



**AUBURNDALE
COMMUNITY
REDEVELOPMENT
AGENCY**

(A Component Unit of the City of Auburndale, Florida)

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
AND
INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORTS
Fiscal year ended September 30, 2023

AUBURNDALE COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY

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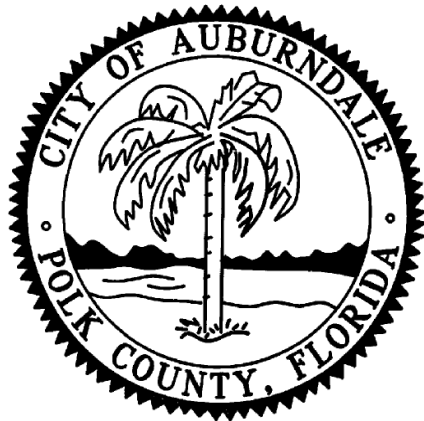
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FINANCIAL SECTION

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Honorable Chair and Members of the City of Auburndale Community Redevelopment Agency
City of Auburndale, Florida

Opinions

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities and each major fund of the Auburndale Community Redevelopment Agency (the CRA), a component unit of the City of Auburndale, Florida (the City) as of and for the year ended September 30, 2023 and the related notes to the financial statement 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 and each major fund of the Auburndale Community Redevelopment Agency as of September 30, 2023, and the respective changes in financial position for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Basis for Opinions

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America 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 Auburndale Community Redevelopment Agency 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.

Emphasis of Matter

As discussed in Note 1, the financial statements of the CRA, are intended to present the financial position, the changes in financial position, and, where applicable, cash flows of only that portion of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the City of Auburndale, Florida that is attributable to the transactions of the CRA. They do not purport to, and do not, present fairly the financial position of the City of Auburndale, Florida as of September 30, 2023, the changes in its financial position, or, where applicable, its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Our opinion is not modified with respect to this matter.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

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

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

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinions. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with 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 CRA'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 CRA'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.

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis and required supplementary information, as provided in the table of contents, be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context.

We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

Other Matters

Other Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the CRA's basic financial statements. The other information section, as provided in the table of contents, is presented for the purpose of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements. The other information section has not been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and, accordingly, we do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on them.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated February 15, 2024, on our consideration of the CRA's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the CRA's internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the CRA's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Other Reporting Required by Chapter 10.550, Rules of the Auditor General

In accordance with *Chapter 10.550, Rules of the Auditor General*, we have also issued our report dated February 15, 2024 on our examination of compliance with requirements of Sections 163.387 (6) & (7) and 218.415, *Florida Statutes*. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our examination and the issuance of an opinion on the CRA's compliance with requirements of the above sections of the *Florida Statutes*.

Brynjulfson CPA, P.A.

Brynjulfson CPA, P.A.
Auburndale, Florida
February 15, 2024

AUBURNDALE COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY

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Management's Discussion and Analysis

Year Ended September 30, 2023

The Management's Discussion and Analysis (MD&A) is designed to provide an objective and easy to read analysis of the financial activities of the Auburndale Community Redevelopment Agency's ("CRA"), a component unit of the City of Auburndale, Florida ("City"). The analysis is designed to assist the reader in focusing on significant financial issues, provide an overview of the CRA's financial activity, identify the changes in the CRA's financial position (its ability to address the next and subsequent year challenges), identify any material deviations from the financial plan (the approved budget), and identify individual fund issues of concern.

Financial Highlights

- The assets of the CRA exceeded its liabilities by \$4,726,864 (net position) compared to \$3,617,173 at the end of the prior year. All of which is restricted for community redevelopment uses.
- The CRA's total net position increased by \$1,109,691 during the year ended September 30, 2023, compared to an increase of \$1,265,249 in the prior year.
- As of the close of the current fiscal year, the CRA's general fund reported ending fund balance of \$4,658,390 compared to \$3,617,173 at the end of the prior fiscal year, an increase of \$1,041,217 or 29%.

OVERVIEW OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

This discussion and analysis is intended to serve as an introduction to the CRA's basic financial statements. The CRA'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 supplementary information in addition to the basic financial statements themselves.

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

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

The statement of activities presents information showing how the CRA's net position changed during the most recent fiscal year. All changes in net position are reported in a manner similar to the approach used by private-sector business in that revenue is recognized when earned or established criteria are satisfied, 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 year, and expenses are reported even though they may not have used cash during the current fiscal year.

Both government-wide financial statements are designed to distinguish functions of the CRA 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 CRA does not engage in business-type activities and as such, no business-type activities are reported in the financial statements.

The governmental activities of the CRA are exclusively comprised of the community redevelopment function.

The government-wide financial statements can be found by referencing the table of contents of this report.

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Fund financial statements: Funds are a group of self-balancing accounts. Funds are used to account for specific activities of the CRA, rather than reporting on the CRA as a whole. The CRA uses fund accounting to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance-related legal requirements.

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

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

The CRA maintains only one fund, a major governmental fund designated as the general fund.

The basic governmental fund financial statements can be found by referencing the table of contents of this report.

Notes to the financial statements: The notes provide additional information that is essential to a full understanding of the data provided in the government-wide and fund financial statements. The notes to the financial statements can be found by referencing the table of contents of this report.

Other information: In addition to the basic financial statements and accompanying notes, this report also presents certain required supplementary information concerning the CRA's general fund budgetary comparisons. Required supplementary information can be found by referencing the table of contents of this report.

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Year Ended September 30, 2023

GOVERNMENT-WIDE FINANCIAL ANALYSIS

Statement of Net Position - The following table reflects the condensed statement of net position for the current year, as compared to the prior year. For more detailed information see the statement of net position which can be located by referencing the table of contents of this report.

**Statement of Net Position (Summary)
as of September 30,**

	Governmental Activities	
	2023	2022
Current and other assets	\$ 4,682,878	\$ 3,630,465
Capital assets	68,474	-
Total assets	4,751,352	3,630,465
Current liabilities	24,488	13,292
Total liabilities	24,488	13,292
Net position:		
Net investment in capital assets	46,523	-
Restricted	4,680,341	3,617,173
Total net position	\$ 4,726,864	\$ 3,617,173

As noted earlier, net position may serve over time as a useful indicator of a government's financial position.

On September 30, 2023, one-percent of the CRA's net position represents its net investment in capital assets and the remaining 99% of the CRA's net position is reported as restricted and can only be used for community redevelopment in accordance with Chapter 163, Florida Statutes and the community redevelopment plan. In the prior year, 100% of the CRA's net position was reported as restricted.

Statement of Activities - The following table reflects a summary of the statement of activities compared to the prior year. The statement of activities can be found by referencing the table of contents of this report.

**Statement of Activities (Summary)
For the year ended September 30,**

	Governmental Activities	
	2023	2022
Revenues:		
<i>General revenues:</i>		
Property taxes	\$ 1,936,507	\$ 1,651,301
Other	27,224	267
Total revenues	1,963,731	1,651,568
Expenses:		
Community redevelopment	854,040	386,319
Total expenses	854,040	386,319
Change in Net Position	1,109,691	1,265,249
Net position - Beginning	3,617,173	2,351,924
Net position - Ending	\$ 4,726,864	\$ 3,617,173

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Year Ended September 30, 2023

Governmental Activities – During 2023, governmental activities' net position increased by \$1,109,691 compared to an increase of \$1,265,249 in the prior year. The main reason for the current year changes are as follows:

- Total property tax increment revenue increased by \$286,206 or 17% due to increases property values within the CRA district.
- Total expenses increased by \$467,721 or 121% due mainly to an increase in the amount of capital projects funded by the CRA when compared to the level of activity in 2022. Notable increases were as follows:
 - Land purchase in 2023 totaling \$450,664. This land was purchased then donated to the City.

FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OF THE CRA'S FUNDS

Governmental funds: The focus of the CRA's governmental fund (general fund) statements is to provide information on near-term inflows, outflows, and balances of spendable resources. Such information is useful in assessing the CRA's financing requirements.

As of the end of the current fiscal year, the CRA's sole fund, the general fund, reported ending fund balances of \$4,658,390, an increase of \$1,041,217 or 29% in comparison with the previously reported balance in the prior year of \$3,617,173. The entire fund balance of the CRA's general fund is restricted for community development expenditures.

The major changes in the current year in comparison to the prior year are detailed above in the governmental activities section.

GENERAL FUND BUDGETARY HIGHLIGHTS

The general fund budget was amended on December 18, 2023, increasing budgeted resources and charges to appropriations by \$281,011 due to inflows and outflows that exceeded the original budgeted amounts. As a result of the budget amendment, actual resources were \$31,320 more than the amended budgeted amounts and actual charges to appropriations were \$1,009,897 less than the amended budgeted amounts resulting in an overall \$1,041,217 favorable budgetary variance for the year ended September 30, 2023.

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CAPITAL ASSET AND DEBT ADMINISTRATION

Capital assets: The CRA reported no capital assets as of September 30, 2022. During the year ended September 30, 2023, the CRA incurred \$619,734 of capital outlay expenditures, \$68,474 of which were related to redevelopment projects in progress at year-end and were capitalized as construction in progress.

The remaining capital outlay expenditures were transferred to the City. Capital assets constructed or purchased are transferred to the City upon completion and reported as a community redevelopment expense in the statement of activities.

The CRA often engages in the construction, renovation, and/or acquisition of capital assets which may include land, buildings, improvements or furniture and equipment. None of these assets are titled to the CRA and the CRA does not have operational oversight nor obligation for ongoing repair and maintenance of the assets rather the assets are transferred to the City upon acquisition or upon completion of construction or renovation.

For long term construction or renovation projects, the costs are capitalized as construction work in process in the governmental activities of the CRA and are transferred to the City upon completion.

Long-Term Debt: The CRA reported no long-term obligations as of September 30, 2023 or 2022.

CURRENTLY KNOWN FACTS, DECISIONS AND CONDITIONS

Budget Highlights

The following significant item will affect the 2024 fiscal year:

- The approved budget for the fiscal year 2023-24 provides for a significant increase in budgeted expenditures compared to the actual 2023 expenditures, mainly related to planned increases in capital outlay expenditures in the CRA district.
- Taxable property values increased by 17% in the City and will result in an increase in CRA revenue.

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

This financial report is designed to provide with a general overview of the CRA's finances. If you have any questions about this report or need additional financial information, please contact the City of Auburndale, Finance Department, P. O. Box 186, Auburndale, FL 33823, call 863-968-5133, or email finance@auburndalefl.com.

AUBURNDALE COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY

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Statement of Net Position

September 30, 2023

	Governmental Activities
ASSETS	
Equity in cash and investments	\$ 3,682,878
Deposits	1,000,000
Capital assets:	
Non-depreciable	68,474
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>4,751,352</u>
LIABILITIES	
Accounts payable	2,537
Construction costs payable	21,951
TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u>24,488</u>
NET POSITION	
Net investment in capital assets	46,523
Restricted for:	
Community redevelopment	4,680,341
TOTAL NET POSITION	<u>\$ 4,726,864</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements

AUBURNDALE COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY

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Statement of Activities

For the year ended September 30, 2023

FUNCTIONS/PROGRAMS	Expenses	Program Revenues			Net Revenue / (Expense) and Changes in Net Position Governmental Activities
		Charges for Services	Operating Grant and Contributions	Capital Grant and Contributions	
Governmental activities:					
Community redevelopment	\$ 854,040	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (854,040)
Total governmental activities	<u>\$ 854,040</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ (854,040)</u>
GENERAL REVENUES					
Taxes:					
Property taxes, levied for community redevelopment					1,936,507
Investment earnings					24,254
Miscellaneous					2,970
Total general revenues					<u>1,963,731</u>
CHANGE IN NET POSITION					1,109,691
NET POSITION, beginning of year					<u>3,617,173</u>
NET POSITION, end of year					<u>\$ 4,726,864</u>

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Balance Sheet – Governmental Fund

September 30, 2023

	General Fund
ASSETS	
Equity in cash and investments	\$ 3,682,878
Deposits	1,000,000
Total assets	<u>\$ 4,682,878</u>
LIABILITIES	
Accounts payable	2,537
Construction costs payable	21,951
Total liabilities	<u>24,488</u>
FUND BALANCE	
Restricted for:	
Community redevelopment	4,658,390
Total fund balances	<u>4,658,390</u>
Total liabilities and fund balances	<u>\$ 4,682,878</u>
SUMMARY RECONCILIATION TO THE GOVERNMENT WIDE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS:	
FUND BALANCES - TOTAL GOVERNMENTAL FUND	\$ 4,658,390
<i>Reconciling items:</i>	
Capital assets used in the governmental activities are not financial resources and, therefore, are not reported in the funds.	68,474
NET POSITION OF GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES	<u>\$ 4,726,864</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements

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Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances – Governmental Fund

For the year ended September 30, 2023

	<u>General Fund</u>
REVENUES:	
Taxes	\$ 1,936,507
Investment income	24,254
Other	<u>2,970</u>
Total revenues	<u>1,963,731</u>
EXPENDITURES:	
Current:	
Economic environment	302,780
Capital outlay	<u>619,734</u>
Total expenditures	<u>922,514</u>
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE	1,041,217
FUND BALANCE, beginning of year	<u>3,617,173</u>
FUND BALANCE, end of year	<u>\$ 4,658,390</u>
 SUMMARY RECONCILIATION TO THE GOVERNMENT WIDE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS:	
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE - GOVERNMENTAL FUND	\$ 1,041,217
<i>Reconciling items:</i>	
Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures. However, those that meet the criteria for capitalization are reported as additions to capital assets and when the capital project is complete is transferred to the City.	
This is amount of capital assets recorded in the current period	<u>68,474</u>
CHANGE IN NET POSITION OF GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES	<u>\$ 1,109,691</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements

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Notes to Financial Statements

September 30, 2023

NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The Auburndale Community Redevelopment Agency's ("CRA") financial statements are prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (U.S. GAAP). The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is responsible for establishing U.S. GAAP for state and local governments through its statements (GASBS) and Interpretations (GASBI). The more significant accounting policies established by GAAP and used by the CRA are discussed below.

A. REPORTING ENTITY

The CRA is a dependent special district created in 1992 by the City of Auburndale, Florida (the "City") under Chapter 163, Part III, of the Florida Statutes via Ordinance No. 769. The CRA was created with the intent to undertake projects and programs in the CRA District that enhance beautification, infrastructure, and economic development. The CRA's property taxes are levied under the taxing authority of the City and are included as part of the City's total tax levy. The Board of the CRA is comprised of the five members of the City Commission plus two additional City residents appointed by the City Commission.

While the City and the CRA are separate legal entities, the parties share the mutual goal of redeveloping the CRA areas. The City provides administrative support services in the same manner as provided by the City in the conduct of its own affairs or as otherwise provided by the CRA Plan. City Management has operational responsibility for the CRA.

For the year ended September 30, 2023, the City assigned two full-time employees and a vehicle to the CRA District and approximately 50% of the Assistant City Manager's time to provide administrative and maintenance support services. The CRA paid the City approximately \$173,000 for the provision of these administrative and maintenance support services. The CRA also reimbursed the City \$5,010 to cover the additional audit fees incurred by the City due to the CRA audit and \$11,960 for water and sewer utility bills for water consumption within the CRA district.

The accompanying financial statements present the CRA and its component units, entities for which the CRA is financially accountable. Criteria for determining if other entities are potential component units of the CRA which should be reported with the CRA's basic financial statements are identified and described in the GASB Codification of Governmental Accounting and Financial Reporting Standards, Section 2100. The application of these criteria provides for identification of any entities for which the CRA is financially accountable and other organizations for which the nature and significance of their relationship with the CRA are such that exclusion would cause the CRA's basic financial statements to be misleading or incomplete. Based on these criteria, the financial reporting entity does not include or exclude any component units.

The City is financially accountable for the CRA and as such, the CRA is reported as a blended component unit in the City's basic financial statements.

B. BASIS OF PRESENTATION

The basic financial statements consist of the government-wide financial statements and fund financial statements.

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Notes to Financial Statements

September 30, 2023

NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (cont...)

Government-wide Financial Statements - The required government-wide financial statements are the Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities, which report information on all of the nonfiduciary activities of the CRA. The effects of interfund activity would have been removed from these statements if there were any interfund activity. *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 CRA does not engage in any business-type activities

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, including depreciation. *Program revenues* include 1) charges to customers or applicants who purchase, use, or directly benefit from goods, services, or privileges provided by a given function or segment, and 2) grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular function or segment. Taxes and other items not properly included among program revenues are reported instead as *general revenues*.

Fund Financial Statements - The financial transactions of the CRA are recorded in individual funds. Each fund is accounted for by providing a separate set of self-balancing accounts that comprises its assets, liabilities, deferred inflows and outflows of resources, fund equity, revenues and expenditures/expenses. The emphasis in fund financial statements is on the major funds in either the governmental or business-type activities categories. GASB Cod. Sec 2200 sets forth minimum criteria (percentage of the assets plus deferred outflows of resources, liabilities plus deferred inflows of resources, revenues or expenditures/expenses of either fund category or the governmental and enterprise combined) for the determination of major funds. Each major fund is presented in a separate column and all non-major funds are aggregated and presented in a single column. Due to the CRA's fund structure, there were no non-major funds.

The financial activities of the CRA are reported in a single governmental "general" fund. There are no other governmental funds, no proprietary funds nor any fiduciary funds.

C. MEASUREMENT FOCUS AND BASIS OF ACCOUNTING

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

Governmental fund financial statements are reported using the *current financial resources measurement focus* and the *modified accrual basis of accounting*. Revenues are recognized as soon as they are both measurable and available. Revenues are considered to be *available* when they are collectible within 60 days of the end of the current fiscal period. Expenditures generally are recorded when a liability is incurred, as under accrual accounting. However, debt service expenditures, as well as expenditures related to compensated absences, and claims and judgments, are recorded only when payment is due. General capital asset acquisitions are reported as expenditures in governmental funds. Issuance of long-term debt and acquisition under capital leases are reported as other financing sources.

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Notes to Financial Statements

September 30, 2023

NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (cont...)

Property taxes, other tax or fee revenue and interest associated with the current fiscal period are all considered to be susceptible to accrual as revenue of the current period. Expenditure-driven grants are recognized as revenue when the qualifying expenditures have been incurred and all other eligibility requirements have been met, and the amount is received during the period or within the availability period for this revenue source (within 60 days of year-end). All other revenue items are considered to be measurable and available only when cash is received by the CRA.

Imposed nonexchange resources (property taxes, fines) are reported as deferred inflows if received before the tax is levied or before the date when use is first permitted. Government mandated nonexchange transactions and voluntary nonexchange transactions are reported as liabilities until the eligibility requirements (excluding time requirements) are met and as deferred inflows if received before time requirements are met and all other eligibility requirements have been satisfied.

D. ASSETS, LIABILITIES, DEFERRED OUTFLOWS/INFLOWS OF RESOURCES AND NET POSITION/FUND BALANCE

CASH AND INVESTMENTS – Cash and investments are reported in the financial statements as “Equity in cash and investments” under the City’s “pooling” concept (See Note 4). The City’s governmental funds and the proprietary fund deposits monies into the equity in cash and investment pool. Investment earnings are distributed in accordance with the participating funds relative percentage of investments.

- **Equity in Cash and Investments** – The City maintains an accounting system which centralizes the investment function of all funds. The CRA’s “share” of these pooled cash and investments is included in equity in cash and investments on the accompanying balance sheets/statements of net position.
- **Restricted Equity in Cash and Investments** – Represents equity in pooled cash and investments and separately identified investments that are legally restricted to specific uses by external parties or enabling legislation. While all CRA assets are restricted for community redevelopment purposes, any amounts reported as *restricted equity in cash and investments* have additional restrictions above and beyond the general restriction on CRA assets. The CRA generally uses restricted resources first when an expenditure/expense is incurred for which both restricted and unrestricted resources are available.

INVESTMENTS – All investments include in the cash and investment pool are reported at fair value or amortized cost, which approximates fair value, which is the price that would be received to sell an investment in an orderly transaction between market participants.

INVENTORY – Inventories of expendable supplies are recorded at year-end, if material. These inventories are reported at cost on a first-in, first-out basis. They are recorded as expenditures at the time individual inventory items are used.

CAPITAL ASSETS – In the government-wide financial statements capital assets may include land, buildings, improvements, infrastructure, and furniture and equipment.

The CRA often engages in the construction, renovation, and/or acquisition of capital assets which may include land, buildings, improvements or furniture and equipment. None of these assets are titled to the CRA and the CRA does not have operational oversight nor obligation for ongoing repair and maintenance of the assets rather the assets are transferred to the City upon acquisition or upon completion of construction or renovation.

AUBURNDALE COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY

(A Component Unit of the City of Auburndale, Florida)

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NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (cont...)

For long term construction or renovation projects, the costs are capitalized as *construction in process* in the governmental activities of the CRA and are transferred to the City upon completion. Capital assets transferred to the City are reported a functional expense in the statement of activities.

In the event that capital assets are purchased and titled to the CRA or if the CRA is obligated for ongoing operational responsibility of a capital asset, the CRA would report these at historical cost, if purchased and at estimated acquisition value if donated. Capital assets are defined by City ordinance as tangible property with an individual cost of \$5,000 or land, buildings or improvements having an initial cost of \$25,000 and an estimated useful life more than one year. Such assets are recorded at historical cost, if purchased, and at acquisition value at date of gift, if donated. Maintenance and repairs which do not improve or extend the life of the respective assets are charged to expense.

In the fund financial statements, capital assets are accounted for as capital outlay expenditures of the CRA's general fund upon acquisition.

EQUITY CLASSIFICATIONS -

Government-wide Statements - The difference between (a) assets and deferred outflows of resources and (b) liabilities and deferred inflows of resources is classified as net position and displayed in three components:

Net investment in capital assets - Consists of capital assets including restricted capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation and reduced by the outstanding balances of any bonds, mortgages, notes, or other borrowings that are attributable to the acquisition, construction, or improvement of those assets.

Restricted net position – Consists of net position with constraints placed on their use either by (1) external groups such as creditors, grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments; or (2) law through constitutional provisions.

Unrestricted net position - Consists of the net amount of the assets, deferred outflows of resources, liabilities, and deferred inflows of resources that are not included in the determination of net investment in capital assets or the restricted component of net position.

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

Fund Statements - The governmental fund financial statements present fund balances based on classifications that comprise a hierarchy that is based primarily on the extent to which the CRA is bound to honor the constraints on the specific purposes for which amounts in those funds can be spent. Spendable resources are to be shown as restricted, committed, assigned and unassigned as considered appropriate in the CRA's circumstances. The following classifications describe the relative strength of the spending constraints:

Nonspendable — amounts that cannot be spent either because they are in nonspendable form (such as inventory) or because they are legally or contractually required to be maintained intact.

Restricted — amounts that can be spent only for specific purposes stipulated by (a) external resource providers such as creditors (by debt covenants), grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments; or (b) imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.

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NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (concluded)

Committed — This classification includes amounts that can be used only for specific purposes pursuant to constraints imposed by formal action (resolution) of the CRA’s Board of Directors. These amounts cannot be used for any other purpose unless the Board of Directors removes or changes the specified use by taking the same type of action (resolution) that was employed when the funds were initially committed. This classification also includes contractual obligations to the extent that existing resources have been specifically committed for use in satisfying those contractual requirements.

Assigned — This classification includes amounts that are constrained by the CRA's intent to be used for a specific purpose but are neither restricted nor committed. This intent can be expressed by the CRA Board of Directors or through the Board of Directors delegating this responsibility to the City Manager through the budgetary process. The CRA’s Board of Directors has not established a formal policy regarding authorization to assign fund balance amounts for a specific purpose.

Unassigned — all other spendable amounts.

The CRA uses restricted fund balances first, followed by committed resources, and then assigned resources, as appropriate opportunities arise, but reserves the right to selectively spend unassigned resources first to defer the use of these other classified funds.

USE OF ESTIMATES – The preparation of the basic financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles, as applicable to government entities, requires management to make use of estimates that affect the reported amounts in the basic financial statements. Actual results could differ from estimates.

NOTE 2 – INCREMENTAL PROPERTY TAX REVENUE

The CRA’s primary source of revenue is tax-increment funds. This revenue is computed by applying the respective operating tax rates for the City and Polk County, Florida (the “County”) multiplied by the increased value of property located within the boundaries of the redevelopment areas of the CRA in excess of the base property value, minus 5%. The City and County are required to fund this amount annually by January 1 of each year without regard to tax collections or other obligations.

The City and County millage rates in effect for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2023 were 4.2515 and 6.3920, respectively.

NOTE 3 - BUDGETARY LAW AND PRACTICE

The budget is approved by the Board of Directors of the CRA and then formally adopted by an Ordinance of the City Commission on or before October 1 of each year. Because the City has operational responsibility for the CRA, the CRA utilizes the City’s budgetary level of control policy which establishes the legal level of budgetary control at the fund level for all the CRA’s funds. Expenditures may not exceed appropriations at this level. Within these control levels, management may transfer appropriations subject to notification of the CRA’s Board of Directors; however, any revisions that alter the total expenditure of any fund must be approved by an Ordinance of the City Commission. Budgets for all funds are adopted on the basis of cash receipts and disbursements which differs from the basis used for financial reporting purposes. These differences are usually not significant.

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September 30, 2023

NOTE 4 – CASH, CASH EQUIVALENTS AND INVESTMENTS

As previously discussed, the amounts reported as *equity in cash and investments*, is the CRA's claim on the cash and investment pool maintained by the City. On September 30, 2023, 20% of the City's cash and investments pool consisted of deposits in financial institutions, 51% of investments in the FL SAFE Stable NAV Fund and 29% of direct investments with the United States Treasury. FL SAFE Stable NAV Fund is a local government investment trust that provides the opportunity for Florida local governments to pool their funds to invest pursuant to Section 218.415, Florida Statutes. The FL SAFE Stable NAV Fund is similar to a money market investment in that it strives to maintain a net asset value of \$1.00 per share and meets the criteria of GASB Cod. Sec. In5 to measure all pooled investments at amortized cost. The FL SAFE Stable NAV Fund is S&P rated AAAM with a weighted average maturity of 66 days as of March 30, 2023 (latest information available). The investments with the United States Treasury consist of treasury notes and bills with a weighted average yield of 4.261% and a weighted average to maturity of 229 days on September 30, 2023.

The remainder of Note 4 refers to City investment and risk policies. Because City Management has operational responsibility for the CRA and because the CRA funds are combined with other City funds for investment purposes, references to the City apply to the CRA because of this arrangement.

Custodial Credit Risk-Deposits - Custodial credit risk for deposits is the risk that, in the event of a bank failure, the CRA's cash deposits may not be returned to the CRA.

The City's deposits (cash and certificates of deposit) are insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) up to \$250,000 per financial institution. All deposits are held in *qualified public* depositories. These depositories participate in a shared risk collateral pool overseen by the State of Florida and established by Florida Statute. The State of Florida collateral pool is a multiple financial institution pool which provides for additional amounts to be assessed to the members of the pool if the value of the pool's collateral is inadequate to cover a loss. The amounts covered by the pool are considered *insured* for financial reporting disclosure requirements. Because of this arrangement and the fact, the CRA's deposits are maintained within the City's cash and investments pool, management believes the CRA's deposits are not exposed to custodial credit risk.

Investment Policy – The City does not have a formal investment policy and are therefore required to adhere to Section 218.415 (17), Florida Statutes which allows the City to invest surplus funds in the following investments: Local Government Surplus Funds Trust Fund, money market funds with the highest credit quality rating, time deposits or savings accounts in qualified public depositories, direct obligations of the U.S. Treasury or any intergovernmental investment pool authorized pursuant to the Florida Interlocal Cooperation Act of 1969.

Custodial credit risk – Investments - Custodial credit risk for investments is the risk that, in the event of a failure by the counterparty, the CRA will not be able to recover the value of its investments or collateral securities that are in possession of an outside party. The City has no formal policy regarding custodial credit risk. The City's investments in the FL SAFE Stable NAV fund and direct investments with the United States Treasury are investments in external investment pools or with the U.S. government and are not exposed to custodial credit risk.

Concentration of Credit Risk - Concentration of credit risk is defined as when five percent or more of the total investments are invested with one issuer. Investments issued or explicitly guaranteed by the United States government and investments in mutual funds or pools are excluded. There were no concentrations to disclose for the year ended September 30, 2023.

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NOTE 4 – CASH, CASH EQUIVALENTS AND INVESTMENTS(concluded)

Investments – Fair Value

The City categorizes its fair value measurements within the fair value hierarchy established by U.S. GAAP. The hierarchy is based on the valuation inputs used to measure the fair value of the asset. Level 1 inputs are quoted prices in active markets for identical assets; Level 2 inputs are significant other observable inputs; and Level 3 inputs are significant unobservable inputs.

The City has the following recurring fair value measurements as of September 30, 2023:

- U.S. Treasury investments of \$16,466,360 are valued using prices or quotes from exchanges or listed markets to obtain proxy observable market data that is proven to be highly correlated and has a logical, economic relationship with the assets being valued (Level 2 inputs).

NOTE 5 - MAJOR CUSTOMERS

With respect to the ad-valorem (property taxes) taxes, the CRA’s largest taxpayer represents 25% of its ad-valorem taxes.

NOTE 6 - RISK MANAGEMENT AND LITIGATION

During the ordinary course of its operations, the CRA may be exposed to various risks of losses related to torts; theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; errors and omissions, injuries to employees, and natural disasters. The CRA is covered by the City’s insurance plans. The City maintains commercial insurance coverage in amounts management feels is adequate to protect and safeguard the assets of the City. In the opinion of the City’s management and legal counsel, legal claims and litigation are not anticipated to have material impact on the financial position of the CRA.

The CRA may be contingently liable with respect to lawsuits and other claims which arise in the ordinary course of carrying out its public service. Management believes that any losses not covered by insurance which may ultimately be incurred as a result of the suits and claims will not be material, with the exception of attorney’s fees which are not determinable.

NOTE 7 – DEPOSITS

The CRA reports \$1,000,000 as a deposit asset on September 30, 2023. This deposit represents a payment to the general fund of the City that will be used towards the purchase of real property owned by the City. The CRA Board of Directors passed resolution CRA-2024-01 on January 24, 2024, which authorized the purchase of 5 parcels of real property owned by the City for a purchase price of \$3,500,000 payable from CRA tax increment revenue in fiscal year 2024 and the \$1,000,000 deposit paid to the City during the fiscal year ending September 30, 2023. The properties will be leased back to the City for nominal consideration until the current City operations are moved to new facilities at which time the properties will become CRA redevelopment projects.

REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

AUBURNDALE COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY

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Budgetary Comparison Schedule – General Fund

For the year ended September 30, 2023

	<u>Budgeted Amounts</u>		<u>Actual</u>	<u>Variance with</u> <u>Final Budget</u>
	<u>Original</u>	<u>Final</u>	<u>Amounts</u> <u>(budgetary</u> <u>basis)</u>	
RESOURCES:				
Taxes	\$ 1,651,300	\$ 1,909,507	\$ 1,936,507	\$ 27,000
Other	100	22,904	27,224	4,320
Total resources	<u>1,651,400</u>	<u>1,932,411</u>	<u>1,963,731</u>	<u>31,320</u>
CHARGES TO APPROPRIATIONS:				
Economic environment	531,900	334,628	302,780	31,848
Capital outlay	<u>1,119,500</u>	<u>1,597,783</u>	<u>619,734</u>	<u>978,049</u>
Total charges to appropriations	<u>1,651,400</u>	<u>1,932,411</u>	<u>922,514</u>	<u>1,009,897</u>
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF RESOURCES OVER				
(UNDER) CHARGES TO APPROPRIATIONS	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 1,041,217</u>	<u>\$ 1,041,217</u>

OTHER INFORMATION SECTION

AUBURNDALE COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY

Data Elements required by Section 218.32(1)(e), *Florida Statutes*

September 30, 2023

<u>Data Element</u>	<u>Reference</u>	<u>Comment</u>
The total number of CRA employees compensated in the last pay period of the CRA’s fiscal year being reported	Section 218.32(1)(e)(2)(a)	The CRA has no employees.
The total number of independent contractors to whom nonemployee compensation was paid in the last month of the CRA’s fiscal year being reported.	Section 218.32(1)(e)(2)(b)	0
All compensation earned by or awarded to CRA employees, whether paid or accrued, regardless of contingency.	Section 218.32(1)(e)(2)(c)	The CRA has no employees.
All compensation earned by or awarded to CRA nonemployee independent contractors, whether paid or accrued, regardless of contingency.	Section 218.32(1)(e)(2)(d)	\$82,256
Budget variance report based on the budget adopted under Section 189.016(4), Florida Statutes, before the beginning of the fiscal year being reported if the CRA amended a final adopted budget under Section 189.016(6), Florida Statutes.	Section 218.32(1)(e)(3)	See page 22 of this annual financial report.
Each construction project with a total cost of at least \$65,000 approved by the CRA that is scheduled to begin on or after October 1 of the fiscal year being reported, together with the total expenditures for such project.	Section 218.32(1)(e)(2)(e)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CRA streetscaping \$174,100 • Park Street Commercial/Civic Center Relocation \$1,000,860

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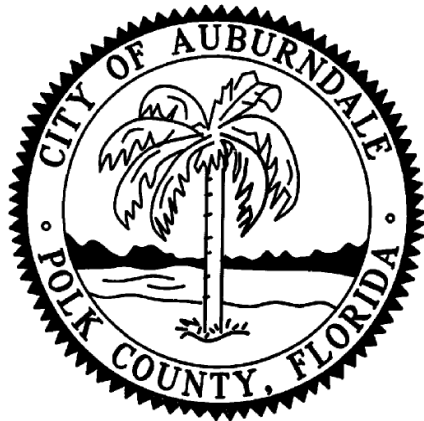
AUBURNDALE COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY

Data Elements required by Section 218.32(1)(e), *Florida Statutes* (concluded)

September 30, 2023

Auburndale Community Redevelopment Agency budget variance report for the year end September 30, 2023 based on the budget adopted under Section 189.016(4), Florida Statutes, before the beginning of the fiscal year being reported, if the CRA amended a final adopted budget under Section 189.016(6), Florida Statutes.

	<u>Original Budget</u>	<u>Actual Amounts (budgetary basis)</u>	<u>Variance with Original Budget</u>
RESOURCES:			
Taxes	\$ 1,651,300	\$ 1,936,507	\$ 285,207
Other	100	27,224	27,124
Total resources	<u>1,651,400</u>	<u>1,963,731</u>	<u>312,331</u>
CHARGES TO APPROPRIATIONS:			
Economic environment	531,900	302,780	229,120
Capital outlay	<u>1,119,500</u>	<u>619,734</u>	<u>499,766</u>
Total charges to appropriations	<u>1,651,400</u>	<u>922,514</u>	<u>728,886</u>
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF RESOURCES OVER (UNDER) CHARGES TO APPROPRIATIONS	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 1,041,217</u>	<u>\$ 1,041,217</u>



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GOVERNMENT AUDITING SECTION

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

Honorable Chair and Members of the City of Auburndale Community Redevelopment Agency
City of Auburndale, 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 and each major fund of the Auburndale Community Redevelopment Agency (the CRA), a component unit of the City of Auburndale, Florida (the City), as of and for the year ended September 30, 2023, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the CRA's basic financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated February 15, 2024.

Internal Control over Financial Reporting

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

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

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

Compliance and Other Matters

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

Purpose of this Report

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

Brynjulfson CPA, P.A.

Brynjulfson CPA, P.A.
Auburndale, Florida
February 15, 2024



INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT ON COMPLIANCE
WITH SECTIONS 218.415, 163.387(6) AND 163.387(7), FLORIDA STATUTES

Honorable Chair and Members of the City of Auburndale Community Redevelopment Agency
City of Auburndale, Florida

We have examined the Auburndale Community Redevelopment Agency's (the CRA) compliance with Section 218.415, *Florida Statutes*, regarding the investment of public funds during the year ended September 30, 2023. We have also examined the CRA's compliance with Sections 163.387 (6) and (7), *Florida Statutes* during the year ended September 30, 2023. Management is responsible for the CRA's compliance with these specified requirements. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the CRA's compliance based on our examination.

The CRA is a component unit of the City of Auburndale, Florida.

Our examination was conducted in accordance with attestation standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. Those standards required that we plan and perform the examination to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the CRA complied, in all material respects, with the specified requirements referenced above. An examination involves performing procedures to obtain evidence about whether CRA complied with the specified requirements. The nature, timing and extent of the procedures selected depend on our judgment, including an assessment of the risks of material 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.

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

Our examination does not provide a legal determination of CRA's compliance with the specified requirements.

In our opinion, the Auburndale Community Redevelopment Agency complied, in all material respects, with the aforementioned requirements of Section 218.415, and Sections 163.387 (6) and (7), *Florida Statutes* for the year ended September 30, 2023.

Brynjulfson CPA, P.A.

Brynjulfson CPA, P.A.
Auburndale, Florida
February 15, 2024

MANAGEMENT LETTER

Honorable Chair and Members of the City of Auburndale Community Redevelopment Agency
City of Auburndale, Florida

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the financial statements of the Auburndale Community Redevelopment Agency (the CRA), a component unit of the City of Auburndale, Florida, as of and for the year ended September 30, 2023, and have issued our report thereon dated February 15, 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 and Chapter 10.550, Rules of the Auditor General.

Other Reporting Requirements

We have issued our Independent Auditor's Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting and Compliance and Other Matters Based on an Audit of the Financial Statements Performed in Accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* and Independent Accountant's Report on an examination conducted in accordance with *AICPA Professional Standards*, AT-C Section 315, regarding compliance with the requirements of Section 218.415, and Sections 163.387(6) and (7), Florida Statutes in accordance with Chapter 10.550, Rules of the Auditor General. Disclosures in those reports, which are dated February 15, 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 findings or 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. For the legal authority of the CRA, see footnote A of the summary of significant accounting policies in the notes to financial statements. There are no component units of the CRA.

Financial Condition and Management

Section 10.554(1)(i)5.a. and 10.556(7), Rules of the Auditor General, requires us to apply appropriate procedures and communicate the results of our determination as to whether or not the CRA has met one or more of the conditions described in Section 218.503(1), Florida Statutes, and to identify the specific condition(s) met. In connection with our audit of the financial statements of the CRA, we determined that the CRA did not meet any of the specified 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 for the CRA. It is management's responsibility to monitor the CRA'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 communicate 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.

Specific Information

Management has provided the specific information required by Section 218.39(3)(c), Florida Statutes in the other information section of the financial statements beginning on page 21,

Other 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 note 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, members of the CRA Board of Commissioners, members of the City of Auburndale City Commission, and applicable management, and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

Brynjulfson CPA, P.A.

Brynjulfson CPA, P.A.
Auburndale, Florida
February 15, 2024