

OFFICIAL STATEMENT DATED MARCH 3, 2025

In the opinion of Bond Counsel, interest on the Bonds will be excludable from gross income for federal income tax purposes under statutes, regulations, published rulings and court decisions on the date thereof, subject to the matters described under "TAX MATTERS" herein, including the alternative minimum tax on certain corporations.

NEW ISSUE: BOOK-ENTRY-ONLY

**RATINGS: S&P Global Ratings (Insured)..... "AA"
S&P Global Ratings (Underlying). "AA-"**

See "RATINGS," "BOND INSURANCE" and "BOND INSURANCE RISK FACTORS" herein

\$20,350,000

CITY OF FRIENDSWOOD, TEXAS

(A home rule city of the State of Texas located within Galveston and Harris Counties)

WATERWORKS AND SEWER SYSTEM REVENUE BONDS, SERIES 2025

Dated: March 1, 2025

Due: March 1 (as shown on page ii)

Interest Accrual Date: Delivery Date

Principal of and interest on the \$20,350,000 City of Friendswood, Texas, Waterworks and Sewer System Revenue Bonds, Series 2025 (the "Bonds") are payable by The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A., Dallas, Texas, the initial paying agent/registrant (the "Paying Agent/Registrar"). The definitive Bonds are initially registered and delivered only to Cede & Co., the nominee of The Depository Trust Company ("DTC") pursuant to the Book-Entry-Only System described herein. Beneficial ownership of the Bonds may be acquired in denominations of \$5,000 or integral multiples thereof. **No physical delivery of the Bonds will be made to the beneficial owners thereof.** Principal of and interest on the Bonds will be payable by the Paying Agent/Registrar to Cede & Co., which will make distribution of the amounts so paid to the beneficial owners of the Bonds. See "THE BONDS - Book-Entry-Only System" herein.

Interest on the Bonds will accrue from the date of their initial delivery to the initial purchaser thereof named below (the "Underwriters"), and is payable on March 1 and September 1 of each year, commencing September 1, 2025, to the registered owners (initially Cede & Co.) appearing on the registration books of the Paying Agent/Registrar on the 15th day of the month preceding each interest payment date. Interest accruing on the Bonds will be calculated on the basis of a 360-day year of twelve 30-day months. See "THE BONDS - Description."

The Bonds are special obligations of the City of Friendswood, Texas (the "City") and are payable from a first lien on and pledge of the Net Revenues (hereinafter defined) of the City's waterworks and sewer system (the "System") on parity with the City's outstanding System revenue bonds. The Bonds are further secured by amounts on deposit in the Reserve Fund. The City has not covenanted nor obligated itself to pay the bonds from monies raised or to be raised from taxation. See "THE BONDS – Source of Payment" and "SELECTED PROVISIONS OF THE ORDINANCE." The Bonds are issued pursuant to the Constitution and general laws of the State of Texas, particularly Chapter 1502, Texas Government Code, as amended, and an ordinance authorizing the issuance of the Bonds. See "THE BONDS – Authority for Issuance."

Proceeds from the sale of the Bonds will be used to make certain extensions and improvements to the System, to fund a deposit to the Reserve Fund, and to pay the costs of issuance of the Bonds. See "THE BONDS - Use of Proceeds."



The scheduled payment of principal of and interest on the Bonds when due will be guaranteed under a municipal bond insurance policy to be issued concurrently with the delivery of the Bonds by BUILD AMERICA MUTUAL ASSURANCE COMPANY. See "BOND INSURANCE" AND "SPECIMEN MUNICIPAL BOND INSURANCE POLICY" in APPENDIX D.

MATURITIES, PRINCIPAL AMOUNTS, INTEREST RATES, INITIAL YIELDS AND 9 DIGIT CUSIP -

See Schedules on Page ii

The Bonds are offered when, as and if issued, subject to the approving opinion of the Attorney General of the State of Texas and the opinion of McCall, Parkhurst & Horton L.L.P., Houston, Texas, Bond Counsel for the City, as to the validity of the issuance of the Bonds under the Constitution and laws of the State of Texas. See "LEGAL MATTERS." Certain legal matters will be passed upon for the Underwriters by Holland & Knight LLP, Houston, Texas, as counsel to the Underwriters. Initial delivery of the Bonds through DTC is expected to be on or about March 27, 2025.

SAMCO CAPITAL

FHN FINANCIAL CAPITAL MARKETS

**PRINCIPAL AMOUNTS, MATURITIES, INTEREST RATES AND PRICES
(Due March 1)**

\$15,200,000 Serial Bonds

Maturity March 1	Principal Amount	Interest Rate	Initial Reoffering Yield (a)	CUSIP Nos. 358595 (b)	Maturity March 1	Principal Amount	Interest Rate	Initial Reoffering Yield (a)	CUSIP Nos. 358595 (b)
2026	\$ 105,000	6.00%	2.85%	JA5	2036(c)	\$ 905,000	5.00%	3.31%	JL1
2027	200,000	6.00	2.86	JB3	2037(c)	950,000	5.00	3.38	JM9
2028	205,000	6.00	2.91	JC1	2038(c)	1,000,000	5.00	3.44	JN7
2029	110,000	6.00	2.95	JD9	2039(c)	1,070,000	5.00	3.53	JP2
2030	110,000	6.00	2.98	JE7	2040(c)	1,120,000	5.00	3.64	JQ0
2031	655,000	6.00	3.02	JF4	2041(c)	1,180,000	5.00	3.75	JR8
2032	695,000	6.00	3.06	JG2	2042(c)	1,045,000	5.00	3.87	JS6
2033	740,000	6.00	3.12	JH0	2043(c)	1,100,000	5.00	3.98	JT4
2034	790,000	6.00	3.21	JJ6	2044(c)	1,155,000	5.00	4.04	JU1
2035	850,000	6.00	3.27	JK3	2045(c)	1,215,000	5.00	4.09	JV9

\$5,150,000 Term Bonds

\$1,930,000 Term Bond Due March 1, 2047(a)(c)(d) Interest Rate 4.25% (Price \$98.593) CUSIP Number 358595 JX5(b)
 \$3,220,000 Term Bond Due March 1, 2050(a)(c)(d) Interest Rate 4.25% (Price \$97.740) CUSIP Number 358595 KA3(b)

- (a) The initial yields have been established by and are the sole responsibility of the Underwriters. Initial yields are calculated to the earlier of maturity or the first optional redemption date.
- (b) CUSIP® is a registered trademark of the American Bankers Association. CUSIP Global Services ("CGS") is managed on behalf of the American Bankers Association by FactSet Research Systems Inc. All rights reserved. CUSIP® data herein provided is provided by CGS. This data is not intended to create a database and does not serve in any way as a substitute for the CGS database. CUSIP® numbers are provided for convenience of reference only. None of the City, the Underwriters, or their agents or counsel assume responsibility for the accuracy of such numbers.
- (c) The Bonds maturing on March 1, 2036 and thereafter are subject to redemption on March 1, 2035 or any date thereafter, at the option of the City, at the par value thereof plus accrued interest from the most recent interest payment date to the date of redemption. See "THE BONDS – Optional Redemption."
- (d) Subject to mandatory redemption in the years and in the amounts set forth herein under the caption "THE BONDS - Mandatory Sinking Fund Redemption."

USE OF INFORMATION IN OFFICIAL STATEMENT

No dealer, broker, salesman or other person has been authorized by the City to give any information or to make any representation other than those contained in this Official Statement, and, if given or made, such other information or representations must not be relied upon as having been authorized by the City.

This Official Statement is not to be used in an offer to sell or the solicitation of an offer to buy in any state in which such offer or solicitation is not authorized or in which the person making such offer or solicitation is not qualified to do so or to any person to whom it is unlawful to make such offer or solicitation.

This Official Statement contains, in part, estimates, assumptions and matters of opinion which are not intended as statements of fact, and no representation is made as to the correctness of such estimates, assumptions or matters of opinion or as to the likelihood that they will be realized. Any information and expressions of opinion herein contained are subject to change without notice, and neither the delivery of this Official Statement nor any sale made hereunder shall, under any circumstances, create any implication that there has been no change in the condition of the City or other matters described herein since the date hereof.

The Underwriters have provided the following sentence for inclusion in this Official Statement. The Underwriters have reviewed the information in this Official Statement in accordance with, and as part of its responsibilities to investors under federal securities laws as applied to the facts and circumstances of this transaction, but the Underwriters do not guarantee the accuracy or completeness of such information.

NEITHER THE CITY, THE FINANCIAL ADVISOR NOR THE UNDERWRITERS MAKE ANY REPRESENTATION OR WARRANTY WITH RESPECT TO THE INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THIS OFFICIAL STATEMENT REGARDING DTC OR ITS BOOK-ENTRY-ONLY SYSTEM.

THE COVER PAGE CONTAINS CERTAIN INFORMATION FOR GENERAL REFERENCE ONLY AND IS NOT INTENDED AS A SUMMARY OF THIS OFFERING. INVESTORS SHOULD READ THIS ENTIRE OFFICIAL STATEMENT, INCLUDING THE ATTACHED APPENDICES, TO OBTAIN INFORMATION ESSENTIAL TO MAKING AN INFORMED INVESTMENT DECISION.

IN CONNECTION WITH THIS OFFERING, THE UNDERWRITERS MAY OVER-ALLOT OR EFFECT TRANSACTIONS WHICH STABILIZE OR MAINTAIN THE MARKET PRICE OF THE BONDS AT A LEVEL ABOVE THAT WHICH MIGHT OTHERWISE PREVAIL IN THE OPEN MARKET. SUCH STABILIZING, IF COMMENCED, MAY BE DISCONTINUED AT ANY TIME.

THE BONDS ARE EXEMPT FROM REGISTRATION WITH THE UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION AND CONSEQUENTLY HAVE NOT BEEN REGISTERED THEREWITH. THE REGISTRATION, QUALIFICATION, OR EXEMPTION OF THE BONDS IN ACCORDANCE WITH APPLICABLE SECURITIES LAW PROVISIONS OF THE JURISDICTIONS IN WHICH THE BONDS HAVE BEEN REGISTERED, QUALIFIED, OR EXEMPTED SHOULD NOT BE REGARDED AS A RECOMMENDATION THEREOF.

All information contained in this Official Statement is subject, in all respects, to the complete body of information contained in the original sources thereof and no guaranty, warranty, or other representation is made concerning the accuracy or completeness of the information herein. In particular, no opinion or representation is rendered as to whether any projection will approximate actual results, and all opinions, estimates and assumptions, whether or not expressly identified as such, should not be considered statements of fact.

References to web site addresses presented herein are for informational purposes only and may be in the form of a hyperlink solely for the reader's convenience. Unless specified otherwise, such web sites and the information or links contained therein are not incorporated into, and are not part of, this official statement for purposes of, and as that term is defined in, Rule 15c2-12.

Build America Mutual Assurance Company ("BAM") makes no representation regarding the Bonds or the advisability of investing in the Bonds. In addition, BAM has not independently verified, makes no representation regarding, and does not accept any responsibility for the accuracy or completeness of this Official Statement or any information or disclosure contained herein, or omitted herefrom, other than with respect to the accuracy of the information regarding BAM, supplied by BAM and presented under the heading "BOND INSURANCE" and "APPENDIX D - SPECIMEN MUNICIPAL BOND INSURANCE POLICY".

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The cover page hereof, maturity schedule, the section entitled "OFFICIAL STATEMENT SUMMARY," this Table of Contents and the Appendices attached hereto are part of this Official Statement.

\$20,350,000

CITY OF FRIENDSWOOD, TEXAS

(A home rule city of the State of Texas located within Galveston and Harris Counties)

WATERWORKS AND SEWER SYSTEM REVENUE BONDS, SERIES 2025

INTRODUCTORY STATEMENT

Information contained in this Official Statement, including Appendices A and B, has been obtained from the City of Friendswood, Texas (the "City") in connection with the offering by the City of its \$20,350,000 Waterworks and Sewer System Revenue Bonds, Series 2025 (the "Bonds") identified on the cover page and page ii hereof.

All financial and other information presented in this Official Statement has been provided by the City from its records, except for information expressly attributed to other sources. The presentation of information, including tables of receipts from taxes and other sources, is intended to show recent historic information, and is not intended to indicate future or continuing trends in the financial position or other affairs of the City. No representation is made that past experience, as is shown by that financial and other information, will necessarily continue or be repeated in the future.

SALE AND DISTRIBUTION OF THE BONDS

Underwriting

The Underwriters have agreed to purchase the Bonds from the City for \$22,061,051.70 (being the principal amount of the Bonds, plus a net premium on the Bonds of \$1,838,239.20 and less an Underwriters' discount of \$127,187.50). The Underwriters' obligations are subject to certain conditions precedent, and they will be obligated to purchase all of the Bonds if any Bonds are purchased. The Bonds may be offered and sold to certain dealers and others at prices lower than such public offering prices, and the public prices of some Bonds may be changed, from time to time, by the Underwriters.

The Underwriters have provided the following sentence for inclusion in this Official Statement. The Underwriters have reviewed the information in this Official Statement pursuant to its responsibilities to investors under federal securities laws, but the Underwriters do not guarantee the accuracy or completeness of such information.

SAMCO Capital Markets Inc., an Underwriter of the Series 2025 Bonds, has entered into a retail distribution agreement with Fidelity Capital Markets, a division of National Financial Services LLC (together with its affiliates, "Fidelity"). Under this distribution agreement, SAMCO Capital Markets Inc. may distribute municipal securities to retail investors at the original issue price through Fidelity. As part of this arrangement, SAMCO Capital Markets Inc. will compensate Fidelity for its selling efforts.

Prices and Marketability

The delivery of the Bonds is conditioned upon the receipt by the City of a certificate executed and delivered by the Underwriters on or before the date of delivery of the Bonds stating the prices at which a substantial amount of the Bonds of each maturity have been, or were expected to be, sold to the public. For this purpose, the term "public" shall not include any person who is a bondhouse, broker or similar person acting in the capacity of underwriter or wholesaler. The City has no control over trading of the Bonds after a bona fide public offering of the Bonds is made by the Underwriters at the yields specified on page ii hereof. Information concerning reoffering yields or prices is the responsibility of the Underwriters.

The prices and other terms respecting the offering and sale of certain of the Bonds may be changed from time to time by the Underwriters after the Bonds are released for sale, and such Bonds may be offered and sold at prices other than the initial offering prices, including sales to dealers who may sell the Bonds into investment accounts. IN CONNECTION WITH THE OFFERING OF THE BONDS, THE UNDERWRITERS MAY OVER-ALLOT OR EFFECT TRANSACTIONS WHICH STABILIZE OR MAINTAIN THE MARKET PRICE OF THE BONDS AT A LEVEL ABOVE THAT WHICH MIGHT OTHERWISE PREVAIL IN THE OPEN MARKET. SUCH STABILIZING, IF COMMENCED, MAY BE DISCONTINUED AT ANY TIME.

Securities Laws

No registration statement relating to the Bonds has been filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, in reliance upon the exemptions provided thereunder. The Bonds have not been registered or qualified under the Securities Act of Texas in reliance upon various exemptions contained therein; nor have the Bonds been registered or qualified under the securities acts of any jurisdiction. The City assumes no responsibility for registration or qualification of the Bonds under the securities laws of any jurisdiction in which the

Bonds may be offered, sold or otherwise transferred. This disclaimer of responsibility for registration or qualification for sale or other disposition of the Bonds shall not be construed as an interpretation of any kind with regard to the availability of any exemption from securities registration or qualification provisions in such jurisdictions.

BOND INSURANCE

Bond Insurance Policy

Concurrently with the issuance of the Bonds, Build America Mutual Assurance Company ("BAM") will issue its Municipal Bond Insurance Policy for the Bonds (the "Policy"). The Policy guarantees the scheduled payment of principal of and interest on the Bonds when due as set forth in the form of the Policy included as an exhibit to this Official Statement.

The Policy is not covered by any insurance security or guaranty fund established under New York, California, Connecticut or Florida insurance law.

Build America Mutual Assurance Company

BAM is a New York domiciled mutual insurance corporation and is licensed to conduct financial guaranty insurance business in all fifty states of the United States and the District of Columbia. BAM provides credit enhancement products to issuers in the U.S. public finance markets. BAM will only insure municipal bonds, as defined in Section 6901 of the New York Insurance Law, which are most often issued by states, political subdivisions, integral parts of states or political subdivisions or entities otherwise eligible for the exclusion of income under section 115 of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended. No member of BAM is liable for the obligations of BAM.

The address of the principal executive offices of BAM is: 200 Liberty Street, 27th Floor, New York, New York 10281, its telephone number is: 212-235-2500, and its website is located at: www.bambonds.com.

BAM is licensed and subject to regulation as a financial guaranty insurance corporation under the laws of the State of New York and in particular Articles 41 and 69 of the New York Insurance Law.

BAM's financial strength is rated "AA/Stable" by S&P Global Ratings, a business unit of Standard & Poor's Financial Services LLC ("S&P"). An explanation of the significance of the rating and current reports may be obtained from S&P at <https://www.spglobal.com/en/>. The rating of BAM should be evaluated independently. The rating reflects S&P's current assessment of the creditworthiness of BAM and its ability to pay claims on its policies of insurance. The above rating is not a recommendation to buy, sell or hold the Bonds, and such rating is subject to revision or withdrawal at any time by S&P, including withdrawal initiated at the request of BAM in its sole discretion. Any downward revision or withdrawal of the above rating may have an adverse effect on the market price of the Bonds. BAM only guarantees scheduled principal and scheduled interest payments payable by the issuer of the Bonds on the date(s) when such amounts were initially scheduled to become due and payable (subject to and in accordance with the terms of the Policy), and BAM does not guarantee the market price or liquidity of the Bonds, nor does it guarantee that the rating on the Bonds will not be revised or withdrawn.

Capitalization of BAM

BAM's total admitted assets, total liabilities, and total capital and surplus, as of December 31, 2024 and as prepared in accordance with statutory accounting practices prescribed or permitted by the New York State Department of Financial Services were \$498.6 million, \$253.4 million and \$245.2 million, respectively.

BAM is party to a first loss reinsurance treaty that provides first loss protection up to a maximum of 15% of the par amount outstanding for each policy issued by BAM, subject to certain limitations and restrictions.

BAM's most recent Statutory Annual Statement, which has been filed with the New York State Insurance Department and posted on BAM's website at www.bambonds.com, is incorporated herein by reference and may be obtained, without charge, upon request to BAM at its address provided above (Attention: Finance Department). Future financial statements will similarly be made available when published.

BAM makes no representation regarding the Bonds or the advisability of investing in the Bonds. In addition, BAM has not independently verified, makes no representation regarding, and does not accept any responsibility for the accuracy or completeness of this Official Statement or any information or disclosure contained herein, or omitted herefrom, other than with respect to the accuracy of the information regarding BAM, supplied by BAM and presented under the heading "BOND INSURANCE".

Additional Information Available from BAM

Credit Insights Videos. For certain BAM-insured issues, BAM produces and posts a brief Credit Insights video that provides a discussion of the obligor and some of the key factors BAM's analysts and credit committee considered when approving the credit for insurance. The Credit Insights videos are easily accessible on BAM's website at <https://bambonds.com/insights/#video>. (The preceding website address is provided for convenience of reference only. Information available at such address is not incorporated herein by reference.)

Credit Profiles. Prior to the pricing of bonds that BAM has been selected to insure, BAM may prepare a pre-sale Credit Profile for those bonds. These pre-sale Credit Profiles provide information about the sector designation (e.g. general obligation, sales tax); a preliminary summary of financial information and key ratios; and demographic and economic data relevant to the obligor, if available. Subsequent to closing, for any offering that includes bonds insured by BAM, any pre-sale Credit Profile will be updated and superseded by a final Credit Profile to include information about the gross par insured by CUSIP, maturity and coupon. BAM pre-sale and final Credit Profiles are easily accessible on BAM's website at <https://bambonds.com/credit-profiles>. BAM will produce a Credit Profile for all bonds insured by BAM, whether or not a pre-sale Credit Profile has been prepared for such bonds. (The preceding website address is provided for convenience of reference only. Information available at such address is not incorporated herein by reference.)

Disclaimers. The Credit Profiles and the Credit Insights videos and the information contained therein are not recommendations to purchase, hold or sell securities or to make any investment decisions. Credit-related and other analyses and statements in the Credit Profiles and the Credit Insights videos are statements of opinion as of the date expressed, and BAM assumes no responsibility to update the content of such material. The Credit Profiles and Credit Insight videos are prepared by BAM; they have not been reviewed or approved by the issuer of or the underwriter for the Bonds, and the issuer and underwriter assume no responsibility for their content.

BAM receives compensation (an insurance premium) for the insurance that it is providing with respect to the Bonds. Neither BAM nor any affiliate of BAM has purchased, or committed to purchase, any of the Bonds, whether at the initial offering or otherwise.

BOND INSURANCE RISK FACTORS

Bond Insurance Risk Factors

In the event of default of the scheduled payment of principal of or interest on the Bonds when all or a portion thereof becomes due, any owner of the Bonds shall have a claim under the Policy for such payments. The payment of principal and interest in connection with mandatory or optional prepayment of the Bonds by the City which is recovered by the City from the bond owner as a voidable preference under applicable bankruptcy law is covered by the Policy; however, such payments will be made by BAM (the "Insurer") at such time and in such amounts as would have been due absent such prepayment by the City (unless the Insurer chooses to pay such amounts at an earlier date).

Payment of principal of and interest on the Bonds is not subject to acceleration, but other legal remedies upon the occurrence of non-payment do exist. The Insurer may reserve the right to direct the pursuit of available remedies, and, in addition, may reserve the right to consent to any remedies available to and requested by the owners.

In the event the Insurer is unable to make payment of principal and interest as such payments become due under the Policy, the Bonds are payable solely from the ad valorem tax levied, within the limits prescribed by law, on all taxable property located within the City. In the event the Insurer becomes obligated to make payments with respect to the Bonds, no assurance is given that such event will not adversely affect the market price or the marketability (liquidity) of the Bonds.

If a Policy is acquired, the long-term ratings on the Bonds will be dependent in part on the financial strength of the Insurer and its claims-paying ability. The Insurer's financial strength and claims-paying ability are predicated upon a number of factors which could change over time. No assurance can be given that the long-term ratings of the Insurer and of the ratings on the Bonds, whether or not subject to a Policy, will not be subject to downgrade and such event could adversely affect the market price or the marketability (liquidity) for the Bonds.

The obligations of the Insurer under a Policy are contractual obligations of the Insurer and in an event of default by the Insurer, the remedies available may be limited by applicable bankruptcy law or State law related to insolvency of insurance companies. None of the City, the Financial Advisor or the Underwriters has made independent investigation into the claims-paying ability of any potential Insurer and no assurance or representation regarding the financial strength or projected financial strength of any potential Insurer is given.

Claims-Paying Ability and Financial Strength of Municipal Bond Insurers

Moody's Investor Service, Inc., S&P Global Ratings, a division of S&P Global Inc., and Fitch Ratings (the "Rating Agencies") have downgraded and/or placed on negative watch the claims-paying ability and financial strength of most providers of municipal bond insurance. Additional downgrades or negative changes in the rating outlook for all bond insurers is possible. Thus, when making an investment decision, potential investors should carefully consider the ability of any such bond insurer to pay principal and interest on the Bonds and the claims-paying ability of any such bond insurer, particularly over the life of the Bonds.

RATINGS

In connection with the sale of the Bonds, the City has made application to S&P Global Ratings ("S&P"), for a rating on the Bonds, and a rating of "AA-" has been assigned. The Bonds are expected to receive an insured rating of "AA" from S&P solely in reliance upon the issuance of the municipal bond insurance policy issued by Build America Mutual Assurance Company at the time of delivery of the Bonds. An explanation of the significance of such rating may be obtained from S&P. The rating reflects only the view of S&P, and the City makes no representation as to the appropriateness of such rating.

There is no assurance that such rating will continue for any period of time or that such rating will not be revised downward or withdrawn entirely by S&P, if, in the judgment of S&P, circumstances so warrant. Any such downward revision or withdrawal of the rating may have an adverse effect on the market price of the Bonds.

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OFFICIAL STATEMENT SUMMARY

The following material is a summary of certain information contained herein and is qualified in its entirety by the detailed information and financial statements appearing elsewhere in this Official Statement. The reader should refer particularly to sections that are indicated for more complete information.

The Issuer	The City of Friendswood, Texas (the "City") is a political subdivision and home rule city of the State of Texas located primarily within Galveston County with a small portion in Harris County, Texas. See "ADMINISTRATION OF THE CITY" and "APPENDIX A – GENERAL INFORMATION REGARDING THE CITY OF FRIENDSWOOD, TEXAS" herein.
The Bonds	\$20,350,000 Waterworks and Sewer System Revenue Bonds, Series 2025 (the "Bonds"), are dated March 1, 2025. The Bonds include \$15,200,000 principal amount of serial bonds maturing March 1 in each of the years 2026 through 2045, both inclusive (the "Serial Bonds") and \$5,150,000 principal amount in term bonds maturing March 1 in each of the years 2047 and 2050 (the "Term Bonds"). See "THE BONDS – Description."
Payment of Interest.....	Interest on the Bonds will accrue from the date of their initial delivery to the Underwriters of the Bonds and will be payable on September 1, 2025 and semiannually thereafter on each succeeding March 1 and September 1 of each year until the earlier of stated maturity or prior redemption. See "THE BONDS – Description ").
Redemption Provisions.....	The Bonds are issued in fully registered form in integral multiples of \$5,000. The Bonds maturing on and after March 1, 2036 are subject to redemption on March 1, 2035 or any date thereafter, in whole or in part, at the option of the City, at a price of the par value thereof plus accrued interest from the most recent interest payment date to the date of redemption. See "THE BONDS – Optional Redemption." The Term Bonds are subject to mandatory sinking fund redemption as described herein. See "THE BONDS – Mandatory Sinking Fund Redemption."
Authority	The Bonds are special obligations of the City and are payable solely from a first lien on and pledge of the Net Revenues (hereinafter defined) of the City's waterworks and sewer system (the "System") on parity with the City's outstanding System revenue bonds. See "THE BONDS - Source of Payment." The Bonds are issued pursuant to the Constitution and general laws of the State of Texas, particularly Chapter 1502, Texas Government Code, as amended, and an ordinance authorizing the issuance of the Bonds. See "THE BONDS – Authority for Issuance."
Paying Agent/Registrar	The initial paying agent/registrar is The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A., Dallas, Texas (the "Paying Agent/Registrar"). The City intends to use the book-entry-only system of The Depository Trust Company ("DTC"), but reserves the right on its behalf or on behalf of the DTC to discontinue use of such system. See "THE BONDS - Book-Entry-Only System."
Source of Payment.....	Principal of and interest on the Bonds are payable from a first lien on and pledge of the Net Revenues (hereinafter defined) from the operations of the System on a parity with the City's Outstanding Bonds. See "SELECTED PROVISIONS OF THE ORDINANCE – Definitions" for a description of the Outstanding Bonds. The Bonds are further secured by amounts on deposit in the Reserve Fund. The Bonds are not a charge upon any other income or revenues of the City, and shall never constitute an indebtedness or pledge of the general credit or taxing powers of the City. The City has not covenanted nor obligated itself to pay the Bonds from monies raised or to be raised from taxation. See "THE BONDS - Source of Payment."
Use of Proceeds.....	Proceeds from the sale of the Bonds will be used to make certain System extensions and improvements, to fund a deposit to the Reserve Fund, and to pay the costs of issuance of the Bonds. See "THE BONDS - Use of Proceeds."

Payment Record	The City has never defaulted in the payment of its debt.
Municipal Bond Insurance	Build America Mutual Assurance Company ("BAM"). See "BOND INSURANCE" and "BOND INSURANCE RISK FACTORS" herein.
Ratings.....	S&P Global Ratings (Insured)..... "AA" S&P Global Ratings (Underlying)..... "AA-"
Tax Exemption	In the opinion of Bond Counsel, interest on the Bonds will be excludable from gross income for federal income tax purposes under existing law, subject to the matters described under "TAX MATTERS" herein. See "APPENDIX C."

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- Selected Financial Information -
(Unaudited)

The Revenue Bonds

Outstanding Parity Bonds (as of February 1, 2025)	\$	32,545,000
Plus: The Bonds.....		<u>20,350,000</u>
Total Revenue Supported Debt		<u>\$ 52,895,000</u>
 General Obligation Debt Payable From Waterworks and Sewer System Revenues	 \$	 15,150,000 (a)
 Fund Balances (Unaudited, as of September 30, 2024)		
Debt Service Fund.....	\$	208,512
Reserve Fund.....	\$	2,840,992 (b)
 Water and Sewer Operations (Unaudited, as of September 30, 2024)		
Total Revenues.....	\$	21,626,088
Total Expenditures		<u>12,537,228</u>
Net Revenues Available for Debt Service.....		<u>\$ 9,088,860</u>
 Coverage Based on Pro-forma Net Revenue		
Average Annual Debt Service of \$3,002,579 (2025-2050)		3.03 x(c)
Maximum Annual Debt Service of \$4,519,725 (2036)		2.01 x(c)
 Water Customers (as of January 2, 2025).....		14,577
Sewer Customers (as of January 2, 2025)		13,470

Summary of Water and Sewer Operating Revenues and Expenditures:

	Fiscal Year Ended September 30,				
	2024 (d)	2023	2022	2021	2020
Revenues	\$21,626,088	\$22,744,280	\$19,538,731	\$17,733,942	\$16,638,758
Expenditures	<u>12,537,228</u>	<u>11,858,868</u>	<u>10,973,905</u>	<u>11,232,178</u>	<u>11,512,671</u>
Revenue Available for Debt Service	<u>\$ 9,088,860</u>	<u>\$10,885,412</u>	<u>\$ 8,564,826</u>	<u>\$ 6,501,764</u>	<u>\$ 5,126,087</u>

- (a) Includes an aggregate \$15,150,000 of the City's General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2014, General Obligation Permanent Improvement and Refunding Bonds, Series 2016 and General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2016A (the "General Obligation Debt Payable From System Revenues") debt requirements, which are not Parity Bonds (herein defined) with the Bonds, but which pursuant to City policy are paid from revenues of the System and such policy is subject to change at the discretion of the City. Any such payments from Net Revenues (herein defined) to pay obligations that are not Parity Bonds is subordinate to Net Revenue payments on the Bonds and other Parity Bonds.
- (b) The Reserve Fund for Parity Bonds may be accumulated over time or provided by deposits of proceeds in connection with the issuance of the Parity Bonds. See "SELECTED PROVISIONS OF THE ORDINANCE – Reserve Fund." The increase in the Reserve Fund which is required in connection with the issuance of the Bonds will be funded by proceeds from the sale of the Bonds.
- (c) Does not include the General Obligation Debt Payable From System Revenues.
- (d) Unaudited, as of September 30, 2024.

INTRODUCTION

This Official Statement and the Appendices hereto provide certain information with respect to the issuance by the City of Friendswood, Texas (the "City") in connection with the offering by the City of its \$20,350,000 Waterworks and Sewer System Revenue Bonds, Series 2025 (the "Bonds").

The Bonds are issued pursuant to the Texas Constitution, the general laws of the State of Texas, including particularly Chapter 1502 Texas Government Code, as amended, and an ordinance authorizing issuance of the Bonds (the "Ordinance") adopted by the City Council of the City (the "Council").

There follows in this Official Statement descriptions of the Bonds, the plan of financing, and certain information about the City and its finances. All descriptions of documents contained herein are only summaries and are qualified in their entirety by reference to each such document. Copies of such documents may be obtained from the City upon request. Certain capitalized terms used in this Official Statement have the same meanings assigned to such terms in the ordinance authorizing the Bonds (the "Ordinance"), except as otherwise indicated herein.

THE BONDS

Special Obligations

THE BONDS ARE SPECIAL OBLIGATIONS OF THE CITY PAYABLE FROM AND SECURED BY A FIRST LIEN ON NET REVENUES AS COLLECTED AND RECEIVED BY THE CITY FROM THE OPERATION AND OWNERSHIP OF THE CITY'S WATERWORKS AND SEWER SYSTEM AND BY AMOUNTS ON DEPOSIT IN THE RESERVE FUND. THE LIEN ON NET REVENUES AND AMOUNTS ON DEPOSIT IN THE RESERVE FUND IS ON A PARITY WITH THE LIENS SECURING THE CITY'S OUTSTANDING SYSTEM BONDS AND ANY ADDITIONAL PARITY BONDS HEREAFTER ISSUED BY THE CITY. THE BONDS DO NOT CONSTITUTE AN INDEBTEDNESS OR GENERAL OBLIGATION OF THE CITY AND ARE NOT PAYABLE FROM FUNDS RAISED OR TO BE RAISED BY TAXATION AND OWNERS OF THE BONDS SHALL NEVER HAVE THE RIGHT TO DEMAND PAYMENT THEREOF FROM THE LEVY OF AD VALOREM TAXES OR FROM ANY SOURCE NOT PLEDGED TO PAYMENT OF THE BONDS. SEE "THE BONDS – Source of Payment."

Description

The Bonds are dated March 1, 2025 and interest on the Bonds will accrue from the date of initial delivery to the Underwriters. Interest is payable initially on September 1, 2025, and each March 1 and September 1 thereafter until the earlier of maturity or prior redemption. Interest accruing on the Bonds will be calculated on the basis of a 360-day year of twelve 30-day months. The Bonds are issued in fully registered form in denominations of \$5,000 each or any multiple thereof. Principal of the Bonds is payable at the principal payment office of The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A., Dallas, Texas (the "Paying Agent/Registrar"). Interest on the Bonds will be payable by check, dated as of the interest payment date, and mailed by the Paying Agent/Registrar to registered owners as shown on the records of the Paying Agent/Registrar. The Bonds initially will be registered only to Cede & Co., the nominee of The Depository Trust Company ("DTC") pursuant to the Book-Entry-Only System described below.

In the event the Book-Entry-Only-System is discontinued, the Bonds will be printed and delivered to the registered owners thereof, and thereafter the Bonds may be transferred and exchanged on the bond register kept by the Paying Agent/Registrar upon surrender and reissuance. The Bonds are exchangeable for an equal principal amount of Bonds of the same maturity in any authorized denomination upon surrender of the Bonds to be exchanged at the principal payment office of the Paying Agent/Registrar. No service charge will be made for any transfer, but the City may require payment of a sum sufficient to cover any tax or governmental charge payable in connection therewith. The Paying Agent/Registrar shall not be required to make any transfer or exchange of any Bonds during the period commencing with the close of business on any Record Date (defined below) and ending with the opening of business on the next following principal or interest payment date or, with respect to any Bond or any portion thereof called for redemption prior to maturity, within 45 days prior to its redemption date.

The record date (the "Record Date") for the interest payable on any interest payment date means the 15th day of the month next preceding such interest payment date.

It will be required that all transfers be made within three business days after request and presentation.

The City has agreed to replace mutilated, destroyed, lost or stolen Bonds upon surrender of the mutilated Bonds, or receipt of satisfactory evidence of such destruction, loss or theft, and receipt by the City and the Paying Agent/Registrar of security or indemnity to keep them harmless. The City may require payment of taxes, governmental charges and other expenses in connection with any such replacement.

Optional Redemption

The Bonds maturing on March 1, 2036 and thereafter are subject to optional redemption prior to maturity, in whole or in part, on March 1, 2035, or any date thereafter, at the option of the City at a price equal to the principal amount thereof plus accrued interest from the most recent interest payment date to the date of redemption. If less than all of the Bonds are redeemed at any time, the maturities of such Bonds to be redeemed shall be selected by the City. If less than all of a maturity of the Bonds is to be redeemed, the Paying Agent/Registrar (or DTC while the Bonds are in Book-Entry-Only form) shall determine by lot or other random selection method the Bonds, or portions thereof, within such maturity to be redeemed. If a Bond (or any portion of the principal sum thereof) shall have been called for redemption and notice of such redemption shall have been given, such Bond (or the principal amount thereof to be redeemed) shall become due and payable on such redemption date and interest thereon shall cease to accrue from and after the redemption date, provided funds for the payment of the redemption price and accrued interest thereon are held by the Paying Agent/Registrar on the redemption date.

Mandatory Sinking Fund Redemption

The Bonds maturing March 1 in each of the years 2047 and 2050 (the "Term Bonds ") are subject to scheduled mandatory redemption and will be redeemed by the City, in part at a price equal to the principal amount thereof, without premium, plus accrued interest to the redemption date, out of moneys available for such purpose in the Debt Service Fund, on the dates and in the respective principal amounts as set forth below:

\$1,930,000 Term Bonds Maturing March 1, 2047

<u>Mandatory Redemption Date</u>	<u>Principal Amount</u>
March 1, 2046	\$ 945,000
March 1, 2047 (Stated Maturity)	985,000

\$3,220,000 Term Bonds Maturing March 1, 2050

<u>Mandatory Redemption Date</u>	<u>Principal Amount</u>
March 1, 2048	\$1,030,000
March 1, 2049	1,070,000
March 1, 2050 (Stated Maturity)	1,120,000

Prior to each scheduled mandatory redemption date, the Paying Agent/Registrar shall select for redemption by lot, or by any other customary method that results in a random selection, a principal amount of Term Bonds equal to the aggregate principal amount of such Term Bonds to be redeemed, shall call such Term Bonds for redemption on such scheduled mandatory redemption date, and shall give notice of such redemption, as provided below. The principal amount of the Term Bonds required to be redeemed on any redemption date pursuant to the mandatory redemption provisions shall be reduced, at the option of the City, by the principal amount of any Term Bonds which, at least 45 days prior to the mandatory sinking fund redemption date (i) shall have been acquired by the City and delivered to the Paying Agent/Registrar for cancellation, or (ii) shall have been redeemed pursuant to the optional redemption provisions hereof and not previously credited to a mandatory sinking fund redemption.

Notice of Redemption

Not less than 30 days prior to a redemption date for the Bonds, the City shall cause a notice of redemption to be sent by United States mail, first class, postage prepaid, to the registered owners of the Bonds to be redeemed, in whole or in part at the address of the registered owner appearing on the registration books of the Paying Agent/Registrar. **ANY NOTICE OF REDEMPTION SO MAILED SHALL BE CONCLUSIVELY PRESUMED TO HAVE BEEN DULY GIVEN IRRESPECTIVE OF WHETHER RECEIVED BY THE BONDHOLDER, AND, SUBJECT TO PROVISION FOR PAYMENT OF THE REDEMPTION PRICE HAVING BEEN MADE AND THE SATISFACTION OF ANY OTHER CONDITION SPECIFIED IN THE NOTICE, INTEREST ON THE REDEEMED BONDS SHALL CEASE TO ACCRUE FROM AND AFTER SUCH REDEMPTION DATE NOTWITHSTANDING THAT A BOND HAS NOT BEEN PRESENTED FOR PAYMENT.**

With respect to any optional redemption of the Bonds, unless certain prerequisites to such redemption required by the Ordinance have been met and money sufficient to pay the principal of and premium, if any, and interest on the Bonds to be redeemed has been received by the Paying Agent/Registrar prior to the giving of such notice of redemption, such notice may state that said redemption is conditional upon the satisfaction of such prerequisites and

receipt of such money by the Paying Agent/Registrar on or prior to the date fixed for such redemption or upon any prerequisite set forth in such notice of redemption. If a conditional notice of redemption is given and such prerequisites to the redemption are not fulfilled, such notice will be of no force and effect, the City will not redeem such Bonds, and the Paying Agent/Registrar will give notice in the manner in which the notice of redemption was given, to the effect that such Bonds have not been redeemed.

Book-Entry-Only System

This section describes how ownership of the Bonds is to be transferred and how the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on the Bonds are to be paid to and credited by The Depository Trust Company ("DTC"), New York, New York, while the Bonds are registered in its nominee name. The information in this section concerning DTC and the Book-Entry-Only System has been provided by DTC for use in disclosure documents such as this Official Statement. The City, the Financial Advisor and the Underwriters believe the source of such information to be reliable, but take no responsibility for the accuracy or completeness thereof.

The City, the Financial Advisor and the Underwriters cannot and do not give any assurance that (1) DTC will distribute payments of debt service on the Bonds, or redemption or other notices, to DTC Participants, (2) DTC Participants or others will distribute debt service payments paid to DTC or its nominee (as the registered owner of the Bonds), or redemption or other notices, to the Beneficial Owners, or that they will do so on a timely basis, or (3) DTC will serve and act in the manner described in this Official Statement. The current rules applicable to DTC are on file with the Securities and Exchange Commission, and the current procedures of DTC to be followed in dealing with DTC Participants are on file with DTC.

DTC will act as securities depository for the Bonds. The Bonds will be issued as fully-registered securities registered in the name of Cede & Co. (DTC's partnership nominee) or such other name as may be requested by an authorized representative of DTC. One fully registered certificate will be issued for each maturity of the Bonds, in the aggregate principal amount of each such maturity, and will be deposited with DTC.

DTC, the world's largest securities depository, is a limited-purpose trust company organized under the New York Banking Law, a "banking organization" within the meaning of the New York Banking Law, a member of the Federal Reserve System, a "clearing corporation" within the meaning of the New York Uniform Commercial Code, and a "clearing agency" registered pursuant to the provisions of Section 17A of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. DTC holds and provides asset servicing for over 3.5 million issues of U.S. and non-U.S. equity issues, corporate and municipal debt issues, and money market instruments (from over 100 countries) that DTC's participants ("Direct Participants") deposit with DTC. DTC also facilitates the post-trade settlement among Direct Participants of sales and other securities transactions in deposited securities, through electronic computerized book-entry transfers and pledges between Direct Participants' accounts. This eliminates the need for physical movement of securities certificates. Direct Participants include both U.S. and non-U.S. securities brokers and dealers, banks, trust companies, clearing corporations, and certain other organizations. DTC is a wholly-owned subsidiary of The Depository Trust & Clearing Corporation ("DTCC"). DTCC is the holding company for DTC, National Securities Clearing Corporation and Fixed Income Clearing Corporation, all of which are registered clearing agencies. DTCC is owned by the users of its regulated subsidiaries. Access to the DTC system is also available to others such as both U.S. and non-U.S. securities brokers and dealers, banks, trust companies, and clearing corporations that clear through or maintain a custodial relationship with a Direct Participant, either directly or indirectly ("Indirect Participants"). DTC has a S&P Global Ratings' rating of "AA+." The DTC Rules applicable to its Participants are on file with the Securities and Exchange Commission. More information about DTC can be found at www.dtcc.com.

Purchases of Bonds under the DTC system must be made by or through Direct Participants, which will receive a credit for the Bonds on DTC's records. The ownership interest of each actual purchaser of each Bond ("Beneficial Owner") is in turn to be recorded on the Direct and Indirect Participants' records. Beneficial Owners will not receive written confirmation from DTC of their purchase. Beneficial Owners are, however, expected to receive written confirmations providing details of the transaction, as well as periodic statements of their holdings, from the Direct or Indirect Participant through which the Beneficial Owner entered into the transaction. Transfers of ownership interests in the Bonds are to be accomplished by entries made on the books of Direct and Indirect Participants acting on behalf of Beneficial Owners. Beneficial Owners will not receive certificates representing their ownership interests in the Bonds, except in the event that use of the book-entry system for the Bonds is discontinued.

To facilitate subsequent transfers, all Bonds deposited by Direct Participants with DTC are registered in the name of DTC's partnership nominee, Cede & Co., or such other name as may be requested by an authorized representative of DTC. The deposit of Bonds with DTC and their registration in the name of Cede & Co. or such other DTC nominee

do not effect any change in beneficial ownership. DTC has no knowledge of the actual Beneficial Owners of the Bonds; DTC's records reflect only the identity of the Direct Participants to whose accounts such Bonds are credited, which may or may not be the Beneficial Owners. The Direct and Indirect Participants will remain responsible for keeping account of their holdings on behalf of their customers.

Conveyance of notices and other communications by DTC to Direct Participants, by Direct Participants to Indirect Participants, and by Direct Participants and Indirect Participants to Beneficial Owners will be governed by arrangements among them, subject to any statutory or regulatory requirements as may be in effect from time to time. Beneficial Owners of Bonds may wish to take certain steps to augment the transmission to them of notices of significant events with respect to the Bonds, such as redemptions, tenders, defaults, and proposed amendments to the Bond documents. For example, Beneficial Owners of Bonds may wish to ascertain that the nominee holding the Bonds for their benefit has agreed to obtain and transmit notices to Beneficial Owners. In the alternative, Beneficial Owners may wish to provide their names and addresses to the Paying Agent/Registrar and request that copies of notices be provided directly to them.

Redemption notices shall be sent to DTC. If less than all of the Bonds within a maturity are being redeemed, DTC's practice is to determine by lot the amount of the interest of each Direct Participant in such maturity to be redeemed.

Neither DTC nor Cede & Co. (nor any other DTC nominee) will consent or vote with respect to the Bonds unless authorized by a Direct Participant in accordance with DTC's MMI Procedures. Under its usual procedures, DTC mails an Omnibus Proxy to the City as soon as possible after the record date. The Omnibus Proxy assigns Cede & Co.'s consenting or voting rights to those Direct Participants to whose accounts the Bonds are credited on the record date (identified in a listing attached to the Omnibus Proxy).

Redemption proceeds and principal and interest payments on the Bonds will be made to Cede & Co., or such other nominee as may be requested by an authorized representative of DTC. DTC's practice is to credit Direct Participants' accounts upon DTC's receipt of funds and corresponding detail information from the City or the Paying Agent/Registrar, on payable dates in accordance with their respective holdings shown on DTC's records. Payments by Participants to Beneficial Owners will be governed by standing instructions and customary practices, as in the case with securities held for the accounts of customers in bearer form or registered in "street name," and will be the responsibility of such Participant and not of DTC, the Paying Agent or the City, subject to any statutory or regulatory requirements as may be in effect from time to time. Payment of redemption proceeds and principal and interest to Cede & Co. (or such other nominee as may be requested by an authorized representative of DTC) is the responsibility of the City or the Paying Agent/Registrar, disbursement of such payments to Direct Participants will be the responsibility of DTC, and disbursement of such payments to the Beneficial Owners will be the responsibility of Direct and Indirect Participants.

DTC may discontinue providing its services as depository with respect to the Bonds at any time by giving reasonable notice to the City or the Paying Agent/Registrar. Under such circumstances, in the event that a successor depository is not obtained, Bond certificates are required to be printed and delivered.

The City may decide to discontinue use of the system of book-entry transfers through DTC (or a successor securities depository). In that event, Bond certificates will be printed and delivered.

The information in this section concerning DTC and DTC's book-entry system has been obtained from sources that the City believes to be reliable, but the City takes no responsibility for the accuracy thereof.

Use of Certain Terms in Other Sections of this Official Statement

In reading this Official Statement it should be understood that while the Bonds are in the Book-Entry-Only System, references in other sections of this Official Statement to registered owners should be read to include the person for which the Participant acquires an interest in the Bonds, but (i) all rights of ownership must be exercised through DTC and the Book-Entry-Only System, and, (ii) except as described above, notices that are to be given to registered owners under the Ordinance will be given only to DTC.

Successor Paying Agent/Registrar

Provision is made in the Ordinance for replacing the Paying Agent/Registrar. If the City replaces the Paying Agent/Registrar, such Paying Agent/Registrar shall, promptly upon the appointment of a successor, deliver the Paying Agent/Registrar's records to the successor paying agent/registrar (the "Successor Paying Agent/Registrar"), and the Successor Paying Agent/Registrar shall act in the same capacity as the previous Paying Agent/Registrar. Any Successor Paying Agent/Registrar selected by the City shall be a commercial bank or trust company organized under the laws of the United States or any state and duly qualified and legally authorized to serve and perform the duties of the Paying Agent/Registrar for the Bonds.

Source of Payment

The Bonds are special obligations of the City payable, both as to principal and interest, from and secured by a first lien on and a pledge of the Net Revenues of the City's Waterworks and Sewer System (the "System"). The Bonds are further secured by amounts on deposit in the Reserve Fund. The Ordinance defines Net Revenues as all Gross Revenues remaining after deducting Maintenance and Operation Expenses. See "SELECTED PROVISIONS OF THE ORDINANCE – Definitions." The Bonds are not a charge upon any other income or revenues of the City and shall never constitute an indebtedness or pledge of the general credit or taxing powers of the City. The Ordinance does not create a lien or mortgage on the System and any judgment against the City may not be enforced by levy and execution against any property of the City. See "THE BONDS – Remedies in the Event of Default."

The Ordinance permits the City to issue additional first lien bonds that are on a parity with the Bonds and to issue junior lien bonds and special project bonds. See "SELECTED PROVISIONS OF THE ORDINANCE."

As additional security for the Bonds, a Reserve Fund has been established pursuant to the Ordinance which is to be funded in an amount equal to the aggregate average annual debt service requirements of the Parity Bonds (as defined in the Ordinance). See "SELECTED PROVISIONS OF THE ORDINANCE." The Ordinance permits the City to use reserve fund surety policies in lieu of making cash deposits to the Reserve Fund. However, the City intends to fund the increase in the Reserve Fund associated with the issuance of the Bonds with proceeds of the Bonds. See "- Sources and Uses of Funds" herein.

Authority for Issuance

The Bonds are being issued pursuant to the applicable provisions of the Constitution and laws of the State of Texas, including particularly Chapter 1502, Texas Government Code, as amended, and the provisions of the Ordinance.

Use of Proceeds

Proceeds from the sale of the Bonds will be used to make certain System extensions and improvements, to fund a deposit to the Reserve Fund, and to pay the costs of issuance of the Bonds.

Sources and Uses of Funds

The proceeds from the sale of the Bonds will be applied approximately as follows:

SOURCES OF FUNDS:	
Principal Amount of Bonds	\$ 20,350,000.00
Net Premium on the Bonds	1,838,239.20
Total Sources of Funds	<u>\$ 22,188,239.20</u>
USES OF FUNDS	
Deposit to Construction Fund	\$ 20,500,000.00
Deposit to Reserve Fund	1,411,129.00
Expenses:	
Underwriters' Discount	127,187.50
Other Issuance Expenses	149,922.70
Total Uses of Funds	<u>\$ 22,188,239.20</u>

Amendments

In the Ordinance, the City has reserved the right to amend the Ordinance without the consent of any holder of the Bonds for the purpose of amending or supplementing the Ordinance to (i) cure any ambiguity, defect or omission therein that does not materially adversely affect the interests of the holders, (ii) grant additional rights or security for the benefit of the holders, (iii) add events of default as shall not be inconsistent with the provisions of the Ordinance that do not materially adversely affect the interests of the holders, (iv) qualify the Ordinance under the Trust Indenture Act of 1939, as amended, or corresponding provisions of federal laws from time to time in effect or (v) make such other provisions in regard to matters or questions arising under the Ordinance that are not inconsistent with the provisions thereof and which, in the opinion of Bond Counsel for the City, do not materially adversely affect the interests of the holders.

The Ordinance further provides that the majority of owners of the Bonds shall have the right from time to time to approve any amendment not described above to the Ordinance if it is deemed necessary or desirable by the City; provided, however, that without the consent of 100% of the holders in principal amount of the then outstanding

Bonds so affected, no amendment may be made for the purpose of: (i) making any change in the maturity of any of the outstanding Bonds; (ii) reducing the rate of interest borne by any of the outstanding Bonds; (iii) reducing the amount of the principal or redemption premium, if any, payable on any outstanding Bonds; (iv) modifying the terms of payment of principal or interest on outstanding Bonds or imposing any condition with respect to such payment; or (v) changing the minimum percentage of the principal amount of the Bonds necessary for consent to such amendment. Reference is made to the Ordinance for further provisions relating to the amendment thereof.

Defeasance

The Ordinance provides for the defeasance of the Bonds when payment of the principal amount of the Bonds plus interest accrued on the Bonds to their due date (whether such due date be by reason of stated maturity, redemption or otherwise), is provided by irrevocably depositing with a paying agent, or other authorized escrow agent, in trust (1) money in an amount sufficient to make such payment and/or (2) Defeasance Securities, that will mature as to principal and interest in such amounts and at such times to insure the availability, without reinvestment, of sufficient money to make such payment, and all necessary and proper fees, compensation and expenses of the paying agent for the Bonds, and thereafter the City will have no further responsibility with respect to amounts available to such paying agent (or other financial institution permitted by applicable law) for the payment of such defeased Bonds, including any insufficiency therein caused by the failure of such paying agent (or other financial institution permitted by applicable law) to receive payment when due on the Defeasance Securities. The City has additionally reserved the right, subject to satisfying the requirements of (1) and (2) above, to substitute other Defeasance Securities originally deposited, to reinvest the uninvested moneys on deposit for such defeasance and to withdraw for the benefit of the City moneys in excess of the amount required for such defeasance. The Ordinance provides that "Defeasance Securities" means any securities and obligations now or hereafter authorized by State law that are eligible to refund, retire or otherwise discharge obligations such as the Bonds. Current State law permits defeasance with the following types of securities: (a) direct, noncallable obligations of the United States of America, including obligations that are unconditionally guaranteed by the United States of America, (b) noncallable obligations of an agency or instrumentality of the United States of America, including obligations that are unconditionally guaranteed or insured by the agency or instrumentality and that, on the date the governing body of the City authorizes the defeasance, are rated as to investment quality by a nationally recognized investment rating firm not less than AAA or its equivalent, and (c) noncallable obligations of a state or an agency or a county, municipality, or other political subdivision of a state that have been refunded and that, on the date the governing body of the City adopts or approves the proceedings authorizing the financial arrangements, are rated as to investment quality by a nationally recognized investment rating firm not less than AAA or its equivalent. There is no assurance that the current law will not be changed in a manner which would permit investments other than those described above to be made with amounts deposited to defease the Bonds. Because the Ordinance does not contractually limit such investments, registered owners will be deemed to have consented to defeasance with such other investments, notwithstanding the fact that such investments may not be of the same investment quality as those currently permitted under State law. There is no assurance that the ratings for U.S. Treasury securities used for defeasance purposes or that for any other Defeasance Security will be maintained at any particular rating category.

Upon such deposit as described above, such Bonds shall no longer be regarded to be outstanding or unpaid. After firm banking and financial arrangements for the discharge and final payment or redemption of the Bonds have been made as described above, all rights of the City to initiate proceedings to call the Bonds for redemption or take any other action amending the terms of the Bonds are extinguished; provided, however, that the right to call the Bonds for redemption is not extinguished if the City: (i) in the proceedings providing for the firm banking and financial arrangements, expressly reserves the right to call the Bonds for redemption; (ii) gives notice of the reservation of that right to the owners of the Bonds immediately following the making of the firm banking and financial arrangements; and (iii) directs that notice of the reservation be included in any redemption notices that it authorizes.

Future Debt

The City may issue additional bonds payable from the Net Revenues which together with the Outstanding Bonds (as defined in the Ordinance) and the Bonds shall be equally and ratably secured by a parity lien on and pledge of the Net Revenues of the System, subject, however, to complying with certain conditions in the Ordinance. See "SELECTED PROVISIONS OF THE ORDINANCE – Additional Parity Bonds" for terms and conditions to be satisfied for the issuance of Additional Bonds.

Legal Investments in Texas

Pursuant to the Texas Public Securities Procedures Act, Chapter 1201, Texas Government Code, as amended, the Bonds, whether rated or unrated, are (a) legal investments for insurance companies, fiduciaries and trustees and (b) legal investments for the sinking funds of political subdivisions or public agencies of the State. Most political

subdivisions in the State of Texas are required to adopt investment guidelines under the Public Funds Investment Act, Chapter 2256, Texas Government Code, as amended, and such political subdivisions may impose a requirement consistent with such act that the Bonds have a rating of not less than "A" or its equivalent to be legal investments for such entity's funds. The Bonds are eligible under the Public Funds Collateral Act, Chapter 2257, Texas Government Code, as amended, to secure deposits of public funds of the State or any political subdivision or public agency of the State and are lawful and sufficient security for those deposits to the extent of their market value. Again, political subdivisions in the State of Texas may impose a requirement that the Bonds have a rating of not less than "A" or its equivalent to be eligible to serve as collateral for their funds.

The City has not made any investigations of any other laws, rules, regulations or investment criteria that might affect the suitability of the Bonds for any of the above purposes or limit the authority of any of the above entities or persons to purchase or invest in the Bonds.

Remedies in the Event of Default

The Ordinance provides that in the event of a default in the payment of the principal of or interest on any of the Parity Bonds or a default in the performance of any duty or covenant provided by law or in the Ordinance, the Owner or Owners of any of the Parity Bonds may pursue all legal remedies afforded by the Constitution and laws of the State of Texas to compel the City to remedy such default and to prevent further default or defaults. Without in any way limiting the generality of the foregoing, it is expressly provided in the Ordinance that any Owner of any of the Parity Bonds may proceed at law or in equity, by suit, action, mandamus, or other proceedings, enforce and compel performance of all duties required to be performed by the City under the Ordinance, including the making and collection of reasonable and sufficient rates and charges for the use and services of the System, the deposit of the Gross Revenues into the special funds in accordance with the Ordinance, and the application of the Gross Revenues and the Net Revenues in the manner required in the Ordinance.

The issuance of a writ of mandamus is controlled by equitable principles and rests with the discretion of the court, but may not be arbitrarily refused. There is no acceleration of maturity of the Bonds in the event of default and, consequently, the remedy of mandamus may have to be relied upon from year to year. The Ordinance does not provide for the appointment of a trustee to represent the interest of the bondholders upon any failure of the City to perform in accordance with the terms of the Ordinance, or upon any other condition and accordingly all legal actions to enforce such remedies would have to be undertaken at the initiative of, and be financed by, the registered owners.

The Texas Supreme Court has ruled in *Tooke v. City of Mexia*, 197 S.W.3d 325 (Tex. 2006), that a waiver of sovereign immunity in a contractual dispute must be provided for by statute in "clear and unambiguous" language. Because it is unclear whether the Texas legislature has effectively waived the City's sovereign immunity from a suit for money damages, owners of the Bonds may not be able to bring such a suit against the City for breach of the Bonds or Ordinance covenants. Even if a judgment against the City could be obtained, it could not be enforced by direct levy and execution against the City's property. Further, the registered owners cannot themselves foreclose on property within the City or sell property within the City to enforce the tax lien on taxable property to pay the principal of and interest on the Bonds.

Furthermore, the City is eligible to seek relief from its creditors under Chapter 9 of the U.S. Bankruptcy Code ("Chapter 9"). Although Chapter 9 provides for the recognition of a security interest represented by a specifically pledged source of revenues, the pledge of ad valorem taxes in support of a general obligation of a bankrupt entity is not specifically recognized as a security interest under Chapter 9. Chapter 9 also includes an automatic stay provision that would prohibit, without Bankruptcy Court approval, the prosecution of any other legal action by creditors or bondholders of an entity which has sought protection under Chapter 9. Therefore, should the City avail itself of Chapter 9 protection from creditors, the ability to enforce would be subject to the approval of the Bankruptcy Court (which could require that the action be heard in Bankruptcy Court instead of other federal or state court); and the Bankruptcy Code provides for broad discretionary powers of a Bankruptcy Court in administering any proceeding brought before it. The opinion of Bond Counsel will note that all opinions relative to the enforceability of the Ordinance and the Bonds are qualified with respect to the customary rights of debtors relative to their creditors, by general principles of equity which permit the exercise of judicial discretion and by governmental immunity.

INVESTMENT AUTHORITY AND INVESTMENT OBJECTIVES OF THE CITY

The City invests its investable funds in investments authorized by Texas law in accordance with investment policies approved by the Mayor and Council of the City. Both state law and the City's investment policies are subject to change.

Legal Investments

Under State law, the City is authorized to invest in: (1) obligations, including letters of credit, of the United States or its agencies and instrumentalities, including the Federal Home Loan Banks; (2) direct obligations of the State or its agencies and instrumentalities; (3) collateralized mortgage obligations issued by a federal agency or instrumentality of the United States, the underlying security for which is guaranteed by an agency or instrumentality of the United States; (4) other obligations, the principal and interest of which are unconditionally guaranteed or insured by, or backed by the full faith and credit of, the State or the United States or their respective agencies and instrumentalities, including obligations that are fully guaranteed or insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (the "FDIC") or by the explicit full faith and credit of the United States; (5) obligations of states, agencies, counties, cities, and other political subdivisions of any state rated as to investment quality by a nationally recognized investment rating firm not less than A or its equivalent; (6) bonds issued, assumed, or guaranteed by the State of Israel; (7) interest-bearing banking deposits that are guaranteed or insured by the FDIC or the National Credit Union Share Insurance Fund (the "NCUSIF") or their respective successors; (8) interest-bearing banking deposits, other than those described in clause (7), that (i) are invested through a broker or institution with a main office or branch office in this state and selected by the City in compliance with the PFIA, (ii) the broker or institution arranges for the deposit of the funds in one or more federally insured depository institutions, wherever located, for the City's account, (iii) the full amount of the principal and accrued interest of the banking deposits is insured by the United States or an instrumentality of the United States, and (iv) the City appoints as its custodian of the banking deposits, in compliance with the PFIA, the institution in clause (8)(i) above, a bank, or a broker-dealer; (9) certificates of deposit and share certificates meeting the requirements of the PFIA (i) that are issued by an institution that has its main office or a branch office in the State and are guaranteed or insured by the FDIC or the NCUSIF, or their respective successors, or are secured as to principal by obligations described in clauses (1) through (8), above, or secured in accordance with Chapter 2257, Texas Government Code, or in any other manner and amount provided by law for City deposits, or (ii) where (a) the funds are invested by the City through a broker or institution that has a main office or branch office in the State and selected by the City in compliance with the PFIA, (b) the broker or institution arranges for the deposit of the funds in one or more federally insured depository institutions, wherever located, for the account of the City, (c) the full amount of the principal and accrued interest of each of the certificates of deposit is insured by the United States or an instrumentality of the United States; and (d) the City appoints, in compliance with the PFIA, the institution in clause (9)(ii)(a) above, a bank, or broker-dealer as custodian for the City with respect to the certificates of deposit; (10) fully collateralized repurchase agreements that have a defined termination date, are secured by a combination of cash and obligations described by clause (1) which are pledged to the City, held in the City's name, and deposited at the time the investment is made with the City or with a third party selected and approved by the City, and are placed through a primary government securities dealer, as defined by the Federal Reserve, or a financial institution doing business in the State; (11) certain bankers' acceptances with a stated maturity of 270 days or less, if the short-term obligations of the accepting bank, or of the holding company of which the bank is the largest subsidiary, are rated not less than A-1 or P-1 or the equivalent by at least one nationally recognized credit rating agency; (12) commercial paper with a stated maturity of 365 days or less that is rated at least A-1 or P-1 or an equivalent by either (i) two nationally recognized credit rating agencies, or (ii) one nationally recognized credit rating agency if the commercial paper is fully secured by an irrevocable letter of credit issued by a United States or state bank; (13) no-load money market mutual funds registered with and regulated by the Securities and Exchange Commission and complies with Securities and Exchange Commission Rule 2a-7; (14) no-load mutual funds that are registered and regulated by the Securities and Exchange Commission that have a weighted maturity of less than two years and either (i) have a duration of one year or more and are invested exclusively in obligations approved in this paragraph, or (ii) have a duration of less than one year and the investment portfolio is limited to investment grade securities, excluding asset backed securities; (15) guaranteed investment contracts that have a defined termination date and are secured by obligations described in clause (1), excluding obligations which the City is explicitly prohibited from investing in, and in an amount at least equal to the amount of bond proceeds invested under such contract; and (16) securities lending programs if (i) the securities loaned under the program are 100% collateralized, including accrued income, (ii) a loan made under the program allows for termination at any time, (iii) a loan made under the program is either secured by (a) obligations described in clauses (1) through (8) above, (b) irrevocable letters of credit issued by a state or national bank that is continuously rated by a nationally recognized investment rating firm at not less than A or its equivalent, or (c) cash invested in obligations described in clauses (1) through (8) above, clauses (12) through (14) above, or an authorized investment pool, (iv) the terms of a loan made under the program require that the securities being held as collateral be pledged to the City, held in the City's name, and deposited at the time the investment is made with the City or with a third party designated by the City, (v) a loan made under the program is placed through either a primary government securities dealer or a financial institution doing business in the State, and (vi) the agreement to lend securities has a term of one year or less.

Investment Policies

Under Texas law, the City is required to invest its funds under written investment policies that primarily emphasize safety of principal and liquidity; that address investment diversification, yield, maturity, and the quality and capability of investment management; and that includes a list of authorized investments for City funds, maximum allowable stated maturity of any individual investment and the maximum average dollar-weighted maturity allowed for pooled fund groups. All City funds must be invested consistent with a formally adopted "Investment Strategy Statement" that specifically addresses each funds' investment. Each Investment Strategy Statement will describe its objectives concerning: (1) suitability of investment type, (2) preservation and safety of principal, (3) liquidity, (4) marketability of each investment, (5) diversification of the portfolio, and (6) yield.

Under Texas law, City investments must be made "with judgment and care, under prevailing circumstances, that a person of prudence, discretion, and intelligence would exercise in the management of the person's own affairs, not for speculation, but for investment, considering the probable safety of capital and the probable income to be derived." At least quarterly, the investment officers of the City shall submit an investment report detailing: (1) the investment position of the City; (2) that all investment officers jointly prepared and signed the report, (3) the beginning and the ending market value for each pooled fund group, (4) the book value and market value of each separately listed asset at the end of the reporting period, (5) the maturity date of each separately invested asset, (6) the account or fund or pooled fund group for which each individual investment was acquired, and (7) the compliance of the investment portfolio as it related to: (a) adopted investment strategy statements and (b) state law. No person may invest City funds without express written authority from the Mayor and Council of the City.

The City's policies require investments in accordance with applicable state law. The City's Statement of Investment Policy does not exclude any investments allowable under State law described above under "Legal Investments." The City generally invests in Local Government Investment Pools, money market accounts and obligations of the United States or its agencies and instrumentalities.

Current Investments

The City's unaudited investment balances on September 30, 2024 were as follows:

	<u>Principal Invested</u>	<u>Market Value</u>	<u>Book Value</u>
Government Securities	\$ 9,000,000	\$ 8,923,791	\$ 8,923,791
Investment Pool	<u>57,078,325</u>	<u>57,078,325</u>	<u>57,078,325</u>
Total Portfolio	<u>\$66,078,325</u>	<u>\$66,002,116</u>	<u>\$66,002,116</u>

Additional Provisions

Under Texas law, the City is additionally required to: (1) annually review its adopted policies and strategies; (2) require any investment officers with personal business relationships or relatives with firms seeking to sell securities to the City to disclose the relationship and file a statement with the Texas Ethics Commission and the Mayor and Council; (3) require the registered principal of firms seeking to sell securities to the City to: (a) receive and review the City's investment policy, (b) acknowledge that reasonable controls and procedures have been implemented to preclude imprudent investment activities, and (c) deliver a written statement attesting to these requirements; (4) perform an annual audit of the management controls on investments and adherence to the City's investment policy; (5) provide specific investment training for the Treasurer, Chief Financial Officer and investment officers; (6) restrict reverse repurchase agreements to not more than 90 days and restrict the investment of reverse repurchase agreement funds to no greater than the term of the reverse repurchase agreement; (7) restrict the investment in mutual funds in the aggregate to no more than 80% of the City's monthly average fund balance, excluding bond proceeds and reserves and other funds held for debt service and further restrict the investment in non-money market mutual funds of any portion of bond proceeds, reserves and funds held for debt service and to not more than 15% of the entity's monthly average fund balance, excluding bond proceeds and reserves and other funds held for debt service; and (8) require local government investment pools to conform to the new disclosure, rating, net asset value, yield calculation, and advisory board requirements.

CITY REVENUE DEBT

Revenue Bond Debt Statement

The following tables and calculations relate to the Bonds, Parity Bonds and to all other System revenue supported debt of the City.

Bonded Indebtedness Payable from Waterworks and Sewer System Revenue

Direct Debt:		
Outstanding Parity Bonds (as of February 1, 2025)	\$	32,545,000
The Bonds		<u>20,350,000</u>
Total Revenue Supported Debt.....	\$	<u>52,895,000</u>
General Obligation Debt Payable From Waterworks and Sewer System Revenues	\$	15,150,000 (a)
Debt Service Fund Balance (Unaudited, as of September 30, 2024).....	\$	208,512
Reserve Fund Balance	\$	2,840,992 (b)

- (a) Includes an aggregate \$15,150,000 of the City’s General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2014, General Obligation Permanent Improvement and Refunding Bonds, Series 2016 and General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2016A (the "General Obligation Debt Payable From System Revenues") debt requirements, which are not Parity Bonds with the Bonds, but which pursuant to City policy are paid from revenues of the System and such policy is subject to change at the discretion of the City. Any such payments from Net Revenues (herein defined) to pay obligations that are not Parity Bonds is subordinate to Net Revenue payments on the Bonds and other Parity Bonds.
- (b) The Reserve Fund for Parity Bonds may be accumulated over time or provided by deposits of proceeds in connection with the issuance of the Parity Bonds. See "SELECTED PROVISIONS OF THE ORDINANCE – Reserve Fund." The increase in the Reserve Fund which is required in connection with the issuance of the Bonds will be funded by proceeds from the sale of the Bonds.

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Revenue Bonds Debt Service Schedule

The following sets forth the principal and interest on the City's Outstanding System Revenue Supported Debt.

FY Ending 9/30	Current Debt Service Payable From System Revenues	Less:	Current Debt Service Requirements of Parity Bonds	Plus: The Bonds		Total Principal and Interest	Total Debt Service Requirements
		General Obligation Debt Payable From System Revenues (a)		Principal	Interest		
2025	\$ 5,322,125	\$ 2,438,500	\$ 2,883,625		\$ 437,820	\$ 437,820	\$ 3,321,445
2026	5,372,950	2,494,000	2,878,950	\$ 105,000	1,020,325	1,125,325	4,004,275
2027	5,288,000	2,403,575	2,884,425	200,000	1,011,175	1,211,175	4,095,600
2028	5,292,225	2,404,750	2,887,475	205,000	999,025	1,204,025	4,091,500
2029	5,400,400	2,518,675	2,881,725	110,000	989,575	1,099,575	3,981,300
2030	5,403,300	2,517,800	2,885,500	110,000	982,975	1,092,975	3,978,475
2031	3,618,200	732,400	2,885,800	655,000	960,025	1,615,025	4,500,825
2032	3,617,900	731,300	2,886,600	695,000	919,525	1,614,525	4,501,125
2033	3,616,800	734,100	2,882,700	740,000	876,475	1,616,475	4,499,175
2034	3,613,300	732,600	2,880,700	790,000	830,575	1,620,575	4,501,275
2035	2,885,325		2,885,325	850,000	781,375	1,631,375	4,516,700
2036	2,881,475		2,881,475	905,000	733,250	1,638,250	4,519,725
2037	2,482,250		2,482,250	950,000	686,875	1,636,875	4,119,125
2038	2,477,875		2,477,875	1,000,000	638,125	1,638,125	4,116,000
2039	927,050		927,050	1,070,000	586,375	1,656,375	2,583,425
2040	930,800		930,800	1,120,000	531,625	1,651,625	2,582,425
2041	928,725		928,725	1,180,000	474,125	1,654,125	2,582,850
2042				1,045,000	418,500	1,463,500	1,463,500
2043				1,100,000	364,875	1,464,875	1,464,875
2044				1,155,000	308,500	1,463,500	1,463,500
2045				1,215,000	249,250	1,464,250	1,464,250
2046				945,000	198,794	1,143,794	1,143,794
2047				985,000	157,781	1,142,781	1,142,781
2048				1,030,000	114,963	1,144,963	1,144,963
2049				1,070,000	70,338	1,140,338	1,140,338
2050				1,120,000	23,800	1,143,800	1,143,800
Totals	<u>\$60,058,700</u>	<u>\$17,707,700</u>	<u>\$42,351,000</u>	<u>\$20,350,000</u>	<u>\$15,366,045</u>	<u>\$35,716,045</u>	<u>\$78,067,045</u>

Average Annual Requirements (2025-2050) \$3,002,579 (b)
 Maximum Annual Requirement (2036) \$4,519,725 (b)

Principal Payout (All Revenue Supported Bonds) (b)
 22.31% in 5 years
 51.28% in 10 years
 77.77% in 15 years
 90.26% in 20 years
 100.00% in 25 years

(a) Includes an aggregate \$15,150,000 of the City's General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2014, General Obligation Permanent Improvement and Refunding Bonds, Series 2016 and General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2016A (the "General Obligation Debt Payable From System Revenues") debt requirements, which are not Parity Bonds with the Bonds, but which pursuant to City policy are paid from revenues of the System and such policy is subject to change at the discretion of the City. Any such payments from Net Revenues (herein defined) to pay obligations that are not Parity Bonds (herein defined) is subordinate to Net Revenue payments on the Bonds and other Parity Bonds.

(b) Does not include the General Obligation Debt Payable From System Revenues.

THE SYSTEM

Description of the System

- Waterworks System -

The water production facilities consist of 6 water wells with a total capacity of 5.48 million gallons per day ("MGD") and 2 surface water booster stations capable of pumping 14.52 MGD. The system's total water capacity is 20.00 MGD.

The distribution system consists of over 284 miles of 4" - 24" water lines, two 1 million gallon elevated tanks and 10 ground storage tanks with a total capacity of over 8.5 million gallons.

- Sanitary Sewer System -

The sanitary sewer system consists of 5.499 MGD of purchased capacity in the regional wastewater treatment plant, 43 lift stations and over 185 miles of sewer lines ranging in size from 4" - 36" diameter.

- Top Ten Water Customers -

Customer	2024 Water Consumption (in thousand gallons)	2024 Revenue	2023 Water Consumption (in thousand gallons)	2023 Revenue
The Reserve @ Autumn Creek	18,389	\$ 96,174	15,707	\$ 81,699
Bellevue at Clear Creek, LP	16,398	86,418	12,701	66,970
Baywood Apartments	10,173	53,560	7,818	41,226
Bay Meadows Apartments	9,688	51,184	12,371	63,536
Friendswood ISD – Cline Elementary	7,425	51,390	(a)	(a)
HUT-Mobile Park	6,815	34,683	6,479	32,775
Friendswood TRS LLC	6,686	34,825	(a)	(a)
Clear Creek ISD	6,100	37,782	(a)	(a)
JSJW Friendswood LLC	5,722	30,319	5,370	28,540
Village on the Park	5,504	35,219	4,778	27,825
Enclave at Quail Crossing	(a)	(a)	5,477	30,079
Morada Friendswood	(a)	(a)	5,083	28,483
H E Butt Grocery Co.	(a)	(a)	5,017	28,122
Totals	92,900	\$511,554	80,801	\$429,255

(a) Not a top ten water customer in that year.

Water and Sewer Rates

The City currently serves 14,577 water customers and 13,470 sewer customers. The following is a summary of the City's current water and sewer rates.

- Water Service Charges - (Effective January 1, 2025)

The City charges the following monthly water rates:

Residential Water Rates Inside City Limits

- Minimum Monthly Base Charge By Meter Size (Includes 3,000 Gallons) -

Meter Size	Minimum Base Charge
1 Inch or Less	\$25.20
1.5 Inch	98.55
2 Inch	157.55
3 Inch	283.75
4 Inch	463.75
6 Inch	913.80
8 Inch	1,453.85

Usage	Rate
Minimum 0 - 3,000 gallons	Base Charge
3,001 – 10,000 gallons, per thousand	\$3.45
10,001 – 25,000 gallons, per thousand	4.30
25,001 gallons and over	6.45

Commercial and Multi-Unit Water Rates Inside City Limits

- Minimum Monthly Base Charge By Meter Size (No Gallons Included) –

Meter Size	Minimum Base Charge
1 Inch or Less	\$25.20
1.5 Inch	98.55
2 Inch	157.55
3 Inch	283.75
4 Inch	463.75
6 Inch	913.80
8 Inch	1,453.85

Usage	Rate
Per 1,000 gallons, per thousand	\$5.25

Water Rates Outside City Limits

The amount to be charged and collected for water service outside the corporate limits of the City is computed and charged as 1.5 times the amount established for service inside the City.

- Sanitary Sewer Service Charges -
(Effective January 1, 2025)

The City charges the following monthly sanitary sewer service rates:

Residential Sanitary Sewer Rates Inside City Limits

Usage	Rate
Minimum	\$29.20
Per thousand gallons	4.60

Commercial and Multi-Unit Sanitary Sewer Rates Inside City Limits

Usage	Rate
Minimum	\$29.90
Per thousand gallons	4.60

Sanitary Sewer Rates Outside City Limits

The amount to be charged and collected for sewer service outside the corporate limits of the City is computed and charged as 1.5 times the amount established for service inside the City.

- Irrigation/Sprinkler Service Charges -
(Effective January 1, 2025)

Residential or Commercial Irrigation/Sprinkler Rates Inside City Limits

- Minimum Monthly Base Charge By Meter Size (Includes 3,000 Gallons) –

Meter Size	Minimum Base Charge
1 Inch or Less	\$25.20
1.5 Inch	98.55
2 Inch	157.55
3 Inch	283.75
4 Inch	463.75
6 Inch	913.80
8 Inch	1,453.85

Usage	Rate
Minimum 0 - 3,000 gallons	Base Charge
3,001 – 10,000 gallons, per thousand	\$4.30
10,001 – 25,000 gallons, per thousand	4.55
25,001 gallons and over	6.45

Irrigation/Sprinkler Rates Outside City Limits

The amount to be charged and collected for sewer service outside the corporate limits of the City is computed and charged as 1.5 times the amount established for service inside the City.

Southeast Water Purification Plant

The City has entered into a contract with the City of Houston, Texas (the "City of Houston") for constructing, operating and maintaining a water purification plant known as Southeast Water Purification Plant. The City's pro rata share of the actual production costs is 6.00%.

The City began receiving water from the plant on October 15, 1990. The City is billed on a monthly basis for the actual gallons of water received times the City's pro rata share of actual costs. At the end of each fiscal year, the City of Houston computes the total operation and maintenance expense for the fiscal year just ended, recalculates the cost per one thousand gallons, and adjusts previous billings on the next invoice.

The relationship of the parties is fiduciary. No partnership or joint venture is created by this contract.

Blackhawk Regional Waste Treatment Plant

The City has entered into an arrangement with the Gulf Coast Authority for the operation and maintenance of a joint treatment plant known as Blackhawk Regional Waste Treatment Plant. The City, the City of Houston, Harris County MUD No. 55, and the Baybrook MUD 1 (collectively, the "Participants") share in the expense of operation and maintenance based on their respective usage on a monthly basis. The percentages of equity in the joint venture based on their respective capacity rights at September 30, 2024, are as follows:

City of Friendswood	59.45%
City of Houston	8.23%
Harris County MUD No. 55	21.24%
Baybrook MUD No. 1	11.08%
	<u>100.00%</u>

An annual budget for operations is submitted to the Gulf Coast Waste Disposal Authority each year. The Gulf Coast Authority is the governing authority and consists of 9 members (3 appointed by the governor, 3 appointed by Harris County, Galveston County, and Chambers County, and 3 appointed by the Participants).

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Historical Operations of the System

	Fiscal Year Ended September 30, (a)				
	2024 (b)	2023	2022	2021	2020
REVENUES					
Water and Sewer Services	\$20,049,092	\$21,092,670	\$19,223,542	\$17,514,259	\$16,499,400
Other Revenues	1,576,996	1,651,610	315,189	219,683	139,358
Total Revenues	\$21,626,088	\$22,744,280	\$19,538,731	\$17,733,942	\$16,638,758
EXPENDITURES					
Personnel Services	\$ 3,170,452	\$ 3,140,920	\$ 2,626,093	\$ 2,535,062	\$ 2,567,275
Sewer Operations	2,250,967	2,337,235	2,588,636	1,875,837	3,230,832
Water Purchases	2,075,936	2,144,603	1,836,874	3,239,840	2,649,339
Repairs and Maintenance	943,327	814,793	819,562	967,864	551,503
Supplies	232,741	184,000	217,565	130,066	104,804
Administrative Transfers to					
General Fund (c)	2,699,385	1,803,800	1,843,331	1,541,853	1,461,704
Other	1,164,420	1,433,517	1,041,844	941,656	947,214
Total Expenditures	\$12,537,228	\$11,858,868	\$10,973,905	\$11,232,178	\$11,512,671
Available for Debt Service	\$ 9,088,860	\$10,885,412	\$ 8,564,826	\$ 6,501,764	\$ 5,126,087
Average Annual Requirements Coverage:	\$ 3,002,579 3.03x	\$ 2,512,976 4.33x	\$ 2,532,413 3.38x	\$ 2,550,003 2.55x	\$ 1,910,256 2.68x
Maximum Annual Requirements Coverage:	\$ 4,519,725 2.01x	\$ 2,887,475 3.77x	\$ 2,887,475 2.97x	\$ 2,887,475 2.25x	\$ 1,960,900 2.61x
Customer Count:					
Water Customers	14,577	14,415	14,328	14,192	14,098
Sewer Customers	13,470	13,324	13,241	13,132	13,029

(a) Source: City's audited financial statements.

(b) Unaudited, as of September 30, 2024.

(c) Represents transfers to the General Fund for salaries and administrative costs associated with the operations of the System.

Pension Fund

The City participates in the Texas Municipal Retirement System ("TMRS"), an agency operated by the State of Texas. Employees of the City who participate in TMRS contribute a fixed percentage, currently 7%, of their gross pay and the City matching percent is currently 2 to 1. As employees leave municipal employment other than through retirement, they may withdraw from TMRS those funds they contributed, but forfeit their employer's contributions. Each municipal employer's requirements for current contributions are offset by the amounts of such forfeitures.

As of January 28, 2025, the City employed 244 full-time employees and 39 part-time and seasonal employees. All full-time employees are covered by TMRS and the City's contribution for fiscal year 2024, amounted to approximately \$3,284,906. The City had a net pension benefit obligation in the amount of \$13,715,046 as of December 31, 2023. The liability for prior service benefits will be amortized over a period of twenty-seven years or less by contributions from the City which are a level percentage of payroll.

SELECTED PROVISIONS OF THE ORDINANCE

The Ordinance authorizes the issuance and sale of the Bonds and prescribes terms, conditions, and provisions for the payment of the principal of and interest on the Bonds by the City. Set forth below is a summary of certain provisions of the Ordinance. Such summary is not a complete description of the entire Ordinance and is qualified by reference to the Ordinance, copies of which are available from the City's Financial Advisor upon request.

Definitions

The following are selected terms that are defined in the Ordinance.

"Additional Parity Bonds" mean the additional parity revenue bonds permitted to be issued by the City pursuant to the Ordinance.

"Gross Revenues" mean all revenues, income and receipts of every nature derived or received by the City from the operation and ownership of the System and the interest income from the investment or deposit of money in the Revenue Fund, the Interest and Sinking Fund, and the Reserve Fund.

"Maintenance and Operation Expenses" mean the reasonable and necessary expenses of operation and maintenance of the System, including all salaries, labor, materials, repairs and extensions necessary to render efficient service (but only such repairs and extensions as, in the judgment of the governing body of the City, are necessary to keep the System in operation and render adequate service to the City and the inhabitants thereof, or such as might be necessary to meet some physical accident or condition which would otherwise impair the System), and all payments under contracts now or hereafter defined as operating expenses by the Legislature of Texas. Depreciation shall never be considered as a Maintenance and Operation Expense.

"Net Revenues" mean all Gross Revenues remaining after deducting the Maintenance and Operation Expenses.

"Outstanding Bonds" mean the City's Waterworks and Sewer System Revenue Bonds, Series 2016, dated March 1, 2016, outstanding at the date of issuance of the Bonds in the amount of \$3,855,000, the City's Waterworks and Sewer System Revenue Bonds, Series 2018, dated December 1, 2018, outstanding at the date of issuance of the Bonds in the amount of \$16,470,000 and the City's Waterworks and Sewer System Revenue Bonds, Series 2021, dated February 1, 2021, outstanding at the date of issuance of the Bonds in the amount of \$12,220,000.

"Parity Bonds" mean the Bonds, the Outstanding Bonds and each series of Additional Parity Bonds from time to time hereafter issued, but only to the extent such Parity Bonds remain outstanding within the meaning of this Ordinance.

"Reserve Fund Requirement" means the average annual principal and interest requirements on the Parity Bonds, which may be determined and redetermined each year by the City but in no event less frequently than upon the issuance of each series of Parity Bonds.

"System" means all properties, facilities, improvements, equipment, interests, and rights constituting the waterworks and sanitary sewer system of the City, including all future extensions, replacements, betterments, additions, and improvements to the System. The System shall not include any Special Project.

Pledge and Source of Payment

The City covenants and agrees that all Gross Revenues of the System shall be deposited and paid into the special funds established for Parity Bonds, as provided in the Ordinance, and shall be applied in the manner set out therein, to provide for the payment of all Maintenance and Operation Expenses and to provide for the payment of principal, interest and any redemption premium of the Parity Bonds and all expenses of paying, securing and insuring the same. The Parity Bonds shall constitute special obligations of the City that shall be payable solely from, and shall be equally and ratably secured by a first lien on, the Net Revenues, as collected and received by the City, from the operation and ownership of the System, which Net Revenues shall, in the manner therein provided, be set aside for and pledged to the payment of the Parity Bonds in the Interest and Sinking Fund and Reserve Fund as hereinafter provided, and the Parity Bonds shall be in all respects on a parity with and of equal dignity with one another. The owners of the Parity Bonds shall never have the right to demand payment out of any funds raised or to be raised by taxation.

Rates and Charges

So long as any Parity Bonds remain outstanding, the City shall fix, charge and collect rates and charges for the use and services of the System which are fully sufficient to produce Net Revenues in each fiscal year at least equal to 125% of the principal and interest requirements scheduled to occur in such fiscal year on all Parity Bonds then outstanding plus an amount equal to the sum of all deposits required to be made to the Reserve Fund in such fiscal year; but in no event shall Net Revenues ever be less than the amount required to maintain the Interest and Sinking Fund and the Reserve Fund as provided in the Ordinance, and, to the extent that funds for such purpose are not otherwise available, to pay all other outstanding obligations payable from the Net Revenues of the System, as and when the same become due.

The City will not grant or permit any free service from the System except for public buildings and institutions operated by the City.

Special Funds

The following special funds are created in the Ordinance and such funds shall be maintained and accounted for as provided in the Ordinance, so long as any Parity Bonds remain outstanding:

- (a) Waterworks and Sewer System Revenue Fund (the "Revenue Fund");
- (b) Waterworks and Sewer System Revenue Bonds Interest and Sinking Fund (the "Interest and Sinking Fund"); and
- (c) Waterworks and Sewer System Revenue Bonds Reserve Fund (the "Reserve Fund").

The Revenue Fund shall be maintained as a separate account on the books of the City. The Interest and Sinking Fund and the Reserve Fund shall be maintained at an official depository bank of the City separate and apart from all other funds and accounts of the City and shall constitute trust funds which shall be held in trust for the benefit of the Owners of the Parity Bonds and the proceeds of which shall be and are hereby pledged to the payment of the Parity Bonds. All of the Funds named above shall be used solely as provided in the Ordinance so long as any Parity Bonds remain outstanding.

Flow of Funds

All Gross Revenues of the System (except for interest and earnings on investments in the Reserve Fund and the Interest and Sinking Fund) shall be deposited as collected into the Revenue Fund. Money from time to time on deposit in the Revenue Fund shall be applied as follows in the following order of priority:

- (a) First, to pay Maintenance and Operation Expenses.
- (b) Second, to make all deposits into the Interest and Sinking Fund required by the Ordinance, the ordinance authorizing the issuance of the Outstanding Bonds and any ordinance authorizing the issuance of Additional Parity Bonds.
- (c) Third, to make all deposits into the Reserve Fund required by the Ordinance, the ordinance authorizing the issuance of the Outstanding Bonds and any ordinance authorizing the issuance of Additional Parity Bonds.
- (d) Fourth, to pay any amounts due to any bond insurer of Parity Bonds not paid pursuant to subsections (b) or (c) above.
- (e) Fifth, to pay any amounts due to any issuer of a reserve fund surety policy not paid pursuant to subsections (b) or (c) above.
- (f) Sixth, for any lawful purpose.

Whenever the total amounts on deposit to the credit of the Interest and Sinking Fund and the Reserve Fund shall be equivalent to the sum of the aggregate principal amount of all outstanding Parity Bonds plus the aggregate amount of all interest accrued and to accrue thereon, no further payments need be made into the Interest and Sinking Fund or the Reserve Fund.

Interest and Sinking Fund

On or before the last Business Day of each month so long as any Parity Bonds remain outstanding, after making all required payments and provision for payment of Maintenance and Operation Expenses, there shall be transferred into the Interest and Sinking Fund from the Revenue Fund:

- (i) such amounts, in approximately equal monthly installments, as will be sufficient to accumulate the amount required to pay the interest scheduled to become due on the Parity Bonds on the next interest payment date; and
- (ii) such amounts, in approximately equal monthly installments, as will be sufficient to accumulate the amount required to pay the next maturing principal of the Parity Bonds, including the principal amounts, of and any redemption premium on, any Parity Bonds payable as a result of the exercise or operation of any optional or mandatory redemption provision contained in any ordinance authorizing the issuance of Parity Bonds.

Money deposited to the credit of the Interest and Sinking Fund shall be used solely for the purpose of paying principal (at maturity or prior redemption or to purchase Parity Bonds issued as term bonds in the open market to be credited against mandatory redemption requirements), interest and any redemption premium on the Parity Bonds or reimbursing credit providers for amounts, advanced for such purpose, plus all bank charges and other costs and expenses relating to such payment. The paying agent shall destroy all paid Parity Bonds and shall provide the City with appropriate certificates of destruction.

Reserve Fund

On or before the last Business Day of each month so long as any Parity Bonds remain outstanding, after making all required payments and provision for payment of Maintenance and Operation Expenses, and after making the transfers into the Interest and Sinking Fund required in the preceding Section, there shall be transferred into the Reserve Fund from the Revenue Fund, in approximately equal monthly installments, amounts sufficient to accumulate within sixty (60) months the Reserve Fund Requirement. Each increase in the Reserve Fund Requirement resulting from the issuance of Additional Parity Bonds shall be accumulated within sixty (60) months of the issuance of such bonds by making transfers from the Revenue Fund into the Reserve Fund in approximately equal monthly installments of amounts sufficient for such purpose. After the Reserve Fund Requirement has accumulated in the Reserve Fund and so long thereafter as such Fund contains the Reserve Fund Requirement, no further deposits shall be required to be made into the Reserve Fund, and any excess amounts may be transferred to the Revenue Fund. But if and whenever the balance in the Reserve Fund is reduced below the Reserve Fund Requirement, either due to a draw on the funds or reduction or cancellation of a Reserve Fund Surety Policy, monthly deposits into such Fund shall be resumed and continued in amounts at least equal to one-twelfth (1/12th) of the deficiency in the Reserve Fund Requirement until the Reserve Fund again equals the Reserve Fund Requirement. The Reserve Fund shall be used to pay the principal of and interest on the Parity Bonds at any time when there is not sufficient money available in the Interest and Sinking Fund for such purpose and to pay and retire the last Parity Bonds to mature or be redeemed.

The City expressly reserves the right at any time to satisfy all or any part of the Reserve Fund Requirement by obtaining for the benefit of the Reserve Fund a Reserve Fund Surety Policy (as defined below). In the event the City elects to substitute at any time a Reserve Fund Surety Policy for any funded amounts in the Reserve Fund, it may apply any bond proceeds thereby released, to the greatest extent permitted by law, to any purposes for which the bonds were issued and any other funds thereby released to any purposes for which such funds may lawfully be used, including the payment of debt service on the Parity Bonds. A Reserve Fund Surety Policy shall be an insurance policy or other instrument issued pursuant to a credit agreement (as such term is defined by Section 1371.001, Government Code) in a principal amount equal to the portion of the Reserve Fund Requirement to be satisfied and issued by a financial institution or insurance company with a rating for its long term unsecured debt or claims paying ability in the highest letter category by two major municipal securities evaluation sources. The premium for any such policy shall be paid from bond proceeds or other funds of the City lawfully available for such purpose. Any Reserve Fund Surety Policy shall be authorized by resolution or ordinance and submitted to the Attorney General for examination and approval.

At any time that there are insufficient funds available in the Interest and Sinking Fund to make any required payment of interest on or principal of the Bonds, or to reimburse the credit providers for amounts advanced for such purpose, there shall be transformed from the Reserve Fund to the Interest and Sinking Fund such amounts as may be necessary for such purpose. In the event the Reserve Fund contains one or more Reserve Fund Surety Policy or Policies, the City shall not draw on Reserve Fund Surety Policy unless no other cash or investments are otherwise available in the Reserve Fund. If more than one Reserve Fund Surety Policy is held in the Reserve Fund, the City shall draw on such policies on a proportionate basis. Whenever amounts have been drawn on one or more Reserve Fund Surety Policies, amounts subsequently transferred to the Reserve Fund shall be used to reimburse the provider (or if more than one, to the providers on a proportionate basis) of such Reserve Fund Surety Policies in accordance with the terms thereof, for the amounts advanced, interest thereon and any associated fees. The issuer(s) of such Reserve Fund Surety Policy or Policies shall be secured with respect to such reimbursement obligations by a lien on the Net Revenues, subject and subordinate to the lien securing the Bonds and the required deposits to the Fund, and shall further be secured by a lien on amounts from time to time on deposit in and required to be deposited to the Reserve Fund.

Additional Parity Bonds

The City reserves the right to issue, for any lawful purpose (including the refunding of any previously issued Parity Bonds or any other bonds or obligations of the City issued in connection with or payable from the revenues of the System), one or more series of Additional Parity Bonds payable from and secured by a first lien on the Net Revenues of the System on a parity with the Bonds and any previously issued Additional Parity Bonds; provided, however, that no Additional Parity Bonds may be issued unless:

- (a) The Additional Parity Bonds mature on, and interest is payable on, the same days of the year as the Bonds;
- (b) The Interest and Sinking Fund and the Reserve Fund each contains the amount of money then required to be on deposit therein;

- (c) For either the preceding fiscal year or a 12 consecutive calendar month period ending no more than 90 days prior to adoption of the ordinance authorizing such Additional Parity Bonds, Net Revenues were equal to at least 140% of the average annual principal and interest requirements on all Parity Bonds that will be outstanding after the issuance of the series of Additional Parity Bonds then proposed to be issued, as certified by the City's Controller or Director of Administrative Services or by an independent certified public accountant or firm of independent certified public accountants; and
- (d) If the City cannot meet the test described in (c) above, but a change in the rates and charges applicable to the System becomes effective at least sixty (60) days prior to the adoption of the ordinance authorizing Additional Parity Bonds and the City's Controller or Director of Finance certifies that, had such change in rates and charges been effective for the preceding fiscal year or 12 consecutive calendar month period ending no more than 90 days prior to adoption of said ordinance, the Net Revenues for such period would have met the test described in (c) above.

Subordinate Lien Bonds

The City reserves the right to issue, for any lawful purpose, bonds, notes or other obligations secured in whole or in part by liens on the Net Revenues that are junior and subordinate to the lien on the Net Revenues securing payment of the Parity Bonds. Such subordinate lien obligations may be further secured by any other source of payment lawfully available for such purpose.

Special Project Bonds

The City reserves the right to issue revenue bonds secured by liens on and pledges of revenues and proceeds derived from Special Projects.

Borrowers' Remedies

This Ordinance shall constitute a contract between the City and the Owners of the Parity Bonds from time to time outstanding (including any bond insurers of Parity Bonds) and shall remain in effect until the Parity Bonds and the interest thereon shall be fully paid or discharged or provision therefor shall have been made as provided herein (including payments of any amounts due to bond insurers of Parity Bonds). In the event of a default in the payment of the principal of or interest on any of the Parity Bonds or a default in the performance of any duty or covenant provided by law or in this Ordinance, the Owner or Owners of any of the Parity Bonds may pursue all legal remedies afforded by the Constitution and laws of the State of Texas to compel the City to remedy such default and to prevent further default or defaults. Without in any way limiting the generality of the foregoing, it is expressly provided that any Owner of any of the Parity Bonds may proceed at law or in equity, by suit, action, mandamus, or other proceedings, enforce and compel performance of all duties required to be performed by the City under this Ordinance, including the making and collection of reasonable and sufficient rates and charges for the use and services of the System, the deposit of the Gross Revenues into the special funds herein provided, and the application of the Gross Revenues and the Net Revenues in the manner required in this Ordinance.

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ADMINISTRATION OF THE CITY

Mayor and City Council

Policy-making and supervisory functions are the responsibility of and are vested in the Mayor and City Council for the City, under provisions of the "Charter of the City of Friendswood" (the "Charter") approved by the electorate October 16, 1971. The Council is elected at large on the first Saturday in May. The Mayor and six Council members serve three-year staggered terms. Members of the Council are described below:

Council Members	Period Served	Term Expires May	Occupation
Mike Foreman Mayor	7 Years	2027	Business Owner
Joe Matranga Mayor Pro-Tem Council Member	2 Years	2026	Retired Senior Vice President Oil and Gas
John Ellisor Council Member	1 Year	2027	Retired Judge
Sally Branson Council Member	8 Years	2026	Financial Advisor
Trish Hanks Council Member	7 Years	2027	Education Consultant
Robert J. Griffon Council Member	7 Years	2025	Investor
Brent Erenwert Council Member	6 Years	2025	Supply Chain Specialist

Administration

Under provisions of the Charter, the City Council enacts local legislation, adopts budgets, determines policies and appoints the City Manager, who is charged with the duties of executing the laws and administering the government of the City. As the chief executive officer and head of the administrative branch of the City government, the City Manager is given the power and duties to:

- (1) Appoint and remove all department heads and all other employees in the administrative service of the City and may authorize the head of a department to appoint and remove subordinates in his respective department;
- (2) Prepare the budget annually, submit it to City Council, and be responsible for its administration;
- (3) Prepare and submit to City Council a complete report on the finances and administrative activities of the City;
- (4) Keep City Council advised of the financial condition and future needs of the City and make appropriate recommendations; and
- (5) Perform such other necessary duties as prescribed by the Charter or required by City Council.

Members of the administrative staff are described below:

Name	Position	Period Served
Morad Kabiri	City Manager	17 Years
Steven Rhea	Deputy City Manager	7 Years
Katina Hampton	Assistant City Manager	18 Years
Leticia Brysch	Assistant City Manager / City Secretary	4 Years
Rhonda Bloskas	Director of Finance	15 Years
James Toney	Director of Parks and Recreation	20 Years
Steve Vavrecka	Director of Public Works	13 Years
Jildardo Arias	Director of Engineering	5 Years
Matthew Riley	Director of Library Services	35 Years
Aubrey Harbin	Director of Community Development	18 Years
Brian Mansfield	Director of Emergency Services	25 Years
Josh Rogers	Police Chief	25 Years
Haley Brown	Director of Human Resources and Risk Management	10 Years
Karen Horner	City Attorney	3 Years

Consultants

The City has retained several consultants to perform professional services in connection with the independent auditing of its books and records and other City activities. Several of these consultants are identified below:

Bond Counsel	McCall, Parkhurst & Horton L.L.P. Houston, Texas
Certified Public Accountants	Whitley Penn LLP Houston, Texas
Financial Advisor	BOK Financial Securities, Inc. Houston, Texas

LEGAL MATTERS

Legal Opinion

The delivery of the Bonds is subject to the approving opinion of the Attorney General of Texas to the effect that the Bonds are valid and legally binding obligations of the City payable from the Net Revenues and, the approving legal opinion of McCall, Parkhurst & Horton L.L.P., Bond Counsel to the City ("Bond Counsel"), in substantially the form attached as APPENDIX C. Though it represents the Financial Advisor and the Underwriters, from time to time in matters unrelated to the issuance of the Bonds, Bond Counsel has been engaged by and only represents the City in connection with the issuance of the Bonds. The City expects to pay the legal fees of Bond Counsel for services rendered in connection with the issuance of the Bonds from proceeds of the Bonds. Certain legal matters will be passed upon for the Underwriters by Holland & Knight LLP, Houston, Texas, Counsel to the Underwriters, whose legal fees are contingent upon the sale and delivery of the Bonds.

Bond Counsel has reviewed the statements and information appearing in the Official Statement under the captions "THE BONDS" (except the subcaptions "Book-Entry-Only System," "Future Debt," "Sources and Uses of Funds" and "Remedies in the Event of Default"), "SALE AND DISTRIBUTION OF THE BONDS – Securities Laws," "SELECTED PROVISIONS OF THE ORDINANCE," "LEGAL MATTERS - Legal Opinion" (excluding the last sentence of the first paragraph thereof), "TAX MATTERS," and "CONTINUING DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION" (except the subcaption "Compliance With Prior Undertakings") and such firm is of the view that the information under such captions fairly summarizes the procedures and documents referred to therein and is correct as to matters of law. Bond Counsel has not independently verified any of the factual information contained in this Official Statement nor have they conducted an investigation of the affairs of the City for the purpose of passing upon the accuracy or completeness of this Official Statement. No person is entitled to rely upon such firm's limited participation as an assumption of responsibility for, or an expression of opinion of any kind with regard to, the accuracy or completeness of any of the information contained herein.

The various legal opinions to be delivered concurrently with the delivery of the Bonds express the professional judgment of the attorneys rendering the opinions as to the legal issues explicitly addressed therein. In rendering a legal opinion, the attorney does not become an insurer or guarantor of the expression of professional judgment, of the transaction opined upon, or of the future performance of the parties to the transaction. Nor does the rendering of an opinion guarantee the outcome of any legal dispute that may arise out of the transaction.

No-Litigation Certificate

The City will furnish to the Underwriters a certificate, dated as of the date of delivery of the Bonds, executed by appropriate City officials, to the effect that no litigation of any nature has been filed or is then pending or threatened, either in state or federal courts, contesting or attacking the Bonds; restraining or enjoining the issuance, execution or delivery of the Bonds; affecting the provisions made for the payment of or security for the Bonds; in any manner questioning the authority or proceedings for the issuance, execution, or delivery of the Bonds; or affecting the validity of the Bonds.

No Material Adverse Change

The obligations of the Underwriters to take and pay for the Bonds, and of the City to deliver the Bonds, are subject to the condition that, up to the time of delivery of and receipt of payment for the Bonds, there shall have been no material adverse change in the condition (financial or otherwise) of the City subsequent to the date of sale from that set forth or contemplated in the Official Statement, as it may have been supplemented or amended through the date of sale.

TAX MATTERS

Opinion

On the date of initial delivery of the Bonds, McCall, Parkhurst & Horton L.L.P., Houston, Texas, Bond Counsel to the City, will render its opinion that, in accordance with statutes, regulations, published rulings and court decisions existing on the date thereof ("Existing Law"), (1) interest on the Bonds for federal income tax purposes will be excludable from the "gross income" of the holders thereof and (2) the Bonds will not be treated as "specified private activity bonds" the interest on which would be included as an alternative minimum tax preference item under section 57(a)(5) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (the "Code"). Except as stated above, Bond Counsel to the City will express no opinion as to any other federal, state or local tax consequences of the purchase, ownership or disposition of the Bonds. See "APPENDIX C - FORM OF BOND COUNSEL OPINION."

In rendering its opinion, Bond Counsel to the City will rely upon (a) the City's federal tax certificate and (b) covenants of the City with respect to arbitrage, the application of the proceeds to be received from the issuance and sale of the Bonds and certain other matters. Failure of the City to comply with these representations or covenants could cause the interest on the Bonds to become includable in gross income retroactively to the date of issuance of the Bonds.

The Code and the regulations promulgated thereunder contain a number of requirements that must be satisfied subsequent to the issuance of the Bonds in order for interest on the Bonds to be, and to remain, excludable from gross income for federal income tax purposes. Failure to comply with such requirements may cause interest on the Bonds to be included in gross income retroactively to the date of issuance of the Bonds. The opinion of Bond Counsel to the City is conditioned on compliance by the City with the covenants and the requirements described in the preceding paragraph, and Bond Counsel to the City has not been retained to monitor compliance with these requirements subsequent to the issuance of the Bonds.

Bond Counsel's opinion represents its legal judgment based upon its review of Existing Law and the reliance on the aforementioned information, representations and covenants. Bond Counsel's opinion is not a guarantee of a result. The Existing Law is subject to change by the Congress and to subsequent judicial and administrative interpretation by the courts and the Department of the Treasury. There can be no assurance that such Existing Law or the interpretation thereof will not be changed in a manner which would adversely affect the tax treatment of the purchase, ownership or disposition of the Bonds.

A ruling was not sought from the Internal Revenue Service by the City with respect to the Bonds or the facilities financed or refinanced with the proceeds of the Bonds. Bond Counsel's opinion represents its legal judgment based upon its review of Existing Law and the representations of the City that it deems relevant to render such opinion and is not a guarantee of a result. No assurances can be given as to whether the Internal Revenue Service will commence an audit of the Bonds, or as to whether the Internal Revenue Service would agree with the opinion of Bond Counsel. If an audit is commenced, under current procedures the Internal Revenue Service is likely to treat the City as the taxpayer and the Bondholders may have no right to participate in such procedure. No additional interest will be paid upon any determination of taxability.

Federal Income Tax Accounting Treatment of Original Issue Discount

The initial public offering price to be paid for one or more maturities of the Bonds may be less than the principal amount thereof or one or more periods for the payment of interest on the Bonds may not be equal to the accrual period or be in excess of one year (the "Original Issue Discount Bonds"). In such event, the difference between (i)

the "stated redemption price at maturity" of each Original Issue Discount Bond, and (ii) the initial offering price to the public of such Original Issue Discount Bond would constitute original issue discount. The "stated redemption price at maturity" means the sum of all payments to be made on the Bonds less the amount of all periodic interest payments. Periodic interest payments are payments which are made during equal accrual periods (or during any unequal period if it is the initial or final period) and which are made during accrual periods which do not exceed one year.

Under Existing Law, any owner who has purchased such Original Issue Discount Bond in the initial public offering is entitled to exclude from gross income (as defined in section 61 of the Code) an amount of income with respect to such Original Issue Discount Bond equal to that portion of the amount of such original issue discount allocable to the accrual period. For a discussion of certain collateral federal tax consequences, see discussion set forth below.

In the event of the redemption, sale or other taxable disposition of such Original Issue Discount Bond prior to stated maturity, however, the amount realized by such owner in excess of the basis of such Original Issue Discount Bond in the hands of such owner (adjusted upward by the portion of the original issue discount allocable to the period for which such Original Issue Discount Bond was held by such initial owner) is includable in gross income.

Under Existing Law, the original issue discount on each Original Issue Discount Bond is accrued daily to the stated maturity thereof (in amounts calculated as described below for each six-month period ending on the date before the semiannual anniversary dates of the date of the Bonds and ratably within each such six-month period) and the accrued amount is added to an initial owner's basis for such Original Issue Discount Bond for purposes of determining the amount of gain or loss recognized by such owner upon the redemption, sale or other disposition thereof. The amount to be added to basis for each accrual period is equal to (a) the sum of the issue price and the amount of original issue discount accrued in prior periods multiplied by the yield to stated maturity (determined on the basis of compounding at the close of each accrual period and properly adjusted for the length of the accrual period) less (b) the amounts payable as current interest during such accrual period on such Original Issue Discount Bond.

The federal income tax consequences of the purchase, ownership, redemption, sale or other disposition of Original Issue Discount Bonds which are not purchased in the initial offering at the initial offering price may be determined according to rules which differ from those described above. All owners of Original Issue Discount Bonds should consult their own tax advisors with respect to the determination for federal, state and local income tax purposes of the treatment of interest accrued upon redemption, sale or other disposition of such Original Issue Discount Bonds and with respect to the federal, state, local and foreign tax consequences of the purchase, ownership, redemption, sale or other disposition of such Original Issue Discount Bonds.

Collateral Federal Income Tax Consequences

The following discussion is a summary of certain collateral federal income tax consequences resulting from the purchase, ownership or disposition of the Bonds. This discussion is based on Existing Law, which is subject to change or modification, retroactively.

The following discussion is applicable to investors, other than those who are subject to special provisions of the Code, such as financial institutions, property and casualty insurance companies, life insurance companies, individual recipients of Social Security or Railroad Retirement benefits, individuals allowed an earned income credit, certain S corporations with Subchapter C earnings and profits, foreign corporations subject to the branch profits tax, taxpayers qualifying for the health insurance premium assistance credit, and taxpayers who may be deemed to have incurred or continued indebtedness to purchase tax-exempt obligations.

THE DISCUSSION CONTAINED HEREIN MAY NOT BE EXHAUSTIVE. INVESTORS, INCLUDING THOSE WHO ARE SUBJECT TO SPECIAL PROVISIONS OF THE CODE, SHOULD CONSULT THEIR OWN TAX ADVISORS AS TO THE TAX TREATMENT WHICH MAY BE ANTICIPATED TO RESULT FROM THE PURCHASE, OWNERSHIP AND DISPOSITION OF TAX-EXEMPT OBLIGATIONS BEFORE DETERMINING WHETHER TO PURCHASE THE BONDS.

Interest on the Bonds may be includable in certain corporations' "adjusted financial statement income" determined under section 56A of the Code to calculate the alternative minimum tax imposed by section 55 of the Code.

Under section 6012 of the Code, holders of tax-exempt obligations, such as the Bonds, may be required to disclose interest received or accrued during each taxable year on their returns of federal income taxation.

Section 1276 of the Code provides for ordinary income tax treatment of gain recognized upon the disposition of a tax-exempt obligation, such as the Bonds, if such obligation was acquired at a "market discount" and if the fixed maturity of such obligation is equal to, or exceeds, one year from the date of issue. Such treatment applies to "market discount bonds" to the extent such gain does not exceed the accrued market discount of such Bonds;

although for this purpose, a de minimis amount of market discount is ignored. A "market discount bond" is one which is acquired by the holder at a purchase price which is less than the stated redemption price at maturity or, in the case of a bond issued at an original issue discount, the "revised issue price" (i.e., the issue price plus accrued original issue discount). The "accrued market discount" is the amount which bears the same ratio to the market discount as the number of days during which the holder holds the obligation bears to the number of days between the acquisition date and the final maturity date.

State, Local and Foreign Taxes

Investors should consult their own tax advisors concerning the tax implications of the purchase, ownership or disposition of the Bonds under applicable state or local laws. Foreign investors should also consult their own tax advisors regarding the tax consequences unique to investors who are not United States persons.

Information Reporting and Backup Withholding

Subject to certain exceptions, information reports describing interest income, including original issue discount, with respect to the Bonds will be sent to each registered holder and to the Internal Revenue Service. Payments of interest and principal may be subject to backup withholding under section 3406 of the Code if a recipient of the payments fails to furnish to the payor such owner's social security number or other taxpayer identification number ("TIN"), furnishes an incorrect TIN, or otherwise fails to establish an exemption from the backup withholding tax. Any amounts so withheld would be allowed as a credit against the recipient's federal income tax. Special rules apply to partnerships, estates and trusts, and in certain circumstances, and in respect of Non-U.S. Holders, certifications as to foreign status and other matters may be required to be provided by partners and beneficiaries thereof.

Future and Proposed Legislation

Tax legislation, administrative actions taken by tax authorities, or court decisions, whether at the Federal or state level, may adversely affect the tax-exempt status of interest on the Bonds under Federal or state law and could affect the market price or marketability of the Bonds. Any such proposal could limit the value of certain deductions and exclusions, including the exclusion for tax-exempt interest. The likelihood of any such proposal being enacted cannot be predicted. Prospective purchasers of the Bonds should consult their own tax advisors regarding the foregoing matters.

CONTINUING DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION

In the Ordinance, the City has made the following agreement for the benefit of the holders and beneficial owners of the Bonds. The City is required to observe the agreement for so long as it remains obligated to advance funds to pay the Bonds. Under the agreement, the City will be obligated to provide certain updated financial information and operating data annually, and timely notice of specified events, to the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board ("MSRB"). Information will be available from the MSRB free of charge via the Electronic Municipal Market Access ("EMMA") system at www.emma.msrb.org.

Annual Reports

The City will provide certain updated financial information and operating data to the MSRB annually via EMMA. The information to be updated includes all quantitative financial information and operating data with respect to the City of the general type included in this Official Statement under the headings "OFFICIAL STATEMENT SUMMARY - Selected Financial Information," "CITY REVENUE DEBT," and "THE SYSTEM" (collectively, the "Annual Operating Report"). The City will update and provide the Annual Operating Report within six months after the end of each fiscal year. The City will additionally provide audited financial statements of the City (the "Financial Statements"), and such Financial Statements will be provided within 12 months after the end of each fiscal year ending in or after 2024. If the audit of such Financial Statements is not complete within 12 months after any such fiscal year end, then the City will file unaudited Financial Statements within such 12-month period and audited Financial Statements for the applicable fiscal year, when and if the audit report on such statements becomes available. Any such Financial Statements will be prepared in accordance with the accounting principles described in APPENDIX "B" or such other accounting principles as the City may be required to employ from time to time pursuant to state law or regulation. The City may provide updated information in full text or may incorporate by reference certain other publicly available documents, as permitted by Rule 15c2-12.

The City's current fiscal year end is September 30. Accordingly, the Annual Operating Data must be provided by March 31 in each year, and the Financial Statements must be provided by September 30 of each year, unless the City changes its fiscal year. If the City changes its fiscal year, it will file notice of the change (and of the date of the new fiscal year end) with the MSRB prior to the next date by which the City otherwise would be required to provide financial information and operating data as set forth above.

Notice of Certain Events

The City will also provide timely notices of certain events to the MSRB. The City will provide notice in a timely manner not in excess of ten business days after the occurrence of the event of any of the following events with respect to the Bonds: (1) principal and interest payment delinquencies; (2) non-payment related defaults, if material; (3) unscheduled draws on debt service reserves reflecting financial difficulties; (4) unscheduled draws on credit enhancements reflecting financial difficulties; (5) substitution of credit or liquidity providers, or their failure to perform; (6) adverse tax opinions, the issuance by the Internal Revenue Service of proposed or final determinations of taxability, Notices of Proposed Issue (IRS Form 5701-TEB) or other material notices or determinations with respect to the tax status of the Bonds, or other material events affecting the tax status of the Bonds; (7) modifications to rights of holders of the Bonds, if material; (8) bond calls, if material, and tender offers; (9) defeasances; (10) release, substitution, or sale of property securing repayment of the Bonds, if material; (11) rating changes; (12) bankruptcy, insolvency, receivership or similar event of the City; (13) the consummation of a merger, consolidation, or acquisition involving the City or the sale of all or substantially all of the assets of the City, other than in the ordinary course of business, the entry into a definitive agreement to undertake such an action or the termination of a definitive agreement relating to any such actions, other than pursuant to its terms, if material; (14) appointment of a successor Paying Agent/Registrar or change in the name of the Paying Agent/Registrar, if material; (15) incurrence of a Financial Obligation of the City, if material, or agreement to covenants, events of default, remedies, priority rights, or other similar terms of a Financial Obligation of the City, any of which affect security holders, if material; and (16) default, event of acceleration, termination event, modification of terms, or other similar events under the terms of a Financial Obligation of the City, any of which reflect financial difficulties. Neither the Bonds nor the Ordinance make any provision for debt service reserves, liquidity enhancement, credit enhancement, merger, consolidation, or acquisition. In addition, the City will provide timely notice of any failure by the City to provide information, data, or financial statements in accordance with its agreement described above under "Annual Reports."

For these purposes, any event described in (12) in the immediately preceding paragraph is considered to occur when any of the following occur: the appointment of a receiver, fiscal agent, or similar officer for the City in a proceeding under the United States Bankruptcy Code or in any other proceeding under state or federal law in which a court or governmental authority has assumed jurisdiction over substantially all of the assets or business of the City, or if such jurisdiction has been assumed by leaving the existing governing body and officials or officers in possession but subject to the supervision and orders of a court or governmental authority, or the entry of an order confirming a plan of reorganization, arrangement, or liquidation by a court or governmental authority having supervision or jurisdiction over substantially all of the assets or business of the City; and the City intends the words used in the immediately preceding paragraphs (15) and (16) and the definition of Financial Obligation in this Section to have the same meanings as when they are used in the Rule, as evidenced by SEC Release No. 34-83885, dated August 20, 2018 (the "2018 Release") and any further written guidance provided by the SEC or its staff with respect to the amendment to Rule 15c2-12 effected by the 2018 Release.

Availability of Information

The City has agreed to provide the foregoing information only to the MSRB. The information will be available to the public at www.emma.msrb.org.

Limitations and Amendments

The City has agreed to update information and to provide notices of certain events only as described above. The City has not agreed to provide other information that may be relevant or material to a complete presentation of its financial results of operations, condition, or prospects or agreed to update any information that is provided, except as described above. The City makes no representation or warranty concerning such information or concerning its usefulness to a decision to invest in or sell Bonds at any future date. The City disclaims any contractual or tort liability for damages resulting in whole or in part from any breach of its continuing disclosure agreement or from any statement made pursuant to its agreement, although holders of Bonds may seek a writ of mandamus to compel the City to comply with its agreement. The City may amend its continuing disclosure agreement from time to time to adapt to changed circumstances that arise from a change in legal requirements, a change in law, or a change in the identity, nature, status or type of operations of the City, if (i) the agreement, as amended, would have permitted an Underwriter to purchase or sell the Bonds in the offering described herein in compliance with the Rule, taking into account any amendments or interpretations of the Rule to the date of such amendment, as well as such changed circumstances, and (ii) either (a) the holders of a majority in aggregate principal amount of the outstanding Bonds consent to such amendment or (b) any person unaffiliated with the City (such as nationally recognized bond counsel) determines that the amendment will not materially impair the interests of the holders and beneficial owners of the Bonds. The City may also amend or repeal the provisions of this continuing disclosure agreement if the SEC amends or repeals the applicable provisions of the SEC Rule 15c2-12 or a court of final jurisdiction enters judgment

that such provisions of the SEC Rule 15c2-12 are invalid, but only if and to the extent that the provisions of this sentence would not prevent an Underwriter from lawfully purchasing or selling Bonds in the primary offering of the Bonds. If the City so amends the agreement, it has agreed to include with any financial information and operating data provided in accordance with its agreement described above under "Annual Reports" an explanation, in narrative form, of the reasons for the amendment and of the impact of any change in the type of financial information and operating data so provided.

Compliance With Prior Undertakings

During the last five years, the City has substantially complied in all material respects with its undertakings made in accordance with Rule 15c2-12.

SEVERE WEATHER EVENTS

The City is located near the Texas Gulf Coast. Land located in this area is susceptible to high winds, heavy rain and flooding caused by hurricanes, tropical storms, and other tropical disturbances. The greater Houston area, including the City, has experienced multiple storms exceeding a 0.2% probability (i.e. "500-year flood" event) since 2015. Several of these storms, including Hurricane Harvey. As has been seen in recent hurricanes that have landed along the Texas Gulf Coast, such weather events can cause substantial interruption of business activity. In the event of a severe storm in the vicinity of the City, the City could experience reduced business activity for a prolonged period, which would adversely affect the receipts of service fees and revenues and possibly its ability to pay contractual commitments and debt obligations. Additional severe weather events striking the area of the City in the future could result in decreases in population, taxable assessed valuations and require system repairs. Even if insurance proceeds are available and improvements are rebuilt, there could be a lengthy period in which assessed values or receipts of revenues could be adversely affected.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AND CYBERSECURITY

The City depends upon information and computing technology to conduct general business operations. These systems may be subject to disruptions or security breaches that could materially disrupt the City's operations, cause reputational damage and/or give rise to losses or legal liability. The City continually monitors these threats, however, no assurance can be given that the City will fully prevent potential business continuity or cybersecurity risks arising from events wholly or partially beyond the City's control, including electrical telecommunications outages, natural disasters, or cyberattacks, or larger scale political events, including terrorist attacks. Any such occurrence could materially and adversely affect the City's operations and reputation, which could lead to decreased financial performance that insurance may not cover and may require the City to expend significant resources to correct the failure or disruption.

FINANCIAL ADVISOR

BOK Financial Securities, Inc. is employed as Financial Advisor to the City in connection with the issuance of the Bonds. The Financial Advisor's fee for services rendered with respect to the sale of the Bonds is contingent upon the issuance and delivery of the Bonds. The Financial Advisor is not obligated to undertake, and has not undertaken to make, an independent verification or to assume responsibility for the accuracy, completeness, or fairness of the information in this Official Statement.

AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Whitley Penn LLP, the City's independent auditor, has not reviewed, commented on, or approved, and is not associated with, this Official Statement. The report of Whitley Penn LLP relating to the City's financial statements for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2023 is included in this Official Statement in APPENDIX B; however, Whitley Penn LLP, has not performed any procedures on such financial statements since the date of such report, and has not performed any procedures on any other financial information of the City, including without limitation any of the information contained in this Official Statement, and has not been asked to consent to the inclusion of its report, or otherwise be associated with this Official Statement.

Excerpts from the City's Annual Financial Report for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2023 are included in this Official Statement in APPENDIX B. The City currently expects to receive its Annual Financial Report for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2024 (the "2024 Annual Report") on or before the Date of Initial Delivery. Once accepted by the City Council, the City expects to file the 2024 Annual Report with EMMA in accordance with its existing continuing disclosure undertakings and associate the 2024 Annual Report with the Bonds on EMMA. The 2024 Annual Report is hereby incorporated by reference into this Official Statement.

After the City files the 2024 Annual Report with EMMA, it may be obtained by accessing EMMA at <https://emma.msrb.org/IssuerHomePage/Issuer?id=545AB69FE6DB3F73BCAAA7767DA12E9E>, or by using the EMMA Advanced Search function and entering the term "City of Friendswood" in the Issuer Name field within the Security Information search filter. A copy of the 2024 Annual Report may also be obtained by written request from the City's Financial Advisor, BOK Financial Securities, Inc., 1401 McKinney Street, Suite 1000, Houston, Texas 77010.

GENERAL CONSIDERATIONS

Sources and Compilation of Information

The information contained in this Official Statement has been obtained primarily from the City and from other sources believed to be reliable. No representation is made as to the accuracy or completeness of the information derived from sources other than the City. The summaries of the statutes, ordinances and other related documents are included herein subject to all of the provisions of such documents. These summaries do not purport to be complete statements of such provisions and reference is made to such documents for further information.

Neither this Official statement nor any statement that may have been made orally or in writing is to be constructed as or as part of a contract with the original purchasers or subsequent owners of the Bonds.

Forward Looking Statements

The statements contained in this Official Statement, and in any other information provided by the City, that are not purely historical, are forward-looking statements, including statements regarding the City's expectations, hopes, intentions, or strategies regarding the future. Readers should not place undue reliance on forward-looking statements. All forward-looking statements included in this Official Statement are based on information available to the City on the date hereof, and the City assumes no obligation to update any such forward-looking statements. It is important to note that the City's actual results could differ materially from those in such forward-looking statements.

The forward-looking statements herein are necessarily based on various assumptions and estimates and are inherently subject to various risks and uncertainties, including risks and uncertainties relating to the possible invalidity of the underlying assumptions and estimates and possible changes or developments in social, economic, business, industry, market, legal and regulatory circumstances and conditions and actions taken or omitted to be taken by third parties, including customers, suppliers, business partners and competitors, and legislative, judicial and other governmental authorities and officials. Assumptions related to the foregoing involve judgments with respect to, among other things, future economic, competitive, and market conditions and future business decisions, all of which are difficult or impossible to predict accurately and many of which are beyond the control of the City. Any of such assumptions could be inaccurate and, therefore, there can be no assurance that the forward-looking statements included in this Official Statement would prove to be accurate.

In the Ordinance, the City Council duly authorized and approved this Official Statement as of the date specified on the first page hereof.

Mike Foreman
Mayor
City of Friendswood

ATTEST:

Leticia Brysch
City Secretary
City of Friendswood

APPENDIX A

GENERAL INFORMATION REGARDING THE CITY OF FRIENDSWOOD

The following information has been derived from various sources, including the Texas Municipal Reports, U.S. Census data, "Sales Management Survey of Buying Power", and City officials. While such sources are believed to be reliable, no representation is made as to the accuracy thereof.

- City Economics -

The City of Friendswood, Texas (the "City"), is a commercial center located 20 miles southeast of downtown Houston at the intersection of Farm to Market Road 2351 and Farm to Market Road 518 in the northeast corner of Galveston County, with a small portion in Harris County. At present, there are numerous residential subdivisions either developed or under construction within the City with homes ranging in value from approximately \$75,000 to over \$2,500,000, with the average being approximately \$450,000.

Manufacturing and Commerce

Employment in Galveston County (the "County") is provided by the extensive petro-chemical industry. (Source: Texas Municipal Report.) Also adding to the general economy of the County are fishing, tourism and recreation activities and agribusiness. The Gulf Intracoastal Waterway comes through the lowlands near Surfside Beach and is an important waterway in America with reported annual tonnage comparable to the Panama and Suez Canals.

ECONOMIC AND GROWTH INDICATORS

U.S. Census of Population

	City of Friendswood		Galveston County	
	Number	% Change	Number	% Change
1930	---	---	23,054	+11.84
1940	---	---	27,069	+17.42
1950	---	---	46,549	+71.96
1960	1,497	---	76,204	+63.71
1970	6,444	+330.46	108,312	+42.13
1980	13,248	+105.59	169,587	+56.57
1990	18,927	+42.87	191,707	+13.04
2000	29,037	+53.42	250,158	+30.49
2010	35,805	+23.31	291,309	+16.45
2020	41,213	+15.10	350,682	+20.38

(a) Source: U.S. Census Bureau.

Employment Statistics

State of Texas

	<u>2024 (a)</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
Labor Force	15,591,398	15,067,153	14,672,312	14,292,315	13,941,490
Employed	15,012,362	14,472,524	14,093,906	13,486,624	12,872,070
Unemployed	579,036	594,629	578,406	805,691	1,069,420
Unemployment Rate	3.7%	3.9%	3.9%	5.6%	7.7%

Galveston County

	<u>2024 (a)</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
Labor Force	180,743	174,213	169,221	165,655	163,817
Employed	173,438	166,796	161,693	154,797	149,429
Unemployed	7,305	7,417	7,528	10,858	14,388
Unemployment Rate	4.0%	4.3%	4.4%	6.6%	8.8%

City of Friendswood

	<u>2024 (a)</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
Labor Force	21,396	20,652	20,001	19,455	19,070
Employed	20,692	19,892	19,283	18,463	17,818
Unemployed	704	760	718	992	1,252
Unemployment Rate	3.3	3.7%	3.6%	5.1%	6.6%

(a) As of December 31, 2024.

Employment Statistics

Source: Texas Workforce Commission

APPENDIX B
AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OF THE CITY

CITY OF FRIENDSWOOD, TEXAS

ANNUAL COMPREHENSIVE FINANCIAL REPORT

FISCAL YEAR ENDED
SEPTEMBER 30, 2023



City of
Friendswood
Texas

CITY OF FRIENDSWOOD, TEXAS

**ANNUAL COMPREHENSIVE
FINANCIAL REPORT
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED**

**Fiscal Year Ended
September 30, 2023**

Officials Issuing Report:

**Morad Kabiri
City Manager**

**Katina Hampton
Director of Administrative Services**

City of
Friendswood
Texas

INTRODUCTORY SECTION





CITY OF FRIENDSWOOD

March 22, 2024

The Honorable Mayor, Members of the City Council, and the Citizens of Friendswood:

The Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR) of the City of Friendswood for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2023, is hereby submitted. Responsibility for both the accuracy of the data, and the completeness and fairness of the presentation, including all disclosures, rests with the City. To the best of our knowledge and belief, the enclosed data is accurate in all material respects and is reported in a manner designed to present fairly the financial position and results of operations of the various funds of the City. All disclosures necessary to enable the reader to gain an understanding of the City's financial activities have been included.

This report consists of management's representations concerning the finances of the City. 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 has established a comprehensive internal control framework that is designed both to protect the government's assets from loss, theft, or misuse and to compile sufficient reliable information for the preparation of the City's financial statements in conformity with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP). Because the cost of internal controls should not outweigh their benefits, the City'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 Charter requires an annual audit of the financial statements of all of the various funds of the City by independent certified public accountants. The accounting firm of Whitley Penn LLP has performed such an audit. The goal of the independent audit was to provide reasonable assurance that the financial statements of the City 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 amounts 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's financial statements for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2023, are fairly presented in conformity with GAAP. The independent auditors' 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 MD&A and should be read in conjunction with it. The City’s MD&A can be found immediately following the report of the independent auditors.

PROFILE OF THE CITY

Established in 1895 as a Quaker colony, the City of Friendswood is rich in heritage. The City was incorporated in 1960 and chartered a home-rule city under Texas law in 1971. The City operates under a Council-Manager form of government. Policy-making and legislative authority are vested in a governing council consisting of the Mayor and six (6) Council Members. The Mayor and Council are responsible, among other things, for passing ordinances, adopting the budget, appointing board and committee members and hiring the City Manager, City Attorney, Municipal Judge, and City Secretary. The City Manager is responsible for carrying out the policies and ordinances of the City Council and overseeing the day-to-day operations of the City government, and for appointing heads of various departments. The Mayor and Council are elected on an at-large, non-partisan basis. The Mayor and Council are elected to serve no more than four consecutive three-year terms.

The City provides a full range of municipal services including public safety (police, fire and emergency medical), maintenance of streets and infrastructure, sanitation services, maintenance of the treated waste distribution system and both sanitary and storm sewer collection transmission systems, recreational activities and cultural events as well as general administrative services.

FACTORS AFFECTING FINANCIAL CONDITION

Location

Encompassing 21 square miles, Friendswood is located in southeast Texas near the Texas Gulf Coast, between downtown Houston and Galveston, spanning across two counties – northern Galveston County and southern Harris County. The current estimated population is 42,757. Residents and visitors can access Friendswood through FM 2351, FM 518, and FM 528 (NASA Parkway). Hobby Airport and Ellington Airport are located within a 15 minute drive from Friendswood, and Bush Intercontinental Airport is just 45 minutes away. Major sectors of the area’s economic base include aerospace, specialty chemicals, health care, retail, and tourism.

Community

Friendswood has been nationally recognized as one of the best places to live in the country. With low tax rates, outstanding public education, and the lowest crime rate in the region, Friendswood is the perfect place to live, work, and play. The city features beautiful parks and lush landscaping, along with a championship golf course. Children academically excel via two superior public school systems – Friendswood ISD and Clear Creek ISD. These attributes perfectly match Friendswood’s affluent resident base of well-educated, high-income families. More than 50% of residents work in executive, professional, and managerial positions and generate an average household income of over \$164,000, one of the highest in the Houston area.

Business

Friendswood is the perfect choice for many types of commercial enterprises. Target markets include professional offices, retail, commercial, and light industrial developments. A key City focus is to encourage redevelopment of the downtown area along FM 518, development of the City’s “panhandle” area near FM 2351 and most recently the development of 106 acres on FM 528 near Bay Area Blvd. City leaders have approved special tools and incentives to revitalize and develop these areas to promote mixed-use, multi-story developments with retail spaces, medical and office buildings, hotels and multi-family residential complexes. The City offers competitive business incentives, including a municipal grant program, tax abatement that includes “green” development, freeport tax exemption, downtown development fee waivers, and most recently the creation of a Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone.

Quality Lifestyle

As with any city, the goal is planning for continued quality growth to create a well-balanced community. Friendswood offers single-family residential housing in pleasant park-like settings, tucked-away from the busy stream of vehicular traffic. Friendswood is committed to attracting more local enterprises that will complement and enhance the unique community environment that has been carefully built over the past 100 years; one that has come to be cherished by residents and business owners alike.

LONG TERM PLANNING

Budgeting Controls

The objective of the City's budgetary controls is to ensure compliance with legal provisions embodied in the annual appropriated budget approved by Council. The charter requires the City Manager to submit a proposed budget and an accompanying message to the City Council on or before August 1. The council shall review and revise as deemed appropriate prior to general circulation for the public hearing. The Public Notice and Hearing must be posted in the city hall and published in the official newspaper. The budget must be adopted by the 15th of September or as soon thereafter as practical. The City legally adopts annual budgets for the General, Special Revenue and Debt Service Funds. Annual and project budgets are also adopted for the Proprietary and Capital Projects Funds, respectively.

The level of budgetary control; that is, the level at which expenditures cannot legally exceed the appropriated amount, is established by department within a fund. The City also maintains an encumbrance accounting system as one technique of accomplishing budgetary control. Encumbrances lapse at fiscal year end, but can be re-appropriated through a budget amendment the following fiscal year. The City Manager is authorized to transfer budgeted amounts within departments in any fund, but revisions that increase the total expenditures of any fund or transfers between departments must be approved by Council.

Multi-Year Financial Planning

A Multi-Year financial plan (MYFP) was developed in 2006. Originally, staff was directed to develop a plan to forecast the City's financial condition through 2020, the projected build-out date. The first version of this plan was drafted and later reduced in scope to a five year projection.

The MYFP is based on the City's strategic planning efforts, including the Comprehensive Land Use Plan, Vision 2020 and the Capital Improvements Plan. Departmental operational plans funding requirements to provide programs and services are included in the MYFP as well. Funding needs and available resources, both current and alternative revenue enhancements, are identified. Expenditures are projected based on departmental needs assessments and are organized based on "one-time" and "on-going" expenditures. In collaboration with Council, the plan is updated at least annually and serves as the basis of budget development.

Relevant Financial Policies

As part of the annual budget process, the City adopts Financial Management Policy Statements that establish a framework for fiscal decision making and that ensure that financial resources are available to meet the present and future needs of its citizens. These statements provide guidelines for financial planning and management, addressing every major financial function and process.

Most importantly, the Financial Management Policy requires that the City maintain the General Fund unassigned fund balance at a minimum of 90 days of prior year audited operating expenditures. Any unassigned funds after the fiscal year-end audit will be allowed to accumulate to build this 90-day reserve. After the General Fund has gathered sufficient resources, additional unassigned funds will be allowed to accumulate for future General Fund capital improvements.

The Financial Management Policy also requires the minimum working capital in the Water and Sewer Fund be 90 days of prior year audited operating expenditures. Any unrestricted funds after the fiscal year-end audit will be allowed to accumulate to build this 90-day reserve. After these funds have gathered sufficient resources, additional unrestricted funds will be allowed to accumulate in working capital for future utility /operating fund capital improvements.

Awards

The Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) awarded a Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting to the City of Friendswood for its annual comprehensive financial report for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2022. This was the thirty-fifth consecutive year that 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 our current 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.

Acknowledgements

The preparation of the annual comprehensive financial report was made possible by the dedicated service of the entire staff of the Administrative Services Department. Each member of the department has my sincere appreciation for the contributions made in the preparation of this report.

In closing, I also express my thanks to the Mayor, members of the City Council and the City Manager for their leadership, interest and support in conducting the financial operations of the City in a responsible and progressive manner.

Sincerely,



Katina Hampton
Director of Administrative Services

CITY OF FRIENDSWOOD, TEXAS

PRINCIPAL OFFICIALS

September 30, 2023

Elected Officials	Position	Term Expires
Mike Foreman	Mayor	May 2024
Steve Rockey	Council Member - Position No. 1	May 2024
Sally Branson	Council Member - Position No. 2	May 2026
Trish Hanks	Council Member - Position No. 3	May 2024
Robert J. Griffon	Council Member - Position No. 4	May 2025
Joe Matranga	Council Member - Position No. 5	May 2026
Brent Erenwert	Council Member - Position No. 6	May 2025

Key Staff

Position

Morad Kabiri	City Manager
Steven Rhea	Assistant City Manager
Katina Hampton	Director of Administrative Services
Aubrey Harbin	Director of Community Development
Jildardo Arias	Director of Engineering
Matt Riley	Library Director
Brian Mansfield	Director of Emergency Services
Haley Brown	Director of Human Resources
Terry Prindle	Director of Information Technology
Rene Ibarra	Director of Public Works
James Toney	Director of Parks and Recreation
Leticia Brysch	City Secretary
Christoper Rogers	Chief of Police
Karen Horner	City Attorney
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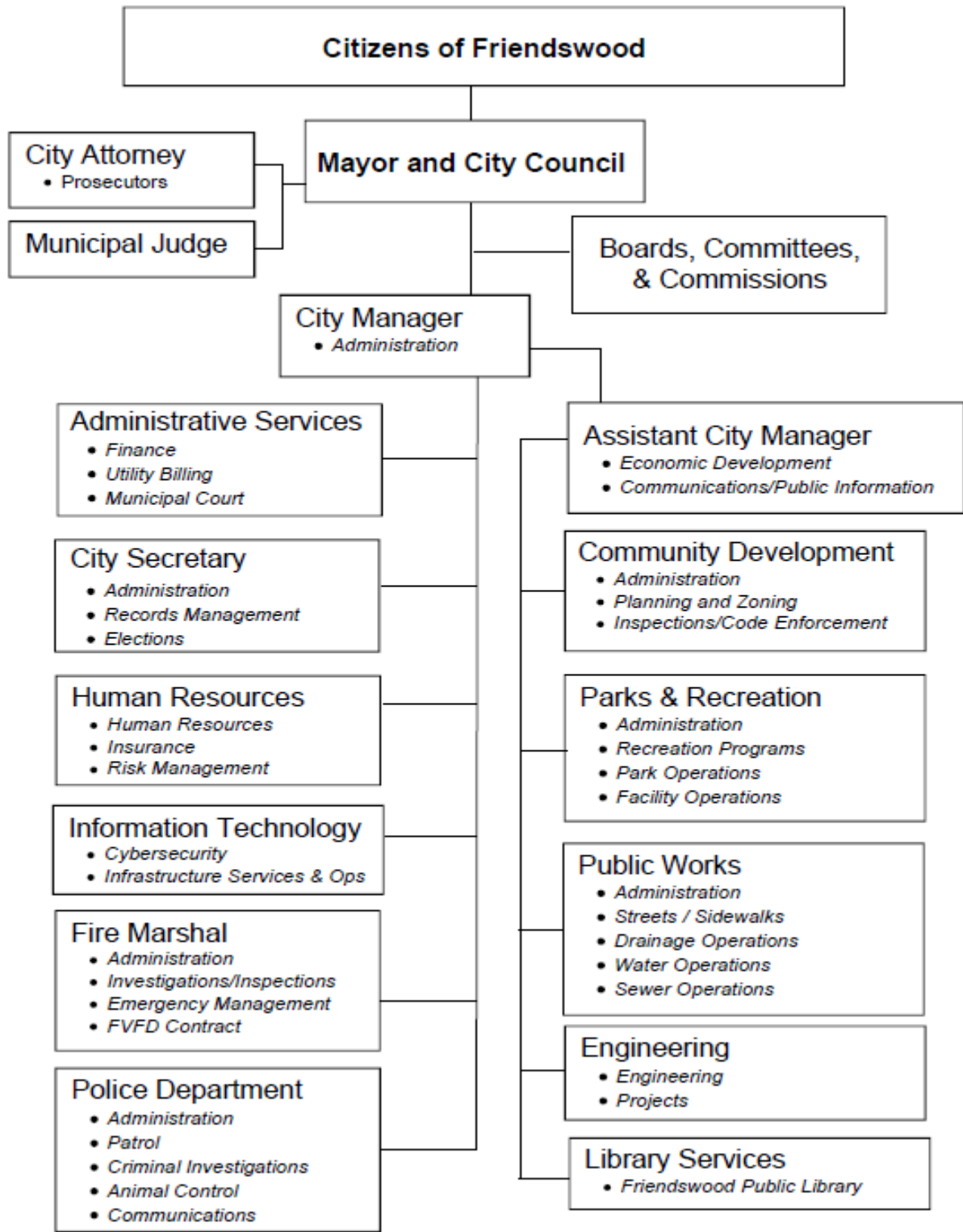
For its Annual Comprehensive
Financial Report
For the Fiscal Year Ended

September 30, 2022

Christopher P. Merrill

Executive Director/CEO

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ORGANIZATIONAL CHART





FINANCIAL SECTION



INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Honorable Mayor and
Members of City Council
City of Friendswood, Texas

Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

Opinions

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, the aggregate discretely presented component units, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of City of Friendswood, Texas (the "City"), as of and for the 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, based on our report and the report of other auditors, the accompanying financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, the aggregate discretely presented component units, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the City, as of September 30, 2023, and the respective changes in financial position, and, where applicable, cash flows thereof for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

We did not audit the financial statements of West Ranch Management District, a discretely presented component unit of the City, which represents 77%, 100%, and 75%, respectively, of the assets, liabilities, and revenues of the aggregate discretely presented component units. Those financial statements were audited by other auditors whose report thereon has been furnished to us, and our opinion, insofar as it related to the amounts included for West Ranch Management District, is based solely on the report of the other auditors. The financial statements of West Ranch Management District were not audited in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*.

Basis for Opinions

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

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of 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 City's ability to continue as a going concern for twelve months beyond the financial statement date, including any currently known information that may raise substantial doubt shortly thereafter.

The Honorable Mayor and
Members of the City Council
City of Friendswood, Texas

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

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

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

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

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

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that management's discussion and analysis, general fund budgetary comparison schedule, coronavirus state fiscal recovery fund budgetary comparison schedule, pension information, and other-post employment benefit information, as listed 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.

The Honorable Mayor and
Members of the City Council
City of Friendswood, Texas

Supplementary Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the City's basic financial statements. The combining and individual fund financial statements and schedules, are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the combining and individual fund financial statements and schedules are fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.


Other Information

Management is responsible for the other information included in the annual report. The other information comprises the introductory section and statistical section 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.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with Government Auditing Standards, we have also issued our report dated March 22, 2024, on our consideration of the City's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion of the effectiveness of the City's internal control over financial reporting or 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.


Houston, Texas
March 22, 2024



CITY OF FRIENDSWOOD, TEXAS
MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

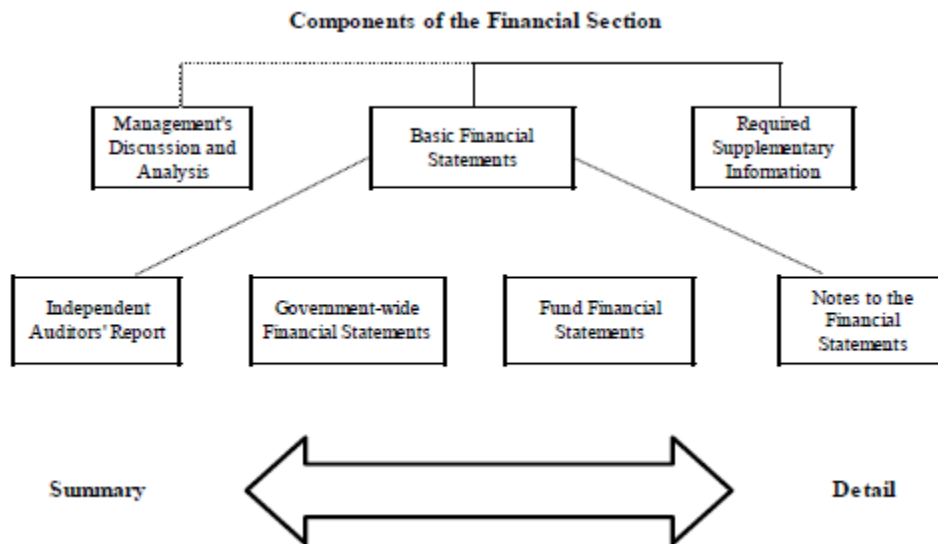
As management of the City of Friendswood, Texas ("the City"), we offer readers of the City's financial statements this narrative overview and analysis of the financial activities of the City for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2023. Please read this information in conjunction with the basic financial statements that follow this section.

Financial Highlights

Some of the City's financial highlights for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2023 include:

- The assets and deferred outflows of resources of the City exceeded its liabilities and deferred inflows of resources at the close of the most recent fiscal year by \$151,015,158.
- The City's total net position increased during the year by \$12,606,375. The City's net pension and total OPEB liabilities were \$18.9 million and \$1.6 million, respectively. The net pension liability increased by \$13.8 million and the total OPEB liability decreased by \$365.1 thousand compared to the prior year.
- As of the close of the current fiscal year, the City reported unrestricted net position of \$21,280,699.
- Program revenues of \$30,066,518 reduced the net cost of the City's functions to be financed from the City's general revenues to \$27,950,639 .

Overview of the Financial Statements



This discussion and analysis is intended to serve as an introduction to the City's basic financial statements. The basic financial statements are comprised of three components: 1) government-wide financial statements, 2) fund financial statements, and 3) notes to the financial statements. This report also includes supplementary information intended to furnish additional detail to support the basic financial statements themselves.

CITY OF FRIENDSWOOD, TEXAS
MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS (continued)

Government-wide Financial Statements

The government-wide financial statements report information for the City as a whole. These statements include transactions and balances relating to all assets, including infrastructure capital assets. These statements are designed to provide information about cost of services, operating results, and financial position of the City as an economic entity. The Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities, which appear first in the City's financial statements, report information on the City's activities that enable the reader to understand the financial condition of the City. These statements are prepared using the *accrual basis of accounting*, which is similar to the accounting used by most private-sector companies. All of the current year's revenues and expenses are taken into account even if cash has not yet changed hands.

The Statement of Net Position presents information on all of the City's assets and deferred outflows of resources and liabilities and deferred inflows of resources with the difference reported as *net position*. Over time, increases or decreases in the net position may serve as a useful indicator of whether the financial position of the City is improving or deteriorating. Other non-financial factors, such as the City's property tax base and the condition of the City's infrastructure, need to be considered in order to assess the overall health of the City.

The Statement of Activities presents information showing how the City's net position changed during the most recent fiscal year. All changes in net position are reported as soon as the underlying event giving rise to the change occurs, regardless of the timing of related cash flows – the accrual method rather than modified accrual that is used in the fund level statements.

Both of the government-wide financial statements distinguish functions of the City that are principally supported by taxes and intergovernmental revenues (governmental activities) from functions that are intended to recover all or significant portion of their costs through user fees (business-type activities).

- Governmental activities – Most of the City's basic services are reported here including general government (mayor and council, city secretary, city manager, administrative services, human resources, information technology, and city attorney); public safety (police and fire marshal); engineering (capital projects administration); public works (streets and drainage); community development (building inspection and planning and zoning); parks and recreation (parks, facility operations and community activities) and library. Interest payments on the City's debt and internal lease payments are also reported here. Property tax, sales tax, franchise taxes, municipal court fines and permit fees finance most of the activities.
- Business-type activities – Services involving a fee for those services, which include the City's water and sewer system are reported here.
- Component Units – Activities of the West Ranch Management District and Friendswood Downtown Economic Development Corporation.

Fund Financial Statements

A fund is a self-balancing set of accounts that is used to maintain control over resources that have been segregated for specific activities or objectives. The City uses fund accounting to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance-related legal requirements. The City uses two fund types – governmental and proprietary.

CITY OF FRIENDSWOOD, TEXAS
MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS (continued)

Governmental Funds

Governmental funds are used to account for essentially the same functions reported as governmental activities in the government-wide financial statements with the exclusion of internal service fund activity. However, unlike the government-wide financial statements, governmental funds 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 the City's near-term financing requirements.

Because the focus of the 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, the reader may better understand the long-term impact of the government's near-term financial decisions. Both the governmental fund balance sheet and the governmental statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balances provide a reconciliation to facilitate this comparison between *governmental funds* and *governmental activities*.

The City maintains fourteen governmental funds. Information is presented separately in the governmental funds balance sheet and the governmental fund statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balance for the General Fund, Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund, and Bond Construction Fund, which are considered to be major funds. The other eleven funds are combined into a single, aggregated presentation. Individual fund data for each of these non-major governmental funds is provided in the form of combining statements found in this report.

Proprietary Funds

The City maintains two types of proprietary funds: enterprise and internal service funds. Enterprise funds are used to report the same functions presented as business-type activities in the government-wide financial statements. The City uses an enterprise fund to account for its operation in water distribution and wastewater collection/treatment along with its water and wastewater impact fees, and water construction projects. Management would note that trash collection services are provided by a franchise agreement.

Internal service funds are an accounting device used to accumulate and allocate costs internally among the City's various functions. The City uses an internal service fund to account for fleet management services. Because these services predominately benefit governmental rather than business-type functions, they have been included within the governmental activities in the government-wide financial statements.

Notes to the Financial Statements

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

Other Information

In addition to the basic financial statements and accompanying notes, this report also presents certain Required Supplementary Information ("RSI"). The City adopts an annual appropriated budget for its General Fund. A budgetary comparison schedule has been provided as RSI to demonstrate compliance with this budget. RSI can be found after the notes to the financial statements. The RSI also includes schedules related to the City's progress in funding its obligation to provide pension and other post-employment benefits to its employees.

The combining and individual fund financial statements and schedules that further support the information in the financial statements are presented immediately following the required supplementary information.

CITY OF FRIENDSWOOD, TEXAS
MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS (continued)

GOVERNMENT-WIDE FINANCIAL ANALYSIS

Statement of Net Position

As noted earlier, net position may serve over time as a useful indicator of a government's financial position. For the City, assets and deferred outflows of resources exceed liabilities and deferred inflows of resources by \$151,015,158 as of September 30, 2023 in the primary government, which is an increase in the City's overall financial position compared to the prior year.

The largest portion of the City's net position (79.3%) reflects its investments in capital assets (e.g., land, buildings and improvements, machinery and equipment, infrastructure, water and sewer system, construction in progress and water rights); less any debt outstanding used to acquire those assets. The City uses these capital assets to provide services to citizens; consequently, these assets are not available for future spending. Although the City's investment in its capital assets is reported net of related debt, it should be noted that the resources needed to repay this debt must be provided from other resources, since the assets themselves cannot be used to liquidate these liabilities.

The following table reflects the condensed Statement of Net Position.

	Governmental Activities		Business-Type Activities		Totals	
	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022
Current and other assets	\$ 73,574,397	\$ 48,901,051	\$ 39,975,446	\$ 42,738,547	\$ 113,549,843	\$ 91,639,598
Capital assets	123,606,676	115,789,091	77,842,844	71,551,212	201,449,520	187,340,303
Total Assets	197,181,073	164,690,142	117,818,290	114,289,759	314,999,363	278,979,901
Deferred Outflows of Resources	9,104,231	3,221,061	1,687,348	1,002,527	10,791,579	4,223,588
Total Assets and Deferred Outflows of Resources	206,285,304	167,911,203	119,505,638	115,292,286	325,790,942	283,203,489
Long-term liabilities	96,996,075	57,513,830	58,213,317	60,296,656	155,209,392	117,810,486
Other Liabilities	14,383,827	16,380,206	3,277,179	3,611,658	17,661,006	19,991,864
Total Liabilities	111,379,902	73,894,036	61,490,496	63,908,314	172,870,398	137,802,350
Deferred Inflows of Resources	1,783,691	6,282,137	121,695	710,219	1,905,386	6,992,356
Net Position:						
Net investment in capital assets	79,714,165	74,006,329	40,075,768	35,999,342	119,789,933	110,005,671
Restricted	7,105,294	5,059,835	2,839,232	2,897,578	9,944,526	7,957,413
Unrestricted	6,302,252	8,668,866	14,978,447	11,776,833	21,280,699	20,445,699
Total Net Position	\$ 93,121,711	\$ 87,735,030	\$ 57,893,447	\$ 50,673,753	\$ 151,015,158	\$ 138,408,783

A portion of the primary government's net position, \$9,944,526 or 6.6%, represents resources that are subject to external restrictions on how they may be used. These restrictions include monies accounted for in special revenue funds for which the use is legally restricted and capital project funds. The remaining balance of unrestricted net position, \$21,280,699 or 14.1%, may be used to meet the City's ongoing obligations to citizens and creditors.

CITY OF FRIENDSWOOD, TEXAS
MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS (continued)

The following table provides a summary of the City's changes in net position.

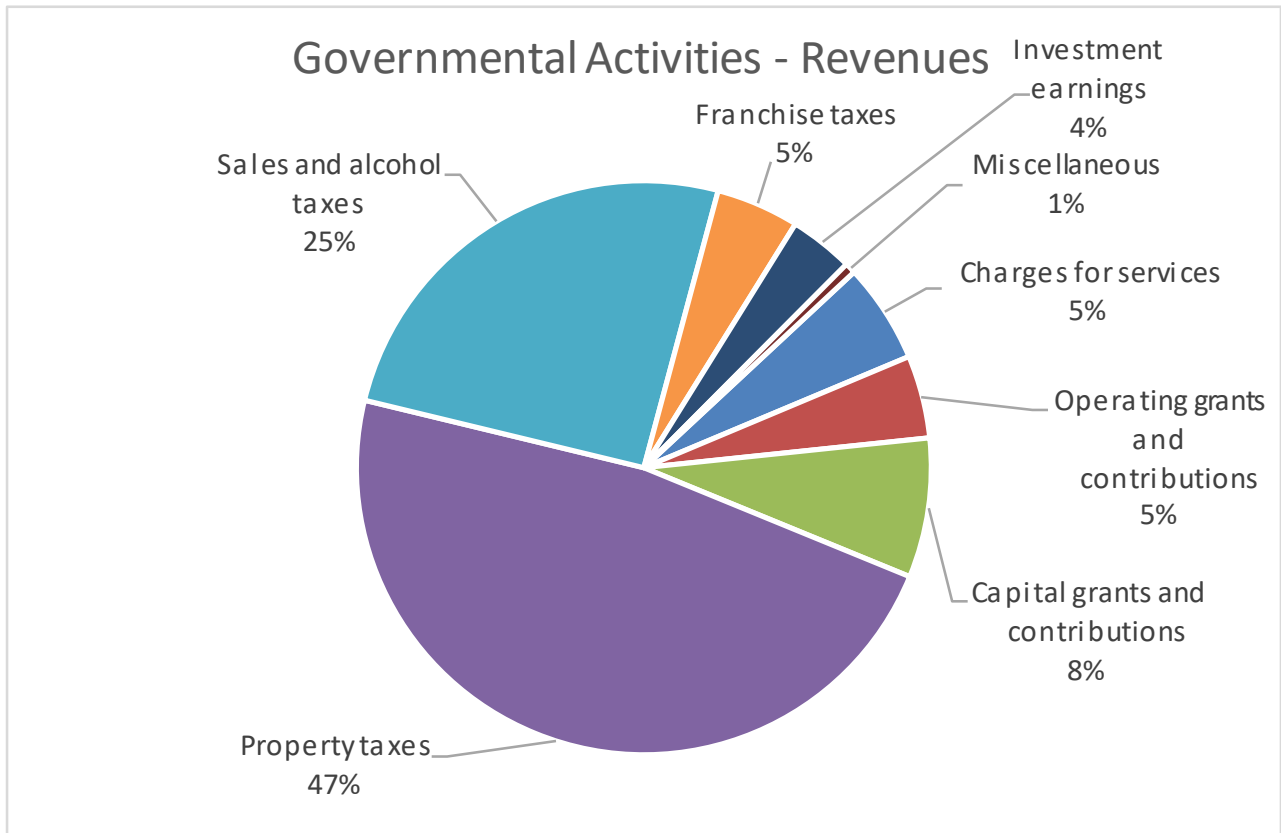
	Governmental Activities		Business Type Activities		Totals	
	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022
Revenues						
Program Revenues:						
Charges for services	\$ 2,680,917	\$ 2,848,589	\$ 21,293,632	\$ 19,419,622	\$ 23,974,549	\$ 22,268,211
Operating grants and contributions	2,229,755	841,537	104,354	289,181	2,334,109	1,130,718
Capital grants and contributions	3,757,860	2,620,495	-	-	3,757,860	2,620,495
General Revenues:						
Property taxes	22,731,678	20,845,938	-	-	22,731,678	20,845,938
Sales and alcohol taxes	12,126,784	11,176,190	-	-	12,126,784	11,176,190
Franchise taxes	2,235,689	2,170,152	-	-	2,235,689	2,170,152
Investment earnings	1,726,549	49,151	1,450,648	130,401	3,177,197	179,552
Miscellaneous	285,666	638,418	-	-	285,666	638,418
Total Revenues	47,774,898	41,190,470	22,848,634	19,839,204	70,623,532	61,029,674
Expenses						
General government	7,873,719	6,210,336	-	-	7,873,719	6,210,336
Public safety	18,526,954	15,655,859	-	-	18,526,954	15,655,859
Public works	6,990,046	6,994,042	-	-	6,990,046	6,994,042
Engineering	640,292	570,098	-	-	640,292	570,098
Community development	1,406,566	1,017,509	-	-	1,406,566	1,017,509
Parks and recreation	5,608,792	4,870,623	-	-	5,608,792	4,870,623
Library services	1,485,716	1,283,007	-	-	1,485,716	1,283,007
Water and sewer	-	-	12,075,080	11,124,562	12,075,080	11,124,562
Interest on long-term debt	1,659,932	1,268,435	1,750,060	1,861,881	3,409,992	3,130,316
Total Expenses	44,192,017	37,869,909	13,825,140	12,986,443	58,017,157	50,856,352
Increase (decrease) in net position						
before transfers	3,582,881	3,320,561	9,023,494	6,852,761	12,606,375	10,173,322
Transfers	1,803,800	1,795,683	(1,803,800)	(1,795,683)	-	-
Change in net position	5,386,681	5,116,244	7,219,694	5,057,078	12,606,375	10,173,322
Net Position - Beginning	87,735,030	82,618,786	50,673,753	45,616,675	138,408,783	128,235,461
Net Position - Ending	\$ 93,121,711	\$ 87,735,030	\$ 57,893,447	\$ 50,673,753	\$ 151,015,158	\$ 138,408,783

CITY OF FRIENDSWOOD, TEXAS
MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS (continued)

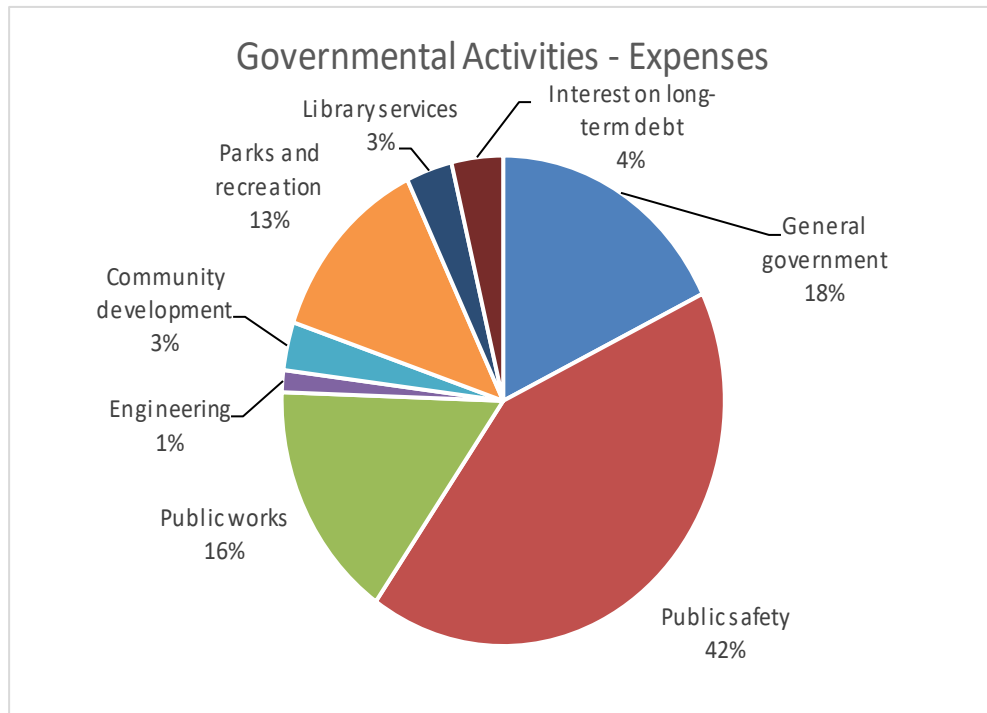
Governmental Activities

Governmental activities increased the City's net position by \$5,386,681. Key elements of this change are as follows:

- Property taxes continue to be the City's largest revenue source. Property tax revenue increased by \$1,885,740 as a result of new construction and property tax increases to cover operating expenses, deferred facilities maintenance, deferred equipment purchases and debt service obligations related to the general obligation bonds authorized by voters in 2013 and 2019.
- Sales and alcohol tax revenue remained strong during fiscal year 2023, providing a 8.51% increase for the year, from \$11.2 million to \$12.1 million. This increase is primarily a result of commercial growth and inflation.
- Operating grants and contributions increased \$1,388,218 from the prior year. This increase is primarily a result of the City's interlocal agreement with Harris County in which funds of \$1.2 million were received for the Blackhawk Boulevard Reconstruction project.
- Capital grants and contributions increased \$1,137,365 from the prior year. This increase is due to more activity with the CDBG-DR grants.
- Overall, total expenses increased \$6.3 million from the prior year. The largest increase of \$2,871,095 was in Public Safety which was primarily a result of an increase in personnel cost due to merit, pay plan adjustments, overtime as well as the cost to fund future retirement benefits. In addition, the Fire/EMS contract with the Friendswood Volunteer Fire Department increased approximately \$322 thousand. General Government had the next largest increase of \$1,663,383 resulting from increased software support services and personnel costs. In addition, an economic incentive grant in the amount of \$350 thousand was awarded for commercial development.



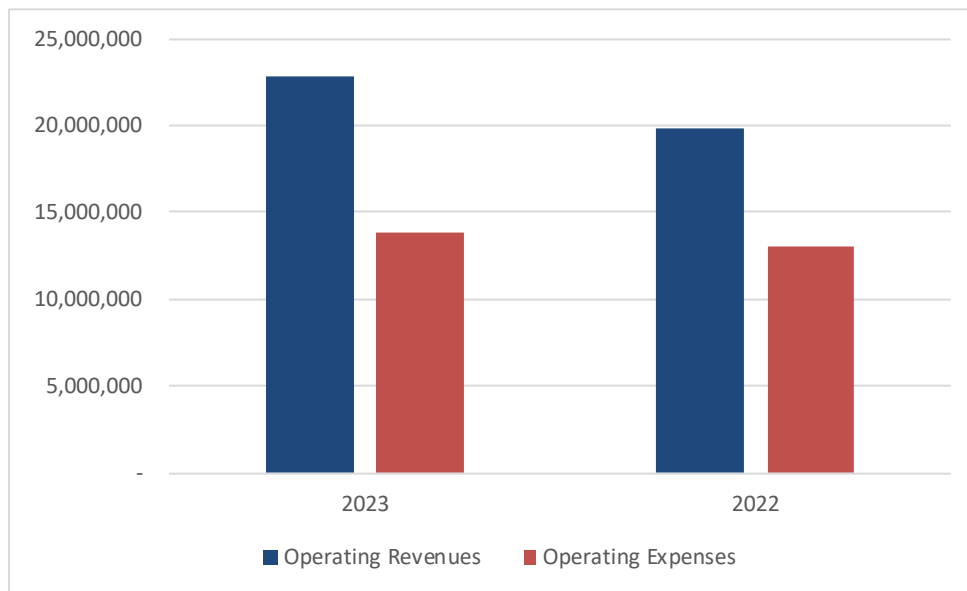
CITY OF FRIENDSWOOD, TEXAS
MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS (continued)



Business-Type Activities

Business-type activities increased the City’s net position by \$7,219,694. Key elements of this change are as follows:

- Revenues increased by \$3.0 million or 15.2% resulting from an increase in utility rates and consumption due to drought like conditions. Expenses increased \$839 thousand primarily a result of increased personnel costs, increased water purchases due to the drought and the purchase of additional automated meters for new development.



CITY OF FRIENDSWOOD, TEXAS
MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS (continued)

FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OF THE CITY'S FUNDS

As noted earlier, fund accounting is used to demonstrate and ensure compliance with finance-related legal requirements.

Governmental Funds

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

At the end of the current fiscal year, the City's governmental funds reported combined ending fund balance of \$56,818,872. Approximately 19.55% of this amount or \$11,111,696 is unassigned fund balance; however, \$8.7 million is set aside for the 90-day operating reserve, as set forth in the City's financial policies.

The remaining \$45,707,176 is nonspendable, restricted, or assigned as follows:

0.78%	-	Nonspendable		
		Prepaid items	\$	430,434
		Permanent fund		11,501
		Total Nonspendable	\$	<u>441,935</u>
71.52%	-	Restricted		
		Public education and government channels	\$	566,041
		Debt service		30,793
		Municipal court operations		201,568
		Public safety operations		500,548
		Capital projects		39,335,309
		Total Restricted	\$	<u>40,634,259</u>
8.15%	-	Assigned		
		Subsequent year's budget appropriation of fund balance	\$	3,891,673
		Capital projects		739,309
		Total Assigned	\$	<u>4,630,982</u>

The General Fund is the chief operating fund of the City. At the end of the current fiscal year, total fund balance reached \$16.7 million of which unassigned fund balance of the General Fund was \$11.1 million. As a measure of the General Fund's liquidity, it may be useful to compare both unassigned and total fund balance to total fund expenditures. Unassigned fund balance represents 28.6% of total General Fund expenditures, while total fund balance represents 43.1% of that same amount. At year end, the City's operating reserve was \$8.7 million, representing 25% of total General Fund expenditures, excluding capital expenditures.

CITY OF FRIENDSWOOD, TEXAS
MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS (continued)

Key differences between last year's General Fund activity and this year's include:

- \$4.4 million increase in total revenues – This increase is primarily related to an increase in property taxes of \$1.6 million due to new home construction as well as the increase in rates to cover operating costs and debt service payments. In addition, intergovernmental revenue increased \$1.4 million as a result of the City receiving \$1.2 million from Harris County for the Blackhawk Boulevard Reconstruction project. Investment income increased \$628 thousand due to the rise in interest rates.
- \$4.4 million increase in total expenditures – This increase in expenditures can be attributed to the following: \$1.6 million in capital improvements related to the Public Safety Building expansion and the Blackhawk Building renovation, \$1.3 million in Public Safety due to increased personnel costs and an increase in the Fire/EMS contract, \$905 thousand in General Government resulting from increased personnel and software support services costs and the awarding of an economic development grant, and \$612 thousand in Parks and Recreation due to the increased cost of utilities and contracts to maintain operations.

The Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund has \$10.0 million of unearned revenue that will be expended in fiscal year 2024.

The fund balance of the Bond Construction Fund was \$33,540,466, an increase of \$25,387,754 compared to the prior year. This increase is related to the issuance of the remaining bonds that were approved by voters in 2019. These bonds were issued for drainage improvement projects.

Other non-major governmental funds fund balance increased by \$1,749,849. This increase is primarily a result of a sales tax collections for the Street Improvement fund exceeding improvement cost by \$1.8 million.

Proprietary Funds

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

At the end of the year, unrestricted net position was \$15.0 million for the Water and Sewer Fund. The total increase in the net position of the Water and Sewer Fund was \$7,219,694. Other factors concerning the finances of this fund have already been addressed in the discussion of the City's business-type activities.

Unrestricted net position of the Internal Service Fund was \$1,083,495. The net position of the Internal Service Fund increased by \$393,211 resulting from lease revenue from the City's participating funds.

General Fund Budgetary Highlights

The City made revisions to the original appropriations approved by the City Council. Budgeted revenues increased by \$1,323,418 or 4.08% and budgeted expenditures were increased by \$9,171,203 or 26.39%.

CITY OF FRIENDSWOOD, TEXAS
MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS (continued)

Total revenues were above budget by \$1,983,264. The more significant variances are detailed below:

- \$1,037,519 over budget in sales and mixed beverage taxes as a result of commercial growth and inflation.
- \$296,193 over budget in miscellaneous revenue as a result of a reimbursement from Lakes of Falcon Ridge HOA for their portion of the Centennial Wall project.
- \$234,567 over budget in investment earnings due to increased interest rates resulting from inflation.
- \$191,589 over budget in franchise taxes as a result of increased gas and electric franchise fees and the receipt of unbudgeted Public Education and Government (PEG)/In-Kind fees.

Total expenditures of the General Fund were \$5.1 million below the final expenditure budget. The more significant variances are detailed below:

- \$656,119 below budget in general government expenditures as a result of a decrease in other services and charges (legal, contract, consulting, etc.).
- \$556,747 below budget in parks and recreation expenditures as a result of repairs and maintenance being approved in FY23 but completed in FY24.
- \$3,985,864 below budget in capital improvements due to projects either not being started or completed in FY23. These projects are primarily related to facility and streets improvements.

Capital Assets

The City's investment in capital assets (net of accumulated depreciation) for its governmental and business-type activities as of September 30, 2023 is \$201.4 million. The investment in capital assets include land, buildings and improvements, machinery and equipment, infrastructure, water and sewer system, water rights and construction in progress.

Major capital events during the year included the following:

- Business-type improvements include the completion of the Sanitary Sewer Assessment Phase IV construction, which was completed for \$1,367,517 and the purchase of property at 23 Wilderness Trail for \$832,798 to accommodate future water and sewer projects.
- Using grant funds, the City purchased properties along Deepwood Drive for a total cost of \$325,349 for flood mitigation projects.
- Necessary upgrades were made to improve the City's technological infrastructure for \$789,099.
- Heavy equipment purchases included a dump truck, an excavator, and a boom mower for a total cost of \$417,859.
- From the Vehicle Replacement Plan, the City purchased 9 new vehicles this year and the equipment to upfit an additional 13 vehicles from the previous year. The total cost was approximately \$953,296.
- Self-contained breathing apparatus packs for \$411,000 were purchased on behalf of the Friendswood Volunteer Fire Department using funds from the Fire and EMS Donation Fund.
- Furniture, fixtures, and equipment totaling \$935,424 was purchased for the Public Safety Expansion project, Blackhawk Building renovation project, and the reconstruction of Fire Station #2.
- The following major projects are in Construction in Progress at the end of fiscal year 2023: Parks Master Plan, Blackhawk Shelter, Blackhawk Building Renovation, Blackhawk Blvd Reconstruction, Fire Station #2, Public Safety Building, Centennial Park Wall, Utility Relocation at Clear Creek Utility Bridge, Forest Bend Detention Pond, Deepwood Flood Control, Friendswood Regional Detention Basin, Water System Improvement Study & Engineering, Lift Station Mitigation Program, 2023 Tank Rehabilitation, Automated Water Meter installation, and the 42" Southeast Transmission Line.

CITY OF FRIENDSWOOD, TEXAS
MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS (continued)

	Governmental Activities		Business-type Activities		Totals	
	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022
Land	\$ 32,720,334	\$ 32,355,840	\$ 1,152,271	\$ 319,473	\$ 33,872,605	\$ 32,675,313
Buildings and improvements	22,057,982	22,938,656	299,092	318,849	22,357,074	23,257,505
Machinery and equipment	9,242,231	7,845,397	2,417,307	2,596,552	11,659,538	10,441,949
Infrastructure	40,696,318	43,675,282	35,250,381	38,970,139	75,946,699	82,645,421
Right-to-use SBITA asset	88,617	176,744	-	-	88,617	176,744
Water rights	-	-	19,716,695	19,716,695	19,716,695	19,716,695
Construction in progress	18,801,194	8,797,172	19,007,098	9,629,504	37,808,292	18,426,676
	<u>\$ 123,606,676</u>	<u>\$ 115,789,091</u>	<u>\$ 77,842,844</u>	<u>\$ 71,551,212</u>	<u>\$ 201,449,520</u>	<u>\$ 187,340,303</u>

More detailed information on the City's capital assets is presented in Note 4 to the financial statements.

Debt Administration

At the end of the current fiscal year, the City had a total bonded debt, premiums and notes payable obligation of \$133.3 million.

	Governmental Activities		Business-type Activities		Totals	
	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022
General obligation bonds	\$ 71,325,000	\$ 43,950,000	\$ 16,920,000	\$ 18,635,000	\$ 88,245,000	\$ 62,585,000
Revenue bonds	-	-	34,120,000	35,630,000	34,120,000	35,630,000
Premium on bond issuance	3,366,542	3,193,902	4,861,781	5,264,036	8,228,323	8,457,938
Notes payable	2,645,629	2,613,729	-	-	2,645,629	2,613,729
SBITA liability	92,494	176,744	-	-	92,494	176,744
	<u>\$ 77,429,665</u>	<u>\$ 49,934,375</u>	<u>\$ 55,901,781</u>	<u>\$ 59,529,036</u>	<u>\$ 133,331,446</u>	<u>\$ 109,463,411</u>

The City's General Obligation and Revenue Bonds bond ratings are listed below:

	Standard & Poor's
General Obligation Bonds	AA+
Revenues Bonds	AA-

More detailed information about the City's outstanding debt can be found in Note 5 to the financial statements.

CITY OF FRIENDSWOOD, TEXAS
MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS (continued)

Economic Factors and Next Year's Budgets and Rates

Friendswood continues to experience moderate growth. The City's current population is estimated to be 42,757. Friendswood is expected to reach build out with an estimated population of 58,012. The City is continuing to focus on economic development initiatives, including the revitalization of downtown as well as commercial and mixed-use development outside of the downtown area. These development projects include medical office buildings, hotels, retail and office spaces as well as multi-family complexes. In addition, to commercial growth the City is also experiencing residential growth with several large master-planned communities in progress or in the planning stages.

The City's largest single source of revenue in the General Fund continues to be ad valorem taxes. The adopted budget for fiscal year 2024 has a tax rate of \$0.500728 per \$100 taxable value. This rate consists of a maintenance and operation (M&O) tax rate of \$0.379450 and an interest and sinking (debt service) tax rate of \$0.121278. The rate was set based on a net assessed value of \$5,023,334,676. This is an increase of \$130,483,289 above certified values including supplemental rolls for tax year 2022. The City's financial management policy sets the guideline to maintain the fund balance and net position of the various operating funds at levels sufficient to protect the City's creditworthiness as well as its financial position from unforeseeable emergencies.

The City second largest source of revenue in the General Fund is sales tax. The City anticipates an increase in this revenue stream from the prior year and has adjusted the budget from \$8,621,519 to \$9,150,001. The franchise fees budget increased from \$2,044,100 to \$2,112,803 and the budget for licenses and permits has decreased from \$873,730 to \$753,524. If all projections are accurate, the total General Fund unassigned fund balance net of the 90 day operating requirement (\$8.7 million) is estimated to be approximately \$2.1 million on September 30, 2024.

Water revenues are budgeted at \$9,557,321 which is an increase of \$1,009,235 in revenues, or 11.81 percent. Sewer revenues are budgeted at \$9,568,474 which is an increase of \$530,894 or 5.9 percent. Water and Sewer Fund working capital net of the 90 day operating requirement (\$2.5 million) is projected to be \$6.4 million at the end of fiscal year 2024.

Pursuant to the City's financial management policy, funds in excess of the 90 day operating reserve are designated for future capital improvements.

Requests for Information

The financial report is designed to provide our citizens, customers, investors, and creditors with a general overview of the City's finance and to show the City's accountability for the money it receives. If you have questions about this report or need additional information, contact Administrative Services, P.O. Box 1288, Friendswood, Texas 77549-1288, or call Katina Hampton at 281-996-3221, or email khampton@friendswood.com.

Separately issued financial statements for the West Ranch Management District can be obtained by writing to: West Ranch Management District, a Component Unity of the City of Friendswood, c/o Allen Boone Humphries Robinson, LLP, 3200 Southwest Freeway, Suite 2600, Houston, Texas 77027.

BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS



CITY OF FRIENDSWOOD, TEXAS
STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
September 30, 2023

	Primary Government			Component Units	
	Governmental Activities	Business-type Activities	Total	West Ranch Management District	Friendswood Downtown EDC
Assets					
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 7,492,092	\$ 3,581,022	\$ 11,073,114	\$ 225,017	\$ 677,713
Investments	59,489,532	13,151,105	72,640,637	4,860,757	2,489,457
Receivables, net of allowances					
Taxes	3,110,710	-	3,110,710	12,310	142,824
Leases	995,808	-	995,808	-	-
Customer accounts	488,383	4,926,480	5,414,863	-	-
Other	263,733	-	263,733	-	-
Accrued interest	29,427	14,054	43,481	137	2,576
Due from other governments	1,274,278	-	1,274,278	-	-
Prepaid items	430,434	95,415	525,849	4,398	-
Working capital deposit	-	571,884	571,884	-	-
Restricted investments	-	17,635,486	17,635,486	-	-
Capital Assets:					
Non-depreciable	51,521,528	39,876,064	91,397,592	7,695,748	505,174
Depreciable, net	72,085,148	37,966,780	110,051,928	345,439	-
Total Capital Assets	123,606,676	77,842,844	201,449,520	8,041,187	505,174
Total Assets	197,181,073	117,818,290	314,999,363	13,143,806	3,817,744
Deferred Outflows of Resources					
Deferred loss on issuance of refunding bonds	48,209	523,479	571,688	273,687	-
Deferred outflow of resources for pensions	8,732,353	1,122,271	9,854,624	-	-
Deferred outflow of resources for OPEB	323,669	41,598	365,267	-	-
Total Deferred Outflows of Resources	9,104,231	1,687,348	10,791,579	273,687	-
Total Assets and Deferred Outflows of Resources	206,285,304	119,505,638	325,790,942	13,417,493	3,817,744
Liabilities					
Accounts payable	2,047,743	2,277,751	4,325,494	25,783	-
Accrued liabilities	981,017	119,646	1,100,663	-	-
Retainage payable	929,652	167,881	1,097,533	-	9,909
Accrued interest	237,167	169,871	407,038	227,269	-
Unearned revenue	10,023,192	-	10,023,192	-	-
Customer deposits	66,544	542,030	608,574	-	-
Due to other governments	98,512	-	98,512	-	-
Noncurrent liabilities:					
Due within one year	3,720,611	3,370,285	7,090,896	900,000	-
Due in more than one year	74,959,594	52,657,922	127,617,516	17,141,921	-
Net pension liability	16,951,983	1,978,562	18,930,545	-	-
Total OPEB liability	1,363,887	206,548	1,570,435	-	-
Total Liabilities	111,379,902	61,490,496	172,870,398	18,294,973	9,909
Deferred Inflows of Resources					
Deferred gain on issuance of refunding bonds	51,521	24,260	75,781	-	-
Deferred inflows of resources for leases	974,036	-	974,036	-	-
Deferred inflows of resources for pensions	43,942	5,647	49,589	-	-
Deferred inflows of resources for OPEB	714,192	91,788	805,980	-	-
Total Deferred Inflows of Resources	1,783,691	121,695	1,905,386	-	-
Net Position					
Net investment in capital assets	79,714,165	40,075,768	119,789,933	6,512,015	-
Restricted for:					
Public education and government channels	566,041	-	566,041	-	-
Debt service	30,793	2,759,284	2,790,077	2,029,067	-
Municipal court operations	201,568	-	201,568	-	-
Economic development	-	-	-	-	3,807,835
Public safety	500,548	-	500,548	-	-
Parks and recreation - nonexpendable	11,501	-	11,501	-	-
Capital projects	5,794,843	79,948	5,874,791	71,156	-
Unrestricted	6,302,252	14,978,447	21,280,699	(13,489,718)	-
Total Net Position	\$ 93,121,711	\$ 57,893,447	\$ 151,015,158	\$ (4,877,480)	\$ 3,807,835

CITY OF FRIENDSWOOD, TEXAS
STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
For the Year Ended September 30, 2023

Functions/Programs	Expenses	Program Revenues		
		Charges for Services	Operating Grants and Contributions	Capital Grants and Contributions
Primary government				
Governmental Activities:				
General government	\$ 7,873,719	\$ 921,752	\$ 16,000	\$ -
Public safety	18,526,954	1,023,874	2,145,679	-
Public works	6,990,046	241,445	-	3,757,860
Engineering	640,292	-	-	-
Community development	1,406,566	-	-	-
Parks and recreation	5,608,792	493,846	68,076	-
Library services	1,485,716	-	-	-
Interest on long-term debt	1,659,932	-	-	-
Total Governmental Activities	<u>44,192,017</u>	<u>2,680,917</u>	<u>2,229,755</u>	<u>3,757,860</u>
Business-type Activities:				
Water and sewer	13,825,140	21,293,632	104,354	-
Total Business-type Activities	<u>13,825,140</u>	<u>21,293,632</u>	<u>104,354</u>	<u>-</u>
Total Primary Government	<u>58,017,157</u>	<u>23,974,549</u>	<u>2,334,109</u>	<u>3,757,860</u>
Component Units				
West Ranch Management District	913,045	-	-	-
Friendswood Downtown EDC	30,444	-	-	-
Total Component Units	<u>\$ 943,489</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>

CITY OF FRIENDSWOOD, TEXAS
STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
For the Year Ended September 30, 2023

Functions/Programs	Net (Expense) Revenue and Changes in Net Position				
	Primary Government			Component Units	
	Governmental Activities	Business-type Activities	Total	West Ranch Management District	Friendswood Downtown EDC
Primary government					
Governmental Activities:					
General government	\$ (6,935,967)	\$ -	\$ (6,935,967)	\$ -	\$ -
Public safety	(15,357,401)	-	(15,357,401)	-	-
Public works	(2,990,741)	-	(2,990,741)	-	-
Engineering	(640,292)	-	(640,292)	-	-
Community development	(1,406,566)	-	(1,406,566)	-	-
Parks and recreation	(5,046,870)	-	(5,046,870)	-	-
Library services	(1,485,716)	-	(1,485,716)	-	-
Interest on long-term debt	(1,659,932)	-	(1,659,932)	-	-
Total Governmental Activities	(35,523,485)	-	(35,523,485)	-	-
Business-type Activities:					
Water and sewer	-	7,572,846	7,572,846	-	-
Total Business-type Activities	-	7,572,846	7,572,846	-	-
Total Primary Government	(35,523,485)	7,572,846	(27,950,639)	-	-
Component Units					
West Ranch Management District				(913,045)	-
Friendswood Downtown EDC				-	(30,444)
Total Component Units				(913,045)	(30,444)
General revenues:					
Taxes:					
Property taxes	22,731,678	-	22,731,678	2,269,540	-
Franchise and other taxes	2,235,689	-	2,235,689	-	-
Sales taxes	12,126,784	-	12,126,784	-	803,085
Interest	1,726,549	1,450,648	3,177,197	169,562	103,572
Miscellaneous	285,666	-	285,666	342,934	-
Transfers	1,803,800	(1,803,800)	-	-	-
Total General Revenues and Transfers	40,910,166	(353,152)	40,557,014	2,782,036	906,657
Change in net position	5,386,681	7,219,694	12,606,375	1,868,991	876,213
Net Position - Beginning	87,735,030	50,673,753	138,408,783	(6,746,471)	2,931,622
Net Position - Ending	\$ 93,121,711	\$ 57,893,447	\$ 151,015,158	\$ (4,877,480)	\$ 3,807,835

CITY OF FRIENDSWOOD, TEXAS
BALANCE SHEET
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
September 30, 2023

	General Fund	Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund	Bond Construction	Total Nonmajor Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
Assets					
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 3,595,467	\$ 2,217,263	\$ 35,374	\$ 1,412,325	\$ 7,260,429
Investments	10,443,545	8,144,712	34,866,060	5,184,240	58,638,557
Receivables, net of allowance:					
Taxes	2,625,155	-	-	485,555	3,110,710
Leases	995,808	-	-	-	995,808
Customer accounts	485,644	-	-	2,739	488,383
Other receivables	260,160	-	-	3,573	263,733
Accrued interest	14,261	8,821	-	5,488	28,570
Due from other funds	1,787,687	-	-	-	1,787,687
Due from other governments	9,462	-	-	1,264,816	1,274,278
Prepaid items	430,134	-	-	300	430,434
Total Assets	\$ 20,647,323	\$ 10,370,796	\$ 34,901,434	\$ 8,359,036	\$ 74,278,589
Liabilities, Deferred Inflows and Fund Balances					
Liabilities:					
Accounts payable	\$ 1,208,784	\$ -	\$ 710,187	\$ 128,772	\$ 2,047,743
Accrued liabilities	981,017	-	-	-	981,017
Due to other governments	98,512	-	-	-	98,512
Customer deposits	66,544	-	-	-	66,544
Retainage payable	87,846	-	650,781	191,025	929,652
Due to other funds	-	-	-	1,787,687	1,787,687
Unearned revenue	-	10,003,026	-	20,166	10,023,192
Total Liabilities	2,442,703	10,003,026	1,360,968	2,127,650	15,934,347
Deferred Inflows of Resources:					
Unavailable revenue	491,731	-	-	59,603	551,334
Leases	974,036	-	-	-	974,036
Total Deferred Inflows of resources	1,465,767	-	-	59,603	1,525,370
Fund Balances:					
Nonspendable:					
Prepaid items	430,134	-	-	300	430,434
Permanent fund	-	-	-	11,501	11,501
Restricted:					
Public education and government channels	566,041	-	-	-	566,041
Municipal court operations	-	-	-	201,568	201,568
Debt service	-	-	-	30,793	30,793
Public safety	-	-	-	500,548	500,548
Capital projects	-	367,770	33,540,466	5,427,073	39,335,309
Assigned:					
Subsequent year's budget appropriation of fund balance	3,891,673	-	-	-	3,891,673
Capital projects	739,309	-	-	-	739,309
Unassigned	11,111,696	-	-	-	11,111,696
Total Fund Balances	16,738,853	367,770	33,540,466	6,171,783	56,818,872
Total Liabilities, Deferred Inflows of Resources, and Fund Balances	\$ 20,647,323	\$ 10,370,796	\$ 34,901,434	\$ 8,359,036	\$ 74,278,589

CITY OF FRIENDSWOOD, TEXAS
RECONCILIATION OF THE GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS BALANCE SHEET
TO THE STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
September 30, 2023

Total Fund Balance, Governmental Funds \$ 56,818,872

Amounts reported for governmental activities in the Statement of Net Position are different because:

Capital assets used in governmental activities are not current financial resources and therefore are not reported in the fund financial statement, but are reported in the governmental activities of the Statement of Net Position. 121,020,965

The assets and liabilities of certain internal service funds are not included in the fund financial statement, but are included in the governmental activities of the Statement of Net Position. 3,669,206

Some liabilities are not due and payable in the current period and are not included in the fund financial statement, but are included in the governmental activities of the Statement of Net Position.

Bonds and certificates of obligation payable	(71,325,000)
Notes payable	(2,645,629)
SBITA payable	(92,494)
Compensated absences	(1,250,540)
Accrued interest payable	(237,167)
Unamortized premium on bonds	(3,366,542)

Unavailable revenues in the governmental fund statements is recognized as revenue in the government-wide financial statements. 551,334

Deferred gain on refunding	(51,521)
Deferred loss on refunding	48,209

Certain other long-term assets and liabilities are not available to pay current period expenditures and therefore are not reported in this fund financial statement, but are reported in the governmental activities of the Statement of Net Position.

Net pension liability	(16,951,983)
Total OPEB liability	(1,363,887)
Deferred outflows and inflows of resources related to the net pension liability	8,688,411
Deferred outflows and inflows of resources related to the total OPEB liability	(390,523)

Net Position of Governmental Activities in the Statement of Net Position \$ 93,121,711

CITY OF FRIENDSWOOD, TEXAS
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
For the Year Ended September 30, 2023

	General Fund	Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund	Bond Construction	Total Nonmajor Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
Revenues					
Property taxes	\$ 18,122,796	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,602,691	\$ 22,725,487
Sales taxes	9,717,528	-	-	2,409,256	12,126,784
Franchise fees and other	2,235,689	-	-	-	2,235,689
Fines and forfeitures	834,135	-	-	61,442	895,577
Permits and fees	1,800,725	-	-	60,600	1,861,325
Intergovernmental	1,973,125	-	-	3,757,860	5,730,985
Investment income (loss)	612,954	369,436	479,377	230,205	1,691,972
Donations	112,474	-	-	183,494	295,968
Miscellaneous	348,413	-	-	1,682	350,095
Total Revenues	<u>35,757,839</u>	<u>369,436</u>	<u>479,377</u>	<u>11,307,230</u>	<u>47,913,882</u>
Expenditures					
Current:					
General government	6,893,644	-	-	42,734	6,936,378
Public safety	16,640,299	-	-	-	16,640,299
Public works	2,749,650	-	11,001	811,675	3,572,326
Engineering	641,204	-	-	-	641,204
Community development	1,293,280	-	-	-	1,293,280
Parks and recreation	4,914,245	-	-	4,093	4,918,338
Library services	1,401,299	-	-	-	1,401,299
Debt service:					
Principal	84,250	-	-	3,293,100	3,377,350
Interest and other charges	-	-	311,664	1,597,147	1,908,811
Capital outlay	<u>4,175,531</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>5,080,622</u>	<u>4,230,970</u>	<u>13,487,123</u>
Total Expenditures	<u>38,793,402</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>5,403,287</u>	<u>9,979,719</u>	<u>54,176,408</u>
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenditures	<u>(3,035,563)</u>	<u>369,436</u>	<u>(4,923,910)</u>	<u>1,327,511</u>	<u>(6,262,526)</u>
Other Financing Sources (Uses)					
Issuance of capital-related debt	-	-	29,775,000	-	29,775,000
Notes payable issued	514,000	-	-	411,000	925,000
Premium on bond issuance	-	-	536,664	4,470	541,134
Insurance recoveries	69,683	-	-	-	69,683
Transfers in	1,803,800	-	-	6,868	1,810,668
Transfers out	(16,335)	-	-	-	(16,335)
Sale of capital assets	18,181	-	-	-	18,181
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	<u>2,389,329</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>30,311,664</u>	<u>422,338</u>	<u>33,123,331</u>
Net change in fund balances	(646,234)	369,436	25,387,754	1,749,849	26,860,805
Fund Balances - Beginning	<u>17,385,087</u>	<u>(1,666)</u>	<u>8,152,712</u>	<u>4,421,934</u>	<u>29,958,067</u>
Fund Balances - Ending	<u>\$ 16,738,853</u>	<u>\$ 367,770</u>	<u>\$ 33,540,466</u>	<u>\$ 6,171,783</u>	<u>\$ 56,818,872</u>

CITY OF FRIENDSWOOD, TEXAS
RECONCILIATION OF THE STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES,
AND CHANGES IN FUND
BALANCES OF GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS TO THE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
For the Year Ended September 30, 2023

Net Change in Fund Balances - Total Governmental Funds \$ 26,860,805

Amounts reported for Governmental Activities in the Statement of Activities are different because:

Governmental funds report outlays for capital assets as expenditures because such outlays use current financial resources. In contrast, the Statement of Activities reports only a portion of the outlay as expense. The outlay is allocated over the assets' estimated useful lives as depreciation/amortization expense for the period.

Capital outlay	13,488,086
Depreciation/amortization expense	(5,891,025)

Governmental funds do not present revenues that are not available to pay current obligations. In contrast, such revenues are reported in the Statement of Activities when earned.

Unavailable property tax revenue and other revenues	(207,749)
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Governmental funds report proceeds from long-term debt as current financial resources. In contrast, the Statement of Activities treats such issuance of debt as a liability. Governmental funds report repayment of long-term debt principal as an expenditure, In contrast, the Statement of Activities treats such repayments as a reduction in long-term liabilities.

Debt service principal	3,293,100
SBITA principal	84,250
Proceeds from issuance of long-term debt	(29,775,000)
Proceeds from notes payable	(925,000)
Premium from issuance of long-term debt	(541,134)

Contributions are treated as expenditures in the fund based financial statements, but are treated as reductions in the City's net pension/OBEB liability in the statement of net position. This amount is the difference between contributions and net pension/OPEB expense (revenue) for the current fiscal year.

Pension	(1,481,350)
OPEB	(53,232)

Some expenses reported in the statement of activities do not require the use of current financial resources and these are not reported as expenditures in governmental funds:

(Increase) decrease in accrued interest	(118,365)
(Increase) decrease in compensated absences	(106,197)
Amortization of deferred loss on refunding	(6,506)
Amortization of deferred gain on refunding	4,293
Amortization of premium on bonds	368,494

Internal service fund is used by management to charge the cost of fleet management to individual funds. The change in net position of the internal service fund is included in the governmental activities in the statement of activities.

	393,211
Change in Net Position of Governmental Activities	<u><u>\$ 5,386,681</u></u>

CITY OF FRIENDSWOOD, TEXAS
STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
PROPRIETARY FUNDS
September 30, 2023

	Business-Type Activities		Governmental Activities	
	Enterprise Fund		Internal Service	
	Water and Sewer			
Assets				
Current Assets				
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	3,581,022	\$	231,663
Investments		13,151,105		850,975
Accounts receivable, net of allowance:				
Customer accounts		4,926,480		-
Accrued interest		14,054		857
Prepays and other assets		95,415		-
Restricted investments		17,635,486		-
Total Current Assets		39,403,562		1,083,495
Non-current Assets				
Working capital deposit		571,884		-
Capital Assets:				
Land		1,152,271		-
Construction in progress		19,007,098		-
Water rights		19,716,695		-
Buildings and improvements		683,906		-
Machinery and equipment		7,934,769		5,862,037
Water and sewer systems		76,058,499		-
Accumulated depreciation		(46,710,394)		(3,276,326)
Total Capital Assets		77,842,844		2,585,711
Total Non-current Assets		78,414,728		2,585,711
Total Assets		117,818,290		3,669,206
Deferred Outflows of Resources				
Deferred loss on bond refunding		523,479		-
Deferred outflows - pension related		1,122,271		-
Deferred outflows - OPEB related		41,598		-
Total Deferred Outflows of Resources		1,687,348		-
Total Assets and Deferred Outflows of Resources		119,505,638		3,669,206

CITY OF FRIENDSWOOD, TEXAS
STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
PROPRIETARY FUNDS
September 30, 2023

	Business-Type Activities	Governmental Activities
	Enterprise Fund	Internal Service
	Water and Sewer	
Liabilities		
Current Liabilities		
Accounts payable	\$ 2,277,751	\$ -
Accrued liabilities	119,646	-
Accrued interest	169,871	-
Customer deposits	542,030	-
Retainage payable	167,881	-
Compensated absences	25,285	-
Bonds and other long-term debt payable	3,345,000	-
Total Current Liabilities	6,647,464	-
Non-current Liabilities		
Compensated absences	101,141	-
Net Pension liability	1,978,562	-
Total OPEB liability	206,548	-
Bonds and other long-term debt payable	52,556,781	-
Total Non-current Liabilities	54,843,032	-
Total Liabilities	61,490,496	-
Deferred Inflows of Resources		
Deferred gain on issuance of refunding bonds	24,260	-
Deferred inflows - pension related	5,647	-
Deferred inflows of resources for OPEB	91,788	-
Total Deferred Inflows of Resources	121,695	-
Total Liabilities and Deferred Inflows of Resources	61,612,191	-
Net Position		
Net investment in capital assets	40,075,768	2,585,711
Restricted for capital projects	79,948	-
Restricted for debt service	2,759,284	-
Unrestricted	14,978,447	1,083,495
Total Net Position	\$ 57,893,447	\$ 3,669,206



CITY OF FRIENDSWOOD, TEXAS
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES AND CHANGES IN NET POSITION
PROPRIETARY FUNDS
For the Year Ended September 30, 2023

	Business-Type Activities Enterprise Fund	Governmental Activities
	Water and Sewer	Internal Service
Operating Revenues		
Charges for services	\$ 21,092,670	\$ 998,340
Miscellaneous	200,962	35,224
Total Operating Revenues	<u>21,293,632</u>	<u>1,033,564</u>
Operating Expenses		
Personnel services	3,140,920	-
Sewer operations	2,337,235	-
Water purchases	2,144,603	-
Repairs and maintenance	814,793	-
Supplies	184,000	-
Other services and charges	1,433,517	-
Depreciation	2,020,012	630,721
Total Operating Expenses	<u>12,075,080</u>	<u>630,721</u>
Operating income	<u>9,218,552</u>	<u>402,843</u>
Non-Operating Revenues (Expenses)		
Intergovernmental	104,354	-
Investment income	1,450,648	34,577
Loss on disposal of capital assets	-	(53,676)
Interest expense	(1,750,060)	-
Total Non-Operating Revenues (Expenses)	<u>(195,058)</u>	<u>(19,099)</u>
Income before transfers	9,023,494	383,744
Transfers in	-	9,467
Transfers out	(1,803,800)	-
Change in net position	7,219,694	393,211
Net position - Beginning	<u>50,673,753</u>	<u>3,275,995</u>
Total Net Position - Ending	<u>\$ 57,893,447</u>	<u>\$ 3,669,206</u>

CITY OF FRIENDSWOOD, TEXAS
STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
PROPRIETARY FUNDS
For the Year Ended September 30, 2023

	Business-Type Activities Enterprise Fund	Governmental Activities
	Water and Sewer	Internal Service
Cash flows from operating activities		
Cash received from customers	\$ 20,328,341	\$ -
Receipts from interfund charges for fleet management	-	1,033,564
Cash payments to suppliers for goods and services	(7,404,810)	(46,406)
Cash payments to employees for services	(2,931,256)	-
Net cash provided by operating activities	9,992,275	987,158
Cash flows from noncapital financing activities		
Transfer in from other funds	-	9,467
Transfers out to other funds	(1,803,800)	-
Operating grants	79,646	-
Net cash provided (used) by noncapital financing activities	(1,724,154)	9,467
Cash flows from capital and related financing activities		
Acquisition and construction of property, plant and equipment	(8,149,560)	(851,245)
Disposal of capital assets	-	(53,676)
Capital grants	24,708	-
Repayment of debt	(3,225,000)	-
Interest paid on debt	(2,101,100)	-
Net cash provided (used) by capital and related financing activities	(13,450,952)	(904,921)
Cash flows from investing activities		
Purchase of investments	(2,776,206)	(175,233)
Investment income	1,444,852	34,289
Net cash provided (used) by investing activities	(1,331,354)	(140,944)
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	(6,514,185)	(49,240)
Cash and Cash Equivalents, Beginning	27,730,693	280,903
Cash and Cash Equivalents, Ending	\$ 21,216,508	\$ 231,663
Reconciliation of Total Cash and Cash Equivalents		
Current assets - cash and cash equivalents	\$ 3,581,022	\$ 231,663
Restricted assets - cash and cash equivalents	17,635,486	-
	\$ 21,216,508	\$ 231,663

CITY OF FRIENDSWOOD, TEXAS
STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
PROPRIETARY FUNDS
For the Year Ended September 30, 2023

	Business-type Activities - Enterprise Funds	Governmental Activities
	Water and Sewer	Internal Service
Reconciliation of operating income to net cash provided (used) by operating activities:		
Operating income	\$ 9,218,552	\$ 402,843
Adjustments to reconcile operating income to net cash provided by operating activities:		
Depreciation	2,020,012	630,721
Change in assets, deferred inflows and outflows, and liabilities:		
Decrease (increase) in customer receivable	(936,891)	-
Decrease (increase) in prepaids and other assets	(32,191)	-
Decrease (increase) in deferred outflow for pensions	(754,178)	-
Decrease (increase) in deferred outflow for OPEB	5,418	
Increase (decrease) in accounts payable	(417,075)	(46,406)
Increase (decrease) in accrued liabilities	(41,396)	-
Increase (decrease) in customer deposits	(28,400)	-
Increase (decrease) in deferred inflows for pensions	(625,245)	-
Increase (decrease) in deferred inflows for OPEB	39,753	-
Increase (decrease) in total OPEB liability	(41,578)	-
Increase (decrease) in net pension liability	1,568,478	-
Increase (decrease) in compensated absences	17,016	-
Total Adjustments	<u>773,723</u>	<u>584,315</u>
Net cash provided by operating activities	<u><u>\$ 9,992,275</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 987,158</u></u>



CITY OF FRIENDSWOOD, TEXAS
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

The City of Friendswood, Texas (“the City”) was incorporated on October 15, 1960. The City charter provides for a City Council-City Manager form of government. The Mayor and six Council members are elected from the City at large serving three-year terms. The City Council is the principal legislative body of the City. The City Manager is appointed by a majority vote of the City Council and is responsible to the Council for the administration of all the affairs of the City. The City Manager is responsible for law enforcement, appointment and removal of department directors and employees, supervision and control of all City departments, and preparation of the annual budget. The Mayor resides at meetings of the City Council and can vote. The City provides the following services: public safety, streets, parks and recreation, library, water and sewer, sanitation, planning and zoning, building inspection, code enforcement, and general administrative services.

A. Reporting Entity

The City is an independent political subdivision of the State of Texas governed by an elected six- member Council and Mayor and is considered a primary government. As required by generally accepted accounting principles, these financial statements have been prepared based on considerations regarding the potential for inclusion of other entities, organizations, or functions as part of the City’s financial reporting entity. Based on these considerations, the West Ranch Management District and Friendswood Downtown Economic Development Corporation have been included in the City’s reporting entity as discretely presented component units. Additionally, as the City is considered a primary government for financial reporting purposes, its activities are not considered a part of any other governmental or other type of reporting entity.

Consideration regarding the potential for inclusion of other entities, organizations, or functions in the City’s financial reporting entity is based on criteria prescribed by general accepted accounting principles. These same criteria are evaluated in considering whether the City is a part of any other governmental or other type of reporting entity. The overriding elements associated with prescribed criteria considered in determining that the City’s financial reporting entity status is that of a primary government are that it has a separately elected governing body; it is legally separate; and it is financial independent of other state and local governments. Additional prescribed criteria under generally accepted accounting principles include considerations pertaining to organizations for which the primary government is financially accountable; and considerations pertaining to other organizations for which the nature and significance of the relationship with the primary government are such that exclusion would cause the reporting entity’s financial statements to be misleading or incomplete.

The West Ranch Management District (“the District”), a discretely presented component unit, was created under Section 59, Article XVI of the Texas Constitution added by an Act of the 79th Legislature of the State of Texas, effective June 17, 2005, in accordance with the Texas Water Code, Chapter 54. The District operates in accordance with Chapters 3837, Texas Special District Local Laws Code, Chapters 49 and 54 of the Texas Water Code and Chapter 375 of the Texas Local Government Code, and is subject to the continuing supervision of the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality. The District was created to promote and encourage employment and the public welfare within the District. The affairs of the District are managed by a Board of Directors composed of persons appointed by the City Council. The City is financially accountable for the District because City Council must approve any debt issuances. Complete financial statements from the component may be obtained at the District’s administrative office.

The Friendswood Downtown Economic Development Corporation (“FDEDC”) was incorporated August 1, 2016 as a nonprofit economic development corporation under the Development Corporation Act. The citizens of Friendswood voted to pass a one- half cent sales tax dedicated to support and enhance the welfare and prosperity of the citizens of the City and of this State by promotion of economic development and growth by encouraging the development of new business enterprises and the retention or expansion of existing business enterprises.

CITY OF FRIENDSWOOD, TEXAS
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

A. Reporting Entity (continued)

To serve this purpose, the Corporation shall have the authority and power of a Type B corporation to undertake projects as described in Subchapter C of Chapter 501 of the Local Government Code and Chapter 505 of the Local Government Code, including undertaking projects as authorized by law, including but not limited to projects to promote new or expanded business enterprises in the downtown area as defined by the City of Friendswood Downtown District Map, including but not limited to streets, targeted infrastructure, paved sidewalks, pedestrian amenities including lighting, benches, signage, and other related public improvements, and the maintenance and operations expenses for any of the above-described projects. A separate governing board oversees FDEDC, which is appointed by Friendswood City Council, and consists of members of City Council, City's management, and individuals from the community. The City can remove appointed board members and approves the FDEDC's budget. The FDEDC is reported as a discretely presented component unit because the governing body is not identical to the governing body of the City, the FDEDC does not solely serve the City, and the City has the ability to impose its will on FDEDC. Complete financial statements of the FDEDC may be obtained by contacting FDEDC's administration office.

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 primary government and its component unit. For the most part, the effect of interfund activity has been removed from these statements. *Governmental activities*, which normally are supported by taxes and intergovernmental revenue, are reported separately from business-type activities, which rely to a significant extent on fees and charges for support. Likewise, the primary government is reported separately from certain legally separate component units for which the primary government is financial accountable.

The statement of activities demonstrates the degree to which the direct expenses of a given function or segment are offset by program revenue. Direct expenses are those that are clearly identifiable with a specific function or segment. Program revenue includes 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 operations or capital requirements of a particular function or segment. Taxes and other items not properly included among program revenue are reported instead as general revenue.

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.

CITY OF FRIENDSWOOD, TEXAS
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

C. Measurement Focus, Basis of Accounting, and Financial Statement Presentation

The government-wide financial statements are reported using the *economic resources measurement focus* and the *modified accrual basis of accounting*. Revenues are recognized as soon as they are both measurable and available. Revenues are considered to be *available* when they are collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to pay liabilities of the current period. For this purpose, the government considered revenue to be available if collected within 60 days of the end of the current fiscal period. Expenditures generally are recorded when a liability is incurred, as under accrual accounting. However, debt service expenditures, including subscription-based technology arrangements (SBITA) liabilities, as well as expenditures related to compensated absences and claims and judgements, are recorded only when payment is due.

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

The City reports the following major governmental funds:

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

The **Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund** is used to account for federal funds related to the fiscal recovery of Coronavirus. Funds will be used for water and sewer infrastructure projects.

The **Bond Construction Fund** is used to account for the construction of public facilities, and park, street and drainage improvements that are funded by the proceeds from Permanent Improvement Bonds.

Other governmental funds is a summarization of all the non-major governmental funds.

The City reports the following major enterprise fund:

The **Water and Sewer Fund** is used to account for the activities of the City's water and wastewater operations.

Additionally, the City reports the following fund type:

The **Internal Service Fund** is used to account for fleet management services provided to other departments of the City on a cost reimbursement basis.

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

Proprietary funds distinguish operating revenues and expenses from nonoperating items. Operating revenues and expenses generally result from providing services and producing and delivering goods in connection with a proprietary fund's principal ongoing operations. The principal operating revenues of the Water and Sewer enterprise fund and of the City's internal service fund are charges to customers for sales and services. Operating expenses for the enterprise fund and internal service fund include the cost of sales and services, administrative expenses, and depreciation on capital assets. All revenue and expenses not meeting this definition are reported as nonoperating revenue and expenses.

CITY OF FRIENDSWOOD, TEXAS
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

D. Assets, Liabilities, Deferred Outflows/Inflows and Net Position/Fund Balance

Cash and Investments

Cash and investments include cash on hand, deposits with financial institutions, short-term investments in a state-managed public funds investment pool account (TexPool), and a privately managed public funds investment pool (Texas Class). Other investments consist mainly of U.S. government treasury bills, treasury notes and other U.S. government obligations. Restricted cash and investments are assets restricted for specific use. Restricted includes cash deposits with financial institutions and investment pools.

The City maintains a pooled cash and investments account for all funds of the City. Each fund's positive equity in the pooled cash account is presented as "cash and investments" in the financial statements. Negative equity balances are reclassified and are reflected as interfund accounts payable. Interest income and interest expense are allocated monthly to each respective individual fund based on their representative fund balances.

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

Investments for the City are reported at fair value, except for the position in investment pools. The City's investment in pools are reported at the net asset value per share (which approximates fair value) even though it is calculated using the amortized cost method.

TexPool and Texas Class have a redemption notice period of one day and may redeem daily. The investment pool's authority may only impose restrictions on redemptions in the event of a general suspension of trading on major securities markets, general banking moratorium or national state of emergency that affects the pool's liquidity.

Property Taxes

All trade and property tax receivables are shown net of an allowance for uncollectible accounts. Management estimates an allowance for trade accounts receivable based on past experience, historical losses, and other pertinent factors.

The City's property taxes are levied annually in October on the basis of the Appraisal District's assessed values as of January 1 of that calendar year. Appraised values are established by the Appraisal District at market value and assessed at 100% of appraised value less exemptions. The City's property taxes are billed and collected by Galveston County. Such taxes are applicable to the fiscal year in which they are levied and become delinquent with an enforceable lien on property on February 1 of the subsequent calendar year.

Property taxes are prorated between operations and debt service based on rates adopted for the year of the levy. For the current year, the City levied property taxes of \$0.487314 per \$100 of assessed valuation that were prorated between operations and debt service in the amounts of \$0.388560 and \$0.098754, respectively. The resulting tax levies were approximately \$18.1 and \$4.6 million for operations and debt service, respectively, based on a total taxable valuation of approximately \$4.6 billion for the 2022 tax year.

West Ranch Management District bond resolutions require that the District levy and collect an ad valorem debt service tax sufficient to pay interest and principal on bonds when due. During the year ended July 31, 2023, the District levied an ad valorem tax at the rate of \$0.1650 per \$100 of assessed valuation, which resulted in tax levy of \$1.2 million on the taxable valuation of approximately \$753.1 million for the 2022 tax year.

CITY OF FRIENDSWOOD, TEXAS
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

D. Assets, Liabilities, Deferred Outflows/Inflows and Net Position/Fund Balance (continued)

Interfund Receivables/Payables

Activity 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”). All other outstanding balances between funds are reported as “due to/from other funds.” Any residual balances outstanding between the governmental activities and business-type activities are reported in the government-wide financial statements as “internal balances.”

Prepaid Items

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. The City applies the consumption method in accounting for prepaid items in the governmental funds.

Restricted Assets

Certain proceeds of the City’s enterprise fund revenue bonds, as well as certain resources set aside for their repayment, are classified as restricted assets on the balance sheet because their use is limited by applicable bond covenants.

Contract with West Ranch Management District

The District approved a contract with the City effective August 15, 2005, as amended. Under the terms of the contract, the District is to pay for construction of water distribution, sanitary sewer, drainage, transportation, education and recreation facilities to serve the District.

The District shall be the owner of the system until the system is completed, approved by the City and conveyed to it, at which time ownership will vest in the City. The District will own and operate these facilities to serve the District. Pursuant to the contract, the District shall have a security interest therein until all bonds issued by the District are retired.

Capital Assets

Capital assets, which include property, plant, equipment, infrastructure, and water rights, are reported in the applicable governmental or business-type activities columns in the government- wide financial statements. The City defines capital assets as assets with an initial, individual cost of more than \$5,000 and an estimated historical cost if actual historical cost is not available. The City has established a SBITA recognition threshold of \$100,000. Donated capital assets are recorded at acquisition cost, which is the price that would be paid to acquire an asset with equivalent service potential at the acquisition date. The City’s water rights have an indefinite life.

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

CITY OF FRIENDSWOOD, TEXAS
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

D. Assets, Liabilities, Deferred Outflows/Inflows and Net Position/Fund Balance (continued)

Capital Assets

The City's property, plant, equipment, and right-to-use SBITA assets are depreciated/amortized using the straight-line method over the following useful lives:

Right-to-use SBITA asset	2 years
Buildings and improvements	20-50 years
Machinery and equipment	5 - 10 years
Infrastructure	40-50 years
Water and sewer system	40-50 years

The West Ranch Management District's capital assets are depreciated using the straight-line method over estimated useful lives of 10 to 45 years.

Compensated Absences

The City's employees earn vacation leave, which may either be taken or accumulated, up to certain amounts, until paid upon resignation or retirement. All vacation leave pay is accrued when incurred in the government-wide and proprietary fund financial statements. A liability for these amounts is reported in the governmental funds only if they have matured, for example, as a result of employee resignations and retirements.

Long-term Debt

In the government-wide financial statements and proprietary fund types in the fund financial statements, long-term debt and other long-term obligations are reported as liabilities in the applicable governmental activities, business-type activities, or proprietary fund type statement of net position. Bond premiums and discounts are deferred and amortized over the life of the bonds using the straight-line method, which approximates the effective interest method. Bonds payable are reported net of the applicable bond premium or discount. Bond issuance cost are expenses in the period incurred.

Leases

The City is a lessor for noncancellable lease agreements. The City recognizes a lease receivable and a deferred inflow of resources in the government-wide and governmental fund financial statements.

At the commencement of a lease, the City initially measures the lease receivable at the present value of payments expected to be received during the lease term. Subsequently, the lease receivable is reduced by the principal portion of lease payments received. The deferred inflow of resources is initially measured as the initial amount of the lease receivable, adjusted for lease payments received at or before the lease commencement date. Subsequently, the deferred inflow of resources is recognized as revenue over the life of the lease term.

Key estimates and judgments include how the City determines (1) the discount rate it uses to discount the expected lease receipts to present value, (2) lease term, and (3) lease receipts.

- The City uses its estimated incremental borrowing rate as the discount rate for leases.
- The lease term includes the noncancellable period of the lease. Lease receipts included in the measurement of the lease receivable is composed of fixed payments from the lessee.

CITY OF FRIENDSWOOD, TEXAS
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

D. Assets, Liabilities, Deferred Outflows/Inflows and Net Position/Fund Balance (continued)

Leases (continued)

The City monitors changes in circumstances that would require a remeasurement of its lease and will remeasure the lease receivable and deferred inflows of resources if certain changes occur that are expected to significantly affect the amount of the lease receivable.

Subscription-Based Information Technology Arrangements

The City is under a contract for SBITA for governmental software. The agreement/contract is noncancellable and the City recognizes a SBITA liability and an intangible right-to-use SBITA asset in the government-wide financial statements. The City recognizes SBITA liabilities with an initial, individual value of \$100,000 or more.

At the commencement of the SBITA, the City initially measures the SBITA liability at the present value of payments expected to be made during the SBITA term. Subsequently, the SBITA liability is reduced by the principal portion of SBITA payments made. The SBITA asset is initially measured as the initial amount of the SBITA liability, adjusted for payments made at or before the SBITA commencement date, plus certain initial direct costs. Subsequently, the SBITA asset is amortized on a straight-line basis over its useful life. Key estimates and judgments related to SBITA include how the City determines (1) the discount rate it uses to discount the expected SBITA payments to present value, (2) SBITA term, and (3) SBITA payments.

- The City uses the interest rate charged by the SBITA vendor as the discount rate. When the interest rate charged by the SBITA vendor is not provided, the City generally uses its estimated incremental borrowing rate as the discount rate for SBITAs.
- The SBITA term includes the noncancellable period of the SBITA and payments included in the measurement of the SBITA liability are composed of fixed payments and purchase option price that the City is reasonably certain to exercise.

The City monitors changes in circumstances that would require a remeasurement of its SBITA and will remeasure the SBITA asset and liability if certain changes occur that are expected to significantly affect the amount of the SBITA liability.

SBITA assets are reported with other capital assets and SBITA liabilities are reported with long-term debt on the statement of net position.

Deferred Outflows/Inflows of Resources

In addition to assets, the statement of financial position and/or balance sheet will sometimes report a separate section for deferred outflows of resources. This separate financial statement element, deferred outflows of resources, represents a consumption of net assets that applies to a future period(s) and so will not be recognized as an outflow of resources (expense/expenditure) until then. The City has the following items that qualify for reporting in this category:

- Deferred loss on refunding debt - A deferred loss on refunding results from the difference in the carrying value of refunded debt and its reacquisition price. This amount is deferred and amortized over the shorter of the life of the refunded or refunding debt.

CITY OF FRIENDSWOOD, TEXAS
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

D. Assets, Liabilities, Deferred Outflows/Inflows and Net Position/Fund Balance (continued)

Deferred Outflows/Inflows of Resources (continued)

- Deferred outflows of resources for pension - Reported in the government-wide financial statement of net position, this deferred outflow results from pension plan contributions made after the measurement date of the net pension liability and the results of 1) differences between projected and actual earnings on pension plan investments; 2) changes in actuarial assumptions; 3) differences between expected and actual actuarial experiences; and 4) changes in the City's proportional share of pension liabilities. The deferred outflows of resources related to pensions resulting from City contributions subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a reduction of the net pension liability in the next fiscal year. The deferred outflows resulting from differences between projected and actual earnings on pension plan investments will be amortized over a closed five year period. The remaining pension related deferred outflows will be amortized over the expected remaining service lives of all employees five year period.
- Deferred outflows of resources for other post-employment benefits (OPEB) - Reported in the government wide financial statement of net position, these deferred outflows result from OPEB plan contributions made after the measurement date of the total OPEB liability and the results of changes in assumptions and other inputs. The deferred outflows of resources resulting from City contributions subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a reduction of the total OPEB liability in the next fiscal year. The other OPEB related outflow will be amortized over the expected remaining service lives of all employees (active and inactive employees) who are provided with OPEB benefits.

In addition to liabilities, the statement of financial position and/or balance sheet will sometimes report a separate section for deferred inflows of resources. This separate financial statement element, deferred inflows of resources, represents an acquisition of net assets that applies to a future period(s) and so will not be recognized as an inflow of resources (revenue) until that time. The City has the following items that qualify for reporting in this category:

- Deferred inflows of resources for unavailable revenues - Reported only in the governmental funds balance sheet, unavailable revenues arise under the modified accrual basis of accounting. These amounts are deferred and recognized as an inflow of resources in the period that the amounts become available.
- Deferred inflows of resources for leases - This deferred inflow of resources is initially measured as the initial amount of the lease receivable, adjusted for lease payments received at or before the lease commencement date. Subsequently, the deferred inflow of resources is recognized as revenue over the life of the lease term.
- Deferred inflows of resources for pension - Reported in the government wide financial statement of net position, these deferred inflows result primarily from changes in actuarial assumptions. These pension related deferred inflows will be amortized over the expected remaining service lives of all employees (active and inactive employees) that are provided with pensions through the pension plan.
- Deferred inflows of resources for gain on issuance of refunding bonds - Reported in the government wide financial statement of net position, these deferred inflows result primarily from differences from the carrying value of refunded debt and its reacquisition price. This amount is deferred and amortized over the shorter of the life of the refunded or refunding debt.
- Deferred inflows of resources for OPEB - Reported in the government wide financial statement of net position, this deferred inflow results primarily from 1) changes in actuarial assumptions; and 2) differences between expected and actual actuarial experiences. These OPEB related deferred inflows will be amortized over the expected remaining service lives of all employees (active and inactive employees) that are provided with OPEB through the OPEB plans.

CITY OF FRIENDSWOOD, TEXAS
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

D. Assets, Liabilities, Deferred Outflows/Inflows and Net Position/Fund Balance (continued)

Pension

For purposes of measuring the net pension liability, pension related deferred outflows and inflows of resources, and pension expense, City specific information about its Fiduciary Net Position in the Texas Municipal Retirement System (TMRS) and additions to/deductions from TMRS's Fiduciary Net Position have been determined on the same basis as they are reported by TMRS. For this purpose, plan contributions are recognized in the period that compensation is reported for the employee, which is when contributions are legally due. Benefit payments and refunds are recognized when due and payable in accordance with the benefit terms. Investments are reported at fair value.

Other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEB)

The City provides its retirees the opportunity to maintain health insurance coverage by participating in the City's insurance plan. The City reports the total liability for this plan on the government-wide and proprietary fund financial statements. The actual cost recorded in the governmental fund financial statements is the cost of the health benefits incurred on behalf of the retirees less the premiums collected from the retirees. Information regarding the City's total liability for this plan is obtained through a report prepared by Gabriel Roeder Smith & Company, the City's third-party actuary, in compliance with GASB Statement No. 75, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Postemployment Benefits Other Than Pensions*.

Additionally, the City participates in a defined-benefit group-term life insurance plan, both for current and retired employees, administered by the Texas Municipal Retirement System (TMRS). The City reports the total liability for this plan on the government-wide and proprietary fund financial statements. Information regarding the City's total OPEB liability is obtained from TMRS through a report prepared for the City by TMRS' consulting actuary, Gabriel Roeder Smith & Company, in compliance with GASB Statement No. 75.

Fund Balance

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 City is bound to honor constraints on the specific purposes for which amounts in the respective governmental funds can be spent. The classifications used in the governmental fund financial statements are as follows:

Non-spendable – includes amounts that cannot be spent because they are either not in spendable form, or, for legal or contractual reasons, must be kept intact. This classification includes prepaid items and the fund balance of the City's permanent fund.

Restricted – includes fund balance amounts that are constrained for specific purposes which are imposed by providers, such as creditors or amounts restricted due to constitutional provision or enabling legislation. This classification includes retirement of long-term debt, construction programs, City ordinances, and other federal and state grants.

Committed – includes fund balance amounts that are constrained for specific purposes that are internally imposed by the City through formal action in an open meeting of the highest level of decision making authority. Committed fund balance is reported pursuant to resolution passes by the City Council.

Assigned – includes fund balance amounts that are self-imposed by the City to be used for particular purpose. Fund balance can be assigned by the City Council or the City Manager, pursuant to the City's fund balance policy. At September 30, 2023, the City's assigned fund balance included amounts assigned for encumbrances and capital projects.

CITY OF FRIENDSWOOD, TEXAS
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

D. Assets, Liabilities, Deferred Outflows/Inflows and Net Position/Fund Balance (continued)

Fund Balance (continued)

Unassigned – includes residual positive fund balance within the general fund which has not been classified within the other above mentioned categories. Unassigned fund balance may also include negative balances for any governmental fund if expenditures exceed amounts restricted, committed, or assigned for those specific purposes.

When both restricted and unrestricted fund balances are available for use, it is the City’s policy to use restricted fund balance first, then unrestricted fund balance. Furthermore, committed fund balances are reduced first, followed by assigned amounts and then unassigned amounts when expenditures are incurred for purposes for which amounts in any of those unrestricted fund balance classifications are available.

The City has established a minimum fund balance policy whereby the City’s unassigned general fund balance will be maintained at levels sufficient to protect the City’s creditworthiness, as well as its financial position, from unforeseeable emergencies. The City will strive to maintain the unassigned general fund balance at a minimum of 90 days of prior year audited operating expenditures.

Net Position

Government-Wide Financial Statements:

The Statement of Net Position includes the following categories of net position:

Net investment in capital assets – the component unit of net position that reports the difference between capital assets less both the accumulated depreciation and the outstanding balance of debt, net of premiums and discounts, that is directly attributable to the acquisition, construction or improvement of these capital assets.

Restricted – Net position is reported as restricted when there are limitations imposed on its use either through the enabling legislation adopted by the City or through external restrictions imposed by creditors, grantors, or laws or regulations of other governments.

Unrestricted – the difference between assets, deferred outflows and inflows, and liabilities that are not reported in any of the classifications above.

Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements, in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles, requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosures of contingent liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenue and expenses during the reporting period. Actual amounts could differ materially from those estimates.

CITY OF FRIENDSWOOD, TEXAS
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

E. Implementation of New Accounting Standards

The following GASB pronouncements were effective during fiscal year 2023.

GASB Statement No. 96 *Subscription-Based Information Technology Arrangements (SBITA)*, was issued in May 2020 and was effective for periods beginning after June 15, 2022. This Statement (1) defines a SBITA; (2) establishes that a SBITA results in a right-to-use subscription asset—an intangible asset—and a corresponding subscription liability; (3) provides the capitalization criteria for outlays other than subscription payments, including implementation costs of a SBITA; and (4) requires note disclosures regarding a SBITA. To the extent relevant, the standards for SBITAs are based on the standards established in Statement No. 87, *Leases*, as amended. The City has evaluated the effects of this standard and has determined that it does impact the financial statements. As such the City has incorporated such SBITAs into its capital assets and long-term liabilities on both the face of the financial statements and the note disclosures.

Note 2. Cash and Investments

Under provisions of state and local statutes, the City’s investment policies, and provisions of the City’s depository contract with an area financial institution, the City is authorized to place available deposits and investments in the following:

1. Obligations of the U.S., it’s agencies and instrumentalities;
2. Certificates of Deposit issued by state and national banks or savings or loan associations domiciled in this state that are guaranteed or insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation or collateralized in accordance with Section 2256.010, the Texas Government Code, in face amounts not to exceed \$100,000;
3. No-load money market mutual funds; and
4. TexPool and Texas CLASS.

The City Council has adopted a written investment policy regarding the investments of its funds as defined by the Public Funds Investment Act of 1995 (Chapter 2256, Texas Government Code). The investments of the City are in compliance with the Council’s investment policies. The City did not have any derivative investment products during the current year. All significant legal and contractual provisions for investments were complied with during the year.

At September 30, 2023, the carrying amount of the City and Friendswood Downtown Economic Development Corporation’s deposits was \$11,750,827 and the bank balance of \$11,727,729.

As of September 30, 2023, the City and Friendswood Downtown Economic Development Corporation held the following investments.

	<u>Reported Value of Investments</u>	<u>Weighted Average Maturity (Days)</u>
Investment pools:		
TexPool	\$ 7,193,654	28
Texas CLASS	77,748,191	49
Total investment pools	<u>84,941,845</u>	
Debt Securities:		
Federal Farm Credit Bonds	1,969,592	184
Federal Home Loan Bank Bonds	3,462,880	204
Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation	1,440,100	272
Federal National Mortgage Association	951,163	386
Total debt securities	<u>7,823,735</u>	
Total investments	<u>\$ 92,765,580</u>	

CITY OF FRIENDSWOOD, TEXAS
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

Note 2. Cash and Investments (continued)

The City categorizes its fair value measurements within the fair value hierarchy established by generally accepted accounting principles. 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 valuation techniques used in the fair value measurement are based on quoted market closing prices for Level 2 inputs.

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

	<u>Fair Value /</u> <u>Amortized Cost</u>	<u>Level 1 Inputs</u>	<u>Level 2 Inputs</u>	<u>Level 3 Inputs</u>
Investment Securities:				
Federal Farm Credit Bank	\$ 1,969,592	\$ -	\$ 1,969,592	\$ -
Federal Home Loan Bank	3,462,880	-	3,462,880	-
Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corp.	1,440,100	-	1,440,100	-
Federal National Mortgage Assoc.	951,163	-	951,163	-
Total Investment Securities	<u>\$ 7,823,735</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 7,823,735</u>	<u>\$ -</u>

The City invests in Texas Local Government Investment Pool (TexPool), which was created under the Interlocal Cooperation Act, Texas Government Code Ann. Chapter 791 and the Texas Public Funds Investment Act. The Texas Treasury Safekeeping Trust Company (“the Trust”) is trustee of TexPool and is a limited purpose trust company authorized pursuant to Texas Government Code Ann. Section 404.103 for which the Texas State Comptroller is sole officer, director and shareholder. The advisory board of TexPool is composed of members appointed pursuant to the requirements of the Texas Public Funds Investment Act.

The City invests in Texas CLASS Investment Pool which was established in 1996 pursuant to the Texas Public Funds Investment Act. The pool is governed by a 7-member board of trustees, who are elected by pool participants. The Cutwater Investor Services Corp. serves as the pools program administrator and Wells Fargo Bank Texas, NA, serves as custodian.

Interest Rate Risk. In accordance with its investment policy, the City manages its exposure to declines in fair values by structuring the investment portfolio so that securities mature to meet cash requirements for ongoing operations and invest operating funds primarily in short-term securities.

Custodial Credit Risk. In the case of deposits, this is the risk that in the event of a bank failure, the City’s deposits may not be returned. State statutes require that all deposits in financial institutions be fully collateralized by U.S. Government obligations or its agencies and instrumentalities or direct obligations of Texas or its agencies and instrumentalities that have a fair value of not less than the principal amount of deposits. As of September 30, 2023, all of the City’s cash deposits with financial institutions were collateralized with securities held by the pledging financial institution in the City’s name.

CITY OF FRIENDSWOOD, TEXAS
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

Note 2. Cash and Investments (continued)

Credit Risk

Credit Risk. It is the City’s policy to limit its investments to investment types with an investment quality rating not less than A or its equivalent by a nationally recognized statistical rating organization. The City’s investments as of September 30, 2023, were rated as follows:

<u>Investment Type:</u>	<u>Credit Quality Rating</u>	<u>Rating Agency</u>
Investment Pools:		
Texas CLASS	AAAm	Standard & Poor's
TexPool	AAAm	Standard & Poor's
Debt Securities:		
Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corp.	Aaa	Moody's Investor Service
Federal Home Loan Bank	Aaa	Moody's Investor Service
Federal Farm Credit Bank	Aaa	Moody's Investor Service
Federal National Mortgage Association	Aaa	Moody's Investor Service

Note 3. Receivables and Deferred Inflows of Resources

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

	<u>Governmental Funds</u>		<u>Proprietary Fund</u>	
	<u>General</u>	<u>Nonmajor</u>	<u>Water and Sewer</u>	<u>Total</u>
Receivables:				
Property taxes	\$ 272,975	\$ 58,808	\$ -	\$ 331,783
Penalties and interest	134,474	22,936	-	157,410
Sales tax	1,727,118	428,472	-	2,155,590
Franchise taxes	613,509	-	-	613,509
Customer accounts	360,968	2,739	5,205,639	5,569,346
Court fines	859,271	-	-	859,271
Leases	995,808	-	-	995,808
Other	260,160	3,573	-	263,733
Gross receivables	5,224,283	516,528	5,205,639	10,946,450
Less: allowance for uncollectibles	(857,516)	(24,661)	(279,159)	(1,161,336)
Net total receivables	<u>\$ 4,366,767</u>	<u>\$ 491,867</u>	<u>\$ 4,926,480</u>	<u>\$ 9,785,114</u>

CITY OF FRIENDSWOOD, TEXAS
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

Note 3. Receivables and Deferred Inflows of Resources (continued)

Governmental funds reported deferred inflows of resources in connection with receivables for revenue that is not considered to be available to liquidate liabilities of the current period. At the end of the current fiscal year, the various components of deferred inflows of resources for unavailable revenues reported in the governmental funds were as follows:

	Deferred Inflows of Resources
General Fund:	
Delinquent property taxes	\$ 176,887
Property tax penalties and interest	100,990
Court fines	171,854
Grants	33,834
Leases	974,036
Miscellaneous	8,166
Total General Fund	1,465,767
Nonmajor funds:	
Delinquent property taxes	40,216
Property tax penalties and interest	15,631
Court fines	3,756
Total Nonmajor Funds	59,603
Total governmental funds	\$ 1,525,370

Note 4. Capital Assets

Capital assets activity for the primary government for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2023, is as follows:

Governmental activities	Beginning Balance as restated	Increases	Reclassification/ Decreases	Ending Balance
Capital assets, not being depreciated/amortized:				
Land	\$ 32,355,840	\$ 364,494	\$ -	\$ 32,720,334
Construction in progress	8,797,172	10,243,904	(239,882)	18,801,194
Total capital assets, not being depreciated/amortized	41,153,012	10,608,398	(239,882)	51,521,528
Capital assets, being depreciated/amortized:				
Buildings and improvements	46,352,029	501,160	-	46,853,189
Machinery and equipment	21,219,383	3,331,824	(67,440)	24,483,767
Infrastructure	105,214,782	-	-	105,214,782
Right-to-use SBITA asset	176,744	-	-	176,744
Total capital assets, being depreciated/amortized	172,962,938	3,832,984	(67,440)	176,728,482
Less accumulated depreciation/amortization for:				
Buildings & improvements	(23,413,373)	(1,381,834)	-	(24,795,207)
Machinery and equipment	(13,373,986)	(2,072,821)	205,271	(15,241,536)
Infrastructure	(61,539,500)	(2,978,964)	-	(64,518,464)
Right-to-use SBITA asset	-	(88,127)	-	(88,127)
Total accumulated depreciation/amortization	(98,326,859)	(6,521,746)	205,271	(104,643,334)
Total capital assets - being depreciated/amortized	74,636,079	(2,688,762)	137,831	72,085,148
Governmental capital assets, net	\$ 115,789,091	\$ 7,919,636	\$ (102,051)	\$ 123,606,676

CITY OF FRIENDSWOOD, TEXAS
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

Note 4. Capital Assets (continued)

Business-type activities	Beginning Balance	Increases	Reclassification/ Decreases	Ending Balance
Capital assets, not being depreciated:				
Land	\$ 319,473	\$ 832,798	\$ -	\$ 1,152,271
Water rights	19,716,695	-	-	19,716,695
Construction in progress	9,629,504	7,135,579	2,242,015	19,007,098
Total capital assets, not being depreciated	29,665,672	7,968,377	2,242,015	39,876,064
Capital assets, being depreciated:				
Buildings and improvements	683,906	-	-	683,906
Machinery and equipment	7,878,937	55,832	-	7,934,769
Water and sewer system	78,013,079	1,654,952	(3,609,532)	76,058,499
Total capital assets, being depreciated	86,575,922	1,710,784	(3,609,532)	84,677,174
Less accumulated depreciation for:				
Buildings and improvements	(365,057)	(19,757)	-	(384,814)
Machinery and equipment	(5,282,385)	(235,077)	-	(5,517,462)
Water and sewer system	(39,042,940)	(1,765,178)	-	(40,808,118)
Total accumulated depreciation	(44,690,382)	(2,020,012)	-	(46,710,394)
Total capital assets - being depreciated	41,885,540	(309,228)	(3,609,532)	37,966,780
Business-type capital assets, net	\$ 71,551,212	\$ 7,659,149	\$ (1,367,517)	\$ 77,842,844

Capital assets activity for the discretely presented component units for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2023, is as follows:

Component Unit	Beginning Balance	Increases	Reclassification/ Decreases	Ending Balance
Capital assets, not being depreciated:				
Land	\$ 7,762,414	\$ -	\$ (66,666)	\$ 7,695,748
Construction in progress	-	505,174	-	505,174
Total capital assets, not being depreciated	7,762,414	505,174	(66,666)	8,200,922
Capital assets, being depreciated:				
Water production and distribution facilities	483,467	-	-	483,467
Total capital assets, being depreciated	483,467	-	-	483,467
Less accumulated depreciation for:				
Water production and distribution facilities	(127,282)	(10,746)	-	(138,028)
Total accumulated depreciation	(127,282)	(10,746)	-	(138,028)
Total capital assets - being depreciated	356,185	(10,746)	-	345,439
Component Unit capital assets, net	\$ 8,118,599	\$ 494,428	\$ (66,666)	\$ 8,546,361

CITY OF FRIENDSWOOD, TEXAS
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

Note 4. Capital Assets (continued)

Depreciation/Amortization

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

	Depreciation/ Amortization Expense
Primary Government	
Governmental activities:	
General government	\$ 615,626
Public safety	1,317,872
Public works	3,365,034
Community development	17,651
Parks and recreation	574,842
Capital assets held by the City's internal service fund are charged to the various functions based on their usage	630,721
Total Governmental activities	<u>6,521,746</u>
Business-type activities:	
Water and sewer	<u>2,020,012</u>
Total Business-type activities:	2,020,012
Total Primary Government	<u><u>\$ 8,541,758</u></u>

CITY OF FRIENDSWOOD, TEXAS
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

Note 4. Capital Assets (continued)

Construction commitments

The City has active construction projects as of September 30, 2023. At year end, the City’s commitments with contractors were as follows:

Projects	Construction Commitment	Construction in Progress	Remaining Commitment
Governmental funds:			
Parks Master Plan	\$ 146,200	\$ 101,420	\$ 44,780
Blackhawk Emergency Shelter	871,475	28,400	843,075
Blackhawk Building Renovation	3,577,797	1,989,186	1,588,611
Blackhawk Blvd Reconstruction	2,394,576	258,564	2,136,012
Fire Station #2	4,745,568	4,559,306	186,262
Public Safety Building	6,387,158	6,115,905	271,253
Centennial Wall	452,247	428,175	24,072
Utility Relocation at Clear Creek Utility Bridge	240,200	223,550	16,650
Forest Bend Detention Pond	3,954,602	3,895,068	59,534
Deepwood Flood Control	251,369	214,737	36,632
Friendswood Regional Detention Basin	954,233	954,233	-
Access Control Project	65,300	32,650	32,650
	<u>24,040,725</u>	<u>18,801,194</u>	<u>5,239,531</u>
Enterprise funds:			
Southeast Transmission Water Line Settlement	\$ 20,489,887	\$ 5,134,296	\$ 15,355,591
Lift Station Mitigation Program	4,784,904	889,053	3,895,851
Automated Water Meters	8,995,300	8,991,024	4,276
Water Systems Improvements	2,454,824	1,481,064	973,760
2023 Tank Rehabilitation Project	1,556,675	-	1,556,675
Lift Station SCADA Server Upgrade	91,229	49,369	41,860
Fire Station #2	191,244	82,589	108,655
Blackhawk Building Construction	2,123,692	2,114,466	9,226
Blackhawk Boulevard	297,734	265,237	32,497
Blackhawk Shelter	92,000	-	92,000
	<u>41,077,489</u>	<u>19,007,098</u>	<u>22,070,391</u>
Component unit:			
FEDDC FM 518 Illumination	\$ 2,371,974	\$ 505,174	\$ 1,866,800
	<u>2,371,974</u>	<u>505,174</u>	<u>1,866,800</u>
Total Commitments	<u>\$ 67,490,188</u>	<u>\$ 38,313,466</u>	<u>\$ 29,176,722</u>

The remaining commitment amounts were encumbered at year end. The encumbrances and related appropriation lapse at the end of the fiscal year, but they are re-appropriated and become a part of the subsequent year’s budget because performance under the executory contract is expected in the next year. At year end, the amount of significant encumbrances expected to be honored upon performance by the vendors in the next year were \$3,891,673 for General Fund.

Note 5. Long-term Debt

The City issues a variety of long-term debt instruments in order to acquire and/or construct major capital facilities and equipment for governmental and business-type activities. These instruments include general obligation bonds, certificates of obligation, revenue bonds, and notes payable. These debt obligations are secured by either future tax revenue, water and sewer system revenue, or liens on property and equipment. Debt obligations that are intended to be repaid from water and sewer system revenue have been recorded as business-type activities. All other long-term obligations of the City are considered to be governmental type activities.

CITY OF FRIENDSWOOD, TEXAS
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

Note 5. Long-term Debt (continued)

Federal Arbitrage

The Tax Reform Act of 1986 instituted certain arbitrage restrictions consisting of complex regulations with respect to issuance of tax-exempt bonds after August 31, 1986. Arbitrage regulations deal with the investment of tax-exempt bond proceeds at an interest yield greater than the interest yield paid to bondholders. Generally, all interest paid to bondholders can be retroactively rendered taxable if applicable rebates are not reported and paid to the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) at least every five years for applicable bond issues. Accordingly, there is the risk that if such calculations are not performed, or are not performed correctly, a substantial liability to the City could result. The City periodically engages an arbitrage consultant to perform the calculations in accordance with the rules and regulations of the IRS. There was no liability for arbitrage recorded as of year-end.

Bonds Payable and Certificates of Obligation

The following schedule summarizes the terms of the City’s general obligation bonds, combination tax and revenue bonds, and certificates of obligation outstanding and their corresponding allocations to the governmental and business-type activities at September 30, 2023:

	Original Issue Amount	Final Maturity	Interest Rates	Governmental Activities	Business-Type Activities
General Obligation Bonds:					
2014 General Obligation Refunding	\$ 8,805,000	2028	2.0% - 4.0%	\$ 1,430,000	\$ 4,005,000
2015 General Obligation Refunding	9,595,000	2030	2.0% - 3.0%	5,945,000	-
2016 General Obligation Permanent Improvement and Refunding	19,095,000	2031	2.0% - 5.0%	6,510,000	6,190,000
2016A General Obligation Refunding	9,765,000	2034	2.0% - 4.0%	-	6,725,000
2017 General Obligation Bonds	5,605,000	2031	2.0% - 4.0%	3,885,000	-
2020 General Obligation and Refunding Bonds	10,465,000	2050	2.0% - 4.0%	9,220,000	-
2021 General Obligation and Refunding Bonds	16,235,000	2051	2.375% - 4.0%	14,560,000	-
2023 General Obligation Bonds	27,995,000	2053	4.0% - 5.0%	29,775,000	-
Total general obligation bonds				<u>71,325,000</u>	<u>16,920,000</u>
Revenue Bonds:					
2016 Waterworks and Sewer System	5,735,000	2036	2.0% - 4.0%	-	4,105,000
2018 Waterworks and Sewer System	20,170,000	2038	4.0% - 5.0%	-	17,285,000
2021 Waterworks and Sewer System	13,690,000	2041	3.0% - 4.0%	-	12,730,000
Total revenue bonds				<u>-</u>	<u>34,120,000</u>
Total				<u>\$ 71,325,000</u>	<u>\$ 51,040,000</u>

CITY OF FRIENDSWOOD, TEXAS
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

Note 5. Long-term Debt (continued)

Bonds Payable and Certificates of Obligation (continued)

Annual debt service requirements for the City’s bonds and revenue bonds are as follows:

Fiscal Year	Governmental Activities		Business-type Activities		Total
	Principal	Interest	Principal	Interest	
2024	\$ 2,485,000	\$ 2,846,566	\$ 3,345,000	\$ 1,973,275	\$ 10,649,841
2025	2,840,000	2,663,788	3,485,000	1,837,125	10,825,913
2026	2,965,000	2,555,988	3,685,000	1,687,950	10,893,938
2027	3,085,000	2,438,997	3,760,000	1,528,000	10,811,997
2028	3,210,000	2,312,388	3,930,000	1,362,225	10,814,613
2029-2033	14,575,000	9,504,439	17,340,000	4,316,600	45,736,039
2034-2038	10,770,000	6,929,845	12,830,000	1,510,225	32,040,070
2039-2043	10,165,000	4,945,852	2,665,000	121,575	17,897,427
2044-2048	10,760,000	3,101,674	-	-	13,861,674
2049-2053	10,470,000	989,558	-	-	11,459,558
	<u>\$ 71,325,000</u>	<u>\$ 38,289,095</u>	<u>\$ 51,040,000</u>	<u>\$ 14,336,975</u>	<u>\$ 174,991,070</u>

Changes in the City’s long-term liability activity for the year ended September 30, 2023, are as follows:

	Beginning Balance as restated	Additions	Reductions	Ending Balance	Due Within One Year
Primary Government					
Governmental activities:					
General obligation bonds	\$ 43,950,000	\$ 29,775,000	\$ (2,400,000)	\$ 71,325,000	\$ 2,485,000
Premium on bond issuance	3,193,902	541,134	(368,494)	3,366,542	-
Notes payable	2,613,729	925,000	(893,100)	2,645,629	893,009
SBITA payable	176,744	-	(84,250)	92,494	92,494
Compensated absences	1,144,343	1,369,826	(1,263,629)	1,250,540	250,108
Governmental activity					
Long-term liabilities	<u>\$ 51,078,718</u>	<u>\$ 32,610,960</u>	<u>\$ (5,009,473)</u>	<u>\$ 78,680,205</u>	<u>\$ 3,720,611</u>
	Beginning Balance	Additions	Reductions	Ending Balance	Due Within One Year
Business-type activities:					
Revenue bonds	35,630,000	\$ -	\$ (1,510,000)	\$ 34,120,000	\$ 1,575,000
General obligation bonds	18,635,000	-	(1,715,000)	16,920,000	1,770,000
Premium on bond issuance	5,264,036	-	(402,255)	4,861,781	-
Compensated absences	109,410	175,841	(158,825)	126,426	25,285
Business-type activity					
Long-term liabilities	<u>\$ 59,638,446</u>	<u>\$ 175,841</u>	<u>\$ (3,786,080)</u>	<u>\$ 56,028,207</u>	<u>\$ 3,370,285</u>
Total Primary government	<u>\$ 110,717,164</u>	<u>\$ 32,786,801</u>	<u>\$ (8,795,553)</u>	<u>\$ 134,708,412</u>	<u>\$ 7,090,896</u>

CITY OF FRIENDSWOOD, TEXAS
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Note 5. Long-term Debt (continued)

Bonds Payable and Certificates of Obligation (continued)

The compensated absences, net pension liability and total OPEB liabilities attributable to the governmental activities will be liquidated primarily by the General Fund.

West Ranch Management District

The following schedule summarizes the terms of the West Ranch Management District’s general obligation bonds at July 31, 2023:

General Obligation Bonds:	Amounts Outstanding	Interest Rates	Range of Maturities	Callable Date *
Road Series 2014	\$ 1,780,000	2.00% - 3.75%	2023-2040	September 1, 2022
Series 2015	3,530,000	2.950% - 4.125%	2023-2030	September 1, 2023
Series 2016	2,080,000	3.00% - 4.00%	2031-2040	September 1, 2024
Refunding Series 2016	540,000	2.00% - 4.00%	2023-2026	September 1, 2024
Series 2020	8,735,000	2.00% - 4.00%	2023-2040	September 1, 2025
Refunding Series 2016	1,520,000	2.00% - 4.00%	2023-2040	September 1, 2025
Total general obligation bonds	\$ 18,185,000			

* Or any date thereafter, callable at par plus accrued interest to the date of redemption.

Annual debt service requirements for the District’s bonds are as follows:

Fiscal Year	Principal	Interest	Total
2024	\$ 900,000	\$ 530,329	\$ 1,430,329
2025	930,000	497,763	1,427,763
2026	970,000	461,806	1,431,806
2027	1,005,000	426,238	1,431,238
2028	1,065,000	393,396	1,458,396
2029-2033	5,205,000	1,484,082	6,689,082
2034-2038	4,865,000	818,269	5,683,269
2039-2041	3,245,000	145,358	3,390,358
	\$ 18,185,000	\$ 4,757,241	\$ 22,942,241

The District’s bonds are payable from the proceeds of an ad valorem tax levied upon all property within the District subject to taxation, without limitation as to rate or amount.

CITY OF FRIENDSWOOD, TEXAS
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

Note 5. Long-term Debt (continued)

Bonds Payable and Certificates of Obligation (continued)

West Ranch Management District (continued)

Changes in the discretely presented component units' long-term liabilities for the year end July 31, 2023, are as follows:

West Ranch Management District	Beginning Balance	Increase	Decrease	Ending Balance	Due Within One Year
Component Unit					
General obligation bonds	\$ 19,050,000	\$ -	\$ (865,000)	\$ 18,185,000	\$ 900,000
Discount on bonds	(213,410)	-	12,284	(201,126)	-
Premium on bonds	67,448	-	(9,401)	58,047	-
Developer advances	40,000	-	(40,000)	-	-
Due to developer	369,600	-	(369,600)	-	-
Total	<u>\$ 19,313,638</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ (1,271,717)</u>	<u>\$ 18,041,921</u>	<u>\$ 900,000</u>

At July 31, 2023, the District had \$3,775,000 of unlimited tax bonds and recreational facilities' bonds authorized, but unissued, for the purposes of acquiring, constructing and improving recreational facilities, transportation, education, and the water, sanitary sewer and drainage systems within the District.

A developer of the District has advanced \$40,000 to the District for operating expenses. The District has agreed to pay these amounts, plus interest, to the extent approved by the Commission from the proceeds of future bond sales. These amounts have been paid in fiscal year 2023.

The developer of the District has constructed underground utilities on behalf of the District. The District's engineer estimates reimbursable costs for completed projects are \$369,600. The District has agreed to reimburse the developers for these amounts, plus interest, to the extent approved by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality from the proceeds of future bond sales. These amounts have been paid in fiscal year 2023.

Defeasance of Bonds

The City defeased certain bonds by placing the proceeds of new bonds in an irrevocable trust to provide future debt service payments on the old bonds. Accordingly, the trust account assets and liabilities for the defeased bonds are not included in the City's financial statements. On September 30, 2023, the City has no bonds considered defeased that were outstanding.

Notes Payable

During the current fiscal year, the City entered into a five-year agreement for the acquisition and use of an ambulance and related equipment. An initial liability was recorded in the amount of \$925,000 during the current fiscal year. The City is required to make annual principal and interest payments of \$204,587. The agreement has an interest rate of 4.45%.

CITY OF FRIENDSWOOD, TEXAS
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

Note 5. Long-term Debt (continued)

Notes Payable (continued)

The following is a summary of future notes payments due on this machinery and equipment:

<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>
2024	\$ 893,009	\$ 84,582
2025	585,639	58,242
2026	573,838	39,093
2027	593,143	19,888
Total	<u>\$ 2,645,629</u>	<u>\$ 201,805</u>

Pledged Revenues

On February 1, 2016, the City issued \$5,735,000 in Waterworks and Sewer System Revenue Bonds, Series 2016. On December 3, 2018, the City issued \$20,170,000 in Waterworks and Sewer System Revenue Bonds, Series 2018. On February 4, 2021, the City issued \$13,690,000 in Water and Sewer System Revenue Bonds, Series 2021. These bonds represent special obligations of the City and are payable solely from a first lien on and pledge of the net revenues of the City’s waterworks and sanitary sewer system. The proceeds of the bonds were and are to be used to finance sanitary sewer and waterworks system extensions and improvements. The outstanding revenue bonds have a final maturity of March 1, 2036 for the 2016 bonds, March 1, 2038 for the 2018 bonds, and March 1, 2041 for the 2021 bonds. The City will commit revenues each year the bonds are outstanding. At September 30, 2023, the remaining principal on the series 2016, 2018 and 2021 bonds was \$4,105,000, \$17,285,000, and \$12,730,000, respectively. Principal and interest payments for the fiscal year were \$1,510,000 and \$1,372,275, respectively. Net pledged revenue in 2023 produced 421 percent of the current debt service requirement.

CITY OF FRIENDSWOOD, TEXAS
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

Note 6. Interfund Balances and Transfers

Due to/from Other Funds

The City had interfund receivable and payable balances at September 30, 2023 as follows:

<u>Due To</u>	<u>Due From</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Purpose</u>
General Fund	HMGP Acquisition and Demolition	\$ 205,178	Expenditures funded by General Fund pending grant reimbursement.
General Fund	2017 CDBG- DR Harvey - Harris County	1,248,144	Expenditures funded by General Fund pending grant reimbursement.
General Fund	2017 CDBG- DR Harvey - Galveston County	334,365	Expenditures funded by General Fund pending grant reimbursement.
		<u>\$ 1,787,687</u>	

Interfund Transfers

The composition of interfund transfers for the year ended September 30, 2023, were as follows:

<u>Transfer In</u>	<u>Transfers Out</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Purpose</u>
General Fund	Water and Sewer Fund	\$ 1,803,800	Budgeted annual transfers for indirect water and sewer costs by the General Fund
Internal Service Fund	General Fund	9,467	To fund new vehicle for Public Works and Fire Marshal Office
Nonmajor governmental f General Fund		6,868	To fund expenditures not reimbursable by the CDBG-DR Grant
		<u>\$ 1,820,135</u>	

Note 6. Leases

Lease Receivable

The City leases real property to third parties for the placement of their telecommunication towers. The City recognized \$37,653 in lease revenue and \$29,164 in interest revenue during the current fiscal year related to these leases. As of September 30, 2023, the City’s receivable for lease payments was \$995,808. Also, the City has a deferred inflow of resources associated with this lease that will be recognized as revenue over the lease term. As of September 30, 2023, the balance of the deferred inflow of resources was \$974,036.

Note 7. SBITA Liabilities

During the current fiscal year, the City entered into a two-year SBITA agreement for the acquisition of governmental software. An initial SBITA liability was recorded in the amount of \$176,744 during the current fiscal year. As of September 30, 2023, the value of the SBITA liability was \$92,494. There are no variable payments. The City is required to make annual principal and interest payments of \$84,250 and \$95,500 respectively. The SBITA has an interest rate of 3.25%. The value of the right-to-use asset as of the end of the current fiscal year was \$176,744 and had accumulated amortization of \$88,127. There are no commitments under SBITAs before the commencement of the subscription term.

The future principal and interest SBITA payments as of September 30, 2023, were as follows:

<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Total</u>
2024	\$ 92,494	\$ 3,006	\$ 95,500

CITY OF FRIENDSWOOD, TEXAS
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

Note 8. Employee Retirement System

Texas Municipal Retirement System

Plan Description and Provisions

The City participates as one of 901 plans in the nontraditional, joint contributory, hybrid defined benefit pension plan administered by the Texas Municipal Retirement System (TMRS). TMRS is an agency created by the State of Texas and administered in accordance with the TMRS Act, Subtitle G, Title 8, Texas Government Code (the TMRS Act) as an agent multiple-employer retirement system for municipal employees in the State of Texas. The TMRS Act places the general administration and management of the System with a six-member Board of Trustees. Although the Governor, with the advice and consent of the Senate, appoints the Board, TMRS is not fiscally dependent on the State of Texas. TMRS's defined benefit pension plan is a tax-qualified plan under Section 401 (a) of the Internal Revenue Code. TMRS a report (ACFR) that can be obtained at www.tmrs.com.

All eligible employees of the City are required to participate in TMRS.

Benefits Provided

TMRS provides retirement, disability, and death benefits. Benefit provisions are adopted by the governing body of the City, within the options available in the state statutes governing TMRS.

At retirement, the benefit is calculated as if the sum of the employee's contributions, with interest, and the city-financed monetary credits with interest were used to purchase an annuity. Members may choose to receive their retirement benefit in one of seven actuarially equivalent payments options. Members may also choose to receive a portion of their benefit as a Partial Lump Sum Distribution in an amount equal to 12, 24, or 36 monthly payments, which cannot exceed 75% of the member's deposits and interest.

The City has approved an annually repeating (automatic) basis monetary credit referred to as an updated service credit (USC) which is a theoretical amount which takes into account salary increases or plan improvements. If at any time during their career an employee earns a USC, this amount remains in their account earning interest at 5% until retirement. At retirement, the benefit is calculated as if the sum of the employee's accumulated contributions with interest and the employer match plus employer-financed monetary credits, such as USC, with interest were used to purchase an annuity. Additionally, City provides on an annually repeating (automatic) basis cost of living adjustments (COLA) for retirees equal to a percentage of the change in the consumer price index (CPI).

A summary of plan provisions for the City are as follows:

Employee deposit rate:	7%
Matching ratio (City to employee):	2 to 1
Years required for vesting:	5
Service retirement eligibility:	Vested at age 60 or 20 years at any age
Updated Service Credit:	100% Repeating
Annuity increase to retirees	50% of CPI; Repeating
Supplement death benefit – active Employees and retirees	Yes

CITY OF FRIENDSWOOD, TEXAS
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

Note 8. Employee Retirement System (continued)

Texas Municipal Retirement System (continued)

Employees covered by benefit terms

At the December 31, 2022 valuation and measurement date, the following employees were covered by the benefit terms:

Inactive employees or beneficiaries currently receiving benefits	169
Inactive employees entitled to but not yet receiving benefits	132
Active employees	<u>228</u>
Total	<u>529</u>

Contributions

The contribution rates for employees in TMRS are either 5%, 6%, or 7% of employee gross earnings, and the City matching percentages are either 100%, 150%, or 200%, both as adopted by the governing body of the City. Under the State law governing TMRS, the contribution rate for each City is determined annually by the consulting actuary, using the Entry Age Normal (EAN) actuarial cost method. The actuarially determined rate is the estimated amount necessary to finance the cost of benefits earned by employees during the year, with an additional amount to finance any unfunded accrued liability.

Employees for the City were required to contribute 7.0% of their annual gross earnings during the fiscal year. The contribution rates for the City were 16.27% and 16.33% in calendar years 2022 and 2023, respectively. The City's contributions to TMRS for the year ended September 30, 2023, were \$3,039,855 and were equal to the required contributions.

Net Pension Liability

The City's Net Pension Liability (NPL) was measured as of December 31, 2022, and the Total Pension Liability (TPL) used to calculate the Net Pension Liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of that date.

Actuarial Assumptions

The Total Pension Liability in the December 31, 2022 actuarial valuation was determined using the following actuarial assumptions:

Actuarial cost method:	Entry age normal
Amortization method:	Level percentage of payroll, closed
Remaining amortization period:	23 years
Asset valuation method:	10 year smoothed market; 12% soft corridor
Inflation:	2.50%
Salary increases:	3.50% to 11.50% including inflation
Investment rate of return:	6.75%

CITY OF FRIENDSWOOD, TEXAS
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

Note 8. Employee Retirement System (continued)

Texas Municipal Retirement System (continued)

Actuarial Assumptions (continued)

Salary increases are based on a service-related table. Mortality rates for active members are based on the PUB (10) mortality tables with the Public Safety table used for males and the General Employee table used for females. Mortality rates for healthy retirees and beneficiaries are based on the Gender distinct 2019 Municipal Retirees of Texas mortality tables. The rates for actives, healthy retirees and beneficiaries are projected on a fully generational basis by Scale UMP to account for future mortality improvements. For disabled annuitants, the same mortality tables for healthy retirees is used with a 4- year set-forward for males and a 3-year set-forward for females. In addition, a 3.5% and 3.0% minimum mortality rate is applied, for males and females respectively, to reflect the impairment for younger members who become disabled. The rates are projected on a fully generational basis by Scale UMP to account for future mortality improvements subject to the floor.

The actuarial assumptions were developed primarily from the actuarial investigation of the experience of TMRS over the four-year period from December 31, 2014, to December 31, 2018. They were adopted in 2019 and first used in the December 31, 2019, actuarial valuation. The post-retirement mortality assumption for annuity purchase rates is based on the Mortality Experience Investigation Study covering 2009 through 2011 and dated December 31, 2013. Plan assets are managed on a total return basis with an emphasis on both capital appreciation as well as the production of income, in order to satisfy the short-term and long-term funding needs of TMRS.

The long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was determined using a building block method in which best estimate ranges of expected future real rates of return (expected returns, net of pension plan investment expense and inflation) are developed for each major asset class. These ranges are combined to produce the long-term expected rate of return by weighting the expected future real rates of return by the target asset allocation percentage and by adding expected inflation. In determining their best estimate of a recommended investment return assumption under the various alternative asset allocation portfolios, GRS focused on the area between (1) arithmetic mean (aggressive) without an adjustment for time (conservative) and (2) the geometric mean (conservative) with an adjustment for time (aggressive). The target allocation and best estimates of real rates of return for each major asset class in fiscal year 2020 are summarized in the table below:

	Target Allocation	Long-Term Expected Real Rate of Return (Arithmetic)
Global Equity	35.0%	7.70%
Core Fixed Income	6.0%	4.90%
Non-Core Fixed Income	20.0%	8.70%
Other Public and Private Markets	12.0%	8.10%
Real Estate	12.0%	5.80%
Hedge Funds	5.0%	6.90%
Private Equity	10.0%	11.80%
Total	100.0%	

Discount Rate

The discount rate used to measure the Total Pension Liability was 6.75%. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed that employee and employer contributions will be made at the rates specified in statute. Based on that assumption, 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 long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was applied to all periods of projected benefit payments to determine the Total Pension Liability.

CITY OF FRIENDSWOOD, TEXAS
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

Note 8. Employee Retirement System (continued)

Texas Municipal Retirement System (continued)

Changes in the Net Pension Liability

	<u>Total Pension Liability</u>	<u>Increase (Decrease) Plan Fiduciary Net Position</u>	<u>Net Pension Liability</u>
Balance at 12/31/2021	\$ 96,863,664	\$ 91,705,874	\$ 5,157,790
Changes for the year:			
Service Cost	3,205,331	-	3,205,331
Interest (on the Total Pension Liability)	6,508,227	-	6,508,227
Difference between expected and actual experience	1,493,003	-	1,493,003
Changes of assumptions	-	-	-
Benefit payments, including refunds of employee contributions	(4,096,292)	(4,096,292)	-
Contributions – employer	-	2,879,665	(2,879,665)
Contributions – employee	-	1,238,946	(1,238,946)
Net investment income	-	(6,696,002)	6,696,002
Administrative Expense	-	(57,928)	57,928
Other	-	69,125	(69,125)
Balance at 12/31/2022	\$ 103,973,933	\$ 85,043,388	\$ 18,930,545

Sensitivity of the Net Pension Liability to Changes in the Discount Rate

The following presents the net pension liability (asset) of the City, calculated using the discount rate of 6.75%, as well as what the City’s net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1-percentage-point lower (5.75%) or 1-percentage-point higher (7.75%) than the current rate:

	<u>1% Decrease in Discount Rate (5.75%)</u>	<u>Current Single Rate Discount Rate (6.75%)</u>	<u>1% Increase in Discount Rate (7.75%)</u>
City's net pension liability	\$ 33,425,805	\$ 18,930,545	\$ 7,025,492

Pension Plan Fiduciary Net Position

Detailed information about the pension plan’s Fiduciary Net Position is available in a separately issued TMRS financial report. That report may be obtained on the Internet at www.tmr.com.

CITY OF FRIENDSWOOD, TEXAS
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

Note 8. Employee Retirement System (continued)

Texas Municipal Retirement System (continued)

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

For the year ended September 30, 2023, the City recognized a pension expense of \$4,710,265.

At September 30, 2023, the City reported deferred outflows and inflows of resources related to pensions from the following sources:

	<u>Deferred Outflows of Resources</u>	<u>Deferred Inflows of Resources</u>
Difference in expected and actual economic experience	\$ 1,725,609	\$ (49,589)
Changes in actuarial assumptions	47,269	-
Difference between projected and actual investment earnings	5,850,262	-
Contributions subsequent to the measurement date	<u>2,231,484</u>	<u>-</u>
Total	<u><u>\$ 9,854,624</u></u>	<u><u>\$ (49,589)</u></u>

The \$2,231,484 reported as deferred outflows of resources related to pension resulting from contributions subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a reduction of the net pension liability for the year ending September 30, 2024. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows and inflows of resources related to pensions will be recognized in pension expenses as follows:

	<u>Net Deferred Outflows (Inflows) of Resources</u>
2024	\$ 974,311
2025	1,932,022
2026	1,982,604
2027	2,684,614
Thereafter	<u>-</u>
Total	<u><u>\$ 7,573,551</u></u>

CITY OF FRIENDSWOOD, TEXAS
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

Note 9. Post Employee Benefits Other Than Pensions

TMRS Supplemental Death Benefits Fund

Benefit Plan Description

The City's single-employer defined benefit group-term life insurance plan is operated by the Texas Municipal Retirement System (TMRS) via the Supplemental Death Benefits Fund (SDBF). The City elected, by ordinance, to provide group-term life insurance coverage to both current and retired employees. The City may terminate coverage under and discontinue participation in the SDBF by adopting an ordinance before November 1 of any year to be effective the following January 1.

The death benefit for active employees provides a lump-sum payment approximately equal to the employee's annual salary (calculated based on the employee's actual earnings, for the 12-month period preceding the month of death); retired employees are insured for \$7,500; this coverage is another post-employment benefit (OPEB). As the SDBF covers both active and retiree participants, with no segregation of assets, the SDBF is considered to be an unfunded OPEB plan (i.e. no assets are accumulated).

Membership in the plan as of the measurement date of December 31, 2022 was as follows:

Inactive employees currently receiving benefits	114
Inactive employees entitled to but not yet receiving benefits	31
Active employees	<u>228</u>
Total	<u>373</u>

Contributions

Contributions are made monthly based on the covered payroll of employee members of the participating member city. The contractually required contribution rate is determined annually for each city (currently 0.30% of covered payroll). The rate is based on the mortality and service experience of all employees covered by the SDBF and the demographics specific to the workforce of the city. There is a one-year delay between the actuarial valuation that serves as the basis for the employer contribution rate and the calendar year when the rate goes into effect. The funding policy of this plan is to assure that adequate resources are available to meet all death benefit payments for the upcoming year; the intent is not to prefund retiree term life insurance during employees' entire careers. As such, contributions are utilized to fund active member deaths on a pay-as-you-go basis; any excess contributions and investment income over payments then become net position available for benefits.

Discount Rate

The TMRS SDBF program is treated as unfunded OPEB plan because the SDBF trust covers both active employees and retirees and the assets are not segregated for these groups. Under GASB Statement No. 75, the discount rate for an unfunded OPEB plan should be based on 20-year tax-exempt AA or higher Municipal Bonds. Therefore, a discount rate of 4.05% based on the Fidelity Index's "20-Year Municipal GO AA Index" rate as of December 31, 2022.

CITY OF FRIENDSWOOD, TEXAS
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

Note 9. Post Employee Benefits Other Than Pensions (continued)

TMRS Supplemental Death Benefits Fund (continued)

Actuarial Assumptions

The City’s total OPEB liability was measured at December 31, 2022 and was determined by an actuarial valuation as of that date using the following actuarial assumptions:

Valuation Date: December 31, 2022

Methods and Assumptions:

Inflation:	2.50%
Salary Increases:	3.50% to 11.50%, including inflation
Discount rate *:	4.05%
Retirees’ share of benefit related costs:	\$0
Administrative expenses:	All administrative expenses are paid through the Pension Trust and accounted for under reporting requirements under GASB Statement No. 68.
Mortality rates – service retirees:	2019 Municipal Retirees of Texas Mortality Tables. The rates are projected on a fully generational basis with scale UMP.
Mortality rates – disabled retirees:	2019 Municipal Retirees of Texas Mortality Tables with a 4 year set-forward for males and a 3 year set-forward for females. In addition, a 3.5% and 3% minimum mortality rate will be applied to reflect the impairment for younger members who become disabled for males and females, respectively. The rates are projected on a fully generational basis by Scale UMP to account for future mortality improvements subject to the floor.

*The discount rate was based on the Fidelity Index’s “20-Year Municipal GO AA Index” rate as of December 31,2022.

Note: The actuarial assumptions used in the December 31, 2022 valuation were based on the results of an actuarial experience study for the period December 31, 2014 to December 31, 2018.

Changes in the Total OPEB Liability

Service cost	\$	51,328
Interest		16,968
Changes of benefit terms		-
Difference between expected and actual experience		122
Changes of assumptions		(326,179)
Benefit payments		(12,389)
Net change in total OPEB liability		(270,150)
Total OPEB liability - beginning		<u>902,708</u>
Total OPEB liability - ending	\$	<u><u>632,558</u></u>

Ending total OPEB liability is \$632,558 as of December 31, 2022. Changes of assumptions reflect a change in the discount rate from 1.84% as of December 31, 2021 to 4.05% as of December 31, 2022.

CITY OF FRIENDSWOOD, TEXAS
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

Note 9. Post Employee Benefits Other Than Pensions (continued)

TMRS Supplemental Death Benefits Fund (continued)

Sensitivity Analysis

The following presents the total OPEB liability of the employer, calculated using the discount rate of 4.05%, as well as what the City’s total OPEB liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1 percentage point lower (3.05%) or 1 percentage point higher (5.05%) than the current rate. Note that the healthcare cost trend rate does not affect the total OPEB liability, so sensitivity to the healthcare cost trend rate is not shown.

	1% Decrease to 3.05%	Current Discount Rate Assumption 4.05%	1% Increase to 5.05%
	\$ 757,005	\$ 632,558	\$ 535,641

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

For the year ended September 30, 2023, the City recognized OPEB expense of \$37,685 related to the TMRS Supplemental Death Benefit Fund and OPEB expense of \$73,598 related to the City’s retiree healthcare plan for total OPEB expense of \$111,283. As of September 30, 2023, the City reported deferred outflows of resources related to OPEB from the following sources:

	Deferred Outflows of Resources	Deferred Inflows of Resources
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$ 101	\$ (55,072)
Changes in assumptions and other inputs	125,084	(281,709)
Contributions made subsequent to the measurement date	12,298	-
Total	\$ 137,483	\$ (336,781)

The \$12,298 reported as deferred outflows of resources related to OPEB resulting from contributions subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a reduction of the total OPEB liability for the year ending September 30, 2024. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows and inflows of resources related to OPEB, excluding contributions subsequent to the measurement date, will be recognized in OPEB expenses as follows:

	Net Deferred Outflows (Inflows) of Resources
2024	\$ (36,057)
2025	(32,902)
2026	(37,015)
2027	(48,184)
2028	(52,619)
Thereafter	(4,819)
Total	\$ (211,596)

CITY OF FRIENDSWOOD, TEXAS
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

Note 9. Post Employee Benefits Other Than Pensions (continued)

Retiree Health Care Plan (RHCP)

Plan Description

The City’s defined benefit OPEB plan, City of Friendswood Retiree Health Care Plan (RHCP), provides OPEB through an implicit healthcare premium for retirees for all permanent full-time employees of the City. RHCP is a single-employer defined benefit OPEB plan administered by the City. At this time, no assets are accumulated in a trust to fund the future requirements of the RHCP.

Benefits Provided

RHCP provides access to post retirement employees by offering a “blended premium” structure, that is, the overall health care premiums for active employees and non-Medicare retirees, are stated in terms of a single “blended premium”. The difference between the underlying retiree claims and the blended overall health care premium is referred to as an “implicit” subsidy. Because the underlying claims costs for a non-Medicare retiree are on average higher than the blended premium, there is a positive implicit subsidy for the non-Medicare retirees.

Employees covered by benefit terms. At December 31, 2022, the following employees were covered by the benefit terms:

Retirees and beneficiaries	5
Inactive, nonretired members	0
Active members	<u>219</u>
Total	<u>224</u>

Total OPEB Liability

The City’s total OPEB liability of \$937,877 was measured as of December 31, 2022, and was determined by an actuarial valuation as of December 31, 2022.

CITY OF FRIENDSWOOD, TEXAS
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

Note 9. Post Employee Benefits Other Than Pensions (continued)

Retiree Health Care Plan (RHCP) (continued)

Actuarial Assumptions and Methods

The actuarial valuation was performed as of December 31, 2022. The total OPEB liability in the December 31, 2022 actuarial valuation was determined using the following actuarial assumptions and other inputs, applied to all periods included in the measurement, unless otherwise specified:

Valuation Date: December 31, 2022

Measurement Date: December 31, 2022

Methods and Assumptions:

Actuarial Cost Method:	Individual Entry-Age Normal
Discount Rate:	4.05% as of December 31, 2022
Inflation:	2.50%
Salary Increases:	3.50% to 11.50%, including inflation
Demographic Assumptions:	Based on the experience study covering the four year period ending December 31, 2018 as conducted for the Texas Municipal Retirement System (TMRS).
Mortality:	For healthy retirees, the gender-distinct 2019 Municipal Retirees of Texas mortality tables are used. The rate are projected on a fully generational basis using the ultimate mortality improvement rates in the MP tables published through 2019 to account for future mortality improvements.
Health Care Trend Rates:	Initial rate of 7.00% declining to an ultimate rate of 4.25% after 12 years.
Participation Rates:	It was assumed 20% of employees retiring at the age of 50 or over would choose to receive retiree health care coverage through the City. Employees retiring before the age of 50 were not assumed to elect coverage.

Other Information:

Notes: The discount rate changed from 1.84% as of December 31, 2021 to 4.05% as of December 31, 2022. Additionally, the period of service used for the allocation of service costs was changed to only reflect service with the City.

Discount Rate

For plans that do not have formal assets, the discount rate should equal the tax-exempt municipal bond rate based on an index of 20-year general obligation bonds with an average AA credit rating as of the measurement date. For the purpose of this valuation, the municipal bond rate is 4.05% (based on the daily rate closest to but not later than the measurement date of the Fidelity "20-Year Municipal GO AA Index"). The discount rate was 1.84% as of the prior measurement date.

Plan Assets

There are no plan assets accumulated in a trust that meets the criteria in paragraph 4 of GASB Statement No. 75.

CITY OF FRIENDSWOOD, TEXAS
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

Note 9. Post Employee Benefits Other Than Pensions (continued)

Retiree Health Care Plan (RHCP) (continued)

Changes in the Total OPEB Liability

Service cost	\$	89,471
Interest		19,387
Changes of benefit terms		-
Difference between expected and actual experience		74,496
Changes of assumptions		(230,413)
Benefit payments		(47,887)
Net change in total OPEB liability		<u>(94,946)</u>
Total OPEB liability - beginning		<u>1,032,823</u>
Total OPEB liability - ending	\$	<u>937,877</u>

The ending Total OPEB Liability was \$937,877 as of December 31, 2022.

Sensitivity of the total OPEB liability to changes in the discount rate

The following presents the plan’s total OPEB liability, calculated using a discount rate of 4.05%, as well as what the plan’s total OPEB liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is one percent lower or one percent higher:

<u>1% Decrease to 3.05%</u>	<u>Current Discount Rate Assumption 4.05%</u>	<u>1% Increase to 5.05%</u>
\$ 1,034,303	\$ 937,877	\$ 850,988

Sensitivity of the total OPEB liability to changes in the healthcare cost trend rates

The following presents the plan’s total OPEB liability, calculated using the assumed trend rates as well as what the plan’s total OPEB liability would be if it were calculated using a trend rate that is one percent lower or one percent higher:

<u>1% Decrease</u>	<u>Current Healthcare Cost Trend Rate Assumption</u>	<u>1% Increase</u>
\$ 831,715	\$ 937,877	\$ 1,062,748

CITY OF FRIENDSWOOD, TEXAS
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

Note 9. Post Employee Benefits Other Than Pensions (continued)

Retiree Health Care Plan (RHCP) (continued)

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 \$37,685 related to the TMRS Supplemental Death Benefit Fund and OPEB expense of \$73,598 related to the City’s retiree healthcare plan for total OPEB expense of \$111,283. As of September 30, 2023, the City reported deferred outflows of resources related to OPEB from the following sources:

	<u>Deferred Outflows of Resources</u>	<u>Deferred Inflows of Resources</u>
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$ 83,151	\$ (173,690)
Changes assumptions	125,550	(295,509)
Contributions subsequent to the measurement date	19,083	-
Total	<u>\$ 227,784</u>	<u>\$ (469,199)</u>

The \$19,083 reported as deferred outflows of resources related to OPEB resulting from contributions subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a reduction of the total OPEB liability for the year ending September 30, 2024. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows and inflows of resources related to OPEB, excluding contributions subsequent to the measurement date, will be recognized in OPEB expenses as follows:

<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Net Deferred Outflows (Inflows) of Resources</u>
2023	\$ (35,260)
2024	(35,260)
2025	(35,260)
2026	(36,902)
2027	(31,101)
Thereafter	(86,715)
Total	<u>\$ (260,498)</u>

CITY OF FRIENDSWOOD, TEXAS
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

Note 10. Commitments and Contingencies

Southeast Water Purification Plant

The City has entered into a contract with the City of Houston for construction, operating and maintaining a water purification plant known as Southeast Water Purification Plant. The City's pro rata share of the actual pumping construction costs is 1.33 percent. Due to the fact that the City is responsible for its pro rata share of maintaining the water purification plant, the City capitalizes its pro rata share of capital improvements.

The City began receiving water from the plant on October 15, 1990. The City is billed on a monthly basis for the actual gallons of water received times the City's pro rata share of actual costs. At the end of each quarter, the City of Houston computes the total operation and maintenance expenses for the quarter just ended, recalculates the cost per one thousand gallons, and adjusts previous billings on the next invoice.

The relationship of the parties is of a fiduciary character, no partnership or joint venture is created by this contract.

Blackhawk Regional Wastewater Treatment Facility

On December 12, 1974, the City entered into an agreement with Gulf Coast Waste Disposal Authority to construct the Blackhawk Regional Wastewater Treatment Facility. The Blackhawk Wastewater Treatment Facility was constructed in the early 1980s and is a regional wastewater treatment plant serving MUD 55, Baybrook MUD 1, City of Houston and the City of Friendswood. The plant has a capacity of 9.25 million gallons per day (MGD) and is operated and maintained by Gulf Coast Waste Disposal Authority. Friendswood is the majority owner having 52.465% or 4.853 MGD of its capacity.

As a part of the contract with Gulf Coast Waste Disposal Authority, the City and all participants pay their share of operational costs and expenses (direct and indirect) incurred monthly at the Blackhawk Wastewater Treatment Facility based upon actual flows. This includes the maintenance of the plant and the creation and maintenance of reasonable reserves for repairs and other contingencies. Capital expenditures on the other hand shall be the responsibility of all participants based upon their purchased capacity in the plant. For Friendswood, that equates to 52.465% for capital projects identified and approved at the plant.

Federal and State Programs

The City recognizes grant monies received as reimbursement for costs incurred in certain federal and state programs it administers as revenue. Amounts received or receivable from grantor agencies are subject to audit and adjustment by grantor agencies. Any disallowed claims, including amounts already collected, may constitute a liability of the applicable funds. The amount, if any, of expenditures which may be disallowed by the grantor cannot be determined at this time although the City expects such amounts, if any, to be immaterial.

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; and natural disasters. The City's risk management program encompasses obtaining property and liability insurance through Texas Municipal League (TML), an Intergovernmental Risk Pool. The City has not had any significant reduction in insurance coverage and the amounts of insurance settlements have not exceeded insurance coverage for any of the last three years. The participation of the City in TML is limited to payment of premiums. During the year ended September 30, 2023, the City paid premiums to TML for provision of various liability, property and casualty insurance. The City has various deductible amounts ranging from \$500 to \$5,000 on various policies.

CITY OF FRIENDSWOOD, TEXAS

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

Note 10. Commitments and Contingencies (continued)

The City also provides workers' compensation insurance on its employees through TML. Workers' compensation is subject to change when audited by TML. At year-end, September 30, 2023, the City believed the amounts paid on workers' compensation would not change significantly from the amounts recorded.

During the year ended September 30, 2023, employees of the City were covered by a health and dental insurance plan. The City pays 90% of the monthly premium of employees choosing individual coverage only. The City pays 70% of the monthly premium for employees choosing to cover themselves and their dependents.

Note 11. Subsequent Events

In December 2023, the City Council approved the establishment of the Reinvestment Zone Number One, City of Friendswood, and the creation of the Friendswood City Center Public Improvement District in January 2024.

APPENDIX C
FORM OF BOND COUNSEL OPINION

Proposed Form of Opinion of Bond Counsel

*An opinion in substantially the following form will be delivered by
McCall, Parkhurst & Horton L.L.P., Bond Counsel,
upon the delivery of the Bonds, assuming no material changes in facts or law.*

March 27, 2025

CITY OF FRIENDSWOOD, TEXAS

WATERWORKS AND SEWER SYSTEM REVENUE BONDS, SERIES 2025

IN THE AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF \$20,350,000

AS BOND COUNSEL for the City of Friendswood, Texas (the “Issuer”), the issuer of the Bonds described above (the “Bonds”). We have examined into the legality and validity of the Bonds, which bear interest from the dates specified in the text of the Bonds, at the rates and payable on the dates as stated in the text of the Bonds, maturing, unless redeemed prior to maturity in accordance with the terms of the Bonds, serially, all in accordance with the terms and conditions stated in the text of the Bonds.

WE HAVE EXAMINED the applicable and pertinent provisions of the Constitution and laws of the State of Texas, and a transcript of certified proceedings of the Issuer, and other pertinent instruments authorizing and relating to the issuance of the Bonds, including one of the executed Bonds (Bond Number T-1) and the ordinance of the Issuer, pursuant to which the Bonds are issued (the “Bond Ordinance”).

BASED ON SAID EXAMINATION, IT IS OUR OPINION that the Bonds have been authorized and issued and the Bonds delivered concurrently with this opinion have been duly delivered and that, assuming due authentication, Bonds issued in exchange therefore will have been duly delivered, in accordance with law, and that the Bonds, except as may be limited by laws applicable to the Issuer relating to bankruptcy, reorganization and other similar matters affecting creditors’ rights generally, and by governmental immunity and general principles of equity which permit the exercise of judicial discretion, constitute valid and legally binding obligations of the Issuer, and that the Bonds, together with the Issuer’s outstanding Parity Obligations (as defined in the Bond Ordinance) are secured by and payable from a pledge of the Net Revenues of the Issuer as provided in the Bond Ordinance.

THE ISSUER HAS RESERVED the right, subject to the restrictions stated in the Bond Ordinance, to issue additional Parity Bonds (as defined in the Bond Ordinance) which also may be made payable from, and secured by, a lien on and pledge of the Net Revenues on a parity with the lien that secures the Bonds and the Issuer’s other Parity Bonds.

THE ISSUER HAS ALSO RESERVED the right to amend the Bond Ordinance as provided therein and subject to the restrictions therein stated.

THE HOLDERS OF THE BONDS shall never have the right to demand payment thereof out of any funds raised or to be raised by taxation; and the Bonds are payable solely from sources described in the Bond Ordinance and are not payable from any other funds or resources of the Issuer.

IT IS FURTHER OUR OPINION, except as discussed below, that the interest on the Bonds is excludable from the gross income of the owners for federal income tax purposes under the statutes, regulations, published rulings, and court decisions existing on the date of this opinion. We are further of the opinion that the Bonds are not “specified private activity bonds” and that, accordingly, interest on the Bonds will not be included as an individual alternative minimum tax preference item under section 57(a)(5) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (the “Code”). In expressing the aforementioned opinions, we have relied on and assume continuing compliance with, certain representations contained in the federal tax certificate of the Issuer and covenants set forth in the order adopted by the Issuer to authorize the issuance of the Bonds, relating to, among other matters, the use of the project and the investment and expenditure of the proceeds and certain other amounts used to pay or to secure the payment of debt service on the Bonds, the accuracy of which we have not independently verified. We call your attention to the fact that if such representations are determined to be inaccurate or if the Issuer fails to comply with such covenants, interest on the Bonds may become includable in gross income retroactively to the date of issuance of the Bonds.

EXCEPT AS STATED ABOVE, we express no opinion as to any other federal, state, or local tax consequences of acquiring, carrying, owning, or disposing of the Bonds, including the amount, accrual or receipt of interest on, the Bonds. Owners of the Bonds should consult their tax advisors regarding the applicability of any collateral tax consequences of owning the Bonds.

OUR OPINIONS ARE BASED ON EXISTING LAW, which is subject to change. Such opinions are further based on our knowledge of facts as of the date hereof. We assume no duty to update or supplement our opinions to reflect any facts or circumstances that may thereafter come to our attention or to reflect any changes in any law that may thereafter occur or become effective. Moreover, our opinions are not a guarantee of result and are not binding on the Internal Revenue Service (the “Service”); rather, such opinions represent our legal judgment based upon our review of existing law and in reliance upon the representations and covenants referenced above that we deem relevant to such opinions. The Service has an ongoing audit program to determine compliance with rules that relate to whether interest on state or local obligations is includable in gross income for federal income tax purposes. No assurance can be given whether or not the Service will commence an audit of the Bonds. If an audit is commenced, in accordance with its current published procedures the Service is likely to treat the Issuer as the taxpayer. We observe that the Issuer has covenanted not to take any action, or omit to take any action within its control, that if taken or omitted, respectively, may result in the treatment of interest on the Bonds as includable in gross income for federal income tax purposes.

OUR SOLE ENGAGEMENT in connection with the issuance of the Bonds is as Bond Counsel for the Issuer, and, in that capacity, we have been engaged by the Issuer for the sole purpose of rendering our opinions with respect to the legality and validity of the Bonds under the Constitution and laws of the State of Texas, and with respect to the exclusion from gross income of the interest on the Bonds for federal income tax purposes, and for no other reason or purpose. The foregoing opinions represent our legal judgment based upon a review of existing legal

authorities that we deem relevant to render such opinions and are not a guarantee of a result. We have not been requested to investigate or verify, and have not independently investigated or verified, any records, data, or other material relating to the financial condition or capabilities of the Issuer, or the disclosure thereof in connection with the sale of the Bonds, and have not assumed any responsibility with respect thereto. We express no opinion and make no comment with respect to the marketability of the Bonds and have relied solely on certificates executed by officials of the Issuer as to the availability and sufficiency of the revenues pledged by the Issuer to the payment of the Bonds. Our role in connection with the Issuer's Official Statement prepared for use in connection with the sale of the Bonds has been limited as described therein.

Respectfully,

APPENDIX D
SPECIMEN MUNICIPAL BOND INSURANCE POLICY



BAM

**MUNICIPAL BOND
INSURANCE POLICY**

ISSUER: [NAME OF ISSUER]

Policy No: _____

MEMBER: [NAME OF MEMBER]

BONDS: \$ _____ in aggregate principal
amount of [NAME OF TRANSACTION]
[and maturing on]

Effective Date: _____

Risk Premium: \$ _____
Member Surplus Contribution: \$ _____
Total Insurance Payment: \$ _____

BUILD AMERICA MUTUAL ASSURANCE COMPANY (“BAM”), for consideration received, hereby UNCONDITIONALLY AND IRREVOCABLY agrees to pay to the trustee (the “Trustee”) or paying agent (the “Paying Agent”) for the Bonds named above (as set forth in the documentation providing for the issuance and securing of the Bonds), for the benefit of the Owners or, at the election of BAM, directly to each Owner, subject only to the terms of this Policy (which includes each endorsement hereto), that portion of the principal of and interest on the Bonds that shall become Due for Payment but shall be unpaid by reason of Nonpayment by the Issuer.

On the later of the day on which such principal and interest becomes Due for Payment or the first Business Day following the Business Day on which BAM shall have received Notice of Nonpayment, BAM will disburse (but without duplication in the case of duplicate claims for the same Nonpayment) to or for the benefit of each Owner of the Bonds, the face amount of principal of and interest on the Bonds that is then Due for Payment but is then unpaid by reason of Nonpayment by the Issuer, but only upon receipt by BAM, in a form reasonably satisfactory to it, of (a) evidence of the Owner’s right to receive payment of such principal or interest then Due for Payment and (b) evidence, including any appropriate instruments of assignment, that all of the Owner’s rights with respect to payment of such principal or interest that is Due for Payment shall thereupon vest in BAM. A Notice of Nonpayment will be deemed received on a given Business Day if it is received prior to 1:00 p.m. (New York time) on such Business Day; otherwise, it will be deemed received on the next Business Day. If any Notice of Nonpayment received by BAM is incomplete, it shall be deemed not to have been received by BAM for purposes of the preceding sentence, and BAM shall promptly so advise the Trustee, Paying Agent or Owner, as appropriate, any of whom may submit an amended Notice of Nonpayment. Upon disbursement under this Policy in respect of a Bond and to the extent of such payment, BAM shall become the owner of such Bond, any appurtenant coupon to such Bond and right to receipt of payment of principal of or interest on such Bond and shall be fully subrogated to the rights of the Owner, including the Owner’s right to receive payments under such Bond. Payment by BAM either to the Trustee or Paying Agent for the benefit of the Owners, or directly to the Owners, on account of any Nonpayment shall discharge the obligation of BAM under this Policy with respect to said Nonpayment.

Except to the extent expressly modified by an endorsement hereto, the following terms shall have the meanings specified for all purposes of this Policy. “Business Day” means any day other than (a) a Saturday or Sunday or (b) a day on which banking institutions in the State of New York or the Insurer’s Fiscal Agent (as defined herein) are authorized or required by law or executive order to remain closed. “Due for Payment” means (a) when referring to the principal of a Bond, payable on the stated maturity date thereof or the date on which the same shall have been duly called for mandatory sinking fund redemption and does not refer to any earlier date on which payment is due by reason of call for redemption (other than by mandatory sinking fund redemption), acceleration or other advancement of maturity (unless BAM shall elect, in its sole discretion, to pay such principal due upon such acceleration together with any accrued interest to the date of acceleration) and (b) when referring to interest on a Bond, payable on the stated date for payment of interest. “Nonpayment” means, in respect of a Bond, the failure of the Issuer to have provided sufficient funds to the Trustee or, if there is no Trustee, to the Paying Agent for payment in full of all principal and interest that is Due for Payment on such Bond. “Nonpayment” shall also include, in respect of a Bond, any payment made to an Owner by or on behalf of the Issuer of principal or interest that is Due for Payment, which payment has been recovered from such Owner pursuant to the United States Bankruptcy Code in accordance with a final, nonappealable order of a court having competent jurisdiction. “Notice” means delivery to BAM of a notice of claim and certificate, by certified mail, email or telecopy as set forth on the attached Schedule or other acceptable electronic delivery, in a form satisfactory to BAM, from and signed by an Owner, the Trustee or the Paying Agent, which notice shall specify (a) the person or entity making the claim, (b) the Policy Number, (c) the claimed amount, (d) payment instructions and (e) the date such claimed amount becomes or became Due for Payment. “Owner” means, in respect of a Bond, the person or entity who, at the time of Nonpayment, is entitled under the terms of such Bond to payment thereof, except that “Owner” shall not include the Issuer, the Member or any other person or entity whose direct or indirect obligation constitutes the underlying security for the Bonds.

BAM may appoint a fiscal agent (the "Insurer's Fiscal Agent") for purposes of this Policy by giving written notice to the Trustee, the Paying Agent, the Member and the Issuer specifying the name and notice address of the Insurer's Fiscal Agent. From and after the date of receipt of such notice by the Trustee, the Paying Agent, the Member or the Issuer (a) copies of all notices required to be delivered to BAM pursuant to this Policy shall be simultaneously delivered to the Insurer's Fiscal Agent and to BAM and shall not be deemed received until received by both and (b) all payments required to be made by BAM under this Policy may be made directly by BAM or by the Insurer's Fiscal Agent on behalf of BAM. The Insurer's Fiscal Agent is the agent of BAM only, and the Insurer's Fiscal Agent shall in no event be liable to the Trustee, Paying Agent or any Owner for any act of the Insurer's Fiscal Agent or any failure of BAM to deposit or cause to be deposited sufficient funds to make payments due under this Policy.

To the fullest extent permitted by applicable law, BAM agrees not to assert, and hereby waives, only for the benefit of each Owner, all rights (whether by counterclaim, setoff or otherwise) and defenses (including, without limitation, the defense of fraud), whether acquired by subrogation, assignment or otherwise, to the extent that such rights and defenses may be available to BAM to avoid payment of its obligations under this Policy in accordance with the express provisions of this Policy. This Policy may not be canceled or revoked.

This Policy sets forth in full the undertaking of BAM and shall not be modified, altered or affected by any other agreement or instrument, including any modification or amendment thereto. Except to the extent expressly modified by an endorsement hereto, any premium paid in respect of this Policy is nonrefundable for any reason whatsoever, including payment, or provision being made for payment, of the Bonds prior to maturity. THIS POLICY IS NOT COVERED BY THE PROPERTY/CASUALTY INSURANCE SECURITY FUND SPECIFIED IN ARTICLE 76 OF THE NEW YORK INSURANCE LAW. THIS POLICY IS ISSUED WITHOUT CONTINGENT MUTUAL LIABILITY FOR ASSESSMENT.

In witness whereof, BUILD AMERICA MUTUAL ASSURANCE COMPANY has caused this Policy to be executed on its behalf by its Authorized Officer.

BUILD AMERICA MUTUAL ASSURANCE COMPANY

By: _____
Authorized Officer

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