this report provide information that is essential to a full understanding of the data provided in the government-wide and fund financial statements. The notes provide information about the City's accounting policies, significant account balances and activities, material risks, obligations, commitments, contingencies, and subsequent events if any.

**Other information.** In addition to the basic financial statements and accompanying notes, this report also presents certain required supplementary information regarding the City's obligation to fund pension benefits to its employees.

### **Government-wide Financial Analysis**

As noted earlier, net position may serve over time as a useful indicator of the City's financial position. The assets and deferred outflows of resources exceeded the liabilities and deferred inflows of resources at the close of the fiscal year 2023 by \$30,369,699.

The largest component of net position is investments in capital assets (e.g. land, buildings, infrastructure, machinery, and equipment); less any related debt used to acquire those assets that are still outstanding, which comprises \$21,871,041 or 72.02%. The City uses these capital assets to provide services to its 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.

**City of Social Circle Net Position**

	<u>Governmental Activities</u>		<u>Business Type Activities</u>		<u>Totals</u>	
	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>
<b>Assets:</b>						
Current assets	\$ 5,810,976	\$ 8,442,863	\$ 5,165,674	\$ 2,888,043	\$ 10,976,650	\$ 11,330,906
Restricted assets	-	-	921,972	953,598	921,972	953,598
Other assets	-	-	51,439	50,657	51,439	50,657
Capital assets	8,611,690	9,128,960	20,275,050	21,177,327	28,886,740	30,306,287
Total assets	14,422,666	17,571,823	26,414,135	25,069,625	40,836,801	42,641,448
<b>Deferred outflows of resources:</b>	104,262	612,704	90,166	208,691	194,428	821,395
<b>Liabilities:</b>						
Current liabilities	1,356,656	2,166,844	1,087,980	1,041,886	2,444,636	3,208,730
Long-term liabilities	710,693	2,048,146	7,526,563	7,780,655	8,237,256	9,828,801
Total liabilities	2,067,349	4,214,990	8,614,543	8,822,541	10,681,892	13,037,531
<b>Deferred inflows of resources:</b>	481,007	44,502	137,474	11,111	618,481	55,613
<b>Net position:</b>						
Net investment in capital assets	8,138,857	8,339,239	12,806,695	13,531,802	20,945,552	21,871,041
Restricted for:						
Public safety	81,191	76,361	-	-	81,191	76,361
Tourism	-	425	-	-	-	425
Capital projects	1,430,422	2,129,523	921,972	953,598	2,352,394	3,083,121
Library expendable	85,315	101,723	-	-	85,315	101,723
Library nonexpendable	350,000	350,000	-	-	350,000	350,000
Unrestricted	1,892,787	2,927,764	4,023,617	1,959,264	5,916,404	4,887,028
Total net position	\$ 11,978,572	\$ 13,925,035	\$ 17,752,284	\$ 16,444,664	\$ 29,730,856	\$ 30,369,699

An additional portion of the City's net position, \$3,611,630 (11.89%), represents resources that are subject to external restrictions on how they may be used. \$451,723 for the library of which \$350,000 is nonexpendable, \$76,361 for public safety, \$425 for tourism and \$3,083,121 for capital projects.

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

**Governmental Activities.** Governmental activities increased the City’s net position by \$1,946,463.

**City of Social Circle Changes in Net Position**

	<u>Governmental Activities</u>		<u>Business Type Activities</u>		<u>Totals</u>	
	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>
<b>Revenues:</b>						
Program Revenues:						
Charges for service	\$ 289,875	\$ 297,204	\$ 10,134,325	\$ 10,295,492	\$ 10,424,200	\$ 10,592,696
Operating grants and contributions	419,623	384,734	66,224	2,243	485,847	386,977
Capital grants and contributions	1,290,331	1,442,704	-	-	1,290,331	1,442,704
General revenues:						
Property taxes	1,889,939	2,160,030	-	-	1,889,939	2,160,030
Sales tax	1,076,270	1,097,993	-	-	1,076,270	1,097,993
Other Taxes	981,064	1,136,028	-	-	981,064	1,136,028
Investment earnings	2,959	61,362	1,348	47,508	4,307	108,870
Other	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total revenue</b>	<b>5,950,061</b>	<b>6,580,055</b>	<b>10,201,897</b>	<b>10,345,243</b>	<b>16,151,958</b>	<b>16,925,298</b>
<b>Expenses:</b>						
General government	1,684,243	1,389,873	-	-	1,684,243	1,389,873
Judicial	58,064	111,971	-	-	58,064	111,971
Public safety	3,570,869	3,431,674	-	-	3,570,869	3,431,674
Public works	890,830	1,184,705	-	-	890,830	1,184,705
Health and Welfare	111,812	88,651	-	-	111,812	88,651
Culture and recreation	150,229	152,689	-	-	150,229	152,689
Housing and development	90,793	448,266	-	-	90,793	448,266
Interest and fiscal charges	16,086	20,610	-	-	16,086	20,610
Water and sewer	-	-	3,077,845	4,148,123	3,077,845	4,148,123
Natural gas	-	-	4,676,802	4,901,237	4,676,802	4,901,237
Solid waste	-	-	342,412	408,656	342,412	408,656
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>6,572,926</b>	<b>6,828,439</b>	<b>8,097,059</b>	<b>9,458,016</b>	<b>14,669,985</b>	<b>16,286,455</b>
Change in net position before transfers	(622,865)	(248,384)	2,104,838	887,227	1,481,973	638,843
Transfers	777,071	2,194,847	(777,071)	(2,194,847)	-	-
Increase (decrease) in net position	154,206	1,946,463	1,327,767	(1,307,620)	1,481,973	638,843
Net position - beginning	11,824,366	11,978,572	16,424,517	17,752,284	28,248,883	29,730,856
<b>Net position - ending</b>	<b>\$ 11,978,572</b>	<b>\$ 13,925,035</b>	<b>\$ 17,752,284</b>	<b>\$ 16,444,664</b>	<b>\$ 29,730,856</b>	<b>\$ 30,369,699</b>

**Revenues.** Property taxes of \$2,160,030 and sales tax of \$1,097,993 accounted for 48.99% of total general revenues and transfers. Property tax increases are attributed to an increase in tax-assessed values. While the millage rate remained the same, values of property increased, causing an increase in property tax revenues.

The decrease in operating grants and contributions revenues for 2023 as compared to 2022 is related to the decrease in Health and Welfare contribution.

Operating Grants and Contributions of governmental activities consisted of the following:

- General Government \$105,711
- GDOT LMIG \$121,837
- Public Safety Grant \$118,345
- Section 5311 Transportation Grant \$38,841

Capital Grants and Contributions consisted of the following:

- TAP Grant \$147,231
- Public Safety Grant \$447,324
- Public Works \$512,657
- Culture and Recreation \$335,492

**Expenses.** The total expense for the governmental activities is \$6,828,439. The largest single expense activity is public safety. Public safety includes the police department and the fire department. Total public safety expenses are \$3,431,674 or 50.26% of total governmental activities expenses.

The increase in public safety expenses is due to increases in operational expenses such as electricity, fuel, and contracted services. This is true for most departmental increases. As the cost of living increased during FY 2023 so did the cost of operations for the departments city-wide.

Total program revenues, general revenues and transfers of governmental activities were greater than expenses by \$1,946,463.

**Business-type activities.** Business-type activities decreased the City's net position by \$1,307,620. Water and sewer revenues were stable from the prior year. Gas revenues were also stable. A modest increase in water is attributed to a small rate increase. An increase can be seen in gas due to recovering industries from the COVID pandemic, and a modest increase in natural gas prices.

The increase in program revenues for business-type activities was due to higher water, sewer and gas revenues due to increased rates and industries returning to full operations from the pandemic.

**Revenues.** Water and sewer charges for service were \$3,288,234. Natural gas charges for service were \$6,546,833. Solid Waste charges for service were \$460,425. Water and sewer revenue is derived from the sale of water and sewer services to the citizens and industries of the City. Natural gas revenue is derived from the sale of natural gas to the citizens and industries of the City, and a share of gas sales to the industries of Stanton Springs Industrial Park, which is adjacent to the City. Solid Waste revenue is derived from the billing of the service to pick up household garbage. Water and sewer revenue increases were due to modest rate increases.

**Expenses.** Water and sewer operating expenses were \$4,148,123. Natural gas expenses were \$4,901,237. Solid Waste expenses were \$408,656. Expenses in all funds were due to increases in cost of goods purchased for resale.

## **Financial Analysis of the Government's Funds**

The City of Social Circle uses fund accounting to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance-related legal requirements.

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

As of the end of the current fiscal year, the City's governmental funds reported combined ending fund balances of \$6,254,029. Approximately 55.97% of this amount or \$3,500,494 constitutes an unassigned fund balance, which is available for spending at the City's discretion. The remainder of the fund balance is reported as Non-spendable, Restricted or Assigned and may only be used within the guidelines of those categories.

The General Fund is the chief operating fund of the City. On June 30, 2023, the unassigned fund balance of the General Fund was \$3,500,494. As a measure of the General Fund's liquidity, it may be useful to compare both the unassigned fund balance and total fund balances to total fund expenditures. Unassigned fund balance represents 52.76% of total General Fund expenditures and total General Fund balance represents 54.75% of total General Fund expenditures.

### ***ARPA Fund***

The American Rescue Plan Act ("ARPA") Fund is a special revenue fund used to account for the grant revenues and expenditures of the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund. On June 30, 2023, the fund reported \$1,365,378 of cash and unearned revenues for amounts not expended. The fund reported revenues and transfers out of \$77,179 for expenditures incurred on allowable proprietary fund projects.

### ***SPLOST Fund***

A SPLOST (Special purpose local option sales tax) continuation was approved by the Walton County voters in 2018 that took effect in January 2019. The City began receiving revenues from this SPLOST in the spring of 2019, after the Countywide tier 1 project to improve emergency dispatch communications was completed. In FY2022 funds in the amount of \$912,173 were received through the SPLOST. In Fiscal Year 2023 funds in the amount of \$1,386,705 were received through the SPLOST. Allowable expenditures from the SPLOST funds are limited to the projects identified in the ballot. In FY2023, the City expended SPLOST funds on roadway paving, and intersection improvements, city hall improvements, community room upgrades, wastewater treatment plant, and N. Cherokee and East Hightower improvements.

**Proprietary funds.** The City's proprietary funds provide the same type of information found in the government-wide financial statements but in more detail.

Water revenues decreased due to a decrease in consumption and an increase in utility rates. Expenses also reflected an increased operating cost which can be seen across all funds due to inflation. In the Gas Fund during the year, revenues were significantly higher than the prior year as revenues increased from growing and recovering industries. Expenses in gas increased from the prior year due to wholesale gas purchases. In Solid Waste revenues and expenses were slightly higher due to increased rates.



Unrestricted net position of the Water and Sewer Fund at June 30, 2023, amounted to \$(1,361,485); those of the Natural Gas Fund amounted to \$3,215,496; and those of the Solid Waste Fund amounted to \$105,253. The total change in Water and Sewer net position was (\$1,328,215); the change in Natural Gas net position was \$20,846; and the change in Solid Waste net position was (\$251).

### **General Fund Budgetary Highlights**

General Fund revenues were \$510,828, or 11.15%, more than the final budget. Which can be attributed to modestly higher than-expected tax receipts.

General Fund expenditures were \$241,159 under-budgeted expenditures. The primary reason is associated with the vacancies due to turnover in the Public Safety and Fire departments and conservative spending.

### **Capital Assets and Debt Administration**

**Capital Assets.** The City's investment in capital assets for its governmental and business-type activities as of June 30, 2023 amounts to \$30,306,287, (net of accumulated depreciation). This investment in capital assets includes land, construction in progress, infrastructure, building and improvements, equipment, and vehicles.

Major capital assets acquired or invested in during the current fiscal year include the following:

#### **GOVERNMENTAL CAPITAL ASSETS**

- Infrastructure \$171,601
- Building Improvements \$62,896
- Equipment, Furniture and Vehicles \$482,076
- CIP \$411,394

#### **WATER**

- Water Equipment \$266,923
- Water Infrastructure \$1,201,203
- Water Plant Improvements \$317,393
- CIP \$150,261

#### **GAS**

- Gas CIP \$196,557

**City of Social Circle Capital Assets**  
(Net of Depreciation)

	<u>Governmental Activities</u>		<u>Business Type Activities</u>		<u>Totals</u>	
	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>
Land	\$ 938,408	\$ 938,408	\$ 23,274	\$ 23,274	\$ 961,682	\$ 961,682
Construction in progress	18,650	430,044	309,455	655,407	328,105	1,085,451
Infrastructure	4,636,620	4,653,559	19,200,106	19,992,546	23,836,726	24,646,105
Building	2,236,069	2,204,955	662,724	214,025	2,898,793	2,418,980
Equipment and vehicles	781,943	901,994	79,491	292,075	861,434	1,194,069
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 8,611,690</b>	<b>\$ 9,128,960</b>	<b>\$ 20,275,050</b>	<b>\$ 21,177,327</b>	<b>\$ 28,886,740</b>	<b>\$ 30,306,287</b>

Additional information on the City's capital assets can be found in Note 6 on pages 45 through 47 of this report.

**Long-term Debt.**

At the end of the current fiscal year, the City had total outstanding revenue bond and loan indebtedness in the amount of \$8,490,970. Water and sewerage revenue bonds account for \$5,800,725 and notes payable account for \$1,900,524. Governmental Activities account for \$789,721 in financed purchases.

**City of Social Circle Outstanding Debt**  
**Long-term Debt**

	<u>Governmental Activities</u>		<u>Business Type Activities</u>		<u>Totals</u>	
	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>
Revenue bonds payable	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,948,369	\$ 5,800,725	\$ 5,948,369	\$ 5,800,725
Notes payable			1,496,753	1,900,524	1,496,753	1,900,524
Compensated absences	127,740	151,615	49,968	68,671	177,708	220,286
Net pension liability	110,120	1,106,810	31,473	276,324	141,593	1,383,134
Financed purchases payable	472,833	789,721	-	-	472,833	789,721
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 710,693</b>	<b>\$ 2,048,146</b>	<b>\$ 7,526,563</b>	<b>\$ 8,046,244</b>	<b>\$ 8,237,256</b>	<b>\$ 10,094,390</b>

Additional information on the City's long-term debt can be found in Note 7 on pages 48 through 51 of this report.

**Economic Factors**

The economy of Social Circle continues to grow in strength as more industries move to the area. This is evidenced by increased building permits and value of construction, new home construction, new business started in the downtown area, and increasing local and regional industry operations and employment. Industries continue to grow, and more growth is in the near future for the City.

The City's housing market is strong, and the housing supply is tight. Currently, several plans for subdivisions are underway. The independent Social Circle City School system is sought after and listed homes in the City limits tend to be sold within weeks. The City continues to field expressions of interest from residential developers. New home construction is steady and spread across the City in three developments and on larger lots. Several new businesses have been located in the downtown area and the anchor stores continue to thrive. There remain a few vacant storefronts remaining in the downtown, and potential new business inquiries continue. The reassessment of property values in 2022 reflected a continuation of modest appreciation in property values that was first apparent in 2015 following the recession. An increase in property tax revenue is a result of the increased tax-assessed values.

Utility sales are stable and can be expected to increase, reflecting increasing industrial activity as well as increases in population.

### **Requests for Information**

This financial report is designed to provide a general overview of the City's finances for all those with an interest in the City's finances. Questions concerning any of the information provided in this report or requests for additional financial information should be addressed to the Office of the Finance Director, City of Social Circle, P.O. Box 310, Social Circle, Georgia, 30025.

# CITY OF SOCIAL CIRCLE, GEORGIA

## STATEMENT OF NET POSITION JUNE 30, 2023

	Primary Government			Component Units		
	Governmental	Business-type	Total	Main	Downtown	Development
	Activities	Activities		Street	Development	
			Commission	Authority	Authority	
<b>ASSETS</b>						
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 6,994,259	\$ 3,256,906	\$ 10,251,165	\$ 25,962	\$ 67,327	\$ 1,163,202
Accounts receivable, net of allowances	60,250	612,310	672,560	-	-	-
Taxes receivable, net of allowances	8,922	-	8,922	-	-	-
Internal balances	1,027,505	(1,027,505)	-	-	-	-
Due from component unit	6,926	-	6,926	-	-	-
Due from other governments	213,109	-	213,109	-	-	-
Prepaid expenses	131,892	46,332	178,224	-	-	-
Restricted assets:						
Cash and cash equivalents	-	953,598	953,598	-	-	-
Other assets	-	39,021	39,021	-	-	-
Prepaid bond insurance	-	11,636	11,636	-	-	-
Capital assets:						
Non-depreciable	1,368,452	678,681	2,047,133	-	66,526	239,896
Depreciable, net of accumulated depreciation	7,760,508	20,498,646	28,259,154	-	-	-
Total assets	17,571,823	25,069,625	42,641,448	25,962	133,853	1,403,098
<b>DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES</b>						
Deferred charges on refunding	-	55,724	55,724	-	-	-
Pension related items	612,704	152,967	765,671	-	-	-
Total deferred outflows of resources	612,704	208,691	821,395	-	-	-
<b>LIABILITIES</b>						
Accounts payable	720,165	241,646	961,811	10,005	8,250	-
Accrued liabilities	81,301	98,394	179,695	-	-	-
Due to primary government	-	-	-	-	6,926	-
Customer deposits	-	401,333	401,333	-	-	-
Unearned revenue	1,365,378	34,924	1,400,302	-	-	-
Long-term liabilities:						
Portion due or payable within one year:						
Financed purchases	153,843	-	153,843	-	-	-
Notes payable	-	80,368	80,368	-	-	-
Bonds payable	-	145,000	145,000	-	-	-
Compensated absences	145,235	40,221	185,456	-	-	-
Portion due or payable in more than one year:						
Financed purchases	635,878	-	635,878	-	-	-
Notes payable	-	1,820,156	1,820,156	-	-	-
Bonds payable, net	-	5,655,725	5,655,725	-	-	-
Net pension liability	1,106,810	276,324	1,383,134	-	-	-
Compensated absences	6,380	28,450	34,830	-	-	-
Total liabilities	4,214,990	8,822,541	13,037,531	10,005	15,176	-
<b>DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES</b>						
Pension related items	44,502	11,111	55,613	-	-	-
Total deferred inflows of resources	44,502	11,111	55,613	-	-	-
<b>NET POSITION</b>						
Net investment in capital assets	8,339,239	13,531,802	21,871,041	-	66,526	239,896
Restricted for:						
Public safety	76,361	-	76,361	-	-	-
Tourism	425	-	425	-	-	-
Capital projects	2,129,523	953,598	3,083,121	-	-	-
Library - expendable	101,723	-	101,723	-	-	-
Library - nonexpendable	350,000	-	350,000	-	-	-
Unrestricted	2,927,764	1,959,264	4,887,028	15,957	52,151	1,163,202
Total net position	\$ 13,925,035	\$ 16,444,664	\$ 30,369,699	\$ 15,957	\$ 118,677	\$ 1,403,098

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

**CITY OF SOCIAL CIRCLE, GEORGIA**  
**STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES**  
**FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023**

<u>Functions/Programs</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Program Revenues</u>		
		<u>Charges for Services</u>	<u>Operating Grants and Contributions</u>	<u>Capital Grants and Contributions</u>
<b>Primary government:</b>				
Governmental activities:				
General government	\$ 1,389,873	\$ 34,574	\$ 105,711	\$ -
Judicial	111,971	60,927	-	-
Public safety	3,431,674	36,150	118,345	447,324
Public works	1,184,705	164,699	160,678	659,888
Health and welfare	88,651	-	-	-
Culture and recreation	152,689	854	-	335,492
Housing and development	448,266	-	-	-
Interest on long-term debt	20,610	-	-	-
Total governmental activities	<u>6,828,439</u>	<u>297,204</u>	<u>384,734</u>	<u>1,442,704</u>
Business-type activities:				
Water and sewer	4,148,123	3,288,234	2,243	-
Natural gas	4,901,237	6,546,833	-	-
Solid waste	408,656	460,425	-	-
Total business-type activities	<u>9,458,016</u>	<u>10,295,492</u>	<u>2,243</u>	<u>-</u>
Total primary government	<u>\$ 16,286,455</u>	<u>\$ 10,592,696</u>	<u>\$ 386,977</u>	<u>\$ 1,442,704</u>
<b>Component units:</b>				
Main Street Commission	\$ 66,154	\$ -	\$ 35,667	\$ -
Downtown Development Authority	15,400	4,800	-	-
Development Authority	780	-	30	-
Total component units	<u>\$ 82,334</u>	<u>\$ 4,800</u>	<u>\$ 35,697</u>	<u>\$ -</u>

General revenues:  
Property taxes  
Sales taxes  
Franchise taxes  
Business taxes  
Insurance premium tax  
Hotel/motel taxes  
Other taxes  
Unrestricted investment earnings  
Transfers  
Total general revenues and transfers  
Change in net position  
Net position, beginning of year  
Net position, end of year

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

<b>Net (Expenses) Revenues and Changes in Net Position</b>						
<b>Primary Government</b>			<b>Component Units</b>			
<b>Governmental Activities</b>	<b>Business-type Activities</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Main Street Commission</b>	<b>Downtown Development Authority</b>	<b>Development Authority</b>	
\$ (1,249,588)	\$ -	\$ (1,249,588)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
(51,044)	-	(51,044)	-	-	-	-
(2,829,855)	-	(2,829,855)	-	-	-	-
(199,440)	-	(199,440)	-	-	-	-
(88,651)	-	(88,651)	-	-	-	-
183,657	-	183,657	-	-	-	-
(448,266)	-	(448,266)	-	-	-	-
(20,610)	-	(20,610)	-	-	-	-
<u>(4,703,797)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(4,703,797)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
-	(857,646)	(857,646)	-	-	-	-
-	1,645,596	1,645,596	-	-	-	-
-	51,769	51,769	-	-	-	-
<u>-</u>	<u>839,719</u>	<u>839,719</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
<u>\$ (4,703,797)</u>	<u>\$ 839,719</u>	<u>\$ (3,864,078)</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (30,487)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
-	-	-	-	(10,600)	-	-
-	-	-	-	-	-	(750)
<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ (30,487)</u>	<u>\$ (10,600)</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ (750)</u>
\$ 2,160,030	\$ -	\$ 2,160,030	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
1,097,993	-	1,097,993	-	-	-	-
576,476	-	576,476	-	-	-	-
34,629	-	34,629	-	-	-	-
419,629	-	419,629	-	-	-	-
425	-	425	-	-	-	-
104,869	-	104,869	-	-	-	-
61,362	47,508	108,870	-	2,295	-	42,166
<u>2,194,847</u>	<u>(2,194,847)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
<u>6,650,260</u>	<u>(2,147,339)</u>	<u>4,502,921</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,295</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>42,166</u>
1,946,463	(1,307,620)	638,843	(30,487)	(8,305)	-	41,416
11,978,572	17,752,284	29,730,856	46,444	126,982	-	1,361,682
<u>\$ 13,925,035</u>	<u>\$ 16,444,664</u>	<u>\$ 30,369,699</u>	<u>\$ 15,957</u>	<u>\$ 118,677</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 1,403,098</u>

# CITY OF SOCIAL CIRCLE, GEORGIA

## BALANCE SHEET GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS JUNE 30, 2023

ASSETS	General Fund	ARPA Fund	SPLOST Fund	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
Cash	\$ 3,065,369	\$ 1,365,378	\$ 2,019,238	\$ 544,274	\$ 6,994,259
Taxes receivable, net of allowance	8,919	-	-	3	8,922
Accounts receivable	23,861	-	36,389	-	60,250
Due from other governments	103,218	-	109,891	-	213,109
Due from other funds	1,079,268	-	-	-	1,079,268
Due from component units	6,926	-	-	-	6,926
Prepaid items	131,892	-	-	-	131,892
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>\$ 4,419,453</b>	<b>\$ 1,365,378</b>	<b>\$ 2,165,518</b>	<b>\$ 544,277</b>	<b>\$ 8,494,626</b>
<b>LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES AND FUND BALANCES</b>					
<b>LIABILITIES</b>					
Accounts payable	\$ 720,165	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 720,165
Accrued liabilities	66,902	-	-	-	66,902
Unearned revenue	-	1,365,378	-	-	1,365,378
Due to other funds	-	-	35,995	15,768	51,763
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<b>787,067</b>	<b>1,365,378</b>	<b>35,995</b>	<b>15,768</b>	<b>2,204,208</b>
<b>DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES</b>					
Unavailable revenues - intergovernmental revenues	-	-	36,389	-	36,389
<b>Total deferred inflows of resources</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>36,389</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>36,389</b>
<b>FUND BALANCES</b>					
Nonspendable:					
Permanent fund corpus	-	-	-	350,000	350,000
Prepays	131,892	-	-	-	131,892
Restricted:					
Library	-	-	-	101,723	101,723
Tourism	-	-	-	425	425
Public safety	-	-	-	76,361	76,361
Capital projects	-	-	2,093,134	-	2,093,134
Unassigned	3,500,494	-	-	-	3,500,494
<b>Total fund balances</b>	<b>3,632,386</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>2,093,134</b>	<b>528,509</b>	<b>6,254,029</b>
<b>Total liabilities, deferred inflows of resources and fund balances</b>	<b>\$ 4,419,453</b>	<b>\$ 1,365,378</b>	<b>\$ 2,165,518</b>	<b>\$ 544,277</b>	
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of net position are different because:					
Capital assets used in governmental activities are not current financial resources and, therefore, are not reported in the governmental funds.					9,128,960
Long-term liabilities are not due and payable in the current period and, therefore, are not reported in the governmental funds.					(955,735)
Some revenues are not available to pay current period expenditures and, therefore, are not reported in the governmental funds.					36,389
The deferred outflows of resources, deferred inflows of resources, and the net pension liability related to the City's pension plan are not expected to be liquidated with expendable available financial resources and, therefore, are not reported in the governmental funds.					(538,608)
Net position of governmental activities					<b>\$ 13,925,035</b>

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**CITY OF SOCIAL CIRCLE, GEORGIA**  
**STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND**  
**CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES**  
**GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS**  
**FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023**

	General Fund	ARPA Fund	SPLOST Fund	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
<b>Revenues</b>					
Taxes	\$ 4,402,600	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 425	\$ 4,403,025
Licenses and permits	179,403	-	-	-	179,403
Intergovernmental	308,203	77,179	1,386,702	-	1,772,084
Fines and forfeitures	60,927	-	-	36,150	97,077
Charges for services	20,724	-	-	-	20,724
Interest income	44,945	-	345	16,417	61,707
Miscellaneous	76,531	-	-	-	76,531
Total revenues	<u>5,093,333</u>	<u>77,179</u>	<u>1,387,047</u>	<u>52,992</u>	<u>6,610,551</u>
<b>Expenditures</b>					
Current:					
General government	1,111,703	-	19,963	-	1,131,666
Judicial	111,971	-	-	-	111,971
Public safety	3,175,025	-	-	40,989	3,216,014
Public works	1,451,822	-	643,501	-	2,095,323
Health and welfare	87,364	-	-	-	87,364
Culture and recreation	149,729	-	2,960	-	152,689
Housing and development	454,454	-	-	-	454,454
Debt service:					
Principal retirements	77,684	-	-	-	77,684
Interest	15,030	-	-	-	15,030
Total expenditures	<u>6,634,782</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>666,424</u>	<u>40,989</u>	<u>7,342,195</u>
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	<u>(1,541,449)</u>	<u>77,179</u>	<u>720,623</u>	<u>12,003</u>	<u>(731,644)</u>
<b>Other financing sources (uses)</b>					
Financed purchase	394,572	-	-	-	394,572
Transfers in	2,272,026	-	-	-	2,272,026
Transfers out	-	(77,179)	-	-	(77,179)
Total other financing sources (uses)	<u>2,666,598</u>	<u>(77,179)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,589,419</u>
Net change in fund balances	1,125,149	-	720,623	12,003	1,857,775
<b>Fund balances, beginning of year</b>	<u>2,507,237</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,372,511</u>	<u>516,506</u>	<u>4,396,254</u>
<b>Fund balances, end of year</b>	<u>\$ 3,632,386</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 2,093,134</u>	<u>\$ 528,509</u>	<u>\$ 6,254,029</u>

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**CITY OF SOCIAL CIRCLE, GEORGIA**  
**RECONCILIATION OF THE STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES,**  
**AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES OF GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS**  
**TO THE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES**  
**FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023**

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

Net change in fund balances - total governmental funds	\$	1,857,775
Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures. However, in the statement of activities, the cost of those assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives and reported as depreciation expense. This is the amount by which capital outlay exceeded depreciation in the current period.		517,270
Revenues in the statement of activities that do not provide current financial resources are not reported as revenues in the governmental funds.		(30,496)
The issuance of long-term debt provides current financial resources to governmental funds, while the repayment of the principal of long-term debt consumes the current financial resources of governmental funds. Neither transaction, however, has any effect on net position. This amount is the net effect of these differences in the treatment of long-term debt and related items.		(316,888)
Some expenses reported in the statement of activities do not require the use of current financial resources and, therefore, are not reported as expenditures in governmental funds.		<u>(81,198)</u>
Change in net position - governmental activities	\$	<u><u>1,946,463</u></u>

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**CITY OF SOCIAL CIRCLE, GEORGIA**  
**GENERAL FUND**  
**STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES**  
**IN FUND BALANCES - BUDGET (GAAP BASIS) AND ACTUAL**  
**FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023**

	Budget		Actual	Variance With Final Budget
	Original	Final		
<b>Revenues</b>				
Taxes	\$ 3,992,100	\$ 3,992,100	\$ 4,402,600	\$ 410,500
Licenses and permits	172,700	172,700	179,403	6,703
Fines and forfeitures	115,955	115,955	60,927	(55,028)
Interest income	500	500	44,945	44,445
Charges for services	9,100	9,100	20,724	11,624
Intergovernmental	258,600	258,600	308,203	49,603
Miscellaneous	33,550	33,550	76,531	42,981
Total revenues	<u>4,582,505</u>	<u>4,582,505</u>	<u>5,093,333</u>	<u>510,828</u>
<b>Expenditures</b>				
Current:				
General government:				
Governing body	162,236	162,236	175,310	(13,074)
Chief executive	208,371	208,371	221,261	(12,890)
Board of elections	250	250	100	150
Financial administration	502,077	502,077	458,616	43,461
Clerk administration	218,310	218,310	196,493	21,817
Law	53,000	53,000	59,923	(6,923)
Total general government	<u>1,144,244</u>	<u>1,144,244</u>	<u>1,111,703</u>	<u>32,541</u>
Judicial:				
Municipal court	129,078	129,078	111,971	17,107
Total judicial	<u>129,078</u>	<u>129,078</u>	<u>111,971</u>	<u>17,107</u>
Public safety:				
Police	1,859,876	1,859,876	1,649,741	210,135
Fire	1,538,945	1,560,355	1,525,284	35,071
Total public safety	<u>3,398,821</u>	<u>3,420,231</u>	<u>3,175,025</u>	<u>245,206</u>
Public works:				
Highways and streets	1,063,180	1,063,180	1,323,142	(259,962)
Cemetery	143,551	143,551	128,680	14,871
Total public works	<u>1,206,731</u>	<u>1,206,731</u>	<u>1,451,822</u>	<u>(245,091)</u>
Health and welfare:				
Transportation services	133,866	133,866	87,364	46,502
Total health and welfare	<u>133,866</u>	<u>133,866</u>	<u>87,364</u>	<u>46,502</u>
Culture and recreation:				
Library	151,879	151,879	149,729	2,150
Total culture and recreation	<u>151,879</u>	<u>151,879</u>	<u>149,729</u>	<u>2,150</u>
Housing and development:				
Urban redevelopment and housing	10,000	10,000	6,469	3,531
Economic development and assistance	525,416	525,416	447,985	77,431
Total housing and development	<u>535,416</u>	<u>535,416</u>	<u>454,454</u>	<u>80,962</u>
Debt service:				
Principal	75,856	75,856	77,684	(1,828)
Interest	78,640	78,640	15,030	63,610
Total debt service	<u>154,496</u>	<u>154,496</u>	<u>92,714</u>	<u>61,782</u>
Total expenditures	<u>6,854,531</u>	<u>6,875,941</u>	<u>6,634,782</u>	<u>241,159</u>
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	(2,272,026)	(2,293,436)	(1,541,449)	751,987
<b>Other financing sources</b>				
Notes payable	-	-	394,572	394,572
Transfers in	2,272,026	2,272,026	2,272,026	-
Total other financing sources	<u>2,272,026</u>	<u>2,272,026</u>	<u>2,666,598</u>	<u>394,572</u>
Net change in fund balances	-	(21,410)	1,125,149	1,146,559
<b>Fund balance, beginning of year</b>	<u>2,507,237</u>	<u>2,507,237</u>	<u>2,507,237</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>Fund balance, end of year</b>	<u>\$ 2,507,237</u>	<u>\$ 2,485,827</u>	<u>\$ 3,632,386</u>	<u>\$ 1,146,559</u>

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**CITY OF SOCIAL CIRCLE, GEORGIA**  
**ARPA FUND**  
**STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES**  
**IN FUND BALANCES - BUDGET (GAAP BASIS) AND ACTUAL**  
**FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023**

	Budget		Actual	Variance With Final Budget
	Original	Final		
<b>Revenues</b>				
Intergovernmental	\$ 80,000	\$ 80,000	\$ 77,179	\$ (2,821)
Total revenues	<u>80,000</u>	<u>80,000</u>	<u>77,179</u>	<u>(2,821)</u>
<b>Expenditures</b>				
Current:				
General government	-	-	-	-
Total expenditures	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Excess of revenues over expenditures	80,000	80,000	77,179	(2,821)
<b>Other financing uses</b>				
Transfers out	(80,000)	(80,000)	(77,179)	2,821
Total other financing uses	<u>(80,000)</u>	<u>(80,000)</u>	<u>(77,179)</u>	<u>2,821</u>
Net change in fund balances	-	-	-	-
<b>Fund balance, beginning of year</b>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>Fund balance, end of year</b>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>

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**CITY OF SOCIAL CIRCLE, GEORGIA**  
**STATEMENT OF NET POSITION**  
**PROPRIETARY FUNDS**  
**JUNE 30, 2023**

ASSETS	Business-type Activities - Enterprise Funds			
	Water and Sewer Fund	Natural Gas Fund	Nonmajor Solid Waste Fund	Totals
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>				
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 122,357	\$ 3,045,459	\$ 89,090	\$ 3,256,906
Accounts receivable, net	281,293	282,038	48,979	612,310
Due from other funds	-	358,158	-	358,158
Prepaid items	41,162	5,170	-	46,332
	<u>444,812</u>	<u>3,690,825</u>	<u>138,069</u>	<u>4,273,706</u>
<b>Restricted assets</b>				
Cash and cash equivalents	953,598	-	-	953,598
	<u>953,598</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>953,598</u>
Total current assets	<u>1,398,410</u>	<u>3,690,825</u>	<u>138,069</u>	<u>5,227,304</u>
<b>NONCURRENT ASSETS</b>				
Prepaid bond insurance	11,636	-	-	11,636
Other assets	39,021	-	-	39,021
	<u>50,657</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>50,657</u>
<b>CAPITAL ASSETS</b>				
Nondepreciable	482,124	196,557	-	678,681
Depreciable, net of accumulated depreciation	16,348,831	4,149,815	-	20,498,646
	<u>16,830,955</u>	<u>4,346,372</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>21,177,327</u>
Total noncurrent assets	<u>16,881,612</u>	<u>4,346,372</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>21,227,984</u>
Total assets	<u>18,280,022</u>	<u>8,037,197</u>	<u>138,069</u>	<u>26,455,288</u>
<b>DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES</b>				
Deferred charges on refunding	55,724	-	-	55,724
Pension related items	116,131	36,836	-	152,967
	<u>171,855</u>	<u>36,836</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>208,691</u>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>				
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>				
Accounts payable	86,110	155,536	-	241,646
Accrued liabilities	95,187	3,207	-	98,394
Customer deposits	157,450	243,883	-	401,333
Unearned revenue	34,924	-	-	34,924
Due to other funds	1,329,865	22,982	32,816	1,385,663
Compensated absences payable - current	22,882	17,339	-	40,221
Revenue bonds payable - current	145,000	-	-	145,000
Notes payable - current	80,368	-	-	80,368
Total current liabilities	<u>1,951,786</u>	<u>442,947</u>	<u>32,816</u>	<u>2,427,549</u>
<b>NONCURRENT LIABILITIES</b>				
Revenue bonds payable	5,655,725	-	-	5,655,725
Notes payable	1,820,156	-	-	1,820,156
Net pension liability	209,782	66,542	-	276,324
Compensated absences payable	28,450	-	-	28,450
Total noncurrent liabilities	<u>7,714,113</u>	<u>66,542</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>7,780,655</u>
Total liabilities	<u>9,665,899</u>	<u>509,489</u>	<u>32,816</u>	<u>10,208,204</u>
<b>DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES</b>				
Pension related items	8,435	2,676	-	11,111
	<u>8,435</u>	<u>2,676</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>11,111</u>
<b>NET POSITION</b>				
Net investment in capital assets	9,185,430	4,346,372	-	13,531,802
Restricted for capital projects	953,598	-	-	953,598
Unrestricted	(1,361,485)	3,215,496	105,253	1,959,264
Total net position	<u>\$ 8,777,543</u>	<u>\$ 7,561,868</u>	<u>\$ 105,253</u>	<u>\$ 16,444,664</u>

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**CITY OF SOCIAL CIRCLE, GEORGIA  
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES, AND  
CHANGES IN FUND NET POSITION  
PROPRIETARY FUNDS  
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023**

	Business-type Activities - Enterprise Funds			
	Water and Sewer Fund	Natural Gas Fund	Nonmajor Solid Waste Fund	Totals
<b>OPERATING REVENUES</b>				
Charges for sales and services	\$ 3,144,567	\$ 6,546,833	\$ 460,425	\$ 10,151,825
Intergovernmental revenue	143,667	-	-	143,667
Other revenue	2,243	-	-	2,243
Total operating revenues	<u>3,290,477</u>	<u>6,546,833</u>	<u>460,425</u>	<u>10,297,735</u>
<b>OPERATING EXPENSES</b>				
Cost of sales and services	199,434	4,201,117	-	4,400,551
General operating expenses	2,465,984	492,744	408,656	3,367,384
Depreciation	1,272,974	207,376	-	1,480,350
Total operating expenses	<u>3,938,392</u>	<u>4,901,237</u>	<u>408,656</u>	<u>9,248,285</u>
Operating income (loss)	<u>(647,915)</u>	<u>1,645,596</u>	<u>51,769</u>	<u>1,049,450</u>
<b>NON-OPERATING REVENUES (EXPENSES)</b>				
Interest income	47,508	-	-	47,508
Interest expense	<u>(209,731)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(209,731)</u>
Total non-operating revenues (expenses)	<u>(162,223)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(162,223)</u>
Income (loss) before transfers	(810,138)	1,645,596	51,769	887,227
Transfers in	124,679	-	-	124,679
Transfers out	<u>(642,756)</u>	<u>(1,624,750)</u>	<u>(52,020)</u>	<u>(2,319,526)</u>
Change in net position	(1,328,215)	20,846	(251)	(1,307,620)
<b>Net position, beginning of year</b>	<u>10,105,758</u>	<u>7,541,022</u>	<u>105,504</u>	<u>17,752,284</u>
<b>Net position, end of year</b>	<u>\$ 8,777,543</u>	<u>\$ 7,561,868</u>	<u>\$ 105,253</u>	<u>\$ 16,444,664</u>

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**CITY OF SOCIAL CIRCLE, GEORGIA**  
**STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS**  
**PROPRIETARY FUNDS**  
**FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023**

	Business-type Activities - Enterprise Funds			
	Water and Sewer Fund	Natural Gas Fund	Nonmajor Solid Waste Fund	Totals
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES</b>				
Receipts from customers and users	\$ 3,534,362	\$ 6,511,819	\$ 461,056	\$ 10,507,237
Payments to suppliers	(503,328)	(4,763,566)	(405,373)	(5,672,267)
Payments to employees	(996,126)	(278,710)	-	(1,274,836)
Net cash provided by operating activities	<u>2,034,908</u>	<u>1,469,543</u>	<u>55,683</u>	<u>3,560,134</u>
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM NON-CAPITAL FINANCING ACTIVITIES</b>				
Transfers in from other funds	47,500	-	-	47,500
Transfers out to other funds	(642,756)	(1,624,750)	(52,020)	(2,319,526)
Net cash used in non-capital financing activities	<u>(595,256)</u>	<u>(1,624,750)</u>	<u>(52,020)</u>	<u>(2,272,026)</u>
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM CAPITAL AND RELATED FINANCING ACTIVITIES</b>				
Purchases of capital assets	(2,183,170)	(283,058)	-	(2,466,228)
Transfers in from other funds	77,179	-	-	77,179
Principal payments on bonds payable	(140,000)	-	-	(140,000)
Proceeds from notes payable	484,236	-	-	484,236
Principal payments on notes payable	(80,465)	-	-	(80,465)
Interest and bond issuance costs paid	(213,392)	-	-	(213,392)
Net cash used in capital and related financing activities	<u>(2,055,612)</u>	<u>(283,058)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(2,338,670)</u>
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES</b>				
Interest received	47,508	-	-	47,508
Net cash provided by investing activities	<u>47,508</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>47,508</u>
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	(568,452)	(438,265)	3,663	(1,003,054)
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of year	1,644,407	3,483,724	85,427	5,213,558
Cash and cash equivalents, end of year	<u>\$ 1,075,955</u>	<u>\$ 3,045,459</u>	<u>\$ 89,090</u>	<u>\$ 4,210,504</u>
<b>Classified as:</b>				
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 122,357	\$ 3,045,459	\$ 89,090	\$ 3,256,906
Restricted cash and cash equivalents	953,598	-	-	953,598
	<u>\$ 1,075,955</u>	<u>\$ 3,045,459</u>	<u>\$ 89,090</u>	<u>\$ 4,210,504</u>

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**CITY OF SOCIAL CIRCLE, GEORGIA**  
**STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS**  
**PROPRIETARY FUNDS**  
**FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023**

	Business-type Activities - Enterprise Funds			
	Water and Sewer Fund	Natural Gas Fund	Nonmajor Solid Waste Fund	Totals
<b>RECONCILIATION OF OPERATING INCOME (LOSS)</b>				
<b>TO NET CASH PROVIDED BY</b>				
<b>OPERATING ACTIVITIES</b>				
Operating income (loss)	\$ (647,915)	\$ 1,645,596	\$ 51,769	\$ 1,049,450
Adjustments to reconcile operating income (loss)				
to net cash provided by operating activities:				
Depreciation	1,272,974	207,376	-	1,480,350
Changes in assets, deferred outflows/inflows of resources and liabilities:				
(Increase) decrease in accounts receivable	21,370	323,144	(9,264)	335,250
Decrease in due from other governments	141,370	-	90	141,460
(Increase) decrease in due from other funds	82,982	(358,158)	9,805	(265,371)
Increase in prepaid items	(6,162)	(306)	-	(6,468)
Increase in pension related deferred outflows of resources	(92,056)	(31,113)	-	(123,169)
Increase (decrease) in accounts payable	84,403	(294,417)	-	(210,014)
Decrease in accrued liabilities	(19,141)	(7,024)	-	(26,165)
Increase in customer deposits	3,667	7,710	-	11,377
Increase in net pension liability	184,354	60,497	-	244,851
Decrease in pension related deferred inflows of resources	(102,635)	(23,728)	-	(126,363)
Increase in compensated absences payable	10,524	8,179	-	18,703
Decrease in unearned revenue	(1,837)	-	-	(1,837)
Increase (decrease) in due to other funds	1,103,010	(68,213)	3,283	1,038,080
Net cash provided by operating activities	<u>\$ 2,034,908</u>	<u>\$ 1,469,543</u>	<u>\$ 55,683</u>	<u>\$ 3,560,134</u>

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

**CITY OF SOCIAL CIRCLE, GEORGIA**  
**STATEMENT OF FIDUCIARY NET POSITION**  
**FIDUCIARY FUND**  
**JUNE 30, 2023**

	<b>Board of Education Fund</b>
<b>ASSETS</b>	
Cash	\$ 28,918
Taxes receivable	28,480
	57,398
<b>LIABILITIES</b>	
Due to others	28,918
Uncollected taxes	28,480
	57,398
<b>NET POSITION</b>	
Restricted:	
Individuals, organizations, and other governments	-
	\$ -

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**CITY OF SOCIAL CIRCLE, GEORGIA**  
**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN FIDUCIARY NET POSITION**  
**FIDUCIARY FUND**  
**FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023**

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	<b>Board of Education Fund</b>
<b>ADDITIONS</b>	
Taxes	\$ 4,249,398
Intergovernmental	8,541
Total additions	4,257,939
<b>DEDUCTIONS</b>	
Taxes paid to other governments	4,257,939
Total deductions	4,257,939
Change in fiduciary net position	-
<b>NET POSITION, beginning of year</b>	-
<b>NET POSITION, end of year</b>	\$ -

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

**CITY OF SOCIAL CIRCLE, GEORGIA**  
**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**JUNE 30, 2023**

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**NOTE 1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

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

**A. Reporting Entity**

Incorporated in 1904, under the laws of the State of Georgia, the City of Social Circle is governed by a five member Mayor/Council form of government. The mayor and council are elected to four-year terms. The mayor and the other four council members serve on a part-time basis. The mayor and council appoint a city manager to handle the daily operations of the City.

The City’s major operations include public safety, public works maintenance, culture and recreation, housing and development, utility services and general administrative services. In addition, the City exercises sufficient control over other governmental entities that are included as part of the City’s reporting entity.

The accompanying financial statements present the City and its component units, entities for which the City is considered to be financially accountable. Each discretely presented component unit is reported in a separate column in the government-wide financial statements to emphasize that it is legally separate from the City.

Social Circle Main Street Commission was activated by resolution in February 2017 to promote and revitalize the downtown business district of Social Circle, oversee the Main Street Program as described in the rules and regulations of the Georgia Department of Community Affairs, and raise and oversee the use of contributed private capital for Main Street program initiatives. The Governing body of Social Circle Main Street Commission consists of 15 individuals appointed by City Council and the Social Circle City Manager, who serves as an ex-officio member. Although the City does not have the authority to approve or modify Social Circle Main Street Commission grants and contributions funded budgets, the City provides a significant amount of their operating budget and therefore can influence the activities of the Social Circle Main Street Commission. City of Social Circle Main Street Commission is therefore fiscally dependent on the City. Social Circle Main Street Commission does not issue separate financial statements and is included as a discretely presented component unit in the City’s financial report.

## NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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### **NOTE 1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)**

#### **A. Reporting Entity (Continued)**

The Downtown Development Authority was activated by resolution in 1984 to promote and further develop trade, commerce, industry and employment opportunities within the central business district of the City of Social Circle, Georgia. It operates under a seven member board, all of which are appointed by the City Council members. Upon dissolution of the Authority, the City would retain the Authority's assets and liabilities. The Authority does not issue separate financial statements and is included as a discretely presented component unit in the City's financial report.

The Development Authority was activated by resolution in 1988 to promote and further develop trade, commerce, industry and employment opportunities within the City of Social Circle, Georgia. It operates under a seven member board, all of which are appointed by the City Council members. The City also guarantees the interest payments on the Authority's debt. The Authority does not issue separate financial statements and is included as a discretely presented component unit in the City's financial report.

#### **B. Government-wide and Fund Financial Statements**

The government-wide financial statements (i.e., the statement of net position and the statement of activities) report information on all of the non-fiduciary activities of the primary government and its component units. Governmental activities, which are normally supported by taxes and intergovernmental revenues, are reported separately from business-type activities, which rely to a significant extent on fees and charges for support. Likewise, the primary government is reported separately from the legally separate component unit for which the primary government is financially accountable. The statement of net position will include non-current assets and non-current liabilities. In addition, the government-wide statement of activities reflects depreciation expense on the City's capital assets.

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

## NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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### **NOTE 1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)**

#### **B. Government-wide and Fund Financial Statements (Continued)**

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

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

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

Governmental fund financial statements are reported using the current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recognized as soon as they are both measurable and available. Revenues are considered to be available when they are collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to pay liabilities of the current period. For this purpose, the City considers intergovernmental revenues to be available if they are collected within 90 days and all other revenues to be available if they are collected within 60 days of the end of the current fiscal period. Expenditures are generally recorded when a liability is incurred, as under accrual accounting. However, debt service expenditures, as well as expenditures related to compensated absences and claims and judgments, are recorded only when payment is due.

Property taxes, sales taxes, franchise taxes, licenses, intergovernmental grants, and interest associated with the current fiscal period are all considered to be susceptible to accrual and so have been recognized as revenues of the current fiscal period. All other revenue items are considered to be measurable and available only when cash is received by the City.

## NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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### NOTE 1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

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

In accordance with GASB Statement No. 33, "Accounting and Financial Reporting for Non-exchange Transactions," the corresponding assets (receivables) in non-exchange transactions are recognized in the period in which the underlying exchange occurs, when an enforceable legal claim has arisen, when all eligibility requirements have been met, or when resources are received, depending on the revenue source.

In accordance with GASB Statement No. 34, major individual governmental funds are reported as separate columns in the fund financial statements.

The City reports the following major governmental funds:

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

The **American Rescue Plan Act Fund (ARPA)** is used to account for the revenues and expenditures relating to the City's distribution of the ARPA grant funds.

The **Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax Fund (SPLOST)** is used to account for the revenues and expenditures relating to the City's 2013 Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax referendum.

The City reports the following major enterprise funds:

The **Water and Sewer Fund** accounts for the operation, maintenance and development of the City's water and sewer system and services.

The **Natural Gas Fund** accounts for the operation, maintenance and development of the City's natural gas system.

The City also reports the following fund types:

The **special revenue funds** account for revenue sources that are either legally restricted or committed to expenditures for specific purposes, such as law enforcement.

The **Solid Waste Fund** accounts for the activities associated with the collection of residential garbage, including recyclables, non-recyclables and yard waste. Activity is rendered on a user charge basis.

## NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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### NOTE 1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

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

The *permanent fund* accounts for the operations of the City's Library endowment for which the corpus of the investments held in this fund cannot be used.

The *custodial fund* is accounted for on the accrual basis of accounting and is used to account for the collection and disbursement of property taxes by the City on behalf of the City of Social Circle Board of Education.

As a general rule the effect of interfund activity has been eliminated from the government-wide financial statements. Interfund services provided and used are not eliminated in the process of consolidation.

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

Proprietary funds distinguish *operating* revenues and expenses from *non-operating* items. Operating revenues and expenses generally result from providing services and producing and delivering goods in connection with a proprietary fund's principal ongoing operations. The principal operating revenues of the enterprise funds are charges for goods and services provided. Operating expenses of the enterprise funds include the cost of these goods and services, administrative expenses, and depreciation on capital assets. All revenues and expenses not meeting this definition are reported as non-operating revenues and expenses.

#### D. Budgets

Annual appropriated budgets are adopted for all governmental funds, with the exception of capital projects funds for which project length budgets are adopted. Budgets are adopted on a modified accrual basis, which is consistent with generally accepted accounting principles for governmental funds. All appropriations lapse at fiscal year end. The City does not use encumbrance accounting, under which purchase orders, contracts and other commitments for the expenditure of resources are recorded to reserve that portion of the applicable appropriation.

## NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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### NOTE 1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

#### E. Deposits and Investments

Georgia statutes authorize the City to invest in the following: (1) obligations of Georgia or any other state; (2) obligations of the United States; (3) obligations fully insured or guaranteed by the United States Government or one of its agencies; (4) obligations of any corporation of the United States Government; (5) prime bankers' acceptances; (6) the State of Georgia local government investment pool; (7) repurchase agreements; and (8) obligations of any other political subdivisions of the State of Georgia. Any investment or deposit in excess of the federal depository insured amounts must be collateralized by an equivalent amount of state or U.S. obligations. For purposes of the statement of cash flows, all highly liquid investments with an original maturity of less than 90 days are considered to be cash equivalents.

The local government investment pool, "Georgia Fund 1," created by OCGA 36-83-8, is a stable asset value investment pool, which follows Standard and Poor's criteria for AAAf/S1 rated money market funds and is regulated by the Georgia Office of the State Treasurer. The pool is not registered with the SEC as an investment company. The pool's primary objectives are safety of capital, investment income, liquidity and diversification while maintaining principal (\$1 per share value). The asset value is calculated weekly to ensure stability. The pool distributes earnings (net of management fees) on a monthly basis and determines participants' shares sold and redeemed based on \$1 per share. The pool also adjusts the value of its investments to fair market value as of year end and the City's investment in the Georgia Fund 1 is reported at fair value. The City considers amounts held in Georgia Fund 1 as cash equivalents for financial statement presentation.

Investments are reported at fair value. Increases or decreases in the fair value during the year are recognized as a component of interest income.

#### F. Receivables and Payables

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

Advances between funds, as reported in the fund financial statements, represent long-term borrowing arrangements with established repayment schedules.

## NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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### NOTE 1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

#### G. Prepaid Items

Payments made to vendors for services that will benefit periods beyond June 30, 2023, are recorded as prepaid items in both government-wide and fund financial statements. These items are accounted for using the consumption method.

#### H. Capital Assets

Capital assets, which include property, plant, equipment, infrastructure assets (e.g., roads, bridges, sidewalks, and similar items), and intangible assets are reported in the applicable governmental or business-type activities column in the government-wide financial statements. Capital assets are defined by the City as assets with an initial, individual cost of more than \$5,000 for non-infrastructure tangible assets, \$50,000 for intangible assets and \$100,000 for infrastructure and an estimated useful life in excess of one year, five years and five years, respectively. Such assets are recorded at historical cost or estimated historical cost if purchased or constructed. Donated capital assets are recorded at estimated acquisition value at the date of donation. In accordance with GASB Statement No. 34, infrastructure assets acquired prior to June 30, 1999 have not been capitalized.

The cost of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of the asset or materially extend assets lives are not capitalized.

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

<u>Asset Class</u>	<u>Estimated Useful Life</u>
Infrastructure	15-99
Buildings and improvements	20-50
Vehicles	5-10
Furniture and fixtures	3-10
Machinery and equipment	3-10



## NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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### NOTE 1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

#### I. Restricted Assets

Expenditures of the Stanton Library Permanent Fund are restricted per the terms of the bequest for the following purposes: maintenance of the library building, purchase of books for the library, purchase of items to aid the impaired, and to assist in meeting cultural opportunities for the City.

Capacity recovery charges within business-type activities have been restricted for capital projects in accordance with the City Charter, Section 1.12.

#### J. 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 assets that applies to a future period(s) and so will not be recognized as an outflow of resources (expense/expenditure) until then. The City has several items that qualify for reporting in this category. One is the deferred charge on refunding which is reported in the government-wide and proprietary fund statements of net position. A deferred charge on refunding results from the difference in the carrying value of refunded debt and its reacquisition price. This amount is deferred and amortized over the shorter of the life of the refunded debt or the refunding debt.

In addition to liabilities, the statement of financial position will sometimes report a separate section for deferred inflows of resources. This separate financial statement element, *deferred inflows of resources*, represents an acquisition of net assets that applies to future period(s) and so will not be recognized as an inflow of resources (revenue) until that time. The City has one type of item, which arises only under a modified accrual basis of accounting that qualifies for reporting in this category. Accordingly, unavailable revenue is only reported in the governmental funds balance sheet. The governmental funds report unavailable revenue from property taxes as this amount is deferred and will be recognized as an inflow of resources in the period in which the amount becomes available.

## NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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### NOTE 1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

#### J. Deferred Outflows/Inflows of Resources (Continued)

The City has deferred inflows and outflows related to the recording of changes in its net pension liability. Certain changes in the net pension liability are recognized as pension expense over time instead of all being recognized in the year of occurrence. Experience gains or losses result from periodic studies by the City's actuary which adjust the net pension liability for actual experience for certain trend information that was previously assumed, for example the assumed dates of retirement of plan members. These experience gains or losses are recorded as deferred outflows of resources or deferred inflows of resources and are amortized into pension expense over the expected remaining service lives of plan members. Changes in actuarial assumptions which adjust the net pension liability are also recorded as deferred outflows of resources or deferred inflows of resources and are amortized into pension expense over the expected remaining service lives of plan members. The difference between projected investment return on pension investments and actual return on those investments is also deferred and amortized against pension expense over a five year period. Additionally, any contributions made by the City to the pension plan before year end but subsequent to the measurement date of the City's net pension liability are reported as deferred outflows of resources.

#### K. Compensated Absences

It is the City's policy to permit employees to accumulate earned but unused vacation and sick pay benefits. There is no liability for non-vesting accumulated rights to receive sick pay benefits since the City does not have a policy to pay any amounts when employees separate from service with the City. All vacation pay is accrued when incurred in the government-wide and proprietary fund financial statements. A liability for these amounts is reported in the governmental funds only if they have matured, for example, as a result of employee resignations and retirements.

#### L. Long-Term Obligations

In the government-wide financial statements, and proprietary fund types in the fund financial statements, long-term debt and other long-term obligations are reported as liabilities in the applicable governmental activities, business-type activities, or proprietary fund type statement of net position. Bond premiums and discounts are deferred and amortized over the term of the bonds using the effective interest method. Bonds payable are reported net of the applicable discount or premium. Bond issuance costs are expensed in the year of issuance.

In the fund financial statements, governmental fund types recognize bond premiums and discounts during the current period. The face amount of debt issued is reported as other financing sources. Premiums received on debt issuances are reported as other financing sources while discounts on debt issuances are reported as other financing uses. Issuance costs, whether or not withheld from the actual debt proceeds received, are reported as debt service expenditures.

## NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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### NOTE 1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

#### M. Fund Balance

Fund balance at the governmental fund financial reporting level is classified as “fund balance.” Fund net position for all other reporting is classified as “net position.”

**Fund Balance** – Generally, fund balance represents the difference between the assets and deferred outflows of resources and liabilities and deferred inflows of resources under the current financial resources measurement focus of accounting. 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 purpose 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 (i.e., items that are not expected to be converted to cash) 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 either through enabling legislation adopted by the City or through external restrictions imposed by creditors, grantors, laws or regulations of other governments.

*Committed* – Fund balances are reported as committed when they can be used only for specific purposes pursuant to constraints imposed by a formal vote of the City Council. Only the City 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. The City Council has expressly delegated to the Finance Director the authority to assign funds for particular purposes.

*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 only in the General Fund.

**Flow Assumptions** – When both restricted and unrestricted amounts of fund balance are available for use for expenditures incurred, it is the City’s policy to use restricted amounts first and then unrestricted amounts as they are needed. For unrestricted amounts of fund balance, it is the City’s policy to use fund balance in the following order: (1) Committed, (2) Assigned, and (3) Unassigned.

## NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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### NOTE 1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

#### M. Fund Balance (Continued)

**Net Position** – Net position represents the difference between assets, deferred inflows and outflows of resources, and liabilities in reporting which utilizes the economic resources measurement focus. Net investment in capital assets consists of capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation, reduced by the outstanding balances of any borrowing used (i.e., the amount that the City has spent) for the acquisition, construction or improvement of those assets. Net position is reported as restricted using the same definition as used for restricted fund balance as described in the section above. All other net position is reported as unrestricted.

The City applies restricted resources first when an expense is incurred for purposes for which both restricted and unrestricted net position is available.

#### N. Pensions

For purposes of measuring the net pension liability, deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions, and pension expense, information about the fiduciary net position of the City of Social Circle Retirement Plan (the “Plan”) and additions to/deductions from the Plan's fiduciary net position have been determined on the same basis as they are reported by the Plan. For this purpose, benefit payments (including refunds of employee contributions) are recognized when due and payable in accordance with the benefit terms. Investments are reported at fair value.

#### O. Management Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amount of assets, deferred outflows and inflows or resources, and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amount of revenues and expenditures/expenses during the period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

## NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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### NOTE 2. RECONCILIATION OF GOVERNMENT-WIDE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND FUND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

#### A. Explanation of Certain Differences Between the Governmental Fund Balance Sheet and the Government-wide Statement of Net Position

The governmental fund balance sheet includes a reconciliation between *fund balance – total governmental funds* and *net position – governmental activities* as reported in the government-wide statement of net position. One element of that reconciliation explains that “long-term liabilities are not due and payable in the current period and, therefore, are not reported in the funds.” The details of this \$955,735 difference are as follows:

Financed purchase payable	\$ (789,721)
Accrued interest payable	(14,399)
Compensated absences	<u>(151,615)</u>
Net adjustment to reduce <i>fund balance - total governmental funds</i> to arrive at <i>net position - governmental activities</i>	<u><u>\$ (955,735)</u></u>

Another element of that reconciliation states that “deferred outflows of resources, deferred inflows of resources and the net pension liability are not expected to be liquidated with expendable available resources and, therefore, are not reported in the funds.” The details of this \$538,608 difference are as follows:

Net pension liability	\$ (1,106,810)
Deferred outflows of resources	612,704
Deferred inflows of resources	<u>(44,502)</u>
Net adjustment to reduce <i>fund balance - total governmental funds</i> to arrive at <i>net position - governmental activities</i>	<u><u>\$ (538,608)</u></u>

## NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

### NOTE 2. RECONCILIATION OF GOVERNMENT-WIDE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND FUND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

#### B. Explanation of Certain Differences Between the Governmental Fund Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances and the Government-wide Statement of Activities

The governmental fund statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balances includes a reconciliation between *net changes in fund balances – total governmental funds* and *changes in net position of governmental activities* as reported in the government-wide statement of activities. One element of that reconciliation explains that “Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures. However, in the statement of activities the cost of those assets is allocated over their useful lives and reported as depreciation expense.” The details of this \$517,270 difference are as follows:

Capital outlay	\$ 1,127,967
Depreciation expense	<u>(610,697)</u>
Net adjustment to increase <i>net changes in fund balances - total governmental funds</i> to arrive at <i>changes in net position of governmental activities</i>	<u>\$ 517,270</u>

Another element of that reconciliation explains that “Some expenses reported in the statement of activities do not require the use of current financial resources and, therefore, are not reported as expenditures in governmental funds.” The details of this \$81,198 difference are as follows:

Compensated absences	\$ (23,875)
Pension expense	(51,743)
Accrued interest	<u>(5,580)</u>
Net adjustment to reduce <i>net changes in fund balances - total governmental funds</i> to arrive at <i>changes in net position of governmental activities</i>	<u>\$ (81,198)</u>

Another element of the reconciliation states that “The issuance of long-term debt provides current financial resources to governmental funds, while the repayment of the principal of long-term debt consumes the current financial resources of governmental funds. Neither transaction, however, has any effect on net position.” The details of this \$316,888 difference are as follows:

Issuance of financed purchases	\$ (394,572)
Principal payment on financed purchases	<u>77,684</u>
Net adjustment to reduce <i>net changes in fund balances - total governmental funds</i> to arrive at <i>changes in net position - governmental activities</i>	<u>\$ (316,888)</u>

## NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

### NOTE 3. LEGAL COMPLIANCE - BUDGETS

The City of Social Circle, Georgia employs the following procedures in establishing its annual budget:

1. Prior to July 1, the City Manager and the Council Budget Committee prepare a proposed budget for the fiscal year commencing July 1. The proposed budget is submitted to the Mayor and City Council. The operating budget includes proposed expenditures and the means for financing them.
2. The City Council holds a public hearing on the budget of the City of Social Circle, Georgia.
3. The budget is then revised and adopted or amended by the City Council at a subsequent regular meeting in the year to which it applies and within forty-five days following July 1.
4. The adopted budget may be revised during the year only by formal action of the City Council in a regular meeting and no increase shall be made therein without provision also being made for financing, for anything above the legal level of budgetary control, which is the department level. The final budget amounts shown in these financial statements reflect amendments approved by the City Council.

For the year ended June 30, 2023, expenditures exceeded the budget in the General Fund departments as follows:

General Fund:

General government	
Governing body	\$ 13,074
Chief executive	12,890
Law	6,923
Public works	
Highways and streets	259,962
Debt service	
Principal	1,828

The excess of expenditures over budget that are noted above were primarily funded by greater than anticipated revenues.

### NOTE 4. DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS

Total deposits and investments as of June 30, 2023 are summarized as follows:

Amounts as presented on the entity wide statement of net position:

Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 10,251,165
Restricted cash and cash equivalents	953,598
Cash as presented on the Statement of Fiduciary Net Position	28,918
Total	\$ 11,233,681
Cash deposited with financial institutions	\$ 5,196,510
Cash deposited with Georgia Fund One	6,037,171
	\$ 11,233,681

## NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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### NOTE 4. DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS (CONTINUED)

**Credit Risk.** State statutes authorize the City to invest in obligations of the State of Georgia or other states; obligations issued by the U.S. Government; obligations fully insured or guaranteed by the U.S. Government or by a government agency of the United States; obligations of any corporation of the U.S. Government; prime banker's acceptances; the local government investment pool established by state law; repurchase agreements; and obligations of other political subdivisions of the State of Georgia.

The local government investment pool, "Georgia Fund 1" created by OCGA 36-83-8 is a stable asset value investment pool, which follows Standard and Poor's criteria for AAAf/S1+ rated money market funds and is regulated by the Georgia Office of the State Treasurer. The pool is not registered with the SEC as an investment company. The pool's primary objectives are safety of capital, investment income, liquidity and diversification while maintaining principal (\$1 per share). The asset value is calculated weekly to ensure stability. The pool distributes earnings (net of management fees) on a monthly basis and determines participants' shares sold and redeemed based on \$1 per share. The pool also adjusts the value of its investments to fair market value as of year end and the City's investment in Georgia Fund 1 is reported at fair value. At June 30, 2023, the Georgia Fund One weighted average maturity was 28 days.

Increases or decreases in the fair value during the year are recognized as a component of interest income.

**Custodial Credit Risk – Deposits:** Custodial credit risk for deposits is the risk that, in the event of the failure of a depository financial institution, a government will not be able to recover deposits or will not be able to recover collateral securities that are in the possession of an outside party. State statutes require all deposits and investments (other than federal or state government instruments and the Georgia Fund 1) to be collateralized by depository insurance or pledged securities. Amounts that exceed standard depository insurance limits are required to be collateralized either (1) individually by the financial institutions through pledged obligations of the U.S. Government, obligations backed by the full faith and credit of the U.S. Government, obligations of the State of Georgia or other states, or obligations of counties, municipalities, or public authorities of the State of Georgia, or (2) participation in the State of Georgia Secure Deposit Program. As of June 30, 2023, the financial institution holding all of the City's deposits, other than Georgia Fund 1 deposits, is a participant of the State of Georgia Secure Deposit Program, which is administered by the Office of the State Treasurer, and requires participating banks holding deposits of public funds to pledge collateral at varying rates depending on the tier assigned by the State. As of June 30, 2023, all of the City's bank balances were insured and/or collateralized as defined by GASB and required State Statutes.



## NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

### NOTE 5. RECEIVABLES

Property taxes are levied on property values assessed as of January 1. The City bills and collects its own property taxes. The taxes are levied by September 17 based on the assessed value of property as listed on the previous January 1 and are due on December 20.

Property taxes are recorded as receivables and deferred inflows of resources when assessed. Revenues are recognized when available.

Receivables at June 30, 2023, for the City's individual major funds and nonmajor funds in the aggregate, including the applicable allowances for uncollectible accounts, are as follows:

	<u>General</u>	<u>SPLOST</u>	<u>Nonmajor Governmental</u>	<u>Water &amp; Sewer</u>	<u>Natural Gas</u>	<u>Nonmajor Enterprise</u>
Receivables:						
Taxes	\$ 12,422	\$ -	\$ 3	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Accounts	23,861	36,389	-	422,473	310,204	80,049
Other governments	103,218	109,891	-	-	-	-
Less allowance for uncollectible	<u>3,503</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>141,180</u>	<u>28,166</u>	<u>31,070</u>
Net total receivable	<u>\$ 135,998</u>	<u>\$ 146,280</u>	<u>\$ 3</u>	<u>\$ 281,293</u>	<u>\$ 282,038</u>	<u>\$ 48,979</u>

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## NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

### NOTE 6. CAPITAL ASSETS

#### Primary Government

Capital asset activity for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023 is as follows:

	<u>Beginning Balance</u>	<u>Increases</u>	<u>Decreases</u>	<u>Ending Balance</u>
<b>Governmental activities:</b>				
Capital assets, not being depreciated:				
Land	\$ 938,408	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 938,408
Construction in progress	18,650	411,394	-	430,044
Total	<u>957,058</u>	<u>411,394</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,368,452</u>
Capital assets, being depreciated:				
Infrastructure	6,561,563	171,601	-	6,733,164
Buildings and improvements	4,362,938	62,896	-	4,425,834
Equipment, furniture and vehicles	3,931,170	482,076	-	4,413,246
Total	<u>14,855,671</u>	<u>716,573</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>15,572,244</u>
Less accumulated depreciation for:				
Infrastructure	(1,924,943)	(154,662)	-	(2,079,605)
Buildings and improvements	(2,126,869)	(94,010)	-	(2,220,879)
Equipment, furniture and vehicles	(3,149,227)	(362,025)	-	(3,511,252)
Total	<u>(7,201,039)</u>	<u>(610,697)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(7,811,736)</u>
Total capital assets, being depreciated, net	<u>7,654,632</u>	<u>105,876</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>7,760,508</u>
Governmental activities capital assets, net	<u>\$ 8,611,690</u>	<u>\$ 517,270</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 9,128,960</u>

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## NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

### NOTE 6. CAPITAL ASSETS (CONTINUED)

	<u>Beginning Balance</u>	<u>Increases</u>	<u>Decreases</u>	<u>Ending Balance</u>
<b>Business-type activities:</b>				
Capital assets, not being depreciated:				
Land	\$ 23,274	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 23,274
Construction in progress	309,455	588,433	(242,481)	655,407
Total	<u>332,729</u>	<u>588,433</u>	<u>(242,481)</u>	<u>678,681</u>
Capital assets, being depreciated:				
Infrastructure	28,678,355	1,527,271	242,481	30,448,107
Machinery & equipment	1,446,919	-	-	1,446,919
Vehicles	454,511	266,923	-	721,434
Total	<u>30,579,785</u>	<u>1,794,194</u>	<u>242,481</u>	<u>32,616,460</u>
Less accumulated depreciation for:				
Infrastructure	(9,478,249)	(977,312)	-	(10,455,561)
Machinery & equipment	(784,195)	(448,699)	-	(1,232,894)
Vehicles	(375,020)	(54,339)	-	(429,359)
Total	<u>(10,637,464)</u>	<u>(1,480,350)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(12,117,814)</u>
Total capital assets, being depreciated, net	<u>19,942,321</u>	<u>313,844</u>	<u>242,481</u>	<u>20,498,646</u>
Governmental activities capital assets, net	<u>\$ 20,275,050</u>	<u>\$ 902,277</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 21,177,327</u>

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

Governmental activities:	
General government	\$ 271,102
Public safety	238,302
Public works	101,293
Total depreciation expense - governmental activities	<u>\$ 610,697</u>
Business-type activities:	
Water & sewer	\$ 1,272,974
Natural gas	207,376
Total depreciation expense - business-type activities	<u>\$ 1,480,350</u>

## NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

### NOTE 6. CAPITAL ASSETS (CONTINUED)

#### Downtown Development Authority

Capital asset activity for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023 is as follows:

	<b>Beginning Balance</b>	<b>Increases</b>	<b>Decreases</b>	<b>Ending Balance</b>
Capital assets, not being depreciated:				
Land	\$ 59,600	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 59,600
Construction in progress	-	6,926	-	6,926
Total	59,600	6,926	-	66,526
Total capital assets, net	\$ 59,600	\$ 6,926	\$ -	\$ 66,526

#### Development Authority

Capital asset activity for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023 is as follows:

	<b>Beginning Balance</b>	<b>Increases</b>	<b>Decreases</b>	<b>Ending Balance</b>
Capital assets, not being depreciated:				
Land	\$ 239,896	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 239,896
Total	239,896	-	-	239,896
Total capital assets, net	\$ 239,896	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 239,896

## NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

### NOTE 7. LONG-TERM DEBT

#### Primary Government

Long-term liability activity for the year ended June 30, 2023 was as follows:

	<u>Beginning Balance</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Reductions</u>	<u>Ending Balance</u>	<u>Due Within One Year</u>
<b>Governmental activities:</b>					
Financed purchase payable	\$ 472,833	\$ 394,572	\$ (77,684)	\$ 789,721	\$ 153,843
Compensated absences	127,740	133,920	(110,045)	151,615	145,235
Net pension liability	110,120	1,149,608	(152,918)	1,106,810	-
Governmental activities Long-term liabilities	<u>\$ 710,693</u>	<u>\$ 1,678,100</u>	<u>\$ (340,647)</u>	<u>\$ 2,048,146</u>	<u>\$ 299,078</u>
<b>Business-type activities:</b>					
Revenue bonds payable	\$ 5,827,000	\$ -	\$ (140,000)	\$ 5,687,000	\$ 145,000
Add: Premium	121,369	-	(7,644)	113,725	-
Net bonds payable	5,948,369	-	(147,644)	5,800,725	145,000
Note payable	1,496,753	484,236	(80,465)	1,900,524	80,368
Compensated absences	49,968	51,314	(32,611)	68,671	40,221
Net pension liability	31,473	287,009	(42,158)	276,324	-
Business-type activities Long-term liabilities	<u>\$ 7,526,563</u>	<u>\$ 822,559</u>	<u>\$ (302,878)</u>	<u>\$ 8,046,244</u>	<u>\$ 265,589</u>

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

## NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

### NOTE 7. LONG-TERM DEBT (CONTINUED)

**Revenue Bonds.** In November 2015, the City issued Revenue Bonds (Series 2015) in the original amount of \$4,530,000 bearing interest at rates ranging from 2.0% to 4.0% payable each February 1 and August 1 beginning 2017 through 2045. The bonds were issued for the purpose of (i) prepaying in full certain outstanding loans obtained from Georgia Environmental Finance Authority (ii) acquire, construct, and equip certain additions and improvements to the City's Combined System (iii) purchase debt service reserve surety bonds for payment of the Series 2015 Bonds; and (iv) pay necessary costs of issuing the Series 2015 Bonds. The bonds are secured by the net revenues of the City's utility system.

In April 2020, the City issued \$2,029,000 of Revenue Refunding Bonds (Series 2020). The purpose of the refunding was to fully refund \$1,930,000 of the Revenue Bonds, Series 2010. The Series 2020 bonds bear interest at a rate of 2.67% payable each February 1 and August 1 beginning 2020 through 2035. In the event the City is unable to make payments as they become due and payable or is rendered incapable of fulfilling its obligations under the Bond resolution, the Bondholders may proceed to protect and enforce their rights by a lawsuit or legal action.

The debt service to maturity on the revenue bonds is as follows:

Year Ending June 30,	<b>Revenue Bonds</b>		<b>Total</b>
	<b>Principal</b>	<b>Interest</b>	
2024	\$ 145,000	\$ 195,569	\$ 340,569
2025	146,000	191,252	337,252
2026	151,000	186,571	337,571
2027	156,000	181,727	337,727
2028	162,000	176,721	338,721
2029-2033	1,350,000	789,442	2,139,442
2034-2038	1,402,000	603,832	2,005,832
2039-2043	1,490,000	320,400	1,810,400
2044-2045	685,000	41,400	726,400
Total	<u>\$ 5,687,000</u>	<u>\$ 2,686,914</u>	<u>\$ 8,373,914</u>

## NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

### NOTE 7. LONG-TERM DEBT (CONTINUED)

**Notes From Direct Borrowings.** The City is contractually obligated to repay a portion of the debt service related to the Georgia Environmental Finance Authority (GEFA) notes issued by the Four County Industrial Development Authority for the purpose of financing the expansion of water lines in the Four County Industrial Site. The City's share in underlying debt is 8%, amounting to an original amount of \$39,021. Quarterly principal and interest payments will be made through 2023.

In May 2019, the City incurred debt to the Georgia Environmental Finance Authority to finance the installation and relocation of gravity sewer and water lines. The principal amount of the note was \$411,049 and bears interest at a fixed rate of 1.06% payable at the beginning of each month beginning June 2019 until 2029 with monthly payments totaling \$3,612.

In November 2019, the City executed a promissory note to the Georgia Environmental Finance Authority to borrow up to \$925,000 from the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund for various water system upgrades. As of June 30, 2021, the City had made draws totaling \$854,114 on this note payable to GEFA. The note bears interest at a fixed rate of 0.94% payable at the beginning of each month beginning January 2021 until August 2041.

The City's notes payable debt service requirements to maturity are as follows:

Year Ending June 30,	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Total</u>
2024	\$ 80,368	\$ 9,835	\$ 90,203
2025	81,176	9,027	90,203
2026	81,992	8,210	90,202
2027	82,817	7,386	90,203
2028	83,649	6,553	90,202
2029-2033	272,816	22,895	295,711
2034-2038	222,096	12,216	234,312
2039-2042	146,155	2,243	148,398
Total	<u>\$ 1,051,069</u>	<u>\$ 78,365</u>	<u>\$ 1,129,434</u>

In February 2021, the City executed a promissory note to the Georgia Environmental Finance Authority to borrow up to \$3,320,000 from the Clean Water State Revolving Fund for various water system upgrades. As of June 30, 2023, the City had made draws totaling \$849,455 on this note payable to GEFA. As the project is still in the construction phase, an amortization schedule has not been determined for this note and thus the entire payable reports as due in more than one year.

## NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

### NOTE 7. LONG-TERM DEBT (CONTINUED)

**Financed Purchases From Direct Borrowing.** The City has entered into a purchase agreement to finance the acquisition of two fire trucks. The financed purchase is for a period of fifteen years, at an interest rate of 3.3%.

In January 2020, the City entered into a purchase agreement to purchase a fire truck. The financed purchase is for a period of eight years at an interest rate of 2.61%.

In December 2022, the City entered into a purchase agreement to purchase a grapple truck and leaf vacuum truck. The financed purchase is for a period of five years at an interest rate of 3.26%.

As of June 30, 2023, the future payments for the financed purchases from direct borrowing are as follows:

	<b>Principal</b>	<b>Interest</b>	<b>Total</b>
Year Ending June 30,			
2024	\$ 153,843	\$ 25,707	\$ 179,550
2025	158,874	20,676	179,550
2026	163,885	15,665	179,550
2027	169,058	10,492	179,550
2028	113,487	5,152	118,639
2029	30,574	1,229	31,803
Total	\$ 789,721	\$ 78,921	\$ 868,642

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## NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

### NOTE 8. INTERFUND RECEIVABLES, PAYABLES AND TRANSFERS

The composition of interfund balances as of June 30, 2023 is as follows:

Due to/from other funds:

<u>Receivable Fund</u>	<u>Payable Fund</u>	<u>Amount</u>
General fund	Water and sewer fund	\$ 971,707
General fund	Natural gas fund	22,982
General fund	Nonmajor enterprise fund	32,816
General fund	SPLOST fund	35,995
General fund	Nonmajor governmental funds	15,768
Natural gas fund	Water and sewer fund	358,158
		\$ 1,437,426

Due to/from component units:

<u>Receivable Fund</u>	<u>Payable Fund</u>	<u>Amount</u>
General fund	Downtown Development Authority	\$ 6,926

The outstanding balances between funds result mainly from the time lag between the dates that transactions are recorded in the accounting system, and payments between entities are made.

Interfund transfers:

<u>Transfers In</u>	<u>Transfers Out</u>	<u>Amount</u>
General fund	Water and sewer fund	\$ 642,756
General fund	Natural gas fund	1,577,250
General fund	Nonmajor enterprise fund	52,020
Water and sewer fund	ARPA fund	77,179
Water and sewer fund	Natural gas fund	47,500
		\$ 2,396,705

Transfers are used to (1) move unrestricted revenues from the enterprise funds to the General Fund to support operations in the General Fund to keep the millage rate lower for the citizens of the City and (2) move funds from the ARPA fund for allowable expenditures.

## NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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### NOTE 9. PENSION PLAN

#### Plan Description

The City, as authorized by the City Council, has established a defined benefit pension plan (The City of Social Circle Retirement Plan) covering all full-time employees. The City's pension plan is affiliated with the Georgia Municipal Employee Benefit System (GMEBS), an agent multiple-employer pension plan administered by the Georgia Municipal Association. Contributions made by the City are commingled with contributions made by other members of GMEBS for investment purposes. The City does not own any securities on its own. Investment income from the securities is allocated on a pro rata basis. The Georgia Municipal Association issues a publicly available financial report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information for GMEBS. That report may be obtained by writing to Georgia Municipal Association, Risk Management and Employee Benefit Services, 201 Pryor Street, NW, Atlanta, Georgia 30303 or by calling (404) 688-0472.

As provided by state law, benefit provisions for participants in GMEBS are established by the respective employers. As authorized by City Council, the plan provides pension benefits and death and disability benefits for plan members and beneficiaries. All employees, excluding elected officials who are immediately eligible, who work forty hours or more per week are eligible to participate after one year. Benefits vest after ten years of service. A City employee who retires at age 65 with five years of service is entitled to benefits of 2.00% of final average earnings in excess of covered compensation. Eligible employees as of January 1, 2014, are entitled to benefits of 1.75%. An employee may elect early retirement at age 55 provided he has a minimum of 25 years total credited service to receive full benefits, otherwise early retirement may be elected after only 10 years of service for reduced benefits. Elected officials are entitled to \$75 per year for each year of service after reaching normal retirement age.

## NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

### NOTE 9. PENSION PLAN (CONTINUED)

#### Plan Description (Continued)

*Plan Membership.* At January 1, 2023, the date of the most recent actuarial valuation, there were 126 participants consisting of the following:

Retirees and beneficiaries currently receiving benefits	28
Terminated vested participants not yet receiving benefits	28
Active employees - vested	22
Active employees - nonvested	48
Total	126

*Contributions.* The Plan is subject to minimum funding standards of the Georgia Public Retirement Systems Standards law. The Board of Trustees of GMEBS has adopted a recommended actuarial funding policy for the plan which meets state minimum requirements and will accumulate sufficient funds to provide the benefits under the plan. The funding policy for the plan is to contribute an amount equal to or greater than the recommended contribution described below. For 2023, the actuarially determined contribution rate was 7.59% of covered payroll. The City makes all contributions to the plan. For 2023, the City's contribution to the plan was \$222,785.

#### **Net Pension Liability of the City**

The City's net pension liability was measured as of September 30, 2022. The total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of January 1, 2022 with update procedures performed by the actuary to roll forward to the total pension liability measured as of September 30, 2022.

*Actuarial assumptions.* The total pension liability in the January 1, 2022 actuarial valuation was determined using the following actuarial assumptions, applied to all periods included in the measurement:

Inflation		2.25%
Salary increases		3.00% - 8.50%, including inflation
Investment rate of return	7.375%, net of pension plan investment expense, including inflation	

Mortality rates for the January 1, 2022 valuation were based on the sex-distinct Pri-2012 head-count weighted Employee Mortality Table.

The actuarial assumptions used in the January 1, 2022 valuation were based on the results of an actuarial experience study for the period January 1, 2015–June 30, 2019.

## NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

### NOTE 9. PENSION PLAN (CONTINUED)

#### Net Pension Liability of the City (Continued)

Cost of living adjustments were assumed to be 2.25% for Class 1 and 1.70% for Class 2 and 3.

The long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was determined using a building-block method in which best-estimate ranges of expected future real rates of return (expected returns, net of pension plan investment expense and inflation) are developed for each major asset class. These ranges are combined to produce the long-term expected rate of return by weighting the expected future real rates of return by the target asset allocation percentage and by adding expected inflation. Best estimates of arithmetic real rates of return for each major asset class included in the pension plan's target asset allocation as of September 30, 2022 are summarized in the table below:

Asset class	Target allocation	Long-term expected real rate of return*
Domestic equity	45%	6.40%
International equity	20%	6.80
Real estate	10%	3.90
Global fixed income	5%	0.46
Domestic fixed income	20%	0.40
Cash	—%	
Total	100%	

\* Rates shown are net of the 2.25% assumed rate of inflation

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

## NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

### NOTE 9. PENSION PLAN (CONTINUED)

#### Net Pension Liability of the City (Continued)

*Changes in the Net Pension Liability of the City.* The changes in the components of the net pension liability of the City for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023 were as follows:

	<b>Total Pension Liability (a)</b>	<b>Plan Fiduciary Net Position (b)</b>	<b>Net Pension Liability (a) - (b)</b>
<b>Balances at 6/30/22</b>	\$ 4,948,100	\$ 4,806,507	\$ 141,593
<b>Changes for the year:</b>			
Service cost	167,567	-	167,567
Interest	371,198	-	371,198
Differences between expected and actual experience	93,939	-	93,939
Contributions – employer	-	195,076	(195,076)
Net investment income	-	(788,793)	788,793
Benefit payments, including refunds of employee contributions	(164,942)	(164,942)	-
Administrative expense	-	(15,120)	15,120
Other changes	-	-	-
Net changes	903,583	909,461	(5,878)
Balances at 6/30/23	\$ 5,415,862	\$ 4,032,728	\$ 1,383,134

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

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

	<u>1% Decrease (6.375%)</u>	<u>Current Discount Rate (7.375%)</u>	<u>1% Increase (8.375%)</u>
City's net pension liability	\$ 2,118,288	\$ 1,383,134	\$ 775,211

## NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

### NOTE 9. PENSION PLAN (CONTINUED)

#### Net Pension Liability of the City (Continued)

*Changes in the Net Pension Liability of the City.* Actuarial valuations involve estimates of the value of reported amounts and assumptions about the probability of events far into the future, and actuarially determined amounts are subject to continual revision as results are compared to past expectations and new estimates are made about the future. Actuarial calculations reflect a long-term perspective. Calculations are based on the substantive plan in effect as of September 30, 2022 and the current sharing pattern of costs between employer and employee.

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

For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023, the City recognized pension expense of \$214,151. At June 30, 2023, the City reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions from the following sources:

	Deferred Outflows of Resources	Deferred Inflows of Resources
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$ 80,529	\$ (34,565)
Changes in assumptions	-	(21,048)
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on pension plan investments	518,053	-
City contributions subsequent to the measurement date	167,089	-
Total	\$ 765,671	\$ (55,613)

City contributions subsequent to the measurement date of \$167,089 are reported as deferred outflows of resources and will be recognized as a reduction of the net pension liability in the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions will be recognized in pension expense as follows:

Year ending June 30:	
2024	\$ 102,265
2025	87,145
2026	106,006
2027	247,553
Total	\$ 542,969

## NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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### **NOTE 10. DEFINED CONTRIBUTION PENSION PLAN**

The City of Social Circle's Internal Revenue Code Section 457 Plan (the "Plan") is a deferred compensation plan and qualifies as a defined contribution pension plan. The Plan is administered by Newport Group Inc. for all full time employees. The Plan is funded through employee contributions only. No contributions are made by the City. Plan provisions and contribution requirements are established and may be amended by the City Council. At June 30, 2023, there were 41 plan members.

Employees are not required to contribute to the Plan. Employees may contribute a portion of their gross salary up to the maximum amount allowed by the IRS. The Plan allows employees to increase, decrease, stop and restart deferrals as often as they wish without penalties or fees. Total employee contributions for the year ended June 30, 2023 were \$65,028.

### **NOTE 11. JOINT VENTURE**

Under Georgia law, the City, in conjunction with other cities and counties in the 12 county Northeast Georgia area, is a member of the Northeast Georgia Regional Commission (NEGRC). Dues to the NEGRC are assessed at the County level and are, accordingly, paid by Walton County. Membership in the NEGRC is required by the Official Code of Georgia Annotated (OCGA) Section 50-8-34 which provides for the organizational structure of the NEGRC in Georgia. The NEGRC Board membership includes the chief elected official of each county and various municipalities of the area. OCGA 50-8-39.1 provides that the member governments are liable for any debts or obligations of the NEGRC. Separate financial statements may be obtained from the NEGRC's administrative office at 305 Research Drive, Athens, Georgia 30610.

### **NOTE 12. RELATED ORGANIZATIONS**

The City's council is responsible for appointing a majority of the board members of the City of Social Circle, Georgia Housing Authority. However, the City has no further accountability for the Authority.

## NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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### **NOTE 13. RISK MANAGEMENT**

The City is exposed to various risks of losses related to torts; theft 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 Property and Liability Insurance Fund and the Georgia Municipal Association Group Self-Insurance Workers' Compensation Fund, public entity risk pools currently operating as common risk management and insurance programs for member local governments.

As part of these risk pools, the City is obligated to pay all contributions and assessments as prescribed by the pools, to cooperate with the pool's agents and attorneys, to follow loss reduction procedures established by the funds, and to 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 any claim of loss. The City is also to allow the pool's agents and attorneys to represent the City in investigation, settlement discussions and all levels of litigation arising out of any claim made against the City within the scope of loss protection furnished by the funds.

The funds are to defend and protect the members of the funds against liability or loss as prescribed in the member government contract and in accordance with the workers' compensation law of Georgia. The funds are to pay all cost 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.

Settled claims have not exceeded the coverage in the past three years.

The City carries commercial insurance for other risks of losses. For insured programs, there have been no significant reductions in insurance coverage. Settlement amounts have not exceeded insurance coverage in the current or prior year.

### **NOTE 14. COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES**

#### **Litigation**

The government is a defendant in various lawsuits. Although the outcome of these lawsuits is not presently determinable, in the opinion of management and legal counsel, the resolution of these matters will not have a material adverse effect on the financial condition of the City.

#### **Grant Contingencies**

The City has received federal and state grants for specific purposes that are subject to review and audit by the grantor agencies. Such audits could lead to the disallowance of certain expenditures previously reimbursed by those agencies. Based upon prior experience, management of the City believes such disallowances, if any, will not be significant.



## NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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### NOTE 14. COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES (CONTINUED)

#### Construction Commitments

The City has several active construction projects as of June 30, 2023. These projects are associated with water and sewer improvements and other construction. They are all financed with SPLOST proceeds and budgeted capital monies.

<u>Projects</u>	<u>Remaining Commitment</u>
Thurman Baccus Road Water Improvement	\$ 305,115
Water Plant Filter Replacement	2,118,222
Total	<u>\$ 2,423,337</u>

#### Agreements with the Municipal Gas Authority of Georgia

The City has entered into a contract for the purchase of wholesale natural gas supplies and related services with the Municipal Gas Authority of Georgia (MGAG) that requires the City to purchase all of its natural gas from MGAG. The gas supply contract with MGAG authorizes MGAG to establish rates and charges so as to produce revenues sufficient to cover its operating costs and retire its bonds issued to acquire long-term gas supplies for sale to its members, including the City. In the event that revenues are insufficient to cover all costs and retire bonds issued by MGAG, the City is obligated to pay its obligation share of the costs of the gas supply and related services MGAG provides to the City, which costs include amounts equal to principal and interest on MGAG's bonds. These obligations, which extended through the year 2021, were general obligations of the City to which the City's full faith, credit and taxing powers are pledged. The City's obligation to MGAG for gas supply costs are based on MGAG's costs to provide such supply, including bonds issued to purchase long-term rights to bulk supply. Payments to MGAG are made monthly based on actual usage. The total payments under these contracts amounted to \$4,201,117 in fiscal year 2023.

At June 30, 2023, the outstanding debt of MGAG was approximately \$87.0 million. The City's guarantee varies by individual projects undertaken by MGAG and totals approximately \$1.2 million at June 30, 2023.

## **REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**

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**CITY OF SOCIAL CIRCLE, GEORGIA  
REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION  
RETIREMENT PLAN  
SCHEDULE OF CHANGES IN THE CITY'S NET PENSION LIABILITY  
AND RELATED RATIOS**

	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
<b>Total pension liability</b>					
Service cost	\$ 82,778	\$ 110,674	\$ 120,656	\$ 110,419	\$ 130,827
Interest on total pension liability	186,271	199,876	223,499	237,815	253,090
Differences between expected and actual experience	23,309	96,814	(59,359)	(68,150)	(60)
Changes of assumptions	(64,740)	-	-	-	-
Changes of benefit terms	46,906	-	-	-	-
Benefit payments, including refunds of employee contributions	(93,585)	(104,378)	(100,712)	(99,429)	(100,840)
Other changes	-	-	-	(4,824)	-
<b>Net change in total pension liability</b>	<u>180,939</u>	<u>302,986</u>	<u>184,084</u>	<u>175,831</u>	<u>283,017</u>
<b>Total pension liability - beginning</b>	<u>2,450,290</u>	<u>2,631,229</u>	<u>2,934,215</u>	<u>3,118,299</u>	<u>3,294,130</u>
<b>Total pension liability - ending (a)</b>	<u>\$ 2,631,229</u>	<u>\$ 2,934,215</u>	<u>\$ 3,118,299</u>	<u>\$ 3,294,130</u>	<u>\$ 3,577,147</u>
<b>Plan fiduciary net position</b>					
Contributions - employer	\$ 96,015	\$ 110,350	\$ 121,350	\$ 124,029	\$ 132,558
Net investment income	244,943	27,136	269,340	406,310	309,474
Benefit payments, including refunds of member contributions	(93,585)	(104,378)	(100,712)	(99,429)	(100,840)
Administrative expenses	(7,860)	(9,627)	(8,830)	(15,680)	(14,609)
<b>Net change in plan fiduciary net position</b>	<u>239,513</u>	<u>23,481</u>	<u>281,148</u>	<u>415,230</u>	<u>326,583</u>
<b>Plan fiduciary net position - beginning</b>	<u>2,146,158</u>	<u>2,385,671</u>	<u>2,409,152</u>	<u>2,690,300</u>	<u>3,105,530</u>
<b>Plan fiduciary net position - ending (b)</b>	<u>\$ 2,385,671</u>	<u>\$ 2,409,152</u>	<u>\$ 2,690,300</u>	<u>\$ 3,105,530</u>	<u>\$ 3,432,113</u>
<b>City's net pension liability - ending (a) - (b)</b>	<u>\$ 245,558</u>	<u>\$ 525,063</u>	<u>\$ 427,999</u>	<u>\$ 188,600</u>	<u>\$ 145,034</u>
<b>Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability</b>	90.67%	82.11%	86.27%	94.27%	95.95%
<b>Covered payroll</b>	\$ 1,387,784	\$ 1,624,677	\$ 1,974,526	\$ 1,888,119	\$ 2,175,290
<b>City's net pension liability as a percentage of covered payroll</b>	17.69%	32.32%	21.68%	9.99%	6.67%
	<b>2020</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2023</b>	
<b>Total pension liability</b>					
Service cost	\$ 153,724	\$ 127,360	\$ 132,484	\$ 167,567	
Interest on total pension liability	274,624	283,542	302,145	371,198	
Differences between expected and actual experience	26,884	(12,247)	(49,447)	93,939	
Changes of assumptions	(105,238)	-	-	-	
Changes of benefit terms	-	-	-	-	
Benefit payments, including refunds of employee contributions	(138,447)	(142,832)	(160,226)	(164,942)	
Other changes	-	-	678,627	-	
<b>Net change in total pension liability</b>	<u>211,547</u>	<u>255,823</u>	<u>903,583</u>	<u>467,762</u>	
<b>Total pension liability - beginning</b>	<u>3,577,147</u>	<u>3,788,694</u>	<u>4,044,517</u>	<u>4,948,100</u>	
<b>Total pension liability - ending (a)</b>	<u>\$ 3,788,694</u>	<u>\$ 4,044,517</u>	<u>\$ 4,948,100</u>	<u>\$ 5,415,862</u>	
<b>Plan fiduciary net position</b>					
Contributions - employer	\$ 165,666	\$ 164,330	\$ 140,580	\$ 195,076	
Net investment income	103,949	343,959	944,408	(788,793)	
Benefit payments, including refunds of member contributions	(138,447)	(142,832)	(160,226)	(164,942)	
Administrative expenses	(14,059)	(17,633)	(15,301)	(15,120)	
<b>Net change in plan fiduciary net position</b>	<u>117,109</u>	<u>347,824</u>	<u>909,461</u>	<u>(773,779)</u>	
<b>Plan fiduciary net position - beginning</b>	<u>3,432,113</u>	<u>3,549,222</u>	<u>3,897,046</u>	<u>4,806,507</u>	
<b>Plan fiduciary net position - ending (b)</b>	<u>\$ 3,549,222</u>	<u>\$ 3,897,046</u>	<u>\$ 4,806,507</u>	<u>\$ 4,032,728</u>	
<b>City's net pension liability - ending (a) - (b)</b>	<u>\$ 239,472</u>	<u>\$ 147,471</u>	<u>\$ 141,593</u>	<u>\$ 1,383,134</u>	
<b>Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability</b>	93.68%	96.35%	97.14%	74.46%	
<b>Covered payroll</b>	\$ 2,521,106	\$ 2,521,106	\$ 2,814,567	\$ 3,016,053	
<b>City's net pension liability as a percentage of covered payroll</b>	9.50%	5.85%	5.03%	45.86%	

**Notes to the Schedule:**

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

Amounts reported for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2020 and later reflect assumption changes based on an actuarial study conducted in November and December 2019. This study recommended changes in mortality tables, retirement rates, and inflation rate changes from 2.75% to 2.25%.

**CITY OF SOCIAL CIRCLE, GEORGIA  
REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION  
RETIREMENT PLAN  
SCHEDULE OF CITY CONTRIBUTIONS**

	<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>
Actuarially determined contribution	\$ 97,541	\$ 116,265	\$ 136,605	\$ 129,453	\$ 148,084
Contributions in relation to the actuarially determined contribution	<u>97,541</u>	<u>116,265</u>	<u>136,605</u>	<u>129,453</u>	<u>148,084</u>
Contribution deficiency (excess)	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
Covered payroll	\$ 1,387,784	\$ 1,703,641	\$ 2,064,821	\$ 1,829,218	\$ 2,290,647
Contributions as a percentage of covered payroll	7.03%	6.82%	6.62%	7.08%	6.46%
	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>	
Actuarially determined contribution	\$ 169,050	\$ 150,169	\$ 164,409	\$ 222,785	
Contributions in relation to the actuarially determined contribution	<u>169,050</u>	<u>150,169</u>	<u>164,409</u>	<u>222,785</u>	
Contribution deficiency (excess)	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	
Covered payroll	\$ 2,597,925	\$ 2,886,781	\$ 3,059,144	\$ 2,934,684	
Contributions as a percentage of covered payroll	6.51%	5.20%	5.37%	7.59%	

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

**COMBINING AND INDIVIDUAL FUND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
AND SCHEDULES**

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# CITY OF SOCIAL CIRCLE, GEORGIA

## NONMAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS

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### SPECIAL REVENUE FUND

Special revenue funds are used to account for specific revenues that are either restricted or committed to expenditure for specified purposes other than debt service or capital projects.

**Confiscations Pending Fund** – This fund is used to account for the City's share of monies that have been forfeited through the court system that are restricted for law enforcement purposes.

**Hotel/Motel Fund** – This fund is used to account for the collection of hotel/motel taxes within the City which are restricted for the promotion of tourism.

### PERMANENT FUND

Permanent funds are used to report resources that are legally restricted to the extent that only earnings, not principal, may be used for purposes that support the reporting government's programs.

**Library Fund** – This fund is used to account for monies restricted for principal trust amounts and related interest earnings; which are used to maintain and operate the community library.

**CITY OF SOCIAL CIRCLE, GEORGIA  
COMBINING BALANCE SHEET  
NONMAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS  
JUNE 30, 2023**

	Special Revenue Fund		Permanent Fund	Total
	Confiscations Pending Fund	Hotel/ Motel Fund	Library Fund	Nonmajor Governmental Funds
<b>ASSETS</b>				
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 92,129	\$ 422	\$ 451,723	\$ 544,274
Taxes receivable	-	3	-	3
Total assets	<u>\$ 92,129</u>	<u>\$ 425</u>	<u>\$ 451,723</u>	<u>\$ 544,277</u>
<b>FUND BALANCES</b>				
<b>LIABILITIES</b>				
Due to other funds	<u>15,768</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>15,768</u>
Total liabilities	<u>15,768</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>15,768</u>
<b>FUND BALANCES</b>				
Nonspendable - corpus	-	-	350,000	350,000
Restricted:				
Library	-	-	101,723	101,723
Tourism	-	425	-	425
Public safety	<u>76,361</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>76,361</u>
Total fund balances	<u>\$ 76,361</u>	<u>\$ 425</u>	<u>\$ 451,723</u>	<u>\$ 528,509</u>

**CITY OF SOCIAL CIRCLE, GEORGIA**  
**COMBINING STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND**  
**CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES**  
**NONMAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS**  
**FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023**

	Special Revenue Fund		Permanent Fund	Total Nonmajor Governmental Funds
	Confiscations Pending Fund	Hotel/ Motel Fund	Library Fund	
<b>REVENUES</b>				
Taxes	\$ -	\$ 425	\$ -	\$ 425
Investment income	9	-	16,408	16,417
Fines and forfeitures	36,150	-	-	36,150
Total revenues	36,159	425	16,408	52,992
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>				
Current				
Public safety	40,989	-	-	40,989
Total expenditures	40,989	-	-	40,989
Net change in fund balances	(4,830)	425	16,408	12,003
<b>FUND BALANCES, beginning of year</b>	81,191	-	435,315	516,506
<b>FUND BALANCES, end of year</b>	\$ 76,361	\$ 425	\$ 451,723	\$ 528,509



**CITY OF SOCIAL CIRCLE, GEORGIA  
CONFISCATIONS PENDING FUND  
SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES,  
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES - BUDGET AND ACTUAL  
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023**

	Budget		Actual	Variance With Final Budget
	Original	Final		
<b>REVENUES</b>				
Interest	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 9	\$ 9
Fines and forfeitures	61,500	61,500	36,150	(25,350)
Total revenues	61,500	61,500	36,159	(25,341)
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>				
Public safety	61,500	61,500	40,989	20,511
Total expenditures	61,500	61,500	40,989	20,511
Net change in fund balances	-	-	(4,830)	(4,830)
<b>FUND BALANCES, beginning of year</b>	81,191	81,191	81,191	-
<b>FUND BALANCES, end of year</b>	\$ 81,191	\$ 81,191	\$ 76,361	\$ (4,830)

**CITY OF SOCIAL CIRCLE, GEORGIA  
HOTEL/MOTEL FUND  
SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES,  
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES - BUDGET AND ACTUAL  
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023**

	<u>Budget</u>		<u>Actual</u>	<u>Variance With Final Budget</u>
	<u>Original</u>	<u>Final</u>		
<b>REVENUES</b>				
Taxes	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ 425	\$ (75)
Total revenues	<u>500</u>	<u>500</u>	<u>425</u>	<u>(75)</u>
Net change in fund balances	500	500	425	(75)
<b>FUND BALANCES, beginning of year</b>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>FUND BALANCES, end of year</b>	<u>\$ 500</u>	<u>\$ 500</u>	<u>\$ 425</u>	<u>\$ (75)</u>

**CITY OF SOCIAL CIRCLE, GEORGIA  
LIBRARY FUND  
SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES,  
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES - BUDGET AND ACTUAL  
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023**

	<u>Budget</u>		<u>Actual</u>	<u>Variance With Final Budget</u>
	<u>Original</u>	<u>Final</u>		
<b>REVENUES</b>				
Investment income	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 16,408	\$ 16,408
Total revenues	-	-	16,408	16,408
Net change in fund balances	-	-	16,408	16,408
<b>FUND BALANCES, beginning of year</b>	<u>435,315</u>	<u>435,315</u>	<u>435,315</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>FUND BALANCES, end of year</b>	<u>\$ 435,315</u>	<u>\$ 435,315</u>	<u>\$ 451,723</u>	<u>\$ 16,408</u>

**CITY OF SOCIAL CIRCLE, GEORGIA**  
**SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF SPECIAL PURPOSE**  
**LOCAL OPTION SALES TAX**  
**FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023**

	<u>Original Estimated Cost</u>	<u>Current Estimated Cost</u>	<u>Prior Years Cumulative Expenditures</u>	<u>Current Year Expenditures</u>	<u>Total Cumulative Expenditures</u>
<b><u>2019 Projects</u></b>					
Transportation	\$ 1,000,000	\$ 1,213,726	\$ 755,525	\$ 458,201	\$ 1,213,726
Water and Sewer Infrastructure	1,160,869	1,160,869	87,694	1,680	89,374
Public Safety	385,000	399,630	399,630	-	399,630
Parks and Recreation	100,000	100,000	18,650	2,960	21,610
Building Upgrades and Improvements	<u>250,000</u>	<u>320,265</u>	<u>300,302</u>	<u>19,963</u>	<u>320,265</u>
Total 2019 SPLOST Expenditures	<u>\$ 2,895,869</u>	<u>\$ 3,194,490</u>	<u>\$ 1,561,801</u>	<u>482,804</u>	<u>\$ 2,044,605</u>

**Non-SPLOST expenditures\***

Roads, streets, bridges, and sidewalks	<u>183,620</u>
Total non-SPLOST expenditures	<u>183,620</u>
Total SPLOST fund expenditures	<u>\$ 666,424</u>

\* City of Social Circle, Georgia uses intergovernmental revenues as well as contributions from other parties to expand out SPLOST projects. Contributions to the SPLOST projects are as follows:

Georgia Department of Transportation (TAP Grant)	\$ 183,620
Total non-SPLOST expenditures	<u>\$ 183,620</u>

## **COMPONENT UNITS**

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**CITY OF SOCIAL CIRCLE, GEORGIA**  
**STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS**  
**COMPONENT UNIT - MAIN STREET COMMISSION**  
**FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023**

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**CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES**

Receipts from customers and users	\$ 35,667
Payments to suppliers	<u>(66,650)</u>
Net cash used in operating activities	<u>(30,983)</u>
 Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents	 (30,983)
 Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of year	 <u>56,945</u>
 Cash and cash equivalents, end of year	 <u><u>\$ 25,962</u></u>

**RECONCILIATION OF OPERATING LOSS TO NET**

**CASH USED IN OPERATING ACTIVITIES**

Operating loss	\$ (30,487)
Adjustments to reconcile operating loss to net cash used in operating activities:	
Change in assets and liabilities:	
Decrease in accounts payable	<u>(496)</u>
 Net cash used in operating activities	 <u><u>\$ (30,983)</u></u>

**CITY OF SOCIAL CIRCLE, GEORGIA**  
**STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS**  
**COMPONENT UNIT - DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY**  
**FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023**

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**CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES**

Receipts from customers and users	\$ 4,800
Payments to suppliers	<u>(7,150)</u>
Net cash used in operating activities	<u>(2,350)</u>

**CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES**

Interest received	<u>2,295</u>
Net cash provided by investing activities	<u>2,295</u>

Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents (55)

Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of year 67,382

Cash and cash equivalents, end of year \$ 67,327

**RECONCILIATION OF OPERATING LOSS TO NET**

**CASH USED IN OPERATING ACTIVITIES**

Adjustments to reconcile operating income to net cash provided by operating activities:	
Operating loss	\$ (10,600)
Changes in assets and liabilities:	
Increase in accounts payable	<u>8,250</u>
Net cash used in operating activities	<u>\$ (2,350)</u>

**CITY OF SOCIAL CIRCLE, GEORGIA**  
**STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS**  
**COMPONENT UNIT - DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY**  
**FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023**

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**CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES**

Receipts from customers and users	\$ 30
Payments to suppliers	<u>(5,952)</u>
Net cash used in operating activities	<u>(5,922)</u>

**CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES**

Interest received	42,166
Net cash provided by investing activities	<u>42,166</u>

Net increase in cash and cash equivalents 36,244

Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of year 1,126,958

Cash and cash equivalents, end of year \$ 1,163,202

**RECONCILIATION OF OPERATING LOSS TO NET**

**CASH USED IN OPERATING ACTIVITIES**

Adjustments to reconcile operating loss to net cash used in operating activities:	
Operating loss	\$ (750)
Changes in assets and liabilities:	
Decrease in accounts payable	<u>(5,172)</u>
Net cash used in operating activities	<u><u>\$ (5,922)</u></u>



## **STATISTICAL SECTION**

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# STATISTICAL SECTION

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This part of the City of Social Circle's Annual Comprehensive Financial Report presents detailed information as a context for understanding what the information in the financial statements, note disclosures, and required supplementary information says about the City's overall financial health.

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<b>Financial Trends</b> .....	<b>72</b>

These schedules contain trend information to help the reader understand how the City's financial performance and well-being have changed over time.

<b>Revenue Capacity</b> .....	<b>80</b>
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These schedules contain information to help the reader assess the City's most significant local revenue source, property tax.

<b>Debt Capacity</b> .....	<b>85</b>
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These schedules present information to help the reader assess the affordability of the City's current levels of outstanding debt and the City's ability to issue additional debt in the future.

<b>Demographic and Economic Information</b> .....	<b>88</b>
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These schedules offer demographic and economic indicators to help the reader understand the environment within which the City's financial activities take place.

<b>Operating Information</b> .....	<b>92</b>
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These schedules contain service and infrastructure data to help the reader understand how the information in the City's financial report relates to the services the City provides and the activities it performs.

Sources: Unless otherwise noted, the information in these schedules is derived from the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report.

**CITY OF SOCIAL CIRCLE, GEORGIA**  
**NET POSITION BY COMPONENT**  
**LAST TEN YEARS**  
**(Full accrual basis of accounting)**  
**(amounts expressed in thousands)**

	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>
<b>Governmental activities</b>					
Net investment in capital assets	\$ 6,812	\$ 6,658	\$ 7,730	\$ 7,528	\$ 7,599
Restricted	1,146	1,538	589	670	956
Unrestricted	<u>972</u>	<u>764</u>	<u>523</u>	<u>659</u>	<u>750</u>
Total governmental activities net position	<u>\$ 8,930</u>	<u>\$ 8,960</u>	<u>\$ 8,842</u>	<u>\$ 8,857</u>	<u>\$ 9,305</u>
<b>Business-type activities</b>					
Net investment in capital assets	\$ 8,887	\$ 10,129	\$ 9,933	\$ 9,632	\$ 9,693
Restricted	345	370	-	593	654
Unrestricted	<u>3,527</u>	<u>2,733</u>	<u>3,913</u>	<u>4,253</u>	<u>4,539</u>
Total business-type activities net position	<u>\$ 12,759</u>	<u>\$ 13,232</u>	<u>\$ 13,846</u>	<u>\$ 14,478</u>	<u>\$ 14,886</u>
<b>Primary government</b>					
Net investment in capital assets	\$ 15,699	\$ 16,787	\$ 17,663	\$ 17,160	\$ 17,292
Restricted	1,491	1,908	589	1,263	1,610
Unrestricted	<u>4,499</u>	<u>3,497</u>	<u>4,436</u>	<u>4,912</u>	<u>5,289</u>
Total primary government net position	<u>\$ 21,689</u>	<u>\$ 22,192</u>	<u>\$ 22,688</u>	<u>\$ 23,335</u>	<u>\$ 24,191</u>

<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>
\$ 7,845	\$ 8,378	\$ 8,507	\$ 8,139	\$ 8,339
954	1,117	1,543	1,947	2,658
1,111	1,129	1,774	1,893	2,928
<u>\$ 9,910</u>	<u>\$ 10,624</u>	<u>\$ 11,824</u>	<u>\$ 11,979</u>	<u>\$ 13,925</u>
\$ 11,419	\$ 11,521	\$ 12,185	\$ 12,807	\$ 13,532
466	473	474	922	954
3,496	4,080	3,766	4,024	1,959
<u>\$ 15,381</u>	<u>\$ 16,074</u>	<u>\$ 16,425</u>	<u>\$ 17,753</u>	<u>\$ 16,445</u>
\$ 19,264	\$ 19,898	\$ 20,692	\$ 20,946	\$ 21,871
1,420	1,591	2,016	2,869	3,612
4,607	5,209	5,540	5,917	4,887
<u>\$ 25,291</u>	<u>\$ 26,699</u>	<u>\$ 28,248</u>	<u>\$ 29,732</u>	<u>\$ 30,370</u>

**CITY OF SOCIAL CIRCLE, GEORGIA**  
**CHANGES IN NET POSITION**  
**LAST TEN YEARS**  
**(Full accrual basis of accounting)**  
**(amounts expressed in thousands)**

	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
<b>Expenses</b>										
Governmental activities:										
General government	\$ 920	\$ 1,034	\$ 1,105	\$ 1,151	\$ 1,114	\$ 1,262	\$ 1,054	\$ 1,466	\$ 1,684	\$ 1,390
Judicial	22	16	17	21	27	43	67	65	58	112
Public safety	1,849	1,904	2,030	2,281	2,505	2,765	2,899	3,221	3,571	3,432
Public works	685	854	806	1,059	845	695	993	681	891	1,185
Health and welfare	92	89	78	102	126	115	103	109	112	89
Culture and recreation	142	143	142	145	186	631	190	148	150	153
Housing and development	145	79	85	99	104	101	304	92	91	448
Interest on long-term debt	19	23	21	20	19	20	10	22	16	21
Total governmental activities expenses	3,875	4,142	4,287	4,878	4,926	5,632	5,621	5,805	6,573	6,828
Business-type activities										
Water and sewer	1,881	1,945	2,225	2,413	2,360	2,431	2,526	2,838	3,078	4,148
Natural gas	2,588	2,293	2,097	2,221	2,507	2,972	2,277	2,886	4,677	4,901
Solid waste	253	242	252	279	286	300	252	328	342	409
Total business-type activities expenses	4,722	4,480	4,574	4,912	5,153	5,703	5,055	6,052	8,097	9,458
Total primary government expenses	\$ 8,597	\$ 8,622	\$ 8,861	\$ 9,789	\$ 10,079	\$ 11,335	\$ 10,676	\$ 11,857	\$ 14,670	\$ 16,286
<b>Program Revenues</b>										
Charges for services:										
General government	\$ 21	\$ 20	\$ 21	\$ 22	\$ 13	\$ 21	\$ 20	\$ 21	\$ 24	\$ 35
Judicial	159	162	112	94	151	111	112	87	86	61
Public safety	-	-	43	15	213	109	51	69	30	36
Public works	14	39	67	64	63	98	140	190	149	165
Culture and recreation	16	22	18	11	57	115	-	1	1	1
Total charges for services:	210	243	261	207	496	454	323	367	290	297
Operating grants and contributions	740	226	165	268	284	771	471	586	420	385
Capital grants and contributions	4	519	509	528	589	502	908	1,080	1,290	1,443
Total governmental activities program revenues	954	988	935	1,003	1,370	1,726	1,701	2,033	2,000	2,125
Business-type activities										
Charges for services:										
Water and sewer	2,053	2,336	2,718	2,830	2,748	2,957	3,218	3,420	3,808	3,288
Natural gas	3,517	3,229	2,756	3,531	3,488	4,143	3,491	3,932	5,937	6,547
Solid waste	281	314	314	325	327	342	310	374	389	460
Operating grants and contributions	1	2	10	3	1	2	4	3	66	2
Capital grants and contributions	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total business-type activities program revenues	5,852	5,881	5,799	6,690	6,565	7,444	7,023	7,728	10,201	10,298
Total primary government program revenues	\$ 6,806	\$ 6,869	\$ 6,734	\$ 7,693	\$ 7,935	\$ 9,170	\$ 8,724	\$ 9,762	\$ 12,200	\$ 12,422
Net (expenses)/revenue										
Governmental activities	\$ (2,921)	\$ (3,154)	\$ (3,352)	\$ (3,875)	\$ (3,556)	\$ (3,906)	\$ (3,919)	\$ (3,772)	\$ (4,573)	\$ (4,704)
Business-type activities	1,130	1,401	1,225	1,779	1,412	1,741	1,968	1,676	2,103	840
Total primary government net expense	\$ (1,791)	\$ (1,753)	\$ (2,127)	\$ (2,096)	\$ (2,144)	\$ (2,165)	\$ (1,951)	\$ (2,096)	\$ (2,470)	\$ (3,864)
<b>General Revenues and Other Changes in Net Position</b>										
Governmental activities:										
Property taxes	\$ 1,097	\$ 1,076	\$ 1,153	\$ 1,334	\$ 1,527	\$ 1,541	\$ 1,569	\$ 1,778	\$ 1,890	\$ 2,160
Franchise taxes	437	465	458	455	445	476	488	489	504	576
Sales taxes	526	547	539	564	593	720	842	893	1,076	1,098
Other taxes	104	85	102	86	108	95	431	473	477	559
Unrestricted investment earnings	38	20	36	5	13	15	19	2	3	61
Gain on sale of capital assets	83	-	22	283	3	68	-	11	-	-
Miscellaneous	236	253	263	12	305	322	-	-	-	-
Transfers	775	916	660	1,151	1,010	1,273	1,285	1,327	777	2,195
Total governmental activities	3,296	3,362	3,233	3,890	4,004	4,510	4,634	4,972	4,727	6,650
Business-type activities:										
Other taxes	49	43	50	4	5	28	-	-	-	-
Unrestricted investment earnings	-	-	-	-	-	-	9	1	1	48
Gain on sale of capital assets	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Transfers	(775)	(916)	(660)	(1,151)	(1,010)	(1,273)	(1,285)	(1,327)	(777)	(2,195)
Total business-type activities	(726)	(873)	(610)	(1,147)	(1,005)	(1,245)	(1,276)	(1,326)	(776)	(2,147)
Total primary government	\$ 2,570	\$ 2,489	\$ 2,623	\$ 2,743	\$ 2,999	\$ 3,265	\$ 3,358	\$ 3,646	\$ 3,952	\$ 4,502
<b>Change in Net Position</b>										
Governmental activities	\$ 375	\$ 205	\$ (118)	\$ 15	\$ 448	\$ 604	\$ 715	\$ 1,200	\$ 154	\$ 1,946
Business-type activities	403	528	615	632	408	496	692	350	1,328	(1,308)
Total primary government	\$ 778	\$ 733	\$ 497	\$ 647	\$ 856	\$ 1,100	\$ 1,407	\$ 1,550	\$ 1,482	\$ 638

**CITY OF SOCIAL CIRCLE, GEORGIA**  
**GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES TAX REVENUES BY SOURCE**  
**LAST TEN YEARS**  
 (full accrual basis of accounting)  
 (amounts expressed in thousands)

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<b>Fiscal Year</b>	<b>Property Tax</b>	<b>Franchise Tax</b>	<b>Sales Tax</b>	<b>Insurance Tax</b>	<b>Other Taxes</b>	<b>Total</b>
2014	\$ 1,097	\$ 437	\$ 526	\$ 220	\$ 121	\$ 2,401
2015	1,076	465	546	228	110	2,425
2016	1,153	457	539	244	122	2,515
2017	1,334	455	564	264	105	2,722
2018	1,527	445	593	281	132	2,978
2019	1,541	476	720	303	114	3,154
2020	1,569	488	842	321	110	3,330
2021	1,778	489	893	338	135	3,633
2022	1,890	504	1,076	349	128	3,947
2023	2,160	576	1,098	420	140	4,394

**CITY OF SOCIAL CIRCLE, GEORGIA**  
**FUND BALANCES OF GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS**  
**LAST TEN YEARS**  
**(modified accrual basis of accounting)**  
**(amounts expressed in thousands)**

	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>
General fund					
Nonspendable - prepaids	\$ 199	\$ 217	\$ 221	\$ 110	\$ 103
Restricted - capital projects	-	106	160	-	-
Assigned:					
Library	38	35	34	31	34
Cemetery	49	64	69	71	70
Friendship park	-	-	-	-	-
Firetruck and equipment	-	-	-	-	-
Fire station generator	-	-	-	-	-
LMIG paving	-	-	-	69	28
UB software	-	-	-	30	-
Cardiac monitor	-	-	-	27	-
Storm drainage	-	-	-	47	-
Website design and peak	-	-	-	-	-
Unified development code	-	-	-	-	-
Unassigned	757	720	619	626	817
Total general fund	<u>\$ 1,043</u>	<u>\$ 1,142</u>	<u>\$ 1,103</u>	<u>\$ 1,011</u>	<u>\$ 1,052</u>
All other governmental funds					
Nonspendable					
Permanent Fund Corpus	\$ 350	\$ 350	\$ 350	\$ 350	\$ 350
Restricted:					
Library	64	58	68	57	68
Public safety	15	15	10	14	72
Capital projects	716	1,010	-	248	466
Unassigned	-	-	(116)	-	-
Total all other governmental funds	<u>\$ 1,145</u>	<u>\$ 1,432</u>	<u>\$ 312</u>	<u>\$ 669</u>	<u>\$ 956</u>

<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>
\$ 109	\$ 110	\$ 123	\$ 113	\$ 132
-	-	-	-	-
32	-	-	-	-
84	-	-	-	-
17	-	-	-	-
143	-	-	-	-
-	-	25	25	-
78	-	-	-	-
-	-	-	-	-
-	-	-	-	-
-	-	10	-	-
-	-	-	84	-
952	1,230	1,853	2,285	3,500
<u>\$ 1,415</u>	<u>\$ 1,340</u>	<u>\$ 2,011</u>	<u>\$ 2,507</u>	<u>\$ 3,632</u>

\$ 350	\$ 350	\$ 350	\$ 350	\$ 350
78	84	84	85	102
58	29	90	81	76
468	654	1,018	1,373	2,093
-	-	-	-	-
<u>\$ 954</u>	<u>\$ 1,117</u>	<u>\$ 1,543</u>	<u>\$ 1,889</u>	<u>\$ 2,621</u>



**CITY OF SOCIAL CIRCLE, GEORGIA**  
**CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES OF GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS**  
**LAST TEN YEARS**  
**(modified accrual basis of accounting)**  
**(amounts expressed in thousands)**

	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>
<b>Revenues</b>					
Taxes	\$ 2,423	\$ 2,416	\$ 2,524	\$ 2,733	\$ 2,965
Licenses and permits	17	16	72	74	74
Intergovernmental	740	731	665	787	830
Fines and forfeitures	159	162	154	109	328
Charges for services	18	43	17	12	1
Interest income	42	34	46	5	13
Other revenues	16	22	18	11	60
Total revenues	<u>3,415</u>	<u>3,424</u>	<u>3,496</u>	<u>3,731</u>	<u>4,271</u>
<b>Expenditures</b>					
General government	983	872	948	1,013	1,005
Judicial	22	17	17	21	28
Public safety	2,629	1,746	3,009	2,134	2,474
Public works	763	950	1,318	1,065	1,035
Health and welfare	92	89	78	101	126
Culture and recreation	138	139	139	140	182
Housing and development	145	79	89	99	104
Capital outlay	-	-	-	-	-
Debt service					
Principal retirements	46	38	39	40	42
Interest and fiscal charges	2	24	23	21	20
Total expenditures	<u>4,821</u>	<u>3,953</u>	<u>5,660</u>	<u>4,634</u>	<u>5,016</u>
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	(1,406)	(530)	(2,164)	(903)	(745)
<b>Other financing sources (uses)</b>					
Proceeds from financed purchase	-	-	-	-	-
Issuance of long-term debt	716	-	-	-	-
Insurance Recoveries	-	-	-	-	-
Proceeds from sale of capital assets	86	-	27	18	3
Transfers in	775	916	978	1,156	1,070
Transfers out	-	-	(1)	(4)	-
Total other financing sources (uses)	<u>1,577</u>	<u>916</u>	<u>1,004</u>	<u>1,170</u>	<u>1,073</u>
Net change in fund balances	<u>\$ 171</u>	<u>\$ 386</u>	<u>\$ (1,160)</u>	<u>\$ 267</u>	<u>\$ 328</u>
Debt service as a percentage of noncapital expenditures	1.02%	1.63%	1.12%	1.36%	1.28%

	<b>2019</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2023</b>
\$	3,204	\$ 3,257	\$ 3,705	\$ 3,940	\$ 4,403
	110	152	202	162	179
	1,129	1,249	1,626	1,603	1,772
	220	163	156	116	97
	8	8	9	12	21
	16	19	2	3	62
	258	129	39	49	77
	<u>4,945</u>	<u>4,977</u>	<u>5,740</u>	<u>5,885</u>	<u>6,611</u>
	1,036	1,067	1,286	1,319	1,132
	43	67	65	58	112
	2,845	3,417	2,971	3,101	3,216
	1,021	1,387	1,215	907	2,095
	116	103	110	105	87
	629	190	148	150	153
	111	304	92	87	454
	-	-	-	-	-
	300	21	73	75	78
	27	10	20	17	15
	<u>6,128</u>	<u>6,568</u>	<u>5,980</u>	<u>5,820</u>	<u>7,342</u>
	(1,183)	(1,591)	(241)	65	(732)
	-	385	-	-	395
	-	-	-	-	-
	263	-	-	-	-
	8	-	11	-	-
	1,273	1,294	1,327	1,366	2,272
	-	-	-	(589)	(77)
	<u>1,544</u>	<u>1,679</u>	<u>1,337</u>	<u>777</u>	<u>2,589</u>
\$	<u>361</u>	<u>89</u>	<u>1,096</u>	<u>842</u>	<u>1,858</u>
	5.95%	0.65%	1.78%	1.68%	1.49%

**CITY OF SOCIAL CIRCLE, GEORGIA**  
**ASSESSED VALUE AND ESTIMATED ACTUAL VALUE - ALL TAXABLE PROPERTY**  
**LAST TEN YEARS**  
**(amounts expressed in thousands)**

<b>Fiscal Year</b>	<b>Real and Personal Property</b>		<b>Motor Vehicle</b>	<b>Mobile Homes Utility</b>	<b>Timber</b>	<b>Less:</b>
	<b>Real</b>	<b>Personal</b>				<b>Tax Exempt Real Property</b>
2014	\$ 83,469	\$ 84,537	\$ 8,310	\$ 104	\$ -	\$ 48,462
2015	90,129	83,193	5,455	100	-	46,254
2016	115,641	89,329	4,229	90	46	48,938
2017	129,637	88,997	3,393	89	-	46,361
2018	138,468	94,065	2,741	78	-	49,458
2019	146,372	86,525	2,463	75	-	44,192
2020	141,545	90,167	2,452	75	-	43,867
2021	162,407	99,039	1,907	75	-	53,157
2022	175,205	92,282	1,745	62	-	44,299
2023	303,670	98,702	1,627	49	-	49,788

Source: City of Social Circle Tax Department

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<u>Total Taxable Assessed Value</u>	<u>Total Direct Tax Rate</u>	<u>Estimated Actual Taxable Value</u>	<u>Assessed Value as a Percentage of Actual Value</u>
\$ 127,958	7.411	\$ 319,895	40.00%
132,623	7.411	331,558	40.00%
160,398	7.900	400,994	40.00%
175,755	7.900	439,388	40.00%
185,894	7.900	464,734	40.00%
191,243	7.900	478,107	40.00%
190,372	7.900	475,930	40.00%
210,271	7.900	658,568	40.00%
224,995	7.900	562,490	40.00%
257,431	7.900	639,900	40.00%

**CITY OF SOCIAL CIRCLE, GEORGIA**  
**PROPERTY TAX RATES - DIRECT AND OVERLAPPING GOVERNMENTS**  
**(Per \$1000 of Assessed Value)**  
**LAST TEN YEARS**

<b>Calendar Year</b>	<b>City of Social Circle, Georgia</b>		<b>Walton County</b>	<b>School District</b>	<b>GA State</b>	<b>Total Direct &amp; Overlapping Rates</b>
	<b>Operating Millage</b>	<b>Total City Millage</b>		<b>Operating Millage</b>		
2014	7.411	7.411	11.77	19.790	0.10	39.074
2015	7.411	7.411	11.19	19.092	0.05	37.747
2016	7.900	7.900	11.33	17.949	0.00	37.174
2017	7.900	7.900	10.91	17.144	0.00	35.949
2018	7.900	7.900	10.91	19.647	0.00	38.452
2019	7.900	7.900	10.91	19.278	0.00	38.083
2020	7.900	7.900	10.68	19.278	0.00	37.858
2021	7.900	7.900	10.91	19.278	0.00	38.083
2022	7.900	7.900	10.41	18.722	0.00	37.032
2023	7.900	7.900	10.41	18.722	0.00	37.032

Source: City of Social Circle Tax Department and Walton County

<b>Calendar Year</b>	<b>City of Social Circle, Georgia</b>		<b>Newton County</b>	<b>School District</b>	<b>GA State</b>	<b>Total Direct &amp; Overlapping Rates</b>
	<b>Operating Millage</b>	<b>Total City Millage</b>		<b>Operating Millage</b>		
2014	7.411	7.411	12.43	19.790	0.10	39.726
2015	7.411	7.411	13.44	19.092	0.05	39.994
2016	7.900	7.900	13.44	17.949	0.00	39.290
2017	7.900	7.900	13.44	17.144	0.00	38.485
2018	7.900	7.900	13.44	19.647	0.00	40.988
2019	7.900	7.900	13.43	19.278	0.00	40.608
2020	7.900	7.900	12.92	19.278	0.00	40.098
2021	7.900	7.900	11.15	19.278	0.00	38.323
2022	7.900	7.900	9.45	18.722	0.00	36.072
2023	7.900	7.900	9.45	19.278	0.00	36.628

Source: City of Social Circle Tax Department and Newton County

# CITY OF SOCIAL CIRCLE, GEORGIA

## PRINCIPAL PROPERTY TAXPAYERS CURRENT AND NINE YEARS AGO

Taxpayer	2023			2014		
	Taxable Assessed Value	Rank	Percentage of Taxable Assessed Value	Taxable Assessed Value	Rank	Percentage of Taxable Assessed Value
General Mills	\$ 35,061,955	1	13.62 %	\$ -	-	- %
Standridge Color Corp	\$26,617,435	2	10.34	-	-	-
Solo Cup Operating Corp	\$21,973,103	3	8.54	-	-	-
The Goodyear Tire and Rubber	\$15,000,075	4	5.83	-	-	-
WPT WILLOW SPRINGS LLC	\$11,915,600	5	4.63	-	-	-
Social Circle LLC	\$10,599,840	6	4.12	-	-	-
Certaineed LLC	\$7,891,333	7	3.07	-	-	-
Masterack Manufacturing	\$4,777,597	8	1.86	-	-	-
Standridge Robert E	\$4,505,544	9	1.75	-	-	-
Isonova	\$3,267,229	10	1.27	-	-	-
General Mills	-	-	-	\$11,915,613	1	9.31
Solo Cup Operating Corp	-	-	-	\$6,664,644	2	5.21
Robert E Standridge Irrevocable Family Trust	-	-	-	\$4,730,932	3	3.70
Certaineed Corp	-	-	-	\$2,271,196	5	1.77
Standridge Properties	-	-	-	\$2,121,600	4	1.66
Georgia Power Co	-	-	-	\$1,853,699	6	1.45
Rosemary B Mathews	-	-	-	\$998,920	7	0.78
The Goodyear Tire and Rubber	-	-	-	\$837,528	8	0.65
Toco Hill Inc	-	-	-	\$790,791	9	0.62
Social Circle Cargo	-	-	-	\$591,720	10	0.46
	<u>\$ 141,609,711</u>		<u>55.01 %</u>	<u>\$ 32,776,643</u>		<u>25.62 %</u>

Source: City of Social Circle Tax Department

**CITY OF SOCIAL CIRCLE, GEORGIA**  
**PROPERTY TAX LEVIES AND COLLECTIONS**  
**LAST TEN YEARS**  
(amounts expressed in thousands)

Fiscal Period Ending June 30,	Total Tax Levy (1)	Collected within the Fiscal Year of the Levy		Collections in Subsequent Years	Total Collections to Date	
		Amount	Percentage of Levy		Amount	Percentage of Levy
2014	\$ 956	\$ 936	97.9%	\$ 20	\$ 956	100.0%
2015	1,018	992	97.4%	26	1,018	100.0%
2016	1,055	1,041	98.6%	14	1,055	100.0%
2017	1,220	1,207	98.9%	13	1,220	100.0%
2018	1,363	1,343	98.6%	19	1,362	100.0%
2019	1,444	1,440	99.7%	3	1,444	100.0%
2020	1,490	1,475	99.0%	15	1,490	100.0%
2021	1,648	1,642	99.6%	5	1,647	100.0%
2022	1,781	1,769	99.3%	12	1,781	100.0%
2023	2,026	2,016	99.5%	-	2,016	99.5%

**NOTES:** (1) Includes all taxes levied for the General Fund

Note Taxes are billed once a year in September for the calendar year.

**CITY OF SOCIAL CIRCLE, GEORGIA**  
**RATIOS OF OUTSTANDING DEBT BY TYPE**  
**LAST TEN YEARS**  
(amounts expressed in thousands, except per capita amount)

Fiscal Year	Governmental Activities		Business-type Activities			Total Primary Government	Percentage of Personal Income (1)	Per Capita (1)
	Financed Purchases	Revenue Bonds	Notes Payable	Financed Purchases				
2014	\$ 716	\$ 1,896	\$ 4,635	\$ 7	\$ 7,254	15.50%	\$ 363	
2015	678	1,898	4,384	-	6,960	15.82%	376	
2016	639	6,600	20	-	7,259	14.45%	340	
2017	599	6,484	17	-	7,100	13.76%	306	
2018	558	6,367	14	-	6,939	13.78%	310	
2019	258	6,245	419	-	6,922	12.93%	289	
2020	621	6,246	464	-	7,332	13.24%	287	
2021	548	6,091	1,353	-	7,993	13.93%	304	
2022	473	5,948	1,497	-	7,918	10.39%	211	
2023	790	5,801	1,901	-	8,491	12.43%	279	

(1) See the Demographic and Economic Statistics for personal income and population data.



**CITY OF SOCIAL CIRCLE, GEORGIA**  
**DIRECT AND OVERLAPPING GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES DEBT**  
**JUNE 30, 2023**  
**(amounts expressed in thousands)**

	<u>Net General Obligation Debt Outstanding</u>	<u>Percentage Applicable to City of Social Circle (1)</u>	<u>Amount Applicable to City of Social Circle</u>
Overlapping General Obligation Debt:			
Walton County			
Financed purchases	\$ 5,609	7.175%	\$ 402
Lease and Subscription Liabilities	960	7.175%	69
Walton County Board of Education			
General Obligation Bonds (2)	17,205	7.175%	1,234
Total overlapping debt	<u>23,774</u>		<u>1,706</u>
City direct debt:			
Financed purchases	<u>790</u>	100.000%	<u>790</u>
	790		790
Total direct and overlapping debt	<u><u>\$ 24,564</u></u>		<u><u>\$ 2,496</u></u>

Source: Assessed value data used to estimate applicable percentages provided by the Walton County Finance Department. Debt outstanding data provided by Walton County Finance Department.

Note: Overlapping governments are those that coincide, at least in part, with the geographic boundaries of the City. This schedule estimates the portion of the outstanding debt of those overlapping governments that is borne by the residents and businesses of the City of Social Circle, Georgia. This process recognizes that, when considering the government's ability to issue and repay long-term debt, the entire debt burden borne by the residents and businesses should be taken into account. However, this does not imply that every taxpayer is a resident, and therefore responsible for repaying the debt, of each overlapping government.

(1) The percentage of overlapping debt applicable is estimated using taxable assessed property values. Applicable percentages were estimated by determining the portion of the County's taxable assessed value that is within the City's boundaries and dividing it by the County's total taxable assessed value.

(2) General obligation bonds are general obligations of the issuer to which its full faith and credit and taxing powers are pledged.

**CITY OF SOCIAL CIRCLE, GEORGIA**  
**PLEGDED-REVENUE COVERAGE**  
**Last Ten Fiscal Years**  
**(amounts expressed in thousands)**

Fiscal Year	Gross Revenues (1)	Less: Operating Expenses (2)	Net Available Revenue	Debt Service		Coverage
				Principal	Interest	
2023	\$ 3,338	\$ 2,665	\$ 673	\$ 220	\$ 210	1.57
2022	3,876	2,253	1,623	211	246	3.55
2021	3,421	1,900	1,521	170	211	3.99
2020	3,228	1,782	1,446	157	200	4.05
2019	2,986	1,725	1,261	115	263	3.34
2018	2,753	1,700	1,053	110	360	2.24
2017	2,832	1,775	1,057	110	362	2.24
2016	2,734	1,404	1,330	-	111	11.98
2015	2,347	1,292	1,055	-	87	12.13
2014	2,063	1,213	850	-	87	9.77

Note: Details regarding the City's outstanding debt can be found in the notes to the financial statements.

- (1) Include operating revenues plus interest income.
- (2) Total operating expenses exclusive of depreciation.

**CITY OF SOCIAL CIRCLE, GEORGIA**  
**DEMOGRAPHIC AND ECONOMIC STATISTICS**  
**LAST TEN YEARS**

Fiscal Year	Population (1)	Personal Income (1)	Per Capita Personal Income (1)	Median Age (1)	Percentage of Population Age 25 and Older with Greater than 12 Years of Formal Schooling (1)	School Enrollment (2)	Unemployment Rate (3)
2014	4,352	\$ 46,796	\$ 19,984	39.3	53%	1,664	6.5%
2015	4,378	44,004	18,508	36.5	51%	1,696	5.2%
2016	4,419	50,248	21,337	37.1	54%	1,732	6.1%
2017	4,479	51,609	23,234	40.0	53%	1,784	4.9%
2018	4,479	50,368	22,372	37.9	50%	1,788	5.5%
2019	4,479	53,538	23,987	37.6	43%	1,798	4.5%
2020	4,447	55,382	25,517	37.5	43%	1,848	4.3%
2021	4,974	57,397	26,302	37.6	44%	1,843	6.8%
2022	4,892	76,185	37,582	39.9	62%	1,902	4.0%
2023	5,011	68,333	30,414	36.8	90%	1,321	3.4%

(1) Source: U.S. Census

(2) Source: Provided by City of Social Circle School Board

(3) Source: U.S. Census and Department of Labor

# CITY OF SOCIAL CIRCLE, GEORGIA

## PRINCIPAL EMPLOYERS CURRENT AND SEVEN YEARS AGO

Employer	2023			2016		
	Employees	Rank	Percentage of Total City Employment	Employees	Rank	Percentage of Total City Employment
Standridge Color Corp	395	1	16.46 %	290	1	13.18 %
Social Circle City Schools	306	2	12.75	238	3	10.82
GoodYear Tire & Rubber	240	3	10.00	176	4	8.00
General Mills Distribution (Excel)	193	4	8.04	247	2	11.23
IMMEC	152	5	6.33	112	5	5.09
Dart Enterprises	73	6	3.04	51	10	2.32
Masterack	75	7	3.13	90	7	4.09
Social Circle Cypress LLC	139	8	5.79	-	-	-
Certainteed	60	9	2.50	-	-	-
Social Circle Ace Hardware	58	10	2.42	-	-	-
Fouts Brothers	-	-	-	55	9	2.50
L&P CVP Group LLC	-	-	-	100	6	4.55
Social Circle Cypress	-	-	-	83	8	3.77
	<u>1,691</u>		<u>70.46 %</u>	<u>1,442</u>		<u>65.55 %</u>

Source: Various City departments

Note: Prior to fiscal year 2020, the Principal Employers for each year were not maintained and the business licenses were not required to be kept for longer than 5 years. 2016 is the oldest year available.

**CITY OF SOCIAL CIRCLE, GEORGIA**  
**FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT CITY GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES BY FUNCTION**  
**LAST TEN FISCAL YEARS**

<b>Function</b>	<u><b>2023</b></u>	<u><b>2022</b></u>	<u><b>2021</b></u>	<u><b>2020</b></u>	<u><b>2019</b></u>
General government	11	9	8	8	8
Public safety					
Police					
Officers	11	18	18	18	15
Civilians	1	1	1	1	1
Fire					
Firefighters and officers	16	17	15	15	14
Highways and streets					
Engineering	1	3	3	4	4
Maintenance	5	4	4	3	4
Water/Gas	18	19	18	16	16
Culture and recreation	2	2	2	2	2
<b>Total</b>	<u><u>65</u></u>	<u><u>73</u></u>	<u><u>69</u></u>	<u><u>67</u></u>	<u><u>64</u></u>

Source: Social Circle Financial Software and Budget reporting

<b>2018</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>2014</b>
7	8	8	8	7
15	14	14	15	14
1	1	1	1	1
14	11	11	9	8
3	3	3	3	2
4	5	5	5	6
16	15	15	15	14
2	2	2	2	2
<u>62</u>	<u>59</u>	<u>59</u>	<u>58</u>	<u>54</u>

**CITY OF SOCIAL CIRCLE, GEORGIA  
OPERATING INDICATORS BY FUNCTION  
LAST TEN FISCAL YEARS**

<b>Function</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2019</b>
<b>Police</b>					
Physical arrests	86	84	105	133	144
Parking violations	2	13	3	5	5
Traffic violations	909	1,246	1,298	1,486	1,017
<b>Fire</b>					
Number of calls answered	811	756	832	743	824
Inspections	220	158	169	84	205
<b>Highways and streets</b>					
Street resurfacing (miles) (1)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Potholes repaired	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
<b>Sanitation</b>					
Refuse collected (tons/day)	15.06	14.02	15.70	14.96	13.32
Recyclables collected (tons/day)	0.62	0.51	0.14	0.14	0.13

Source: City of Social Circle Departments

N/A - Information not available

(1) Road resurfacing and number of potholes repaired has not been kept to date. Will begin collecting starting fiscal year 2024.

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<b>2018</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>2014</b>
159	141	103	180	238
24	16	5	4	1
1,363	1,106	580	753	1,034
935	936	805	864	718
100	100	N/A	N/A	N/A
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
13.11	12.57	10.78	N/A	N/A
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A



**CITY OF SOCIAL CIRCLE, GEORGIA  
CAPITAL ASSET STATISTICS BY FUNCTION  
LAST TEN FISCAL YEARS**

<b>Function</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2019</b>
Public safety					
Police					
Stations	1	1	1	1	1
Patrol units	15	24	24	24	21
Fire stations	2	2	2	2	2
Fire trucks	5	5	5	5	5
Highways and streets					
Streets (miles)	50	50	50	50	50
Culture and recreation					
Parks acreage	17.9	10.6	10.6	10.6	10.6
Parks	4	3	3	3	3
Utility services					
Gas lines - Service (miles)	69.81	69.81	69.18	63.88	58.52
Water lines - Service (miles)	55.00	54.00	54.00	54.00	54.00

Source: Various City departments

N/A - Information not available

Note: Capital asset indicators are not available for the general government function.

<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
1	1	1	1	1
21	19	19	19	18
2	2	2	1	1
5	5	5	5	5
50	50	50	50	50
10.6	9.6	9.6	9.6	9.6
3	2	2	2	2
57.11	57.11	57.00	56.70	52.70
54.00	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

## **COMPLIANCE SECTION**

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

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To the Honorable Mayor and Members  
of City Council  
City of Social Circle, Georgia

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, the aggregate discretely presented component units, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the City of Social Circle, Georgia (the "City"), as of and for the year ended June 30, 2023, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the City's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated February 16, 2024.

### Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

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

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

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies and therefore, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that were not identified. We identified certain deficiencies in internal control, described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs as items 2023-001, 2023-002, 2023-003, 2023-004, 2023-005, 2023-006 and 2023-007 to be material weaknesses.

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### **Report on Compliance and Other Matters**

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

### **The City's Responses to the Findings**

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

### **Purpose of this Report**

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

*Mauldin & Jenkins, LLC*

Atlanta, Georgia  
February 16, 2024



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

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To the Honorable Mayor and Members  
of the City Council  
City of Social Circle, Georgia

### Report on Compliance for Each Major Federal Program

#### *Opinion on Each Major Federal Program*

We have audited the City of Social Circle, Georgia's (the "City") compliance with the types of compliance requirements identified as subject to audit in the OMB *Compliance Supplement* that could have a direct and material effect on each of the City's major federal programs for the year ended June 30, 2023. The City's major federal programs are identified in the summary of the auditor's results section of the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs.

In our opinion, the City of Social Circle, Georgia complied, in all material respects, with the compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on each of its major federal programs for the year ended June 30, 2023.

#### *Basis for Opinion on Each Major Federal Program*

We conducted our audit of compliance in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America; the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States; and the audit requirements of Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (Uniform Guidance). Our responsibilities under those standards and the Uniform Guidance are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance section of our report.

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

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### ***Responsibilities of Management for Compliance***

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

### ***Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance***

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

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

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

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

### **Report on Internal Control Over Compliance**

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

Our consideration of internal control over compliance was for the limited purpose described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance section above and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control over compliance that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies in internal control over compliance. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over compliance that we consider to be material weaknesses, as defined above. However, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies in internal control over compliance may exist that were not identified.

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

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

*Mauldin & Jenkins, LLC*

Atlanta, Georgia  
February 16, 2024



**CITY OF SOCIAL CIRCLE, GEORGIA  
SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS  
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023**

FEDERAL GRANTOR Pass-through Grantor/Program Title	ASSISTANCE LISTING NUMBER	GRANT PASS-THROUGH NUMBER	FEDERAL EXPENDITURES
<b>U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development:</b>			
<b>Passed through Georgia Department of Community Affairs</b>			
Community Development Block Grant Entitlement Grants Cluster			
Community Development Block Grant	14.228	20p-x-147-2-6160	\$ 143,667
Total Community Development Block Grant Entitlement Grants Cluster			<u>143,667</u>
Total Department of Housing and Urban Development			<u>143,667</u>
<b>U.S. Department of Justice:</b>			
Equitable Sharing Program	16.922	N/A	36,150
Total Department of Justice			<u>36,150</u>
<b>U.S. Department of Treasury:</b>			
<b>Passed through State of Georgia Office of the Governor</b>			
COVID-19: Coronavirus Relief Fund	21.019	SLFRP1029	77,179
Total Department of Treasury			<u>77,179</u>
<b>U.S. Environmental Protection Agency:</b>			
<b>Passed through Georgia Environmental Finance Authority</b>			
Clean Water State Revolving Fund Cluster			
Capitalization Grants for Clean Water State Revolving Funds	66.458	13000121	484,236
Total Clean Water State Revolving Fund Cluster			<u>484,236</u>
Total Environmental Protection Agency			<u>484,236</u>
<b>U.S. Department of Transportation:</b>			
<b>Passed through Georgia Department of Transportation</b>			
Highway Planning and Construction	20.205	693JJ21930000Z303GA0016639	147,231
Total Highway Planning and Construction Program			<u>147,231</u>
Formula Grants for Rural Areas and Tribal Transit Program	20.509	GA-2020-003-00	38,841
Total Department of Transportation			<u>186,072</u>
<b>Total Expenditures of Federal Awards</b>			<u>\$ 927,304</u>

See note to the schedule of expenditures of federal awards

**CITY OF SOCIAL CIRCLE, GEORGIA**  
**NOTE TO THE SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS**  
**FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023**

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**(1) Summary of Significant Accounting Policies**

***Basis of Presentation and Accounting***

The accompanying Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards is presented using the modified accrual basis of accounting. Under the modified accrual basis of accounting, expenditures are recognized when the related liability is incurred.

In instances where the grant agreement requires the City to match grant awards with local funds, such matching funds are excluded in the accompanying Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards.

The City did not utilize the 10% de minimus indirect cost rate.

Federal grant programs which are administered through State agencies (pass-through awards) have been included in this report. These programs are operated according to Federal regulations promulgated by the Federal agency providing the funding.

The information in this schedule is presented in accordance with the requirements of Title 2 U.S. *Code of Federal Regulations Part 200, Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards*. Therefore, some amounts presented in this schedule may differ from amounts presented in, or used in the preparation of the financial statements.

**CITY OF SOCIAL CIRCLE, GEORGIA  
SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS  
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023**

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**SECTION I  
SUMMARY OF AUDITOR'S RESULTS**

**Financial Statements**

Type of report the auditor issued on whether the financial statements audited were prepared in accordance with GAAP: Unmodified

Internal control over financial reporting:

Material weaknesses identified?  yes  no

Significant deficiencies identified?  yes  none reported

Noncompliance material to financial statements noted?  yes  no

**Federal Awards**

Internal control over major programs:

Material weaknesses identified?  yes  no

Significant deficiencies identified?  yes  none reported

Type of auditor's report issued on compliance for major federal programs: Unmodified

Any audit findings disclosed that are required to be reported in accordance with 2 CFR 200.516(a)?  yes  no

Identification of major programs:

Assistance Listing Number  
66.458

Name of Federal Program or Cluster  
Capitalization Grants for Clean Water  
State Revolving Funds

Dollar threshold used to distinguish between Type A and Type B programs: \$750,000

Auditee qualified as low-risk auditee?  yes  no

**CITY OF SOCIAL CIRCLE, GEORGIA  
SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS  
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023**

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**SECTION II  
FINANCIAL STATEMENT FINDINGS AND RESPONSES**

**2023-001 Cash**

**Criteria:** Internal controls should be in place to ensure that financial statements are properly reporting the balances of cash, interfund receivables and payables, unearned revenue and intergovernmental revenue in each fund of the City in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles.

**Condition:** Internal controls were not sufficient to detect misstatements in the reporting of the cash position, interfund balances, interfund transactions, unearned revenue and intergovernmental revenue of the General Fund, ARPA Fund and the Water Fund.

**Context/Cause:** During our testing, adjustments were required to properly report the cash position, interfund balances and revenue transactions for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023. The audit adjustments were as follows:

- The General Fund required an adjustment in the amount of approximately \$806,200 to reduce cash and increase interfund balances due to the negative cash balance noted in the Water Fund.
- The ARPA Fund required an adjustment in the amount of approximately \$154,400 to reduce cash, increase revenues, increase transfers out and reduce unearned revenue due to the expenditures of ARPA revenue for Water Fund projects.
- The ARPA Fund required an adjustment in the amount of approximately \$848,400 to increase cash and increase unearned revenue for Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds as of June 30, 2023.
- The Water Fund required an adjustment in the amount of approximately \$925,600 to reduce cash, reduce revenues, increase transfers in and increase cash due to the expenditures of ARPA revenue for Water Fund projects.
- The Water Fund required an adjustment in the amount of approximately \$806,200 to increase cash and increase interfund balances due to the negative cash balance noted in the Water Fund.

**Effects:** Audit adjustments in the amount of \$3,540,800 were necessary to correctly report the cash position, interfund balances, interfund transactions, unearned revenue and intergovernmental revenue of the General Fund, ARPA Fund and Water Fund.

**Recommendation:** We recommend the City carefully review all cash transactions to ensure all cash positions in each fund are recorded in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles.

**Auditee's Response:** We concur with the finding. We will review all cash balances in each fund for appropriate reporting in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles.

**CITY OF SOCIAL CIRCLE, GEORGIA  
SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS  
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023**

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**SECTION II  
FINANCIAL STATEMENT FINDINGS AND RESPONSES (CONTINUED)**

**2023-002 Capital Asset Reporting (Repeat)**

**Criteria:** Internal controls should be in place to ensure that capital assets are properly accounted for in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP).

**Condition:** Due to ineffective controls surrounding the recording of capital assets, adjustments were required to adjust capital assets and related accounts to be in accordance with GAAP.

**Context/Cause:** During our testing of capital assets of the City, an adjustment of approximately \$6,900 was required to report capital assets in the Downtown Development Fund by reducing expenses and increasing construction in progress.

**Effects:** An audit adjustment totaling approximately \$6,900 was required to report capital assets in accordance with GAAP.

**Recommendation:** We recommend the City's Finance Department implement and/or strengthen internal controls surrounding the recording of capital assets.

**Auditee's Response:** We concur with the finding. We will review the depreciation methods on all capital assets to determine they are being recorded appropriately.

**CITY OF SOCIAL CIRCLE, GEORGIA  
SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS  
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023**

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**SECTION II  
FINANCIAL STATEMENT FINDINGS AND RESPONSES (CONTINUED)**

**2023-003 Liabilities (Repeat)**

**Criteria:** Internal controls should be in place to ensure that financial statements are properly reporting liabilities of the City in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles.

**Condition:** Internal controls were not sufficient to detect misstatements in the reporting of the City's liabilities.

**Context/Cause:** Adjustments were required in the Natural Gas Fund and the Development Authority Fund in order to properly report accounts payable and related expenses. The audit adjustments were as follows:

- The Natural Gas Fund required an adjustment in the amount of approximately \$137,200 to increase accounts payable and related expenses related to purchased gas during fiscal year 2023.
- The Development Authority Fund required an adjustment in the amount of approximately \$12,000 to increase accounts payable and related expenses related to purchases made during fiscal year 2023.

**Effects:** Audit adjustments of approximately \$149,200 were necessary to correctly report the City's liabilities for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023.

**Recommendation:** We recommend the City's Finance Department implement and/or strengthen internal controls surrounding the recording of liabilities.

**Auditee's Response:** We concur with the finding. We will review all liability accounts to determine that the appropriate entries have been recorded as of year end.

**CITY OF SOCIAL CIRCLE, GEORGIA  
SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS  
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023**

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**SECTION II  
FINANCIAL STATEMENT FINDINGS AND RESPONSES (CONTINUED)**

**2023-004 Accounts Receivable and Related Accounts (Repeat)**

**Criteria:** Internal controls should be in place to ensure that financial statements are properly reporting the accounts receivable and related accounts of the City in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles.

**Condition:** Internal controls were not sufficient to detect misstatements in the reporting of the accounts receivable and related accounts of the City.

**Context/Cause:** During our testing, audit adjustments were required in the various funds to correct accounts receivable and related accounts. The audit adjustments were as follows:

- The General Fund required an adjustment in the amount of approximately \$86,800 to increase intergovernmental receivables and increase related intergovernmental revenue related to local option sales tax received.
- The SPLOST Fund required an adjustment in the amount of approximately \$36,400 to increase intergovernmental receivables and related revenues for grants expended during fiscal year 2023.
- The Water and Sewer Fund required entries in the amount of approximately \$68,000 to reduce the allowance for uncollectible accounts and the related bad debt expense for the change in allowance for uncollectible accounts.
- The Natural Gas Fund required entries in the amount of approximately \$31,600 to reduce various accounts receivable accounts and to correct bad debt expense for the write off of various accounts.

**Effects:** Audit adjustments totaling approximately \$222,800 were needed to correctly report the accounts receivable and related accounts for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023.

**Recommendation:** We recommend the City carefully review all transactions to ensure all year end closing entries are accurate and recorded in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles.

**Auditee's Response:** We concur with the finding. We will review the calculation of the allowance for doubtful accounts in the future to determine the appropriate amount for the allowance.

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**SECTION II  
FINANCIAL STATEMENT FINDINGS AND RESPONSES (CONTINUED)**

**2023-005 Prepaids**

**Criteria:** Internal controls should be in place to ensure that financial statements are properly reporting the prepaid items of the City in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles.

**Condition:** Internal controls were not sufficient to detect misstatements in the reporting of prepaid items in the General Fund and the Water Fund.

**Context/Cause:** During our testing, adjustments were required to properly report prepaid items and related expenditures/expenses for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023. The audit adjustments were as follows:

- The General Fund required an adjustment in the amount of approximately \$249,100 to adjust prepaid items and related expenditures for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023.
- The Water Fund required an adjustment in the amount of approximately \$6,200 to adjust prepaid items and related expenses for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023.

**Effects:** Audit adjustments in the amount of \$255,300 were necessary to correctly report prepaid items and related expenditures/expenses of the General Fund and Water Fund.

**Recommendation:** We recommend the City carefully review all invoices to properly report prepaid items in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles.

**Auditee's Response:** We concur with the finding. We will review all invoices for each fund to determine the appropriate reporting for prepaid items in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles.



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**SECTION II  
FINANCIAL STATEMENT FINDINGS AND RESPONSES (CONTINUED)**

**2023-006 Long-term Debt and Related Balances**

**Criteria:** Internal controls should be in place to ensure that financial statements are properly reporting the long-term debt and related expenses of the City in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles.

**Condition:** Internal controls were not sufficient to detect misstatements in the reporting of long-term debt and related expenses.

**Context/Cause:** During our testing, audit adjustments of approximately \$493,600 were required in the Water and Sewer Fund in order to correctly report the City's long-term debt and related expenses for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023. The adjustment was required to correct bond premiums, discounts, issuance costs and the accrued interest liability.

**Effects:** Audit adjustments of approximately \$493,600 were necessary to correctly report long-term debt and related expenses for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023.

**Recommendation:** We recommend the City carefully review all transactions to ensure all year end closing entries are accurate and recorded in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles.

**Auditee's Response:** We concur with the finding. We will review the long-term debt balances to verify they match the subsidiary ledgers and record all necessary entries.

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**SECTION II  
FINANCIAL STATEMENT FINDINGS AND RESPONSES (CONTINUED)**

**2022-007 Equity Reconciliations (Repeat)**

**Criteria:** Internal controls should be in place to ensure that financial statements are properly reporting the financial position and results of operations of the City in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles.

**Condition:** Internal controls were not sufficient to detect misstatements in the reporting of the opening fund balance of the General Fund and SPLOST Fund.

**Context/Cause:** During our testing, an audit adjustment was required in the General Fund of approximately \$44,200 to correctly report the opening fund balance, cash and liabilities for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023. An audit adjustment was also required in the SPLOST Fund of approximately \$334,300 to correctly report the opening fund balance and interfund balances for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023. This was caused by the City not posting prior year entries and not correctly reporting the payroll fund.

**Effects:** Audit adjustments in the amount of \$378,500 were necessary to correctly report the opening fund balance of the General Fund and SPLOST Fund.

**Recommendation:** We recommend the City carefully review all transactions to ensure all year end closing entries, including those prepared by the auditors, are recorded in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles.

**Auditee's Response:** We concur with the finding. We will review the opening fund balances of the funds more closely going forward. The City will more carefully review all closing transactions going forward to ensure all year end closing entries are properly posted and in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles.

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**SECTION III  
FEDERAL AWARD FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS**

None reported.

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SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS  
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**SECTION IV  
STATUS OF PRIOR FISCAL YEAR FINDINGS**

**2022-001 Equity Reconciliations**

**Criteria:** Internal controls should be in place to ensure that financial statements are properly presenting the financial position and results of operations of the City in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles.

**Condition:** Internal controls were not sufficient to detect misstatements in the reporting of the opening fund balance of the Downtown Development Authority.

**Status:** This issue was not corrected in fiscal year 2023. See finding 2023-007.

**2022-002 Accounts Receivable and Related Accounts**

**Criteria:** Internal controls should be in place to ensure that financial statements are properly presenting the accounts receivable and related accounts of the City in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles.

**Condition:** Internal controls were not sufficient to detect misstatements in the reporting of the accounts receivable and related accounts of the City.

**Status:** This issue was not corrected in fiscal year 2023. See finding 2023-004.

**2022-003 Capital Asset Reporting**

**Criteria:** Internal controls should be in place to ensure that capital assets are properly accounted for in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP).

**Condition:** Due to ineffective controls surrounding the recording of capital assets, adjustments were required to adjust capital assets and related account to be in accordance with GAAP.

**Status:** This issue was not corrected in fiscal year 2023. See finding 2023-002.

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**SECTION IV  
STATUS OF PRIOR FISCAL YEAR FINDINGS (CONTINUED)**

**2022-004 Liabilities**

**Criteria:** Internal controls should be in place to ensure that financial statements are properly presenting liabilities of the City in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles.

**Condition:** Internal controls were not sufficient to detect misstatements in the reporting of the City's liabilities.

**Status:** This issue was not corrected in fiscal year 2023. See finding 2023-003.

**2022-005 Long-term Debt and Related Balances**

**Criteria:** Internal controls should be in place to ensure that financial statements are properly presenting the long-term debt and related expenses of the City in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles.

**Condition:** Internal controls were not sufficient to detect misstatements in the reporting of long-term debt and related expenses.

**Status:** This issue was not corrected in fiscal year 2023. See finding 2023-006.



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### 2023-001 Cash

**Name of the Contact Person Responsible for the Corrective Action Plan:** Karen Slaton-Dixon, Finance Director

**Anticipated Completion Date:** February 29, 2024

**Corrective Action Plan:** We will review all cash balances in each fund for appropriate reporting in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles.

### 2023-002 Capital Asset Reporting (Repeat)

**Name of the Contact Person Responsible for the Corrective Action Plan:** Karen Slaton-Dixon, Finance Director

**Anticipated Completion Date:** February 29, 2024

**Corrective Action Plan:** We will review the depreciation methods on all capital assets to determine they are being recorded appropriately.

### 2023-003 Liabilities (Repeat)

**Name of the Contact Person Responsible for the Corrective Action Plan:** Karen Slaton-Dixon, Finance Director

**Anticipated Completion Date:** February 29, 2024

**Corrective Action Plan:** We will review all liability accounts to determine that the appropriate entries have been recorded as of year end.

### 2023-004 Accounts Receivable and Related Accounts (Repeat)

**Name of the Contact Person Responsible for the Corrective Action Plan:** Karen Slaton-Dixon, Finance Director

**Anticipated Completion Date:** February 29, 2024

**Corrective Action Plan:** We will review the calculation of the allowance for doubtful accounts in the future to determine the appropriate amount for the allowance.

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### **2023-005 Prepaids**

**Name of the Contact Person Responsible for the Corrective Action Plan:** Karen Slaton-Dixon, Finance Director

**Anticipated Completion Date:** February 29, 2024

**Corrective Action Plan:** We will review all invoices for each fund to determine the appropriate reporting for prepaid items in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles.

### **2023-006 Long-term Debt and Related Balances**

**Name of the Contact Person Responsible for the Corrective Action Plan:** Karen Slaton-Dixon, Finance Director

**Anticipated Completion Date:** February 29, 2024

**Corrective Action Plan:** We will review the long-term debt balances to verify they match the subsidiary ledgers and record all necessary entries.

### **2022-007 Equity Reconciliations (Repeat)**

**Name of the Contact Person Responsible for the Corrective Action Plan:** Karen Slaton-Dixon, Finance Director

**Anticipated Completion Date:** February 29, 2024

**Corrective Action Plan:** We will review the opening fund balances of the funds more closely going forward. The City will more carefully review all closing transactions going forward to ensure all year end closing entries are properly posted and in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles.