City of Stuart,Florida
Annual Comprehensive Financial Report
Fiscal Year Ended September 30, 2023

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INTRODUCTORY SECTION

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March 30, 2024

To the Honorable Mayor Bruner:
Members of the City Commission, and Citizens of the City of Stuart, Florida

State law requires that all local governments publish each fiscal year a complete set of financial statements presented in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States (GAAP) and audited in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States by a firm of licensed certified public accountants. Pursuant to that requirement, we hereby issue the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR) of the City of Stuart for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2023.

The report consists of management's representation concerning the finances of the City of Stuart. Consequently, management assumes full responsibility for the completeness and reliability of all the information presented in this report. To provide a reasonable basis for making these representations, management of the City of Stuart has established a comprehensive internal control framework that is designed both to protect the City's assets from loss, theft, or misuse and to compile sufficient reliable information for the preparation of the City of Stuart's financial statements in conformity with GAAP. Because the cost of internal controls should not outweigh their benefits, the City of Stuart's comprehensive framework of internal controls has been designed to provide reasonable rather than absolute assurance that the financial statements will be free from material misstatement. As management, we assert that, to the best of our knowledge and belief, this financial report is complete and reliable in all material respects.

The City of Stuart's financial statements have been audited by MSL, PA., a firm of licensed certified public accountants. The goal of the independent audit was to provide reasonable assurance that the basic financial statements of the City of Stuart for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2023, are free of material misstatement. The independent audit involved examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amount and disclosures in the financial statements; assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management; and evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. The independent auditor concluded, based upon the audit, that there was a reasonable basis for rendering an unmodified opinion that the City of Stuart's financial statements for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2023 are fairly presented in conformity with GAAP. The independent auditor's report is presented as the first component of the financial section of this report.

GAAP requires that management provide a narrative introduction, overview, and analysis to accompany the basic financial statements in the form of Management's Discussion and Analysis (MD&A). This letter of transmittal is designed to complement the MD&A and should be read in conjunction with it. The City of Stuart's MD&A can be found immediately following the independent auditor's report.

Profile of the Government

The City of Stuart, Florida is a municipal corporation of the State of Florida and was created in 1914. The City is the county seat of Martin County and is located on the broad St. Lucie River on the east coast of Florida approximately 120 miles north of Miami. The estimated 2023 population of the City was 19,264. The geographical jurisdiction of the City encompasses approximately 7.0 square miles of territory. The City is empowered to levy a property tax on real and personal properties located within its boundaries. It is empowered by state statute to extend its corporate limits by annexation, which occurs when deemed appropriate by the City Commission.

The City of Stuart has operated under the Commission-manager form of government since 1926. Policy making and legislative authority are vested in a governing commission consisting of the five members. The

Commission is responsible for, among other things, enacting ordinances, resolutions, and regulations governing the City, as well as appointing the members of various advisory boards, the City Manager, and City Attorney. The City Manager is responsible for implementing the policies adopted by the City Commission and for overseeing the day-to-day operations of the government. The City Manager is also charged with hiring department directors and with preparing the recommended annual budget for review and approval by the City Commission.

The City of Stuart provides a full range of services to its citizenry. These services include general government, police and fire rescue protection, public works, recreation and park facilities, building, planning and zoning services, economic and community development, and emergency management. In addition, the City operates a Water and Sewer Utility, Solid Waste Service and Stormwater Utility as enterprise activities and the Stuart Community Redevelopment Agency as a Special District Revenue fund.

The financial reporting entity (the City of Stuart) includes all funds of the primary government (i.e., the City of Stuart, as legally defined), as well as its component units. A component unit is a legally separate entity for which the City of Stuart is financially accountable or the nature and significance of the relationship between the City and the entity is such that exclusion would cause the City's financial statements to be misleading or incomplete.

The City has identified one component unit and two related organizations. The Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) is reported as a component unit of the City and is composed of the City Commission and two citizens appointed by the City Commission. The Stuart Housing Authority, organized for the purpose of providing housing for low-income families, is a related organization but does not meet the criteria necessary to be considered a component unit. The Tri County Risk Management Program (TRICO), a public entity risk pool of which the City is a member and enjoys one vote on the Board of Directors, is not considered a component unit of the City's reporting entity. Additional information can be found in Note 1 of the notes to the basic financial statements.

Budgetary Controls

The annual budget serves as a foundation for the City of Stuart's financial planning and control systems. All departments of the City are required to submit requests for appropriations to the City Manager and these requests are the starting point for developing a proposed budget. The City Manager then presents this proposed budget to the Commission for review. The Commission holds public hearings on the proposed budget prior to adopting the final budget and setting the tax rates for the budget year.

In addition, the City maintains budgetary controls. The objective of these budgetary controls is to ensure compliance with legal provisions embodied in the annual appropriated budget approved by the City's governing body. In accordance with state laws the Approved Budget is posted on the City's website within 30 days of adoption. The City includes all funds in the annual appropriated budget. The level of budgetary control (that is, the level at which expenditures cannot legally exceed the appropriated amount) is established at the fund level. The City maintains an encumbrance accounting system as one technique of accomplishing budgetary control. Encumbered amounts lapse at year-end. However, encumbrances generally are reappropriated as part of the following year's budget adoption. Expenditures for other than personal services are controlled by a procurement system, which encumbers purchase orders against budgets prior to issuance to the vendors. Purchase orders are not issued until appropriations are made available. Administrative budget transfers may occur upon approval of the City Manager as long as the fund is not increased. Budget amendments are submitted as needed to Council for their consideration and in accordance with state law are posted to the City's website within five days of adoption.

Local Economy

The economy of the City and Martin County is a blend of tourism, service industries, light manufacturing, and construction. The City saw growth in property values for the 2023 taxable value. The result of these increases in combination with strategic, well thought out budgeting The City was able to maintain its level of service..

Outlook

According to the Florida Office of Economic and Demographic Research, Florida's GDP year-to-year change was up 4.4 with an expected growth of 2.8 in the coming year. Personal income growth accelerated in fiscal year 2022-2023 largely due to employers chasing historic levels of inflation and a tight labor market. The Economic Estimating Conference is predicting growth of 6.3 percent for the 2023-2024 fiscal year.

Since Florida's economic outlook relies heavily on strong tourism growth, tourism-related revenue losses pose the greatest potential risk to the economic outlook. Tourism growth was 2.0 percent in fiscal year 2022-2023 with another expected period of strong growth of 6.4 percent for the coming period. Threats to tourism can come from many different sources. The most likely sources are natural or manmade disasters, disease outbreaks, federal policy or administrative changes that make it harder or less attractive to travel, and heightened terrorist activity.

Relevant Financial Policies

The City reviews and adopts a Fiscal Policy with each annual budgetary cycle, on a fiscal year basis. The Fiscal Policy incorporates budgetary policies and practices, financial policies and practices, and policies to promote joint public and private investment in the community.

The Fiscal Policy identifies the City's budgetary cycle from preparation to adoption. The process for amending the budget, the outline of legal level of budgetary control, as well as the use of revenues and appropriations are also addressed. The policy speaks to the use of funds from non-recurring revenue sources, the percentage makeup of Ad Valorem, or Property Taxes, of the total General Fund revenues, and process to apply for and subsequently accept any grants staff may want to acquire.

Additionally, the Fiscal Policy mandates the establishment of fund balance reserves for both the General Fund as well as the enterprise funds along with various contingencies and reserves for such future expenditures as capital replacement reserve. The General Fund maintains a reservation of fund balances equal to three months or 25% of the General Fund's personal services and operating costs of the current adopted budget.

As well, the Fiscal Policy also addresses long-range financial planning strategies, accounting and reporting practices, and establishes the capitalization thresholds and capital expenditure limits. The policy allows for the administration of investments and procurements through other external policies.

Major Initiatives

During fiscal year 2023, the City of Stuart achieved many significant accomplishments in furtherance of the goals and objectives established by the City Commission. The accomplishments included the following:

- A comprehensive strategic plan for the City's future was completed.
- Continued implementation of the City's new ERP software system expanded to development, business tax and other areas of the City.
- Continued work on the RO facility with an expected completion in fiscal year 2024.

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Awards and Acknowledgements

The Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) awards a Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting to Cities for their Annual Comprehensive Financial Report. The Certificate of Achievement is the highest form of recognition for excellence in state and local government financial reporting. This was the twenty-second consecutive year the City has received this prestigious award. In order to be awarded a Certificate of Achievement, the City published an easily readable and efficiently organized Annual Comprehensive Financial Report. This report satisfied both generally accepted accounting principles and applicable legal requirements.

A Certificate of Achievement is valid for a period of one year only. We believe that the September 30, 2023 Annual Comprehensive Financial Report continues to meet the Certificate of Achievement Program's requirements and we are submitting it to the GFOA to determine its eligibility for another certificate.

The preparation of this report would not have been accomplished without the efficient and dedicated services of the entire staff of the Financial Services Department. Each member of the department has our sincere appreciation for the contributions made in the preparation of this report. The unconditional cooperation of the other department directors and their staff is also greatly appreciated.

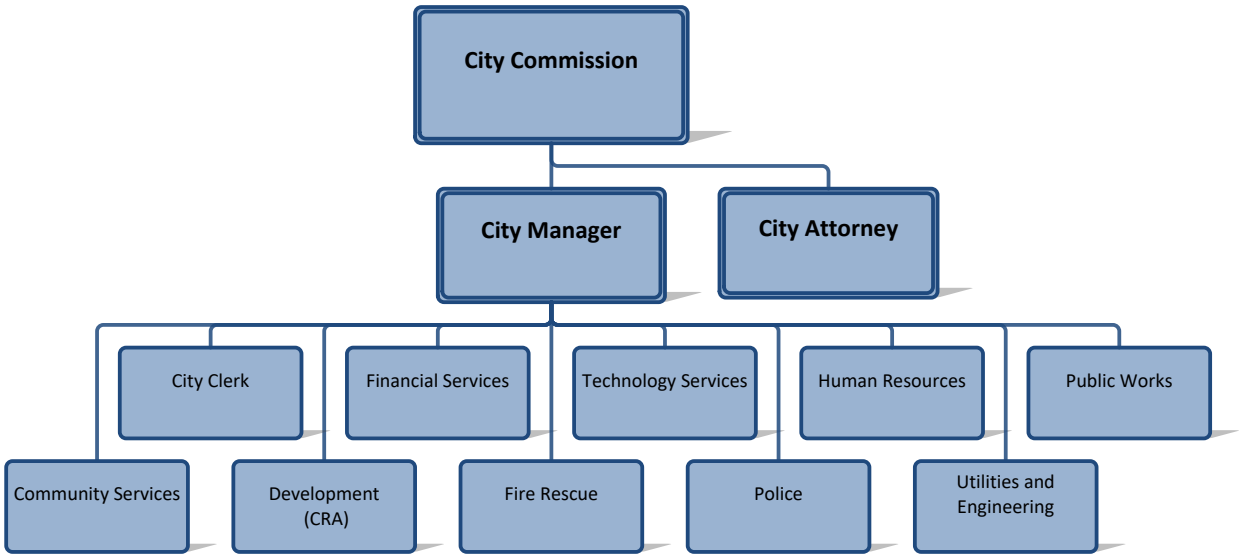
We also would like to express a special note of thanks to our independent certified public accountant, MSL, PA, for their cooperation and assistance. Their professional approach and high standards in the conduct of the independent audit of the City's financial records and transactions is greatly appreciated.

Sincere appreciation is also expressed to the City Commission for their leadership, and support in conducting the financial operations of the City in a responsible and progressive manner. With this support, the City can maintain a high degree of fiscal health and financial stability.

Respectfully submitted,

Louis J. Boglioli, III CGFO
Financial Services Director

City of Stuart, Florida
Organizational Chart



List of Principal Officials

City Commission

Mayor – Commissioner	Rebecca S. Bruner
Vice-Mayor – Commissioner	Campbell Rich
Commissioner	Eula R. Clarke
Commissioner	Christopher Collins
Commissioner	Troy McDonald

Appointed Officials

Michael J. Mortell – City Manager

Lee Baggett – City Attorney

Department Directors

Louis J. Boglioli, III	Financial Services Director
James E. Chrulski	Community Services Director
Darren Duke	Technology Services Director
Vince Felicione	Fire Chief
Jodi Netwick	Development Director
Mary Kindel	City Clerk
Rosamond Strong	Human Resources Director
Milton Leggett	Public Works Director
Joseph Tumminelli	Police Chief
Peter Kunen	Utilities and Engineering Director

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September 30, 2022

Christopher P. Morrill

Executive Director/CEO

FINANCIAL SECTION

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

The Honorable Mayor and
Members of the City Commission
City of Stuart, Florida

Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

Opinions

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the City of Stuart, Florida (the "City") as of and for the fiscal year ended September 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 financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the City, as of September 30, 2023, and the respective changes in financial position, and, where applicable, cash flows thereof for the fiscal 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 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; this includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

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 12 months beyond the financial statement date, including any currently known information that may raise substantial doubt shortly thereafter.

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT
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Auditor's Responsibility 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 generally accepted auditing standards and *Government Auditing Standards* will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

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

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

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

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT
(Continued)

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the Management's Discussion and Analysis and the required supplementary information, as listed in the table of contents, be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion 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 as a whole. The supplemental information section, as listed in the table of contents, is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from, and relates directly to, the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the supplemental information is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the 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 section and statistical section, as listed in the table of contents, 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.

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.

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT
(Concluded)

Other Reporting Required by *Government Auditing Standards*

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards,* we have also issued our report dated March 28, 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 to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the City's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

MSL, P.A.

Certified Public Accountants

Orlando, Florida
March 28, 2024

The purpose of financial reporting, in general, is to provide the readers of the financial statements with information that will help them make decisions or draw conclusions about an entity. As management of the City of Stuart, Florida (City) we offer readers of the City's financial statements this narrative overview and analysis of the financial activities of the City for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2023.

We encourage readers of these financial statements to consider the information included in the transmittal letter and in the other sections of the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR) in conjunction with this discussion and analysis.

Financial Highlights

- The assets and deferred outflows of resources of the City of Stuart exceeded its liabilities and deferred inflows of resources at the close of the most recent fiscal year by $159,123,178 (*total net position)*. Of this amount $121,124,504 or 76.1% of the amount is invested in capital assets.
- The City's operations increased net position by $7,607,574 with an increase of $1,134,514 from governmental activities and an increase of $6,473,060 from business type activities.
- At the close of the current fiscal year, the City of Stuart's governmental funds reported a combined ending fund balance of $38,034,732 an increase of $5,919,873 in comparison with the prior year. The governmental funds reflect $49,726 in non-spendable, $17,798,945 in restricted, $1,628,118 in committed, and $9,874,388 in assigned fund balances, leaving an unassigned fund balance of $8,683,555.
- The total lease receivable is $46,181,104 with the deferred inflow of $43,972,707.
- At the close of the current fiscal year, the City of Stuart's business-type activities reported a combined unrestricted net position of $13,062,316.
- The City of Stuart's total outstanding long-term debt increased by $6,904,362 during the fiscal year. The City reduced existing debt by $3,043,864 and acquired additional debt of $9,948,226.

Overview of the Financial Statements

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

Government-Wide Financial Statements

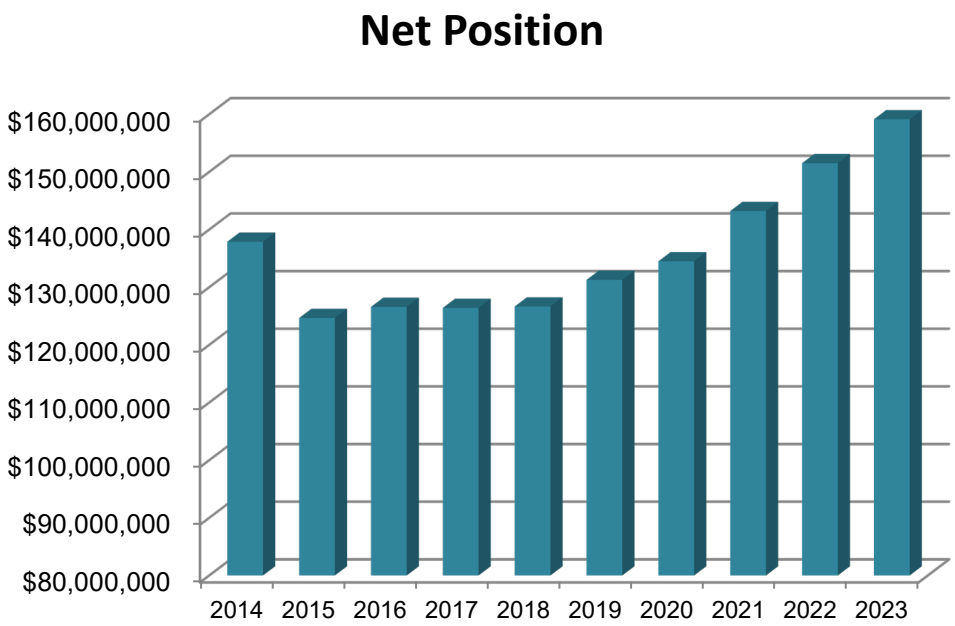
The focus of the *government-wide financial statements* is on the overall financial position and activities of the City of Stuart. Reporting is similar to that of a private-sector business. The City's government-wide financial statements include the statement of net position and statement of activities.

The *Statement of Net Position* presents financial and capital resources of the City. Assets and deferred outflows of resources, and liabilities and deferred inflows of resources are presented, with the net of these reported as net position. For example, the City reports buildings and infrastructure as assets, even though they are not available to pay the obligations incurred by the City. On the other hand, the City reports liabilities even though these liabilities might not be paid until several years into the future.

CITY OF STUART, FLORIDA
Net Position

	Governmental Activities		Business-type Activities		Total	
	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022
ssets						
Current and other assets	$124,515,524	$ 88,100,193	$ 41,893,986	$ 34,642,510	$166,409,510	$122,742,703
Noncurrent assets	84,689,680	86,553,900	81,655,574	104,344,127	166,345,254	190,898,027
Total assets	209,205,204	174,654,093	123,549,560	138,986,637	332,754,764	313,640,730
Deferred outflows of resources	6,641,856	5,331,254	2,087,025	2,065,044	8,728,881	7,396,298
abilities						
Current liabilities	42,726,771	15,390,957	7,307,906	6,065,136	50,034,677	21,456,093
Noncurrent liabilities	41,458,047	34,895,892	44,103,036	32,475,546	85,561,083	67,371,438
Total liabilities	84,184,818	50,286,849	51,410,942	38,540,682	135,595,760	88,827,531
Deferred inflows of resources	46,168,334	46,178,807	596,373	712,279	46,764,707	46,891,086
et position						
Net investment in capital assets	74,608,698	75,467,443	46,515,806	42,208,482	121,124,504	117,675,925
Restricted	13,877,674	11,217,250	14,051,148	8,782,881	27,928,822	20,000,131
Unrestricted	(2,992,464)	(2,325,299)	13,062,316	16,164,847	10,069,852	13,839,548
Total net position	$ 85,493,908	$ 84,359,394	$ 73,629,270	$ 67,156,210	$159,123,178	$151,515,604

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. Although the purpose of the City is not to accumulate net position, in general, as this amount increases it indicates that the financial position of the City is improving over time.



The *Statement of Activities* presents the revenue and expenses of the City. The items presented on the statement of activities are measured in a manner similar to the approach used in the private-sector in that revenues are recognized when earned and expenses are reported when incurred. Accordingly, revenues are reported even when they may not be collected for several months after the end of the accounting period and expenses are recorded even though they may not have used cash during the current period.

CITY OF STUART, FLORIDA
Changes in Net Position

	Governmental Activities		Business-type Activities		Total	
	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022
Revenues:						
Program revenues						
Charges for services	$ 3,531,142	$ 5,660,954	$ 22,802,348	$ 20,198,557	$ 26,333,490	$ 25,859,511
Operating grants and contributions	994,711	877,157	-	-	994,711	877,157
Capital grants and contributions	-	-	3,322,041	2,970,972	3,322,041	2,970,972
General revenues:						
Property taxes	13,648,765	11,942,028	-	-	13,648,765	11,942,028
Other taxes	6,107,667	5,849,843	-	-	6,107,667	5,849,843
Other	17,582,724	11,785,727	240,937	(474,037)	17,823,661	11,311,690
Total revenues	41,865,009	36,115,709	26,365,326	22,695,492	68,230,335	58,811,201
Expenses:						
General government	11,977,920	7,256,005	-	-	11,977,920	7,256,005
Public safety	19,051,724	16,983,044	-	-	19,051,724	16,983,044
Parks and recreation	2,132,485	1,927,129	-	-	2,132,485	1,927,129
Physical environment	2,811,661	2,722,916	-	-	2,811,661	2,722,916
Transportation	2,573,004	2,428,291	-	-	2,573,004	2,428,291
Community redevelopment	836,236	691,591	-	-	836,236	691,591
Interest on long-term debt	233,231	255,376	-	-	233,231	255,376
Water and sewer	-	-	14,158,792	12,219,508	14,158,792	12,219,508
Sanitation	-	-	5,224,159	4,519,540	5,224,159	4,519,540
Stormwater	-	-	1,623,549	1,506,130	1,623,549	1,506,130
Total expenses	39,616,261	32,264,352	21,006,500	18,245,178	60,622,761	50,509,530
Increase/(decrease) in net position before transfers	2,248,748	3,851,357	5,358,826	4,450,314	7,607,574	8,301,671
Transfers	(1,114,234)	1,284,929	1,114,234	(1,284,929)	-	-
Increase/(decrease) in net position	1,134,514	5,136,286	6,473,060	3,165,385	7,607,574	8,301,671
Net position - beginning	84,359,394	79,223,108	67,156,210	63,990,825	151,515,604	143,213,933
Net position - ending	$ 85,493,908	$ 84,359,394	$ 73,629,270	$ 67,156,210	$ 159,123,178	$ 151,515,604

Both of the government-wide financial statements distinguish 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, law enforcement, fire rescue, physical environment, transportation, community redevelopment, and parks and recreation. The business-type activities include water and sewer utility, sanitation services, and stormwater services.

The government-wide financial statements can be found immediately following this management's discussion and analysis.

Fund Financial Statements

Unlike government-wide financial statements, the focus of fund financial statements is directed to specific activities of the City rather than the City as a whole. Except for the General Fund, separate funds are established to maintain control over resources that have been segregated for specific activities or objectives. The City, like other state and local governments, uses fund accounting to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance-related legal requirements. All of the funds of the City can be divided into two categories: governmental funds and proprietary funds.

*Governmental funds***.** Governmental fund financial statements consist of a balance sheet and statement of revenues, expenditures, and change in fund balances. These statements are prepared on an accounting basis that is significantly different from that used to prepare the government-wide financial statements.

In general, these financial statements have a short-term emphasis and, for the most part, measure and account for cash and other assets that can easily be converted to cash. For example, amounts reported on the balance sheet include items such as cash and receivables collectible within a short period of time, but do not include capital assets such as land and buildings. Fund liabilities include amounts that are to be paid within a short period of time after the end of the fiscal year. Additionally, included on the balance sheet are the City's deferred inflows and deferred outflows of resources. The difference between a fund's total assets and deferred outflows and the fund's total liabilities and deferred inflows is labeled as the fund balance, and generally indicates the amount that can be used to finance the next fiscal year's activities. The operating statement for governmental funds reports only those revenues and expenditures that were collected or paid during the current period, or very shortly after the end of the year.

For the most part, the balances and activities accounted for in governmental funds are also reported in the governmental activities columns of the government-wide financial statements. However, because a different accounting basis is used to prepare the fund financial statements and the government-wide financial statements, there are often significant differences between the totals presented. For this reason, there is an analysis after the balance sheet that reconciles the total fund balances to the amount of net position presented in the governmental activities column on the statement of net position. Also, there is an analysis after the statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balances that reconciles the total change in fund balances for all governmental funds to the change in net position as reported in the governmental activities column in the statement of activities.

The City maintains five individual governmental funds. Information is presented separately in the governmental fund balance sheet and in the governmental fund statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balance for the General Fund and four special revenue funds. Only the General Fund, the Leased Property Fund, and the CRA (Community Redevelopment Agency) Fund are considered major funds.

The City adopts an annual appropriated budget for its General Fund, Leased Property Fund, CRA Fund and CDBG fund. A budgetary comparison statement has been provided for the General Fund, Leased Property Fund, CRA Fund and CDBG fund to demonstrate compliance with this budget.

*Proprietary funds***.** Proprietary fund financial statements consist of a statement of net position, a statement of revenues, expenses, and changes in net position and a statement of cash flows. These statements are prepared on an accounting basis that is similar to the basis used to prepare the government-wide financial statements. The City uses Enterprise Funds to account for business-type activities that charge fees to customers for the use of specific goods or services. These funds are used to report the same functions presented as business-type activities in the government-wide financial statements.

Proprietary funds provide the same type of information as the government-wide financial statements, only in more detail. The City uses enterprise funds to account for its water and sewer, sanitation, and stormwater enterprises. The proprietary fund financial statements provide separate information for each of the three enterprise funds, all of which are considered to be major funds. The City adopts an annual appropriated budget for each enterprise fund.

Notes to the financial statements
The notes provide additional information that is essential to a full understanding of the data provided in the government-wide and fund financial statements.

Other financial information
In addition to the basic financial statements and accompanying notes, this report also presents certain required supplementary information concerning the City's proportionate share of its liability of the Florida Retirement System Pension Plans and progress in funding its obligation to provide other postemployment benefits for employees of the City.

Government-wide Financial Analysis

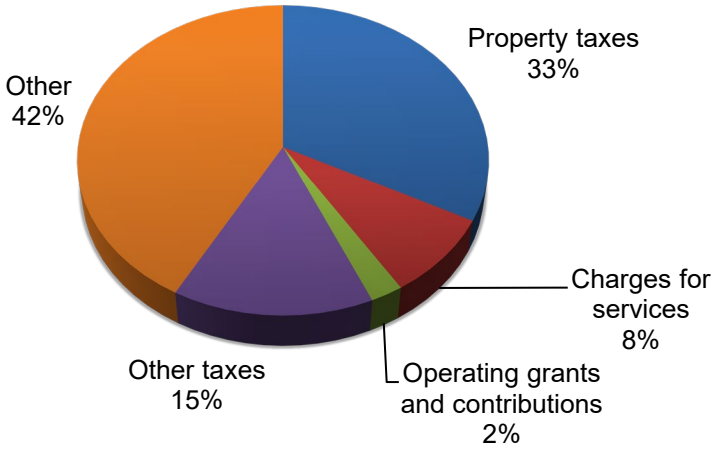
The City's total net position balance of $159,123,178 at September 30, 2023 is $7,607,574 or a 5.0 percent increase compared to the 2022 balance of $151,515,604. The increase in net position is a result of a $6,473,060 increase from business-type operations and a $1,134,514 increase from governmental operations. The increase in business-type activities was a result of a $2.0 million transfer from the General fund and increased rates which will fund debt service in the future. Changes in net position over time can be a useful indicator of financial position.

By far, the largest portion of the City's net position, $121,124,504 (76.1 percent), reflects its investment in capital assets (e.g., land, land improvements, buildings, machinery and equipment, furniture and fixtures, vehicles, infrastructure, system improvements, and construction in progress), less any related debt used to acquire those assets that is still outstanding. 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 investments in its capital assets are reported net of related debt, it should be noted that the resources needed to repay this debt must be provided from other sources, since the capital assets themselves cannot be used to liquidate these liabilities.

An additional portion of the City's net position, $27,928,822, or 17.6 percent, represents resources that are restricted for specific uses. There was an increase in the restricted net position of $7,928,691. This increase is attributable to capital outlay projects started in 2023, impact fees and an increase in governmental restricted net position.

Governmental Activities
Governmental activities increased the City's net position by $1,134,514. Total revenues increased by $5,749,300. Property tax revenue increased by $1,706,737 (14.3 percent) from the previous year. This increase is a result of increases in property values. Other tax revenue increased by $257,824 (4.4 percent) as a result of an increase in tax incremental revenue. Expenses increased by $7,351,909 (22.8 percent) mainly in General Government ($4,721,915) and Public Safety ($2,068,680). A majority of the increase is attributed to an increase in the net pension liability.

Revenues by source - Governmental Activites



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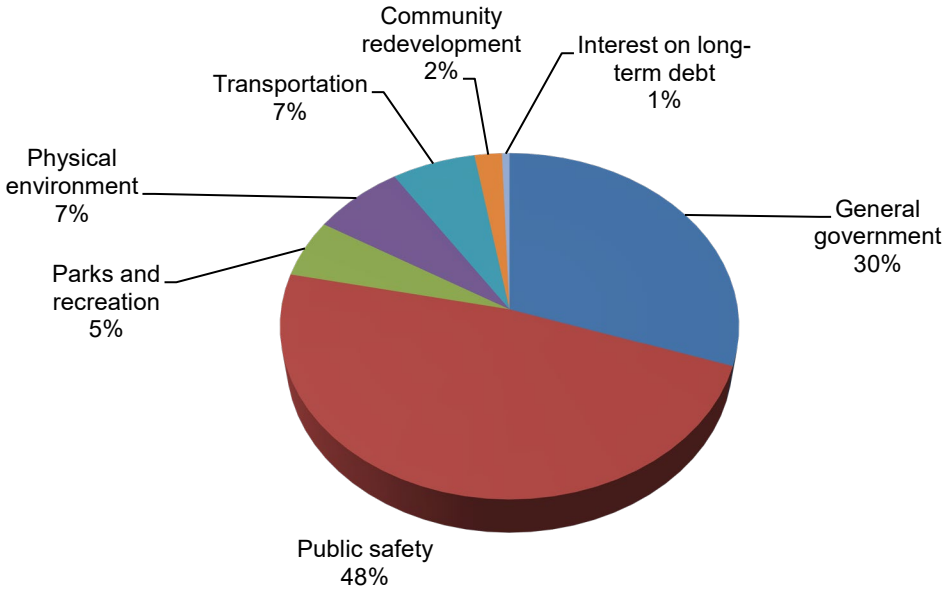
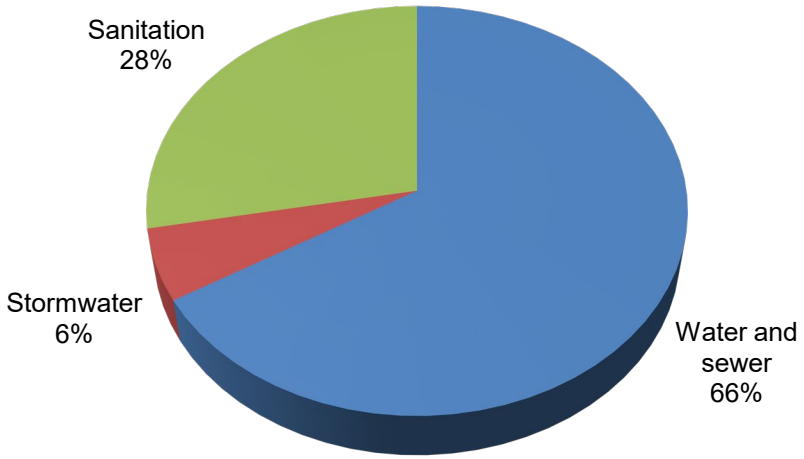


Business-type Activities

The City operates three enterprises that comprise its business-type activities; water and sewer utilities, sanitation, and stormwater. All enterprise funds are classified as major funds.

The City's net position for business-type activities at September 30, 2023 was $73,629,270, which was 9.6 percent, or $6,473,060, more than fiscal year 2022. Overall, the business-type activities generated an operating income of $2,654,722. Water and sewer rates were increased in 2023 in anticipation of a major expansion of the City's water plant.

Revenues by source - Business-type Activities



Activity expenses for the Water and Sewer Fund increased from $12,219,508 in 2022 to $14,158,792 in 2023. The increase in expenses were related to personnel costs and several large maintenance projects in 2023. Water and sewer increased its net position by $5,731,990.

Activity expenses for the Sanitation Fund increased from $4,519,540 in 2022 to $5,224,159 in 2023. This increase was a result of an increase in personnel costs. Sanitation increased its net position by $864,388.

Activity expenses in the Stormwater Fund increased slightly from $1,506,131 in 2022 to $1,623,549 in 2023. Stormwater decreased its net position by $123,318. Depreciation on infrastructure is the main cause for the decrease in net position.

Financial Analysis of the Government's Funds

The City used fund accounting to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance related 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 of Stuart'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 $38,034,732, a total increase of $5,919,873 from the prior year; of which an increase of $909,438 is attributable to the General Fund, an increase of $3,168,297 is attributable to the Community Redevelopment Agency Fund and an increase of $1,854,438 is attributable to the Leased Property Fund. The Leased Property fund increase is a result of changes in the long-term leases. While the intent of GASB 87 is near term inflows, the City has several long-term land leases which generated additional interest income which will be realized in the future. The Community Redevelopment Fund increase is a result of project delays. The Leased Property Fund will continue to assign fund balance for capital asset maintenance and replacement.

The General Fund is the chief operating fund of the City. At the end of the current fiscal year, unassigned fund balance of the General Fund is $8,671,155. As a measure of the General Fund's liquidity, it may be useful to compare both unassigned fund balance and total fund balance to total fund expenditures. Unassigned fund balance represents 25 percent of fiscal year 2024 budgeted General Fund operating expenditures.

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

Unrestricted net position of the Water and Sewer Fund at the end of the year amounted to $7,017,070, $4,407,234 for the Sanitation Fund, and $1,638,012 for the Stormwater Fund. The total increase/(decrease) in net position for these funds was $5,731,990, $864,388 and ($123,318), respectively.

The Water and Sewer Fund continues to make major improvements to the water and sewer delivery system. The Water and Sewer Fund continues to encourage customers to obtain Sewer service.

General Fund Budgetary Highlights

The difference between the original and final amended expenditure budget for 2023 was an increase of $5,558,572. The difference between the original and final amended revenue budget for 2023 was a decrease of $1,270,148. The City generated a revenue variance of $2,977,660 between the amended and actual results. The main source of the variance is investment income which improved significantly with increases in the federal funds rate. The expenditure variance was $9,126,040 with a majority of the variance, $8,750,013, generated from capital outlay.

Budget amendments – The significant budget amendments approved during the fiscal year included funding for the construction of Fire Station #3 and additional American Rescue Funding for various projects.

Capital Assets and Debt Administration

Capital assets. The City's capital assets for its governmental and business-type activities as of September 30, 2023, amounts to $166,345,254 (net of accumulated depreciation). This amount in capital assets includes land, improvements other than buildings, buildings, machinery and equipment, furniture and fixtures, infrastructure, system improvements, and construction in progress. The City of Stuart's capital assets for the current fiscal year increased with a net decrease for governmental funds of $1,864,218 and business-type funds increased by $11,953,956.

City of Stuart - Capital Assets

	Governmental Activities		Business-type Activities		Total	
	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022
Land	$13,264,284	$13,255,254	$ 6,217,508	$ 6,217,508	$ 19,481,792	$ 19,472,762
Buildings and improvements	12,583,260	13,506,017	941,814	888,537	13,525,074	14,394,554
Equipment	2,786,097	3,200,731	2,336,198	1,985,108	5,122,295	5,185,839
Infrastructure	54,196,361	55,725,465	47,956,807	49,765,474	102,153,168	105,490,939
Right-to-use assets	386,827	70,900	145,283	195,564	532,110	266,464
Construction in progress	1,472,851	795,531	24,057,964	10,649,427	25,530,815	11,444,958
	$84,689,680	$86,553,898	$81,655,574	$69,701,618	$166,345,254	$156,255,516

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

- RO Water treatment plant for $10,827,115
- RO Deep injection well for $1,611,850
- Completion of the NW Dixie Highway sidewalk extension at Green River Parkway for $439,858
- New playground equipment at Sailfish Park for $28,996
- New sunshades at MLK Park for $39,782
- Alley improvements behind AT&T building for $78,825
- MLK street scape improvements for $68,963

Additional information can be found in Note 5 of the "Notes to the Basic Financial Statements".

Noncurrent Liabilities. At the end of the current fiscal year, the City of Stuart had debt outstanding of $45,217,490. This amount represents revenue bond debt and notes and direct borrowings. Other noncurrent liabilities at the end of the current fiscal year included $3,316,440 in compensated absences, $1,920,343 for other post-employment benefits (OPEB), net pension liability of $34,571,701 and leases payable of $535,109.

City of Stuart - Debt Outstanding

	Governmental Activities		Business-type Activities		Total	
	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022
General Obligation bonds	$ 4,330,000	$ 4,650,000	$ -	$ -	$ 4,330,000	$ 4,650,000
Revenue bonds	296,139	369,495	12,694,000	13,661,000	12,990,139	14,030,495
Notes and direct borrowings	5,066,992	5,996,062	22,830,359	13,636,571	27,897,351	19,632,633
	$ 9,693,131	$11,015,557	$35,524,359	$27,297,571	$45,217,490	$38,313,128

Additional information of the City's long-term debt can be found in Note 6 of the "Notes to the Basic Financial Statements".

Economic Factors and Next Year's Budgets and Rates

- Ad Valorem property taxes increased 15% in 2023. The City is conservatively projecting the tax base to continue grow approximately 5% into the future.
- The Florida legislature is again considering various proposals relating to the elimination of local government revenues, Florida State Retirement pension reform and limits to development fees. Potential legislation could have a significant impact on a local government's ability to maintain or improve services to residents. The City is carefully monitoring these initiatives and their future impact on the City's ability to function at the same level of service.
- The required Florida Retirement System employer contribution rates averaged to an annual increase of approximately 6.8%. The large pension liability will likely cause this cost to continue to increase annually.
- The City levied a Fire Assessment fee for 2023. The Fire Assessment fee rates remained the same.

All of these factors were considered in preparing the City's budget for the 2023 fiscal year.

Requests for Information

The financial report is designed to provide our citizens, taxpayers, customers, investors and creditors with a general overview of the City's finances and to demonstrate the City's accountability. Additional information is also available on the City's website at www.cityofstuart.us. If you have any questions about this report or would like additional information, please contact:

Financial Services Director
City of Stuart
121 S.W. Flagler Avenue
Stuart, FL 34994

City of Stuart, Florida
Statement of Net Position
September 30, 2023

	Primary Government		
	Governmental Activities	Business-type Activities	Total Primary Government
Assets			
Current assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	$ 5,836,112	$ 7,932,871	$ 13,768,983
Investments	69,344,278	21,360,809	90,705,087
Accounts receivable, net	1,082,706	2,382,809	3,465,515
Lease receivable	46,181,104	-	46,181,104
Due from other government	980,590	6,588,114	7,568,704
Inventories	45,187	-	45,187
Other assets	4,539	1,564,976	1,569,515
Restricted cash and investments	1,041,008	2,064,407	3,105,415
Total current assets	124,515,524	41,893,986	166,409,510
Noncurrent assets			
Land and construction in progress	14,737,135	30,275,472	45,012,607
Other capital assets, net	69,952,545	51,380,102	121,332,647
Total noncurrent assets	84,689,680	81,655,574	166,345,254
Total assets	**209,205,204**	**123,549,560**	**332,754,764**
Deferred outflow of resources			
Loss on refundings	-	531,849	531,849
Related to pension	6,532,711	1,525,530	8,058,241
Related to other post employment benefits	109,145	29,646	138,791
Total deferred outflows of resources	**6,641,856**	**2,087,025**	**8,728,881**
Liabilities			
Current Liabilities			
Accounts payable	789,705	4,873,337	5,663,042
Accrued liabilities	1,537,515	270,072	1,807,587
Due to other governments	144,730	-	144,730
Unearned revenue	39,987,733	354,032	40,341,765
Refundable deposits	143,027	1,511,481	1,654,508
Accrued interest	82,422	298,984	381,406
Other liabilities	41,639	-	41,639
Total current liabilities	42,726,771	7,307,906	50,034,677
Noncurrent liabilities			
Due within one year			
Compensated absences	1,882,948	401,633	2,284,581
Bonds and notes	1,327,308	1,770,971	3,098,279
Leases, net	80,913	52,560	133,473
Due in more than one year			
Compensated absences	796,778	235,081	1,031,859
Leases, net	306,938	94,698	401,636
Bonds and notes	8,365,823	33,753,388	42,119,211
Net pension liability	27,187,181	7,384,520	34,571,701
Other postemployment benefits	1,510,158	410,185	1,920,343
Total non-current liabilities	41,458,047	44,103,036	85,561,083
Total liabilities	**84,184,818**	**51,410,942**	**135,595,760**

City of Stuart, Florida
Statement of Net Position (continued)
September 30, 2023

	Primary Government		
	Governmental Activities	Business-type Activities	Total Primary Government
Deferred inflows of resources			
Related to leases	43,972,707	-	43,972,707
Related to pensions	1,111,233	301,830	1,413,063
Related to other post employment benefits	1,084,394	294,543	1,378,937
Total deferred inflows of resources	**46,168,334**	**596,373**	**46,764,707**
Net Position			
Net Investment In capital assets	74,608,698	46,515,806	121,124,504
Restricted for:			
Debt service	-	725,996	725,996
Capital projects	4,922,473	13,325,152	18,247,625
Public safety	96,685	-	96,685
Community redevelopment	8,741,017	-	8,741,017
Health insurance	117,499	-	117,499
Unrestricted	(2,992,464)	13,062,316	10,069,852
Total Net Position	**$ 85,493,908**	**$ 73,629,270**	**$ 159,123,178**

The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of these statements.

City of Stuart, Florida
Statement of Activities
Year ended September 30, 2023

	Expenses	Program Revenues: Charges for services	Program Revenues: Operating grants and contributions	Program Revenues: Capital grants	Net (Expense) Revenue and Changes in Net Position: Governmental Activities	Net (Expense) Revenue and Changes in Net Position: Business-type Activities	Net (Expense) Revenue and Changes in Net Position: Total
Primary government:							
Governmental activities:							
General government	$ 11,977,920	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ (11,977,920)	$ -	$ (11,977,920)
Public safety	19,051,724	3,401,716	2,860	-	(15,647,148)	-	(15,647,148)
Parks and recreation	2,132,485	129,426	263,956	-	(1,739,103)	-	(1,739,103)
Physical environment	2,811,661	-	-	-	(2,811,661)	-	(2,811,661)
Transportation	2,573,004	-	24,368	-	(2,548,636)	-	(2,548,636)
Community redevelopment	836,236	-	703,527	-	(132,709)	-	(132,709)
Interest on long-term debt	233,231	-	-	-	(233,231)	-	(233,231)
Total governmental activities	39,616,261	3,531,142	994,711	-	(35,090,408)	-	(35,090,408)
Business-type activities:							
Water and sewer	14,158,792	15,030,928	-	3,066,624	-	3,938,760	3,938,760
Sanitation	5,224,159	6,465,147	-	-	-	1,240,988	1,240,988
Stormwater	1,623,549	1,306,273	-	255,417	-	(61,859)	(61,859)
Total business-type activities	21,006,500	22,802,348	-	3,322,041	-	5,117,889	5,117,889
Total	$ 60,622,761	$ 26,333,490	$ 994,711	$ 3,322,041	(35,090,408)	5,117,889	(29,972,519)
General revenues:							
Property taxes					13,648,765	-	13,648,765
Utility taxes					3,691,933	-	3,691,933
Franchise fees					2,290,398	-	2,290,398
Local business tax					771,280	-	771,280
Tax increment revenue					2,415,734	-	2,415,734
State shared revenues, unrestricted					8,625,370	-	8,625,370
Miscellaneous					1,853,245	-	1,853,245
Investment income (loss)					4,039,416	243,046	4,282,462
Gain on disposal of capital assets					3,015	(2,109)	906
Transfers					(1,114,234)	1,114,234	-
Total general revenue and transfers					36,224,922	1,355,171	37,580,093
Change in net position					1,134,514	6,473,060	7,607,574
Net position - beginning					84,359,394	67,156,210	151,515,604
Net position - ending					$ 85,493,908	$ 73,629,270	$ 159,123,178

The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of these statements.

City of Stuart, Florida
Balance Sheet
Governmental Funds
September 30, 2023

	Major Governmental Funds			Non-Major Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
	General Fund	Community Redevelopment Agency	Leased Property Fund		
Assets					
Cash and cash equivalents	$ 4,109,395	$ 726,488	$ 1,000,229	$ -	$ 5,836,112
Restricted cash and cash equivalents	634,047	-	406,961	-	1,041,008
Investments	58,136,295	8,626,232	2,258,371	323,380	69,344,278
Accounts receivable, net	1,039,060	1,800	41,846	-	1,082,706
Lease receivable	-	-	46,181,104	-	46,181,104
Due from other governments	965,590	-	-	15,000	980,590
Inventories	45,187	-	-	-	45,187
Prepaid items	4,539	-	-	-	4,539
Total assets	**$ 64,934,113**	**$ 9,354,520**	**$ 49,888,511**	**$ 338,380**	**$ 124,515,524**
Liabilities					
Accounts payable	$ 758,838	$ 27,300	$ 967	$ 2,600	$ 789,705
Accrued liabilities	1,395,022	6,229	-	-	1,401,251
Due to other governments	67,407	27	77,296	-	144,730
Unearned revenue	39,831,136	2,911	153,686	-	39,987,733
Customer deposits	117,506	-	25,521	-	143,027
Matured bonds payable	41,639	-	-	-	41,639
Total liabilities	42,211,548	36,467	257,470	2,600	42,508,085
Deferred inflows of resources					
Unearned revenue	-	-	43,972,707	-	43,972,707
Total deferred inflows of resources	-	-	43,972,707	-	43,972,707
Fund balances					
Nonspendable:					
Inventories	45,187	-	-	-	45,187
Prepaids	4,539	-	-	-	4,539
Restricted:					
Building permits	3,921,271	-	-	-	3,921,271
Infrastructure improvement	-	-	-	323,380	323,380
Impact fee requirements	4,599,093	-	-	-	4,599,093
Law enforcement	96,685	-	-	-	96,685
Health insurance	117,499	-	-	-	117,499
Community redevelopment	-	8,741,017	-	-	8,741,017
Committed:					
Capital replacement	-	-	1,628,118	-	1,628,118
Assigned:					
Health insurance	882,501	-	-	-	882,501
Capital replacement	-	-	4,030,216	-	4,030,216
Contractual obligations	3,023,384	577,036	-	-	3,600,420
Pavement management	400,000	-	-	-	400,000
Landfill closure	172,426	-	-	-	172,426
Tree replacement	788,825	-	-	-	788,825
Unassigned	8,671,155	-	-	12,400	8,683,555
Total fund balances	22,722,565	9,318,053	5,658,334	335,780	38,034,732
Total liabilities, deferred outflows and fund balances	**$ 64,934,113**	**$ 9,354,520**	**$ 49,888,511**	**$ 338,380**	**$ 124,515,524**

The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of these statements.

City of Stuart, Florida
Reconciliation of the Balance Sheet to Statement of Net Position
September 30, 2023

Total net position reported for governmental activities in the statement of net position is different because:

Total fund balances - governmental funds		$ 38,034,732
Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and, therefore, are not reported in the funds. These assets consist of:		
Capital assets, non depreciable or amortizable	$ 14,737,135	
Capital assets, net of depreciation and amortization	69,565,718	
Right-to-use assets, net	386,827	
Total capital assets, net		84,689,680
Liabilties that are not due and payable in the current period and therefore are not reported in the funds.		
Bonds and notes payable	(9,693,131)	
Leases	(387,851)	
Claims payable	(136,264)	
Compensated absences	(2,679,726)	
Accrued interest on long-term debt	(82,422)	
Total liabilities		(12,979,394)
Deferred inflows, deferred outflows and long term liabilities related to pensions.		
Deferred outflows related to pensions	6,532,711	
Deferred inflows related to pensions	(1,111,233)	
Net pension liability	(27,187,181)	
Total pension related		(21,765,703)
Deferred inflows and long term liabilities related to other postemployment benefits.		
Deferred outflows related to other postemployment benefits	109,145	
Deferred inflows related to other postemployment benefits	(1,084,394)	
Other postemployment benefits payable	(1,510,158)	
Total postemployment benefit related		(2,485,407)
Net position of governmental activities		$ 85,493,908

The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of these statements.

City of Stuart, Florida
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and changes in Fund Balances
Governmental Funds
Year ended September 30, 2023

	Major Governmental Funds				
	General Fund	Community Redevelopment Agency	Leased Property Fund	Non-Major Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
Revenues					
Ad valorem taxes	$ 13,648,765	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ 13,648,765
Intergovernmental	7,144,742	2,415,734	-	59,605	9,620,081
Utility taxes	3,691,933	-	-	-	3,691,933
Franchise fees	2,290,398	-	-	-	2,290,398
Charges for services	2,379,081	-	-	-	2,379,081
Assessments	1,369,995	-	-	-	1,369,995
Licenses and permits	1,149,105	-	-	-	1,149,105
Local business tax	771,280	-	-	-	771,280
Impact fees	119,944	-	-	-	119,944
Fines and forfeitures	139,665	-	-	-	139,665
Investment income (loss)	2,659,404	27,390	1,352,622	-	4,039,416
Rental Income	36,267	-	1,578,831	-	1,615,098
Miscellaneous	1,022,986	5,658	1,604	-	1,030,248
Total revenues	36,423,565	2,448,782	2,933,057	59,605	41,865,009
Expenditures					
Current:					
General government	5,363,298	-	310,384	61,900	5,735,582
Public safety	18,332,022	-	-	-	18,332,022
Parks and recreation	1,854,966	-	-	-	1,854,966
Physical environment	2,611,077	-	-	-	2,611,077
Transportation	2,145,718	-	-	-	2,145,718
Community redevelopment	-	462,119	-	-	462,119
Capital outlay	1,735,134	385,321	-	13,305	2,133,760
Debt service:					
Principal	1,322,427	-	-	-	1,322,427
Interest	233,231	-	-	-	233,231
Total expenditures	33,597,873	847,440	310,384	75,205	34,830,902
Revenues over (under) expenditures	**2,825,692**	**1,601,342**	**2,622,673**	**(15,600)**	**7,034,107**
Other financing sources (uses)					
Transfer in	2,330,732	1,831,255	-	3,300	4,165,287
Transfer out	(4,246,986)	(264,300)	(768,235)	-	(5,279,521)
Total other financing sources (uses)	(1,916,254)	1,566,955	(768,235)	3,300	(1,114,234)
Net change in fund balance	909,438	3,168,297	1,854,438	(12,300)	5,919,873
Fund balance beginning	21,813,127	6,149,756	3,803,896	348,080	32,114,859
Fund balance ending	**$ 22,722,565**	**$ 9,318,053**	**$ 5,658,334**	**$ 335,780**	**$ 38,034,732**

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City of Stuart, Florida

Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and changes in Fund Balances

Governmental Funds

Year ended September 30, 2023

Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of activities are different because:		
Net change in fund balances - total governmental funds		$ 5,919,873
Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures. However, in the statement of activities the cost of those assets is depreciated over their esimated useful lives and reported as depreciation expense.		
Capital outlay reported as expenditures	2,133,760	
Disposition of capital assets	36,927	
Depreciation and amortization expense	(4,098,047)	
		(1,927,360)
Debt proceeds provide current financial resources to governmental funds, but issuing debt increases long-term liabilities in the statement of net position. Repayment of the principal of long-term debt consumes the current financial resources of governmental funds, but does not have any effect on net position.		
Principal payments	1,322,427	
		1,322,427
Expense in the statement of activities that do not use current financial resources are not reported as expenditures in the funds.		
Change in compensated absences liability	(218,626)	
Change in claims payable liability	(126,423)	
Change in accrued interest on long-term debt	15,010	
Change in pension liability and related deferred inflows and outflows	(3,819,664)	
Change in OPEB Liability and related deferred inflows and outflows	(30,723)	
		(4,180,426)
Change in net position of governmental activities		$ 1,134,514

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City of Stuart, Florida
Statement of Net Position
Proprietary Funds
September 30, 2023

	Business-type Activities - Enterprise Funds			
	Water and Sewer	Sanitation	Stormwater	Total Enterprise
Assets				
Current assets				
Cash and cash equivalents	$ 4,948,810	$ 1,225,927	$ 1,758,134	$ 7,932,871
Investments	16,155,628	4,978,113	227,068	21,360,809
Accounts receivable, net	1,589,331	658,142	135,336	2,382,809
Due from other government	6,588,114	-	-	6,588,114
Restricted cash and cash equivalents	885,659	-	-	885,659
Total current assets	30,167,542	6,862,182	2,120,538	39,150,262
Noncurrent assets				
Restricted cash and cash equivalents	181,838	-	-	181,838
Restricted investments	996,910	-	-	996,910
Sewer plan receivable	1,564,976	-	-	1,564,976
Capital assets:				
Land	72,260	326,327	5,818,921	6,217,508
Construction In progress	23,852,582	55,993	149,389	24,057,964
Buildings and improvements	1,327,102	266,466	-	1,593,568
Improvements other than buildings	97,012,578	124,517	20,290,826	117,427,921
Equipment	4,429,446	4,360,755	659,814	9,450,015
Right to use assets	234,111	-	-	234,111
Less accumulated depreciation	(60,715,961)	(3,245,656)	(13,363,896)	(77,325,513)
Total capital assets	66,212,118	1,888,402	13,555,054	81,655,574
Total noncurrent assets	68,955,842	1,888,402	13,555,054	84,399,298
Total assets	99,123,384	8,750,584	15,675,592	123,549,560
Deferred outflow of resources				
Deferred outflows of resources from losses on refundings	531,849	-	-	531,849
Related to pension	1,116,290	326,390	82,850	1,525,530
Related to other postemployment benefits	21,693	6,343	1,610	29,646
Total deferred outflows of resources	1,669,832	332,733	84,460	2,087,025
Total assets and deferred outflow of resources	**$ 100,793,216**	**$ 9,083,317**	**$ 15,760,052**	**$ 125,636,585**

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City of Stuart, Florida
Statement of Net Position
Proprietary Funds continued
September 30, 2023

	Business-type Activities - Enterprise Funds			
	Water and Sewer	Sanitation	Stormwater	Total Enterprise
Liabilities and Net Position				
Current liabilities				
Accounts payable	$ 4,686,629	$ 134,466	$ 52,242	$ 4,873,337
Accrued liabilities	194,105	59,549	16,418	270,072
Unearned revenue	354,032	-	-	354,032
Compensated absences	304,815	76,183	20,635	401,633
Customer deposits	844,242	667,239	-	1,511,481
Current portion bonds and loans payable	1,706,584	5,026	59,361	1,770,971
Current portion leases	52,560	-	-	52,560
Accrued interest payable	289,305	-	9,679	298,984
Total current liabilities	8,432,272	942,463	158,335	9,533,070
Noncurrent liabilities				
Loans payable	21,864,824	11,067	189,497	22,065,388
Revenue bonds payable, net	11,688,000	-	-	11,688,000
Compensated absences	167,805	54,955	12,321	235,081
Other post employment benefits	300,150	87,760	22,275	410,185
Lease liabilities	94,698	-	-	94,698
Net pension liability	5,403,560	1,579,930	401,030	7,384,520
Total noncurrent liabilities	39,519,037	1,733,712	625,123	41,877,872
Total liabilities	47,951,309	2,676,175	783,458	51,410,942
Deferred inflows of resources				
Related to pensions	220,860	64,580	16,390	301,830
Related to other post employment benefits	215,528	63,019	15,996	294,543
	436,388	127,599	32,386	596,373
Total liabilities and deferred inflows	48,387,697	2,803,774	815,844	52,007,315
Net Position				
Net investment In capital assets	31,337,301	1,872,309	13,306,196	46,515,806
Restricted for:				
Renewal and replacement	900,000	-	-	900,000
Capital outlay	6,664,887	-	-	6,664,887
SRF	725,996	-	-	725,996
Impact fee requirements	5,760,265	-	-	5,760,265
Unrestricted	7,017,070	4,407,234	1,638,012	13,062,316
Total Net Position	$ 52,405,519	$ 6,279,543	$ 14,944,208	$ 73,629,270

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City of Stuart, Florida
Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and changes in Net Position
Proprietary Funds
Year ended September 30, 2023

	Business-type Activities - Enterprise Funds			
	Water and Sewer	Sanitation	Stormwater	Total Enterprise
Operating revenues				
Charges for services	$ 15,030,814	$ 6,456,286	$ 1,306,273	$ 22,793,373
Miscellaneous	114	8,861	-	8,975
Total operating revenues	15,030,928	6,465,147	1,306,273	22,802,348
Operating expenses				
Personnel expenses	4,021,494	1,237,866	372,973	5,632,333
Operating expenses	5,225,531	3,300,272	448,063	8,973,866
Depreciation and amortization	2,904,632	333,268	641,467	3,879,367
Pension liability	1,158,464	352,753	150,843	1,662,060
Total operating expenses	13,310,121	5,224,159	1,613,346	20,147,626
Operating income (loss)	1,720,807	1,240,988	(307,073)	2,654,722
Non-operating revenues (expenses)				
Investment income (loss)	220,440	18,035	4,571	243,046
Other expense	(123,621)	-	-	(123,621)
Interest expense	(725,050)	-	(10,203)	(735,253)
Gain on sale of capital assets	3,797	(5,906)	-	(2,109)
Total non-operating revenues (expenses)	(624,434)	12,129	(5,632)	(617,937)
Income (loss) before contributions and transfers	1,096,373	1,253,117	(312,705)	2,036,785
Capital contributions	3,066,624	-	255,417	3,322,041
Transfer in	2,404,536	-	11,195	2,415,731
Transfers out	(835,543)	(388,729)	(77,225)	(1,301,497)
Change in net position	5,731,990	864,388	(123,318)	6,473,060
Net position - beginning	46,673,529	5,415,155	15,067,526	67,156,210
Total Net position - ending	$ 52,405,519	$ 6,279,543	$ 14,944,208	$ 73,629,270

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City of Stuart, Florida
Statement of Cash Flows
Proprietary Funds
Year ended September 30, 2023

	Water and Sewer	Sanitation	Stormwater	Total Enterprise
Operating activities				
Cash received from customers	$ 16,719,155	$ 6,232,871	$ 1,326,051	$ 24,278,077
Cash payments to suppliers for goods and services	(10,680,995)	(2,307,426)	(507,689)	(13,496,110)
Cash payments to employees for services	(4,342,014)	(1,274,545)	(392,372)	(6,008,931)
Net cash provided by operating activities	1,696,146	2,650,900	425,990	4,773,036
Noncapital financing activities				
Transfers out to other funds	(835,543)	(388,729)	(77,225)	(1,301,497)
Net cash used in noncapital financing activities	(835,543)	(388,729)	(77,225)	(1,301,497)
Capital and related financing activities				
Acquisition and construction of capital assets	(15,069,003)	(636,530)	(189,651)	(15,895,184)
Proceeds from State Revolving Fund Loan	9,948,226	-	-	9,948,226
Capital contributions and grants	3,066,624	-	255,417	3,322,041
Principal paid on loan and notes	(692,797)	-	(61,641)	(754,438)
Principal paid on revenue bonds	(967,000)	-	-	(967,000)
Interest expense and fiscal agent fees	(725,050)	-	(10,203)	(735,253)
Net cash used in capital and related financing activities	(4,439,000)	(636,530)	(6,078)	(5,081,608)
Investing activities				
Interest income	220,440	18,035	4,571	243,046
Purchase of investments	8,283,573	(591,418)	(60,003)	7,632,152
Net cash provided by (used in) investing activities	8,504,013	(573,383)	(55,432)	7,875,198
Net change in cash and cash equivalents	4,925,616	1,052,258	287,255	6,265,129
Cash and cash equivalents				
Beginning of year	205,032	173,669	1,470,879	1,849,580
End of year	$ 5,130,648	$ 1,225,927	$ 1,758,134	$ 8,114,709
Cash and cash equivalents classified as:				
Unrestricted assets	$ 4,948,810	$ 1,225,927	$ 1,758,134	$ 7,932,871
Restricted assets	181,838	-	-	181,838
	$ 5,130,648	$ 1,225,927	$ 1,758,134	$ 8,114,709
Reconciliation of operating income (loss) to net cash from operating activities				
Operating income (loss)	$ 1,720,807	$ 1,240,988	$ (307,073)	$ 2,654,722
(Increase) Decrease in assets and deferred outflows and Increase (Decrease) in liabilities and deferred inflows:				
Adjustments not affecting cash:				
Depreciation	2,904,632	333,268	641,467	3,879,367
Increase (decrease) net pension liability	3,720,640	1,097,760	319,110	5,137,510
Increase (decrease) OPEB liability	(139,097)	(35,465)	2,481	(172,081)
(Increase) decrease in deferred outflows	16,301	(391,807)	(122,520)	(498,026)
Increase (deccrease) deferred inflows	(2,549,879)	(662,986)	(112,794)	(3,325,659)
Changes in assets and liabilities:				-
(Increase) decrease in accounts receivable	(652,161)	(189,847)	(12,189)	(854,197)
(increase) decrease in due from other governments	(6,377,629)	-	-	(6,377,629)
Increase (decrease) in accounts payable	4,152,695	(119,867)	10,380	4,043,208
Increase (decrease) in unearned revenue	144,141	-	-	144,141
Increase (decrease) in compensated absences	(61,440)	4,032	1,997	(55,411)
Other assets and liabilities	(1,182,864)	1,374,824	5,131	197,091
Total adjustments	(24,661)	1,409,912	733,063	2,118,314
Net cash provided by operating activities	$ 1,696,146	$ 2,650,900	$ 425,990	$ 4,773,036

The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of these statements.

NOTE 1 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The City of Stuart, Florida (the "City") was incorporated in 1914 under the general law. This incorporation was validated by an Act of the State Legislature, Section 165.041 and 165.061. The City covers an area of approximately 7.0 square miles. The City operates under a Commission-Manager form of government and has an elected City Commission (5 members) and provides services to approximately 19,264 residents in the form of fire protection, law enforcement, water and sewer, sanitation, stormwater, culture and recreation, planning and zoning, and general administrative services. The powers of the City Commission include the ability to enact legislation, adopt budgets, determine policies, and appoint the City Manager and City Attorney.

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

The more significant of the City's accounting policies are described below.

a. Financial Reporting Entity

The financial statements are prepared in accordance with governmental accounting standards, which establish standards for defining and reporting on the financial reporting entity. The financial reporting entity consists of the primary government, organizations for which the primary government is financially accountable and other organizations for which the nature and significance of their relationship with the primary government are such that exclusion would cause the reporting entity's financial statements to be misleading or incomplete. The accompanying financial statements present the City and its component unit, for which the City is financially accountable. A blended component unit, although a legally separate entity, is, in substance, part of the government's operations. Other than the operations of the primary government, the accompanying statements include the Community Redevelopment Agency (the "CRA").

The CRA was established in 1998 by Resolution 84-98 under Chapter 163, Florida Statutes, for the purpose of carrying out redevelopment activities for certain areas existing in the City. Subsequent actions, Resolution 131-02, Ordinance 2076-06, Resolution 82-2010, Resolution 09-2016 and Resolution 68-2019, amended and expanded the life of the CRA until the end of fiscal year 2050. The CRA's governing board is substantially the same as the City Commission. In addition, the CRA's budget is subject to the approval of the City Commission. The CRA is included in the City's reporting entity as a blended component unit, due to the composition of its governing board and the financial burden associated with ad valorem tax allocations, presented as a major special revenue fund.

Related Organizations

Stuart Housing Authority (the "Authority") – The Stuart Housing Authority was organized for the purpose of providing housing for low-income families. The City of Stuart appoints the governing board but the City's accountability for this organization does not extend beyond making these appointments. The City has no financial benefit or burden from the Authority and there is no fiscal dependency between the City and the Authority. Therefore, the financial statements of the Authority are excluded from the reporting entity.

Tri-County Risk Management Program ("TRICO") – TRICO is a multi-geographical public entity risk pool of which the City is a member. The City, along with the other three members, makes an actuarially determined contribution to the pool in exchange for transferring the risk of loss for its property and casualty and workers' compensation coverage to the pool. The pool is administered by a third-party administrator. The City has one vote on the Board of Directors, which is composed of one person from each of the four members' cities and counties. Because the City's vote does not constitute a majority and TRICO is not fiscally dependent on the City, TRICO is not considered a component of the City's reporting entity.

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 activities of the City and its component unit. The effect of interfund activity has been removed from these statements. Governmental activities, which normally are supported by taxes and intergovernmental revenues, are reported separately from business-type activities, which rely to a significant extent on fees and charges for support.

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; such expenses include indirect costs charged on a centralized basis to recover administrative costs. 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 function or segment. Taxes and other items not properly included among program revenues are reported instead as general revenues.

Separate financial statements are provided for governmental funds and proprietary funds. Major individual governmental funds and major individual enterprise funds are reported as separate columns in the fund financial statements. All remaining non-major governmental funds are aggregated and reported as other governmental funds.

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

c. Measurement Focus, Basis of Accounting and Basis of Presentation

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 revenues to be available if they are collected within 60 days of the end of the current fiscal period. Expenditures are recorded when a liability is incurred, as under accrual accounting. However, debt service expenditures, as well as expenditures related to other postemployment benefits, self-insurance, and compensated absences and claims and judgments, are recorded only when payment is due.

Revenues of the City which are susceptible to accrual under the modified accrual basis include property taxes, utility taxes, simplified communication service tax, local business tax, franchise fees, sales taxes, fuel taxes, grant revenue, interest revenue, charges for services, rental income, and certain intergovernmental revenue. All other revenue items are measurable and available only when cash is received by the City.

The City reports the following major governmental funds:

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

Community Redevelopment Agency – This special revenue fund is used to account for all sources and uses of financial resources provided by increased ad valorem tax value in the geographically designated area. Resources are consumed in operations and improvements specifically designated by the CRA.

Leased Property Fund – This special revenue fund is used to account for the activities related to City real properties leased or rented for public and private ventures. The revenues reflected in this fund have been committed by the City. Resources are consumed to fund upkeep and maintenance on the properties and all excess resources are maintained in the fund balance of the fund or transferred to the General Fund for other purposes.

The City's reports the following non-major governmental funds:

Infrastructure tax – This special revenue fund is used to account for all sources of infrastructure tax revenue.

CDGB Fund – This special revenue fund is used to account for Community Development Block Grant funds only, as a stipulation of award is to maintain a separate fund and physical bank account for these funds.

The City reports the following major proprietary funds in the basic financial statements:

Water and Sewer Fund – This fund accounts for the operating activities related to providing water treatment and distribution services, and sewage treatment to all areas within the City limits and certain districts outside the City limits.

Sanitation Fund – This fund accounts for the operating activities related to the solid waste operations.

Stormwater Fund – This fund accounts for the construction and maintenance of the City's stormwater systems and pollution from stormwater runoff.

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 City's water and sewer, sanitation, and stormwater funds are charges to customers for services. Operating expenses for the enterprise funds include the costs of services, administrative expenses, and depreciation on capital assets. All revenues and expenses not meeting this definition are reported as non-operating revenues and expenses.

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

d. Assets, Liabilities and Net Position or Equity

Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash on hand, time and demand deposits, and short-term investments consisting primarily of overnight repurchase agreements and investments with Seacoast National Bank, Florida Cooperative Liquid Asset Securities System (FLCLASS), and Public Trust Advisors (PTA). For purposes of the statement of cash flows, the City considers all highly liquid investments (including restricted assets) with a maturity of three months or less, when purchased, to be cash equivalents.

Pooled Cash and Investments

Resources of all funds and certain other cash and investment accounts, which are maintained in accordance with legal requirements, have been combined into a pooled cash and investment system for the purpose of maximizing earnings. Interest earned on pooled cash and investments is allocated based upon equity balances of the respective funds.

The City's repurchase agreement and tax certificate investments are reported at cost, which approximates fair value. The City's investments in PTA Funds are reported at fair value or net asset value, which approximates fair value.

Receivables and Payables

Activities between funds that are representative of lending/borrowing arrangements outstanding at the end of the fiscal year are referred to as either "due to/from other funds". (i.e., the current portion of interfund loans) or "advances to/from other funds' (i.e., the non-current portion of interfund loans). All other outstanding balances between funds (i.e., amounts owed for goods/services rendered to a fund by another fund in the reporting entity) are reported as "due to/from other funds". Any residual balances outstanding between the governmental activities and business-type activities are reported in the government-wide financial statements as "internal balances".

Transactions for services rendered or facilities provided are recorded as revenue in the receiving fund and as expenditures in the disbursing fund. Transactions to transfer revenue or contributions from the fund budgeted to receive them to the fund budgeted to expend them are recorded as transfers in or out.

Inventories and Prepaid Items

All inventories are valued at cost in both governmental and proprietary fund types. Inventories of governmental funds are recorded as expenditures when consumed rather than when purchased. However, due to efficiencies of operation, many of the supplies are consumed as needed and are ordered in accordance with just-in-time principles, eliminating the need for most inventories.

Certain payments to vendors reflect costs applicable to future accounting periods and are recorded as prepaid items in both government-wide and fund financial statements. Prepaid items are reported as expenditures during the period benefited by the prepayment (consumption method).

Restricted Assets

In 2006, 2007 and 2011, the City issued water and sewer revenue refunding and improvement bonds to make improvements and extensions to the Water and Sewer Utility of the City and to refund certain then outstanding revenue bonds. In addition, the water and sewer bond covenants require that certain funds be established and specify the order in which pledged proceeds are to be deposited into these funds.

Restricted assets are classified as noncurrent if they are for acquisition or construction of capital assets, for liquidation of long-term debt, or are for other than current operations.

The balance of the restricted assets are as follows:

	Governmental	Enterprise
Current		
Debt service payments	$ 516,548	$ 885,659
Reserve funds	524,460	-
Total current restricted	1,041,008	885,659
Noncurrent		
Sewer expansion	-	323,000
Reserve funds	-	673,910
SRF Reserve	-	181,838
Total noncurrent restricted	-	1,178,748
Total Restricted Assets	**$ 1,041,008**	**$ 2,064,407**

Capital Assets

Capital assets, which include property, utility plant and equipment, and certain infrastructure assets (e.g. roads, bridges, sidewalks, and similar items), are reported in the applicable governmental or business- type activities columns in the government-wide financial statements. Capital assets are defined by the City as assets with an initial, individual cost of $5,000 or more and an estimated useful life in excess of one year. Purchased or constructed capital assets are recorded at actual cost or estimated historical cost where no historical records exist. Donated capital assets are valued at their estimated acquisition value on the date received.

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

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

Utility plant, building and improvement	10-30 Years
Infrastructure	10-100 Years
Machinery and equipment	3-10 Years

Upon disposal of capital assets, the related cost and accumulated depreciation are removed from the accounts with gains or losses on disposal reported currently.

Deferred Outflows/Inflows of Resources

In addition to assets, the statement of financial position will sometimes report a separate section for deferred outflows of resources. This separate financial statement section represents a consumption of net assets that applies to future periods and so will not be recognized as an expense or expenditure until then. For the current year the City reports deferred outflows of $531,849 on deferred losses on refinancing of debt, $8,058,241 related to pensions, and $138,791 related to other postemployment benefits.

In addition to liabilities, the statement of financial position will sometimes report a separate section for deferred inflows of resources. This separate financial statement section represents an acquisition of net assets that applies future periods and so will not be recognized as revenue until then. The City has deferred inflows related to pensions of $1,413,063, $1,378,937 related to other postemployment benefits and $43,972,707 related to leases.

Unearned Revenue

Governmental and enterprise funds defer revenue recognition in connection with resources that have been received, but not yet earned.

At the end of the current fiscal year, the various components of unearned revenue reported in the governmental funds and enterprise funds are as follows:

	Governmental Activities			
	General Fund	Community Redevelopment Agency	Leased Property Fund	Total Governmental Activities
Unearned revenue:				
Business tax	$ 67,338	$ -	$ -	$ 67,338
Unearned grants	4,843,840	-	-	4,843,840
Miscellaneous unearned revenue	34,904,022	2,911	-	34,906,933
Disaster relief	8,909	-	-	8,909
Unearned rent	-	-	153,686	153,686
Unearned sewer expansion	-	-	-	-
Unapplied credit	7,027	-	-	7,027
Total unearned revenue	$ 39,831,136	$ 2,911	$ 153,686	$ 39,987,733

	Business-Type Activities			
	Water and Sewer	Sanitation	Stormwater	Total Enterprise
Unearned revenue:				
Unearned sewer expansion	$ 323,000	$ -	$ -	$ 323,000
Unapplied credit	31,032	-	-	31,032
Total unearned revenue	$ 354,032	$ -	$ -	$ 354,032

Compensated Absences

Police officers, Fire fighters, and General employees of the City are entitled to paid time off. Upon resignation, retirement, termination, or death employees are paid in one lump sum for accrued paid time off as of the last day of employment. Fire fighters who retire or resign in good standing with more than five years of service receive 50% of accumulated sick leave. Police officers who retire or resign in good standing with more than five years of service receive 55% of accumulated sick leave.

Accumulated paid time off and the benefits associated with them are accrued when incurred in the government-wide and proprietary fund financial statements. The governmental fund financial statements report only the compensated absences liability payable from expendable available financial resources. A liability for these amounts is reported in governmental funds only if they have matured, for example, as a result of employee resignations and retirements. For the governmental funds, compensated absences are liquidated by the general fund.

Long-Term Obligations

In the government-wide financial statements and proprietary 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 life of the bond using the effective interest method. Bonds payable are reported net

of the applicable bond premium or discount. Bond issuance costs are reported as an expense in the period incurred.

In the fund financial statements, governmental fund types recognize bond premiums and discounts, as well as bond issuance costs, 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 withheld from the actual debt proceeds received, are reported as debt service expenditures.

Fund Equity

In the fund financial statements, fund balance for governmental funds is reported in 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 the funds can be spent. Fund balance may be reported in five components – nonspendable, restricted, committed, assigned, and unassigned.

Nonspendable – This component includes amounts that cannot be spent because they are either (a) not in spendable form or (b) legally or contractually required to be maintained intact. “Not in spendable form” includes items that are not expected to be converted to cash (such as inventories and prepaid amounts) and the long-term amount of advances to other funds.

Restricted – This component consists of amounts that are subject to externally enforceable legal restrictions, which are imposed either (a) by third parties, such as creditors (through debt covenants), grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments or (b) by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation. Enabling legislation authorizes the City to assess, levy, charge or otherwise mandate payment of resources (form external resource providers) and includes a legally enforceable requirement (compelled by external parties) that those resources be used only for the specific purposes stipulated in the legislation.

Committed – This classification includes amounts that can be spent only for specific purposes pursuant to constraints imposed by formal action of the highest level of decision-making authority, the City Commission. Such formal action may be in the form of an ordinance or resolution dependent upon the nature of the matter, may be equally binding and may only be modified or rescinded by a subsequent formal action. The City Commission established a Capital Replacement policy for the Leased Property Fund which committed funds as of September 30, 2023.

Assigned – This component consists of amounts that are constrained by the City’s intent to be used for specific purposes but are neither restricted nor committed. Intent is expressed by (a) City Commission, or (b) pursuant to adopted policy approved by the City Commission, the City Manager or other subordinate high-level body or official possessing the authority to assign amounts to be used for specific purposes. Included in this category is any fund balance carry-forward used to balance the subsequent year’s budget.

Unassigned – This classification represents amounts that have not been restricted, committed or assigned to specific purposes within the General Fund. The General Fund is the only fund that reports a positive unassigned fund balance amount. Other governmental funds besides the General Fund can only report a negative unassigned fund balance amount.

In determining the classification of total spendable fund balance remaining at the end of the fiscal year, when an expenditure is incurred for purposes for which both restricted and unrestricted amounts are available, it is the City’s policy that expenditures will be applied first to restricted fund balance and then to unrestricted fund balance (committed, assigned, and unassigned). When unrestricted fund balance (committed, assigned, or unassigned) is available for use, it is the City’s policy to use committed resources first, then assigned, and then unassigned as needed.

Property Taxes

Property taxes (ad valorem taxes) are assessed on January 1 (the lien date) and are billed and payable November 1. They are due March 31 and become delinquent April 1. On June 1, delinquent taxes are offered for sale in the form of tax certificates. These taxes are collected by the County and are remitted to the City.

Assessed values are established by Martin County Property Appraiser for all properties in the County at approximately fair market value. The County bills and collects all property taxes for the City. The assessed value of property at January 1, 2022, upon which the 2023 levy was based, was approximately $2.7 billion.

Under Florida law, the assessment of all properties, and the collection of all Martin County, municipal, school district and special district property taxes are consolidated in the offices of the Martin County Property Appraiser and Martin County Tax Collector. The City is permitted by Article 7, Section 8 of the Florida Constitution to levy taxes up to 10 mills ($10 per $1,000 of assessed valuation) for general governmental services other than general obligation debt service. To the extent required by voter approved general obligation debt, unlimited amounts may be levied to pay debt service. The millage rate levied to finance general governmental services for the 2023 fiscal year was 5.00 mills ($5.00 per $1,000 of assessed valuation).

Utility Billings

Utility customers are billed monthly on a cycle basis. Unbilled revenue is recognized in the accompanying financial statements based upon estimates of revenue for services rendered between billing cycle dates and fiscal year end.

Use of Estimates

The financial statements and related disclosures are prepared in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States. Management is required to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities, the disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements, and revenue and expenses during the period reported. These estimates include assessing collectability of accounts receivable, valuation of postretirement obligations, and useful lives and impairment of tangible assets, among others. Estimates and assumptions are reviewed periodically, and the effects of revisions are reflected in the financial statements in the period they are determined to be necessary. Actual results may differ from those estimates.

Budgets and Budgetary Accounting

All governmental funds budgets are prepared on a modified accrual basis consistent with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP). However, certain governmental funds are combined with the General Fund for financial reporting purposes but are separately budgeted. The budgets for the enterprise funds are prepared on an accrual basis and are consistent with GAAP except that depreciation, amortization, and gain/losses on the disposal of assets are not budgeted, capitalized net interest costs on funds borrowed to finance the construction of capital assets are budgeted as interest income and interest expense, capital outlays are budgeted as expense, and debt proceeds and principal payments are respectively budgeted as revenue and expense. The procedures for establishing budgetary data reflected in the budgetary comparison schedule are as follows:

The City Manager submits to the City Commission a proposed operating budget for the fiscal year commencing the following October 1st. The operating budget is restricted to proposed expenditures and the means of financing them by means of appropriated revenues, other financing sources, and appropriations of fund balances.

Two public hearings are conducted to obtain taxpayer comments as required by Truth in Millage (TRIM) legislation. Prior to October 1st, the budget is legally enacted through passage of a resolution.

Budgeted amounts are as originally adopted or as amended. There were several supplemental amendments which included re-appropriation of prior year encumbrances during fiscal year ended September 30, 2023.

The level of control (level at which expenditures may not exceed budget) is at the fund level. Unexpended balances of appropriations lapse at year end.

Formal budgetary integration is employed as a management control device during the year for all funds which have a legally adopted budget, including the General Fund, CDBG Fund, Community Redevelopment Fund, Leased Property Fund, Water and Sewer Fund, Stormwater Fund, and Sanitation Fund. The Infrastructure Tax Fund does not legally adopt a budget.

New Accounting Standards

New Accounting Pronouncements Adopted in 2023:

96	*Subscription-Based Information Technology Arrangements (SBITA)*	2023
99	*Omnibus 2022*	2023

Pronouncements Issued by Not Yet Effective:
GASB has issued the following pronouncements that may affect future financial position, changes in financial position, cash flows, or financial presentation of the City upon implementation. The City has not fully determined the effect these pronouncements will have on the City's financial statements:

Statement No.	GASB Accounting Standard	Effective Fiscal Year
100	*Accounting Changes and Error Corrections*	2024
101	*Compensated Absences*	2025

NOTE 2 – DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS

Deposits

The balance of bank deposits was $486,330 as of September 30, 2023.

Deposits are insured by the Federal Depository Insurance Corporation or by collateral held in banking institutions approved by the State Treasurer of the State of Florida to hold public funds. Under Florida Statutes Chapter 280, Florida Security for Public Deposits Act, the State Treasurer requires all Florida qualified public depositories to deposit with the Treasurer or another banking institution eligible collateral. In the event of a failure of a qualified public depository, the remaining public depositories would be responsible for covering any resulting losses. Accordingly, all amounts reported as deposits are deemed as insured or collateralized with securities held by the City or its agent in the City's name.

Investments

The investments are detailed below with the credit ratings and maturity ranges:

Investment Type	Fair Value Method	Credit Rating (S&P)	Maturity Range	Fair Value
Investments Measured by Fair Value Level				
Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corp	Level 2	AA+	02/2025-07/2025	$ 752,229
Federal Home Loan Banks	Level 2	AA+	06/2025-06/2025	185,088
Federal National Mortgage Association	Level 2	AA+	01/2025-11/2025	1,477,988
Municipal Notes	Level 2	AAA..AA-	10/2025-05/2026	195,842
US Treasury Notes	Level 2		11/2024-06/2028	20,587,833
Corporate Notes	Level 2	AAA.. A	12/2022-09/2025	2,818,757
Total Investments Measured at Fair Value				26,017,737
Investments Measured at Net Asset Value				
FL Class Investment Pool		AAAm		62,923,215
FL Class Enhanced Cash				2,096,545
Total Investments Measured at Net Asset Value				65,019,760
Cash and Cash Equivalents and Investments Measured at Amortized Cost				
Repurchase Agreement				14,055,374
Money Market Funds				73,617
Cash on with fiscal agent				1,926,667
Bank Deposits				486,330
Total Measured at Amortized Cost				16,541,988
Total Cash and Cash Equivalents and Investments				$ 107,579,485
Statement of Net Position:				
Cash and cash equivalents and investments - unrestricted				$ 104,474,070
Restricted assets:				
Cash, cash equivalents and investments				3,105,415
Total, primary government				$ 107,579,485

The City's investments in the Florida Cooperative Liquid Assets Securities System (FL Class), a public entity investment trust organized under the laws of the State of Florida, are presented at Net Asset Value (NAV), which reflects fair value. The objectives of FL Class are to generate investment income while maintaining safety and liquidity. There are no restrictions or terms and conditions on the City in redeeming the investment and the City has no unfunded commitments related to this investment.

The City follows the provisions of GASB Statement No. 72, *Fair Value Measurement and Application*, which establishes a framework for measuring the fair value of investments in a fair value hierarchy that prioritizes the inputs to valuation techniques used to measure fair value. The hierarchy gives highest priority to unadjusted quote prices in active markets for identical assets (Level 1 measurements) and the lowest priority to unobservable inputs (Level 3 measurements). The three levels of fair value hierarchy under GASB Statement No. 72 are described below:

Level 1 – Inputs to the valuation methodology are unadjusted quoted prices for identical assets in active markets that the City can access at the measurement date.

Level 2 – Inputs to the valuation methodology include the following:

- Quoted prices for similar assets in active markets
- Quoted prices for identical or similar assets in inactive markets
- Inputs other than quoted prices that are observable for the assets
- Inputs that are derived principally from or corroborated by observable market data by correlation or other mean

Level 3 – Inputs to the valuation methodology are unobservable and significant to the fair value measurement. These unobservable inputs reflect the entity's own estimates for assumptions that market participants would use in pricing the asset or liability. Valuation techniques would typically include discounted cash flow models and similar techniques but may also include the use of market prices of assets that are not directly comparable to the subject asset.

Investment Policy

The City is authorized to invest in those instruments authorized by the Florida Statutes. The objectives of the City's investment policy are to provide safety of principal, liquidity of funds, and the optimal rate of return on investments at the time of investment. The policy provides that the maximum maturity shall never exceed five years from the date of purchase and includes the following investments:

1. Florida PRIME Fund, as administered by the Florida State Board of Administration.

2. Negotiable direct obligations, or obligations of the principal and interest of which are unconditionally guaranteed by the United States Government.

3. Bonds, debentures or notes, guaranteed as to principal and interest by the United States Government Agencies, provided such obligations are backed by the full faith and credit of the United States Government.

4. Bonds, mortgage-backed securities, debentures, or notes that may be subject to call, issued, or guaranteed as to principal and interest by United States Government Sponsored Enterprises (Federal Instrumentalities) that are non-full faith and credit agencies, limited to the following: Federal Farm Credit Bank (FFCB), Federal Home Loan Bank or its district banks (FHLB), Federal National Mortgage Association (FNMA), Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation (Freddie-Mac), including Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation participation certificates.

5. Investment in mortgage-backed securities (MBS) which are based on mortgages that are guaranteed by a government agency or Federal Instrumentality for payment of principal and a guarantee of timely payment.

6. Non-negotiable interest-bearing time deposits, including Certificates of Deposit or savings accounts in banks organized under the laws of this State or the United States and doing business in this State.

7. Negotiable Certificates of Deposit.

8. State and/or local government taxable and/or tax-exempt debt, general obligation, and/or revenue bonds.

9. Shares of any open-end or no-load money market mutual funds provided such funds are registered under the Federal Investment Company Act of 1940 and operate in accordance with 17 C.F.R. Section 270.2a-7, which stipulates that money market mutual funds must have an average weighted maturity of 60 days or less and a weighted average life of 120 days or less.

10. Shares of open-end, no-load, institutional class mutual funds with fluctuating net asset values (NAV) provided that such funds are registered under the Investment Company Act of 1940. The prospectus must indicate that the funds average duration is maintained at 3 years or less and the fund invests exclusively in investment instruments as authorized by this policy.

11. Repurchase agreements composed of only those investments based on the requirements set forth by the City's Master Repurchase Agreement.

12. Bankers' acceptances which are issued by a domestic bank.

13. Commercial paper of any United States company.

14. Corporate notes issued by corporations organized and operating within the United States or by depository institutions licensed by the United States

15. Intergovernmental investment pools that are authorized pursuant to the Florida Interlocal Cooperation Act, as provided in Section 163.01, Florida Statutes.

16. Tax Lien Certificates, as authorized by the City Commission through Resolution No. 54-2010 to allow the City to purchase Tax Lien Certificates for real property within Martin County, Florida.

Interest Rate Risk – The City will minimize the risk that the market value of securities in the Investment Portfolio will fall due to changes in general interest rates by 1) structuring the Investment Portfolio so that securities mature to meet cash requirements for ongoing operations, thereby avoiding the need to sell securities on the open market prior to maturity and 2) investing operating funds (non-short-term and long-term funds) primarily in shorter-term securities, local government investment pools, money market mutual funds or interest bearing time deposits, or savings accounts.

Credit Risk – The City will minimize credit risk of loss due to the failure of the security by 1) limiting investments to the authorized investments in the Policy; 2) pre-qualifying the financial institutions, broker/dealers, intermediaries, and advisers with which the City will do business; and 3) diversifying the Investment Portfolio to protect against losses on individual securities.

NOTE 3 – RECEIVABLES

Receivables as of September 30, 2023 for the City's, including the applicable allowances for uncollectible accounts, are as follows:

	Governmental Activities			
	General Fund	Community Redevelopment Agency	Leased Property Fund	Total Governmental Activities
Receivables:				
Customer receivables and unbilled revenue	$ 224,533	$ -	$ -	$ 224,533
Franchise and utility	755,604	-		755,604
Other	58,923	1,800	41,846	102,569
Total	1,039,060	1,800	41,846	1,082,706

	Business-type Activities			
	Water and Sewer	Sanitation	Stormwater	Total Business-type Activities
Receivables:				
Customer receivables and unbilled revenue	1,710,706	732,236	150,661	$ 2,593,603
Less allowance for uncollectibles	(121,375)	(74,094)	(15,325)	$ (210,794)
Total receivables, net	$ 1,589,331	$ 658,142	$ 135,336	$ 2,382,809

NOTE 4 – INTERFUND TRANSFERS

Transfers

Transfers are used to move unrestricted fund revenues to finance various programs that the government must account for in other funds in accordance with budgetary authorization, including amounts provided as subsidies or matching funds for various grant programs.

In the year ended September 30, 2023, the government made the following one-time transfers:

Transfer to	Transfer from	Amount
General Fund	Water and Sewer Fund	$ 835,543
General Fund	Sanitation Fund	388,729
General Fund	Stormwater Fund	77,225
General Fund	Leased Property Fund	768,235
General Fund	CRA Fund	261,000
CDBG Fund	CRA Fund	3,300
CRA Fund	General Fund	1,831,255
Water and Sewer	General Fund	2,404,536
Stormwater	General Fund	11,195
		$ 6,581,018

Transfers between the funds are used to fund various activities of the City, such as charges for service and development expenses from major and non-major funds to the General Fund.

NOTE 5 – CAPITAL ASSETS

Capital assets on September 30, 2023 are listed below:

	Beginning Balance	Additions	Deletions and Transfers	Ending Balance
Governmental activities:				
Capital assets, not being depreciated:				
Land	$ 13,255,254	$ 9,030	$ -	$ 13,264,284
Construction in progress	795,531	1,267,287	(589,967)	1,472,851
Total capital assets, not being depreciated	14,050,785	1,276,317	(589,967)	14,737,135
Capital assets, being depreciated and amortized:				
Buildings and improvements	22,151,086	20,754	(248,840)	21,923,000
Equipment	12,191,980	621,574	(264,471)	12,549,083
Infrastructure	109,005,560	216,406	532,272	109,754,238
Right-to-use lease assets	87,942	357,163	-	445,105
Total capital assets, being depreciated	143,436,568	1,215,897	18,961	144,671,426
Less accumulated depreciation and amortization for:				
Buildings and improvements	8,645,069	771,550	(76,879)	9,339,740
Equipment	8,991,249	996,945	(225,208)	9,762,986
Infrastructure	53,280,095	2,288,316	(10,534)	55,557,877
Right-to-use lease assets	17,042	41,236	-	58,278
Total accumulated depreciation	70,933,455	4,098,047	(312,621)	74,718,881
Total capital assets, being depreciated, net	72,503,113	(2,882,150)	331,582	69,952,545
Governmental activities capital assets, net	$ 86,553,898	$ (1,605,833)	$ (258,385)	$ 84,689,680
Business-type activities:				
Capital assets, not being depreciated:				
Land	$ 6,217,508	$ -	$ -	$ 6,217,508
Construction in progress	10,649,427	14,347,159	(938,622)	24,057,964
Total capital assets, not being depreciated	16,866,935	14,347,159	(938,622)	30,275,472
Capital assets, being depreciated and amortized:				
Buildings and improvements	1,492,868	100,700	-	1,593,568
Improvements other than buildings	116,038,707	502,394	886,820	117,427,921
Equipment	8,679,815	944,931	(174,731)	9,450,015
Right-to-use lease assets	234,111	-	-	234,111
Total capital assets, being depreciated	126,445,501	1,548,025	712,089	128,705,615
Less accumulated depreciation and amortization for:				
Buildings and improvements	604,331	47,423	-	651,754
Improvements other than buildings	66,273,233	3,199,810	(1,929)	69,471,114
Equipment	6,694,707	581,853	(162,743)	7,113,817
Right-to-use lease assets	38,547	50,281	-	88,828
Total accumulated depreciation	73,610,818	3,879,367	(164,672)	77,325,513
Total capital assets, being depreciated, net	52,834,683	(2,331,342)	876,761	51,380,102
Business-type activities capital assets, net	$ 69,701,618	$12,015,817	$ (61,861)	$ 81,655,574

Depreciation and amortization expense was charged to functions/programs as follows:

Governmental activites :	
General government	$ 2,057,602
Public safety	760,939
Physical environment	200,584
Transportation	427,286
Community redevelopment	374,117
Parks and recreation	277,519
Total depreciation and amortization expense - governmental activities	$ 4,098,047
Business-type activities :	
Water and sewer	$ 2,904,632
Sanitation	333,268
Stormwater	641,467
Total depreciation and amortization expense - business-type activities	$ 3,879,367

NOTE 6 – NONCURRENT LIABILITIES

The following is a summary of changes in long-term debt of the City for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2023:

	Beginning Balance	Additions	Reductions	Ending Balance	Due Within One Year
Governmental activities :					
General Obligation Bonds	$ 4,650,000	$ -	$ (320,000)	$ 4,330,000	$ 335,000
Revenue Bonds	369,495	-	(73,356)	296,139	70,639
Notes and direct borrowings	5,996,062	-	(929,070)	5,066,992	921,669
Total governmental activities	$11,015,557	$ -	$(1,322,426)	$ 9,693,131	$1,327,308
Business-type activities :					
Revenue Bonds	$ 13,661,000	$ -	$ (967,000)	12,694,000	$ 1,006,000
Notes and direct borrowings	13,636,571	9,948,226	(754,438)	22,830,359	764,971
Total business-type activities	$ 27,297,571	$ 9,948,226	$ (1,721,438)	$ 35,524,359	$ 1,770,971
Total	**$ 38,313,128**	**$ 9,948,226**	**$ (3,043,864)**	**$ 45,217,490**	**$ 3,098,279**

General obligation bonds are payable from ad valorem taxes. Debt service on revenue bonds and notes and direct borrowings is payable from available non-ad valorem revenues. Compensated absences are generally liquidated by the General Fund for governmental activities and by net revenues of the applicable proprietary funds for business-type activities.

The following is a summary of debt service requirements to maturity for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2023.

Fiscal Year Ending	Governmental Activities				
	Bonds		Notes and Direct Borrowings		
September 30	Principal	Interest	Principal	Interest	Total
2024	$ 405,639	$ 148,416	$ 921,669	$ 80,823	$ 1,556,547
2025	418,356	135,764	796,141	59,004	1,409,265
2026	436,073	122,719	739,182	43,312	1,341,286
2027	446,071	109,119	510,000	30,497	1,095,687
2028	380,000	95,192	515,000	23,860	1,014,052
2029-2033	2,085,000	282,805	1,585,000	30,983	3,983,788
2034	455,000	14,833	-	-	469,833
Total	$ 4,626,139	$ 908,848	$ 5,066,992	$ 268,481	$ 10,870,460

Fiscal Year Ending	Business-Type Activities				
	Revenue Bonds		Notes and Direct Borrowings		
September 30	Principal	Interest	Principal	Interest	Total
2024	$ 1,006,000	$ 485,095	$ 764,970	$ 128,376	$ 2,384,441
2025	1,037,000	449,103	763,039	113,798	2,362,940
2026	991,000	411,138	751,505	99,764	2,253,407
2027	1,034,000	369,580	720,635	86,526	2,210,741
2028	1,072,000	327,193	667,228	74,437	2,140,859
2029-2033	6,162,000	920,216	16,915,698	220,703	24,218,617
2034-2038	1,392,000	28,021	1,999,788	59,614	3,479,423
2039-2043			247,496	746	248,242
Total	$ 12,694,000	$ 2,990,346	$ 22,830,359	$ 783,964	$ 39,298,669

General Obligation Bonds, Series 2014

On August 5, 2014 the City took advantage of favorable interest rates in the bond market and issued general obligation bonds, Series 2014, in the amount of $6,900,000, with $6,854,068 being used to refund the Series 2004 general obligation bonds. The total refunding generated an economic gain (difference between the present values of the debt service on the old and new debt) of $777,547 and a cash flow savings of $1,054,841, through reduction of debt service payments.

General obligation bonds are direct obligations and pledge the full faith and credit of the government, which are payable from ad valorem revenues appropriated by the City in its annual budget. As of September 30, 2023, the City had a net outstanding balance of $4,330,000.

The Bonds are payable annually beginning July 1, 2015 through July 2034. The interest is payable semiannually on January 1 and July 1, at an interest rate of 3.26%.

Non-Ad Valorem Refunding Revenue Note Series 2012

On March 29, 2012 the City took advantage of favorable interest rates in the bond market and issued a Non-Ad Valorem Refunding Note, Series 2012, in the amount of $1,830,000, with $994,385 being were used to refund the Florida Municipal Loan Council Revenue Bonds, Series 2002A ("FMLC") reported in the governmental activities. The total refunding generated an economic gain (difference between the present values of the debt service on the old and new debt) of $424,820 and a cash flow savings of $667,290, through reduction of debt service payments. The original FMLC issue was for improvements to the Fire Station, the Recreation Center, and sidewalks with the remainder to fund stormwater improvements.

The note is payable annually beginning May 2013 through May 2027. Interest is payable semiannually on May 1 and November 1 at a rate of 2.45%.

Fire Rescue Equipment Loan 2017

On October 6, 2017, the City obtained a loan in the amount of $173,038. The loan was issued to finance the cost of fire rescue equipment. The loan is payable annually, from February 2018 through February 2024. Interest is payable annually on February 15, at an annual rate of 3.97%.

Police Radio Equipment Loan 2020

On October 1, 2019 the City obtained a loan in the amount of $109,307. The loan was issued to finance the cost of police radio equipment. The loan is payable annually, from October 2020 through October 2024. Interest is payable annually on October 1, at an annual rate of 3.81%.

Courthouse Commons Building Loan

On August 5, 2020 the City obtained a loan in the amount of $5,050,000. The loan was initiated to finance the cost of a building purchase. The loan is payable annually, from October 1, 2021 through October 1, 2030. Interest is payable semi-annually on April 1 and October 1, at an annual rate of 1.295%.

Fire Rescue Equipment Loan 2021

On April 16, 2021, the City obtained a loan in the amount of $622,000. The loan was issued to finance the cost of a fire rescue vehicle. The loan is payable annually, from April 2022 through April 2026. Interest is payable annually on April 1, at an annual rate of 2.19%.

2019 Vehicles

The City financed 15 vehicles with Enterprise Fleet in 2019. Seven vehicles for the Police Department, two for the Development Department, one for Transportation Department and two for the Water and Sewer Department.

2020 Vehicles

The City financed 12 vehicles with Enterprise Fleet in 2020. Two Ford Escapes for the Development department, seven Ford Interceptors for the Police Department, one ford f-450 and two Ford Edges for the Utilities & Engineering Department.

2021 Vehicles

The City financed 18 vehicles with Enterprise Fleet in 2021. Three Ford F-150s; two for the Parks department, one for Commercial Sanitation, one for Water/Sewer, four F-250s, two for the Building Maintenance Department, one for the Waste Water department, one for Utilities Distribution and Collections, two F-350s for Utilities Distribution and Collections, seven Ford Interceptors for the Police Department, one ford F-450 and two Ford Edges for the Utilities & Engineering Department.

Water and Sewer Revenue Bonds

The City issued Public Utilities Revenue Refunding Bonds and Notes in the amounts of $19,310,000 in 2003, $8,129,000 in 2006, and $7,142,000 and $4,923,000 in 2007 for the purposes of making improvements and extensions to the Water and Sewer Utility of the City and to refund certain then outstanding revenue bonds. The City refunded $14,430,000 of the 2003 issuance in 2007 and $4,061,000 of the 2007B issuance in 2011. These refundings can be seen in the Advance Refundings Resulting in Defeasance of Debt section of this note.

The ordinances require a monthly transfer to restricted asset accounts of amounts equal to one-sixth of the interest becoming due on the next interest payment date and one-twelfth of the amount of principal due on the next payment date. The ordinances also require that the restricted assets include an aggregate balance equal to the maximum amount of principal and interest becoming due in any succeeding year for all issues outstanding.

The ordinances also require that certain funds be established and specify the order in which pledged proceeds are to be deposited into these funds. These funds, and the order of priority in which proceeds are deposited, are as follows: Revenue Fund, Sinking Funds, Capital Improvement Fund – Renewal and Replacement Account, and Acquisition or Construction Fund.

In conjunction with the issue of the Series 2003 Bonds, a surety bond in the amount of the debt service reserve requirement substitutes for the establishment of a bond sinking fund.

The bond resolutions of the Series 2006, 2007, and 2011 debt issues require a debt service reserve requirement of an amount equal to the lesser of the (1) maximum amount of principal and interest on the respective bond series becoming due in the current of any succeeding fiscal year, or (2) 125% of the average annual amount of principal and interest on the bonds, or (3) 10% of the principal amount of the bonds or the issue price of the bonds, if the bonds have more than a deminimus amount of original issue discount or premium.

Stormwater Refunding Revenue Note

On March 29, 2012 the City took advantage of favorable interest rates in the bond market and issued a Non-Ad Valorem Refunding Note, Series 2012, in the amount of $1,830,000, with $835,615 being used to refund the Florida Municipal Loan Council Revenue Bonds, Series 2002A (“FMLC”) reported in the Stormwater fund. The total refunding generated an economic gain (difference between the present values of the debt service on the old and new debt) of $424,820 and a cash flow savings of $667,290, through reduction of debt service payments.

The original FMLC issue was for stormwater improvements and the remainder for general government projects. The bonds are payable from non-ad valorem revenues appropriated by the City in its annual budget.

The bonds are payable annually beginning May 2013 through May 2027. Interest is payable semiannually on May 1 and November 1 at a rate of 2.45%.

State Revolving Fund Loan – 2010 - 430400

In 2010, the City entered into a loan agreement with the State of Florida Department of Environmental Protection to construct a reclaimed water system, of which total draws amounted to loan total $2,831,779 as of September 30, 2013. The loan specifies semiannual loan payments of $89,027 including interest at 2.42%. The revenues pledged for the repayment of the loan are net water and sewer utility system revenues after payment of debt service on the City's Water and Sewer Revenue Bonds and any refunding bonds issued to refund such bonds, provided such bonds do not increase annual debt service during the repayment period of the loan.

The loan is payable beginning June 2011 through December 2030. Interest is payable semiannually on June 15 and December 15 at a rate of 2.42%.

State Revolving Fund Loan – 2014 - 430410

On June 27, 2014, the City entered into a loan agreement with the State of Florida Department of Environmental Protection to construct a water distribution center. The total loan was $5,416,932. The loan specifies semiannual loan payments of $161,334 including interest at 1.59%. The revenue pledges for the repayment of the loan are net water and sewer utility system revenues after payment of debt service on the City's Water and Sewer Revenue bonds and any refunding bonds issued to refund such bonds, provided such bonds do not increase annual debt service during the repayment period of the loan.

The loan is payable beginning December 2017 through June 2037; interest is payable semiannually on June 15 and December 15 at a rate of 1.59%.

State Revolving Fund Loan – 2019 – 430420

On January 25, 2019 the City entered into a loan agreement with the State of Florida Department of Environmental Protection for the Pretreatment System at the Water Treatment Plant. The loan details semiannual loan payments of $53,248.78 to include interest at a rate of .69% The loan is payable beginning March 2020 through September 2039; interest is payable semiannually on March 15 and September 15.

State Revolving Fund Loan – 2019 - 430430

On January 9, 2019 the City entered into a loan agreement with the State of Florida Department of Environmental Protection for the Installation of the RO Treatment and Floridan Wells. The loan details semiannual loan payments of $43,902 to include an interest rate of 1.94%. The loan is payable beginning October 15, 2021, pending any further amendments, and will continue for ten years thereafter. Interest will be payable semiannually on October 15 and April 15 at a rate of 1.94%.

State Revolving Fund Loan – 2019 - 430431

On January 9, 2019 the City entered into a loan agreement with the State of Florida Department of Environmental Protection for the Installation of the RO Facility A1 Well Construction. The loan details semiannual loan payments of $23,624.32 to include an interest rate of .08%. The loan is payable beginning June 15, 2021, through June 2041. Interest will be payable semiannually on June 15 and December 15 at a rate of .08%.

State Revolving Fund Loan – 2022 – 43050

On August 11,2021 the City entered into a loan agreement with the State of Florida Department of Environmental Protection for the Installation of the RO for drinking water. The loan details semiannual loan payments of $546,400 to include an interest rate of .04%. The loan is payable beginning May 15, 2024, and will continue semi-annually on November and May 15th each year until all amounts due have been fully paid.

Advance Refunding Resulting in Defeasance of Debt

The outstanding balance of the City's defeased debt, all of which relates to the Water and Sewer Fund, consisted of the following at September 30, 2023:

Public Utilities Revenue Refunding Bond	Series 1997	$ 3,810,000
Public Utilities Refunding and Improvement Bond	Series 2003	7,680,000
Public Utilities Refunding and Improvement Bond	Series 2003	6,750,000
Total		$ 18,240,000

Other Noncurrent Liabilities

The following is a summary of changes in other noncurrent liabilities for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2023:

	Beginning Balance	Additions	Reductions	Ending Balance	Due Within One Year
Governmental activities :					
Compensated absences	$ 2,461,100	$ 2,101,574	$ (1,882,948)	$ 2,679,726	$ 1,882,948
Other postemployment benefits	1,411,974	98,184		1,510,158	-
Net Pension Liability	22,517,839	4,669,342		27,187,181	-
Leases payable	71,866	357,162	(41,177)	387,851	80,913
Total governmental activities	$ 26,462,779	$ 7,226,262	$ (1,924,125)	$ 31,764,916	$ 1,963,861
Business-type activities :					
Compensated absences	$ 626,258	$ 412,089	$ (401,633)	$ 636,714	$ 401,633
Other postemployment benefits	380,554	29,631		410,185	-
Net Pension Liability	6,072,610	1,311,910		7,384,520	-
Leases payable	197,539	-	(50,281)	147,258	52,560
Total business-type activities	$ 7,276,961	$ 1,753,630	$ (451,914)	$ 8,578,677	$ 454,193

NOTE 7 – LEASES

For the year ended September 30, 2023, the financial statements include the adoption of GASB Statement 87, *Leases.* The primary objective of this statement is to enhance the relevance and consistency of information about the City's leasing activities. This statement establishes a single model for lease accounting based on the principle that leases are financing of the right-to-use an underlying asset. Under this statement, a lessee is required to recognize a lease liability and an intangible right-to-use asset, and a lessor is required to recognize a lease receivable and a deferred inflow of resources.

a. Lease Receivable

The City has 12 agreements recorded as lease receivables with a total value of $46,181,104 as of September 30, 2023. The leases are primarily for land and buildings with terms of 26 months to 99 years, including options to renew ranging from 18 months to 30 years. The lessees are required to make monthly or quarterly payments ranging from $500 to $34,412. Rental payments may increase due to a change in the Consumer Price Index (CPI) or other economic indicators. The leases have interest rates ranging from 2.0 to 3.0%. The value of the deferred inflow of resources was $43,972,707 at year end and the City recognized $1,578,831 lease revenue during the fiscal year.

Governmental Activities			
Fiscal year ended September 30:	Principal	Interest	Total
2024	$ 84,139	$ 1,184,440	$ 1,268,579
2025	141,380	1,181,117	1,322,497
2026	30,982	1,177,949	1,208,931
2027	48,455	1,176,961	1,225,416
2028	57,440	1,174,596	1,232,036
2029-2033	641,714	5,824,255	6,465,969
2034-2038	1,637,824	5,646,032	7,283,856
2039-2043	176,251	5,470,476	5,646,727
2044-2048	338,451	5,437,965	5,776,416
2049-2053	709,490	5,325,307	6,034,797
2054-2058	796,442	5,248,908	6,045,350
2059-2063	1,900,929	5,087,114	6,988,043
2064-2068	3,308,154	4,770,080	8,078,234
2069-2073	5,082,773	4,256,296	9,339,069
2074-2078	7,301,901	3,495,431	10,797,332
2079-2083	10,057,311	2,426,702	12,484,013
2084-2088	5,634,518	1,224,347	6,858,865
2089-2093	722,041	996,001	1,718,042
2094-2098	1,053,976	889,834	1,943,810
2099-2103	1,460,677	738,565	2,199,242
2104-2108	1,956,067	532,175	2,488,242
2109-2113	2,556,429	258,788	2,815,217
2114-2117	483,759	-	483,759
Total	$ 46,181,104	$ 63,523,339	$ 109,704,443

b. Lease Liabilities

The City has entered into leasing arrangements for the use of capital assets. The City is required to make fixed lease payments with various interest rates based upon the agreements and mature through September 2028. The value of the right-to-use assets as of September 30, 2023 is $679,216 with accumulated amortization of $147,106. The City has no extension options.

Governmental Activities			
Fiscal year ended September 30:	Principal	Interest	Total
2024	$ 80,913	$ 27,313	$ 108,226
2025	87,010	21,216	108,226
2026	84,023	14,779	98,802
2027	80,575	8,208	88,783
2028	55,330	1,874	57,204
Total	$ 387,851	$ 73,390	$ 461,241

Business-type Activities			
Fiscal year ended September 30:	Principal	Interest	Total
2024	$ 52,560	$ 5,832	$ 58,392
2025	54,945	3,447	58,392
2026	26,441	1,446	27,887
2027	13,312	284	13,596
2028	-	-	-
Total	$ 147,258	$ 11,009	$ 158,267

NOTE 8 – EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT SYSTEM

Florida Retirement System General Information

All the employees of the City government participate in the Florida Retirement System (FRS). As provided by Chapters 121 and 112, Florida Statutes, the FRS provides two cost sharing, multiple employer defined benefit plans administered by the Florida Department of Management Services, Division of Retirement, including the FRS Pension Plan ("Pension Plan") and the Retiree Health Insurance Subsidy ("HIS Plan"). Under Section 121.4501, Florida Statutes, the FRS also provides a defined contribution plan ("Investment Plan") alternative to the FRS Pension Plan, which is administered by the State Board of Administration ("SBA"). As a rule, membership in the FRS is compulsory for all employees working in a regularly established position for a state agency, county government, district school board, state university, community college, or a participating city or special district within the State of Florida. The FRS provides retirement and disability benefits, annual cost-of-living adjustments, and death benefits to plan members and beneficiaries. Benefits are established by Chapter 121, Florida Statues, and Chapter 60S, Florida Administrative Code. Amendments to the law can be made only by an act of the Florida State Legislature.

The State of Florida annually issues a publicly available financial report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information for the FRS. The latest available report may be obtained by writing to the State of Florida Division of Retirement, Department of Management Services, P.O. Box 9000, Tallahassee, Florida 32315-8000, or from the Web site:

www.dms.myflorida.com/workforce_operations/retirement/publications.

The net pension liability, deferred outflows/inflows of resources related to pensions (net of City contributions subsequent to the measurement date) and pension expense related to these retirement plans are summarized as follows for September 30, 2023.

	FRS	HIS	Total
Proportinate share of net pension liability	$ 26,624,775	$ 7,946,926	$ 34,571,701
Proportinate share of deferred outflows	7,244,951	813,290	8,058,241
Proportinate share of deferred inflows	632,406	780,657	1,413,063
Contributions	3,214,366	329,168	3,543,534
Pension expense	5,477,013	3,057,444	8,534,457

a. Pension Plan

Plan Description

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

Benefits Provided

Benefits under the Pension Plan are completed based on age, average final compensation, and service credit. For Pension Plan members enrolled before July 1, 2011, regular class members who retire at or after age 62 with at least six years of credited service or 30 years of service regardless of age are entitled to a retirement benefit payable monthly for life, equal to 1.6% of their final average compensation based on the five highest years of salary, for each year of credited service. Vested members with less than 30 years of service may retire before age 62 and receive reduced retirement benefits. Special Risk Administrative Support class members who retire at or after age 55 with at least six years of credited service or 25 years of service regardless of age are entitled to a retirement benefit payable monthly for life, equal to 1.6% of their final average compensation based on the five highest years of salary, for each year of credited service. Special Risk class members (sworn law enforcement officers, firefighters, and correctional officers) who retire at or after age 55 with at least six years of credited service, or with 25 years of service regardless of age, are entitled to a retirement benefit payable monthly for life, equal to 3.0% of their final average compensation based on the five highest years of salary for each year of credited service. Senior Management Service class members who retire at or after age 62 with at least six years of credited service or 30 years of service regardless of age are entitled to a retirement benefit payable monthly for life, equal to 2.0% of their final average compensation based on the five highest years of salary for each year of credited service. Elected Officers' class members who retire at or after age 62 with at least six years of credited service or 30 years of service regardless of age are entitled to a retirement benefit payable monthly for life, equal to 3.0% (3.33% for judges and justices) of their final average compensation based on the five highest years of salary for each year of credited service.

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

As provided in Section 121.101, Florida Statutes, if the member is initially enrolled in the Pension Plan before July 1, 2011, and all service credit was accrued before July 1, 2011, the annual cost-of-living adjustment is three percent per year. If the member is initially enrolled before July 1, 2011, and has service credit on or after July 1, 2011, there is an individually calculate cost-of-living adjustment. The annual cost-of-living adjustment is a proportion of three percent determined by dividing the sum of the pre-July 2011 service credit by the total service credit at retirement multiplied by three percent. Plan members initially enrolled on or after July 1, 2011, will not have a cost-of-living adjustment after retirement.

In addition to the above benefits, the DROP program allows eligible members to defer receipt of monthly retirement benefit payments while continuing employment with an FRS employer for a period not to exceed 60 months after electing to participate. Deferred monthly benefits are held in the FRS Trust Fund and accrue interest. There are no required contributions by DROP participants.

Contributions

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

Contribution Rates July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023			
Class	Employee Contribution Rate	Employer Contribution Rate	Total Contribution Rate
Regular	3.00%	11.91%	14.91%
Special Risk	3.00%	27.83%	30.83%
Elected Officers'	3.00%	57.00%	60.00%
Senior Management Service	3.00%	31.57%	34.57%
Deferred Retirement Option Program	N/A	18.60%	18.60%

Contribution Rates July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024			
Class	Employee Contribution Rate	Employer Contribution Rate	Total Contribution Rate
Regular	3.00%	13.57%	16.57%
Special Risk	3.00%	32.67%	35.67%
Elected Officers'	3.00%	58.68%	61.68%
Senior Management Service	3.00%	34.52%	37.52%
Deferred Retirement Option Program	N/A	21.13%	21.13%

The City's contributions to the Pension Plan totaled $4,329,573 for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2023.

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

At September 30, 2023, the City reported a liability of $26,624,775 for its proportionate share of the Pension Plan's net pension liability. The net pension liability was measured as of June 30, 2023 and the total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation in each year as of July 1, 2023. The City's proportionate share of the net pension liability was based on the City's Fiscal 2023 contributions relative to the Fiscal 2023 contributions of all participating members. At June 30, 2023, the City's share was 0.0668%, which was a increase of 0.0036% percent from its proportionate share measured as of June 30, 2022.

For the fiscal year ended September 30, 2023, the City recognized pension expense of $5,221,725. Pension liabilities are generally liquidated by the General Fund for governmental activities and by net revenues of the applicable proprietary funds for business-type activities. In addition, the City reported

deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions from the following sources:

	Deferred Outflows of Resources 09/30/2023	Deferred Inflows of Resources 09/30/2023
Difference between expected and actual experience	$ 2,499,837	$ -
Changes in assumptions	1,735,624	-
Net Difference Between projected and actual earnings on Pension Investments	1,111,923	-
Changes in proportion and differences between City contirbutions and proportionate share of contibutions	1,070,365	(632,406)
City contributions subsequent to the measurement date	827,202	
Total	$ 7,244,951	$ (632,406)

The deferred outflows of resources related to the Pension Plan resulting from City contributions subsequent to the measurement date, totaling $827,202, will be recognized as a reduction of the net pension liability in the subsequent fiscal year. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to the Pension Plan will be recognized in pension expense in the subsequent fiscal year as follows:

Fiscal Year Ending September 30:	Amount
2024	$ 709,984
2025	(250,279)
2026	4,504,568
2027	643,589
2028	177,481
	$ 5,785,343

Actuarial Assumptions

The total pension liability in the June 30, 2023 actuarial valuation was determined using the following actuarial assumptions, applied to all periods included in the measurement:

Inflation	2.40%
Salary increases	3.25% average, including inflation
Discount rate	6.70% net pension plan investment expense, including inflation

Mortality rates were based on the PUB2010 base table with Scale MP-2018 details in valuation report. The actuarial assumptions used in the July 1, 2023 valuation were based on the results on an actuarial experience study for the period July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2018.

The long-term expected rate of return on Pension Plan investments was not based on historical returns, but instead is based on a forward-looking capital market economic model. The allocation policy's description of each asset class was used to map the target allocation to the asset classes shown below. Each asset

class assumption is based on a consistent set of underlying assumptions and includes an adjustment for the inflation assumption. The target allocation and best estimates of arithmetic and geometric real rates for each major asset class are summarized in the following table:

Asset Class	Target Allocation [1]	Annual Arithmetic Return	Compound Annual (Geometric) Return	Standard Deviation
Cash	1.0%	2.9%	2.9%	1.1%
Fixed income	19.8%	4.5%	4.4%	3.4%
Global equity	54.0%	8.7%	7.1%	18.1%
Real estate	10.3%	7.6%	6.6%	14.8%
Private equity	11.1%	11.9%	8.8%	26.3%
Strategic investments	3.8%	6.3%	6.1%	7.7%
Total	100.0%			
Assumed Inflation – Mean			2.4%	1.4%

[1] As outlined in the FRS Pension Plan's investment policy

Discount Rate

The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability was 6.70%. The Pension Plan's fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make all projected future benefit payments of current active and inactive employees. Therefore, the discount rate for calculation of the total pension liability is equal to the long-term expected rate of return.

Sensitivity of the City's Proportionate Share of the Net Position Liability to Changes in the Discount Rate

The following represents the City's proportionate share of the net pension liability calculated using the discount rate of 6.7%, as well as what the City's proportionate share of the net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is one percentage point lower (5.7%) or one percentage point higher (7.7%) than the current rate:

	1% Decrease 5.70%	Current Discount Rate 6.70%	1% Increase 7.70%
City's proportionate share of the net pension liability at September 30, 2023	$ 45,480,538	$ 26,624,775	$ 10,849,674

Pension Plan Fiduciary Net Position

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

Payables to the Pension Plan

At September 30, 2023, the City reported de minimis amounts payable for outstanding contributions to the Pension Plan required for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2023.

b. HIS Plan

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

Benefits Provided

For the fiscal year ended September 30, 2023, eligible retirees and beneficiaries received a monthly HIS payment of $5 for each year of creditable service completed at the time of retirement, with a minimum HIS payment of $30 and a maximum HIS payment of $150 per month. To be eligible to receive these benefits, a retiree under a State-administered retirement system must provide proof of health insurance coverage, which may include Medicare.

Contributions

The HIS Plan is funded by required contributions from FRS participating employers as set by the Florida Legislature, Employer contributions are a percentage of gross compensation for all active FRS members. For the fiscal year ended September 30, 2023, the HIS contribution for the period through September 30, 2023 was $1.66%. The City contributed 100% of its statutorily required contributions for the current and preceding three years. HIS Plan contributions are deposited in a separate trust fund from which payments are authorized. HIS Plan benefits are not guaranteed and are subject to annual legislative appropriation. In the event legislative appropriation or available funds fail to provide full subsidy benefits to all participants, benefits may be reduced or cancelled.

The City's contributions to the HIS Plan totaled $329,168 for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2023.

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

At September 30, 2022, the City reported a liability of $7,946,926 for its proportionate share of the HIS Plan's net pension liability. The net pension liability was measured as of June 30, 2023, and the total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation in each year as of July 1, 2023. The City's proportionate share of the net pension liability was based on the City's Fiscal 2023 contributions relative to the Fiscal 2023 contributions of all participating members. At June 30, 2023, the City's proportionate share was 0.050%, which was a increase of 0.002% from its proportionate share measured as of June 30, 2022.

For the fiscal year ended September 30, 2023, the City recognized pension expense of $327,658. Pension liabilities are generally liquidated by the General Fund for governmental activities and by net revenues of the applicable proprietary funds for business-type activities. In addition, the City reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions from the following sources:

	Deferred Outflows of Resources 09/30/2023	Deferred Inflows of Resources 09/30/2023
Difference between expected and actual experience	$ 116,338	$ (18,653)
Changes in assumptions	208,922	(688,628)
Net Difference Between projected and actual earnings on HIS Investments	4,104	
Changes in proportion and differences between City contirbutions and proportionate share of contibutions	394,836	(73,376)
City contributions subsequent to the measurement date	89,090	
Total	$ 813,290	$ (780,657)

The deferred outflows of resources related to the HIS Plan resulting from City contributions to the HIS Plan subsequent to the measurement date, totaling $89,090, will be recognized as a reduction of the net pension liability in the subsequent fiscal year. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to the HIS Plan will be recognized in pension expense in the subsequent fiscal year as follows:

Fiscal Year Ending September 30:	Amount
2024	$ (14,433)
2025	20,028
2026	12,087
2027	(58,317)
2028	(21,443)
Thereafter	5,621
	$ (56,457)

Actuarial Assumptions

The total pension liability in the July 1, 2023 actuarial valuation was determined using the following actuarial assumptions, applied to all periods included in the measurement.

Inflation	2.40%
Salary increases	3.25% average, including inflation
Discount rate	3.65%

Mortality rates were based on the Generational PUB-2010 with Projection Scale MP-2018 tables. The actuarial assumptions used in the July 1, 2023 valuation were based on the results of an actuarial experience study for the period July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2018.

Discount Rate

The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability was 3.65%. In general, the discount rate for calculating the total pension liability is equal to the single rate equivalent to discounting at the long-term expected rate of return for benefit payments prior to the projected depletion date. Because the HIS benefit is essentially funded on a pay-as-you-go basis, the depletion date is immediate, and the single equivalent

discount rate is equal to the municipal bond rate selected by the HIS Plan sponsor. The Bond Buyer General Obligation 20-Bond Municipal Bond Index was adopted as the applicable municipal bond index.

Sensitivity of the City's Proportionate Share of the Net Position Liability to Changes in the Discount Rate

The following represents the City's proportionate share of the net pension liability calculated using the discount rate of 3.65%, which is an increase from 0.11% used to determine the total pension liability in the prior year, as well as what the City's proportionate share of the net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is one percentage point lower (2.65%) or one percentage point higher (4.65%) than the current rate:

	1% Decrease 2.54%	Current Discount Rate 3.54%	1% Increase 4.54%
City's proportionate share of the net pension liability at September 30, 2023	$ 9,066,202	$ 7,946,926	$ 7,019,121

Pension Plan Fiduciary Net Position

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

Payable to the Pension Plan

At September 30, 2023, the City reported de minimis amounts payable for outstanding contributions to the HIS Plan.

c. Investment Plan

The SBA administers the defined contribution plan officially titled the FRS Investment Plan. The Investment Plan is reported in the SBA's annual financial statements and in the State of Florida Annual Comprehensive Financial Report.

As provided in Section 121.4501, Florida Statutes, eligible FRS members may elect to participate in the Investment Plan in lieu of the FRS defined benefit plan. Certain employees participating in DROP are not eligible to participate in the Investment Plan Employer and employee contributions, including amounts contributed to individual member's accounts, are defined by law, but the ultimate benefit depends in part on the performance of investment funds. Benefit terms, including contribution requirements, for the Investment Plan are established and may be amended by the Florida Legislature. The Investment Plan is funded with the same employer and employee contribution rates that are based on salary and membership class (Regular Class, Elected City Officers, etc.), as the Pension Plan. Contributions are directed to individual member accounts, and the individual members allocate contributions and account balances among various approved investment choices. Costs of administering the Investment Plan, including the FRS Financial Guidance Program, are funded through an employer contribution of 0.04 percent of payroll and by forfeited benefits of plan members. Allocations to the investment member's accounts during Fiscal 2022, as established by Section 121.72, Florida Statutes, are based on a percentage of gross compensation, by class, as follows:

Class	Employee and Employer Contribution Rate to Member Account
Regular	11.30%
Special Risk	19.00%
Elected Officers'	16.34%
Senior Management Service	12.67%

For all membership classes, employees are immediately vested in their own contributions and are vested after one year of service for employer contributions and investment earnings. If an accumulated benefit obligation for service credit originally earned under the Pension Plan is transferred to the Investment Plan, the member must have the years of service required for Pension Plan vesting (including the service credit represented by the transferred funds) to be vested for these funds and the earnings on the funds. Non-vested employer contributions are placed in a suspense account for up to five years. If the employee returns to FRS-covered employment within the five-year period, the employee will regain control over their account. If the employee does not return within the five-year period, the employee will forfeit the accumulated balance. For the fiscal year ended September 30, 2023, the information for forfeitures was unavailable from the SBA; however, management believes that these amounts, if any, would be immaterial to the City.

After termination and applying to receive benefits, the member may rollover vested funds to another qualified plan, structure a periodic payment under the Investment Plan, receive a lump-sum distribution, leave the funds invested for future distribution, or any combination of these options. Disability coverage is provided; the member may either transfer the account balance to the Pension Plan when approved for disability retirement to receive guaranteed lifetime monthly benefits under the Pension Plan or remain in the Investment Plan and rely upon that account balance for retirement income.

The City's Investment Plan pension expense totaled $901,997 for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2023.

NOTE 9 – RISK MANAGEMENT

The City is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts, theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees, natural disasters and employee health and medical claims. These risks are managed as follows:

Property and Casualty Risks

These risks relate to third party liability claims, property damage claims, workers' compensation claims, and public employee bond and comprehensive crime loss. In October 1987, the City entered into an interlocal agreement with Martin County, City of Port St. Lucie, and St. Lucie County to form the Tri-County Risk Management Program (TRICO), a public entity risk pool. TRICO, a self-insured fund, was organized to develop, implement, and administer a multi-district cooperative property and casualty risk management program for the member cities and counties in which risk of loss is transferred to TRICO. The City makes an annual actuarially determined contribution to TRICO and the interlocal agreement and by-laws of TRICO call for it to be self- sustaining through member contributions. However, the City is subject to supplemental contributions in the event of a deficiency except to the extent that the deficiency results from a specific claim against another member in excess of the coverage available, then such deficiency is solely the responsibility of that member. Payments paid by the City of Stuart to TRICO have been charged to the various funds which receive benefit from the risk management coverage. During the year ended September 30, 2023 the City paid premiums of approximately $1,413,611 for general property, casualty and worker's compensation.

As of September 30, 2022, TRICO has no contribution deficiency.

It is TRICO's policy to reinsure through commercial carriers for specific workers' compensation and property loss claims in excess of $300,000 and $200,000, respectively. The City has not had any significant reduction in insurance coverage from coverage's in the prior year and the amounts of insurance settlements have not exceeded insurance coverage for any of the last three years.

In addition, the City is covered by Florida Statutes under the Doctrine of Sovereign Immunity, which generally limits the amount of liability of the City to individual claims of $200,000 or $300,000 for all claims relating to the same incident.

The City became self-insured for employee health insurance, effective October 1, 2011. As permitted by GASB Statement No. 10, A*ccounting and Financial Reporting for Risk Financing and related Insurance Issues,* the City accounts for its self-insurance assets, liabilities, fund balance and activities in the general fund.

The City's self-insurance plan covered claims up to $110,000 per individual. The City purchased excess stop loss coverage on an individual basis where individual claims exceeded the $110,000 limit.

The claims liabilities of $173,285 reported is based on management's estimates. The estimated liability is based upon claims that have been submitted as well as management's estimate of claims incurred but not reported. Changes to the claims liability for the years ended September 30, 2023 and September 30, 2022 are as follows:

Fiscal Year Ending	Balance October 1	Additions	Claims Payments	Balance September 30
9/30/2023	$ 333,528	2,849,822	$ 3,010,065	$ 173,285
9/30/2022	241,480	2,925,988	2,833,940	333,528

NOTE 10 – LANDFILL CLOSURE AND POSTCLOSURE CARE COSTS

The City entered a consent order on January 22, 1980 with the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) to close the City's old landfill in accordance with Florida Statutes and FDEP regulations. In connection with this closure, the City prepared a groundwater monitoring plan and remedial action plan and has been addressing the requirements with those plans.

The City anticipates continued monitoring into the future. The FDEP has indicated annual monitoring will continue to be a requirement for the closed landfill. The annual monitoring activities and associated costs are ongoing. All annual monitoring costs are funded by current and future rental activities on the landfill site; a liability has not been recorded for contingent future obligations.

NOTE 11 – OTHER POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS (OPEB)

In addition to providing retirement benefits through FRS, the City administers a single employer defined other postemployment benefit plan (OPEB) which allows retirees to purchase health, life and dental benefits at the same rate as active employees. To be eligible for this benefit, the employee must retire from the City and have no break between active employment and retirement. The retirees pay all premiums for the coverage elected. OPEB liabilities are generally liquidated by the General Fund for governmental activities and by net revenues of the applicable proprietary funds for business-type activities.

Plan Description

The Other Postemployment Benefits Plan (Plan) is a single employer defined benefit plan administered by the City. Pursuant to Section 112.0801, Florida Statutes, the City must offer similar health care benefits for retired employees as it does to active employees. The City subsidizes the premium rates paid by retirees by allowing them to participate in the OPEB Plan at the blended group (implicitly subsidized) premium rates for both active and retired employees for health, dental, and life insurance benefits. These rates provide an implicit subsidy for retirees because, on an actuarial basis, their current and future claims are expected to result in higher costs to the OPEB Plan on average than those of active employees. All the City's employees may become eligible for those benefits if they reach normal retirement age (as defined by the pension or investment option) and are activating their pension upon separation from service. The OPEB Plan does not issue a stand-alone report and is not included in the report of a public employee retirement system or another entity. For purposes of applying Paragraph 4 under Statement No. 75, Accounting and Financial Reporting for Postemployment Benefits Other Than Pensions, the Plan does not meet the requirements for an OPEB plan administered through a trust.

Benefits Provided

A retired employee and their dependents are eligible to continue health insurance identical to active employees if they meet the eligibility for retirement under the applicable Plan. The retiree is responsible for paying the entire monthly premium for health coverage and that of any covered spouse or eligible dependents. The Plan provides an explicit subsidy as described above.

Employees Covered by Benefit Terms

At October 1, 2022, the following employees were covered by the benefit terms:

Active participants	239
Retirees, beneficiaries, and disabled members	8
Covered spouses	2
Total participants	249

Total OPEB Liability

The City's total OPEB liability of $1,920,343 was measured as of September 30, 2023 and was determined by an actuarial valuation as of September 30, 2023.

Actuarial Assumptions

The Total OPEB Liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of October 1, 2021 using the following actuarial assumptions:

Inflation Rate	2.60%
Salary Increase Rate(s)	3.25%
Discount Rate	4.87%
Initial Trend Rate	7.50%
Ultimate Trend Rate	4.00%
Years to Ultimate	53

All mortality rates were based on the Pub-2010 mortality tables with fully generational improvement using Scale MP-2018. Rates are based on those outlined in the July 1, 2023 Florida Retirement System (FRS) actuarial valuation report.

Discount Rate

Given the City's decision not to fund the program, all future benefit payments were discounted using a high-quality municipal bond rate of 4.87%. The high-quality municipal bond rate was based on the S&P Municipal Bond 20 Year High Grade Rate Index as published by S&P Dow Jones Indices nearest the measurement date. The S&P Municipal 20 Year High Grade Rate Index consists of bonds in the S&P Municipal Bond Index with a maturity of 20 years. Eligible bonds must be rated at least AA by Standard and Poor's Ratings Services, Aa2 by Moody's or AA by Fitch. If there are multiple ratings, the lowest rating is used.

Changes to the Total OPEB Liability

	Increase and (Decrease) in Total OPEB Liability
Total liability, September 30, 2022	**$ 1,792,528**
Changes for the year	
Service Cost	132,587
Interest	90,198
Differences between expected and actual experience	-
Change of assumptions	(25,804)
Change of benefit terms	-
Benefit payments	(69,166)
Net change in total OPEB liability	127,815
Reporting period ending September 30, 2023	**$ 1,920,343**

Changes in assumptions reflect a change in the discount rate from 4.77% for the reporting period ending September 30, 2022, to 4.87% for the reporting period ending September 30, 2023.

Sensitivity of the Total OPEB Liability to changes in the Discount Rate

The following presents the Total OPEB Liability of the Sponsor, as well as what the Sponsor's Total OPEB Liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is one percentage- point lower or one percentage-point higher than the current discount rate:

	1% Decrease 3.87%	Current Discount Rate 4.87%	1% Increase 5.87%
Total OPEB Liability	$ 2,204,992	$ 1,920,343	$ 1,689,386

Sensitivity of the Total OPEB Liability to changes in the Healthcare Cost Trend Rates

The following presents the Total OPEB Liability of the Sponsor, as well as what the Sponsor's Total OPEB Liability would be if it were calculated using healthcare cost trend rates that are one percentage-point lower or one percentage-point higher than the current healthcare cost trend rates:

	1% Decrease 3.00% - 6.50%	Healthcare Cost Trend Rates 4.00% - 7.50%	1% Increase 5.00% - 8.50%
Total OPEB Liability	$ 1,605,016	$ 1,920,343	$ 2,338,173

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

For the year ended September 30, 2023, the City recognized OPEB expense of $116,785. At September 30, 2023, the City reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB from the following sources:

	Deferred Outflows of Resources 09/30/2023	Deferred Inflows of Resources 09/30/2023
Differences between expected and actual	$ -	$ (522,853)
Changes in assumptions	138,791	(856,082)
Total	$ 138,791	$ (1,378,935)

The total amount reported as deferred outflows of resources related to OPEB, totaling ($1,240,144) will be recognized in the OPEB expense as follows:

Fiscal Year Ending September 30:	Amount
2024	$ (109,400)
2025	(109,400)
2026	(109,400)
2027	(109,400)
2028	(109,400)
Thereafter	(693,144)
	$ (1,240,144)

NOTE 12 – ENCUMBRANCES

Appropriations in governmental funds are encumbered upon issuance of purchase orders for goods and services. Even though appropriations lapse at the end of the fiscal year, unfilled purchase orders of the current year are carried forward and the next year's appropriations are likewise encumbered.

The following is a schedule of encumbrances at September 30, 2023:

General Fund	Community Redevelopement Agency	Total Governmental
$ 1,791,187	$ 577,036	$ 2,368,223

NOTE 13 – REDEVELOPMENT TRUST FUND

Pursuant to Florida Statute 163.387, listed below is a summary of the sources and amounts of deposits into, and the amount and purpose of withdrawals from the Redevelopment Trust Fund (CRA) for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2023:

	Deposits	Withdrawals
Sources of deposits:		
Ad valorem taxes received from City of Stuart	$ 1,831,255	
Ad valorem taxes received from Martin County	2,415,734	
Miscellaneous revenue	33,048	
Purpose of withdrawals:		
Salaries and benefits		210,362
Administrative expenses		37,315
Property lease		35,969
Memberships and training		2,692
Insurance		15,791
Repair & maintenance		
Printing, office supplies and other operating		31,903
Sidewalk improvements		36,884
Micro transit operations		186,145
Mainstreet		98,145
Underground utilities		389,717
Gateway signage		31,591
Riverside park		35,226
	$ 4,280,037	$ 1,111,740

NOTE 14 – PLEDGED REVENUES

Utility Revenues Pledged

The City has pledged future water customer revenues, net of specified operating expenses, to repay $19.3 million in water system revenue bonds issued in December 2003, $8,129,000 in 2006, $7,142,000 and $4,923,000 in 2007. Proceeds from the bonds provided financing for the construction of 47 projects involving improvements to the Water Treatment Plan, Wastewater Treatment Plant, introduction of sanitary sewer service in areas not previously served, and upgrades in the distribution and collection systems. The bonds are payable solely from water customer net revenues and the longest bonds are payable through 2034. Annual principal and interest payments on the bonds are expected to require approximately 65 percent of net revenues. The total principal and interest remaining to be paid on the bonds is $17,278,352. For the current year, principal and interest paid was $1,484,578.

Non-Ad Valorem Refunding Revenue Pledged

The City has pledged future non-ad valorem revenues to repay a $1,830,000 Note secured in 2012 to fund fire rescue equipment upgrades. Total principal and interest remaining on the Note is $396,930 through May 2027. For the current year, principal and interest paid was $81,412.

REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

City of Stuart, Florida
Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances
Budget and Actual
General Fund
Year ended September 30, 2023

	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual Amounts	Variance with Final Budget Postive (Negative)
Revenues				
Ad valorem taxes	$ 13,498,383	$ 13,498,383	$ 13,648,765	$ 150,382
Intergovernmental	7,507,294	8,216,439	7,144,742	(1,071,697)
Utility taxes	3,188,969	3,188,969	3,691,933	502,964
Franchise fees	1,873,462	1,873,462	2,290,398	416,936
Charges for services	2,188,617	2,271,030	2,379,081	108,051
Assessments	1,301,000	1,301,000	1,369,995	68,995
Licenses and permits	1,197,832	1,197,832	1,149,105	(48,727)
Local business tax	683,000	683,000	771,280	88,280
Impact fees	-	-	119,944	119,944
Fines and forfeitures	164,000	164,000	139,665	(24,335)
Investment income (loss)	118,000	446,590	2,659,404	2,212,814
Rental income	-	-	36,267	36,267
Miscellaneous	455,200	605,200	1,022,986	417,786
Total revenues	32,175,757	33,445,905	36,423,565	2,977,660
Expenditures				
Current:				
General government	5,509,345	6,230,437	5,363,298	867,139
Public safety	16,953,125	17,155,649	18,332,022	(1,176,373)
Parks and recreation	2,060,316	2,105,801	1,854,966	250,835
Physical environment	2,592,290	2,763,444	2,611,077	152,367
Transportation	2,446,117	2,679,587	2,145,718	533,869
Capital outlay	6,300,300	10,485,147	1,735,134	8,750,013
Debt service:				
Principal	1,074,450	1,074,450	1,322,427	(247,977)
Interest and fiscal charges	229,398	229,398	233,231	(3,833)
Total expenditures	37,165,341	42,723,913	33,597,873	9,126,040
Excess of revenues over (under) expenditures	(4,989,584)	(9,278,008)	2,825,692	12,103,700
Other financing sources (uses)				
Transfers in	3,730,639	6,020,973	2,330,732	3,690,241
Transfers out	(1,831,255)	(1,831,255)	(4,246,986)	(2,415,731)
Total other financing sources (uses)	1,899,384	4,189,718	(1,916,254)	1,274,510
Net change in fund balances	$ (3,090,200)	$ (5,088,290)	909,438	$ 13,378,210
Fund balance - beginning			21,813,127	
Fund balance - ending			$ 22,722,565	

This schedule is prepared on the basis of Generally Accepted Accounting Principles.

City of Stuart, Florida
Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances
Budget and Actual
Community Redevelopment Agency
Year ended September 30, 2023

	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual Amounts	Variance with Final Budget Postive (Negative)
Revenues				
Intergovernmental	$ 2,398,417	$ 2,398,417	$ 2,415,734	$ 17,317
Investment income (loss)	-	-	27,390	27,390
Miscellaneous	2,700	2,700	5,658	2,958
Total revenues	2,401,117	2,401,117	2,448,782	44,707
Expenditures				
Current:				
Community redevelopment	950,590	1,083,725	462,119	621,606
Capital outlay	3,470,000	3,887,625	385,321	3,502,304
Total expenditures	4,420,590	4,971,350	847,440	4,123,910
Excess of revenues over expenditures	(2,019,473)	(2,570,233)	1,601,342	4,171,575
Other financing sources (uses)				
Transfers in	1,831,255	1,831,255	1,831,255	-
Transfers out	(1,666,493)	(1,618,513)	(264,300)	1,354,213
Total other financing sources (uses)	164,762	212,742	1,566,955	1,354,213
Net change in fund balances	$ (1,854,711)	$ (2,357,491)	3,168,297	$ 5,525,788
Fund balance - beginning			6,149,756	
Fund balance - ending			$ 9,318,053	

This schedule is prepared on the basis of Generally Accepted Accounting Principles.

City of Stuart, Florida
Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances
Budget and Actual
Leased Property Fund
Year ended September 30, 2023

	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual Amounts	Variance with Final Budget Postive (Negative)
Revenues				
Rental income	$ 1,548,954	$ 1,548,954	$ 1,578,831	$ 29,877
Investment income (loss)	-	-	1,352,622	1,352,622
Miscellaneous	-	-	1,604	1,604
Total revenues	1,548,954	1,548,954	2,933,057	1,384,103
Expenditures				
Current:				
General government	780,719	738,438	310,384	428,054
Capital outlay	-	42,281	-	42,281
Total expenditures	780,719	780,719	310,384	428,054
Excess of revenues over expenditures	768,235	768,235	2,622,673	1,854,438
Other financing sources (uses)				
Transfers out	(768,235)	(768,235)	(768,235)	-
Total other financing sources (uses)	(768,235)	(768,235)	(768,235)	-
Net change in fund balances	$ -	$ -	1,854,438	$ 1,854,438
Fund balance - beginning			3,803,896	
Fund balance - ending			$ 5,658,334	

This schedule is prepared on the basis of Generally Accepted Accounting Principles.

City of Stuart, Florida
Required Supplementry Information
Schedule of Changes in Net OPEB Liability and Related Ratios
Year ended September 30, 2023

	2023	2022	2021
Total OPEB Liability			
Service Cost	$ 132,587	$ 223,995	$ 225,576
Interest	90,198	60,578	60,929
Differences between expected and actual experience	-	(438,086)	-
Change of assumptions	(25,804)	(729,077)	(122,847)
Change of benefit terms	-	-	-
Benefit payments	(69,166)	(63,371)	(93,069)
Net change in total OPEB liability	127,815	(945,961)	70,589
Total OPEB Liability - beginning	1,792,528	2,738,489	2,667,900
Total OPEB Liability - ending	**$ 1,920,343**	**$ 1,792,528**	**$ 2,738,489**
Covered employee payroll	$ 17,496,672	$ 16,945,929	$ 14,906,429
Total OPEB liability as a percentage of covered employee payroll	11.0%	10.6%	18.4%

	2020	2019	2018
Total OPEB Liability			
Service Cost	$ 204,652	$ 159,303	$ 174,060
Interest	94,419	100,689	88,518
Differences between expected and actual experience	-	-	-
Change of assumptions	(230,455)	225,536	(186,663)
Change of benefit terms	-	-	-
Benefit payments	(91,811)	(87,454)	(80,594)
Net change in total OPEB liability	(23,195)	398,074	(4,679)
Total OPEB Liability - beginning	2,691,095	2,293,021	2,297,700
Total OPEB Liability - ending	**$ 2,667,900**	**$ 2,691,095**	**$ 2,293,021**
Covered employee payroll	$ 14,437,219	$ 14,098,066	$ 13,654,301
Total OPEB liability as a percentage of covered employee payroll	19.1%	19.1%	16.8%

The City's OPEB is funded on a pay as you go basis, therefore no asssets are accumulated.

This schedule will not present ten years' of fiscal information until 2028, as amounts prior to 2018 are not available.

City of Stuart, Florida
Required Supplementry Information
Schedule of proportionate share of Net Pension Liability
Florida Retirement System
Year ended September 30, 2023

	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
City's proportion of the net pension liability	0.0668%	0.0632%	0.0619%	0.0652%	0.0657%
City's proportionate share of the net pension liability	$ 26,624,775	$ 23,506,438	$ 4,672,239	$ 28,271,682	$ 22,628,847
City's covered payroll	$ 20,002,837	$ 16,945,929	$ 16,600,659	$ 15,811,700	$ 15,058,537
City's proportionate share of the net pension liability as a percentage of its covered payroll	133.10%	138.71%	28.14%	178.80%	150.27%
Pension Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability	82.38%	82.89%	96.40%	78.85%	82.61%

	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
City's proportion of the net pension liability	0.0672%	0.0696%	0.0674%	0.0622%	0.0654%
City's proportionate share of the net pension liability	$ 20,245,130	$ 20,598,428	$ 17,015,382	$ 8,036,252	$ 3,992,955
City's covered payroll	$ 14,836,140	$ 14,666,676	$ 14,612,204	$ 11,748,727	$ 12,055,715
City's proportionate share of the net pension liability as a percentage of its covered payroll	136.46%	140.44%	116.45%	68.40%	33.12%
Pension Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability	84.26%	83.89%	84.88%	92.00%	96.09%

City of Stuart, Florida
Required Supplementry Information
Schedule of contributions
Florida Retirement System
Year ended September 30, 2023

	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
Contractually required contributions	4,041,568	3,132,566	2,779,650	$ 2,857,800	$ 2,723,381
Contributions in relation to the contractually required contribution	4,239,573	2,695,822	2,356,306	2,798,115	2,723,381
Contribution deficiency (excess)	$ (198,005)	$ 436,744	$ 423,344	$ 59,685	$ -
City's covered payroll	$ 19,738,460	$ 17,806,111	$ 16,729,827	$ 15,469,588	$ 15,058,537
Contributions as a percentage of covered payroll	21.48%	15.14%	14.08%	18.09%	18.09%

	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
Contractually required contributions	$ 2,516,066	$ 2,456,872	$ 2,356,695	$ 1,755,186	$ 1,759,675
Contributions in relation to the contractually required contribution	2,516,066	2,456,872	2,356,695	1,512,609	1,447,667
Contribution deficiency (excess)	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ 242,577	$ 312,008
City's covered payroll	$ 14,653,990	$ 15,098,592	$ 14,612,204	$ 11,625,739	$ 12,088,898
Contributions as a percentage of covered payroll	17.17%	16.27%	16.13%	13.01%	11.98%

City of Stuart, Florida
Required Supplementry Information
Schedule of proportionate share of Net Pension Liability
Health Insurance Subsidy
Year ended September 30, 2023

	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
City's proportion of the net pension liability	0.0500%	0.0480%	0.0464%	0.0452%	0.0454%
City's proportionate share of the net pension liability	$ 7,946,926	$ 5,084,011	$ 5,696,926	$ 5,518,804	$ 5,083,548
City's covered payroll	$ 20,002,837	$ 16,945,929	$ 16,729,827	$ 15,877,754	$ 15,365,049
City's proportionate share of the net pension liability as a percentage of its covered payroll	39.73%	30.00%	34.05%	34.76%	33.09%
HIS Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability	4.12%	4.81%	3.56%	3.00%	2.63%

	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
City's proportion of the net pension liability	0.0468%	0.0480%	0.0461%	0.0452%	0.0472%
City's proportionate share of the net pension liability	$ 4,948,635	$ 5,128,310	$ 5,371,670	$ 4,613,793	$ 4,409,971
City's covered payroll	$ 15,352,445	$ 15,471,345	$ 15,160,752	$ 13,951,663	$ 14,028,924
City's proportionate share of the net pension liability as a percentage of its covered payroll	32.23%	33.15%	35.43%	33.07%	31.43%
HIS Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability	2.15%	1.64%	0.97%	0.50%	0.99%

City of Stuart, Florida
Required Supplementry Information
Schedule of contributions
Health Insurance Subsidy
Year ended September 30, 2023

	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
Contractually required contributions	$ 329,168	$ 295,582	$ 277,715	$ 263,571	$ 255,059
Contributions in relation to the contractually required contribution	327,658	290,443	272,992	260,742	255,059
Contribution deficiency (excess)	$ 1,510	$ 5,139	$ 4,723	$ 2,829	$ -
City's covered payroll	$ 19,738,460	$ 17,806,111	$ 16,729,827	$ 15,877,754	$ 15,365,049
Contributions as a percentage of covered payroll	1.66%	1.63%	1.63%	1.64%	1.66%

	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
Contractually required contributions	$ 250,173	$ 261,822	$ 251,669	$ 188,051	$ 172,072
Contributions in relation to the contractually required contribution	250,173	261,822	251,669	183,897	158,161
Contribution deficiency (excess)	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ 4,154	$ 13,911
City's covered payroll	$ 15,070,652	$ 15,471,345	$ 15,146,016	$ 13,827,277	$ 14,162,267
Contributions as a percentage of covered payroll	1.66%	1.69%	1.66%	1.33%	1.12%

COMBINING STATEMENTS

City of Stuart, Florida
Combining Balance Sheet
Non-Major Governmental Funds
September 30, 2023

	Special Revenue		Total Non-Major Governmental Funds
	CDGB	Infrastructure tax	
Assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	$ -	$ -	$ -
Investments	-	323,380	323,380
Due from other governments	15,000	-	15,000
Total assets	**$ 15,000**	**$ 323,380**	**$ 338,380**
Liabilities			
Accounts payable	$ 2,600		$ 2,600
Total liabilities	2,600	-	2,600
Fund balances			
Restricted:			
Infrastructure improvement	-	323,380	323,380
Unassigned	12,400	-	12,400
Total fund balances	12,400	323,380	335,780
Total liabilities and fund balances	**$ 15,000**	**$ 323,380**	**$ 338,380**

The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of these statements.

City of Stuart, Florida

Combining Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and changes in Fund Balances
Non-major Governmental Funds
Year ended September 30, 2023

	Special Revenue		Total Non-Major Governmental Funds
	CDGB	Infrastructure tax	
Revenues			
Intergovernmental	$ 59,605	$ -	$ 59,605
Miscellaneous	-	-	-
Total revenues	59,605	-	59,605
Expenditures			
Current:			
General government	61,900		61,900
Capital outlay	13,305		13,305
Total expenditures	75,205	-	75,205
Revenues over (under) expenditures	**(15,600)**	**-**	**(15,600)**
Other financing sources (uses)			
Transfer in	3,300		3,300
Total other financing sources	3,300	-	3,300
Net change in fund balance	(12,300)	-	(12,300)
Fund balance beginning	24,700	323,380	348,080
Fund balance ending	**$ 12,400**	**$ 323,380**	**$ 335,780**

The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of these statements.

City of Stuart, Florida
Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances
Budget and Actual
CDBG Fund
Year ended September 30, 2023

	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual Amounts	Variance with Final Budget Postive (Negative)
Revenues				
Intergovernmental	$ 737,500	$ 737,500	$ 59,605	$ (677,895)
Total revenues	737,500	737,500	59,605	(677,895)
Expenditures				
Current:				
General government	137,200	137,200	61,900	75,300
Capital outlay	687,500	687,500	13,305	674,195
Total expenditures	824,700	824,700	75,205	749,495
Excess of revenues over expenditures	(87,200)	(87,200)	(15,600)	71,600
Other financing sources (uses)				
Transfers in	87,200	87,200	3,300	(83,900)
Total other financing sources (uses)	87,200	87,200	3,300	(83,900)
Net change in fund balances	$ -	$ -	(12,300)	$ (12,300)
Fund balance - beginning			24,700	
Fund balance - ending			$ 12,400	

This schedule is prepared on the basis of Generally Accepted Accounting Principles.

STATISTICAL SECTION

Statistical Section

This part of the City of Stuart, Florida'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.

Contents	Pages
Financial trends These schedules contain trend information to help the reader understand how the City's financial performance and well-being have changed over time.	**74-83**
Revenues Capacity These schedules contain information to help the reader assess the City's most significant local revenue source, the property tax, and the municipal sales tax.	**84-87**
Debt Capacity 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.	**88-92**
Economic and Demographic Information These schedules offer economic and demographic indicators to help the reader understand the environment within which the City's financial activities take place.	**93-94**
Operating Information 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.	**95-97**

Sources: Unless otherwise noted, the information in these schedules is derived from the comprehensive annual financial reports for the relevant year.

CITY OF STUART, FLORIDA

NET POSITION BY COMPONENT
LAST TEN FISCAL YEARS
(accrual basis of accounting)

	Fiscal Year			
	2023	2022	2021	2020
Governmental activities				
Net investment in capital assets	$ 74,608,698	$ 75,467,443	$ 75,219,682	$ 80,573,005
Restricted	13,877,674	11,217,250	10,880,287	7,669,841
Unrestricted	(2,992,464)	(2,325,299)	(6,876,861)	(14,437,533)
Total governmental activities net position	$ 85,493,908	$ 84,359,394	$ 79,223,108	$ 73,805,313
Business-type activities				
Net investment in capital assets	$ 46,515,806	$ 42,208,482	$ 41,354,628	$ 41,637,935
Restricted	14,051,148	8,782,881	5,427,353	4,898,089
Unrestricted	13,062,316	16,164,847	17,208,844	14,151,073
Total business-type activities net position	$ 73,629,270	$ 67,156,210	$ 63,990,825	$ 60,687,097
Primary government				
Net investment in capital assets	$ 121,124,504	$ 117,675,925	$ 116,574,310	$ 122,210,940
Restricted	27,928,822	20,000,131	16,307,640	12,567,930
Unrestricted	10,069,852	13,839,548	10,331,983	(286,460)
Total primary government net position	$ 159,123,178	$ 151,515,604	$ 143,213,933	$ 134,492,410

Note: In FY2015, the City implemented GASB 68 and 71 pension standards which reduced the net position of the total primary government by $14,622,626.

CITY OF STUART, FLORIDA
NET POSITION BY COMPONENT (continued)
LAST TEN FISCAL YEARS
(accrual basis of accounting)

Fiscal Year					
2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
$ 76,756,813	$ 76,940,970	$ 75,751,252	$ 76,052,844	$ 74,741,415	$ 75,991,723
6,691,079	4,660,992	5,039,323	4,814,202	5,453,131	5,415,909
(10,594,093)	(10,210,261)	(9,100,822)	(8,723,874)	(8,632,808)	2,110,095
$ 72,853,799	$ 71,391,701	$ 71,689,753	$ 72,143,172	$ 71,561,738	$ 83,517,727
$ 40,401,093	$ 40,477,154	$ 42,175,303	$ 44,101,995	$ 41,597,662	$ 41,557,117
4,467,422	4,549,559	3,545,510	2,488,716	3,464,788	3,341,607
13,553,111	10,236,827	9,000,692	7,848,162	8,035,781	9,472,642
$ 58,421,626	$ 55,263,540	$ 54,721,505	$ 54,438,873	$ 53,098,231	$ 54,371,366
$ 117,157,906	$ 117,418,124	$ 117,926,555	$ 120,154,839	$ 116,339,077	$ 117,548,840
11,158,501	9,210,551	8,584,833	7,302,918	8,917,919	8,757,516
2,959,018	26,566	(100,130)	(875,712)	(597,027)	11,582,737
$ 131,275,425	$ 126,655,241	$ 126,411,258	$ 126,582,045	$ 124,659,969	$ 137,889,093

CITY OF STUART, FLORIDA

CHANGES IN NET POSITION
LAST TEN FISCAL YEARS
(accrual basis of accounting)

	Fiscal Year			
	2023	2022	2021	2020
Expenses				
Governmental activities:				
General government	$ 11,977,920	$ 7,256,005	$ 2,235,292	$ 9,000,643
Public safety	19,051,724	16,983,044	15,404,224	14,415,672
Parks and recreation	2,132,485	1,927,129	2,352,771	1,816,023
Physical environment	2,811,661	2,722,916	2,741,938	2,349,613
Transportation	2,573,004	2,428,291	3,758,327	2,214,243
Community redevelopment	836,236	691,591	2,179,402	496,076
Interest on long-term debt	233,231	255,376	276,254	227,064
Total governmental activities expenses	39,616,261	32,264,352	28,948,208	30,519,334
Business-type activities:				
Water and sewer	14,158,792	12,219,508	11,076,257	12,189,954
Stormwater	5,224,159	4,519,540	4,093,923	4,333,933
Sanitation	1,623,549	1,506,130	1,309,433	1,312,035
Total business-type activities expenses	21,006,500	18,245,178	16,479,613	17,835,922
Total primary government expenses	$ 60,622,761	$ 50,509,530	$ 45,427,821	$ 48,355,256
Program revenues				
Governmental activities:				
Charges for services:				
General government	$ -	$ 3,944	$ 251,688	$ 141,880
Public safety	3,401,716	5,530,952	5,636,996	4,648,101
Parks and recreation	129,426	126,058	140,819	76,114
Physical environment	-	-	-	-
Transportation	-	-	775,820	409,642
Operating grants and contributions	994,711	877,157	531,839	531,839
Capital grants and contributions	-	-	-	-
Total governmental activities program revenues	4,525,853	6,538,111	7,337,162	5,807,576
Business-type activities:				
Charges for services:				
Water and sewer	15,030,928	13,554,223	13,869,559	13,527,081
Sanitation	6,465,147	5,444,654	5,026,515	5,106,792
Stormwater	1,306,273	1,199,680	1,236,770	840,924
Capital grants and contributions	3,322,041	2,970,972	1,046,379	1,281,301
Total business-type activities program revenues	26,124,389	23,169,529	21,179,223	20,756,098
Total primary government program revenues	$ 30,650,242	$ 29,707,640	$ 28,516,385	$ 26,563,674
Net (expense)/revenue				
Governmental activities	$(35,090,408)	$(25,726,241)	$(21,611,046)	$(24,711,758)
Business-type activities	5,117,889	4,924,351	4,699,610	2,920,176
Total primary government net expense	$(29,972,519)	$(20,801,890)	$(16,911,436)	$(21,791,582)

CITY OF STUART, FLORIDA
CHANGES IN NET POSITION (continued)
LAST TEN FISCAL YEARS
(accrual basis of accounting)

Fiscal Year					
2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
$ 9,961,070	$ 7,955,772	$ 7,521,385	$ 7,005,003	$ 5,438,575	$ 5,591,406
13,623,728	13,028,489	12,718,833	12,193,791	11,110,143	11,586,159
1,825,660	1,806,339	1,720,374	1,574,147	713,530	1,195,249
1,373,861	2,187,022	2,050,629	1,729,597	2,496,634	1,988,449
2,459,933	1,944,583	1,827,289	209,557	1,795,508	1,252,392
629,335	740,161	547,599	1,020,901	795,568	765,490
219,933	275,761	302,284	310,290	300,496	551,606
30,093,520	27,938,127	26,688,393	24,043,286	22,650,454	22,930,751
10,414,872	10,656,386	10,196,007	9,208,635	8,840,672	8,808,884
4,120,151	4,223,204	3,909,114	1,118,729	1,165,949	1,200,327
1,261,057	1,311,252	1,236,235	3,744,822	3,518,251	3,634,336
15,796,080	16,190,842	15,341,356	14,072,186	13,524,872	13,643,547
$ 45,889,600	$ 44,128,969	$ 42,029,749	$ 38,115,472	$ 36,175,326	$ 36,574,298
$ 198,808	$ 1,405,398	$ 925,826	$ 694,716	$ 960,569	$ 1,044,333
4,249,018	2,899,677	2,791,022	3,179,728	2,632,773	1,671,361
82,521	80,556	74,506	75,923	78,053	85,291
112,173	30,000	120,206	349,464	25,931	-
667,262	326,848	74,821	58,989	105,286	9,721
2,602,012	1,181,807	590,444	498,273	387,363	416,474
-	-	21,400	238,910	-	-
7,911,794	5,924,286	4,598,225	5,096,003	4,189,975	3,227,180
12,858,338	12,130,958	11,000,403	10,780,103	10,365,256	10,853,527
4,835,574	4,505,663	4,044,980	4,103,939	3,987,282	3,919,973
749,556	758,760	707,603	740,192	762,610	702,734
892,920	284,972	995,525	536,571	83,080	850,459
19,336,388	17,680,353	16,748,511	16,160,805	15,198,228	16,326,693
$ 27,248,182	$ 23,604,639	$ 21,346,736	$ 21,256,808	$ 19,388,203	$ 19,553,873
$(22,181,726)	$(22,013,841)	$(22,090,168)	$(18,947,283)	$(18,460,479)	$(19,703,571)
3,540,308	1,489,511	1,407,155	2,088,619	1,673,356	2,683,146
$(18,641,418)	$(20,524,330)	$(20,683,013)	$(16,858,664)	$(16,787,123)	$(17,020,425)

CITY OF STUART, FLORIDA

CHANGES IN NET POSITION
LAST TEN FISCAL YEARS
(accrual basis of accounting)

	Fiscal Year			
	2023	2022	2021	2020
Governmental activities:				
Taxes				
Property taxes	$ 13,648,765	$ 11,942,028	$ 11,064,366	$ 10,389,087
Utility taxes	3,691,933	3,161,370	2,953,990	2,869,599
Franchise taxes	2,290,398	2,014,606	1,685,164	1,584,178
Local business tax	771,280	673,867	656,121	614,948
Intergovernment revenues	8,625,370	7,773,834	6,690,721	5,760,080
Miscellaneous and other taxes	4,268,979	3,079,890	2,246,678	2,674,534
Investment income	4,039,416	900,496	42,170	554,607
Gain (loss) on sale of capital assets	3,015	31,507	(348)	62,411
Transfers	(1,114,234)	1,284,929	1,689,979	1,153,828
Total governmental activities	36,224,922	30,862,527	27,028,841	25,663,272
Business-type activities:				
Miscellaneous and other taxes	-	-	-	-
Investment income (loss)	243,046	(489,005)	4,416	460,214
Gain (loss) on sale of capital assets	(2,109)	14,968	289,681	38,909
Transfers	1,114,234	(1,284,929)	(1,689,979)	(1,153,828)
Total business-type activities	1,355,171	(1,758,966)	(1,395,882)	(654,705)
Total primary government	$ 37,580,093	$ 29,103,561	$ 25,632,959	$ 25,008,567
Change in net position				
Governmental activities	$ 1,134,514	$ 5,136,286	$ 5,417,795	$ 951,514
Business-type activities	6,473,060	3,165,385	3,303,728	2,265,471
Total primary government	$ 7,607,574	$ 8,301,671	$ 8,721,523	$ 3,216,985

CITY OF STUART, FLORIDA
CHANGES IN NET POSITION (continued)
LAST TEN FISCAL YEARS
(accrual basis of accounting)

Fiscal Year					
2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
$ 9,303,411	$ 8,448,358	$ 8,069,423	$ 7,619,060	$ 7,179,228	$ 8,895,155
2,871,372	2,786,675	2,741,770	2,686,543	2,609,887	2,584,686
1,675,783	1,656,124	1,687,917	1,669,041	1,720,135	1,707,844
632,338	640,363	631,900	605,617	600,558	586,111
6,048,100	4,292,536	4,064,470	4,612,778	4,527,812	2,985,603
1,449,838	2,567,284	2,318,633	1,127,521	1,341,578	902,505
603,892	351,613	143,234	242,852	99,894	54,809
51,399	(2,565)	34,453	118,051	20,130	16,920
1,007,691	975,401	814,285	847,254	914,934	597,380
23,643,824	21,715,789	20,506,085	19,528,717	19,014,156	18,331,013
-	-	-	4,622	17,001	(24,426)
554,024	47,776	95,835	94,631	58,543	23,338
71,445	(19,851)	75,750	24	5,859	(699)
(1,007,691)	(975,401)	(814,285)	(847,254)	(914,934)	(597,380)
(382,222)	(947,476)	(642,700)	(747,977)	(833,531)	(599,167)
$ 23,261,602	$ 20,768,313	$ 19,863,385	$ 18,780,740	$ 18,180,625	$ 17,731,846
$ 1,462,098	$ (298,052)	$ (1,584,083)	$ 581,434	$ 553,677	$ (1,372,558)
3,158,086	542,035	764,455	1,340,642	839,825	2,083,979
$ 4,620,184	$ 243,983	$ (819,628)	$ 1,922,076	$ 1,393,502	$ 711,421

CITY OF STUART, FLORIDA

FUND BALANCES, GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
LAST TEN FISCAL YEARS
(accrual basis of accounting)

	Fiscal Year			
	2023	2022	2021	2020
General fund				
Nonspendable	$ 49,726	$ 99,638	$ 103,951	$ 60,361
Restricted	8,734,548	8,615,823	6,863,592	4,272,409
Assigned	5,267,136	3,587,564	4,590,618	5,206,364
Unassigned	8,671,155	9,510,102	8,368,370	6,312,349
Total general fund	$ 22,722,565	$ 21,813,127	$ 19,926,531	$ 15,851,483
All other governmental funds				
Restricted	$ 9,064,397	$ 6,473,136	$ 4,016,695	$ 3,397,432
Committed	1,628,118	1,173,637	852,846	852,846
Assigned	4,607,252	2,704,459	1,988,601	1,245,655
Unassigned	12,400	(49,500)		
Total all other governmental funds	$ 15,312,167	$ 10,301,732	$ 6,858,142	$ 5,495,933
Total governmental funds	$ 38,034,732	$ 32,114,859	$ 26,784,673	$ 21,347,416

CITY OF STUART, FLORIDA

FUND BALANCES, GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS (continued)
LAST TEN FISCAL YEARS
(accrual basis of accounting)

Fiscal Year					
2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
$ 94,189	$ 82,166	$ 63,322	$ 1,636,714	$ 2,013,263	$ 2,041,811
4,268,653	3,173,384	2,393,728	2,141,994	2,746,217	2,538,600
4,543,882	3,443,822	4,285,787	4,535,794	3,517,264	2,831,419
5,609,757	4,556,050	3,879,153	3,749,002	3,454,760	3,078,690
$ 14,516,481	$ 11,255,422	$ 10,621,990	$ 12,063,504	$ 11,731,504	$ 10,490,520
$ 2,422,426	$ 1,487,608	$ 2,645,595	$ 2,672,208	$ 2,692,146	$ 2,828,979
624,850	403,951	189,399	-	-	-
645,673	605,928	568,195	-	-	-
-	-	-	(779,181)	(1,237,185)	(1,376,299)
$ 3,692,949	$ 2,497,487	$ 3,403,189	$ 1,893,027	$ 1,454,961	$ 1,452,680
$ 18,209,430	$ 13,752,909	$ 14,025,179	$ 13,956,531	$ 13,186,465	$ 11,943,200

CITY OF STUART, FLORIDA

CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES, GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
LAST TEN FISCAL YEARS
(accrual basis of accounting)

	Fiscal Year			
	2023	2022	2021	2020
Revenues				
Property taxes	$ 13,648,765	$ 11,942,028	$ 11,064,366	$ 10,389,087
Utility taxes	9,620,081	7,773,834	7,222,560	6,291,919
Local business tax	3,691,933	3,161,370	2,953,990	2,869,599
Franchise fees	2,290,398	2,014,606	1,685,164	1,584,178
Intergovernmental	2,379,081	2,124,429	2,154,715	1,893,309
Licenses and permits	1,369,995	1,324,084	1,280,656	1,256,023
Charges for services	1,149,105	2,057,738	2,067,373	1,475,737
Assessments	771,280	673,867	656,121	614,948
Impact fees	119,944	1,302,446	1,314,807	661,188
Fines and forfeitures	139,665	154,704	172,164	125,914
Investment income	4,039,416	900,496	42,170	554,607
Rental Income	1,615,098	1,566,712	1,590,345	914,112
Miscellaneous	1,030,248	739,721	471,593	1,686,399
Total revenues	41,865,009	35,736,035	32,676,024	30,317,020
Expenditures				
Current:				
General government	5,735,582	5,251,566	5,496,083	4,765,821
Public safety	18,332,022	16,277,833	14,004,533	13,806,524
Parks and recreation	1,854,966	1,664,855	1,596,894	1,446,293
Physical environment	2,611,077	2,496,262	2,482,858	2,179,333
Transportation	2,145,718	2,016,134	2,225,378	1,857,328
Community redevelopment	462,119	317,031	214,641	180,193
Capital outlay	2,133,760	2,107,959	3,172,509	9,318,630
Debt service:				
Principal	1,322,427	1,303,762	565,849	538,505
Interest	233,231	255,376	276,254	227,064
Other debt service costs	-	-	-	-
Total expenditures	34,830,902	31,690,778	30,034,999	34,319,691
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenditures	7,034,107	4,045,257	2,641,025	(4,002,671)
Other financing sources (uses)				
Debt issuance	-	-	1,106,253	5,986,829
Transfers in	4,165,287	4,058,778	5,316,344	4,410,183
Transfers out	(5,279,521)	(2,773,849)	(3,626,365)	(3,256,355)
Total other financing sources (uses)	(1,114,234)	1,284,929	2,796,232	7,140,657
Net change in fund balance	$ 5,919,873	$ 5,330,186	$ 5,437,257	$ 3,137,986
Debt service as a percentage of noncapital expenditures	4.8%	5.3%	3.1%	3.1%

CITY OF STUART, FLORIDA

CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES, GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS (continued)
LAST TEN FISCAL YEARS
(accrual basis of accounting)

Fiscal Year					
2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
$ 9,303,411	$ 8,448,358	$ 8,069,423	$ 7,654,060	$ 7,192,558	$ 7,208,170
2,871,372	2,786,675	2,741,770	2,686,543	2,609,887	2,584,686
632,338	640,363	631,900	605,617	600,558	586,111
1,675,783	1,656,124	1,687,917	1,669,041	1,720,135	1,707,844
6,565,472	6,472,546	5,603,756	5,343,359	4,897,381	6,207,729
1,316,894	1,393,635	979,787	891,286	946,217	704,939
1,825,752	1,534,192	1,629,056	1,866,499	1,357,884	1,559,760
1,228,727	1,209,824	1,192,230	1,191,067	1,145,496	-
938,409	604,828	241,161	450,404	193,625	47,690
247,312	193,077	169,251	179,472	183,427	192,652
603,892	351,613	143,234	242,853	99,894	54,809
851,719	814,246	903,836	943,612	977,861	920,550
2,486,846	528,085	296,704	331,791	366,510	339,454
30,547,927	26,633,566	24,290,025	24,055,604	22,291,433	22,114,394
5,409,350	4,952,688	4,519,530	4,272,263	4,138,950	3,622,381
13,085,557	12,529,537	12,224,773	11,761,266	10,858,816	11,454,429
1,450,691	1,501,332	1,388,614	1,254,934	823,751	823,272
1,211,544	2,038,672	1,907,746	1,893,460	2,119,118	1,880,282
2,081,819	1,636,326	1,601,594	1,152,337	1,259,557	1,045,924
306,744	419,988	224,239	459,424	485,608	452,291
2,868,961	3,140,025	2,040,273	2,552,673	1,156,243	876,049
464,498	1,559,942	826,612	751,351	784,033	7,420,140
219,933	275,761	302,284	318,739	325,952	449,756
-	-	-	-	11,074	44,493
27,099,097	28,054,271	25,035,665	24,416,447	21,963,102	28,069,017
3,448,830	(1,420,705)	(745,640)	(360,843)	328,331	(5,954,623)
-	173,038	-	283,601	-	7,100,000
2,984,645	2,735,780	4,745,032	2,319,191	2,578,750	1,750,604
(1,976,954)	(1,760,379)	(3,930,747)	(1,471,937)	(1,663,816)	(1,153,224)
1,007,691	1,148,439	814,285	1,130,855	914,934	7,697,380
$ 4,456,521	$ (272,266)	$ 68,645	$ 770,012	$ 1,243,265	$ 1,742,757
2.8%	7.4%	4.9%	4.9%	5.3%	29.0%

CITY OF STUART, FLORIDA
ASSESSED VALUE OF TAXABLE PROPERTY
LAST TEN FISCAL YEARS
(accrual basis of accounting)

Fiscal Year	Tax Year	Real Property	Personal Property	Assessed Value	Total Exemption Value	Total Taxable Value	Total Direct Tax Rate	Taxable Value as a % of Assessed Value
2014	2013	$1,354,255,562	$ 111,388,986	$2,084,431,403	$ 618,786,855	$1,465,644,548	5.1513	70.3%
2015	2014	1,415,392,568	116,417,570	2,130,918,193	599,108,055	1,531,810,138	4.9013	71.9%
2016	2015	1,504,107,611	123,714,479	2,212,516,917	584,694,827	1,627,822,090	4.8327	73.6%
2017	2016	1,602,901,248	131,840,362	2,321,458,253	586,716,643	1,734,741,610	4.8224	74.7%
2018	2017	1,708,319,438	136,509,008	2,438,844,115	594,015,669	1,844,828,446	4.7572	75.6%
2019	2018	1,779,469,026	148,291,412	2,394,524,771	466,764,333	1,927,760,438	4.9962	80.5%
2020	2019	1,904,113,455	164,972,776	2,675,745,985	606,659,754	2,069,086,231	5.2302	77.3%
2021	2020	2,020,119,593	174,317,933	2,939,005,375	744,567,849	2,194,437,526	5.2136	74.7%
2022	2021	2,199,363,413	179,294,048	2,942,770,048	564,112,587	2,378,657,461	5.2004	80.8%
2023	2022	2,548,366,481	192,898,531	3,345,246,569	603,981,557	2,741,265,012	5.1700	81.9%

Source: Florida Department of Revenue

Note: Tax rates are per $1,000 of assessed value.

CITY OF STUART, FLORIDA
DIRECT AND OVERLAPPING PROPERTY TAX RATES
LAST TEN FISCAL YEARS
(rate per $1,000 of assessed value)

	City of Stuart			Overlapping					
Fiscal Year	Operating Millage	General Obligation Debt Debt Service	Total City Millage	Martin County	Martin County Board of Education	So. Florida Water Management District	Florida Inland Navigational District	Children's Service Council	Total Direct and Overlapping Rates
2014	4.8020	0.3493	5.1513	5.8668	7.2780	0.4110	0.0345	0.3693	19.1109
2015	4.5520	0.3493	4.9013	5.9651	7.1380	0.3842	0.0345	0.3618	18.7849
2016	4.5520	0.2807	4.8327	6.1264	7.0980	0.3551	0.0320	0.3618	18.8060
2017	4.5520	0.2704	4.8224	6.2407	6.8810	0.3307	0.0320	0.3618	18.6686
2018	4.5000	0.2572	4.7572	6.3887	6.5520	0.3100	0.0320	0.3618	18.4017
2019	4.7500	0.2462	4.9962	6.5971	6.8620	0.2936	0.0320	0.3618	19.1427
2020	5.0000	0.2302	5.2302	6.6928	6.6480	0.2795	0.0320	0.3618	19.2443
2021	5.0000	0.2136	5.2136	6.7618	6.4470	0.2675	0.0320	0.3618	19.0837
2022	5.0000	0.2004	5.2004	6.7934	6.3230	0.2572	0.0320	0.3618	18.9678
2023	5.0000	0.1700	5.1700	6.5559	5.9880	0.2301	0.0320	0.3618	18.3378

Source: Martin County Tax Collector's Office

Note: The Florida Constitution limits the City and County millage capacity (non debt related) to 10.000 mills.

CITY OF STUART, FLORIDA

PRINCIPAL PROPERTY TAXPAYERS
CURRENT YEAR AND NINE YEARS AGO

Taxpayer	2023 Taxable Assessed Value	Rank	Percentage of Total Adjustable Taxable Value
Arium Jensen Beach, LLC	$ 37,874,970	1	1.38%
PRCP-FL Stuart Heritage Bay	35,316,820	2	1.29%
ARHC AlstuFL01 LLC	29,660,190	3	1.08%
RK Stuart LLC	25,612,300	4	0.93%
Pacific Star 5 Inc.	23,193,990	5	0.85%
Stuart Centre Investors, LLC	22,360,070	6	0.82%
Wal-Mart Stores East, LP	19,428,650	7	0.71%
Martin Memorial Medical Center	19,209,683	8	0.70%
Lakeworth Town Plaza	19,123,860	9	0.70%
CD-HRA Stuart LLC	17,194,078	10	0.63%
Total	248,974,611		9.08%
Total city-wide	$ 2,741,265,012		

	2014 Taxable Assessed Value	Rank	Percentage of Total Adjustable Taxable Value
Pineapple Commons Retail LP	$ 20,685,390	1	1.47%
ARHC Alstufl01 LLC	19,716,565	2	1.40%
RLV Martin Square, LP	17,702,740	3	1.26%
City of Stuart	16,192,766	4	1.15%
Southern Associates LP	14,761,772	5	1.05%
Stuart Centre Investors, LLC	14,571,870	6	1.04%
SPC Regency, LLC	12,875,880	7	0.92%
NP 1 Inc.	12,832,338	8	0.91%
Wal-Mart Stores East, LP	12,324,990	9	0.88%
Eden Park Management Inc.	12,170,496	10	0.86%
Total	153,834,807		10.93%
Total city-wide	$ 1,407,169,388		

Source: Martin County Tax Collector's Office

CITY OF STUART, FLORIDA

PROPERTY TAX LEVIES AND COLLECTIONS
LAST TEN FISCAL YEARS

Fiscal Year	Taxes Levied for the Fiscal Year	Collected with the Fiscal Year of the Levy[a]		Collected in Subsequent Years	Total Collections to Date	
		Amount	Percentage of Levy		Amount	Percentage of Levy
2014	$ 7,057,849	$ 6,505,400	92.17%	$ 185,004	$ 6,690,404	94.79%
2015	7,014,106	6,729,131	95.94%	15,763	6,744,894	96.16%
2016	7,520,737	7,165,762	95.28%	43,350	7,209,112	95.86%
2017	7,964,288	7,604,166	95.48%	12,718	7,616,884	95.64%
2018	8,301,728	7,952,598	95.79%	20,782	7,973,380	96.04%
2019	9,174,891	8,820,987	96.14%	23,845	8,844,832	96.40%
2020	10,345,431	9,914,547	95.84%	17,203	9,931,750	96.00%
2021	11,041,319	10,575,533	95.78%	37,046	10,612,579	96.12%
2022	11,893,287	11,273,528	94.79%	208,297	11,481,825	96.54%
2023	13,706,325	13,188,875	96.22%	10,996	13,199,871	96.30%

Source: Martin County Tax Collector's Office

Notes: [a] Amounts collected within the fiscal year of the levy are inclusive of legally available early payment discount (ranging from 4% to 1%).

CITY OF STUART, FLORIDA

RATIOS OF OUTSTANDING DEBT BY TYPE
LAST TEN FISCAL YEARS

Fiscal Year	Governmental Activities: General Obligation Bonds	Community Redevelopment Bonds	Refunding Revenue Note	Notes and Direct Borrowings	Capital Lease Obligations	Total Governmental Activities
2014	$ 6,900,000	$ 1,013,979	$ 882,992	$ 1,432,000	$ -	$ 10,228,971
2015	6,640,000	844,632	823,220	1,215,043	-	9,522,895
2016	6,385,000	575,053	763,448	1,048,043	-	8,771,544
2017	6,120,000	293,688	700,959	1,113,886	-	8,228,533
2018	5,845,000	-	635,753	373,939	-	6,854,692
2019	5,560,000	-	573,264	256,930	-	6,390,194
2020	5,265,000	-	508,058	6,065,460	-	11,838,518
2021	4,965,000	-	440,135	6,914,182	-	12,319,317
2022	4,650,000	-	369,495	5,996,062	71,866	11,087,423
2023	4,330,000	-	296,139	5,066,992	387,851	10,080,982

Fiscal Year	Business-Type Activities: Utility Revenue Refunding Bonds	Refunding Revenue Note	Notes and Direct Borrowings	Capital Lease Obligations	Total Business-Type Activities
2014	$ 20,358,000	$ 742,008	$ 2,410,363	$ -	$ 23,510,371
2015	19,614,000	691,780	3,009,903	-	23,315,683
2016	18,850,000	641,552	4,464,298	-	23,955,850
2017	18,059,000	589,041	7,395,360	-	26,043,401
2018	17,236,000	534,247	7,184,012	-	24,954,259
2019	16,389,000	575,681	8,930,248	-	25,894,929
2020	15,509,000	426,941	10,510,870	-	26,446,811
2021	14,600,000	369,862	9,870,744	-	24,840,606
2022	13,661,000	310,501	13,326,069	197,539	27,495,109
2023	12,694,000	248,860	22,581,499	147,258	35,671,617

Fiscal Year	Total Primary Government	Percentage of Personal Income[a]	Debt Per Capita[a]
2014	$ 33,739,342	3.22%	$ 2,112
2015	32,838,578	2.86%	2,038
2016	32,727,394	2.77%	2,027
2017	34,271,934	2.68%	2,118
2018	31,808,951	2.31%	1,937
2019	32,285,123	2.29%	1,956
2020	38,285,329	2.56%	2,280
2021	37,159,923	2.05%	2,101
2022	38,582,532	1.86%	2,054
2023	45,752,599	N/A	2,375

Notes: [a] See schedule of Demographic and Economic Statistics for personal income and population data. These ratios are calculated using personal income and population for the calendar year.

CITY OF STUART, FLORIDA

DIRECT AND OVERLAPPING GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES DEBT
September 30, 2023

Jurisdiction	Total Bonded Debt Outstanding	Estimated Percentage Applicable[a]	Estimated Amount Applicable
Overlapping:			
Martin County			
Direct Debt	$ 83,616,903	100%	$ 83,616,903
Martin County School Board			
Bonds Payable	2,031,000	100%	2,031,000
Certificates of Participation	58,695,000	100%	58,695,000
South Florida Water Management District			
Certificates of Participation	320,575,000	2.40%	7,693,800
Subtotal, Overlapping Debt			152,036,703
City of Stuart Direct Debt			10,080,982
Total Direct and Overlapping Debt			$ 162,117,685

Source: Outstanding debt data for the overlapping governments is provided by the applicable government. Assessed values, after exemptions and other adjustments, are provided by the Martin County Property Appraiser for all units except for the South Florida Management Water Management District (SFWMD). The SFWMD provided their own value since their borders extend beyond the City/County's borders.

Note: [a] The percentage of overlapping debt applicable is estimated using the South Florida Water Management District Property Tax Revenue by County.

CITY OF STUART, FLORIDA

RATIOS OF GENERAL BONDED DEBT OUTSTANDING
LAST TEN FISCAL YEARS

Fiscal Year	General Bonded Debt Outstanding: General Obligation Bonds	General Bonded Debt Outstanding: Community Redevelopment Bonds	General Bonded Debt Outstanding: Total	Percentage of Total Adjustable Taxable Value	Debt Per Capita[a]
2014	$ 6,640,000	$ 844,632	$ 7,484,632	0.49%	$ 465
2015	6,385,000	575,053	6,960,053	0.43%	431
2016	6,120,000	293,688	6,413,688	0.37%	396
2017	5,845,000	-	5,845,000	0.32%	356
2018	5,560,000	-	5,560,000	0.29%	337
2019	5,265,000	-	5,265,000	0.25%	314
2020	5,265,000	-	5,265,000	0.24%	298
2021	4,965,000	-	4,965,000	0.21%	264
2022	4,650,000	-	4,650,000	0.20%	247
2022	4,330,000	-	4,330,000	0.16%	225

Source: City of Stuart Finance Department

Note: [a] See schedule of Demographic and Economic Statistics for personal income and population data. These ratios are calculated using personal income and population for the calendar year.

CITY OF STUART, FLORIDA

LEGAL DEBT MARGIN
LAST TEN FISCAL YEARS

The constitution of the State of Florida, Florida Statute 200.181 and the City of Stuart set no legal debt limit.

CITY OF STUART, FLORIDA

PLEDGED-REVENUE COVERAGE
LAST TEN FISCAL YEARS

	Refunding Revenue Note, Series 2012						
Fiscal Year	General Fund Gross Revenues	Less: Ad Valorem	Non-Ad Valorem Revenue	Debt Service Principal	Debt Service Interest[a]	Debt Service Total	Coverage[b]
2014	$ 19,296,404	$ 7,208,170	$ 12,088,234	$ 7,169,623	$ 334,342	$ 7,503,965	1.6
2015	20,561,247	7,192,558	13,368,689	59,772	21,642	81,414	164.2
2016	22,271,351	7,654,060	14,617,291	59,772	20,177	79,949	182.8
2017	22,449,733	8,069,423	14,380,310	62,489	18,712	81,201	177.1
2018	24,859,540	8,448,358	16,411,182	65,206	17,181	82,387	199.2
2019	26,432,552	9,303,411	17,129,141	62,489	15,582	78,071	219.4
2020	26,880,546	10,389,087	16,491,459	65,206	14,051	79,257	208.1
2021	29,660,607	11,064,366	18,596,241	67,923	12,453	80,376	231.4
2022	31,563,287	11,942,028	19,621,259	70,639	10,788	81,427	241.0
2023	36,423,565	13,648,765	22,774,800	73,356	9,056	82,412	276.4

	Public Utilities Revenue, Refunding & Improvement Bonds, Series 2006, 2007 and 2011						
Fiscal Year	Water and Sewer Gross Revenues	Less: Operating Expenses[c]	Net Available Revenue	Debt Service Principal	Debt Service Interest[a]	Debt Service Total	Coverage[d]
2014	$ 10,853,527	$ 5,551,729	$ 5,301,798	$ 717,000	$ 960,306	$ 1,677,306	3.2
2015	10,365,256	5,725,391	4,639,865	744,000	752,502	1,496,502	3.1
2016	10,781,326	5,780,897	5,000,429	764,000	728,630	1,492,630	3.4
2017	10,988,040	6,448,816	4,539,224	791,000	699,974	1,490,974	3.0
2018	11,945,089	6,379,383	5,565,706	823,000	661,526	1,484,526	3.7
2019	12,839,736	6,185,044	6,654,692	847,000	642,305	1,489,305	4.5
2020	13,527,081	7,240,814	6,286,267	880,000	614,303	1,494,303	4.2
2021	13,869,559	7,109,098	6,760,461	909,000	582,113	1,491,113	4.5
2022	13,554,223	7,992,324	5,561,899	939,000	550,373	1,489,373	3.7
2023	15,030,928	9,368,529	5,662,399	967,000	517,579	1,484,579	3.8

Notes:
[a] Includes accrued interest
[b] Required coverage is 1.5% of average of actual non-advalorem revenues over prior two years
[c] Operating expenses are personal services and operating expenses.
[d] Required coverage is 1.1%

CITY OF STUART, FLORIDA

DEMOGRAPHIC AND ECONOMIC STATISTICS
LAST TEN CALENDAR YEARS

Fiscal Year	City Population[a]	City Personal Income	Martin County Per Capita Personal Income[b]	Martin County Unemployment Rate[c]
2014	15,972	$ 1,046,980,572	$ 65,551	6.2%
2015	16,110	1,146,983,670	71,197	5.2%
2016	16,148	1,183,583,808	73,296	4.8%
2017	16,183	1,280,140,032	79,104	4.2%
2018	16,425	1,377,614,025	83,873	3.0%
2019	16,504	1,409,342,576	85,394	2.7%
2020	16,793	1,497,683,705	89,185	6.2%
2021	17,684	1,808,595,732	102,273	4.2%
2022	18,788	2,072,992,768	110,336	2.4%
2023	19,264	N/A	N/A	2.5%

Sources: [a] Florida Bureau of Economic and Demographic Research
[b] US Bureau of Economic Analysis
[c] US Bureau of Labor Statistics - based on not seasonally adjusted September rates

CITY OF STUART, FLORIDA

PRINCIPAL EMPLOYERS

2023 and nine years ago

	2023		
Employer	Employees	Rank	Percentage of Total County Employment
Cleveland Clinic	3,900	1	4.90%
Martin County School District	3,125	2	3.93%
Martin County Government	1,876	3	2.36%
Publix Supermarkets	1,422	4	1.79%
Visiting Nurse Association	411	5	0.52%
Weath Revery Solutions	365	6	0.46%
Day & Zimmerman NPS	360	7	0.45%
Liberator Medical Supply	340	8	0.43%
Triumph Aerostructures	333	9	0.42%
Home Depot	329	10	0.41%
Total	12,461		15.67%
Total Martin County Labor Force	79,592		

	2014		
	Employees	Rank	Percentage of Total County Employment
Martin Health Systems	2,783	1	4.27%
Martin County School District	2,571	2	3.95%
Martin County	1,575	3	2.42%
State of Florida	510	4	0.78%
Triumph Group - Vought Aircraft Division	408	5	0.63%
Turbocombustor Technology	396	6	0.61%
Liberator Medical Holdings, Inc..	340	7	0.52%
Seacoast National Bank	294	8	0.45%
City of Stuart	254	9	0.39%
Louis Dreyfus Commodities	250	10	0.38%
Total	9,381		14.40%
Total Martin County Labor Force	65,147		

Sources: The labor force figures are from the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity.

Note: The data presented in this list may include part time and full time employees.

CITY OF STUART, FLORIDA

FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT CITY GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES BY FUNCTION/PROGRAM
LAST TEN FISCAL YEARS

	Fiscal Year									
	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
Function/Program										
General government										
City Commission	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5
City Manager	3	3	3	2	3	4	4	3	3	2
City Attorney	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
Human Resources	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
City Clerk	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	1	1	1
Financial Services	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	13	13
Information Services	6	5	5	5	4	4	4	4	4	4
Development	10	12	12	12	11	11	11	11	11	8
Public Safety										
Police	61	60	63	63	64	64	64	63	62	64
Fire / Rescue	48	48	48	45	45	45	43	43	43	43
Physical Environment										
Vehicle Maintenance	5	5	4	4	3	4	3	3	3	3
Building Maintenance	9	10	9	8	7	6	6	6	6	5
Parks and Grounds	10	11	10	11	13	12	14	14	14	14
Water and Sewer	49	45	45	45	44	44	44	43	36	37
Sanitation	15	15	14	14	14	13	13	13	12	12
Stormwater	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	4	3
Transportation										
Streets	8	8	8	8	7	8	6	6	6	6
Economic Environment	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	6	3
Community Services	13	12	12	12	11	11	11	10	5	8
Total	263	258	257	253	250	250	247	244	239	236

Source: All information based on the City of Stuart adopted budget for the relevant year.

CITY OF STUART, FLORIDA

OPERATING INDICATORS BY FUNCTION/PROGRAM
LAST TEN FISCAL YEARS

	Fiscal Year									
	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
Function/Program										
Police										
Physical arrests	526	542	444	557	667	915	851	832	846	1,136
Parking violations	894	1,007	1,159	1,472	1,956	1,448	1,339	1,094	1,025	480
Traffic violations	1,980	1,682	1,542	2,030	2,756	2,937	2,568	2,116	2,457	2,263
Fire										
Emergency responses	7,478	7,550	7,678	7,134	6,175	6,031	5,824	6,060	5,526	5,264
Fires extinguished	66	70	81	69	60	88	61	69	87	57
Fire inspections	838	789	821	924	952	725	1,081	1,310	1,769	822
Refuse Collection										
Refuse collected (tons per day)	91	89	87	85	86	76	77	71	53	60
Customers	5,449	5,617	4,552	4,234	4,238	3,922	3,876	3,607	3,579	3,843
Other Public Works										
Street resurfacing (miles)	n/a	3.89	3.08	2.72	2.56	-	-	-	4.75	3.00
Potholes repaired	n/a	34	214	235	148	251	141	105	85	25
Development										
Building permits issued	2,279	2,379	2,595	2,448	2,354	2,313	2,314	2,243	1,758	3,073
Building inspections	10,760	12,756	9,767	6,903	7,194	8,182	5,522	4,818	3,949	4,915
Plan reviews	6,723	7,193	7,503	6,413	6,996	6,930	7,703	6,652	5,324	9,836
Community Services[a]										
Athletic field reservations	1,898	1,961	1,559	1,172	631	367	438	334	383	65
Pavilion & Stage reservations	638	1,208	744	118	217	196	255	222	227	440
CC rental reservations	311	303	2,665	76	36	24	28	27	67	293
Special events public permits	206	234	210	197	251	118	103	68	190	184
Special events private permits	30	34	35	27	51	36	34	49	76	138
Special events banner permits	176	353	292	254	301	199	212	195	199	227
Pavilion & Stage Attendance		-	-	1,180	4,169	3,004	3,286	12,231	11,180	19,272
Water										
New connections	244	68	16	252	31	15	9	14	8	11
Water mains breaks	11	11	6	4	8	8	5	7	2	-
Average daily consumption	157	164	162	161	166	170	170	168	167	168
Metered services	5,266	4,629	4,578	4,553	4,483	4,452	4,437	4,428	4,250	4,355
Wastewater										
Average daily sewage treatment[b] (Gallons Per Day/Per Customer)	517	483	544	638	596	636	681	709	654	1,513
Customers	3,370	3,360	3,218	3,015	2,729	2,595	2,486	2,397	2,330	2,247
Transit										
Total miles on route per shift	23	22	20	18	22	46	35	35	10	10
Passengers	44,684	35,677	28,745	18,609	41,225	47,800	48,120	45,665	n/a	29,343

Source: Various City departments.

Notes:

[a] At the end of FY2009 Parks and Recreation changed its name to Community Services.

[b] Total - residential, commercial and industrial customers - Historically a breakdown of condominiums, single family and commercial accounts were calculated.

c Rock'n RiverWalk moved to license agreement

d Civic Rec does not differinciate the attendance between a special event vs a regualr park rental so those numbers have been combined

CITY OF STUART, FLORIDA

CAPITAL ASSET STATISTICS BY FUNCTION/PROGRAM
Last Ten Fiscal Years

	Fiscal Year									
Function/Program	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
Police										
Stations	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Patrol units (avg. per shift)	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5
Fire										
Stations	3	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
Refuse collection										
Collection trucks	16	15	14	14	14	13	13	13	13	13
Other public works										
Streets (miles)	120	120	120	120	120	120	100	100	100	100
Streetlights	532	532	532	532	532	500	461	455	455	455
Traffic signals	12	12	12	12	12	22	35	35	35	35
Community Services[a]										
Acreage	232	232	232	232	232	232	232	232	232	232
Environmental parks	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
Active parks	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9
Passive parks	25	25	25	25	25	25	25	25	25	25
Baseball/softball diamonds	5	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Tennis courts	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6
Shuffleboard courts	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15
Community centers	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Water										
Fire hydrants[b]	569	565	565	565	565	561	561	495	495	495
Storage capacity (million gal)	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
Wastewater										
Wastewater sewers (miles)	126	126	126	126	126	124	120	70	70	70
Treatment capacity (million gal)	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4
Stormwater										
Stormwater sewers (miles)	21	21	21	21	21	21	21	21	21	21
Transit-minibuses										
Downtown Courtesy Tram	7	6	7	7	7	6	6	5	3	3

Source: Various City departments.

Notes: [a] At the end of FY2009 Parks and Recreation changed its name to Community Services
[b] City, County and privately owned within City limits

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*

The Honorable Mayor and
Members of the City Commission
City of Stuart, Florida

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, the discretely presented component unit, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the City of Stuart, Florida (the "City") as of and for the fiscal year ended September 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 March 28, 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 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 over financial reporting was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses may exist that have not been identified.

The Honorable Mayor and
Members of the City Commission
City of Stuart, Florida

Report on Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the City's basic financial statements are free of material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, grant agreements, and contracts, 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*.

Pursuant to provisions of Chapter 10.550, *Rules of the Auditor General*, we reported certain matters to management of the City in a separate management letter and Independent Accountant's Report dated March 28, 2024.

Purpose of this Report

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

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Orlando, Florida
March 28, 2024

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON COMPLIANCE FOR EACH MAJOR FEDERAL PROGRAM AND STATE PROJECT AND ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER COMPLIANCE AND REPORT ON SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS AND STATE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE REQUIRED BY THE UNIFORM GUDIANCE AND CHAPTER 10.550, *RULES OF THE AUDITOR GENERAL*

The Honorable Mayor and
Members of the City Commission
City of Stuart, Florida

Report on Compliance for Each Major Federal Program and State Project

Opinion on Each Major Federal Program and State Project

We have audited the compliance of the City of Stuart, Florida (the "City") with the types of compliance requirements described in the U.S. Office of Management and Budget ("OMB") *Compliance Supplement* and the requirements described in the Department of Financial Services' *State Projects Compliance Supplement* that could have a direct and material effect on each of the City's major federal programs and state projects for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2023. The City's major federal programs and state projects are identified in the summary of auditor's results section of the accompanying Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs.

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

Basis for Opinion for Each Major Federal Program and State Project

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)); and Chapter 10.550, *Rules of the Auditor General.*. 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 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 and state project. Our audit does not provide a legal determination of the City's compliance with the compliance requirements referred to above.

Responsibility 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 and state projects.

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; and Chapter 10.550, *Rules of the Auditor General* 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 and state project as a whole.

In performing an audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, *Government Auditing Standards*, the Uniform Guidance; and Chapter 10.550, *Rules of the Auditor General,* 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 internal 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 and Chapter 10.550, *Rules of the Auditor General*, 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.

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 or state project 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.

Report on Internal Control over Compliance *(Continued)*

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 may exist that have not been 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.

Report on Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards and State Financial Assistance Required by the Uniform Guidance and Chapter 10.550

We have audited the financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the City as of and for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2023, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the City's basic financial statements. We issued our report thereon dated March 28, 2024, which contained unmodified opinions on those financial statements. Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the City's basic financial statements. The accompanying Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards and State Financial Assistance is presented for the purposes of additional analysis, as required by the Uniform Guidance, Chapter 69I-5, *Schedule of Expenditures of State Financial Assistance,* Rules of the Department of Financial Services, and Chapter 10.550, *Rules of the Auditor General*, and is 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 information is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

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Orlando, Florida
March 28, 2024

CITY OF STUART, FLORIDA

SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS

For the Year Ended September 30, 2023

SECTION I - SUMMARY OF INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S RESULTS

Financial Statements

Type of Auditor's Report Issued:	**Unmodified Opinion**	
Internal control over financial reporting:		
• Material weakness(es) identified?	___ Yes	_X_ No
• Significant deficiency(ies) identified?	___ Yes	_X_ None reported
Noncompliance material to financial statements noted?	___ Yes	_X_ No

Federal Awards and State Financial Assistance

Internal control over major programs:		
• Material weakness(es) identified?	___ Yes	_X_ No
• Significant deficiency(ies) identified?	___ Yes	_X_ None reported
Type of report issued on compliance for major federal programs and major state projects:	**Unmodified Opinion**	
Any audit findings disclosed that are required to be reported in accordance with 200.516 of the Uniform Guidance or Chapter 10.557, Rules of the Auditor General?	___ Yes	_X_ No

Identification of Major Federal Programs and Major State Projects:

Assistance Listing Numbers	Name of Federal Programs
66.468	Drinking Water State Revolving Fund
21.027	Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds

CSFA Number(s)	Name of State Project(s)
37.039	Statewide Water Quality Restoration Projects

Dollar threshold used to distinguish between Type A and Type B programs:

Federal	$750,000
State	$533,343

Auditee qualified as low-risk auditee? ___ Yes _X_ No

CITY OF STUART, FLORIDA

SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS *(Continued)*

For the Year Ended September 30, 2023

SECTION II - FINANCIAL STATEMENT FINDINGS

No matters are reported.

SECTION III – FEDERAL AWARDS FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS SECTION

No matters are reported.

SECTION IV - PRIOR-YEAR AUDIT FINDINGS

No matters are reported.

City of Stuart, Florida
Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards
For the Year Ended September 30, 2023

Grantor/Pass-Through Grantor/Program or Cluster Title	Assistance Listing Number	Identification Number	Federal Expenditures
U.S. Department of Justice			
Bulletproof vest partnership program	16.607		$ 2,860
Total U.S. Department of Justice			2,860
U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development			
Small cities Community Development Block Grant	14.228	22DB-OP-10-53-02-H01	28,905
Small cities Community Development Block Grant	14.228	22CV-S35	30,700
			59,605
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency			
Capitalization Grants for Drinking Water State Revolving Fund			
Passed through Florida Department of Environmental Protection			
State Revolving Fund - Financial Assistance	66.468	DW430450	9,948,226
Total U.S. Environmental Protection Agency			9,948,226
U.S. Department of Homeland Security			
Disaster Grants - Public Assistance			
Passed-through Florida Division of Emergency Management:			
American Rescue Plan Act	21.027	Y5300	1,075,970
Disaster Relief Funding Hurricane Irma	97.036	FEMA-4337-DR-FL	6,622
Total Department of Homeland Security			1,082,592
TOTAL EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS			$ 11,093,283

City of Stuart, Florida
Schedule of Expenditures of State Awards
For the Year Ended September 30, 2023

Grantor/Pass-Through Grantor/Program or Cluster Title	CSFA Number	Identification Number	State Expenditures
Florida Department of Transportation			
General Program Support - City of Stuart Free Tram Service			
Marketing Grant	55.012	G1X28	$ 7,165
Tram purchase	55.012	G2F40	15,000
Operating expansion	55.012	G2F42	2,203
Total Florida Department of Transportation			24,368
Florida Department of Environmental Protection			
State Revolving Fund - RO Facility	37.039	LPA0046	1,753,440
Total Florida Department of Envionmental Protection			1,753,440
TOTAL EXPENDITURES OF STATE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE			$ 1,777,808

Note 1 – Basis of Presentation

For reporting entity purposes, the Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards and State Financial Assistance includes only the activities of the primary government of the City of Stuart (the "City").

Note 2 – Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Expenditures reported on the schedule are reported on the modified accrual basis of accounting. Such expenditures are recognized following the cost principles contained in the Uniform Guidance, wherein certain types of expenditures are not allowable or are limited as to reimbursement.

Note 3 – Indirect Cost Rate

The City has elected not to use the 10-percent de minimis indirect cost rate allowed under the Uniform Guidance.

Note 4 – Loans

The City has outstanding loans issued through the Florida Department of Environmental Protection. The outstanding balances as of September 30, 2023 are:

	Beginning Balance	Additions	Reductions	Ending Balance
SRF Loan 430400 - 2010	$ 1,360,548	$ -	$ (146,007)	$ 1,214,541
SRF Loan 430410 - 2015	4,291,029	-	(255,451)	4,035,578
SRF Loan 430420 - 2019	1,705,537	-	(94,893)	1,610,644
SRF Loan 430430 - 2019	716,910	-	(73,645)	643,265
SRF Loan 430431	890,758	-	(46,545)	844,213
SRF Loan 430450	4,099,383	9,948,226		14,047,609
Total loans payable	$ 13,064,165	$ 9,948,226	$ (616,541)	$ 22,395,850

Note 5 – Contingencies

The grant amounts received are subject to audit and adjustment. If any expenditures are disallowed by a grantor agency as a result of such an audit, any claim for reimbursement to the grantor agencies would become a liability to the City. Based upon prior experience, the City does not believe such disallowances, if any, would have a material effect on the financial position of the City. As of September 30, 2023, there were no material questioned or disallowed costs as a result of grant audits in process or completed of which management was aware. Any adjustments to grant findings are recorded in the year the adjustment occurs.

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INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT

The Honorable Mayor and
Members of the City Commission
City of Stuart, Florida

We have examined the City of Stuart, Florida's (the "City") compliance with the requirements of Section 218.415, Florida Statutes, during the fiscal year ended September 30, 2023. Management is responsible for the City's compliance with those requirements. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the City's compliance based on our examination.

Our examination was conducted in accordance with attestation standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. Those standards require that we plan and perform the examination to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the City complied with those requirements, in all material respects. An examination involves performing procedures to obtain evidence about the City's compliance with those requirements. The nature, timing, and extent of the procedures selected depend on our judgment, including an assessment of the risks of noncompliance, whether due to fraud or error. We believe that the evidence we obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a reasonable basis for our opinion. Our examination does not provide a legal determination on the City's compliance with specified requirements.

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

In our opinion, the City complied, in all material respects, with the aforementioned requirements for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2023.

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Certified Public Accountants

Orlando, Florida
March 28, 2024

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S MANAGEMENT LETTER

The Honorable Mayor and
Members of the City Commission
City of Stuart, Florida

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the financial statements of the City of Stuart, Florida (the "City") as of and for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2023, and have issued our report thereon March 28, 2024.

Auditor's Responsibility

We conducted our audit 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; the audit requirements of Title 2 U.S. *Code of Federal Regulations,* Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and the Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (Uniform Guidance) and Chapter 10.550, *Rules of the Auditor General.*

Other Reporting Requirements

We have also issued our 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;* Independent Auditor's Report on Compliance for Each Major Federal Program and State Project and on Internal Control over Compliance and Report on Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards and State Financial Assistance Required by the Uniform Guidance and Chapter 10.550, *Rules of the Auditor General*, and Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs; and Independent Accountant's Report on an examination conducted in accordance with *AICPA Professional Standards,* AT-C Section 315, regarding compliance requirements in accordance with Chapter 10.550, *Rules of the Auditor General.* Disclosures in those reports and schedule, which are dated March 28, 2024, should be considered in conjunction with this management letter.

Prior Audit Findings

Section 10.554(1)(i)1., *Rules of the Auditor General,* requires that we determine whether or not corrective actions have been taken to address findings and recommendations made in the preceding annual financial audit report. There were no recommendations made in the preceding annual financial audit report.

Official Title and Legal Authority

Section 10.554(1)(i)4., *Rules of the Auditor General,* requires that the name or official title and legal authority for the primary government and each component unit of the reporting entity be disclosed in this management letter, unless disclosed in the notes to the financial statements. The legal authority is disclosed in the notes to the financial statements.

Financial Condition and Management

Sections 10.554(1)(i)5.a. and 10.556(7), *Rules of the Auditor General,* require us to apply appropriate procedures and communicate the results of our determination as to whether or not the City has met one or more of the conditions described in Section 218.503(1), Florida Statutes, and identification of the specific conditions met. In connection with our audit, we determined that the City did not meet any of the conditions described in Section 218.503(1), Florida Statutes.

Pursuant to Sections 10.554(1)(i)5.b. and 10.556(8), *Rules of the Auditor General,* we applied financial condition assessment procedures. It is management's responsibility to monitor the City's financial condition, and our financial condition assessment was based, in part, on representations made by management and the review of financial information provided by same.

Section 10.554(1)(i)2., *Rules of the Auditor General,* requires that we address in the management letter any recommendations to improve financial management. In connection with our audit, we did not have any such recommendations.

Special District Component Units

Section 10.554(1)(i)5.c., *Rules of the Auditor General,* requires, if appropriate, that we communicate the failure of a special district that is a component unit of a county, municipality, or special district, to provide the financial information necessary for proper reporting of the component unit, within the audited financial statements of the county, municipality, or special district in accordance with Section 218.39(3)(b), Florida Statutes. In connection with our audit, we did not note any special district component units that failed to provide the necessary information for proper reporting in accordance with Section 218.39(3)(b), Florida Statutes. The information below has not been subject to auditing procedures, therefore no assurance is given on the provided information.

As required by Section 218.39(3)(c), Florida Statutes, and Section 10.544(1)(i)6, *Rules of the Auditor General,* the Stuart Community Redevelopment Agency reported:

a. The total number of district employees compensated in the last pay period of the district's fiscal year as zero.

b. The total number of independent contractors to whom nonemployee compensation was paid in the last month of the district's fiscal year as zero.

c. All compensation earned by or awarded to employees, whether paid or accrued, regardless of contingency as zero.

d. All compensation earned by or awarded to nonemployee independent contractors, whether paid or accrued, regardless of contingency as zero.

e. Each construction project with a total cost of at least $65,000 approved by the district that is scheduled to begin on or after October 1 of the fiscal year being reported, together with the total expenditures for such project as zero.

f. A budget variance based on the budget adopted under Section 189.016(4), Florida Statutes, before the beginning of the fiscal year being reported if the district amends a final adopted budget under Section 189.016(6), Florida Statutes, as zero.

The Honorable Mayor and
Members of the City Commission
City of Stuart, Florida

As required by Section 218.39(3)(c), Florida Statutes, and Section 10.544(1)(i)6, *Rules of the Auditor General,* the Housing Authority of the City of Stuart reported:

a. The total number of district employees compensated in the last pay period of the district's fiscal year as zero.

b. The total number of independent contractors to whom nonemployee compensation was paid in the last month of the district's fiscal year as one.

c. All compensation earned by or awarded to employees, whether paid or accrued, regardless of contingency as zero.

d. All compensation earned by or awarded to nonemployee independent contractors, whether paid or accrued, regardless of contingency as $118,889.

e. Each construction project with a total cost of at least $65,000 approved by the district that is scheduled to begin on or after October 1 of the fiscal year being reported, together with the total expenditures for such project as zero.

f. A budget variance based on the budget adopted under Section 189.016(4), Florida Statutes, before the beginning of the fiscal year being reported if the district amends a final adopted budget under Section 189.016(6), Florida Statutes, as follows:

   Conventional Housing Program variance: 2751%
   Section 8 Program: 749%
   Affordable Housing Program: 178%

Additional Matters

Section 10.554(1)(i)3., *Rules of the Auditor General,* requires us to communicate noncompliance with provisions of contracts or grant agreements, or abuse, that have occurred, or are likely to have occurred, that have an effect on the financial statements that is less than material but which warrants the attention of those charged with governance. In connection with our audit, we did not have any such findings.

Purpose of this Letter

Our management letter is intended solely for the information and use of the Legislative Auditing Committee, members of the Florida Senate and the Florida House of Representatives, the Florida Auditor General, federal and other granting agencies, the Mayor, City Commission, and applicable management and is not intended to be, and should not be, used by anyone other than these specified parties.

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Orlando, Florida
March 28, 2024