(See: "OTHER PERTINENT INFORMATION-Ratings", herein)

#### OFFICIAL STATEMENT August 11, 2025

In the opinion of Bond Counsel (identified below), assuming continuing compliance by the Issuer (defined below) after the date of initial delivery of the Certificates (defined below) with certain covenants contained in the Ordinance (defined below) and subject to the matters described under "TAX MATTERS" herein, interest on the Certificates under existing statutes, regulations, published rulings, and court decisions (1) will be excludable from the gross income of the owners thereof for federal income tax purposes under Section 103 of the Internal Revenue Code, as amended to the date of initial delivery of the Certificates and (2) will not be included in computing the alternative minimum taxable income of the owners thereof who are individuals. (See "TAX MATTERS" herein.)

The Issuer will not designate the Certificates as "Qualified Tax-Exempt Obliqations" for financial institutions.

#### \$10,225,000 CITY OF WATAUGA, TEXAS

(A political subdivision of the State of Texas located in Tarrant County, Texas)
COMBINATION TAX AND LIMITED PLEDGE REVENUE CERTIFICATES OF OBLIGATION, SERIES 2025

Dated Date: August 15, 2025 Due: February 1, as shown on inside cover

The \$10,225,000 City of Watauga, Texas Combination Tax and Limited Pledge Revenue Certificates of Obligation, Series 2025 (the "Certificates") are being issued pursuant to the Constitution and general laws of the State of Texas (the "State"), particularly Certificate of Obligation Act of 1971 (Sections 271.041 through 271.064, Texas Local Government Code, as amended), Chapter 1502, as amended, Texas Government Code, an ordinance (the "Ordinance") adopted by the City Council of the City of Watauga, Texas (the "City" or the "Issuer") on August 11, 2025, and the City's Home Rule Charter. (See "THE CERTIFICATES - Authority for Issuance" herein.)

The Certificates constitute direct and general obligations of the Issuer payable primarily from the proceeds of an annual ad valorem tax levied upon all taxable property within the City, within the limitations prescribed by law, and are further payable from and secured by a lien on and pledge of the Pledged Revenues (identified and defined in the Ordinance), being a limited amount of the Net Revenues derived from the operation of the City's combined utility system (the "System"), not to exceed \$1,000 during the entire period the Certificates or interest thereon remain outstanding, such lien on and pledge of the limited amount of Net Revenues being subordinate and inferior to the lien on and pledge of such Net Revenues securing payment of any Prior Lien Obligations, Junior Lien Obligations, or Subordinate Lien Obligations hereafter issued by the City. The City previously authorized the issuance of the currently outstanding Limited Pledge Obligations (identified and defined in the Ordinance) which are payable, in part, from and secured by a lien on and pledge of a limited amount of the Net Revenues of the System in the manner provided in the ordinances authorizing the issuance of the currently outstanding Limited Pledge Obligations. In the Ordinance, the City reserves and retains the right to issue Prior Lien Obligations, Junior Lien Obligations, Subordinate Lien Obligations, and Additional Limited Pledge Obligations (all as identified and defined in the Ordinance), while the Certificates are Outstanding, without limitation as to principal amount but subject to any terms, conditions or restrictions as may be applicable thereto under law or otherwise. (See "THE CERTIFICATES - Security for Payment" and "AD VALOREM PROPERTY TAXATION" herein.)

Interest on the Certificates will accrue from August 15, 2025 (the "Dated Date") as shown above and will be payable on February 1 and August 1 of each year, commencing February 1, 2026, until stated maturity or prior redemption, and will be calculated on the basis of a 360-day year of twelve 30-day months. The definitive Certificates will be issued as fully registered obligations in book-entry form only and when issued will be registered in the name of Cede & Co., as nominee of The Depository Trust Company ("DTC"), New York, New York. DTC will act as securities depository. Book-entry interests in the Certificates will be made available for purchase in the principal amount of \$5,000 or any integral multiple thereof. Purchasers of the Certificates ("Beneficial Owners") will not receive physical delivery of certificates representing their interest in the Certificates purchased. So long as DTC or its nominee is the registered owner of the Certificates, the principal of and interest on the Certificates will be payable by BOKF, NA, Dallas, Texas, as Paying Agent Registrar to the securities depository, which will in turn remit such principal and interest to its participants, which will in turn remit such principal and interest to the Beneficial Owners of the Certificates. (See "BOOK-ENTRY-ONLY SYSTEM" herein.)

Proceeds from the sale of the Certificates will be used for the purpose of paying contractual obligations of the City to be incurred for making permanent public improvements and for other public purposes, to-wit: (1) constructing, acquiring, purchasing, renovating, enlarging, and improving the City's utility system; (2) designing, constructing, renovating, improving, and equipping the City's parks and recreational facilities; (3) constructing, acquiring, purchasing, renovating, enlarging, and improving City administrative facilities; (4) acquiring public safety equipment and vehicles, including an ambulance; (5) constructing street improvements (including utilities repair, replacement, and relocation), curbs, gutters, and sidewalk improvements, including drainage and traffic safety signalization and signage incidental thereto; (6) the purchase of materials, supplies, equipment, digital signage, machinery, landscaping, land, and rights-of-way for authorized needs and purposes relating to the aforementioned capital improvements; and (7) payment for professional and employee services relating to the design, construction, project management, inspection, consultant services, and financing of the aforementioned projects. (See "THE CERTIFICATES - Use of Certificate Proceeds" herein.)

SEE FOLLOWING PAGE FOR STATED MATURITIES, PRINCIPAL AMOUNTS, INTEREST RATES, INITIAL YIELDS, CUSIP NUMBERS, AND REDEMPTION PROVISIONS FOR THE CERTIFICATES

The Certificates are offered for delivery, when, as and if issued and received by the initial purchaser thereof at a competitive sale (the "Purchaser") and subject to the approving opinion of the Attorney General of the State of Texas and the approval of certain legal matters by Norton Rose Fulbright US LLP, Austin, Texas, Bond Counsel. The legal opinion of Bond Counsel will be printed on, or attached to, the Certificates. (See "LEGAL MATTERS - Legal Opinions and No-Litigation Certificate" as "APPENDIX C — Form of Legal Opinion of Bond Counsel" herein). It is expected that the Certificates will be available for initial delivery through DTC on or about August 28, 2025.

# \$10,225,000

#### **CITY OF WATAUGA, TEXAS**

# (A political subdivision of the State of Texas located in Tarrant County, Texas) COMBINATION TAX AND LIMITED PLEDGE REVENUE CERTIFICATES OF OBLIGATION, SERIES 2025

# MATURITY SCHEDULE (Due February 1)

# CUSIP Prefix No. 941097(1)

Stated					Stated				
Maturity	Principal	Interest	Initial	CUSIP	Maturity	Principal	Interest	Initial	CUSIP
<u>2/1</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Yield</u>	No. Suffix (1)	<u>2/1</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Yield</u>	No. Suffix (1)
2026	\$ 690,000	5.000%	2.550%	XK8	2036	\$ 460,000	5.000%	3.690% <sup>(2)</sup>	XV4
2027	380,000	5.000%	2.570%	XL6	2037	485,000	5.000%	3.860% <sup>(2)</sup>	XW2
2028	405,000	5.000%	2.600%	XM4	2038	505,000	4.125%	4.170%	XX0
2029	420,000	5.000%	2.600%	XN2	2039	530,000	4.250%	4.270%	XY8
2030	440,000	5.000%	2.700%	XP7	2040	550,000	4.250%	4.370%	XZ5
2031	465,000	5.000%	2.850%	XQ5	2041	575,000	4.375%	4.450%	YA9
2032	495,000	5.000%	3.020%	XR3	2042	600,000	4.500%	4.520%	YB7
2033	400,000	5.000%	3.180%	XS1	2043	625,000	4.500%	4.570%	YC5
2034	415,000	5.000%	3.290%	XT9	2044	660,000	4.500%	4.620%	YD3
2035	435,000	5.000%	3.480% <sup>(2)</sup>	XU6	2045	690,000	4.625%	4.670%	YE1

# (Interest to accrue from Dated Date)

The Issuer reserves the right to redeem the Certificates maturing on or after February 1, 2035, in whole or in part, in principal amounts of \$5,000 or any integral multiple thereof on February 1, 2034, or any date thereafter, at the redemption price of par plus accrued interest as further described herein. (See "THE CERTIFICATES - Redemption Provisions of the Certificates" herein.)

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- Yield calculated is based on the assumption that the Certificates denoted and sold at premium will be redeemed on February 1, 2034, the first optional call date for the Certificates, at a redemption price of par plus accrued interest to the date of redemption.

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# CITY OF WATAUGA, TEXAS 7105 Whitley Road Watauga, Texas 76148

# **ELECTED OFFICIALS**

Name	Position	Term Expires (May)
Arthur L. Miner	Mayor	2028
Pat Shelbourne	Council Member Place 1	2026
Cris Blackburn	Mayor Pro Tem, Councilmember, Place 2	2026
Lovie Downey	Councilmember, Place 3	2028
Andrew Neal	Councilmember, Place 4	2028
Malissa Minucci	Councilmember, Place 5	2028
Mark Taylor	Councilmember, Place 6	2026
Jan Hill	Councilmember, Place 7	2026

# **ADMINISTRATION**

		Length of Service
Name	Position	(Years)
Sandra Gibson	City Manager	21
Linda Proskey	City Secretary	4
Jennifer Calvert	Finance Director	<1

# **CONSULTANTS AND ADVISORS**

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Certified Public Accountants	
	Fort Worth, Texas
	Total World, Texas
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#### **USE OF INFORMATION IN THE OFFICIAL STATEMENT**

No dealer, broker, salesman, or other person has been authorized 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 Issuer. This Official Statement is not to be used in connection with 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 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. Any information or expression 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 an implication that there has been no change in the affairs of the Issuer or other matters described herein since the date hereof.

NONE OF THE CITY, ITS FINANCIAL ADVISOR, OR THE PURCHASER MAKE ANY REPRESENTATION OR WARRANTY WITH RESPECT TO THE INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THIS OFFICIAL STATEMENT REGARDING THE DEPOSITORY TRUST COMPANY OR ITS BOOK-ENTRY-ONLY SYSTEM AS SUCH INFORMATION IS PROVIDED BY DTC.

The Financial Advisor has provided the following sentence for inclusion in this Official Statement. The Financial Advisor has reviewed the information in this Official Statement in accordance with its responsibilities to the Issuer and, as applicable, to investors under the federal securities laws as applied to the facts and circumstances of this transaction, but the Financial Advisor does not guarantee the accuracy or completeness of such information.

THE CERTIFICATES 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 CERTIFICATES IN ACCORDANCE WITH APPLICABLE SECURITIES LAW PROVISIONS OF THE JURISDICTIONS IN WHICH THE CERTIFICATES HAVE BEEN REGISTERED, QUALIFIED, OR EXEMPTED SHOULD NOT BE REGARDED AS A RECOMMENDATION THEREOF.

The agreements of the City and others related to the Certificates are contained solely in the contracts described herein. Neither this Official Statement nor any other statement made in connection with the offer or sale of the Certificates is to be construed as constituting an agreement with the Purchaser of the Certificates. INVESTORS SHOULD READ THE ENTIRE OFFICIAL STATEMENT, INCLUDING ALL APPENDICES ATTACHED HERETO, TO OBTAIN INFORMATION ESSENTIAL TO MAKING AN INFORMED INVESTMENT DECISION.

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The cover page, subsequent pages hereof, and appendices attached hereto, are part of this Official Statement.

#### SELECTED DATA FROM THE OFFICIAL STATEMENT

The selected data is subject in all respects to the more complete information and definitions contained or incorporated in this Official Statement. The offering of the Certificates to potential investors is made only by means of this entire Official Statement. No person is authorized to detach this page from this Official Statement or to otherwise use it without the entire Official Statement.

The Issuer

The City of Watauga, Texas (the "City" or "Issuer") is located in Tarrant County, Texas, approximately 10 miles Northeast of Downtown Fort Worth, Texas and 25 miles northwest of downtown Dallas, Texas. The City's Home Rule Charter was adopted on January 19, 1980. The City operates under a Mayor-Council-City Manager form of government, with the City Council comprised of eight members including the Mayor. The City's 2025 population estimate is 22,492 (See "APPENDIX B – General Information Regarding the City of Watauga and Tarrant County, Texas" herein.)

The Certificates

The Certificates are being issued pursuant to the Constitution and general laws of the State of Texas (the "State"), particularly the Certificate of Obligation Act of 1971 (Sections 271.041 through 271.064, Texas Local Government Code, as amended), Chapter 1502, as amended, Texas Government Code, an ordinance (the "Ordinance") adopted by the City Council of the City, on August 11, 2025, and the City's Home Rule Charter. (See "THE CERTIFICATES - Authority for Issuance" herein.)

Paying Agent/Registrar

The initial Paying Agent/Registrar is BOKF, NA, Dallas, Texas.

Security

The Certificates constitute direct and general obligations of the Issuer payable primarily from the proceeds of an annual ad valorem tax levied upon all taxable property within the City, within the limitations prescribed by law, and are further payable from and secured by a lien on and pledge of the Pledged Revenues (identified and defined in the Ordinance), being a limited amount of the Net Revenues derived from the operation of the City's combined utility system (the "System"), not to exceed \$1,000 during the entire period the Certificates or interest thereon remain outstanding, such lien on and pledge of the limited amount of Net Revenues being subordinate and inferior to the lien on and pledge of such Net Revenues securing the payment of any Prior Lien Obligations, Junior Lien Obligations, or Subordinate Lien Obligations hereafter issued by the City. The City previously authorized the issuance of the currently outstanding Limited Pledge Obligations (identified and defined in the Ordinance) which are payable, in part, from and secured by a lien on and pledge of a limited amount of the Net Revenues of the System in the manner provided in the ordinances authorizing the issuance of the currently outstanding Limited Pledge Obligations. In the Ordinance, the City reserves and retains the right to issue Prior Lien Obligations, Junior Lien Obligations, Subordinate Lien Obligations, and Additional Limited Pledge Obligations (all as identified and defined in the Ordinance), while the Certificates are Outstanding, without limitation as to principal amount but subject to any terms, conditions or restrictions as may be applicable thereto under law or otherwise. (See "THE CERTIFICATES - Security for Payment" and "AD VALOREM PROPERTY TAXATION" herein.)

Redemption Provisions of the Certificates

The Issuer reserves the right, at its sole option, to redeem Certificates stated to mature on or after February 1, 2035, in whole or in part, in principal amounts of \$5,000 or any integral multiple thereof, on February 1, 2034, or any date thereafter, at the redemption price of par plus accrued interest to the date fixed for redemption. (See "THE CERTIFICATES - Redemption Provisions of the Certificates" herein.)

**Tax Matters** 

In the opinion of Bond Counsel, the interest on the Certificates will be excludable from gross income of the owners thereof for purposes of federal income taxation under existing statutes, regulations, published rulings and court decisions, subject to matters discussed herein under "TAX MATTERS". (See "TAX MATTERS" and "APPENDIX C - Form of Opinion of Bond Counsel" herein.)

**Not Qualified Tax-Exempt Obligations** 

The Issuer will <u>not</u> designate the Certificates as "Qualified Tax-Exempt Obligations" for financial institutions.

# **Use of Certificate Proceeds**

Proceeds from the sale of the Certificates will be used for the purpose of paying contractual obligations of the City to be incurred for making permanent public improvements and for other public purposes, to-wit: (1) constructing, acquiring, purchasing, renovating, enlarging, and improving the City's utility system; (2) designing, constructing, renovating, improving, and equipping the City's parks and recreational facilities; (3) constructing, acquiring, purchasing, renovating, enlarging, and improving City administrative facilities; (4) acquiring public safety equipment and vehicles, including an ambulance; (5) constructing street improvements (including utilities repair, replacement, and relocation), curbs, gutters, and sidewalk improvements, including drainage and traffic safety signalization and signage incidental thereto; (6) the purchase of materials, supplies, equipment, digital signage, machinery, landscaping, land, and rights-of-way for authorized needs and purposes relating to the aforementioned capital improvements; and (7) payment for professional and employee services relating to the design, construction, project management, inspection, consultant services, and financing of the aforementioned projects. (See "THE CERTIFICATES - Use of Certificate Proceeds" herein.)

Ratings

S&P Global Ratings ("S&P") has assigned an unenhanced, underlying rating of "AA" to the Certificates (See "OTHER PERTINENT INFORMATION - Ratings" herein.)

**Payment Record** 

The City has never defaulted on the payment of its general obligation or revenue indebtedness.

**Future Debt Issues** 

The Issuer does not anticipate the issuance of any additional ad valorem tax debt in 2025.

Delivery

When issued, anticipated on or about August 28, 2025.

Legality

Delivery of the Certificates is subject to the approval by the Attorney General of the State of Texas and the approval of certain legal matters by Norton Rose Fulbright US LLP, Austin, Texas, Bond Counsel.

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#### **OFFICIAL STATEMENT**

#### relating to

# \$10,225,000 CITY OF WATAUGA, TEXAS (A political subdivision of the State of Texas located in Tarrant County, Texas) COMBINATION TAX AND LIMITED PLEDGE REVENUE CERTIFICATES OF OBLIGATION, SERIES 2025

#### INTRODUCTORY STATEMENT

This Official Statement, including the appendices hereto, provides certain information in connection with the issuance by the City of Watauga, Texas (the "City" or the "Issuer") of its \$10,225,000 Combination Tax and Limited Pledge Revenue Certificates of Obligation, Series 2025 (the "Certificates") identified on the cover page.

The Issuer is a political subdivision of the State of Texas (the "State") and a municipal corporation organized and existing under the Constitution and laws of the State of Texas and its Home Rule Charter. Unless otherwise indicated, capitalized terms used in this Official Statement have the same meanings assigned to such terms in the Ordinance. Included in this Official Statement are descriptions of the Certificates and certain information about the Issuer and its finances. ALL DESCRIPTIONS OF DOCUMENTS CONTAINED HEREIN ARE SUMMARIES ONLY AND ARE QUALIFIED IN THEIR ENTIRETY BY REFERENCE TO EACH SUCH DOCUMENT. Copies of such documents may be obtained upon request from the Issuer or its Financial Advisor, SAMCO Capital Markets, Inc., 1020 NE Loop 410, Suite 640, San Antonio, Texas 78209, via electronic mail or upon payment of reasonable copying, handling, and delivery charges.

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 financial position or other affairs of the City. No representation is made that past experience, as is shown by financial and other information, will necessarily continue or be repeated in the future.

This Official Statement speaks only as to its date, and the information contained herein is subject to change. A copy of the Final Official Statement pertaining to the Certificates will be deposited with the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board through its Electronic Municipal Market Access ("EMMA") system. See "CONTINUING DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION" herein for a description of the City's undertaking to provide certain information on a continuing basis.

#### THE CERTIFICATES

# **General Description of the Certificates**

The Certificates will be dated August 15, 2025 (the "Dated Date"), will mature on the dates and in the principal amounts and will bear interest at the rates set forth on page 2 of this Official Statement. The Certificates will be registered and issued in denominations of \$5,000 or any integral multiple thereof. The Certificates will bear interest from the Dated Date, or from the most recent date to which interest has been paid or duly provided for and will be paid semiannually on February 1 and August 1 of each year, commencing February 1, 2026, until stated maturity or prior redemption. Principal of and interest on the Certificates are payable in the manner described herein under "BOOK-ENTRY-ONLY SYSTEM". In the event the Book-Entry-Only System is discontinued, the interest on the Certificates payable on an interest payment date will be payable to the registered owner as shown on the security register maintained by BOKF, NA, Dallas, Texas as the initial Paying Agent/Registrar, as of the Record Date (defined below), by check, mailed first-class, postage prepaid, to the address of such person on the security register or by such other method acceptable to the Paying Agent/Registrar requested by and at the risk and expense of the registered owner. In the event the Book-Entry-Only System is discontinued, principal of the Certificates will be payable at stated maturity or prior redemption upon presentation and surrender thereof at the corporate trust office of the Paying Agent/Registrar.

If the date for the payment of the principal of or interest on the Certificates is a Saturday, Sunday, a legal holiday or a day when banking institutions in the city where the Paying Agent/Registrar is located are authorized by law or executive order to close, then the date for such payment will be the next succeeding day which is not a Saturday, Sunday, legal holiday or a day on which banking institutions are authorized to close; and payment on such date will have the same force and effect as if made on the original date payment was due.

#### **Authority for Issuance**

The Certificates are being issued pursuant to the Constitution and general laws of the State of Texas (the "State") particularly Certificate of Obligation Act of 1971 (Sections 271.041 through 271.064 Texas Local Government Code, as amended), Chapter 1502, as amended, Texas Government Code, an ordinance (the "Ordinance") adopted by the City Council of the City (the "City Council") on August 11, 2025, and the City's Home Rule Charter.

# **Security for Payment**

Pledge of Ad Valorem Taxes. The Certificates are general obligations of the City, payable from its collection of an ad valorem tax levied annually, within the legal limitations imposed by law, upon all taxable property located in the City. (See "AD VALOREM PROPERTY TAXATION" herein.)

Limited Revenue Pledge Benefiting the Certificates. Solely to comply with Texas law allowing the Certificates to be sold for cash, the Certificates are further secured by a lien on and pledge of the Pledged Revenues (being a limited amount of the Net Revenues derived from the operation of the Issuer's combined utility system (the "System") not to exceed \$1,000 during the entire period the Certificates or interest thereon remain outstanding, such lien and pledge, however, being subordinate and inferior to the lien on and pledge of the Net Revenues securing the payment of any Prior Lien Obligations, Junior Lien Obligations, or Subordinate Lien Obligations (each as described and defined in the Ordinance) hereinafter issued by the Issuer. The City previously authorized the issuance of the currently outstanding Limited Pledge Obligations (as described and defined in the Ordinance) which are payable, in part, from and secured by a lien on and pledge of a limited amount of the Net Revenues in the manner provided in the ordinances authorizing the issuance of the currently outstanding Limited Pledge Obligations. In the Ordinance, the City reserves and retains the right to issue Prior Lien Obligations, Junior Lien Obligations, Subordinate Lien Obligations, and Additional Limited Pledge Obligations (all as identified and defined in the Ordinance), while the Certificates are Outstanding, without limitation as to principal amount but subject to any terms, conditions or restrictions as may be applicable thereto under law or otherwise.

# **Redemption Provisions of the Certificates**

The Issuer reserves the right, at its sole option, to redeem Certificates stated to mature, on or after February 1, 2035, in whole or in part, in principal amounts of \$5,000 or any integral multiple thereof on February 1, 2034, or any date thereafter, at the par value thereof plus accrued interest to the date fixed for redemption.

# **Notice of Redemption**

At least 30 days prior to the date fixed for any redemption of any Certificates or portions thereof prior to stated maturity, the Issuer shall cause notice of such redemption to be sent by United States mail, first-class postage prepaid, to the registered owner of each Certificate or a portion thereof to be redeemed at its address as it appeared on the registration books of the Paying Agent/Registrar on the day such notice of redemption is mailed. By the date fixed for any such redemption, due provision shall be made with the Paying Agent/Registrar for the payment of the required redemption price for the Certificates or portions thereof which are to be so redeemed. If such notice of redemption is given and if due provision for such payment is made, all as provided above, the Certificates or portions thereof which are to be so redeemed thereby automatically shall be treated as redeemed prior to their scheduled maturities, and they shall not bear interest after the date fixed for redemption, and they shall not be regarded as being outstanding except for the right of the registered owner to receive the redemption price from the Paying Agent/Registrar out of the funds provided for such payment.

ANY NOTICE OF REDEMPTION SO MAILED SHALL BE CONCLUSIVELY PRESUMED TO HAVE BEEN DULY GIVEN IRRESPECTIVE OF WHETHER RECEIVED BY THE CERTIFICATEHOLDER, AND, PROVIDED THAT PROVISION FOR PAYMENT OF THE REDEMPTION PRICE IS MADE AND ANY OTHER CONDITIONS TO REDEMPTION ARE SATISFIED, INTEREST ON THE REDEEMED CERTIFICATES SHALL CEASE TO ACCRUE FROM AND AFTER SUCH REDEMPTION DATE NOTWITHSTANDING THAT A CERTIFICATE HAS NOT BEEN PRESENTED FOR PAYMENT.

The Paying Agent/Registrar and the Issuer, so long as a Book-Entry-Only System is used for the Certificates, will send any notice of redemption, notice of proposed amendment to the Ordinance or other notices with respect to the Certificates only to DTC. Any failure by DTC to advise any DTC participant, or of any DTC participant or indirect participant to notify the Beneficial Owner, will not affect the validity of the redemption of the Certificates called for redemption or any other action premised on any such notice. Redemption of portions of the Certificates by the Issuer will reduce the outstanding principal amount of such Certificates held by DTC. In such event, DTC may implement, through its Book-Entry-Only System, a redemption of such Certificates held for the account of DTC participants in accordance with its rules or other agreements with DTC participants and then DTC participants and indirect participants may implement a redemption of such Certificates from the Beneficial Owners. Any such selection of Certificates to be redeemed will not be governed by the Ordinance and will not be conducted by the Issuer or the Paying Agent/Registrar. Neither the Issuer nor the Paying Agent/Registrar will have any responsibility to DTC participants, indirect participants or the persons for whom DTC participants act as nominees, with respect to the payments on the Certificates for redemption. (See "BOOK-ENTRY-ONLY SYSTEM" herein.)

#### Selection of Certificates to be Redeemed

The Certificates of a denomination larger than \$5,000 may be redeemed in part (in increments of \$5,000 or any integral multiple thereof). The Certificates to be partially redeemed must be surrendered in exchange for one or more new Certificates for the unredeemed portion of the principal. If less than all of the Certificates are to be redeemed, the Issuer will determine the amounts to be redeemed and will direct the Paying Agent/Registrar (or DTC while the Certificates are in Book-Entry-Only form) to select, at random and by lot, the particular Certificates, or portion thereof, to be redeemed. If a Certificate (or any portion of the principal sum thereof) will have been called for redemption and notice or such redemption will have been given, such Certificate (or the principal amount thereof to be redeemed), will become due and payable on such redemption date and interest thereon will 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.

#### **Use of Certificate Proceeds**

Proceeds from the sale of the Certificates will be used for the purpose of paying contractual obligations of the City to be incurred for making permanent public improvements and for other public purposes, to-wit: (1) constructing, acquiring, purchasing, renovating, enlarging, and improving the City's utility system; (2) designing, constructing, renovating, improving, and equipping the City's parks and recreational facilities, including new trail lights and renovations to the community center and splash pad; (3) constructing, acquiring, purchasing, renovating, enlarging, and improving City administrative facilities, including renovations and improvements to City Hall, the City Library, and the Public Works Department; (4) acquiring fire-fighting and other public safety equipment and vehicles, including a fire truck; (5) the purchase of materials, supplies, equipment, digital signage, machinery, landscaping, land, and rights-of-way for authorized needs and purposes relating to the aforementioned capital improvements; (6) payment for professional and employee services relating to the design, construction, project management, inspection, consultant services, and financing of the aforementioned projects; and (7) paying for the costs of issuance of the Certificates.

#### **Sources and Uses**

Sources Par Amount of the Certificates Accrued Interest on the Certificates Net Reoffering Premium Total Sources of Funds	_	10,225,000.00 17,446.18 418,845.55 10,661,291.73
Uses Project Fund Deposit Purchaser's Discount Certificate Fund Deposit	\$	10,340,000.00 152,208.37 19,083.36
Costs of Issuance Total Uses	Ś	150,000.00 10.661.291.73

#### **Payment Record**

The Issuer has never defaulted on the payment of its ad valorem tax-backed indebtedness.

#### **Amendments**

The Issuer may amend the Ordinance without the consent of or notice to any registered owners in any manner not detrimental to the interests of the registered owners, including the curing of any ambiguity, inconsistency, or formal defect or omission therein. In addition, the Issuer may, with the written consent of the holders of a majority in aggregate principal amount of the Certificates then outstanding affected thereby, amend, add to, or rescind any of the provisions of the Ordinance; except that, without the consent of the registered owners of all of the Certificates affected, no such amendment, addition, or rescission may (1) change the date specified as the date on which the principal of or any installment of interest on any Certificate is due and payable, reduce the principal amount thereof, or the rate of interest thereon, change the redemption price or amounts, change the place or places at or the coin or currency in which any Certificate or interest thereon is payable, or in any other way modify the terms of payment of the principal of or interest on the Certificates, (2) give any preference to any Certificate over any other Certificate, (3) extend any waiver of default to subsequent defaults, or (4) reduce the aggregate principal amount of Certificates required for consent to any amendment, change, modification, or waiver.

#### Defeasance

The Ordinance provides for the defeasance of the Certificates when payment of the principal amount of the Certificates plus interest accrued on the Certificates 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) Government Securities (defined below), to 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 Certificates. The foregoing deposits shall be certified as to sufficiency by an independent accounting firm, the City's Financial Advisor, the Paying Agent/Registrar, or such other qualified financial institution (as provided in the Ordinance). The City has additionally reserved the right, subject to satisfying the requirements of (1) and (2) above, to substitute other Government 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 "Government Securities" means any securities and obligations now or hereafter authorized by State law that are eligible to discharge obligations such as the Certificates. 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 of the purchase thereof, are rated as to investment quality by a nationally recognized investment rating firm not less than AAA or its equivalent, (c) noncallable obligations of a state or an agency or a county, municipality, or other political subdivision of a state that on the date the governing body of the City adopts or approves the proceedings authorizing the financial arrangements have been refunded and are rated as to investment quality by a nationally recognized investment rating firm not less than AAA or its equivalent, and (d) any additional securities and obligations hereafter authorized by State law as eligible for use to accomplish the discharge of obligations such as the Certificates. There is no assurance that the ratings for U.S. Treasury securities

acquired to defease any Certificates, or those for any other Government Securities, will be maintained at any particular rating category. Further, there is no assurance that current State law will not be amended in a manner that expands or contracts the list of permissible defeasance securities (such list consisting of these securities identified in clauses (a) through (c) above), or any rating requirement thereon, that may be purchased with defeasance proceeds relating to the Certificates ("Defeasance Proceeds"), though the City has reserved the right to utilize any additional securities for such purpose in the event the aforementioned list is expanded. Because the Ordinance does not contractually limit such permissible defeasance securities and expressly recognizes the ability of the City to use lawfully available Defeasance Proceeds to defease all or any portion of the Certificates, registered owners of Certificates are deemed to have consented to the use of Defeasance Proceeds to purchase such other defeasance securities, notwithstanding the fact that such defeasance securities may not be of the same investment quality as those currently identified under State law as permissible defeasance securities.

Upon such deposit as described above, such Certificates shall no longer be regarded to be outstanding or unpaid. After firm banking and financial arrangements for the discharge and final payment of the Certificates have been made as described above, all rights of the City to initiate proceedings to call the Certificates for redemption or take any other action amending the terms of the Certificates are extinguished; provided, however, the City has the option, to be exercised at the time of the defeasance of the Certificates, to call for redemption at an earlier date those Certificates which have been defeased to their maturity date, if the City (i) in the proceedings providing for the firm banking and financial arrangements, expressly reserves the right to call the Certificates for redemption, (ii) gives notice of the reservation of that right to the owners of the Certificates 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.

#### **Default and Remedies**

If the City defaults in the payment of principal, interest, or redemption price on the Certificates when due, or if it fails to make payments into any fund or funds created in the Ordinance, or defaults in the observation or performance of any other covenants, conditions, or obligations set forth in the Ordinance, the registered owners may seek a writ of mandamus to compel City officials to carry out their legally imposed duties with respect to the Certificates, if there is no other available remedy at law to compel performance of the Certificates or the Ordinance and the City's obligations are not uncertain or disputed. The issuance of a writ of mandamus is controlled by equitable principles, so rests with the discretion of the court, but may not be arbitrarily refused. There is no acceleration of maturity of the Certificates 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 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.

Furthermore, Tooke, and subsequent jurisprudence, held that a municipality is not immune from suit for torts committed in the performance of its proprietary functions, as it is for torts committed in the performance of its governmental functions (the "Proprietary-Governmental Dichotomy"). Governmental functions are those that are enjoined on a municipality by law and are given by the State as a part of the State's sovereignty, to be exercised by the municipality in the interest of the general public, while proprietary functions are those that a municipality may, in its discretion, perform in the interest of the inhabitants of municipality.

In Wasson Interests, Ltd., v. City of Jacksonville, 489 S.W.3d 427 (Tex. 2016) ("Wasson") the Texas Supreme Court (the "Court") addressed whether the distinction between governmental and proprietary acts (as found in tort-based causes of action) applies to breach of contract claims against municipalities. The Court analyzed the rationale behind the Proprietary-Governmental Dichotomy to determine that "a city's proprietary functions are not done pursuant to the 'will of the people'" and protecting such municipalities "via the [S]tate's immunity is not an efficient way to ensure efficient allocation of [S]tate resources". While the Court recognized that the distinction between government and proprietary functions is not clear, the Wasson opinion held that Proprietary-Governmental Dichotomy applies in contract-claims context. The Court reviewed Wasson for a second time and issued an opinion on October 5, 2018, clarifying that to determine whether governmental immunity applies to a breach of contract claim, the proper inquiry is whether the municipality was engaged in a governmental or proprietary function when it entered into the contract, not at the time of the alleged breach. Therefore, in regard to municipal contract cases (as in tort claims), it is incumbent on the courts to determine whether a function is proprietary or governmental based upon the statutory guidance and definitions found in the Texas Civil Practice and Remedies Code.

Notwithstanding the foregoing new case law issued by the Court, such sovereign immunity issues have not been adjudicated in relation to bond matters (specifically, in regard to the issuance of municipal debt). Each situation will be prospectively evaluated based on the facts and circumstances surrounding the contract in question to determine if a suit, and subsequently, a judgment, is justiciable against a municipality.

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 Certificates. As noted above, the Ordinance provides that Certificate holders may exercise the remedy of mandamus to enforce the obligations of the City under the Ordinance. Neither the remedy of mandamus nor any other type of injunctive relief was at issue in *Tooke*, and it is unclear whether Tooke will be construed to have any effect with respect to the exercise of mandamus, as such remedy has been interpreted by Texas courts. In general, Texas courts have held that a writ of mandamus may be issued to require public officials to perform ministerial acts that clearly pertain to their duties. Texas courts have held that a ministerial act is defined as a legal duty that is prescribed and defined with a precision and certainty that leaves nothing to the exercise of discretion or judgment, though mandamus is not available to

enforce purely contractual duties. However, mandamus may be used to require a public officer to perform legally imposed ministerial duties necessary for the performance of a valid contract to which the State or a political subdivision of the State is a party (including the payment of monies due under a contract). 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 Certificates are qualified with respect to the customary rights of debtors relative to their creditors and general principles of equity that permit the exercise of judicial discretion.

#### **REGISTRATION, TRANSFER AND EXCHANGE**

# Paying Agent/Registrar

The initial Paying Agent/Registrar is BOKF, NA, Dallas, Texas. In the Ordinance, the Issuer retains the right to replace the Paying Agent/Registrar. If the Paying Agent/Registrar is replaced by the Issuer, the new Paying Agent/Registrar shall accept the previous Paying Agent/Registrar's records and act in the same capacity as the previous Paying Agent/Registrar. Any successor Paying Agent/Registrar, selected at the sole discretion of the Issuer, shall be a national or state banking association or corporation organized and doing business under the laws of the United States of America or of any state, authorized under such laws to exercise trust powers, shall be subject to supervision or examination by federal or state authority, and registered as a transfer agent with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission. Upon a change in the Paying Agent/Registrar for the Certificates, the Issuer agrees to promptly cause written notice thereof to be sent to each registered owner of the Certificates affected by the change by United States mail, first-class, postage prepaid.

The Certificates will be issued in fully registered form in multiples of \$5,000 for any one stated maturity, and principal and semiannual interest will be paid by the Paying Agent/Registrar. Interest will be paid by check or draft mailed on each interest payment date by the Paying Agent/Registrar to the registered owner at the last known address as it appears on the Paying Agent/Registrar's books or by such other method, acceptable to the Paying Agent/Registrar, requested by and at the risk and expense of the registered owner. Principal will be paid to the registered owner at stated maturity or prior redemption upon presentation to the Paying Agent/Registrar; provided however, that so long as DTC's Book-Entry-Only System is used, all payments will be made as described under "BOOK-ENTRY-ONLY SYSTEM" herein. If the date for the payment of the principal of or interest on the Certificates shall be a Saturday, Sunday, a legal holiday or a day when banking institutions in the city where the Paying Agent/ Registrar is located are authorized to close, then the date for such payment shall be the next succeeding day which is not such a day, and payment on such date shall have the same force and effect as if made on the date payment was due.

#### **Record Date**

The record date ("Record Date") for determining the party to whom interest is payable on a Certificate on any interest payment date means the fifteenth (15<sup>th</sup>) day of the month next preceding each interest payment date. In the event of a non-payment of interest on a scheduled payment date, and for 30 days thereafter, a new record date for such interest payment will be established by the Paying Agent/Registrar. (See "REGISTRATION, TRANSFER, AND EXCHANGE - Special Record Date for Interest Payment" herein.)

# **Special Record Date for Interest Payment**

In the event of a non-payment of interest on a scheduled payment date, and for 30 days thereafter, a new record date for such interest payment (a "Special Record Date") will be established by the Paying Agent/Registrar, if and when funds for the payment of such interest have been received from the Issuer. Notice of the Special Record Date and of the scheduled payment date of the past due interest (the "Special Payment Date" which shall be 15 days after the Special Record Date) shall be sent at least five business days prior to the Special Record Date by United States mail, first class postage prepaid, to the address of each registered owner of a Certificate appearing on the registration books of the Paying Agent/Registrar at the close of business on the last business day next preceding the date of mailing of such notice.

#### **Future Registration**

In the event the Certificates are not in the Book-Entry-Only System, the Certificates may be transferred, registered, and assigned on the registration books of the Paying Agent/Registrar only upon presentation and surrender thereof to the Paying Agent/Registrar, and such registration and transfer shall be without expense or service charge to the registered owner, except for any tax or other governmental charges required to be paid with respect to such registration and transfer. A Certificate may be assigned by the execution of an assignment form on the Certificate or by other instrument of transfer and assignment acceptable to the Paying Agent/Registrar. A new Certificate or Certificates will be delivered by the Paying Agent/Registrar in lieu of the Certificates being transferred or exchanged at the corporate trust office of the Paying Agent/Registrar, or sent by United States registered mail to the new registered owner at the registered owner's request, risk and expense. New Certificates issued in an exchange or transfer of Certificates will be delivered to the registered owner or assignee of the registered owner in not more than three (3) business days after the receipt of the Certificates to be canceled in the exchange or transfer and the written

instrument of transfer or request for exchange duly executed by the registered owner or his duly authorized agent, in form satisfactory to the Paying Agent/Registrar. New Certificates registered and delivered in an exchange or transfer shall be in denominations of \$5,000 for any one stated maturity or any integral multiple thereof and for a like aggregate principal amount and rate of interest as the Certificate or Certificates surrendered for exchange or transfer. (See "BOOK-ENTRY-ONLY SYSTEM" herein for a description of the system to be utilized in regard to ownership and transferability of the Certificates.)

#### **Limitation on Transfer of Certificates**

Neither the Issuer nor the Paying Agent/Registrar shall be required to make any such transfer, conversion or exchange (i) during the period commencing with the close of business on any Record Date and ending with the opening of business on the next following principal or interest payment date or (ii) with respect to any Certificate or any portion thereof called for redemption prior to maturity, within 45 days prior to its redemption date; provided, however, that such limitation shall not apply to uncalled portions of a Certificate redeemed in part.

#### **Replacement Certificates**

The Issuer has agreed to replace mutilated, destroyed, lost, or stolen Certificates upon surrender of the mutilated Certificates to the Paying Agent/Registrar, or receipt of satisfactory evidence of such destruction, loss, or theft, and receipt by the Issuer and Paying Agent/Registrar of security or indemnity as may be required by either of them to hold them harmless. The Issuer may require payment of taxes, governmental charges, and other expenses in connection with any such replacement. The person requesting the authentication of and delivery of a replacement Certificate must comply with such other reasonable regulations as the Paying Agent/Registrar may prescribe and pay such expenses as the Paying Agent/Registrar may incur in connection therewith.

#### **BOOK-ENTRY-ONLY SYSTEM**

This section describes how ownership of the Certificates is to be transferred and how the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on the Certificates are to be paid to and credited by The Depository Trust Company ("DTC"), New York, New York, while the Certificates 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 Purchaser 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 Purchaser cannot and do not give any assurance that (1) DTC will distribute payments of debt service on the Certificates, or any 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 Certificates), or any 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 United States Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC"), 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 Certificates. The Certificates 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 bond certificate will be issued for the Certificates, in the aggregate principal amount of such issue, and will be deposited with DTC.

DTC, the world's largest 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, 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 United States Securities and Exchange Commission. More information about DTC can be found at www.dtcc.com.

Purchases of Certificates under the DTC system must be made by or through Direct Participants, which will receive a credit for the Certificates on DTC's records. The ownership interest of each actual purchaser of each Certificate ("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 Certificates 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 physical certificates representing their ownership interests in Certificates, except in the event that use of the book-entry system for the Certificates is discontinued.

To facilitate subsequent transfers, all Certificates 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 Certificates 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 Certificates; DTC's records reflect only the identity of the Direct Participants to whose accounts such Certificates 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 Certificates may wish to take certain steps to augment the transmission to them of notices of significant events with respect to the Certificates, such as redemptions, tenders, defaults, and proposed amendments to the Certificate documents. For example, Beneficial Owners of Certificates may wish to ascertain that the nominee holding the Certificates 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 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 Certificates 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 Certificates unless authorized by a Direct Participant in accordance with DTC's 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 Certificates are credited on the record date (identified in a listing attached to the Omnibus Proxy).

Redemption proceeds, principal, and interest payments on the Certificates 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 date 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 is 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 nor its nominee, the Paying Agent/Registrar, or the City, subject to any statutory or regulatory requirements as may be in effect from time to time. Payment of redemption proceeds, principal, and interest payments 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 DTC DTC, and Indirect Participants.

DTC may discontinue providing its services as depository with respect to the Certificates at any time by giving reasonable notice to Issuer or Paying Agent/Registrar. Under such circumstances, in the event that a successor depository is not obtained, physical certificates are required to be printed and delivered. The Issuer may decide to discontinue use of the system of book-entry transfers through DTC (or a successor securities depository). In that event, physical certificates will be printed and delivered to the holder of such Certificates and will be subject to transfer, exchange and registration provisions as set forth in the Ordinance and summarized under "REGISTRATION, TRANSFER AND EXCHANGE" hereinabove.

The information in this section concerning DTC and DTC's book-entry system has been obtained from sources that the City, the Financial Advisor, and the Purchaser believe to be reliable, but none of the City, the Financial Advisor, or the Purchaser take responsibility for the accuracy thereof.

So long as Cede & Co. is the registered owner of the Certificates, the Issuer will have no obligation or responsibility to the DTC. Participants or Indirect Participants, or the persons for which they act as nominees, with respect to payment to or providing of notice to such Participants, or the persons for which they act as nominees.

#### Use of Certain Terms in Other Sections of this Official Statement

In reading this Official Statement it should be understood that while the Certificates 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 Certificates, but (i) all rights of ownership must be exercised through DTC and the Book-Entry-Only System, and (ii) except as described above, payment or notices that are to be given to registered owners under the Ordinance will be given only to DTC.

# Effect of Termination of Book-Entry-Only System

In the event that the Book-Entry-Only System is discontinued by DTC or the use of the Book-Entry-Only System is discontinued by the City, printed certificates representing the Certificates will be issued to the holders and the Certificates will be subject to transfer, exchange and registration provisions as set forth in the Ordinance and summarized under "REGISTRATION, TRANSFER AND EXCHANGE – Future Registration."

#### **INVESTMENT POLICIES**

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

#### **Legal Investments**

Under State law and subject to certain limitations, the City is authorized to invest in (1) obligations of the United States or its agencies and instrumentalities; (2) direct obligations of the State of Texas or its agencies and instrumentalities; (3) collateralized mortgage obligations issued and secured by a federal agency or instrumentality of the United States; (4) other obligations unconditionally guaranteed or insured by the State of Texas or the United States or their respective agencies and instrumentalities; (5) "A" or better rated obligations of states, agencies, counties, cities, and other political subdivisions of any state; (6) bonds issued, assumed, or guaranteed by the State of Israel; (7) federally insured interest-bearing bank deposits, brokered pools of such deposits, and collateralized certificates of deposit and share certificates; (8) fully collateralized United States government securities repurchase agreements; (9) one-year or shorter securities lending agreements secured by obligations described in clauses (1) through (7) above or (11) through (14) below or an irrevocable letter of credit issued by an "A" or better rated state or national bank; (10) 270-day or shorter bankers' acceptances, if the short-term obligations of the accepting bank or its holding company are rated at least "A-1" or "P-1"; (11) commercial paper rated at least "A-1" or "P-1"; (12) SEC-registered no-load money market mutual funds that are subject to SEC Rule 2a-7; (13) SEC-registered no-load mutual funds that have an average weighted maturity of less than two years; (14) "AAA" or "AAAm"-rated investment pools that invest solely in investments described above; and (15) in the case of bond proceeds, guaranteed investment contracts that are secured by obligations described in clauses (1) through (7) above and, except for debt service funds and reserves, have a term of 5 years or less.

The City may not, however, invest in (1) interest only obligations, or non-interest bearing principal obligations, stripped from mortgage-backed securities; (2) collateralized mortgage obligations that have a remaining term that exceeds 10 years; and (3) collateralized mortgage obligations that bear interest at an index rate that adjusts opposite to the changes in a market index. In addition, the City may not invest more than 15% of its monthly average fund balance (excluding bond proceeds and debt service funds and reserves) in mutual funds described in clause (13) above or make an investment in any mutual fund that exceeds 10% of the fund's total assets.

Except as stated above or inconsistent with its investment policy, the City may invest in obligations of any duration without regard to their credit rating, if any. If an obligation ceases to qualify as an eligible investment after it has been purchased, the City is not required to liquidate the investment unless it no longer carries a required rating, in which case the City is required to take prudent measures to liquidate the investment that are consistent with its investment policy.

#### **Investment Policies**

Under State law, the Issuer 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 include a list of authorized investments for Issuer funds, the maximum allowable stated maturity of any individual investment and the maximum average dollar-weighted maturity allowed for pooled fund groups. All Issuer funds must be invested consistent with a formally adopted "Investment Strategy Statement" that specifically addresses each fund's 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 State law, the Issuer's 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 Issuer must submit an investment report to the City Council detailing: (1) the investment position of the Issuer, (2) that all investment officers jointly prepared and signed the report, (3) the beginning market value, and any additions and changes to market value and the ending value of each pooled fund group, (4) the book value and market value of each separately listed asset at the beginning and 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 relates to: (a) the investment strategy expressed in the Issuer's investment policy, and (b) the Public Funds Investment Act. No person may invest Issuer funds without express written authority from the City Council.

Current Investments (1) TABLE 1

As of May 31, 2025 the City held investments as follows:

Investment Type	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
Cash, Money Markets, and Certificates of Deposit Investment Pools	\$39,858,642 <u>17,356,055</u>	69.67% 30.33%
Total	<u>\$57,214,697</u>	<u>100.00%</u>

As of such date, the market value of such investments (as determined by the Issuer by reference to published quotations, dealer bids, and comparable information) was approximately 100% of their book value. No funds of the Issuer are invested in derivative securities, *i.e.*, securities whose rate of return is determined by reference to some other instrument, index, or commodity.

#### **CONVENING OF TEXAS LEGISLATURE**

The regular session of the 89th Texas Legislature convened on January 14, 2025 and concluded on June 2, 2025 (the "89<sup>th</sup> Regular Session"). The Texas Legislature (the "Legislature") meets in regular session in odd numbered years for 140 days. When the Legislature is not in session the Governor of Texas (the "Governor") may call one or more special sessions, at the Governor's discretion, each lasting no more than 30 days, and for which the Governor sets the agenda (any such special sessions, together with the 89<sup>th</sup> Regular Session, are collectively referred to herein as the "2025 Legislative Sessions").

The Governor called a special session to begin on June 23, 2025, which commenced on July 21, 2025, and may last no longer than 30 days (the "First Special Session"). The Governor identified eighteen (18) agenda items that will be considered in the First Special Session. Among the items being considered is "legislation reducing the property tax burden on Texans and legislation imposing spending limits on entities authorized to impose property taxes." The City is unable to predict the substance of such legislation or the effect, if any, it will have on the City's finances or operations.

Additional special sessions may be called by the Governor. During this time, the Legislature may enact laws that materially affect the City and its finances. The City is still in the process of reviewing legislation passed during the 89th Regular Session. At this time, the City cannot make any representations as to the full impact of such legislation. Further, the City can make no representations or predictions regarding the scope of legislation that may be considered in any special session or the potential impact of such legislation at this time, but it intends to monitor applicable legislation related thereto.

#### AD VALOREM PROPERTY TAXATION

The following is a summary of certain provisions of State law as it relates to ad valorem taxation and is not intended to be complete. Prospective investors are encouraged to review Title I of the Texas Tax Code, as amended (the "Property Tax Code"), for identification of property subject to ad valorem taxation, property exempt or which may be exempted from ad valorem taxation if claimed, the appraisal of property for ad valorem tax purposes, and the procedures and limitations applicable to the levy and collection of ad valorem taxes.

# **Valuation of Taxable Property**

The Property Tax Code provides for countywide appraisal and equalization of taxable property values and establishes in each county of the State an appraisal district and an appraisal review board (the "Appraisal Review Board") responsible for appraising property for all taxing units within the county. The appraisal of property within the City is the responsibility of the Tarrant Appraisal District ("Appraisal District"). Except as generally described below, the Appraisal District is required to appraise all property within the Appraisal District on the basis of 100% of its market value and is prohibited from applying any assessment ratios. In determining market value of property, the Appraisal District is required to consider the cost method of appraisal, the income method of appraisal and the market data comparison method of appraisal, and use the method the chief appraiser of the Appraisal District considers most appropriate. The Property Tax Code requires appraisal districts to reappraise all property in its jurisdiction at least once every three (3) years. A taxing unit may require annual review at its own expense, and is entitled to challenge the determination of appraised value of property within the taxing unit by petition filed with the Appraisal Review Board.

State law requires the appraised value of an owner's principal residence ("homestead" or "homesteads") to be based solely on the property's value as a homestead, regardless of whether residential use is considered to be the highest and best use of the property. State law further limits the appraised value of a homestead to the lesser of (1) the market value of the property or (2) 110% of the appraised value of the property for the preceding tax year plus the market value of all new improvements to the property.

An appraisal district is prohibited from increasing the appraised value of real property during the 2024 tax year on non-homestead properties (the "subjected property") whose appraised values are not more than \$5 million dollars (the "maximum property value") to an amount not to exceed the lesser of: (1) the market value of the subjected property for the most recent tax year that the market value was determined by the appraisal office or (2) the sum of: (a) 20 percent of the appraised value of the subjected property for the preceding tax year; and (c) the market value of all new improvements to the subjected property (collectively, the "appraisal cap"). After the 2024 tax year, through December 31, 2026, the maximum property value may be increased or decreased by the product of the preceding state fiscal year's increase or decrease in the consumer price index, as applicable, to the maximum property value.

<sup>(1)</sup> Unaudited.

State law provides that eligible owners of both agricultural land and open-space land, including open-space land devoted to farm or ranch purposes or open-space land devoted to timber production, may elect to have such property appraised for property taxation on the basis of its productive capacity. The same land may not be qualified as both agricultural and open-space land.

The appraisal values set by the Appraisal District are subject to review and change by the Appraisal Review Board. The appraisal rolls, as approved by the Appraisal Review Board, are used by taxing units, such as the City, in establishing their tax rolls and tax rates (see "AD VALOREM PROPERTY TAXATION – City and Taxpayer Remedies").

#### **State Mandated Homestead Exemptions**

State law grants, with respect to each taxing unit in the State, various exemptions for disabled veterans and their families, surviving spouses of members of the armed services killed in action and surviving spouses of first responders killed or fatally wounded in the line of duty.

#### **Local Option Homestead Exemptions**

The governing body of a taxing unit, including a city, county, school district, or special district, at its option may grant: (1) an exemption of up to 20% of the appraised value of all homesteads (but not less than \$5,000) and (2) an additional exemption of the appraised value of the homesteads of persons 65 years of age or older and the disabled. Each taxing unit decides if it will offer the local option homestead exemptions and at what percentage or dollar amount, as applicable.

#### Local Option Freeze for the Elderly and Disabled

The governing body of a county, municipality or junior college district may, at its option, provide for a freeze on the total amount of ad valorem taxes levied on the homesteads of persons 65 years of age or older or of disabled persons above the amount of tax imposed in the year such residence qualified for such exemption. Also, upon voter initiative, an election may be held to determine by majority vote whether to establish such a freeze on ad valorem taxes. Once the freeze is established, the total amount of taxes imposed on such homesteads cannot be increased except for certain improvements, and such freeze cannot be repealed or rescinded. The exemption described in (2), above, may also be created, increased, decreased or repealed at an election called by the governing body of a taxing unit upon presentment of a petition for such creation, increase, decrease, or repeal of at least 20% of the number of qualified voters who voted in the preceding election of the taxing unit.

#### **Personal Property**

Tangible personal property (furniture, machinery, supplies, inventories, etc.) used in the "production of income" is taxed based on the property's market value. Taxable personal property includes income-producing equipment and inventory. Intangibles such as goodwill, accounts receivable, and proprietary processes are not taxable. Tangible personal property not held or used for production of income, such as household goods, automobiles or light trucks, and boats, is exempt from ad valorem taxation unless the governing body of a taxing unit elects to tax such property.

#### **Freeport and Goods-In-Transit Exemptions**

Certain goods that are acquired in or imported into the State to be forwarded outside the State, and are detained in the State for 175 days or less for the purpose of assembly, storage, manufacturing, processing or fabrication ("Freeport Property") are exempt from ad valorem taxation unless a taxing unit took official action to tax Freeport Property before April 1, 1990 and has not subsequently taken official action to exempt Freeport Property. Decisions to continue taxing Freeport Property may be reversed in the future; decisions to exempt Freeport Property are not subject to reversal.

Certain goods, that are acquired in or imported into the State to be forwarded to another location within or without the State, stored in a location that is not owned by the owner of the goods and are transported to another location within or without the State within 175 days ("Goods-in-Transit"), are generally exempt from ad valorem taxation; however, the Property Tax Code permits a taxing unit, on a local option basis, to tax Goods-in-Transit if the taxing unit takes official action, after conducting a public hearing, before January 1 of the first tax year in which the taxing unit proposes to tax Goods-in-Transit. Goods-in-Transit and Freeport Property do not include oil, natural gas or petroleum products, and Goods-in-Transit does not include aircraft or special inventories such as manufactured housing inventory, or a dealer's motor vehicle, boat, or heavy equipment inventory.

A taxpayer may receive only one of the Goods-in-Transit or Freeport Property exemptions for items of personal property.

#### **Other Exempt Property**

Other major categories of exempt property include property owned by the State or its political subdivisions if used for public purposes, property exempt by federal law, property used for pollution control, farm products owned by producers, property of nonprofit corporations used for scientific research or educational activities benefitting a college or university, designated historic sites, solar and wind-powered energy devices, and certain classes of intangible personal property.

# **Tax Increment Reinvestment Zones**

A city or county, by petition of the landowners or by action of its governing body, may create one or more tax increment reinvestment zones ("TIRZ") within its boundaries. At the time of the creation of the TIRZ, a "base value" for the real property in

the TIRZ is established and the difference between any increase in the assessed valuation of taxable real property in the TIRZ in excess of the base value is known as the "tax increment". During the existence of the TIRZ, all or a portion of the taxes levied against the tax increment by a city or county, and all other overlapping taxing units that elected to participate, are restricted to paying only planned project and financing costs within the TIRZ and are not available for the payment of other obligations of such taxing units.

#### **Chapter 381 Agreements**

The City is authorized, pursuant to Chapter 381, Texas Local Government Code, as amended ("Chapter 381"), to establish programs to promote state or local economic development and to stimulate business and commercial activity in the City. In accordance with a program established pursuant to Chapter 381, the City may make loans or grants of public funds for economic development purposes, however no obligations secured by ad valorem taxes may be issued for such purposes unless approved by voters of the City. The City may contract with the federal government, the State, another political subdivision, a nonprofit organization or any other entity, including private entities, for the administration of such a program.

#### **Tax Abatement Agreements**

Taxing units may also enter into tax abatement agreements to encourage economic development. Under the agreements, a property owner agrees to construct certain improvements on its property. The taxing unit, in turn, agrees not to levy a tax on all or part of the increased value attributable to the improvements until the expiration of the agreement. The abatement agreement could last for a period of up to 10 years.

#### Temporary Exemption for Qualified Property Damaged by a Disaster

The Property Tax Code entitles the owner of certain qualified (i) tangible personal property used for the production of income, (ii) improvements to real property, and (iii) manufactured homes located in an area declared by the governor to be a disaster area following a disaster and is at least 15 percent physically damaged by the disaster, as determined by the chief appraiser, to an exemption from taxation of a portion of the appraised value of the property. The amount of the exemption ranges from 15 percent to 100 percent based upon the damage assessment rating assigned by the chief appraiser. Except in situations where the territory is declared a disaster on or after the date the taxing unit adopts a tax rate for the year in which the disaster declaration is issued, the governing body of the taxing unit is not required to take any action in order for the taxpayer to be eligible for the exemption. If a taxpayer qualifies for the exemption after the beginning of the tax year, the amount of the exemption is prorated based on the number of days left in the tax year following the day on which the governor declares the area to be a disaster area. The Texas Legislature amended Section 11.35, Tax Code, to clarify that "damage" for purposes of such statute is limited to "physical damage".

#### **City and Taxpayer Remedies**

Under certain circumstances, taxpayers and taxing units, including the City, may appeal the determinations of the Appraisal District by timely initiating a protest with the Appraisal Review Board. Additionally, taxing units such as the City may bring suit against the Appraisal District to compel compliance with the Property Tax Code.

Owners of certain property with a taxable value in excess of the current year "minimum eligibility amount", as determined by the State Comptroller, and situated in a county with a population of one million or more, may protest the determinations of an appraisal district directly to a three-member special panel of the appraisal review board, appointed by the chairman of the appraisal review board, consisting of highly qualified professionals in the field of property tax appraisal. The minimum eligibility amount was set at \$61,349,201 for the 2025 tax year, and is adjusted annually by the State Comptroller to reflect the inflation rate.

The Property Tax Code sets forth notice and hearing procedures for certain tax rate increases by the District and provides for taxpayer referenda that could result in the repeal of certain tax increases (see "AD VALOREM PROPERTY TAXATION – Public Hearing and Maintenance and Operations Tax Rate Limitations"). The Property Tax Code also establishes a procedure for providing notice to property owners of reappraisals reflecting increased property value, appraisals which are higher than renditions, and appraisals of property not previously on an appraisal roll.

#### **Levy and Collection of Taxes**

The City is responsible for the collection of its taxes, unless it elects to transfer such functions to another governmental entity. Taxes are due October 1, or when billed, whichever comes later, and become delinquent after January 31 of the following year. A delinquent tax incurs a penalty of six percent (6%) of the amount of the tax for the first calendar month it is delinquent, plus one percent (1%) for each additional month or portion of a month the tax remains unpaid prior to July 1 of the year in which it becomes delinquent. If the tax is not paid by July 1 of the year in which it becomes delinquent, the tax incurs a total penalty of twelve percent (12%) regardless of the number of months the tax has been delinquent and incurs an additional penalty of up to twenty percent (20%) if imposed by the City. The delinquent tax also accrues interest at a rate of one percent (1%) for each month or portion of a month it remains unpaid. The Property Tax Code also makes provision for the split payment of taxes, discounts for early payment and the postponement of the delinquency date of taxes for certain taxpayers. Furthermore, the City may provide, on a local option basis, for the split payment, partial payment, and discounts for early payment of taxes under certain circumstances.

#### City's Rights in the Event of Tax Delinquencies

Taxes levied by the City are a personal obligation of the owner of the property. On January 1 of each year, a tax lien attaches to property to secure the payment of all state and local taxes, penalties, and interest ultimately imposed for the year on the property. The lien exists in favor of each taxing unit, including the City, having power to tax the property. The City's tax lien is on a parity with

tax liens of such other taxing units. A tax lien on real property takes priority over the claim of most creditors and other holders of liens on the property encumbered by the tax lien, whether or not the debt or lien existed before the attachment of the tax lien; however, whether a lien of the United States is on a parity with or takes priority over a tax lien of the City is determined by applicable federal law. Personal property, under certain circumstances, is subject to seizure and sale for the payment of delinquent taxes, penalty, and interest.

At any time after taxes on property become delinquent, the City may file suit to foreclose the lien securing payment of the tax, to enforce personal liability for the tax, or both. In filing a suit to foreclose a tax lien on real property, the City must join other taxing units that have claims for delinquent taxes against all or part of the same property.

Collection of delinquent taxes may be adversely affected by the amount of taxes owed to other taxing units, adverse market conditions, taxpayer redemption rights, or bankruptcy proceedings which restrain the collection of a taxpayer's debt.

Federal bankruptcy law provides that an automatic stay of actions by creditors and other entities, including governmental units, goes into effect with the filing of any petition in bankruptcy. The automatic stay prevents governmental units from foreclosing on property and prevents liens for post-petition taxes from attaching to property and obtaining secured creditor status unless, in either case, an order lifting the stay is obtained from the bankruptcy court. In many cases, post-petition taxes are paid as an administrative expense of the estate in bankruptcy or by order of the bankruptcy court.

#### **Public Hearing and Maintenance and Operations Tax Rate Limitations**

The following terms as used in this section have the meanings provided below:

"adjusted" means lost values are not included in the calculation of the prior year's taxes and new values are not included in the current year's taxable values.

"de minimis rate" means the maintenance and operations tax rate that will produce the prior year's total maintenance and operations tax levy (adjusted) from the current year's values (adjusted), plus the rate that produces an additional \$500,000 in tax revenue when applied to the current year's taxable value, plus the debt service tax rate.

"foregone revenue amount" means the greater of zero or the amount expressed in dollars calculated according to the following formula: the voter-approval tax rate less the actual tax rate, then multiplied by the taxing unit's current total value in the applicable preceding tax year.

"no-new-revenue tax rate" means the combined maintenance and operations tax rate and debt service tax rate that will produce the prior year's total tax levy (adjusted) from the current year's total taxable values (adjusted).

"preceding total value" means a taxing unit's current total value in the applicable preceding tax year.

"special taxing unit" means a city for which the maintenance and operations tax rate proposed for the current tax year is 2.5 cents or less per \$100 of taxable value.

"unused increment rate" means the greater of (i) zero; or (ii) the sum of the foregone revenue amount for each of the tax years 2022 through 2024 divided by the current total value.

"voter-approval tax rate" means the maintenance and operations tax rate that will produce the prior year's total maintenance and operations tax levy (adjusted) from the current year's values (adjusted) multiplied by 1.035, plus the debt service tax rate, plus the "unused increment rate".

The City's tax rate consists of two components: (1) a rate for funding of maintenance and operations expenditures in the current year (the "maintenance and operations tax rate"), and (2) a rate for funding debt service in the current year (the "debt service tax rate"). Under State law, the assessor for the City must submit an appraisal roll showing the total appraised, assessed, and taxable values of all property in the City to the City Council by August 1 or as soon as practicable thereafter.

A city must annually calculate its voter-approval tax rate and no-new-revenue tax rate in accordance with forms prescribed by the State Comptroller and provide notice of such rates to each owner of taxable property within the city and the county tax assessor-collector for each county in which all or part of the city is located. A city must adopt a tax rate before the later of September 30 or the 60th day after receipt of the certified appraisal roll, except that a tax rate that exceeds the voter-approval tax rate must be adopted not later than the 71st day before the next occurring November uniform election date. If a city fails to timely adopt a tax rate, the tax rate is statutorily set as the lower of the no-new-revenue tax rate for the current tax year or the tax rate adopted by the city for the preceding tax year.

As described below, the Property Tax Code provides that if a city adopts a tax rate that exceeds its voter-approval tax rate or, in certain cases, its de minimis rate, an election must be held to determine whether or not to reduce the adopted tax rate to the voter-approval tax rate.

A city may not adopt a tax rate that exceeds the lower of the voter-approval tax rate or the no-new-revenue tax rate until each appraisal district in which such city participates has delivered notice to each taxpayer of the estimated total amount of property taxes owed and the city has held a public hearing on the proposed tax increase.

For cities with a population of 30,000 or more as of the most recent federal decennial census, if the adopted tax rate for any tax year exceeds the voter-approval tax rate, that city must conduct an election on the next occurring November uniform election date to determine whether or not to reduce the adopted tax rate to the voter-approval tax rate.

For cities with a population less than 30,000 as of the most recent federal decennial census, if the adopted tax rate for any tax year exceeds the greater of (i) the voter-approval tax rate or (ii) the de minimis rate, the city must conduct an election on the next occurring November uniform election date to determine whether or not to reduce the adopted tax rate to the voter-approval tax rate. However, for any tax year during which a city has a population of less than 30,000 as of the most recent federal decennial census and does not qualify as a special taxing unit, if a city's adopted tax rate is equal to or less than the de minimis rate but greater than both (a) the no-new-revenue tax rate, multiplied by 1.08, plus the debt service tax rate or (b) the city's voter-approval tax rate, then a valid petition signed by at least three percent of the registered voters in the city would require that an election be held to determine whether or not to reduce the adopted tax rate to the voter-approval tax rate.

Any city located at least partly within an area declared a disaster area by the Governor of the State or the President of the United States during the current year may calculate its voter-approval tax rate using a 1.08 multiplier, instead of 1.035, until the earlier of (i) the second tax year in which such city's total taxable appraised value exceeds the taxable appraised value on January 1 of the year the disaster occurred, or (ii) the third tax year after the tax year in which the disaster occurred.

State law provides cities and counties in the State the option of assessing a maximum one-half percent (1/2%) sales and use tax on retail sales of taxable items for the purpose of reducing its ad valorem taxes, if approved by a majority of the voters in a local option election. If the additional sales and use tax for ad valorem tax reduction is approved and levied, the no-new-revenue tax rate and voter-approval tax rate must be reduced by the amount of the estimated sales tax revenues to be generated in the current tax year.

The calculations of the no-new-revenue tax rate and voter-approval tax rate do not limit or impact the City's ability to set a debt service tax rate in each year sufficient to pay debt service on all of the City's tax-supported debt obligations, including the Certificates.

Reference is made to the Property Tax Code for definitive requirements for the levy and collection of ad valorem taxes and the calculation of the various defined tax rates.

#### **Debt Tax Rate Limitations**

All taxable property within the City is subject to the assessment, levy and collection by the City of a continuing, direct annual ad valorem tax sufficient to provide for the payment of principal of and interest on all ad valorem tax-supported debt within the limits prescribed by law. Article XI, Section 5, of the Texas Constitution is applicable to the City, and limits its maximum ad valorem tax rate to \$2.50 per \$100 of taxable assessed valuation. Administratively, the Attorney General of the State of Texas will permit allocation of \$1.50 of the \$2.50 maximum tax rate for all debt service on ad valorem tax-supported debt, as calculated at the time of issuance.

#### The Property Tax Code as Applied to the City

The City has not elected to grant an exemption of up to 20% of the appraised value of residence homesteads (but not less than \$5,000).

The City has elected to grant a Local Option Homestead Exemption of at least \$3,000 of the appraised value of the residence homestead of persons 65 year of age or older and the disabled, up to a maximum of \$40,000.

On December 1, 2003, the City approved an election granting the Local Option Freeze for the elderly or disabled.

On December 17, 2011, the City Council took official action to again tax Goods-in-Transit.

The City does not allow split payments but does allow discounts for early payment of ad valorem property taxes.

#### **TAX MATTERS**

# **Tax Exemption**

The delivery of the Certificates is subject to the opinion of Norton Rose Fulbright US LLP, Bond Counsel, to the effect that interest on the Certificates for federal income tax purposes (1) will be excludable from the gross income, as defined in section 61 of the

Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended to the date hereof (the "Code"), of the owners thereof pursuant to section 103 of the Code and existing regulations, published rulings, and court decisions, and (2) will not be included in computing the alternative minimum taxable income of the owners thereof who are individuals. The statute, regulations, rulings, and court decisions on which such opinion is based are subject to change. A form of Bond Counsel's opinion is reproduced as APPENDIX C.

In rendering the foregoing opinions, Bond Counsel will rely upon the certifications of the Issuer made in a certificate of even date with the initial delivery of the Certificates pertaining to the use, expenditure, and investment of the proceeds of the Certificates and will assume continuing compliance with the provisions of the Ordinance by the Issuer subsequent to the issuance of the Certificates. The Ordinance contains covenants by the Issuer with respect to, among other matters, the use of the proceeds of the Certificates and the facilities financed or refinanced therewith by persons other than state or local governmental units, the manner in which the proceeds of the Certificates are to be invested, if required, the calculation and payment to the United States Treasury of any arbitrage "profits" and the reporting of certain information to the United States Treasury. Failure to comply with any of these covenants may cause interest on the Certificates to be includable in the gross income of the owners thereof from the date of the issuance of the Certificates.

Except as described above, Bond Counsel will express no other opinion with respect to any other federal, state or local tax consequences under present law, or proposed legislation, resulting from the receipt or accrual of interest on, or the acquisition or disposition of, the Certificates. Bond Counsel's opinion is not a guarantee of a result, but represents its legal judgment based upon its review of existing statutes, regulations, published rulings and court decisions and the representations and covenants of the Issuer described above. No ruling has been sought from the Internal Revenue Service (the "IRS") with respect to the matters addressed in the opinion of Bond Counsel, and Bond Counsel's opinion is not binding on the IRS. The IRS has an ongoing program of auditing the tax-exempt status of the interest on municipal obligations. If an audit of the Certificates is commenced, under current procedures the IRS is likely to treat the Issuer as the "taxpayer," and the owners of the Certificates would have no right to participate in the audit process. In responding to or defending an audit of the tax-exempt status of the interest on the Certificates, the Issuer may have different or conflicting interests from the owners of the Certificates. Public awareness of any future audit of the Certificates could adversely affect the value and liquidity of the Certificates during the pendency of the audit, regardless of its ultimate outcome.

# **Tax Changes**

Existing law may change to reduce or eliminate the benefit to Certificate holders of the exclusion of interest on the Certificates from gross income for federal income tax purposes. Any proposed legislation or administrative action, whether or not taken, could also affect the value and marketability of the Certificates. Prospective purchasers of the Certificates should consult with their own tax advisors with respect to any proposed or future changes in tax law.

#### **Ancillary Tax Consequences**

Prospective purchasers of the Certificates should be aware that the ownership of tax-exempt obligations such as the Certificates may result in collateral federal tax consequences to, among others, financial institutions, property and casualty insurance companies, life insurance companies, corporations subject to the alternative minimum tax on adjusted financial statement income, certain foreign corporations doing business in the United States, S corporations with subchapter C earnings and profits, owners of an interest in a financial asset securitization investment trust ("FASIT"), individual recipients of Social Security or Railroad Retirement benefits, individuals otherwise qualifying for the earned income tax credit and taxpayers who may be deemed to have incurred or continued indebtedness to purchase or carry, or who have paid or incurred certain expenses allocable to, tax-exempt obligations. Prospective purchasers should consult their own tax advisors as to the applicability of these consequences to their particular circumstances.

For taxable years beginning after 2022, the Code imposes a minimum tax of 15 percent of the adjusted financial statement income of certain large corporations, generally consisting of corporations (other than S corporations, regulated investment companies and real estate investment trusts) with more than \$1 billion in average annual adjusted financial statement income, determined over a three-year period. For this purpose, adjusted financial statement income generally consists of the net income or loss of the taxpayer set forth on the taxpayer's applicable financial statement for the taxable year, subject to various adjustments, but is not reduced for interest earned on tax-exempt obligations, such as the Certificates. Prospective purchasers that could be subject to this minimum tax should consult with their own tax advisors regarding the potential impact of owning the Certificates.

# **Tax Accounting Treatment of Discount Certificates**

The initial public offering price to be paid for certain Certificates may be less than the amount payable on such Certificates at maturity (the "Discount Certificates"). An amount equal to the difference between the initial public offering price of a Discount Certificate (assuming that a substantial amount of the Discount Certificates of that maturity are sold to the public at such price) and the amount payable at maturity constitutes original issue discount to the initial purchaser of such Discount Certificates. A portion of such original issue discount, allocable to the holding period of a Discount Certificate by the initial purchaser, will be treated as interest for federal income tax purposes, excludable from gross income on the same terms and conditions as those for other interest on the Certificates. Such interest is considered to be accrued actuarially in accordance with the constant interest method over the life of a Discount Certificate, taking into account the semiannual compounding of accrued interest, at the yield to maturity on such Discount Certificate and generally will be allocated to an initial purchaser in a different amount from the amount of the payment denominated as interest actually received by the initial purchaser during his taxable year.

However, such interest may be required to be taken into account in determining the amount of the branch profits tax applicable to certain foreign corporations doing business in the United States, even though there will not be a corresponding cash payment.

In addition, the accrual of such interest may result in certain other collateral federal income tax consequences to, among others, financial institutions, life insurance companies, corporations subject to the alternative minimum tax on adjusted financial statement income, property and casualty insurance companies, S corporations with "subchapter C" earnings and profits, individual recipients of Social Security or Railroad Retirement benefits, individuals otherwise qualifying for the earned income tax credit, owners of an interest in a FASIT, and taxpayers who may be deemed to have incurred or continued indebtedness to purchase or carry, or who have paid or incurred certain expenses allocable to, tax-exempt obligations. Moreover, in the event of the redemption, sale or other taxable disposition of a Discount Certificate by the initial owner prior to maturity, the amount realized by such owner in excess of the basis of such Discount Certificate in the hands of such owner (adjusted upward by the portion of the original issue discount allocable to the period for which such Discount Certificate was held) is includable in gross income.

Owners of Discount Certificates should consult with their own tax advisors with respect to the determination for federal income tax purposes of accrued interest upon disposition of Discount Certificates and with respect to the state and local tax consequences of owning Discount Certificates. It is possible that, under applicable provisions governing determination of state and local income taxes, accrued interest on the Discount Certificates may be deemed to be received in the year of accrual even though there will not be a corresponding cash payment.

# **Tax Accounting Treatment of Premium Certificates**

The initial public offering price to be paid for certain Certificates may be greater than the stated redemption price on such Certificates at maturity (the "Premium Certificates"). An amount equal to the difference between the initial public offering price of a Premium Certificate (assuming that a substantial amount of the Premium Certificates of that maturity are sold to the public at such price) and its stated redemption price at maturity constitutes premium to the initial purchaser of such Premium Certificates. The basis for federal income tax purposes of a Premium Certificate in the hands of such initial purchaser must be reduced each year by the amortizable Certificate premium, although no federal income tax deduction is allowed as a result of such reduction in basis for amortizable Certificate premium with respect to the Premium Certificates. Such reduction in basis will increase the amount of any gain (or decrease the amount of any loss) to be recognized for federal income tax purposes upon a sale or other taxable disposition of a Premium Certificate. The amount of premium which is amortizable each year by an initial purchaser is determined by using such purchaser's yield to maturity.

Purchasers of the Premium Certificates should consult with their own tax advisors with respect to the determination of amortizable Certificate premium on Premium Certificates for federal income tax purposes and with respect to the state and local tax consequences of owning and disposing of Premium Certificates.

#### CONTINUING DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION

The City in the Ordinance has made the following agreement for the benefit of the holders and beneficial owners of the Certificates. The City is required to observe the agreement for so long as it remains obligated to advance funds to pay the Certificates. 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"). This information will be available to the public free of charge from the MSRB via the Electronic Municipal Market Access ("EMMA") system at www.emma.msrb.org, as further described below under "Availability of Information".

#### **Annual Reports**

Under Texas law, including, but not limited to, Chapter 103, as amended, Texas Local Government Code, the Issuer must keep its fiscal records in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, must have its financial accounts and records audited by a certified public accountant and must file each audit report within 180 days after the close of the Issuer's fiscal year. The Issuer's fiscal records and audit reports are available for public inspection during the regular business hours, and the Issuer is required to provide a copy of the Issuer's audit reports to any bondholder or other member of the public within a reasonable time on request upon payment of charges prescribed by the Texas General Services Commission.

The City shall provide annually to the MSRB (1) within six months after the end of each fiscal year of the City beginning in the year 2025, financial information and operating data with respect to the City of the general type included in the body of this Official Statement under "Investment Authority and Investment Practices of the Issuer - Current Investments" and in Tables 1 through 14 of "Appendix A - Financial Information of the Issuer" to this Official Statement (the "Annual Financial Information"), and (2) within six months after the end of each fiscal year of the City beginning in the year 2025, the audited financial statements of the City (the "Audited Financial Statements"). If the audit of such financial statements is not complete within six (6) months after any such fiscal year end, then the City shall file unaudited financial statements by the required time and audited financial statements for the applicable fiscal year, when and if the audit report becomes available. Any financial statements to be provided shall be prepared in accordance with the accounting principles described in APPENDIX D to this Official Statement, or such other accounting principles as the City may be required to employ from time to time pursuant to state law or regulation, and shall be in substantially the form included in this Official Statement as APPENDIX D.

The Issuer may provide updated information in full text or may incorporate by reference certain other publicly available documents, as permitted by SEC Rule 15c2-12 (the "Rule"). The updated information will include audited financial statements for the Issuer, if the Issuer commissions an audit and it is completed by the required time. If audited financial statements are not available by that time, the Issuer will provide by the required time unaudited financial statements for the applicable fiscal year to the MSRB with the financial information and operating data and will file the annual audit report when and if the same becomes available. Any such financial statements will be prepared in accordance with the accounting principles described in

the Issuer's annual financial statements or such other accounting principles as the Issuer may be required to employ from time to time pursuant to state law or regulation.

The Issuer's current fiscal year end is September 30. Accordingly, it must provide updated information by the end of March in each year following end of its fiscal year, unless the Issuer changes its fiscal year. If the Issuer changes its fiscal year, it will notify the MSRB through EMMA of the change.

#### **Notice of Certain Events**

The City will also provide timely notices of certain events to the MSRB. The City will provide notice of any of the following events with respect to the Certificates to the MSRB in a timely manner (but not in excess of ten business days after the occurrence of the event): (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 Certificates, or other material events affecting the tax status of the Certificates, as the case may be; (7) modifications to rights of holders of the Certificates, if material; (8) Certificate calls, if material, and tender offers; (9) defeasances; (10) release, substitution, or sale of property securing repayment of the Certificates, if material; (11) rating changes;(12) bankruptcy, insolvency, receivership, or similar event of the City, which shall occur as described below; (13) the consummation of a merger, consolidation, or acquisition involving the City or the sale of all or substantially all of its assets, other than in the ordinary course of business, the entry into of 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 or additional paying agent/registrar or the change of name of a 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 any such 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 any such Financial Obligation of the City, any of which reflect financial difficulties. In the Ordinance, the City adopted policies and procedures to ensure timely compliance of its continuing disclosure undertakings. In addition, the City will provide timely notice of any failure by the City to provide annual financial information in accordance with their agreement described above under "Annual Reports." Neither the Certificates nor the Ordinance make provision for credit enhancement, liquidity enhancement, or debt service reserves.

For these purposes, (a) any event described in clause (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 (b) the City intends the words used in the immediately preceding clauses (15) and (16) and in the definition of Financial Obligation above to have the meanings ascribed to them in SEC Release No. 34-83885 dated August 20, 2018.

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". The City will provide each notice described in this paragraph to the MSRB.

# **Availability of Information**

All information and documentation filing required to be made by the City in accordance with its undertaking made for the Certificates will be made with the MSRB in electronic format in accordance with MSRB guidelines. Access to such filings will be provided, without charge to the general public, by the MSRB.

# **Limitations and Amendments**

The City has agreed to update information and to provide notices of certain specified 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 Certificates 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 agreement or from any statement made pursuant to its agreement, although holders or Beneficial Owners of Certificates may seek a writ of mandamus to compel the City to comply with its agreement.

The City may amend its continuing disclosure agreement 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 the agreement, as amended, would have permitted an underwriter to purchase or sell Certificates in the offering described herein in compliance with the Rule and either the holders of a majority in aggregate principal amount of the outstanding Certificates consent or 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 or beneficial owners of the Certificates. If the City amends

its agreement, it must include with the next 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 information and data provided. The City may also amend or repeal the provisions of this continuing disclosure agreement if the SEC amends or repeals the applicable provision of the Rule or a court of final jurisdiction enters judgment that such provisions of the Rule are invalid, but only if and to the extent that the provisions of this sentence would not prevent any Purchasers from lawfully purchasing or selling Certificates, respectively, in the primary offering of the Certificates.

#### **Compliance with Prior Agreements**

During the past five years, the City has complied in all material respects in accordance with SEC Rule 15c2-12.

#### **LEGAL MATTERS**

#### **Legal Opinions and No-Litigation Certificate**

The Issuer will furnish the Purchasers with a complete transcript of proceedings incident to the authorization and issuance of the Certificates, including the unqualified approving legal opinion of the Attorney General of the State of Texas to the effect that the Initial Certificate is a valid and legally binding obligation of the Issuer, and based upon examination of such transcript of proceedings, the approval of certain legal matters by Bond Counsel, to the effect that the Certificates, issued in compliance with the provisions of the Ordinance, are valid and legally binding obligations of the Issuer and, subject to the qualifications set forth herein under "TAX MATTERS", the interest on the Certificates is exempt from federal income taxation under existing statutes, published rulings, regulations, and court decisions. Though it represents the Financial Advisor from time to time in matters unrelated to the issuance of the Certificates, Bond Counsel was engaged by, and only represents, the City in connection with the issuance of the Certificates. In its capacity as Bond Counsel, Norton Rose Fulbright US LLP, Austin, Texas has reviewed (except for numerical, statistical or technical data) the information under the captions "THE CERTIFICATES" (except under the subcaptions "Use of Certificate Proceeds", "Sources and Uses" "Payment Record", and "Default and Remedies", as to which no opinion is expressed), "REGISTRATION, TRANSFER AND EXCHANGE", "TAX MATTERS", "CONTINUING DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION" (except under the subheading "Compliance with Prior Agreements" as to which no opinion is expressed), "LEGAL MATTERS—Legal Investments and Eligibility to Secure Public Funds in Texas", and "OTHER PERTINENT INFORMATION—Registration and Qualification of Certificates for Sale" in the Official Statement and such firm is of the opinion that the information relating to the Certificates and the Ordinance contained under such captions is a fair and accurate summary of the information purported to be shown and that the information and descriptions contained under such captions relating to the provisions of applicable state and federal laws are correct as to matters of law. The customary closing papers, including a certificate to the effect that no litigation of any nature has been filed or is then pending to restrain the issuance and delivery of the Certificates or which would affect the provision made for their payment or security, or in any manner questioning the validity of the Certificates will also be furnished. The legal fees to be paid Bond Counsel for services rendered in connection with the issuance of Certificates are contingent on the sale and initial delivery of the Certificates. The legal opinion of Bond Counsel will accompany the Certificates deposited with DTC or will be printed on the definitive Certificates in the event of the discontinuance of the Book-Entry-Only System.

The various legal opinions to be delivered concurrently with the delivery of the Certificates 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.

#### Litigation

In the opinion of various officials of the Issuer, there is no litigation or other proceeding pending against or, to their knowledge, threatened against the Issuer in any court, agency, or administrative body (either state or federal) wherein an adverse decision would materially adversely affect the financial condition of the Issuer.

At the time of the initial delivery of the Certificates, the City will provide the Purchaser with a certificate to the effect that no litigation of any nature has been filed or is then pending challenging the issuance of the Certificates or that affects the payment and security of the Certificates or in any other manner questioning the issuance, sale, or delivery of the Certificates.

# Legal Investments and Eligibility to Secure Public Funds in Texas

Section 1201.041 of the Public Securities Procedures Act (Chapter 1201, Texas Government Code) and Section 271.051, as amended, Texas Local Government Code, each, provide that the Certificates are negotiable instruments governed by Chapter 8, as amended, Texas Business and Commerce Code, and are legal and authorized investments for insurance companies, fiduciaries, and trustees, and for the sinking funds of municipalities or other political subdivisions or public agencies of the State of Texas. For political subdivisions in Texas which have adopted investment policies and guidelines in accordance with the Public Funds Investment Act, Chapter 2256, as amended, Texas Government Code, the Certificates must have to be assigned a rating of at least "A" or its equivalent as to investment quality by a national rating agency before such obligations are eligible investments for sinking funds and other public funds. (See "OTHER PERTINENT INFORMATION — Ratings" herein.) In addition, various provisions of the

Texas Finance Code provide that, subject to a prudent investor standard, the Certificates are legal investments for state banks, savings banks, trust companies with at least \$1 million of capital, and savings and loan associations.

The City has made no investigation of other laws, rules, regulations or investment criteria which might apply to such institutions or entities or which might limit the suitability of the Certificates for any of the foregoing purposes or limit the authority of such institutions or entities to purchase or invest in the Certificates for such purposes. The City has made no review of laws in other states to determine whether the Certificates are legal investments for various institutions in those states.

#### 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 will prove to be accurate.

#### OTHER PERTINENT INFORMATION

#### **Registration and Qualification of Certificates for Sale**

The sale of the Certificates has not been registered under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, in reliance upon exemptions provided in such Act; the Certificates have not been qualified under the Securities Act of Texas in reliance upon exemptions contained therein; nor have the Certificates been qualified under the securities acts of any other jurisdiction. The Issuer assumes no responsibility for qualification of the Certificates under the securities laws of any jurisdiction in which they may be sold, assigned, pledged, hypothecated or otherwise transferred. This disclaimer of responsibility for qualification for sale or other disposition of the Certificates shall not be construed as an interpretation of any kind with regard to the availability of any exemption from securities registration or qualification provisions.

It is the obligation of the Purchaser to register or qualify the sale of the Certificates under the securities laws of any jurisdiction which so requires. The City agrees to cooperate, at the Purchaser's written request and sole expense, in registering or qualifying the Certificates or in obtaining an exemption from registration or qualification in any state where such action is necessary; provided, however, that the City shall not be required to qualify as a foreign corporation or to execute a general consent to service of process in any jurisdiction.

# **Ratings**

S&P Global Ratings ("S&P") has assigned an unenhanced, underlying rating of "AA" to the Certificates. An explanation of the significance of such a rating may be obtained from S&P. The rating of the Certificates by S&P reflects only the view of S&P at the time the rating is given, and the Issuer makes no representations as to the appropriateness of the rating. There is no assurance that the rating will continue for any given period of time, or that the 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 Certificates.

# **Authenticity of Financial Information**

The financial data and other information contained herein have been obtained from the Issuer's records, audited financial statements and other sources which are believed to be reliable. All of the summaries of the statutes, documents and Ordinances contained in this Official Statement are made subject to all of the provisions of such statutes, documents and Ordinances. These summaries do not purport to be complete statements of such provisions and reference is made to such documents for further information. 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.

#### **Financial Advisor**

SAMCO Capital Markets, Inc. is employed as a Financial Advisor to the Issuer in connection with the issuance of the Certificates. In this capacity, the Financial Advisor has compiled certain data relating to the Certificates and has drafted this Official Statement. The Financial Advisor has not independently verified any of the data contained herein or conducted a detailed investigation of the affairs of the Issuer to determine the accuracy or completeness of this Official Statement. Because of its limited participation, the Financial Advisor assumes no responsibility for the accuracy or completeness of any of the information contained herein. The fees for the Financial Advisor are contingent upon the issuance, sale and initial delivery of the Certificates.

The Financial Advisor has provided the following sentence for inclusion in this Official Statement. The Financial Advisor has reviewed the information in this Official Statement in accordance with its responsibilities to the City and, as applicable, to investors under the federal securities laws as applied to the facts and circumstances of this transaction, but the Financial Advisor does not guarantee the accuracy or completeness of such information.

# Winning Bidder

After requesting competitive bids for the Certificates, the City accepted the bid of Robert W. Baird & Co. Incorporated, (previously defined as the "Purchaser" or the "Initial Purchaser") to purchase the Certificates at the interest rates shown on the page 2 of this Official Statement at a price of par, plus a net reoffering premium of \$418,845.55, less a Purchaser's discount of \$152,208.37, plus accrued interest on the Certificates from their Dated Date to their date of initial delivery. The City can give no assurance that any trading market will be developed for the City after their sale by the City to the Purchaser. The City has no control over the price at which the Certificates are subsequently sold and the initial yield at which the Certificates will be priced and reoffered will be established by and will be the responsibility of the Purchaser.

#### Certification of the Official Statement

At the time of payment for and delivery of the Initial Certificates, the Purchaser will be furnished a certificate, executed by proper officials of the City, acting in their official capacities, to the effect that to the best of their knowledge and belief: (a) the descriptions and statements of or pertaining to the City contained in its Official Statement, and any addenda, supplement or amendment thereto, for the Certificates, on the date of such Official Statement, on the date of sale of said Certificates and the acceptance of the best bid therefor, and on the date of the delivery thereof, were and are true and correct in all material respects; (b) insofar as the City and its affairs, including its financial affairs, are concerned, such Official Statement did not and does not contain an untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact required to be stated therein or necessary to make the statements therein, in the light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading; (c) insofar as the descriptions and statements including financial data, of or pertaining to entities, other than the City, and their activities contained in such Official Statement are concerned, such statements and data have been obtained from sources which the City believes to be reliable and the City has no reason to believe that they are untrue in any material respect, and (d) there has been no material adverse change in the financial condition of the City, since September 30, 2024, the date of the last financial statements of the City appearing in the Official Statement.

# **Information from External Sources**

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, SEC Rule 15c2-12.

#### **Concluding Statement**

No person has been authorized to give any information or to make any representations 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 does not constitute an offer to sell or 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 of solicitation.

The information set forth herein has been obtained from the City's records, audited financial statements and other sources which the City considers to be reliable. There is no guarantee that any of the assumptions or estimates contained herein will ever be realized. All of the summaries of the statutes, documents and the Ordinance contained in this Official Statement are made subject to all of the provisions of such statutes, documents, and the Ordinance. These summaries do not purport to be complete statements of such provisions and reference is made to such summarized documents for further information. Reference is made to official documents in all respects.

The Ordinance authorizied the issuance of the Certificates and approved the form and content of this Official Statement and any addenda, supplement or amendment thereto and authorized its further use in the re-offering of the Certificates by the Purchaser.

This Official Statement has been approved by the Council for distribution in accordance with the provisions of the SEC's rule codified at 17 C.F.R. Section 240.15c2-12, as amended.

# **CITY OF WATAUGA, TEXAS**

/s/ Arthur L. Miner
Mayor
City of Watauga, Texas

ATTEST:

/s/ Linda Proskey

City Secretary City of Watauga, Texas

# APPENDIX A

FINANCIAL INFORMATION RELATING TO THE CITY OF WATAUGA, TEXAS



# FINANCIAL INFORMATION OF THE ISSUER

ASSESSED VALUATION	TABLE
2025 Actual Certified Market Value of Taxable Property (100% of Market Value)	
Less Exemptions:	
Optional Over-65 or Disabled	\$ 77,671,004
Veterans' Exemptions	,, -
Pollution Control/Solar	, ,
Absolute Exempt	, ,
Misc. Personal Property	
Nominal Value	
TOTAL EXEMPTIONS	
-020 / 8303300 Value of Taxasic Tropolity	Ψ 2,011,110,000
Source: Tarrant Appraisal District.	
GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDED DEBT	
as of August 1, 2025)	
General Obligation Debt Principal Outstanding  Combination Tax and Limited Pledge Revenue Certificates of Obligation, Series 2007	\$ 500,000
Combination Tax and Limited Pledge Revenue Certificates of Obligation, Series 2014	1,025,000
Combination Tax and Limited Pledge Revenue Certificates of Obligation, Series 2016	3,545,000
Combination Tax and Limited Pledge Revenue Certificates of Obligation, Series 2017	4,930,000
Combination Tax and Limited Pledge Revenue Certificates of Obligation, Series 2018	4,405,000
Combination Tax and Limited Pledge Revenue Certificates of Obligation, Series 2019	6,785,000
Combination Tax and Limited Pledge Revenue Certificates of Obligation, Series 2020	2,115,000
General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2020	350,000
Combination Tax and Limited Pledge Revenue Certificates of Obligation, Series 2021	3,420,000
General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2021	3,070,000
Combination Tax and Limited Pledge Revenue Certificates of Obligation, Series 2022	3,150,000
Combination Tax and Limited Pledge Revenue Certificates of Obligation, Series 2023	7,120,000
Combination Tax and Limited Pledge Revenue Certificates of Obligation, Series 2024	5,340,000
	\$ 45,755,000
Combination Tax and Limited Pledge Revenue Certificates of Obligation, Series 2025 (the "Certificates")	\$ 10,225,000
Total Gross General Obligation Debt	\$ 55,980,000
Less: Self Supporting Debt	
Combination Tax and Limited Pledge Revenue Certificates of Obligation, Series 2017 (100% Utility)	\$ 4,930,000
Combination Tax and Limited Pledge Revenue Certificates of Obligation, Series 2018 (23.16% EDC)	1,020,000
Combination Tax and Limited Pledge Revenue Certificates of Obligation, Series 2019 (99.78% Utility)	6,770,000
Combination Tax and Limited Pledge Revenue Certificates of Obligation, Series 2020 (11.82% EDC)	250,000
General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2020 (67.14% Utility)	235,000
General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2021 (100% Utility)  Combination Tax and Limited Pledge Revenue Certificates of Obligation, Series 2022 (7.14% UF)	3,070,000
Combination Tax and Limited Pledge Revenue Certificates of Obligation, Series 2022 (7.14% 0P)  Combination Tax and Limited Pledge Revenue Certificates of Obligation, Series 2024 (31.48 UF)	225,000 3.255.000
The Certificates (14.48% UF) (20.33% EDC)	3,600,000
Total Self-Supporting Debt	\$ 19,755,000
Total Net General Obligation Debt Outstanding	\$ 36,225,000
2025 Net Assessed Valuation	\$ 2,314,719,086
Ratio of Gross General Obligation Debt Principal to Certified Net Taxable Assessed Valuation	2.429
Ratio of Net General Obligation Debt to Certified Net Taxable Assessed Valuation	1.569

Population: 2000 -21,908; 2010 - 23,497; 2020 - 23,650; est. 2025 - 23,806 Per Capita Certified Net Taxable Assessed Valuation - \$97,232.59 Per Capita Gross General Obligation Debt Principal - \$2,351.51 Per Capita Net General Obligation Debt Principal - \$1,521.68 (As of September 30, 2024)

# **Notes Payable**

	Governmental Activities						
	<u>Principal</u>		<u>Interest</u>		<u>Total</u>		
2025	\$	2,716	\$	-	\$	2,716	
	\$	2,716	\$	-	\$	2,716	

# Lease Payable

The City has entered into multiple lease agreements as lessee. The leases allow the right-to-use equipment over the term of the lease. The City is make monthly or annual payments at its incremental borrowing rate of the interest rate stated or implied within the leases. The lease rate, term and ending liability are as follows.

	Governmental activities		<u>Int</u>	erest Rate	Ending Balance	
	Office	Office leases		3%	\$317,968	
<u>Years</u>		<u>Principal</u>		<u>Interest</u>	Total F	<u>Requirements</u>
2025	\$	90,385	\$	8,631	\$	99,016
2026		62,818		6,076		68,894
2027		25,463		4,941		30,404
2028		26,227		4,177		30,404
2029		27,014		3,390		30,404
Thereafter		86,061		5,212		91,273
	\$	317,968	\$	32,427	\$	350,395

The value of the right-to-use assets at the end of the current fiscal year was \$610,442 with accumulated amortization of \$235,352.

	Business-type activities Office leases		Interest Rate 3%		Ending Balance \$13,261	
<u>Years</u> 2025 2026	\$	<u>Principal</u> 8,774 4,487	\$	<u>Interest</u> 278 39	Total R	equirements 9,052 4,526
	\$	13.261	\$	317	\$	13.578

The value of the right-to-use assets at the end of the current fiscal year was \$38,060 with accumulated amortization of \$22,836.

# **GENERAL OBLIGATION DEBT SERVICE REQUIREMENTS**

Fiscal Year	Current Total Outstanding			The Certificates			Total Combined Debt Service		Less: Self Supporting Debt Service		Total Net Debt Service
Ending (9/30)	Debt <sup>(1)</sup>		ncipal	Interest		Total					 
2026	\$ 5,042,532	\$	690,000	\$ 447,087	\$	1,137,087	\$	6,179,618	\$	2,623,094	\$ 3,556,525
2027	4,718,687		380,000	439,125		819,125		5,537,812		2,357,031	3,180,781
2028	4,176,075		405,000	419,500		824,500		5,000,575		2,187,631	2,812,944
2029	4,174,956		420,000	398,875		818,875		4,993,831		2,186,856	2,806,975
2030	4,151,578		440,000	377,375		817,375		4,968,953		2,191,856	2,777,097
2031	4,017,131		465,000	354,750		819,750		4,836,881		2,143,156	2,693,725
2032	3,975,513		495,000	330,750		825,750		4,801,263		2,140,556	2,660,706
2033	3,495,984		400,000	308,375		708,375		4,204,359		1,661,281	2,543,078
2034	3,503,852		415,000	288,000		703,000		4,206,852		1,655,980	2,550,872
2035	3,371,160		435,000	266,750		701,750		4,072,910		1,659,435	2,413,475
2036	3,364,369		460,000	244,375		704,375		4,068,744		1,656,060	2,412,684
2037	3,004,536		485,000	220,750		705,750		3,710,286		1,665,680	2,044,606
2038	2,512,091		505,000	198,209		703,209		3,215,300		1,171,494	2,043,806
2039	2,096,803		530,000	176,531		706,531		2,803,334		1,070,922	1,732,413
2040	1,533,413		550,000	153,581		703,581		2,236,994		507,731	1,729,263
2041	1,396,263		575,000	129,316		704,316		2,100,578		510,272	1,590,306
2042	1,170,691		600,000	103,238		703,238		1,873,928		506,819	1,367,109
2043	954,734		625,000	75,675		700,675		1,655,409		507,494	1,147,916
2044	408,000		660,000	46,763		706,763		1,114,763		512,206	602,556
2045	 <u>-</u>		690,000	15,956		705,956		705,956	_	260,897	 445,059
Total	\$ 57,068,368	10	,225,000	\$ 4,994,981	\$	15,219,981	\$	72,288,349	\$	29,176,452	\$ 43,111,897

<sup>(1)</sup> Includes self-supporting debt.

# **TAX ADEQUACY (Includes Self-Supporting Debt)**

2025 Certified Net Taxable Value	\$ 2,314,719,086
Maximum Annual Debt Service Requirements (Fiscal Year Ending 9-30-2026)	6,179,618
Anticipated required I&S Fund Tax Rate at 98% Collections to produce Maximum Debt Service requirements	\$ 0.27242

Note: Above computations are exclusive of investment earnings, delinquent tax collections and penalties and interest.

# **TAX ADEQUACY (Excludes Self-Supporting Debt)**

2025 Certified Net Taxable Value	\$ 2,314,719,086
Maximum Annual Debt Service Requirements (Fiscal Year Ending 9-30-2026)	3,556,525
Anticipated required I&S Fund Tax Rate at 98% Collections to produce Maximum Debt Service requirements	\$ 0.15678

Note: Above computations are exclusive of investment earnings, delinquent tax collections and penalties and interest.

# INTEREST AND SINKING FUND MANAGEMENT INDEX

Interest and Sinking Fund Balance, Fiscal Year Ended September 30, 2024 (audited).  2024 Interest and Sinking Fund Tax Levy at 98% Collections Produce (1)	\$ 1,223,704 4,744,388
Total Available for General Obligation Debt	\$ 5,968,092
Less: General Obligation Debt Service Requirements, Fiscal Year Ending 9/30/25	\$ 4,399,254
Estimated Surplus at Fiscal Year Ending 9/30/2025 (1)	\$ 1,568,838

<sup>(1)</sup> Does not include delinquent tax collections, penalties and interest on delinquent tax collections or investment earnings.

# GENERAL OBLIGATION PRINCIPAL REPAYMENT SCHEDULE

(As of August 1, 2025)

	<i>3)</i>	Princip	oal Rep	payment Sche	dule			Principal	Percent of
Fiscal Year	Curr	ently		The			•	Unpaid at	Principal
Ending 9-30	Outsta	nding <sup>(a)</sup>		<b>Certificates</b>		<u>Total</u>	<u> </u>	nd of Year	Retired (%)
2026		3,600,000	\$	690,000	\$	4,290,000	\$	51,690,000	8%
2027	;	3,405,000		380,000		3,785,000		47,905,000	14%
2028	2	2,985,000		405,000		3,390,000		44,515,000	20%
2029	;	3,090,000		420,000		3,510,000		41,005,000	27%
2030	;	3,165,000		440,000		3,605,000		37,400,000	33%
2031	;	3,125,000		465,000		3,590,000		33,810,000	40%
2032	;	3,175,000		495,000		3,670,000		30,140,000	46%
2033	2	2,785,000		400,000		3,185,000		26,955,000	52%
2034	2	2,880,000		415,000		3,295,000		23,660,000	58%
2035	2	2,835,000		435,000		3,270,000		20,390,000	64%
2036	2	2,915,000		460,000		3,375,000		17,015,000	70%
2037	2	2,640,000		485,000		3,125,000		13,890,000	75%
2038	2	2,225,000		505,000		2,730,000		11,160,000	80%
2039		1,875,000		530,000		2,405,000		8,755,000	84%
2040		1,365,000		550,000		1,915,000		6,840,000	88%
2041	•	1,275,000		575,000		1,850,000		4,990,000	91%
2042		1,095,000		600,000		1,695,000		3,295,000	94%
2043		920,000		625,000		1,545,000		1,750,000	97%
2044		400,000		660,000		1,060,000		690,000	99%
2045				690,000		690,000		-	100%
al	\$ 4	5,755,000	\$	10,225,000	\$	55,980,000			

<sup>(</sup>a) Includes self-supporting debt.

# TAXABLE ASSESSED VALUATION FOR TAX YEARS 2016-2025

TABLE 3

	Net Taxable	Change From Preceding Year				
Year	Assessed Valuation	Amount (\$)	Percent			
2016	\$ 1,099,930,546	67,994,487	6.18%			
2017	1,204,339,182	104,408,636	8.67%			
2018	1,349,511,853	145,172,671	10.76%			
2019	1,552,653,048	203,141,195	13.08%			
2020	1,533,798,588	(18,854,460)	-1.23%			
2021	1,641,651,039	107,852,451	6.57%			
2022	1,870,452,941	228,801,902	12.23%			
2023	2,136,099,207	265,646,266	12.44%			
2024	2,262,802,659	126,703,452	5.60%			
2025	2,314,719,086	51,916,427	2.24%			

Source: Tarrant Appraisal District.

PRINCIPAL TAXPAYERS

		2024 Net Taxable	% of 2024 Assessed
<u>Name</u>	Type of Business/Property	Assessed Valuation	<u>Valuation</u>
KRG Watauga LLC	Shopping Mall	\$ 32,619,639	1.44%
Watauga Towne Crossing LLP	Apartments	27,685,000	1.22%
Park Vista Townhomes	Apartments	19,224,698	0.85%
Dayton Hudson Corp	Retail Center	14,869,830	0.66%
Brookwillow Watauga LLC	Apartments	14,300,000	0.63%
Oncor Electric Delivery Co LLC/Oncor Electric Del	Electric Utility	13,621,449	0.60%
Woodcrest Marketplace LP	Shopping Center	9,724,839	0.43%
PS LPT Property Investors	Property	9,429,520	0.42%
FKH SFR Propco B-HLD LP	Residential Property	6,408,554	0.28%
Watauga Associates	Real Estate	5,400,000	0.24%
		\$ 153,283,529	6.77%

Based on 2024 Net Taxable Assessed Valuation of \$2,262,802,659

# **CLASSIFICATION OF ASSESSED VALUATION**

TABLE 5

TABLE 4\*

CERCON TORTHON OF PROCEEDED TREGRAM	,,,								.,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,
		2025	% of Total		2024	% of Total		2023	% of Total
Real, Residential, Single-Family	\$	2,098,168,117	83.46%	\$	2,177,384,605	81.80%	\$	1,916,574,406	80.39%
Real, Residential, Multi-Family		17,700,000	0.70%		19,224,698	0.72%		21,274,698	0.89%
Real, Vacant Lots/Tracts		10,867,824	0.43%		22,329,297	0.84%		21,345,893	0.90%
Real, Acreage (Land Only)		1,596,266	0.06%		1,596,266	0.06%		1,898	0.00%
Real, Commercial and Industrial		304,450,910	12.11%		352,968,425	13.26%		337,550,132	14.16%
Oil and Gas		269,912	0.01%		285,612	0.01%		3,381,446	0.14%
Real & Tangible, Personal Utilities		21,933,865	0.87%		29,305,737	1.10%		21,632,981	0.91%
Tangible Personal, Commercial & Industrial		55,444,382	2.21%		52,427,908	1.97%		54,413,946	2.28%
Personal, Mobile Home		20,674	0.00%		20,674	0.00%		21,023	0.00%
Residential Inventory		3,409,196	0.14%		3,801,000	0.14%		5,936,000	0.25%
Real Property, Inventory		-	0.00%	_	2,438,947	0.09%		1,879,732	0.08%
Total Appraised Taxable Value	\$	2,513,861,146	<u>100.00</u> %	\$	2,661,783,169	<u>100.00</u> %	\$	2,384,012,155	100.00%
Less:									
Optional Over-65 or Disabled	\$	77,671,004		\$	72,435,714		\$	70,917,843	
Veterans' Exemptions		22,409,219			18,935,952			16,999,340	
Pollution Control/Solar		1,252,061			2,323,584			2,626,199	
Absolute Exempt		89,595,124			297,929,255			150,130,843	
Misc. Personal Property		8,049,694			7,219,222			6,611,821	
Nominal Value		164,958		_	136,783		_	626,902	
Total Exemptions		199,142,060			398,980,510			247,912,948	
Net Taxable Assessed Valuation	\$	2,314,719,086		\$	2,262,802,659		\$	2,136,099,207	
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Source: Tarrant Appraisal District

Source: Tarrant Appraisal District.
\*2025 Principal Taxpayers not available at time of publishing.

TAX DATA TABLE 6

Taxes are due October 1 and become delinquent after January 31. Discounts are allowed: 3% October, 2% November, and 1% if paid in December. Current collections are those taxes collected through August 31, applicable to the current year's tax levy. Penalties and Interest: (a) a delinquent tax incurs a penalty of six percent of the amount of the tax for the first calendar month it is delinquent plus one percent for each additional month or portion of a month the tax remains unpaid prior to July 1 of the year in which it becomes delinquent. However, a tax delinquent on July 1 incurs a total penalty of twelve percent of the amount of the delinquent tax without regard to the number of months the tax has been delinquent; (b) a delinquent tax accrues interest at a rate of one percent for each month or portion of a month the tax remains unpaid; and an additional penalty up to a maximum of 20% of delinquent taxes, penalty and interest may be imposed to defray costs of collection for taxes delinquent after July 1. All percentage of collections set forth below exclude penalties and interest.

Tax		Net Taxable	Tax	Tax	% of Coll	Year	
Year	As	sessed Valuation	Rate	Levy	Current	Total	Ended
2015	\$	1,031,936,059	0.591216	6,384,774	99.25	99.70	9/30/2016
2016		1,099,930,546	0.618411	6,802,091	99.67	99.89	9/30/2017
2017		1,204,339,182	0.601788	7,247,569	99.37	99.43	9/30/2018
2018		1,349,511,853	0.601788	8,121,200	99.30	99.74	9/30/2019
2019		1,552,653,048	0.580500	9,013,151	99.31	99.79	9/30/2020
2020		1,533,798,588	0.580500	8,902,167	99.56	99.74	9/30/2021
2021		1,641,651,039	0.580400	9,440,144	99.41	99.75	9/30/2022
2022		1,870,452,941	0.570200	10,665,323	99.38	99.64	9/30/2023
2023		2,136,099,207	0.570200	12,180,038	98.98	98.98	9/30/2024
2024		2,314,719,086	0.570200	12,119,654	96.14	96.85	9/30/2025*

Source: Tarrant Appraisal District and the Issuer.

<sup>\*</sup>As of April 30, 2025

The Issuer has adopted the provisions of Chapter 321, as amended, Texas Tax Code. In addition, some issuers are subject to a property tax relief and/or an economic and industrial development tax. The City's total sales tax rate is 2%. The Watauga Parks Development Corporation Sales Tax Fund was established to account for a 1/2¢ sales tax increase approved by voters in May 1994. The 1/2¢ sales tax for Crime Control became effective on April 1, 1996. In November 2010, the voters approved a ten-year extension for Crime Control, which now expires in 2021. On May 12, 2012, the voters approved an Ordinance decreasing the sales and use tax benefiting the Parks Development Corporation to 1/4¢. Additionally, the voters adopted a local sales and use tax of 1/4¢ to provide revenues for the maintenance and repair of municipal streets. Net collections on calendar year basis are as follows.

Calendar Year	Total Collected	% of Ad Valorem	Equivalent of Ad	Crime Control District
		Tax Levy (1)	Valorem Tax Rate	
2015	4,650,930	72.84%	0.4507	1,544,160
2016	4,320,708	63.52%	0.3928	1,432,773
2017	4,298,869	59.31%	0.3569	1,429,767
2018	4,383,453	53.98%	0.3248	1,443,556
2019	4,437,153	49.23%	0.2858	1,463,214
2020	4,455,441	50.05%	0.2905	1,464,806
2021	4,578,750	48.50%	0.2789	1,711,420
2022	5,562,968	52.16%	0.2974	1,840,926
2023	5,672,039	46.57%	0.2655	1,881,695
2024	5,733,540	47.31%	0.2477	1,901,734
2025*	3,962,377			1,307,501

<sup>\*</sup>As of August, 2025

Source: State Comptroller's Office of the State of Texas.

#### **OVERLAPPING DEBT INFORMATION**

The following table indicates the indebtedness, defined as outstanding bonds payable from ad valorem taxes, of governmental entities overlapping the City and the estimated percentages and amounts of such indebtedness attributable to property within the City. Expenditures of the various taxing bodies overlapping the territory of the Issuer are paid out of ad valorem taxes levied by these taxing bodies on properties overlapping the Issuer. These political taxing bodies are independent of the Issuer and may incur borrowings to finance their expenditures. The following statements of direct and estimated overlapping ad valorem tax bonds was developed from information contained in the "Texas Municipal Reports" published by the Municipal Advisory Council of Texas. Except for the amounts relating to the Issuer, the Issuer has not independently verified the accuracy or completeness of such information, and no person should rely upon such information as being accurate or complete. Furthermore, certain of the entities listed below may have authorized or issued additional bonds since the date stated below, and such entities may have programs requiring the authorization and/or issuance of substantial amounts of additional bonds, the amount of which cannot be determined.

	Gross Debt	%	Amount
Taxing Body	(As of 8/1/25)	Overlapping	Overlapping
Birdville ISD	\$ 575,575,000	7.66%	\$ 44,089,045
Keller ISD	696,655,000	2.76%	19,227,678
Tarrant County	314,050,000	0.66%	2,072,730
Tarrant County College District	569,915,000	0.66%	3,761,439
Tarrant County Hospital District	438,230,000	0.66%	2,892,318
Total Gross Overlapping Debt			\$ 72,043,210
Watauga, City of			\$ 55,980,000
Total Gross Direct and Overlapping Debt			\$ 128,023,210
Ratio of Gross Direct Debt and Overlapping Debt			5.53%
Per Capita Gross Direct Debt and Overlapping Debt			\$5,377.77

Note: The above figures show Gross General Obligation Debt for the City of Watauga, Texas. The Issuer's Net General Obligation Debt is \$36,225,000\*. Calculations on the basis of Net General Obligation Debt would change the above figures as follows:

Total Net Direct and Overlapping Debt	\$ 108,268,210
Ratio of Net Direct and Overlapping Debt to 2025 Net Assessed Valuation	4.68%
Per Capita Net Direct and Overlapping Debt	\$4,547.94

Source: Texas Municipal Reports published by the Municipal Advisory Council of Texas

The following statements set forth in condensed form reflect the historical operations of the Issuer. Such summary has been prepared for inclusion herein based upon information obtained from the Issuer's audited financial statements and records. Reference is made to such statements for further and complete information.

	Fiscal Year Ended								
	 9/30/2024		9/30/2023		9/30/2022		9/30/2021		9/30/2020
Fund Balance - Beginning of Year	\$ 9,111,255	\$	8,403,463	\$	7,035,161	\$	5,339,364	\$	4,418,341
Revenues Expenditures	\$ 17,350,826 17,095,569	\$	16,367,430 15,492,465	\$	15,599,138 13,895,136	\$	13,894,322 12,854,306	\$	12,797,016 12,691,285
Excess (Deficit) of Revenues Over Expenditures	\$ 255,257	\$	874,965	\$	1,704,002	\$	1,040,016	\$	105,731
Other Financing Sources (Uses): Proceeds from sale of Assets Operating Transfers In Operating Transfers Out	\$ 29,118 829,510 (635,000)	\$	- 817,827 (985,000)	\$	779,300 (1,115,000)	\$	- 755,781 (100,000)		815,292 <u>-</u>
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses):	\$ 223,628	\$	(167,173)	\$	(335,700)	\$	655,781	\$	815,292
Fund Balance - End of Year	\$ 9,590,140	\$	9,111,255	\$	8,403,463	\$	7,035,161	\$	5,339,364

Source: The Issuer's Annual Comprehensive Financial Reports and information provided by the issuer.

# ASSESSED VALUATION AND TAX RATE OF OVERLAPPING ISSUERS

	2024		
Governmental Subdivision	Assessed Valuation	% of Actual	2024 Tax Rate
Birdville ISD	\$ 15,784,326,487	100%	1.198300
Keller ISD	25,366,963,202	100%	1.085200
Tarrant County	289,157,254,040	100%	0.187500
Tarrant County College District	317,260,797,092	100%	0.112280
Tarrant County Hospital District	289,640,276,553	100%	0.182500

Source: Texas Municipal Reports published by the Municipal Advisory Council of Texas.

AUTHORIZED BUT UNISSUED GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS OF DIRECT AND OVERLAPPING GOVERNMENTAL SUBDIVISIONS (1)

Date of Issuer Authorization		Purpose	Amount Authorized	Amount Issued to Date	Amount Unissued	
Birdville ISD	None	i dipose	Adthonized	issued to Date	Offissaea	
Keller ISD	None					
Tarrant County	8/8/1998 8/8/1998 5/13/2006 11/2/2021	Healthcare Facility Justice Center County Buildings Street & Bridge	\$ 9,100,000 70,600,000 62,300,000 400,000,000	63,100,000 47,300,000 225,000,000	\$ 8,100,000 7,500,000 15,000,000 175,000,000	
Tarrant County College District	11/5/2019	College Facility	542,000,000 825,000,000	336,400,000 700,000,000	205,600,000	
Tarrant County Hospital District	11/6/2018	Hospital	\$ 800,000,000	\$ 450,000,000	\$ 350,000,000	

Source: Texas Municipal Reports published by the Municipal Advisory Council of Texas.

<sup>\*</sup> City administration expects to end the fiscal year ending September 30, 2025 with an unaudited General Fund balance of approximately \$10,604,529.

 $<sup>^{(1)}</sup>$  The City Council has called for a bond election to be held on November 4, 2025.

The City of Watauga, Texas participates as one of 919 plans in the defined benefit cash-balance plan administered by the Texas Municipal Retirement System (TMRS). TMRS is a statewide public retirement plan 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 employees of Texas participating cities. The TMRS Act places the general administration and management of TMRS with a six-member, Governor-appointed Board of Trustees; however, TMRS is not fiscally dependent on the State of Texas. TMRS issues a publicly available Annual Comprehensive Financial Report(Annual Report) that can be obtained at www.tmrs.com.

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

For more information see the Issuer's Annual Comprehensive Financial Report for the Year Ended September 30, 2024, Note 7, page 59.

Source: The Issuer's Annual Comprehensive Financial Report.

UTILITY PLANT IN SERVICE TABLE 11

(As of September 30, 2024)	
Land	\$ 91,000
Construction in Progress	1,053,480
Buildings	3,353,778
Right-to-use assets	38,060
Equipment	2,979,902
Street and Drainage Improvements	21,722,745
Waterworks and Sanitary Sewer System	35,607,524
Total	\$ 64,846,489
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	(22,231,425)
Net Property, Plant and Equipment	\$ 42,615,064

Source: The Issuer's Annual Comprehensive Financial Report for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2024.

#### WATERWORKS AND SEWER SYSTEM OPERATING STATEMENT

**TABLE 12** 

The following condensed statements have been compiled using accounting principles customarily employed in the determination of net revenues available for debt service, and in all instances exclude depreciation, transfers, garbage, bad debt, debt service payments and expenditures identified as capital.

	Fiscal Year Ended						
	9/30/2024	9	/30/2023	g	/30/2022	9/30/2021	9/30/2020
Revenues	\$ 10,110,083	\$	10,310,356	\$	10,018,650	\$ 8,976,433	\$ 9,267,957
Expenses	7,629,570		7,116,952	_	6,783,110	6,280,645	6,626,286
Net Revenue Available for Debt Service	\$ 2.480.513	\$	3.193.404	\$	3.235.540	\$ 2.695.788	<u>\$ 2.641.671</u>

Source: The Issuer's Annual Comprehensive Financial Report for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2024.

WATER RATES TABLE 13

#### Rates Effective October 1, 2023 to September 30, 2024

- 1. Billing policy where only one user or building is tied to the same meter:
- (A) The monthly bill will be computed as follows: The minimum bill taken from Schedule A plus a volume charge of \$5.16 per 100 cubic feet on monthly volume greater than the minimum volume from Schedule A for all customers.
- (B) Residential customers who have attained the age of 65 and reside in owner occupied property within the City will be eligible for a \$5.00 discount for water service on their monthly bill when proof of eligibility is provided to the City.

#### Schedule A

Meter Size (Inches)	3/4"	1"	1-1/4"	1-1/2"	2"	3"	4"	6"/8"
Minimum Bill*	\$18.23	\$24.68	\$32.89	\$67.05	\$87.10	\$159.22	\$264.18	\$673.26
Volume	267	345	460	937	1,300	2,400	4,000	10,000
*Volume included in minin	num bill (base cha	arge)						

Source: City of Watauga, Texas website.

SEWER RATES TABLE 14

#### Rates Effective October 1, 2023 to September 30, 2024

Sewer rates are based on winter average water use for exisiting residential customers. New residential customers will have a base rate of 900 cubic feet until a winter average can be established. Rates are \$20.52 base plus volume at \$3.17 per 100 cubic feet.

#### Sewer Average

The winter month's water billed consumption on the December, January and February billings are used to calculate the sewer average for residential customers. To figure your sewer average add the three amounts of water consumption and divide by 3. This will be the consumption used for your new sewer average for the upcoming year. Your sewer average for the year will be used starting with your April bill.

Senior citizens (over-65) and reside in owner occupied property within the City are eligible for a \$5.00 discount for sewer service on their monthly bill once proof of eligibility is provided to the City.

Commercial rates are based on actual usage (no winter average) at the regular residential rates of \$20.52 base plus volume at \$3.17 per 100 cubic feet.

Drainage rates are \$11.00 per household with a corresponding increase for commercial customers

#### Residential/Senior/ and Commercial 3/4 Inch Rates

Amount of Water	Base Rate	
0 to 267 cubic feet of water		\$18.23
Per 100 cubic feet		\$5.16

Other Commercial Meters Utilize These Same Rates but with the following Base Amounts

Amount of Water	Base Rate	
1 inch meter 0-345 cubic feet of water	\$	24.68
1.25 inch meter 0-460 cubic feet of water	\$	32.89
1.5 inch meter 0-937 cubic feet of water	\$	67.05
2 inch meter 0-1,300 cubic feet of water	\$	87.10
3 inch meter 0-2,400 cubic feet of water	\$	159.22
4 inch meter 0-4,000 cubic feet of water	\$	264.18
6 and 8 inch meters 0-10,000 cubic feet of water	\$	673.26

Source: City of Watauga, Texas website.



#### APPENDIX B

GENERAL INFORMATION REGARDING THE CITY OF WATAUGA AND TARRANT COUNTY, TEXAS



### GENERAL INFORMATION REGARDING THE CITY OF WATAUGA, TEXAS AND TARRANT COUNTY, TEXAS

The City of Watauga, Texas (the "City" or "Issuer") is located in North Central Texas in Northeast Tarrant County, and is surrounded by the cities of Keller, Fort Worth, Haltom City, and North Richland Hills. The City's corporate boundary comprises a total of approximately 4 square miles. Officially founded in 1877 when the Texas and Pacific Railroad came to town, "Watauga" in Cherokee means either "Beautiful Stream," "Valley of the Happy Spring," or "Village of Land of Many Springs."

The City's Home Rule Charter was adopted by the voters at an election held on January 19, 1980 and last amended November 12, 2019. The City operates under a Mayor-Council-Manager form of government, with the City Council comprised of eight members including the Mayor. The City Council is responsible for adopting ordinances and regulations governing the City, adopting the budget, determining policies, and appointing the City Manager, City Attorney, as well as members of boards and commissions. The City Manager is responsible to the Council for appointing and supervising employees of the City (except for those appointed by the Council), and for preparing and administering the annual budget and capital improvement program.

#### **Economy**

The economy of the area is based upon diversified manufacturing and service industries, and agriculture. The North Texas Commission reports that North Texas is one of the fastest-growing regions in the U.S. and currently the nation's fourth largest region and ranks among the top three U.S. metro areas for business expansion, relocations, and employment growth. With its highly diversified economy, Dallas-Ft. Worth has a population of over 7.7 million, a Gross Metropolitan Product of \$596 billion, a labor force of over 4.5 million, a 2% job growth rate, twenty-five Fortune 500 Firms, and college enrollment of over 367,000.

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#### **Economic and Demographic Information**

Year	Population	Per Capita Personal Income	Unemployment Rate
2015	23,500	23,846	5.0
2016	23,600	25,147	4.1
2017	24,228	24,417	4.1
2018	23,610	25,280	3.7
2019	23,770	35,050	3.3
2020	23,770	51,661	3.5
2021	23,770	41,114	4.1
2022	23,770	32,586	3.5
2023	23,653	32,586	3.5
2024	23,770	32,586	4.0

Source: The Issuer's audited financial statements for fiscal year ended September 30, 2024.

#### **TARRANT COUNTY, TEXAS**

Tarrant County, a political subdivision of the State of Texas, was established in 1849. Situated in the north-central part of Texas, it serves as a key urban hub. Fort Worth serves as the county seat to a county population of 2,224,584 citizens.

Historically, the County's economic environment has been characterized by steady, yet modest growth. This has been in part because of the diverse nature of the business sectors making up the local economy, without an overwhelming dominance by any one industry. Local real estate values continue to have steady yet modest increases. The County's net taxable property valuation for fiscal year 2024 increased 8.71% compared to fiscal year 2023. The chart shows the steady increase in assessed property valuation over the past ten years for the County.

Major industry segments of the local economy include aircraft, automobile, and electronic manufacturing, education, tourism, entertainment, livestock and agri-business, transportation including major railroad services, and financial services. Because of this diversity, the outlook for continued stable economic conditions appear favorable.

#### **Principal Employers Tarrant County**

		2024	2024 Percentage of Total
Employer	Entity	Employees	Tarrant County Employment
AMR Corp./American Airlines	Commercial Airline	35,000	3.24%
Lockheed Martin Aeronautics Company	Aircraft Manufacturer	21,500	1.99%
DFW Internation Airport	Airport	14,000	1.29%
Texas Health Resources	Health Care	13,363	1.24%
Fort Worth Independent School District	School District	10,683	0.99%
General Motors Arlington	Assembly Plant	10,512	0.97%
Naval Air Station Fort Worth JRB	Naval Reserve Base	10,500	0.97%
Cook Children's Health Care System	Health Care	9,700	0.90%
Walmart	Retail	9,567	0.88%
Amazon	Retail	9,000	0.83%

Source: Tarrant County Annual Comprehensive Financial Report for fiscal year ended September 30, 2024.

## Principal Taxpayers Tarrant County (Amounts in thousands)

Taxpayer	Fiscal Year 2024	Percentage of
	Taxable Assessed Value	2024 Taxable Assessed Value
Oncor Electric Delivery	1,635,085	0.59%
American Airlines Inc	1,579,843	0.57%
General Motors LLC	1,041,334	0.37%
Winner LLC	994,827	0.36%
Atmos Energy/Mid Tex Division	838,626	0.30%
BKV North Texas LLC	615,249	0.22%
Total E&P Barnett LLC	589,063	0.21%
Bell Textron Inc	584,811	0.21%
Wal-Mart Real Estate Bus. Trust	528,103	0.19%
Amazon.com Services LLC	460,513	0.16%

Source: Tarrant County Annual Comprehensive Financial Report for fiscal year ended September 30, 2024.

#### Labor Force Statistics – Tarrant County, Texas (1)

	2025 <sup>(2)</sup>	2024 <sup>(3)</sup>	2023 (3)	2022 (3)	2021 <sup>(3)</sup>
Civilian Labor Force	1,214,645	1,195,720	1,163,674	1,140,773	1,099,856
Total Employed	1,172,181	1,148,713	1,119,464	1,099,642	1,041,556
Total Unemployed	42,464	47,007	44,210	41,131	58,300
% Unemployment	3.5	3.9	3.8	3.6	5.3
Texas Unemployment	4.1	4.1	4.0	3.9	5.7

<sup>(1)</sup> Source: Texas Workforce Commission.

<sup>(2)</sup> April 2025.

<sup>(3)</sup> Average Annual Statistics.

#### APPENDIX C

FORM OF LEGAL OPINION OF BOND COUNSEL



August 28, 2025

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IN REGARD to the authorization and issuance of the "City of Watauga, Texas Combination Tax and Limited Pledge Revenue Certificates of Obligation, Series 2025" (the *Certificates*), dated August 15, 2025 in the aggregate principal amount of \$10,225,000 we have reviewed the legality and validity of the issuance thereof by the City Council of the City of Watauga, Texas (the *Issuer*). The Certificates are issuable in fully registered form only in denominations of \$5,000 or any integral multiple thereof (within a Stated Maturity). The Certificates have Stated Maturities of February 1 in each of the years 2026 through 2045, unless redeemed prior to Stated Maturity in accordance with the terms stated on the face of the Certificates. Interest on the Certificates accrues from the dates, at the rates, in the manner, and is payable on the dates as provided in the ordinance (the *Ordinance*) authorizing the issuance of the Certificates. Capitalized terms used herein without definition shall have the meanings ascribed thereto in the Ordinance.

WE HAVE SERVED AS BOND COUNSEL for the Issuer solely to pass upon the legality and validity of the issuance of the Certificates under the laws of the State of Texas and with respect to the exclusion of the interest on the Certificates from the gross income of the owners thereof for federal income tax purposes and for no other purpose. 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 Issuer's combined utility system and have not assumed any responsibility with respect to the financial condition or capabilities of the Issuer or the disclosure thereof in connection with the sale of the Certificates. We express no opinion and make no comment with respect to the sufficiency of the security for or the marketability of the Certificates. Our role in connection with the Issuer's Official Statement prepared for use in connection with the sale of the Certificates has been limited as described therein.

WE HAVE EXAMINED, the applicable and pertinent laws of the State of Texas and the United States of America. In rendering the opinions herein we rely upon (1) original or certified copies of the proceedings of the City Council of the Issuer in connection with the issuance of the Certificates, including the Ordinance; (2) customary certifications and opinions of officials of the Issuer; (3) certificates executed by officers of the Issuer relating to the expected use and investment of proceeds of the Certificates and certain other funds of the Issuer and to certain other facts solely within the knowledge and control of the Issuer; and (4) such other documentation, including an examination of the Certificate executed and delivered initially by the Issuer and such matters of law as we deem relevant to the matters discussed below. In such examination, we have assumed the authenticity of all documents submitted to us as originals, the conformity to original copies of all documents submitted to us as certified copies, and the accuracy of the statements and information contained in such certificates. We express no opinion concerning any effect on the following opinions which may result from changes in law effected after the date hereof.

Legal Opinion of Norton Rose Fulbright US LLP, Austin, Texas, in connection with the authorization and issuance of "CITY OF WATAUGA, TEXAS COMBINATION TAX AND LIMITED PLEDGE REVENUE CERTIFICATES OF OBLIGATION, SERIES 2025"

BASED ON OUR EXAMINATION, IT IS OUR OPINION that the Certificates have been duly authorized and issued in conformity with the laws of the State of Texas now in force and that the Certificates are valid and legally binding obligations of the Issuer enforceable in accordance with the terms and conditions described therein, except to the extent that the enforceability thereof may be affected by bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization, moratorium, or other similar laws affecting creditors' rights or the exercise of judicial discretion in accordance with general principles of equity. The Certificates are payable from the proceeds of an ad valorem tax levied, within the limitations prescribed by law, upon all taxable property within the Issuer and are additionally payable from and secured by a lien on and pledge of the Pledged Revenues, being a limited amount of the Net Revenues derived from the operation of the Issuer's combined utility system (the System), such lien on and pledge of the limited amount of Net Revenues being subordinate and inferior to the lien on and pledge thereof providing for the payment and security of any Prior Lien Obligations, Junior Lien Obligations, or Subordinate Lien Obligations hereafter issued by the Issuer. The Issuer has previously authorized the issuance of the Limited Pledge Obligations that are payable in part from and secured by a lien on and pledge of a limited amount of the Net Revenues of the System in accordance with the ordinances authorizing the issuance of the currently outstanding Limited Pledge Obligations. In the Ordinance, the Issuer reserves and retains the right to issue Prior Lien Obligations, Junior Lien Obligations, Subordinate Lien Obligations, and Additional Limited Pledge Obligations without limitation as to principal amount but subject to any terms, conditions, or restrictions as may be applicable thereto under law or otherwise.

BASED ON OUR EXAMINATION, IT IS FURTHER OUR OPINION that, assuming continuing compliance after the date hereof by the Issuer with the provisions of the Ordinance and in reliance upon the representations and certifications of the Issuer made in a certificate of even date herewith pertaining to the use, expenditure, and investment of the proceeds of the Certificates, under existing statutes, regulations, published rulings, and court decisions (1) interest on the Certificates will be excludable from the gross income, as defined in section 61 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended to the date hereof (the *Code*), of the owners thereof for federal income tax purposes, pursuant to section 103 of the Code, and (2) interest on the Certificates will not be included in computing the alternative minimum taxable income of the owners thereof who are individuals.

WE EXPRESS NO OTHER OPINION with respect to any other federal, state, or local tax consequences under present law or any proposed legislation resulting from the receipt or accrual of interest on, or the acquisition or disposition of, the Certificates. Ownership of tax-exempt obligations such as the Certificates may result in collateral federal tax consequences to, among others, financial institutions, life insurance companies, property and casualty insurance companies, certain foreign corporations doing business in the United States, S corporations with subchapter C earnings and profits, corporations subject to the alternative minimum tax on adjusted financial statement income, owners of an interest in a financial asset securitization investment trust, individual recipients of Social Security or Railroad Retirement Benefits, individuals otherwise qualifying for the earned income credit, and taxpayers who may be deemed to have incurred or continued indebtedness to purchase or carry, or who have paid or incurred certain expenses allocable to, tax-exempt obligations.



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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; rather, such opinions represent our legal judgment based upon our review of existing law that we deem relevant to such opinions and in reliance upon the representations and covenants referenced above.

Norton Rose Fulbright US LLP





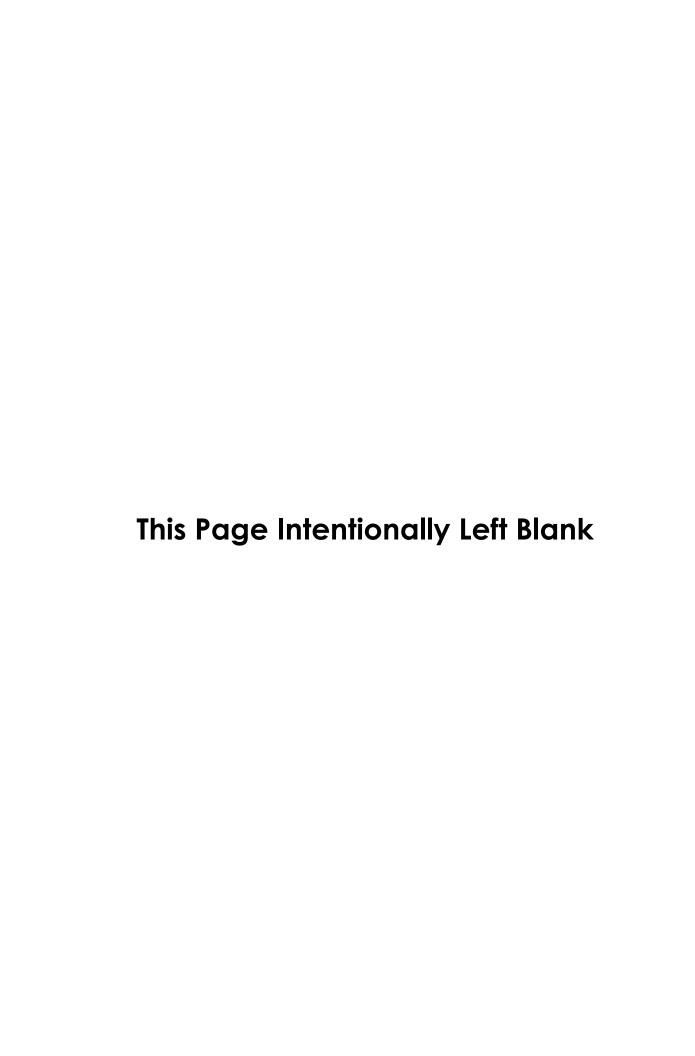


## City of Watauga, Texas

## **Annual Comprehensive Financial Report**

For the Fiscal Year Ended September 30, 2024

Prepared By
The City of Watauga
Finance Department



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**Introductory Section** 

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March 10, 2025

TO: Honorable Mayor Arthur L. Miner and Members of the City Council Citizens of the City of Watauga, Texas

The City Manager's Office and the Finance Department are pleased to submit the City of Watauga's Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR) for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2024. We encourage you to thoroughly read this report and take the opportunity to discuss some of the important items it addresses.

As required by City of Watauga Charter Section 9.06 (C) and various other obligations including, but not limited to, bond covenants, "At the close of each fiscal year, and at such time as it may be deemed necessary, the Council shall cause an independent audit to be made of all accounts of the City by a certified public accountant. Upon completion of the audit, the results thereof in a summary form shall be placed on file in the City Secretary's office as a public record." Financial statements are presented in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) and audited in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards by an independent firm of licensed certified public accountants.

This report provides the City Council, City staff, our citizens, our bondholders and other interested parties with detailed information concerning the financial condition and activities of the City government. Responsibility for both the accuracy of the data and the completeness and fairness of the presentation, including all disclosures, rests with the City.

Weaver and Tidwell, L.L.P., a firm of licensed certified public accountants audited the City of Watauga financial statements. The goal of the independent auditors was to provide reasonable assurance that the financial statements of the City of Watauga for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2024, are free of material misstatements. 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. Based upon the audit, the independent auditors concluded that there was a reasonable basis for rendering an unmodified ("clean") opinion that the City of Watauga's financial statements for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2024, are fairly presented in conformity with GAAP. The independent auditor's report is located at the front of the financial section of this report. Additionally, the City has an Audit Committee as a subcommittee of the City Council that hears and reviews all recommendations made by the independent auditors.

Management's discussion and analysis (MD&A) immediately follows the independent auditor's report and provides a narrative introduction, overview, and analysis of the basic financial statements. This letter of transmittal is designed to complement the MD&A, and the two should be read in conjunction with each other. This report includes all of the funds and account groups of the City. It also includes all activities over which the City is considered to be financially accountable.

The Birdville and the Keller Independent School Districts (ISDs) provide elementary and secondary education services within the City. The City is not financially accountable for the districts and, accordingly, financial data for the school districts are not included in this report.

#### Profile of the City of Watauga, Texas

The City of Watauga is located in Tarrant County, one of the fastest growing counties in Texas, approximately 10 miles northeast of downtown Fort Worth and 25 miles northwest of downtown Dallas. The City's corporate boundary comprises a total of approximately 4 square miles and is approximately 96% developed. Watauga's population as established by the 2020 U.S. Census was 23,650 and was estimated by the North Central Texas Council of Governments at 23,775 as of January 2024.

The City of Watauga Home Rule charter was adopted on January 19, 1980. The city operates under a Council-Manager form of government, with the Governing Body comprised of eight members including the Mayor. The Governing Body is responsible for adopting ordinances and regulations governing the City, adopting the budget, determining policies, and appointing the City Manager, City Attorney, Municipal Court Judge, City Secretary, Department Heads, as well as members of boards and commissions. The City Manager is responsible to the Governing Body and is responsible for the daily management of the city.

#### Services Provided

The City provides to its citizens, at the least cost, those services that have proven to be necessary and meaningful. Major services under general government and enterprise functions include: police and fire protection, emergency ambulance service, street and drainage improvements, developmental services, water and sewer services, library services, park and recreational activities, and general administrative services. Private contractors, through franchise agreements, provide solid waste and recycling collections and disposal services for the city.

#### **Accounting System and Budgetary Control**

The City's accounting records for general government operations are maintained on a modified accrual basis, with the revenues being recorded when available and measurable and expenditures being recorded when the services or goods are received, and the liabilities are incurred. Accounting records for the City's proprietary activities are maintained on an accrual basis.

To provide a reasonable basis for making these representations, management of the City of Watauga 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 financial statements in conformity with GAAP. Because the cost of internal controls should not outweigh their benefit, the City of Watauga's comprehensive framework of internal controls has been designed to provide reasonable assurance, rather than absolute assurance, that the financial statements will be free from material misstatements. 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 accounts of the City are organized on the basis of funds, each of which is considered to be a separate accounting entity. The operations of each fund are accounted for with a separate set of self-balancing accounts that comprise its assets, liabilities, fund balance, revenues and expenditures/expenses. The various funds are grouped by type in the financial statements. As of September 30, 2024, there were thirty-four (34) funds, of which some are combined for reporting purposes bringing the number to seventeen (17) funds. A description of the major funds and their purpose can be found in Note 1 of the Notes to General Purpose Financial Statements.

The City Charter requires the City Manager to submit a proposed budget for the fiscal year beginning October 1 to the City Council by August 1 each year, and provides for Council adoption of the budget by September 15. Prior to August 1, the City Manager and City department heads prepare expenditure/expense estimates for the remainder of the current fiscal year and for the ensuing fiscal year, and these are compared to estimates of revenue for the same periods. Included in the assessment is the Capital Improvements Projects or CIP program. This program is a five-year plan of major capital programs which may include infrastructure, equipment, buildings, land, or other major expenditures. Adjustments are made to the departmental expenditure/expense estimates as necessary to ensure that the proposed budget is balanced within total estimated income as required by the City Charter.

Following adoption of the budget by the City Council, the City Manager and department heads monitor expenditures/expenses and revenues throughout the year to ensure that the integrity of the budget is maintained. The Charter allows the City Manager to transfer appropriation balances among programs within a department and provides for transfers of appropriation balances from one department to another upon approval of an ordinance by the City Council. The City Council may make amendments to the budget for unforeseen needs or emergencies. The City Manager is required to make monthly reports to the Council concerning the financial condition of the City.

#### **Economic Outlook and Financial Condition**

The information presented in the financial statements is perhaps best understood when it is considered from the broader perspective of the specific environment within which the City of Watauga operates.

The Dallas-Fort Worth Metroplex (DFW) economy continued to grow, though at a slower pace than in 2023. The region's job market stayed strong, with unemployment rates remaining low. In 2024, North Texas experienced a job market boom as the DFW metroplex shines with economic opportunity in Texas. Fueled by a robust job market, and a growing population, the Dallas-Fort Worth Metroplex continues to be a solid market. In November 2024, the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas reported the below information in their Dallas-Ft. Worth Economic Indicators.

DFW economy dashboard (November :	2024)		
Job growth (annualized) AugNov. '24	Unemployment rate	Avg. hourly earnings	Avg. hourly earnings growth y/y
1.0%	4.0%	\$35.24	3.9%

The Dallas–Fort Worth economy slowed in November. Employment fell slightly, and unemployment held steady. Prices rose at a slower pace. Existing-home sales picked up, and home prices were stable in the third quarter.

Watauga is located in North Central Texas in Northeast Tarrant County, and is surrounded by the cities of Keller, Fort Worth, Haltom City, and North Richland Hills. The economy of the area is based upon diversified manufacturing and service industries, and agriculture. The North Texas Commission reports that North Texas is one of the fastest-growing regions in the U.S. and currently the nation's fourth largest region and ranks among the top three U.S. metro areas for business expansion, relocations, and employment growth. With its highly diversified economy, Dallas-Ft. Worth has a population of over 7.7 million, a Gross Metropolitan Product of \$596 billion, a labor force of over 4.5 million, a 2% job growth rate, twenty-five Fortune 500 Firms, and college enrollment of over 367,000.

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The Alliance Texas development in North Fort Worth is a 27,000-acre master-planned, mixed-use community which is also home to more than 2,500 head of cattle, more than 590 companies, over 66,000 direct jobs generated, and is anchored by the inland port known as the Alliance Global Logistics Hub. This area offers a variety of commercial real estate options, industrial space, office space, and retail facilities and has had a \$130.0 billion impact in North Texas since its inception. (www.alliancetexas.com)Alliance Texas Facts).

In Fiscal Year 2024 the City's financial position continued to strengthen. The total certified taxable value, including estimated value for property under protest, for all residential and commercial property in the City was approximately \$2.37 billion for fiscal year 2024, an 11% increase from the previous year. City development includes a 70-home single family residential development and additional commercial developments are currently under construction. The City's general fund, economic development corporation fund, and crime control sales tax funds were relatively flat in comparison to the prior year. The sluggish economic activity resulted in a slight 0.2% increase of sales tax receipts this year in comparison to fiscal year 2023. Sales tax receipts for all funds came in at \$7.68 million in fiscal year 2024, representing an increase of approximately \$0.01 million in collections in comparison to the previous fiscal year.

#### **Future Economic Outlook**

Through December 2024 (Fiscal Year 2025) sales taxes have increased 6% when compared to the same period in Fiscal Year 2024. Continued economic recovery is expected with the opening of new businesses in Watauga, and the increase of on-line sales tax receipts.

For Fiscal Year 2025, property valuations increased 7% from the prior year. According to the Emerging Trends in Real Estate for 2025 report from PricewaterhouseCoopers and the Urban Land Institute, the Dallas-Ft. Worth Metroplex ranked as the top market for overall real estate prospects in 2025 outranking last year's leaders Nashville and Phoenix. Residential growth in Watauga includes 260 new homes with an estimated \$600,000 in property tax dollars over the next several years. In addition, commercial development includes a new office park and retail pad site.

Watauga's economic future is not without challenges. New development in Watauga is expected to be minimal as the city is approximately 96% developed. The city has entered a phase where revenue growth will be slow, while requests for services and infrastructure replacement for streets and utility needs will increase. The near build-out status of the city requires a strategic approach to attracting new development and revitalization. The City Council has adopted Strategic Initiatives that will enable the city to move in a positive direction. These strategic initiatives include maintaining the financial strength of the City, developing a sustainable economic development effort through business retention and attraction efforts, and strengthening future planning.

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

The City Council has adopted a series of financial standards and policies for operating and debt management. Management of the City has made every effort to comply with these standards and policies. The City has maintained its fund balances to ensure that the needed resources are available to provide for current operations and unexpected situations. Fiscal policies provide for the General Fund reserve to not go below 25% of the General Fund expenditure budget. At the end of the current year, the City was in compliance with this policy with the reserve at 56% of next year's budgeted expenditures.

The City continued the use of its long-term financial planning tools in FY2025 and beyond. These tools include:

- 1) A 5-year Capital Improvement Plan that details current and future infrastructure projects.
- 2) A Multi-year Capital Outlay Plan that provides a 5-year plan to identify timing of replacement and sources of funding for major equipment, vehicles, and technology City-wide;
- 3) A Personnel Enhancement Plan to identify personnel staffing needs and year of possible funding;
- 4) A Multi-year Financial Forecast which forecasts revenue trends and expenditure estimates in a 5-year Plan; and
- 5) A Succession Plan to ensure continuity of operations in the future for all positions, promote a defined path for employees desiring to move into higher level positions, and ensure that training and resources are in place.

Such strategic planning has allowed the City Council to fund several major infrastructure upgrades, park enhancements, capital purchases, and personnel needs in a systematic manner while considering the full impact to the operating budget and tax requirements. The City of Watauga intends to continue with an orderly and well-planned program of community service in FY2025 and subsequent years. Working within the framework of current financial constraints, the City will focus on infrastructure needs such as upgrades/maintenance of the water/sewer system, street projects, drainage projects and revitalization/redevelopment projects in the upcoming fiscal year and beyond.

Standard & Poor's Rating Services, a subsidiary of the McGraw-Hill Companies, Inc. rates the City's general obligation debt at AA. Moody's Investor Service, Inc. rates the general obligation debt at Aa3. Additional information about the rating agencies or the significance of the ratings provided may be obtained from each agency's web site.

#### **Major Initiatives**

The city has completed several projects in the past year and has many others underway. The city believes it is critical that the street, water, wastewater, and drainage systems are properly maintained and systematically upgraded. The city's 5-year Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) addresses the infrastructure needs throughout the city. There is a major focus on street improvements and various street projects are included and funded in the FY2025 budget. These include the final phase of Whitley Road, a major thoroughfare in the city that was planned as a multi-year project and will be completed in 5 phases. Whitley Road Phase 4 was completed in FY2024, and Phase 5 will continue through the next couple of years. Other major street projects include Hightower Road and Watauga Road, a major economic corridor within the City. In addition, water and wastewater improvement projects have been completed over the past several years and more projects are underway.

The City's Parks Master Plan focuses on improving the quality of life for the community, including park amenities and upgrades, trails, and facilities. Park playgrounds throughout the City are in the process of being upgraded and improved. Projects funded by the Economic Development Corporation include the installation of a filtration upgrade for the splashpad and the design and construction of a food business park that is designed to spur economic development and entrepreneurship in the city.

The Green Ribbon Beautification Project for Highway 377 continues and will help to improve the image of Watauga as well as properties along the highway. The City has been awarded its third Texas Department of Transportation (TXDOT) Green Ribbon Landscape grant to beautify the western portion of the Denton Highway right-of-way.

#### Awards and Acknowledgements.

The Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA) awarded a Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting to the City of Watauga for its comprehensive annual financial report for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2023. The Certificate of Achievement is a prestigious national award-recognizing conformance with the highest standard for preparation of state and local government financial reports. In order to receive the Certificate of Achievement, a government unit must publish an easily readable and efficiently organized annual comprehensive financial report. This report must satisfy both generally accepted accounting principles and applicable legal requirements.

A Certificate of Achievement is valid for a period of one year only. The City of Watauga has received a Certificate of Achievement for the last thirty-six consecutive years. We believe that our current comprehensive annual financial report continues to meet the Certificate of Achievement Program's requirements, and we are submitting it to GFOA for review.

The City of Watauga also received the GFOA's Distinguished Budget Presentation Award for our annual budget document for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2023. This is the thirty-fifth consecutive year that the city has received this prestigious award. In order to qualify for the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award, the City's budget document was judged to be proficient in several categories, including as a policy document, a financial plan, an operations guide, and a communications device.

In conclusion, we would like to thank the City Council for their continued leadership and support in planning and conducting the financial operations of our city in a responsible and efficient manner. Appreciation is expressed to the city employees throughout the organization who are instrumental in the successful completion of this annual comprehensive financial report. And finally, we wish to express our appreciation to each City employee for his or her loyalty and dedication, as demonstrated during this past fiscal year.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra Gibson, CGFO, CGFM

City Manager

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Interim Director of Finance

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#### City of Watauga, Texas

Principal Officials As of September 30, 2024

Elected Officials	<u>Position</u>	Term <u>Expires</u>
Arthur L. Miner	Mayor	2025
Patrick Shelbourne	Council Member Place 1	2025
Cris Blackburn	Council Member Place 2	2026
Lovie Downey	Council Member Place 3	2025
Andrew Neal	Council Member Place 4	2026
Malissa Minucci	Mayor Pro Tem/ Council Member Place 5	2025
Mark Taylor	Council Member Place 6	2026
Jan Hill	Council Member Place 7	2026

#### <u>Appointed Officials</u> <u>Position</u>

Sandra Gibson Interim City Manager
David Berman City Attorney
Linda Proskey City Secretary

Sandra Gibson Director of Finance

Robert Parker Police Chief Randy Barkley Fire Chief

Paul Hackleman Public Works Director

Julie Rodriguez Director of Human Resources & Civil Service

Lana Ewell Library Director

Timothy Hamilton Parks and Community Services Director



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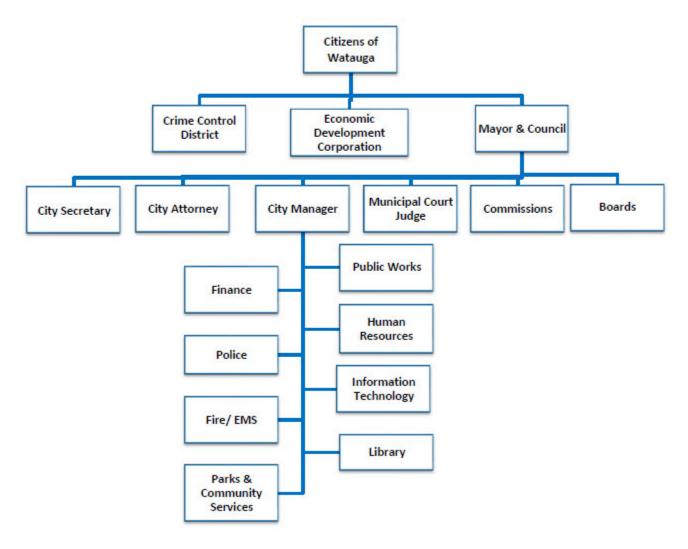
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September 30, 2023

## **Organizational Chart**

## City of Watauga





**Financial Section** 

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#### **Independent Auditor's Report**

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

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

#### **Opinions**

We have audited the financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the City of Watauga, Texas (the "City"), as of and for the year ended September 30, 2024, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the City's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the City, as of September 30, 2024, 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.

#### **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 (Government Auditing Standards). 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

The City's 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 City Council City of Watauga, 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 the management's discussion and analysis, Texas Municipal Retirement System pension schedules, Texas Municipal Retirement System OPEB schedule, and budgetary comparison information 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 GAAS, 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 City Council City of Watauga, 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 nonmajor fund financial statements and schedule of expenditures of federal awards, as required by Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations, Part 200, Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements.

The combining and individual nonmajor fund financial statements and schedule of expenditures of federal awards 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 GAAS. In our opinion, the other supplementary information is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

Other Information Included in the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR)

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

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 5, 2025 on our consideration of the City's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the City's internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with Government Auditing Standards in considering the City's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

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# CITY OF WATAUGA, TEXAS MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS For the Year Ended September 30, 2024

On behalf of City Council, we, as management of the City of Watauga, offer readers of the city's financial statements this narrative overview and analysis of the financial activities and financial position of the city for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2024. In the broadest context, the financial well-being of a government lies in the underlying wealth and willingness of its citizens and property owners to pay adequate taxes combined with the vision of the government's elected and appointed leadership to spend those taxes strategically so that the City's tax base, service levels, City assets, and the City's desirability will be maintained not just for the current year but well into the future.

Financial reporting is limited in its ability to provide the "big picture" but rather focus on financial position and changes in financial position. In other words, are revenues and/or expenditures higher or lower than the previous year? Have net position or fund balances of the government been maintained? Readers are encouraged to consider the information presented here in conjunction with our Letter of Transmittal and the Statistical Section which can be found on pages v-ix and pages 99-120 of this report respectively. Also, you may review additional information on the annual budget and other community facts and figures on the City's website at www.cowtx.org.

Please note that the Report of Independent Auditors describes the auditor's association with the various sections of this report and that all of the additional information from the website and other City sources is unaudited.

#### **FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS**

- At September 30, 2024, Government-Wide Total Assets and Deferred Outflows of Resources exceeded Total Liabilities and Deferred Inflows of Resources by \$97,242,093 (Net position). The vast majority of the City's net position of \$77,890,608 (80.1%) is net investment in capital assets and most capital assets in a government do not directly generate revenue nor can they be sold to generate liquid capital. The net position restricted for specific purposes totaled \$6,035,931 (6.2%). The remaining \$13,315,554 (13.7%) net position is unrestricted and may be used to meet the government's ongoing obligations to citizens and creditors in accordance with the City's fund designation and fiscal policies. Unrestricted net position decreased slightly by \$574,332 from the prior year.
- The City's total capital assets (net of accumulated depreciation) and other asset additions exceeded depreciation expense and asset retirements.
- The City's total long-term debt increased by \$2,844,765, or 5.4%, due to a combination of an issuance of Combination Tax and Limited Pledge Revenue Certificates of Obligation in the amount of \$6,925,000 for capital improvements, less scheduled principal payments.
- The City's long-term liabilities increased \$1,204,919, or 1.9%, during the fiscal year primarily due to the issuance of debt as discussed in the preceding paragraph, offset by a decrease in the net pension liability. The accounting standards for pensions will reflect more volatility in the amount of the liability recorded in the financial statements from year to year.
- Governmental activities realized an increase in total net position of \$2,758,468 and business-type activities realized an increase in total net position of \$900,103 bringing the total increase in net position for the City to \$3,658,571.
- Total Governmental Fund ending fund balance was \$37,000,916, an increase of \$1,551,368 in comparison to the prior year. This was due primarily to debt issuance proceeds received during the year in the Capital Projects fund, increases in tax revenues and interest income, and lower than anticipated expenses due to salary savings in the General Fund. The Unassigned General Fund balance increased \$489,698 over the previous year and at year-end the balance was \$9,550,912 or 56% of total Fiscal Year 2024 General Fund expenditures.

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

We intend this discussion and analysis to serve as an introduction to the City of Watauga's basic financial statements. The City's 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 contains other supplementary information in addition to the basic financial statements themselves.

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

The <u>Statement of Net Position</u> presents information on all of the City's assets, deferred outflows of resources, liabilities and deferred inflows of resources, with the difference reported as net position. Over time, increases or decreases in net position may serve as a useful indicator of whether the financial position of the City is improving or deteriorating. The Statement of Activities presents information showing how the City's net position changed during the 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. Thus, revenues and expenses are reported in this statement for some items that will only result in cash flows in future fiscal periods (e.g., uncollected taxes and earned but unused compensated absences).

Both of the government-wide financial statements distinguish functions of the City of Watauga that are 1) principally supported by taxes and intergovernmental revenues (governmental activities), and 2) functions that are intended to recover all or a significant portion of their costs through their user fees and charges (proprietary or business-type activities). The governmental activities of the City include General Government, Police, Fire/EMS, Culture and Recreation, and Public Works. The proprietary or business-type activities of the City include Water/Sewer and Drainage System activities.

The government-wide financial statements include not only the City of Watauga itself (known as the primary government), but also include the Watauga Economic Development Corporation (WEDC) and the Watauga Crime Control and Prevention District (WCCPD), which are legally separate but financially accountable to the City. A blended presentation is used to report the financial information of these component units. The financial information for the individual component units is available from the City.

The government-wide financial statements can be found on pages 21-22 of this report.

**Fund Financial Statements** - A fund is a grouping of related accounts that is used to maintain control over resources that have been segregated for specific activities or objectives. The City, like other state and local governments, uses fund accounting to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance-related legal requirements. All of the funds of the City can be divided into three categories: (1) governmental, (2) proprietary, and (3) internal service.

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

Because the focus of governmental funds is narrower than that of the government-wide financial statements, it is useful to compare the information presented for governmental funds with similar information presented for governmental activities in the government-wide financial statements. By doing so, readers may better understand the long-term impact of the government's near-term financing decisions. Both the <u>Governmental Fund Balance Sheet</u> and the governmental <u>fund Statement of Revenues</u>, <u>Expenditures</u>, <u>and Changes in Fund Balances</u> provide a reconciliation to facilitate this comparison between governmental funds and governmental activities.

The City maintains thirteen individual governmental funds. Information is presented separately in the <u>Governmental Fund Balance Sheet</u> and in the governmental funds <u>Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances for the General, Debt Service, Capital Project, and COVID-19 Grant Funds, which are considered to be major funds. Data from the other nine governmental funds are combined into a single, aggregated presentation.</u>

The City adopts an annual appropriated budget. Budgetary comparison schedules have been provided for the general fund to demonstrate compliance with this budget.

The basic governmental fund financial statements can be found on pages 25-28 of this report.

**Proprietary Funds** - The City maintains two major proprietary or enterprise funds. The enterprise funds are used to report the same functions presented as business-type activities in the government-wide financial statements. The City uses enterprise funds to account for its Water/Sewer and Drainage activities. Internal Service Funds are an accounting device used to accumulate and allocate cost for some of its equipment replacement. Because these services predominately benefit governmental rather than business-type functions, they have been included within governmental activities in the government-wide financial statements.

Proprietary funds provide the same type of information as the government-wide financial statements, only in more detail. The proprietary fund financial statements provide separate information for Water/Sewer and Drainage, both of which are considered to be major funds of the City. The Internal Service Fund is a single presentation in the proprietary fund financial statements.

The basic proprietary fund financial statements can be found on pages 31-34 of this report.

**Notes to the financial statements** - The notes provide additional information that is essential to a full understanding of the date provided in the government-wide and fund financial statements. The notes to the financial statements can be found on pages 35-70 of this report.

**Other Information**. In addition to the basic financial statements and accompanying notes, this report presents certain required supplementary information concerning the City's progress in funding its obligation to provide pension and other post-employment benefits to its employees. Required Supplementary Information (RSI) can be found on pages 72-77 of this report.

The combining statements referred to earlier in connection with non-major governmental funds and internal service funds are presented immediately following the required supplementary information on pensions. Combining and individual fund statements and supporting schedules can be found on pages 81-94 of this report.

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

Total Assets of the City are \$166,304,699. Capital Assets, net of depreciation, represent the largest portion of the City's assets (\$101,623,170 or 61.1%) and include land, buildings, improvements, equipment, infrastructure, construction-in-progress, and right-to-use lease and subscription assets. The City uses these capital assets to provide services to citizens; consequently, these assets are not available for future spending.

As noted earlier, Net Position may serve as a useful indicator of a government's financial position. As of September 30, 2024, the City's assets and deferred outflows of resources exceeded liabilities and deferred inflows of resources by \$97,242,093 (Net Position).

At year end, the City's Net Investment in Capital Assets was \$77,890,608. 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 capital assets themselves cannot be used to liquidate these liabilities.

Restricted net position is \$6,035,931 or 6.2% of total net position and represents resources that are subject to external restrictions on how they may be used. The remaining balance of total net position is unrestricted (\$13,315,554 or 13.7%) and may be used to meet the government's ongoing obligations to citizens and creditors.

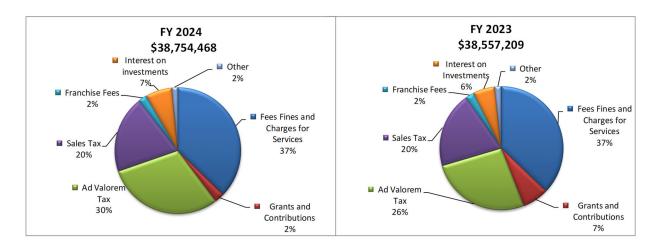
Overall, there was an increase of \$3,658,571 in total net position during the fiscal year as a result of the City's operations. Governmental activities showed an increase of \$2,758,468, while Business-type activities showed an increase of \$900,103 as a result of the City's operations.

#### **Condensed Statement of Net Position**

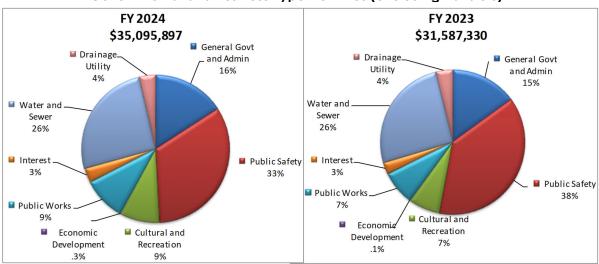
	Governmen	tal Activities	Business-type Activities		Total	
	2024	2023	2024	2023	2024	2023
Current and other assets	\$ 44,235,778	\$ 43,734,289	\$ 20,445,751	\$ 21,137,744	\$ 64,681,529	\$ 64,872,033
Capital assets	59,008,106	56,321,119	42,615,064	38,791,036	101,623,170	95,112,155
Total assets	103,243,884	100,055,408	63,060,815	59,928,780	166,304,699	159,984,188
Deferred outflows of resources	3,890,284	5,490,491	741,006	1,045,808	4,631,290	6,536,299
Long-term liabilities outstanding Other liabilities	43,508,613 4,755,682	44,181,446 5,702,104	22,668,767 1,823,794	20,791,015 1,859,951	66,177,380 6,579,476	64,972,461 7,562,055
Total liabilities	48,264,295	49,883,550	24,492,561	22,650,966	72,756,856	72,534,516
Deferred inflows of resources	787,113	338,057	149,927	64,392	937,040	402,449
Net position:						
Net investment in capital assets	47,627,375	45,136,267	30,263,233	29,463,346	77,890,608	74,599,613
Restricted	6,035,931	5,094,023	-	-	6,035,931	5,094,023
Unrestricted	4,419,454	5,094,002	8,896,100	8,795,884	13,315,554	13,889,886
Total net position	\$ 58,082,760	\$ 55,324,292	\$ 39,159,333	\$ 38,259,230	\$ 97,242,093	\$ 93,583,522

As of September 30, 2024, the City is able to report positive balances in all three categories of net position, for the government as a whole, as well as for its separate governmental and business-type activities.

## Changes in Net Position - Revenue by Major Category Governmental and Business-Type Activities (excluding transfers)



Changes in Net Position - Expense by Major Category Governmental and Business-Type Activities (excluding transfers)



**Governmental activities**. Governmental activities experienced a total increase in net position of \$2,758,468 or a 4.8% increase from the prior year. Key elements of activity changes from the prior year are as follows:

• Total revenues increased by \$324,631 or 1.2% from the prior year. Operating grants decreased by \$1,659,369 due to lower than the prior year grant activity related to the American Rescue Plan Act funding. In general revenues, property taxes increased \$1,417,978 due to an increase in assessed property valuations. Sales tax revenues increased 0.2% and were relatively flat in comparison to the prior year due to lower than anticipated sales tax receipts throughout the fiscal year. Interest income increased by \$604,601, or 46% due to interest rates remaining elevated during the fiscal year. Additionally, general charges for services revenue increases were realized due to expanding program activities at the community center.

• Expenses increased by \$2,578,956 or 11.6%. These increases are primarily due to changes in personnel costs and staffing and positions filled this year that were vacant in the prior year. Culture and recreation expenses increased by \$802,567, or 36.2% due to increases in staffing and programs that were reinstated in prior years as a cost saving measure. Additionally, Public Safety expenditures decreased by \$275,155, or 2.3% due to increases in capital costs partially offset by the increased personnel costs due to salary increases. The increases were partially offset by position vacancies.

**Business-type activities -** Business-type activities increased the City's net position by \$900,103, or 2.3% increase from the prior year. Significant changes from the prior year include:

- Total revenues decreased by \$127,372 due to a combination of decreased water and sewer revenues and a decrease of in the interest earnings on investments in comparison to prior year.
- Total expenses increased by \$929,611. In the Water and Sewer category, there was an \$865,553 increase that was primarily due to increases in personnel costs and a significant increase in wastewater treatment costs in comparison to the prior year. The Drainage utility expenses increased by \$64,058 due to inflationary increases for contractual expenses.

The following table provides a summary of the City's operations for the year ended September 30, 2024 with comparative totals for year ended September 30, 2023.

## Condensed Statement of Change in Net Position

	Governmen	tal Activities	Business-typ	e Activities	То	tal
Revenues	2024	2023	2024	2023	2024	2023
Program revenues						
Fees, fines and charges for services	\$ 3,254,454	\$ 3,219,783	\$ 11,166,947	\$ 11,107,419	\$ 14,421,401	\$ 14,327,202
Operating grant and contributions	988,651	2,648,020	=	-	988,651	2,648,020
Capital grants and contributions	-	-	-	-	-	-
General revenues						-
Property Taxes	11,596,580	10,178,602	-	-	11,596,580	10,178,602
Sales taxes	7,684,529	7,670,480	-	-	7,684,529	7,670,480
Franchise taxes	840,843	904,123	-	-	840,843	904,123
Payment in lieu of taxes	503,000	514,000	-	-	503,000	514,000
Penalties and interest	49,195	53,396	-	-	49,195	53,396
Interest on investments	1,926,581	1,321,980	692,920	867,337	2,619,501	2,189,317
Miscellaneous	50,768	59,586		12,483	50,768	72,069
Total revenues	26,894,601	26,569,970	11,859,867	11,987,239	38,754,468	38,557,209
Expenses						
General government	5,554,741	4,738,734	-	-	5,554,741	4,738,734
Public safety	11,695,377	11,970,532	-	-	11,695,377	11,970,532
Culture and recreation	3,020,782	2,218,215	=	-	3,020,782	2,218,215
Economic development	87,910	46,431	=	-	87,910	46,431
Public works	3,332,175	2,416,999	=	-	3,332,175	2,416,999
Interest on long-term debt	1,124,148	845,266	-	-	1,124,148	845,266
Water and sewer	=	-	9,014,799	8,149,246	9,014,799	8,149,246
Drainage utility			1,265,965	1,201,907	1,265,965	1,201,907
Total expenses	24,815,133	22,236,177	10,280,764	9,351,153	35,095,897	31,587,330
Increase (decrease) in net position						
before transfers	2,079,468	4,333,793	1,579,103	2,636,086	3,658,571	6,969,879
Transfers	679,000	563,500	(679,000)	(563,500)		-
Increase (decrease) in net position						
after transfers	2,758,468	4,897,293	900,103	2,072,586	3,658,571	6,969,879
Net position - beginning of year	55,324,292	50,426,999	38,259,230	36,186,644	93,583,522	86,613,643
Net position - end of year	\$ 58,082,760	\$ 55,324,292	\$ 39,159,333	\$ 38,259,230	\$ 97,242,093	\$ 93,583,522

#### FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OF THE GOVERNMENT'S FUNDS

As noted earlier, the City uses fund accounting to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance related legal requirements.

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

At the end of the current fiscal year, the City of Watauga's governmental funds reported a combined ending fund balance of \$37,000,916, which is an increase of \$1,551,368 from the prior year. Unassigned fund balance is \$9,550,912 or 25.8% of the total governmental fund balance and is available for spending at the government's discretion. The remainder of fund balance is in the form of 1) non-spendable for inventories (\$25,146) and prepaid items (\$14,082), 2) restricted for capital acquisitions and contractual obligations (\$21,299,491), retirement of fund indebtedness (\$1,223,704), culture and recreation (\$74,612), economic development (\$2,863,867), public works (\$143,166) and public safety (\$1,805,936). Some highlights are listed below:

- The General Fund is the primary operating fund of the City. The fund balance has increased by a net of \$478,885 over the prior year, to \$9,590,140. This was due primarily to increased investment income over the prior year, and an increase in property tax revenues and program fees. The General fund experienced lower than budgeted expenses in the police, administration, public works, and fleet maintenance departments due primarily to salary savings attributable to unfilled positions during the year, and other cost savings.
- The G.O. Debt Service fund balance increased by \$353,922 over the prior year, to \$1,223,704, as a result of increased property tax receipts.
- The Capital Projects fund experienced an increase of \$142,613, which was due to the combined issuance of debt in the amount of \$3.545 million and interest income of \$.982 million, which was offset by capital outlay expenditures in the amount of \$4,650 million. Capital outlay included equipment, street improvements, park projects, and various other capital projects. Fund balance at the end of the year is \$21,265,403.
- The non-major governmental funds showed a combined \$575,948 increase in fund balance from the prior year due to various fund activity. The Street Maintenance Fund showed a decrease of \$80,233 due to a planned drawdown of fund balance this fiscal year. The Street Maintenance sales tax was discontinued as a result of a ballot measure that abolished this quarter-cent sales tax effective January 1, 2021. This decrease was offset by the other sales tax funds that showed increases in fund balances. Fund balance increased by \$568,313 in the Watauga Economic Development Corporation Fund and by \$96,573 in the Crime Control and Prevention District due to a combination of the sales tax revenue recovery and expenditures coming in lower than budget for both of these special revenue funds.

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

The unrestricted net positions of the respective proprietary funds are Water/Sewer at \$3,994,605 and Drainage Utility at \$4,901,495. The proprietary funds had a combined net position increase of \$952,348 because of operations. The Water/Sewer fund had an increase in net position of \$662,529 while the Drainage Utility Fund had a net position increase of \$289,819 because of operations. The total change in net position of business-type activities is \$900,103 after adjustment of internal service fund activities relating to enterprise funds in the amount of (\$52,245).

**General Fund Budgetary Highlights** – In September 2024, City Council took action to amend the budget based on staff's revised estimates of revenues and expenditures. The budget was amended to include an additional \$455,000 of anticipated revenues, of which \$150,000 was building permit revenues. Other revenue increases included property tax revenue due to increased collection activity, and charges for services. The budget amendment for expenditures and transfers included a \$400,000 transfer to the Equipment Replacement Fund for future equipment purchases and \$40,000 for recreation program expenses. Actual revenues came in \$104,074 less than the revised budget, and expenditures were \$1,004,101 less than budget due to salary savings in various general fund departments and general cost savings. The general fund balance increased from \$9,111,255 to \$9,590,140, or to 56% of operating expenditures.

#### **CAPITAL ASSETS**

The City's investment in capital assets for its governmental and business type activities as of September 30, 2024, amount to \$101,623,170 (net of accumulated depreciation). This investment in capital assets includes land, buildings, improvements, machinery and equipment, infrastructure and construction in progress. The total increase in the City's capital asset investment for the current fiscal year was \$6,511,015, or 6.8%. This was primarily due to substantial progress made on the Whitley Road street project, the completion of several water/sewer projects, and the purchase of various capital outlay items.

# Schedule of Capital Assets (Net of Accumulated Depreciation/Amortization)

•	Government	al Activities	Business-type Activities		Total	
	2024	2023	2024	2023	2024	2023
Land	\$ 19.394.600	\$ 19.394.600	\$ 91,000	\$ 91,000	\$ 19,485,600	\$ 19,485,600
Construction in progress	2,716,651	3.792.671	1.053.480	2,754,752	3,770,131	6,547,423
Construction in progress	2,/16,631	3,/92,6/1	1,055,480	2,/34,/32	3,//0,131	6,347,423
Buildings and Improvements	16,208,136	15,500,820	1,781,766	1,845,441	17,989,902	17,346,261
Right-to-use leased assets	375,090	453,541	15,224	22,836	390,314	476,377
Right-to-use subscription assets	81,662	-	=	-	81,662	=
Improvements other than buildings	666,955	682,987		-	666,955	682,987
Equipment	6,975,334	6,892,233	1,254,419	842,166	8,229,753	7,734,399
Drainage improvements	-	-	9,810,657	9,891,556	9,810,657	9,891,556
Infrastructure	12,589,678	9,604,267	=	=	12,589,678	9,604,267
Waterworks and sanitary sewer system			28,608,518	23,343,285	28,608,518	23,343,285
Total capital assets	\$ 59,008,106	\$ 56,321,119	\$ 42,615,064	\$ 38,791,036	\$ 101,623,170	\$ 95,112,155

Major capital asset events during the current fiscal year included:

- Projects that were included in Construction in Progress in FY2022-2023 which were completed this year include:
  - Whitley Road Phase 4 Rehabilitation Project in the amount of \$5,352,268
  - Water/Wastewater Projects in the amount of \$3,823,943
  - Fleet Shop expansion in the amount of \$1,055,687
  - o Chapman Road Overlay in the amount of \$638,081
  - o CDBG 48th Year in the amount of \$250,240
- Prior Year Projects and new projects that increased the Construction in Progress include:
  - The Whitley Road- Phase Five Project increased by \$54,810, bringing the total CIP for the project to \$739,935.
  - The Hightower Road project increased by \$792,623, bringing the total CIP for the project to \$1,314,375
  - Business Food Park Project CIP total remains at \$43,550
  - Parks projects total \$56,062 (Park Vista Park and Arcadia Trail Project) which remains unchanged
  - o Sanitary Sewer Study remains at \$224,688.
  - o Park Vista Stormwater Rehabilitation added this year totals \$264,027.
  - o Tarrant County Street Overlays totaled \$309,437.
  - o Ambulance purchase not yet completed totals \$153,591
  - o CDBG-CV Round 4 added \$40,010 this year

- o Water and wastewater projects added \$17,110, bringing the total to \$1,096,790.
- Other projects and equipment purchases that were completed in FY2023-2024 for a total of \$1,960,502 include:
  - Vehicle purchases police, code, public works, and parks in the amount of \$294,167
  - o Jetvac Sewer Truck in the amount of \$519,542
  - o Street Sweeper Truck in the amount of \$328,222
  - o Streets and sidewalks repair/construction for a total of \$145,642
  - o Portable/Mobile radios in the amount of \$157,037
  - o Playground equipment at various parks in the amount of \$181,521
  - Building improvements to include foundation repair & improvements and AC replacements for a total of \$186,405
  - o Various other capital outlay items (under \$25,000)

Additional information on the City's capital assets can be found in Note 4 of this report.

#### **DEBT ADMINISTRATION**

**Long-term debt -** At the end of the current fiscal year, the City had total debt outstanding of \$50.78 million. This entire amount comprises debt backed by the full faith and credit of the government.

Other debt includes \$2,716 owed to the City of North Richland Hills for the City's portion of a joint agreement on street repair, \$196,076 in Arbitrage Liability, and \$1,822,179 in Compensated Absences for employee earned, but unpaid, vacation and sick leave.

During the current fiscal year, the City's total debt increased by \$2,844,765, which was due to an issuance of \$6,925,000 Combination Tax and Limited Pledge Revenue Certificates of Obligation, Series 2024, offset by regularly scheduled debt service payments.

Standard & Poor's Rating Services, a subsidiary of the McGraw-Hill Companies, Inc. rates the City's general obligation debt at AA. In their 2024 Credit Rating, S&P cited a healthy tax base growth, strong financial management with consistent budget monitoring and long-term financial planning to address future budgetary challenges. Moody's Investor Service, Inc. rates the general obligation debt at Aa3.

#### **Schedule of Outstanding Debt**

	Governmen	al Activities Business-type Activities		e Activities	Total	
	2024	2023	2024	2023	2024	2023
General Obligation Bonds	\$ 230,000	\$ 345,000	\$ 3,925,000	\$ 4,530,000	\$ 4,155,000	\$ 4,875,000
Certificates of Obligation	30,525,000	29,975,000	16,000,000	13,335,000	46,525,000	43,310,000
Tax Notes	100,000	195,000	-	-	100,000	195,000
Lease Payable	317,968	405,695	13,261	21,776	331,229	427,471
Subscription Liability	77,053	-	-	-	77,053	-
Notes Payable	2,716	60,352	-	-	2,716	60,352
Arbitrage Liability	196,076	-	-	-	196,076	-
Compensated Absences	1,726,829	1,556,760	95,350	73,422	1,822,179	1,630,182
Unamortized Bond Premium	1,393,397	1,326,595	932,380	865,665	2,325,777	2,192,260
Total	\$ 34,569,039	\$ 33,864,402	\$ 20,965,991	\$ 18,825,863	\$ 55,535,030	\$ 52,690,265

Additional information on the City's long-term debt can be found in Note 5.

#### **ECONOMIC FACTORS AND NEXT YEAR'S BUDGET AND RATES**

In the Fiscal Year 2025 Budget, General Fund revenues are expected to increase approximately 5% from the Fiscal Year 2024 original budget. The largest revenue increases are attributable to continued increases in ad valorem property tax revenue, and permit revenue. Ad valorem taxes make up 42% of General Fund budgeted revenues. Certified assessed valuations, including estimated values on properties under protest, increased 7% for the fiscal year 2025 budget. The ad valorem tax rate for FY2025 remains at \$0.5702/\$100 valuation. Due to the valuation increases, this property tax rate will generate an increase in revenue for the General Fund and Debt Service Fund. Sales tax makes up 27% of the City's general operating revenue. As of December, 2024, the city has seen an increase in sales tax revenues from prior year, but at a slower pace. The City has budgeted a conservative 1.5% increase in this revenue category for FY2025. Interest income is expected to remain elevated due to increased yield on investments.

The FY2024-2025 Budget includes an emphasis on managing inflationary pressures, remaining competitive in the municipal employment market, and enhancing parks and recreation services. Operating expenditures are budgeted to increase 4% due to these measures.

Capital improvements continue in the City and many projects are underway. Major street projects such as Whitley Road and Hightower Road and various parks projects that began last fiscal year continue into 2024-2025. Several major water and wastewater system projects continue for next year and beyond that are funded with Certificates of Obligation proceeds.

The Water and Sewer Operating Fund has performed well the past couple of years with revenues exceeding expenditures. Fund balance has increased and has now been restored to meet financial policy standards of 25% of operating expenditures. The City contracts with the City of Ft. Worth for wastewater treatment and has an agreement in place with North Richland Hills for wholesale water. Rate increases were planned and put in place for Fiscal Year 2025 to cover the escalating costs of water distribution and wastewater treatment.

#### **REQUEST FOR INFORMATION**

The financial report is designed to provide our citizens, customers, investors, and creditors with a general overview of the City's finances. If you have questions about this report or need additional information, contact the Finance Department, Attn: Director of Finance, 7105 Whitley Road, Watauga, Texas 76148, by phone at 817-514-5822, or by email at <a href="mailto:financedirector@cowtx.org">financedirector@cowtx.org</a>.

**Basic Financial Statements** 

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**City of Watauga, Texas** Statement of Net Position September 30, 2024

	Primary Government				
	Governmental	Business-Type			
	Activities	Activities	Total		
ASSETS					
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 19,637,431	\$ 6,602,838	\$ 26,240,269		
Investments	22,529,296	12,061,786	34,591,082		
Receivables, net of allowance					
for uncollectibles	2,029,823	1,734,144	3,763,967		
Inventories	25,146	46,983	72,129		
Prepaid items	14,082	-	14,082		
Capital assets:					
Land and construction in progress	22,111,251	1,144,480	23,255,731		
Other capital assets, net of					
accumulated depreciation/amortization	36,896,855	41,470,584	78,367,439		
Total capital assets	59,008,106	42,615,064	101,623,170		
Total assets	103,243,884	63,060,815	166,304,699		
DEFENDED CUTEI CIVIS OF DESCUIDOES					
DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES	0.40.010	44.000	000 000		
Deferred outflows - OPEB	243,019	46,289	289,308		
Deferred outflows - pension	3,647,265	694,717	4,341,982		
Total deferred outflows of resources	3,890,284	741,006	4,631,290		
LIABILITIES					
Accounts payable	697,072	673,090	1,370,162		
Accrued liabilities	970,726	126,944	1,097,670		
Accrued interest	171,847	98,924	270,771		
Customer deposits	21,703	924,836	946,539		
Unearned revenue	2,894,334	-	2,894,334		
Long-term liabilities:					
Due within one year	3,733,597	1,501,211	5,234,808		
Due in more than one year	30,835,442	19,464,780	50,300,222		
Due in more than one year - total OPEB liability	980,124	186,691	1,166,815		
Due in more than one year - net pension liability	7,959,450	1,516,085	9,475,535		
Total liabilities	48,264,295	24,492,561	72,756,856		
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES					
Deferred inflows - OPEB	787,113	149,927	937,040		
Total deferred inflows of resources	787,113	149,927	937,040		
NET POSITION					
Net investment in capital assets	47,627,375	30,263,233	77,890,608		
Restricted for:	, ,	55,255,255	,		
Capital improvements	34,088	_	34,088		
Debt service	1,114,262	_	1,114,262		
Culture and recreation	74,612	_	74,612		
Economic development	2,863,867	_	2,863,867		
Public works	143,166	_	143,166		
Public safety	1,805,936	_	1,805,936		
Unrestricted	4,419,454	8,896,100	13,315,554		
Total net position	\$ 58,082,760	\$ 39,159,333	\$ 97,242,093		

**City of Watauga, Texas** Statement of Activities For the Fiscal Year Ended September 30, 2024

			Program Revenues		Net (Expenses) Revenues and Changes in Net Position	enues and Change	s in Net Position
		Fees, Fines and Charges for	Operating Grants and	Capital Grants and	Governmental	Business- type	
Functions/Programs	Expenses	Services	Contributions	Contributions	Activities	Activities	Total
Governmental activities:							
General government	\$ 5,554,741	\$ 329,765	- \$	- \$	\$ (5,224,976)	- <del>♦</del>	\$ (5,224,976)
Public safety	11,695,377	1,313,024	983,763	1	(9,398,590)	1	(9,398,590)
Culture and recreation	3,020,782	352,302	4,888	ı	(2,663,592)	1	(2,663,592)
Economic development	87,910	4,500	1	1	(83,410)	1	(83,410)
Public works	3,332,175	1,254,863	•	1	(2,077,312)	•	(2,077,312)
Interest on long-term debt	1,124,148	1	1	1	(1,124,148)	1	(1,124,148)
Total governmental activities	24,815,133	3,254,454	988,651	•	(20,572,028)	1	(20,572,028)
Business-type activities: Water and Sewer	9,014,799	9,677,619			1	662,820	662,820
Drainage Utility	1,265,965	1,489,328	1	1	'	223,363	223,363
Total business-type activities	10,280,764	11,166,947	'	'	1	886,183	886,183
TOTAL GOVERNMENT	\$ 35,095,897	\$ 14,421,401	\$ 988,651	- \$	(20,572,028)	886,183	(19,685,845)
		General rev enues:	enues:				
		Taxes					
		Property	Property taxes, levied for general purposes	eneral purposes	11,596,580	•	11,596,580
		Sales taxes	(es		7,684,529	1	7,684,529
		Franchise taxes	e taxes		840,843	1	840,843
		Payment	Payment in lieu of taxes		203,000	1	503,000
		Penalties	Penalties and interest		49,195	1	49,195
		Interest on	Interest on investments		1,926,581	692,920	2,619,501
		Miscellane	Miscellaneous revenue		20,768	1	50,768
		Transfers			979,000	(000'629)	1
		Total ger	Total general revenues and transfers	d transfers	23,330,496	13,920	23,344,416
		Change	Change in net position		2,758,468	900,103	3,658,571
		Net position	Net position - beginning of year		55,324,292	38,259,230	93,583,522
		Net position - end of year	nd of year		\$ 58,082,760	\$ 39,159,333	\$ 97,242,093

The Notes to Basic Financial Statements are an integral part of these statements.

# Fund Financial Statements Governmental Funds

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**City of Watauga, Texas** Balance Sheet - Governmental Funds September 30, 2024

	General	Debt Service	Capital Projects	COVID-19 Grant	Non Major Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
ASSETS						
Cash and cash equivalents Investments	\$ 7,983,374 1,718,225	\$ 1,096,678 120,437	\$ 1,304,734 20,333,956	\$ 3,062,679 -	\$ 4,135,655 356,678	\$ 17,583,120 22,529,296
Receivables, net of allowance for uncollectibles Property taxes	140,911	68,994	_	_	_	209,905
Accounts receivable	1,338,398	-	-	-	481,520	1,819,918
Prepaid items	14,082	-	-	-	-	14,082
Inventory of supplies	25,146					25,146
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 11,220,136	\$ 1,286,109	\$ 21,638,690	\$ 3,062,679	\$ 4,973,853	\$ 42,181,467
LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS AND FUND BALANCES						
LIABILITIES						
Accounts payable	\$ 169,422	\$ -	\$ 344,050	\$ 168,345	\$ 15,255	\$ 697,072
Accrued liabilities	904,560	-	29,237	-	36,929	970,726
Unearned revenue	-	-		2,894,334	-	2,894,334
Deposits	21,703			-	-	21,703
Total liabilities	1,095,685	-	373,287	3,062,679	52,184	4,583,835
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES						
Unavailable revenue - property taxes	146,475	62,405	-	-	-	208,880
Unavailable revenue - EMS	387,836					387,836
Total deferred inflows of resources	534,311	62,405	-	-	-	596,716
Fund balances:						
Nonspendable						
Inventory	25,146	-	-	-	-	25,146
Prepaid items	14,082	-	-	-	-	14,082
Restricted:						
Capital acquisitions						
and contractual obligations	-	-	21,265,403	-	34,088	21,299,491
Debt service	-	1,223,704	-	-	74 (10	1,223,704
Culture and recreation  Economic development	-	-	-	-	74,612 2,863,867	74,612 2,863,867
Public works	-	-	-	-	143,166	143,166
Public safety					1,805,936	1,805,936
Unassigned	9,550,912					9,550,912
Total fund balances	9,590,140	1,223,704	21,265,403	-	4,921,669	37,000,916
TOTAL LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS						
OF RESOURCES AND FUND BALANCES	\$ 11,220,136	\$ 1,286,109	\$ 21,638,690	\$ 3,062,679	\$ 4,973,853	\$ 42,181,467

**City of Watauga, Texas** Reconciliation of the Governmental Funds Balance Sheet to the Statement of Net Position September 30, 2024

TOTAL FUND BALANCE - GOVERNMENTAL FUND	\$ 37,000,916
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of net position are different because:	
Capital assets used in governmental activities, excluding ISF capital assets, are not current financial resources and therefore are not reported in the governmental funds balance sheet.	57,125,967
Deferred outflows related to OPEB	243,019
Deferred outflows related to pension	3,647,265
Interest payable on long-term debt does not require current financial resources; therefore, interest payable is not reported as a liability in the governmental funds balance sheet.	(171,847)
Revenues earned but not available within sixty days of the year end are not recognized as revenue on the fund financial statements.	596,716
Deferred inflows related to OPEB	(787,113)
Long-term liabilities, including bonds payable are not due and payable in the current period and therefore are not reported in the fund financial statements. Long-term liabilities at year-end consist of:	
General obligation bonds Certificate of obligations Tax Notes Premiums on issuance Notes payable Arbitrage liability Compensated absences	(230,000) (30,525,000) (100,000) (1,393,397) (2,716) (196,076) (1,726,829)
Right-to-use subscription assets Right-to-use leases Net pension liability Total OPEB liability Total long-term liabilities	(77,053) (317,968) (7,959,450) (980,124) (43,508,613)
Internal service funds are used by management to charge the cost of certain activities, such as fleet management, to individual funds. The net position of the internal service fund is net of the amount allocated to business-type activities, deferred charges, capital assets and long-term liabilities.	3,936,450
TOTAL NET POSITION - GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES	\$ 58,082,760

Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances Governmental Funds For The Fiscal Ended September 30, 2024

Taxes and franchise fees Licenses and permits	\$ 12,981,200 999,713	\$ 4,270,831			Funds	Funds
Licenses and permits	999,713	C 1 2 2 2 2 2 1				
•		φ 4,2/0,031	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,857,347	\$ 20,109,378
		-	-	-	-	999,713
Charges for services	1,421,523	-	-	-	-	1,421,523
Fines and forfeitures	484,616	- (7.10.4	-	-	-	484,616
Interest income	544,185	67,104	982,430	-	222,078	1,815,797
Intergovernmental	503,000	-	-	983,763	-	1,486,763
Miscellaneous	416,589				141,352	557,941
Total revenues	17,350,826	4,337,935	982,430	983,763	3,220,777	26,875,731
EXPENDITURES						
Current:						
General government	4,455,376	-	-	-	-	4,455,376
Public safety	8,884,774	-	-	183,398	1,843,374	10,911,546
Culture and recreation	2,650,500	-	-	-	3,626	2,654,126
Economic development	-	-	-	-	87,910	87,910
Public works	920,228	-	-	703,163	80,233	1,703,624
Capital outlay	115,543	-	4,650,483	97,202	182,707	5,045,935
Debt service:						
Principal	64,424	3,205,000	57,636	-	35,516	3,362,576
Interest and other charges	4,724	928,013	64,146		7,102	1,003,985
Total expenditures	17,095,569	4,133,013	4,772,265	983,763	2,240,468	29,225,078
Excess (deficiency) of						
revenues over expenditures	255,257	204,922	(3,789,835)	-	980,309	(2,349,347)
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)						
Right-to-use subscription assets	29,118	-	-	-	60,149	89,267
Issuance of debt	-	-	3,545,000	-	-	3,545,000
Premium on bond issuance	-	-	152,448	-	-	152,448
Transfers in	829,510	149,000	235,000	-	-	1,213,510
Transfers out	(635,000)				(464,510)	(1,099,510)
Total other financing sources (uses)	223,628	149,000	3,932,448		(404,361)	3,900,715
Net change in fund balances	478,885	353,922	142,613	-	575,948	1,551,368
Fund Balance, beginning	9,111,255	869,782	21,122,790		4,345,721	35,449,548
FUND BALANCE, ending	\$ 9,590,140	\$ 1,223,704	\$ 21,265,403	\$ -	\$ 4,921,669	\$ 37,000,916

Reconciliation of the Governmental Funds Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances to the Statement of Activities For the Fiscal Year Ended September 30, 2024

#### TOTAL NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE - GOVERNMENTAL FUND

\$ 1,551,368

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

Governmental funds report outlays for capital assets as expenditures. However, in the statement of activities the cost of those assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives and reported as depreciation expense. This is the amount of capital assets recorded in the current period.

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Depreciation expense on capital assets is reported in the statement of activities but does not require the use of current financial resources. Therefore, depreciation expense is not reported as expenditures in the governmental funds.

(2,528,082)

The issuance of long-term debt (e.g. bonds, arbitrage liability, and SBITA liabilities) (\$3,545,000, \$196,076 and \$89,267) provides current financial resources to governmental funds, while the repayment of the principal of long-term debt, including leases and SBITAs, of \$3,262,236 consumes the current financial resources of governmental funds. Neither transaction, however, has any effect on net position. Also, governmental funds report the effect of premiums, discounts, and similar items of \$152,548, when debt is first issued, whereas the amounts are deferred and amortized in the statement of activities. This amount is the net effect of these differences in the treatment of long-term debt and related items.

(474,419)

Current year changes in long-term liability for compensated absences do not require the use of current financial resources; therefore, are not reported as expenditures in governmental funds.

(170,069)

Current year changes in accrued interest payable do not require the use of current financial resources; therefore, are not reported as expenditures in governmental funds.

(9,733)

Certain unavailable revenues in the government-wide statement of activities that do not provide current financial resources are not reported as revenue in the governmental funds.

(91,914)

Current year changes in the net pension liability, deferred inflows of resources and deferred outflows of resources in the pension plan. The net effect of these items decreased net position.

(635,771)

Current year changes in the net pension liability, deferred inflows of resources and deferred outflows of resources in the OPEB plans. The net effect of these items decreased net position.

(36,022)

Internal service funds are used by management to charge the costs of certain activities, such as fleet management, to individual funds. The net revenue of the internal service funds is reported with business-type activities.

450,173

#### **CHANGE IN NET POSITION - GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES**

\$ 2,758,468

# Fund Financial Statements Proprietary Funds

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**City of Watauga, Texas** Statement of Net Position Proprietary Funds September 30, 2024

	Business-Type Activities			
	Water and Sewer	Drainage Utility	Total Enterprise Funds	Governmental Activities - Internal Service Fund
ASSETS				
Current assets:				
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 2,124,488	\$ 4,478,350	\$ 6,602,838	\$ 2,054,311
Investments	11,367,888	693,898	12,061,786	-
Accounts receivable and unbilled				
revenue less allowance for uncollectibles	1,656,383	77,761	1,734,144	-
Inventories	46,983		46,983	
Total current assets	15,195,742	5,250,009	20,445,751	2,054,311
Non-current assets:				
Capital Assets:				
Land	91,000	-	91,000	-
Construction in Progress	886,655	166,825	1,053,480	-
Buildings	3,246,847	106,931	3,353,778	154,068
Right-to-use assets	38,060	-	38,060	-
Equipment	2,266,952	152,938	2,419,890	5,000,397
Drainage improvements	-	21,722,744	21,722,744	-
Waterworks and sanitary sewer				
system	35,606,567	-	35,606,567	-
	42,136,081	22,149,438	64,285,519	5,154,465
Less Accumulated depreciation/amortization	(9,858,988)	(12,047,198)	(21,906,186)	(3,036,595)
Capital assets net of depreciation/amortization	32,277,093	10,102,240	42,379,333	2,117,870
Total assets	47,472,835	15,352,249	62,825,084	4,172,181
DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES				
Deferred outflows - OPEB	34,717	11,572	46,289	-
Deferred outflows - pension	521,038	173,679	694,717	-
Total deferred outflows	555,755	185,251	741,006	

**City of Watauga, Texas** Statement of Net Position – Continued Proprietary Funds September 30, 2024

	Bus	siness-Type Activi	lies	
	Water and Sewer	Drainage Utility	Enterprise Funds	Governmental Activities - Internal Service Fund
LIABILITIES				
Current liabilities:				
Payable from current assets	¢ /20 E74	\$ 34,516	¢ /72.000	<b>c</b>
Accounts payable	\$ 638,574 112,650	\$ 34,516 14,294	\$ 673,090 126,944	\$ -
Accrued liabilities	8,774	14,274	8,774	-
Current portion of right-to-use leases  Current portion of compensated	0,774	-	0,774	-
absences	6,550	887	7,437	_
Current portion of bonds payable	1,485,000	-	1,485,000	_
Deposits	924,836	_	924,836	_
Payable from restricted assets	, 2 1,000		, 2 1,000	
Accrued interest	98,924		98,924	
Total current liabilities	3,275,308	49,697	3,325,005	
Noncurrent liabilities:	4 407		07	
Right-to-use leases	4,487	-	4,487	-
Bonds payable	19,372,380	-	19,372,380	-
Compensated absences	67,021	20,892	87,913	-
Total OPEB liability	140,018	46,673	186,691	<del>-</del>
Net pension liability	1,137,064	379,021	1,516,085	
Total non-current liabilities	20,720,970	446,586	21,167,556	
Total liabilities	23,996,278	496,283	24,492,561	
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES				
Deferred inflows - OPEB	112,445	37,482	149,927	
Total deferred inflows	112,445	37,482	149,927	
NET POSITION				
Net investment in capital assets	19,925,262	10,102,240	30,027,502	2,117,870
Unrestricted	3,994,605	4,901,495	8,896,100	2,054,311
TOTAL NET POSITION	\$ 23,919,867	\$ 15,003,735	38,923,602	\$ 4,172,181
Reconciliation to government-wide statement of net	position			
Adjustment to reflect the consolidation of internal				
service fund activities related to enterprise funds	S		235,731	
Net position of business-type activities			\$ 39,159,333	

Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Fund Net Position Proprietary Funds

For the fiscal year ended September 30, 2024

	Business-Type Activities				
	Water and Sewer	Drainage Utility	Total Enterprise Funds	Governmental Activities - Internal Service Fund	
OPERATING REVENUES	\$ 4,884,393	\$ -	\$ 4,884,393	\$ -	
Water service Sewer service	4,104,160	Ψ -	4,104,160	Ψ - -	
Drainage fees	-	1,489,328	1,489,328	=	
Service fees and miscellaneous	689,066		689,066	87,660	
Total operating revenues	9,677,619	1,489,328	11,166,947	87,660	
OPERATING EXPENSES					
Personnel services	1,791,497	435,386	2,226,883	-	
Supplies	113,983	27,530	141,513	-	
Maintenance	75,236	22,541	97,777	-	
Contractual services	5,577,018	315,998	5,893,016	<del>-</del>	
Capital outlay	71,936	17,068	89,004	52,554	
Depreciation and amortization	588,073	447,442	1,035,515	312,962	
Total operating expenses	8,217,743	1,265,965	9,483,708	365,516	
Operating income (loss)	1,459,876	223,363	1,683,239	(277,856)	
NON - OPERATING REVENUES (EXPENSES)					
Investment income	432,464	260,456	692,920	110,784	
Loss on disposal of capital assets	(289,990)	-	(289,990)	-	
Interest expense	(454,821)		(454,821)		
TOTAL NON - OPERATING REVENUE					
(EXPENSES), net	(312,347)	260,456	(51,891)	110,784	
Income (loss) before transfers	1,147,529	483,819	1,631,348	(167,072)	
Towns form in				565,000	
Transfers in Transfers out	(485,000)	(194,000)	(679,000)	-	
Change in net position	662,529	289,819	952,348	397,928	
TOTAL NET POSITION, beginning of the year	23,257,338	14,713,916		3,774,253	
TOTAL NET POSITION, ending of the year	\$ 23,919,867	\$ 15,003,735		\$ 4,172,181	
Reconciliation to government-wide statement of net p	oosition				
Adjustment to reflect the consolidation of internal service fund activities related to enterprise funds	33311011		(52,245)		
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Change in net position of business-type activities			\$ 900,103		

Statement of Cash Flows Proprietary Funds For the fiscal year ended September 30, 2024

	Bus				
	Water and Sewer	Drainage Utility	Total Enterprise Funds	Governmental Activities - Internal Service Fund	
OPERATING ACTIVITIES					
Cash received from customers  Cash payments to suppliers for goods and services	\$ 9,982,024 (5,747,371)	\$ 1,495,296 (384,327)	\$ 11,477,320 (6,131,698)	\$ 87,660 (52,554)	
Cash payments to employees for services	(1,650,864)	(398,546)	(2,049,410)	-	
Net cash provided by operating activities	2,583,789	712,423	3,296,212	35,106	
NONCAPITAL FINANCING ACTIVITIES					
Transfers from other funds	-	-	-	565,000	
Transfers to other funds	(485,000)	(194,000)	(679,000)		
Net cash provided by (used in) in noncapital financing activities	(485,000)	(194,000)	(679,000)	565,000	
CAPITAL AND RELATED FINANCING ACTIVITIES					
Proceeds on issuance of debt	3,525,352	-	3,525,352	-	
Proceeds from the sale of equipment	(289,990)	-	(289,990)	-	
Purchase of capital assets	(4,946,739)	(255,039)	(5,201,778)	(712,700)	
Repayment of debt	(1,328,515)	-	(1,328,515)	-	
Bond issuance costs	(78,637)	-	(78,637)	-	
Interest paid on debt	(441,290)		(441,290)	-	
Net cash used in capital and related financing activities	(3,559,819)	(255,039)	(3,814,858)	(712,700)	
INVESTING ACTIVITIES					
Sale of investments	874,687	(37,176)	837,511	-	
Investment income	432,464	260,456	692,920	110,784	
Net cash provided by investing activities	1,307,151	223,280	1,530,431	110,784	
NET CHANGE IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	(153,879)	486,664	332,785	(1,810)	
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS , beginning of year	2,278,367	3,991,686	6,270,053	2,056,121	
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS , end of year	\$ 2,124,488	\$ 4,478,350	\$ 6,602,838	\$ 2,054,311	
Reconciliation of operating income (loss)					
to net cash provided by operating activities					
Operating income (loss)  Adjustments to reconcile operating income (loss)  to net cash provided by operating activities	\$ 1,459,876	\$ 223,363	\$ 1,683,239	\$ (277,856)	
Depreciation and amortization	588,073	447,442	1,035,515	312,962	
Loss on disposal of assets	289,990	-	289,990	-	
Change in assets and liabilities					
Accounts receivable and unbilled revenue	219,207	3,158	222,365	-	
Inventories	(35,098)	-	(35,098)	-	
Deferred outflows - OPEB	(30,391)	(10,130)	(40,521)	-	
Deferred outflows - pension	258,992	86,331	345,323	-	
Accounts payable	(121,625)	1,620	(120,005)	-	
Accrued liabilities	23,388	4,196	27,584	-	
Deposits	42,733	-	42,733	-	
Compensated absences	21,275	653	21,928	-	
Net pension liability	(168,168)	(56,056)	(224,224)	-	
Total OPEB liability	(28,614)	(9,538)	(38,152)	-	
Deferred inflows - OPEB	64,151	21,384	85,535		
NET CASH PROVIDED BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES	\$ 2,583,789	\$ 712,423	\$ 3,296,212	\$ 35,106	

Notes to the Basic Financial Statements

## Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

The City of Watauga (the City) Home Rule Charter was adopted by the voters at an election held on January 19, 1980 and amended January 19, 1985, August 8, 1987, August 11, 1990, January 15, 1994, August 10, 1996, August 8, 1998, September 14, 2002, May 7, 2005, November 6, 2007, May 11, 2013 and November 5, 2019. The City operates under a Council-Manager form of government. The accounting and reporting policies of the City relating to the funds included in the accompanying basic financial statements conform to accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP) applicable to state and local governments.

The City prepares its basic financial statements in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) as applied to governmental units. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is the accepted standard-setting body for establishing governmental accounting and financial reporting principles. The more significant accounting policies of the City are described below.

### A. Financial Reporting Entity

The basic financial statements of the City include the primary government and its component units, entities for which the primary government is financially accountable and other entities for which the nature and significance of their relationship with the primary government are such that exclusion would cause the reporting entity's financial statements to be misleading or incomplete.

The definition of the reporting entity is based primarily on the notion of financial accountability. A primary government is financially accountable for the organizations that make up its legal entity. It is also financially accountable for legally separate organizations if its officials appoint a voting majority of an organization's governing body and either it is able to impose its will on that organization or there is a potential for the organization to provide specific financial benefits to, or to impose specific financial burdens on, the primary government. A primary government may also be financially accountable for governmental organizations that are fiscally dependent on it.

A primary government has the ability to impose its will on an organization if it can significantly influence the programs, projects, or activities of, or the level of services performed or provided by, the organization. A financial benefit or burden relationship exists if the primary government (a) is entitled to the organization's resources; (b) is legally obligated or has otherwise assumed the obligation to finance the deficits of, or provide financial support to, the organization; or (c) is obligated in some manner for the debt of the organization.

The following entities were found to be component units of the City and are included in the basic financial statements:

The Watauga Economic Development Corporation (WEDC) was created to encourage the development and advancement of City businesses, development and parks within the City. It provides services that entirely benefits the City. The WEDC is funded through a ¼ cent sales tax and is a Type B corporation. The WEDC is composed of two funds: a special revenue fund and a capital projects fund. Its governing board is appointed by the City Council the City Council is the final authority for approving of funding of projects and the WEDC annual budget. On WEDC's governing board, there are 7 seats which, at a max, 4 seats are allocated to members of the City Council. During 2024, three seats are from the City Council, two are citizens and the last two seats are vacant, which have been vacant since inception. In September 2024, the City added two additional members to the Board. In addition, two of the Certificate of Obligations, the City issued on behalf of the WEDC.

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The Watauga Crime Control and Prevention District Fund's (WCCPD) sole purpose is to act on behalf of the City in the accumulation and use of resources to add law enforcement officers and purchase additional equipment and supplies for law enforcement purposes. It provides services that entirely benefits the City. The WCCPD's governing board is appointed by the City Council and the City Council is the final authority for approval of funding of projects and the WCCPD's annual budget. The WCCPD is reported as a special revenue fund.

A blended presentation has been used to report the financial information of these component units. The financial information for the individual component units is available from the City.

#### 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 about the City as a whole. These statements include all activities of the primary government and its blended component units. For the most part the effect of interfund activity has been removed from these statements. Interfund services provided and used are not eliminated in the process of consolidation. Governmental activities, which normally are supported by taxes and intergovernmental revenues, are reported separately from business-type activities, which rely to a significant extent on fees and charges for support.

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

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

#### C. Fund Financial Statements

The City segregates transactions related to certain functions or activities in separate funds in order to aid financial management and to demonstrate legal compliance. Separate statements are presented for governmental and proprietary activities. These statements present each major fund as a separate column on the fund financial statements; all non-major funds are aggregated and presented in a single column.

Governmental funds are those funds through which most governmental functions typically are financed. The measurement focus of governmental funds is on the sources, uses and balance of current financial resources. The City has presented the following major governmental funds:

## General Fund

The General Fund is the main operating fund of the City. This fund is used to account for all financial resources not accounted for in other funds. All general tax revenues and other receipts that are not restricted by law or contractual agreement to some other fund are accounted for in this fund. General operating expenditures, fixed charges and capital improvement costs that are not paid through other funds are paid from the General Fund.

Notes to the Basic Financial Statements

#### **Debt Service Fund**

The Debt Service Fund is used to account for the accumulation of financial resources for the payment of principal, interest and related costs on general long-term debt paid primarily from taxes levied by the City. The fund balance of the Debt Service Fund is restricted exclusively for debt service expenditures.

#### Capital Projects Fund

The Capital Projects Fund is used to account for financial resources to be used for the acquisition or construction of major capital facilities and equipment. Financing is provided primarily by the sale of tax notes, general obligation and contractual obligation bonds.

#### **COVID-19 Grant Fund**

The COVID-19 Grant Fund is used to account for the CARES Grant Interlocal Agreement with Tarrant County passed through the federal government for Coronavirus relief. The eligible expenses include expenses related to COVID-19 response, including payroll and benefits costs, public health and safety, telework enhancements, etc. The City received American Rescue Plan Act funding in 2021 and 2022 that was deposited to this fund for future use.

Proprietary Funds are accounted for using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. The accounting objectives are determinations of net income, financial position and cash flow. All assets and liabilities are included on the Statement of Net Position.

The City has presented the following major proprietary funds:

#### **Water and Sewer Fund**

The Water and Sewer Fund is used to account for the provision of water and sewer services to the residents of the City. Activities of the fund include administration, operations and maintenance of the water and sewer system and billing and collection activities. The fund also accounts for the accumulation of resources for, and the payment of, long-term debt principal and interest for water and sewer debt. All costs are financed through charges to utility customers with rates reviewed regularly, at least annually, and adjusted if necessary to ensure integrity of the funds.

#### **Drainage Utility Fund**

The Drainage Utility Fund is used to account for the user fees charged per residential and commercial unit to enhance drainage of properties within the City. All activities necessary to provide such services are accounted for in this fund, including, but not limited to, administration, operations and maintenance.

Additionally, the City reports an Internal Service Fund, which was established in 1997 for the purpose of replacing equipment. Departments are charged user fees to accumulate funds to be used in replacing existing equipment as needed.

Proprietary funds distinguish operating revenues and expenses from non-operating items. Operating revenues and expenses generally result from providing services and producing and delivering goods in connection with a proprietary fund's principal ongoing operations. Operating expenses for the proprietary funds include the cost of personnel and contractual services, supplies and depreciation on capital assets.

All revenues and expenses not meeting this definition are reported as non-operating revenues and expenses.

Notes to the Basic Financial Statements

### D. Measurement Focus, Basis of Accounting and Financial Statement Presentation

Measurement focus refers to what is being measured; basis of accounting refers to when revenues and expenditures are recognized in the accounts and reported in the financial statements. Basis of accounting relates to the timing of the measurement made, regardless of the measurement focus applied.

The government-wide statements and fund financial statements for proprietary funds are reported using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. The economic resources measurement focus means all assets and liabilities (whether current or non-current) are included on the statement of net position and the operating statements present increases (revenues) and decreases (expenses) in total net position. Under the accrual basis of accounting, revenues are recognized when earned, including unbilled water and sewer services, which are accrued. Expenses are recognized at the time the liability is incurred.

Governmental fund financial statements are reported using the current financial resources measurement focus and are accounted for using the modified accrual basis of accounting. Under the modified accrual basis of accounting, revenues are recognized when susceptible to accrual, i.e., when they become both measurable and available. "Measurable" means the amount of the transaction can be determined and "available" means collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to be used to pay liabilities of the current period. The City considers revenues as available if they are collected within 60 days after year end. Expenditures are recorded when the related fund liability is incurred. However, debt service expenditures, as well as expenditures related to compensated absences are recorded only when payment is due.

The revenues susceptible to accrual are property taxes, franchise fees, licenses, charges for service, interest income and intergovernmental revenues. Sales taxes collected and held by the state at year end on behalf of the government are also recognized as revenue. All other governmental fund revenues are recognized when received.

### E. Deposits and Investments

Substantially all operating cash, deposits, and short-term investments are maintained in consolidated cash accounts or individual fund investment accounts. Related interest income is allocated to the various funds based primarily on ownership by each fund of specific investments. Cash equivalents consist of highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less.

For purposes of the statement of cash flows, the City considers all highly liquid investments to be cash equivalents. Certificates of Deposit are reported at cost plus accrued interest. All other investments are reported at fair value.

State statutes authorize the City to invest in obligations of the U.S. Government or its agencies; obligations of the State of Texas or its agencies; and certain other obligations, repurchase agreements, money market mutual funds, and certificates of deposits within established criterion. During the year ended September 30, 2024, the City did not own any types of securities other than those permitted by statute.

Notes to the Basic Financial Statements

#### F. Receivables

All trade and property tax receivables are shown net of an allowance for uncollectibles.

Property taxes are levied for appropriation for the fiscal year beginning on October 1, are due October 1, attach as an enforceable lien on property as of January 1, and become delinquent on February 1. Property taxes are accrued based on the period for which they are levied and available. Delinquent taxes estimated not to be available are treated as deferred revenue in the governmental fund financial statements. Property taxes for cities, including those applicable to debt service, are limited by the Texas Constitution to \$2.50 per \$100 of assessed valuation. The City's current tax rate is \$0.570200 per \$100 of assessed valuation and assessed valuation is approximately 100% of estimated value.

### G. Prepaid Items

Prepaid items indicate payments made by the City in the current year to provide services occurring in a subsequent fiscal year. The consumption approach provides for the initial reporting of the item as an asset while recognition of the expenditure when the item is actually used or consumed.

#### H. Inventories

Inventories, which are recognized as expenditures as they are consumed, are stated at cost (first-in, first-out method). Inventories consist primarily of expendable supplies. Inventories are offset by a fund balance reserve account in applicable governmental funds to indicate the inventory values are not available for appropriation and are not expendable financial resources.

### I. Interfund Receivables and Payables

Activities between funds that are representative of lending/borrowing arrangements outstanding at the end of the fiscal year are referred to as either "due to/from other funds" (i.e., the current portion of interfund loans) or "advances to/from other funds" (i.e., the non-current portion of interfund loans). Any residual balances outstanding between the governmental activities and business-type activities are reported in the government-wide financial statements as "internal balances".

#### J. Transfers Between Funds

Legally authorized transfers are treated as interfund transfers and are included in the results of operations of both governmental and proprietary funds. Interfund transfers in the fund statements are reported as other financing sources (uses) in governmental funds and after non-operating revenues (expenses) in the proprietary funds.

### K. Capital Assets

Capital assets, which include property, plant, equipment, and infrastructure assets, are reported in the applicable governmental or business-type activities columns in the government-wide financial statements and in the fund financial statements for proprietary funds. All capital assets are valued at historical cost or estimated historical cost if actual historical cost is not available. Donated capital assets, donated works of art and similar items, and capital assets received in a service concession arrangement are valued at their acquisition value on the date donated. Repairs and maintenance are recorded as expenses. Renewals and betterments are capitalized. Interest has not been capitalized during the construction period on property, plant, equipment, and infrastructure assets.

Notes to the Basic Financial Statements

Assets capitalized, not including infrastructure assets, have an original cost of \$5,000 or more and over five years of useful life. Depreciation has been calculated on each class of depreciable property using the straight-line method. Estimated useful lives are as follows:

Buildings and improvements 50 years Improvements other than buildings 50 years Equipment 10 years Drainage Improvements 50 years Infrastructure 9-50 years Waterworks and sanitary sewer system 50 years

#### L. Leases

The City is a lessee for non-cancellable leases of property and equipment. The City recognizes a lease liability, reported with long-term debt, and a right-to-use lease asset (lease asset), reported with other capital assets, in the government-wide financial statements.

At the commencement of a lease, the City initially measures the lease liability at the present value of payments expected to be made during the lease term. Subsequently, the lease liability is reduced by the principal portion of lease payments made. The lease asset is initially measured as the initial amount of the lease liability, adjusted for lease payments made at or before the lease commencement date, plus certain initial direct costs. Subsequently, the lease asset is amortized on a straight-line basis over the shorter of the lease term or its useful life.

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

- The City uses its estimated incremental borrowing rate as the discount rate for leases.
- The lease term includes the non-cancellable period of the lease.
- Lease payments included in the measurement of the lease receivable are composed of fixed payments from the lessee, variable payments from the lessee that are fixed in substance or that depend on an index or a rate, residual value guarantee payments from the lessee that are fixed in substance, and any lease incentives that are payable to the lessee.

The City monitors changes in circumstances that would require a re-measurement of its leases and will re-measure the lease asset and liability if certain changes occur that re expected to significantly affect the amount of the lease liability.

## M. Subscription-Based Information Technology Arrangements (SBITAs)

The City has noncancellable contracts with SBITA vendors for the right-to-use information technology (IT) software, alone or in combination with tangible capital assets (the underlying IT assets). The City recognizes a subscription liability, reported with long-term debt, and a right-to-use subscription asset (an intangible asset), reported with other capital assets, in the government-wide and proprietary fund financial statements. The City recognizes subscription liabilities with an initial, individual value of \$25,000 or more.

Notes to the Basic Financial Statements

At the commencement of a SBITA, the City initially measures the subscription liability at the present value of payments expected to be made during the subscription term. Subsequently, the subscription liability is reduced by the principal portion of SBITA payments made. The subscription asset is initially measured as the initial amount of the subscription liability, adjusted for SBITA payments made at or before the SBITA commencement date, plus certain initial implementation costs. Subsequently, the subscription asset is amortized on a straight-line basis over the shorter of the subscription term or the useful life of the underlying IT assets.

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

The City uses the interest rate charged by the SBITA vendor as the discount rate. When no interest rate is provided by the vendor, the City generally uses its estimated incremental borrowing rate as the discount rate for SBITAs. The subscription term includes the noncancellable period of the SBITA. Subscription payments included in the measurement of the subscription liability are composed of fixed payments, variable payments fixed in substance or that depend on an index or a rate, termination penalties if the City is reasonably certain to exercise such options, subscription contract incentives receivable from the SBITA vendor, and any other payments that are reasonably certain of being required based on an assessment of all relevant factors.

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

#### N. Compensated Absences

City employees are granted vacation, sick and other compensated time pay in varying amounts. In the event of termination, an employee hired before 10/1/2013 is reimbursed for accumulated unused vacation days up to a maximum of 60 days, or an employee hired after 10/1/2013 is reimbursed for accumulated unused vacation days up to a maximum of 30 days if the employee has completed their probationary period of six months for a non-civil service employee or at least one year for civil service employees. On January 1, 2023, the City updated its sick leave policy to where all employees can accumulate sick leave, but only civil service employees, upon termination, can be reimbursed 100% of 90 days The current and long-term liabilities for accumulated vacation and sick leave are reported on the government-wide financial statements and in the proprietary fund financial statements. The total liability for compensated absences at September 30, 2024 was \$1,822,179, including \$ 95,350 of proprietary fund balances which are included in current and non-current liabilities on the proprietary fund statement of net position.

Notes to the Basic Financial Statements

The estimated vacation liability expected to be satisfied with available financial resources is included in accrued salaries and wages in the governmental funds.

#### O. Deferred Inflows and Outflows of Resources

The statement of net position includes a separate section, in addition to assets, for deferred outflows of resources. Deferred outflows of resources, represents a consumption of net assets that applies to future periods and therefore will not be recognized as an expense/expenditure until that time. In addition to liabilities, the statement of net position reports a separate section for deferred inflows of resources. Deferred inflows of resources, represents an acquisition of net assets that applies to future periods and so will not be recognized as revenue until that time.

The City has the following items that qualify for reporting as deferred outflows or inflows of resources:

- Difference in projected and actual earnings on pension assets this difference is deferred and amortized over a closed five-year period.
- Difference in expected and actual pension and OPEB experience this difference is deferred and amortized over a closed period that approximates the estimated average remaining lives of all members on the measurement date.
- Difference in pension and OPEB actuarial assumption changes this difference is deferred and amortized over a closed period that approximates the estimated average remaining lives of all members on the measurement date.
- Pension and OPEB contributions after measurement date these contributions are deferred and recognized in the following fiscal year.
- Emergency medical services and property taxes are recognized in the period the amount becomes available.

#### P. Fund Balance

The City reports fund balances in accordance with GASB Statement No. 54 "Fund Balance Reporting and Governmental Fund Type Definitions." This Statement provides clearly defined fund balance categories to make the nature and extent of the constraints placed on a government's fund balances more transparent. The following classifications describe the relative strength of the spending constraints:

Non-spendable fund balance – amounts that are not in spendable form or are required to be maintained intact. As such, the inventory and prepaid items have been classified as non-spendable in the Governmental Funds Balance Sheet.

Restricted fund balance – amounts that can be spent only for specific purposes because of local, state or federal laws, or externally imposed conditions by grantors or creditors. Restrictions for capital acquisitions and contractual obligations, debt service and other purpose and state restrictions have been properly classified in the Governmental Funds Balance Sheet.

Committed fund balance – amounts constrained to specific purposes by the City itself, using its highest level of decision-making authority (i.e., the City Council). To be reported as committed, amounts cannot be used for any other purposes unless the City takes the same highest level of action to remove or change the constraint. The City establishes (and modifies and rescinds) fund balance commitments by passage of a resolution by City Council. Once the resolutions or ordinances are adopted, the limitation imposed remains in place until a similar action is taken (the adoption of another resolution or ordinance) to remove or revise the limitation. There were no committed fund balances as of September 30, 2024.

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Assigned fund balance – amounts the City intends to use for a specific purpose. Intent can be expressed by the City or by an official or body to which the City Council delegates the authority. Per the City's fund balance policy, assigned fund balance amounts are established by the City Manager. There were no assigned fund balances as of September 30, 2024.

Unassigned fund balance – amounts that are available for any purpose. The general fund is the only fund that reports a positive unassigned fund balance amount. However, in governmental funds other than the general fund, if expenditures incurred for specific purposes exceed the amounts that are restricted, committed, or assigned to those purposes, it may be necessary to report a negative unassigned fund balance in that fund.

When multiple categories of fund balance are available for expenditure, the City will first spend the most restricted funds before moving down to the next most restrictive category with available funds.

### Q. Net Position

Net position represents the difference between assets, deferred outflows of resources, liabilities and deferred inflows of resources. The City's net investment in capital assets consists of capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation/amortization, reduced by the outstanding balances of any borrowing used for the acquisition, construction or improvements of those assets, and adding back unspent proceeds. Net position is reported as restricted when there are limitations imposed on their use either through the enabling legislations adopted by the City or through external restrictions imposed by creditors, grantors or laws or regulations of other governments. When an expenditure is incurred for purposes for which both restricted and unrestricted fund balance is available, the City considers restricted funds to have been spent first.

### R. Encumbrances

Encumbrances for goods or purchased services are documented by purchase orders or contracts. Since under Texas law, appropriations lapse at fiscal year-end, outstanding encumbrances are appropriately provided for in the subsequent years' budget to provide for the liquidation of the prior commitments. As of September 30, 2024, the City had no encumbrances in the General Fund that rolled over into the new fiscal year.

### S. Pension

For purposes of measuring the Net Pension Liability, deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions, and pension expense, information about the Fiduciary Net Position of the 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. Information regarding the City's Total Pension Liability is obtained from TMRS through a report prepared for the City by TMRS consulting actuary, GRS Retirement Consulting, in compliance with Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statements No. 68 and No. 71.

### T. Other Post-Employment Benefits

The City provides its retirees the opportunity to maintain health insurance coverage by participating in the City's self-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.

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Information regarding the City's total liability for this plan is obtained through a report prepared by GRS Retirement Consulting, 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, GRS Retirement Consulting, in compliance with GASB Statement No. 75.

### **U. New Accounting Pronouncements**

The GASB pronouncements effective in fiscal years 2024 and significant pronouncements that are effective beyond are listed as follows:

GASB Statement No. 99, Omnibus 2022 (GASB 99), enhances comparability in accounting and financial reporting and improves consistency of authoritative literature by addressing 1) practice issues that have been identified during implementation and application of certain GASB statements and 2) accounting and financial reporting for financial guarantees. The requirements related to extension of the use of LIBOR, accounting for SNAP distributions, disclosures of nonmonetary transactions, pledges of future revenues by pledging governments, clarification of certain provisions in Statement 34, as amended, and terminology updates related to Statement 53 and Statement 63 are effective upon issuance. The requirements related to leases were implemented in the City's fiscal year 2022 financial statements in conjunction with GASB 87. The requirements related to PPPs and SBITAs are effective for fiscal years beginning after June 15, 2022, and all reporting periods thereafter. These requirements for GASB 99 were implemented in the City's fiscal year 2023 financial statements in conjunction with GASB 94 and GASB 96 with no impact to amounts previously provided. The requirements related to financial guarantees and the classification and reporting of derivative instruments within the scope of Statement 53 are effective for fiscal years beginning after June 15, 2023, and all reporting periods thereafter. These requirements for GASB 99 were in the City's fiscal year 2024 financial statements with no impact to amounts previously provided.

GASB Statement No. 100, Accounting Changes and Error Corrections (GASB 100), enhances accounting and financial reporting requirements for accounting changes and error corrections to provide more understandable, reliable, relevant, consistent, and comparable information for making decisions or assessing accountability. This statement 1) defines accounting changes and corrections of errors; 2) prescribes the accounting and financial reporting for each type of accounting change and error corrections; and 3) clarifies required note disclosures. The requirements of this statement are effective for reporting periods beginning after June 15, 2023, with earlier application encouraged. GASB 100 was implemented in the City's fiscal year 2024 financial statements with no impact to amounts previously provided.

GASB Statement No. 101, Compensated Absences (GASB 101), improves the information needs of financial statements users by updating the recognition and measurement guidance for compensated absences under a unified model and amending certain previously required disclosures. The requirements of this statement are effective for reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2023, with earlier application encouraged. GASB 101 will be implemented in the City's fiscal year 2025 financial statements and the impact has not yet been determined.

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### Note 2. Deposits (Cash) and Investments

The Public Funds Investment Act (Government Code Chapter 2256) (the Act) contains specific provisions in the areas of investment practices, management reports and establishment of appropriate policies. Among other things, it requires the City to adopt, implement, and publicize an investment policy. That policy must address the following areas: (1) safety of principal and liquidity, (2) portfolio diversification, (3) allowable investments, (4) acceptable risk levels, (5) expected rates of return, (6) maximum allowable stated maturity of portfolio investments, (7) maximum average dollar-weighted maturity, allowed based on the stated maturity date for the portfolio, (8) investment staff quality and capabilities, (9) and bid solicitation preferences for certificates of deposit.

Statutes and the City's investment policy authorized the City to invest in the following investments as summarized in the following table:

			Maximum
	Final Stated	Maximum	Investment
	Maximum	Percentage	in One
Authorized Investment Type	Maturity	of Portfolio	Issuer
Public funds investment	N/A	100%	None
Certificates of deposit	5 years	100%	None
U.S. Treasury obligations	5 years	100%	None
No-load money market	5 years	50%	None
Repurchase agreements	5 years	50%	None
State of Texas securities	5 years	50%	None
U.S. agency obligations	5 years	50%	None
Commercial paper	5 years	10%	None

The Act also requires the City to have independent auditors perform test procedures related to investment practices as provided by the Act. The City is in substantial compliance with the requirements of the Act and with local policies.

Deposits and investments as of September 30, 2024, are classified in the accompanying financial statements as follows:

Governmental Activities	\$ 42,166,727
Business Type Activities	 18,664,624
	\$ 60,831,351

Deposits and investments as of September 30, 2024, consist of the following:

Deposits with financial institutions	\$	4,942,362
Petty cash		669
Investments		55,888,320
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	Φ	60,831,351

\$10,000 of the deposits with financial institutions listed above are in a joint use facility fund with the City of North Richland Hills. The funds are to be used to maintain a water and sewer transfer station.

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Some of items above are classified as short-term investments and are included in cash and cash equivalents.

For the purposes of the statement of cash flows, the City considers all highly liquid investments with maturities at the date of purchase of three months or less to be cash equivalents.

### A. Disclosures Relating to Interest Rate Risk

Interest rate risk is the risk that changes in market interest rates will adversely affect the fair value of an investment. Generally, the longer the maturity of an investment the greater the sensitivity of its fair value to changes in market interest rates. One of the ways that the City manages its exposure to interest rate risk is by investing mainly in investment pools which purchase a combination of shorter-term investments with an average maturity of less than 365 days thus reducing the interest rate risk. The City monitors the interest rate risk inherent in its portfolio by measuring the weighted average maturity of its portfolio. The City has no specific limitations with respect to this metric.

As of September 30, 2024, the City had the following investments:

			Weighted
Investment Type	Со	rrying Value	Average Maturity
TexPool	\$	14,364,150	31 days
TexPool Prime		1,390,313	38 days
TexasTERM		524,456	41 days
LOGIC		345,009	48 days
Money Market		35,960,114	Daily
CDs		3,304,278	211 days
	\$	55,888,320	

\$1,452,051 of the investments listed above are in a joint use facility fund with the City of North Richland Hills. The funds are to be used to maintain a water and sewer transfer station.

As of September 30, 2024, the City did not invest in any securities which are highly sensitive to interest rate fluctuations.

### B. Disclosures Relating to Credit Risk

Generally, credit risk is the risk that an issuer of an investment will not fulfill its obligation to the holder of the investment. This is measured by the assignment of a rating by a nationally recognized statistical rating organization. Presented below is the minimum rating required by (where applicable) the Public Funds Investment Act, the City's investment policy or debt agreements and the actual rating as of year-end for each investment type.

Investment Type	Со	rrying Value	Minimum Rating Required	Actual Investment Rating
TexPool	\$	14,364,150	AAA	AAAm
TexPool Prime		1,390,313	AAA	AAAm
TexasTerm		524,456	AAA	AAAmmf
LOGIC		345,009	AAA	AAA
Money Market		35,960,114	N/A	N/A
CDs		3,304,278	N/A	N/A
	\$	55,888,320		

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### C. Concentration of Credit Risk

The investment policy of the City contains no limitations on the amount that can be invested in any one issuer. As of September 30, 2024, other than external investment pools and securities guaranteed by the United States Government, the City did not have 5% or more of its investments with one issuer.

### D. Custodial Credit Risk

Custodial credit risk for deposits is the risk that, in the event of the failure of a depository financial institution, a government will not be able to recover its deposits or will not be able to recover collateral securities that are in the possession of an outside party. The custodial credit risk for investments is the risk that, in the event of the failure of the counterparty to a transaction, a government will not be able to recover the value of its investment or collateral securities that are in the possession of another party. The Public Funds Investment Act and the City's investment policy do not contain legal or policy requirements that would limit the exposure to custodial credit risk for deposits or investments, other than the following provision for deposits.

The Public Funds Investment Act requires that a financial institution secure deposits made by state or local governmental units by pledging securities in an undivided collateral pool held by a depository regulated under state law (unless so waived by the governmental unit). The fair value of the pledged securities in the collateral pool must equal at least the bank balance less the FDIC insurance of \$250,000 at all times.

At September 30, 2024, the carrying amount of the City's cash on hand and deposits was \$4,942,362 and the bank balance was \$5,840,056. Of the bank balance, \$250,000 was covered by federal depository insurance while the remaining \$5,590,056 was secured with securities held by the pledging financial institution's trust department or agent in the City's name.

The City is a voluntary participant in the TexPool, LOGIC and TexasTERM external investment pools.

The State Comptroller of Public Accounts exercises responsibility over TexPool. Oversight includes the ability to significantly influence operations, designation of management, and accountability for fiscal matters. Additionally, the State Comptroller has established an advisory board composed of both Participants in TexPool and other persons who do not have a business relationship with TexPool. TexPool operates in a manner consistent with the SEC's Rule2a7 of the Investment Company Act of 1940. TexPool uses amortized cost rather than market value to report net position to compute share prices. Accordingly, the fair value of the position in TexPool is the same as the value of TexPool Shares.

LOGIC is governed by a six member board and is an AAA-rated investment program tailored to the investment needs of local governments within the state of Texas and is administered by First Southwest Asset Management, Inc. and JPMorgan Chase. LOGIC assists governments across Texas making the most of taxpayer dollars by allowing local officials to improve the return on their invested balances by pooling their money with other entities to achieve economies of scale in a conservative fund. LOGIC is a "Constant Dollar" net asset value pool and is in full compliance with the Texas Public Funds Investment Act.

TexasTERM is organized in conformity with the Interlocal Cooperation Act, Chapter 791 of the Texas Government Code, and the Public Funds Investment Act, Chapter 2256 of the Texas Government Code. A seven-member advisory board governs the Pool. As required by the Public Funds Investment Act, the Advisory Board is composed of participants in the Pool and other persons who do not have a business relationship with the Pool. Under agreement with the TexasTERM Advisory Board, PFM Asset Management LLC provides administrative and investment services to the pool. The Pool purchases only investments of the type in which Texas local governments are permitted to invest their own funds. The fair value of the position in TexasTERM is the same as the value of TexasTERM shares.

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The City's external pooled funds are reported at amortized cost or net asset value as permitted by GASB Statement No. 79, Certain External Investment Pools and Pool Participants. External investment pools are exempt from fair value reporting and are, therefore, excluded from the fair value hierarchy. In addition, The City's investment pools do not have any limitations and restrictions on withdrawals such as notice periods or maximum transaction amounts. The pools do not impose any liquidity fees or redemption gates.

The City categorizes its fair value measurements within the fair value hierarchy established by generally accepted accounting principles. GASB Statement No. 72, Fair Value Measurement and Application provides a framework for measuring fair value which establishes a three-level fair value hierarchy that describes the inputs that are used to measure assets and liabilities.

- Level 1 inputs are quoted prices (unadjusted) for identical assets or liabilities in active markets that a government can access at the measurement date.
- Level 2 inputs are inputs other than quoted prices included within Level 1 that are observable for an asset or liability, either directly or indirectly.
- Level 3 inputs are unobservable inputs for an asset or liability.

The fair value hierarchy gives the highest priority to Level 1 inputs and the lowest priority to Level 3 inputs. If a price for an identical asset or liability is not observable, a government should measure fair value using another valuation technique that maximizes the use of relevant observable inputs and minimizes the use of unobservable inputs. If the fair value of an asset or a liability is measured using inputs from more than one level of the fair value hierarchy, the measurement is considered to be based on the lowest priority level input that is significant to the entire measurement.

Market values of money market accounts are based on quoted market values using Level 2 inputs. Certificates of deposit are recorded at cost plus accrued interest and are exempt from the fair value hierarchy.

### Note 3. Receivables

Accounts receivable balances for the year ended September 30, 2024, was as follows:

### Governmental Funds:

	General	Debt Service		apital ojects	onmajor ernmental	Total
Receivables:	 				 	 
Property taxes	\$ 191,925	\$	97,542	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 289,467
Salestax	834,159		-	-	475,641	1,309,800
Garbage	104,103		-	-	-	104,103
Ambulance	711,661		-	-	-	711,661
Other	54,821		1,025	 	 5,879	 61,725
Gross receivables Less: allowance for	1,896,669		98,567	-	481,520	2,476,756
uncollectibles	(417,360)		(29,573)		_	(446,933)
Total net receivables	\$ 1,479,309	\$	68,994	\$ -	\$ 481,520	\$ 2,029,823

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Proprietary Funds:

	٧	Water and Drainage Sewer Utility			Total
Receivables: Customer accounts	\$	2,056,397	\$	110,104	\$ 2,166,501
Gross receivables Less: allowance for		2,056,397		110,104	2,166,501
uncollectibles		(400,014)		(32,343)	 (432,357)
Total net receivables	\$	1,656,383	\$	77,761	\$ 1,734,144

### Note 4. Capital Assets

Capital asset activity for the year ended September 30, 2024, was as follows:

	Balance, September 30, 2023	Additions/ Completions	Retirements	Transfers	Balance, September 30, 2024
Governmental activities					
Capital assets, not being depreciated					
Land	\$ 19,394,600	\$ -	-	\$ -	\$ 19,394,600
Construction in progress	3,792,671	1,440,682		(2,516,702)	2,716,651
Total capital assets, not being depreciated	23,187,271	1,440,682	-	(2,516,702)	22,111,251
Capital assets being depreciated					
Buildings and improvements	22,974,473	862,083	-	290,997	24,127,553
Right-to-use leased assets	610,442	-	-	-	610,442
Right-to-use subscription assets	-	89,267	-	-	89,267
Improvements other than buildings	801,603	-	-	-	801,603
Equipment	18,912,433	1,134,904	(120,596)	-	19,926,741
Infrastructure	39,655,555	1,948,849		2,225,705	43,830,109
Total capital assets, being depreciated/amortized	82,954,506	4,035,103	(120,596)	2,516,702	89,385,715
Less accumulated depreciation					
Buildings and improvements	7,473,653	445,764	-	-	7,919,417
Right-to-use leased assets	156,901	78,451	-	-	235,352
Right-to-use subscription assets	-	7,605	-	-	7,605
Improvements other than buildings	118,616	16,032	-	-	134,648
Equipment	12,020,200	1,051,803	(120,596)	=	12,951,407
Infrastructure	30,051,288	1,189,143			31,240,431
Total accumulated depreciation/amortization	49,820,658	2,788,798	(120,596)	=	52,488,860
Total capital assets being depreciated/amortized, net	33,133,848	1,246,305		2,516,702	36,896,855
Governmental activities capital assets, net	\$ 56,321,119	\$ 2,686,987	-	-	\$ 59,008,106

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		alance, ember 30, 2023		dditions/ mpletions	Retirements			Transfers	Balance, September 30, 2024		
Business-type Activities				,		,					
Capital assets, not being depreciated:											
Land	\$	91,000	\$	-	\$	=	\$	-	\$	91,000	
Construction in progress		2,754,752		223,945		(290,000)		(1,635,217)		1,053,480	
Total capital assets, not being depreciated		2,845,752		223,945		(290,000)		(1,635,217)		1,144,480	
Capital assets, being depreciated:											
Buildings and improvements		3,353,778		-		=		-		3,353,778	
Right-to-use leased assets		38,060		-	E					38,060	
Equipment		2,518,868	519,542		(58,508)		-			2,979,902	
Street and drainage improvements	2	21,374,563	88,215		-		259,967			21,722,745	
Waterworks and sewer system	2	29,862,188		4,370,086		=		1,375,250		35,607,524	
Total capital assets, being depreciated/amortized	5	57,147,457		4,977,843		(58,508)		1,635,217		63,702,009	
Less accumulated depreciation											
Buildings and improvements		1,508,337		63,675		=		-		1,572,012	
Right-to-use leased assets		15,224		7,612	-			-		22,836	
Equipment		1,676,702		107,289	(58,508)					1,725,483	
Street and drainage improvements	1	1,483,007		429,081	-		-			11,912,088	
Waterworks and sewer system		6,518,903		480,103		=		=		6,999,006	
Total accumulated depreciation/amortization	2	21,202,173		1,087,760		(58,508)		-		22,231,425	
Total capital assets being depreciated/amortized, net	3	35,945,284		3,890,083		-		1,635,217		41,470,584	
Business-type activities capital assets, net	\$ 3	38,791,036	\$	4,114,028	\$	(290,000)	\$		\$	42,615,064	

Depreciation expense was charged as direct expense to programs of the primary government as follows:

Governmental Activities	
General government	\$ 581,288
Public safety	425,364
Culture and recreation	271,751
Public works	1,249,679
Internal Service Fund	260,716
Total depreciation/amortization expense - Governmental Activities	\$ 2,788,798
Business-type activities Water and wastewater Drainage Internal Service Fund	\$ 588,073 447,442 52,245
Total depreciation/amortization expense - Business-type Activities	\$ 1,087,760

During the year ended September 30, 2024, \$1,882,079 and \$235,731 of internal service fund capital assets were recorded in governmental activities and business-type activities, respectively, on the accompanying statement of net position. Additionally, \$260,716 and \$52,245 of internal service fund depreciation expense were recorded in governmental activities and business-type activities, respectively, on the accompanying statement of activities.

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Construction in progress and remaining commitments under construction related construction contracts at September 30, 2024 are as follows:

	R	emaining	Total in
Project Name	Co	mmitment	Progress
Governmental Activities			
Whitley Road - Phase 5		43,065	739,935
Park Vista Park		15,785	22,715
Park Vista Stormwater Rehab		8,798	97,202
Hightower Road Phase One		379,625	1,314,375
Ambulance		226,001	153,591
CDBG 4TH Year		-	2,498
Arcadia Trail Design		250,000	33,347
Tarrant County Streets		384,582	309,438
Business Incubator Project		-	 43,550
Total governmental activities	\$	1,307,856	\$ 2,716,651
Business-type Activities:			
Water, Sewer and Drainage			
Projects	\$	36,210	\$ 424,050
Sanitary Sewer Evaluation Study - Phase Two		312	224,688
CDBG-CV, Round 4		8,890	40,010
Park Vista Storm Drainage		-	166,825
Wastewater Phase Two (North)		2,091	197,907
Total business-type activities	\$	47,503	\$ 1,053,480

### Note 5. Long-Term Debt

Compensated absences, OPEB and pension liabilities are generally liquidated by the General Fund, Water and Sewer Fund, and the Drainage Utility Fund.

During the fiscal year ended September 30, 2024, the City issued Combination Tax and Limited Pledge Revenue Certificates of Obligation, Series 2024 in amount of \$6,925,000 with an interest rate of 4% to 5% and a premium in the amount of \$297,800. The proceeds will be used for constructing, acquiring, purchasing, renovating, enlarging and improving the City's utility system; designing, constructing, renovating, improving and equipping the City's parks and recreational facilities, including new trail lights and renovations to the community center and splash pad; constructing, acquiring, purchasing, renovating, enlarging and improving City administrative facilities, including renovations and improvements to City Hall, the City Library, and the and the Public Works Department; acquiring fire-fighting and other public safety equipment and vehicles, including a fire truck; the purchase of materials, supplies, equipment, digital signage, machinery, landscaping, land and rights-of-way for authorized needs and purposes related to the aforementioned capital improvements; payment for professional and employee services relating to the design, construction, project management, inspection, consultant services, and financing of the aforementioned projects; and paying for the costs of the issuance of the Certificates.

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The following is a summary of long-term debt transactions of the City for the year ended September 30, 2024:

	Balance Beginning of Year		Increases		Decreases			Balance End of Year	Due Within One Year	
Governmental activities:  General obligation bonds	\$	345,000	\$		\$	(115,000)	\$	230,000	\$	115,000
Certificates of obligation	φ	29,975,000	Φ	3,545,000	Φ	(2,995,000)	Φ	30,525,000	φ	3,325,000
Tax Notes		195,000		3,343,000		(95,000)		100,000		100,000
Lease Payable		405,695		-		(87,727)		317,968		90,385
SBITA Payable		403,673		- 89.267		(12,214)		77.053		25,220
Unamortized bond premium		- 1,326,595		152,448		(85,646)		1,393,397		23,220
Note payable		60,352		132,440		(57,636)		2.716		- 2,716
Arbitrage payable		60,332		- 196.076		(37,036)		196,076		2,/10
Compensated absences		- 1,556,760		229,291		- (59,222)		1,726,829		75,276
Net Pension liability		9,136,621		227,271		(37,222)		7,959,450		/3,2/6
Net OPEB liability		1,180,423		-		(200,299)		980,124		-
Total governmental activities		44,181,446		4,212,082		(4,884,915)		43,508,613		3,733,597
Business-type activities:										
General obligation bonds		4,530,000		-		(605,000)		3,925,000		620,000
Certificates of obligation		13,335,000		3,380,000		(715,000)		16,000,000		865,000
Lease Payable		21,776		-		(8,515)		13,261		8,774
Unamortized bond premium		865,665		145,352		(78,637)		932,380		-
Compensated absences		73,422		27,182		(5,254)		95,350		7,437
Net Pension liability		1,740,309		-		(224,224)		1,516,085		-
Net OPEB liability		224,843		-		(38,152)		186,691		-
Total business-type activities		20,791,015		3,552,534		(1,674,782)		22,668,767		1,501,211
Total government-wide activities	\$	64,972,461	\$	7,764,616	\$	(6,559,697)	\$	66,177,380		5,234,808

### A. General Obligation Bonds and Certificates of Obligation

General Obligation Bonds are direct obligations issued on a pledge of the general taxing power for the payment of the debt obligations of the City. General Obligation Bonds and Certificates of Obligation require the City to compute, at the time other taxes are levied, the rate of tax required to provide (in each year bonds are outstanding) a fund to pay interest and principal at maturity. The City is in compliance with this requirement.

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General obligations bonds and certificates of obligation payable at September 30, 2024, are comprised of the following individual issues:

\$3,400,000 Series 2007 Combination Tox and Limited Pledge Revenue Certificates of Obligation due in annual installments of \$45,000 to \$255,000 through February 1, 2027; interest at 4,11%.  \$3,500,000 Series 2014 Combination Tox and Limited Pledge Revenue Certificates of Obligation due in annual installments of \$85,000 to \$700,000 through February 2034; interest at 2,25% to 3,50%.  \$3,585,000 Series 2014 Combination Tox and Limited Pledge Revenue Certificates of Obligation due in annual installments of \$285,000 to \$355,000 through February 2034; interest of 2,125% to 4,00%.  \$3,585,000 Series 2017 Certificates of Obligation due in annual installments of \$245,000 to \$450,000 to \$480,000 through February 1, 2037; interest at 3,00%.  \$4,7325,000 Series 2018 Certificates of Obligation due in annual installments of \$245,000 to \$480,000 through February 1, 2038; interest at 3,00%.  \$4,8790,000 Series 2019 Combination Tox and Limited Pledge Revenue Certificates of Obligation due in annual installments of \$195,000 to \$400,000 through February 1, 2038; interest at 2,00% to \$200,000 Series 2020 Combination Tox and Limited Pledge Revenue Certificates of Obligation due in annual installments of \$115,000 to \$205,000 through February 1, 2040; interest at 1,50% to 3,00%.  \$4,715,000 Series 2020 General Obligation Refunding Bonds due in annual installments of \$115,000 to \$235,000 through February 1, 2041; interest at 2,00% 4,00%.  \$4,200,000 Series 2021 Combination Tox and Limited Pledge Revenue Certificates of Obligation due in annual installments of \$185,000 to \$295,000 through February 1, 2040; interest at 2,00% 4,00%.  \$4,200,000 Series 2021 Combination Tox and Limited Pledge Revenue Certificates of Obligation due in annual installments of \$185,000 to \$470,000 through February 1, 2042; interest at 2,00% 4,00%.  \$4,200,000 Series 2021 Combination Tox and Limited Pledge Revenue Certificates of Obligation due in annual installments of \$105,000 to \$470,000 through February 1, 2042; interest at 4,00%.  \$4,800,000 Series 2024 Com		Governmental	Business-type
Certificates of Obligation due in annual installments of \$85,000 to \$90,0000 through February 2034; interest at 2,25% to 3,50%.  2,5,885,000 Series 2016 Combination Tax and Limited Pledge Revenue Certificates of Obligation due in annual installments of \$285,000 to \$355,000 through February 2036; interest at 2,125% to 4,00%  3,825,000 Series 2017 Certificates of Obligation due in annual installments of \$245,000 to \$480,000 through February 1, 2037; interest at 3,00%.  3,00%.  3,00%.  4,780,000 Series 2018 Certificates of Obligation due in annual installments of \$245,000 to \$480,000 through February 1, 2038; interest at 3,00% to 5,00%.  4,660,000 Series 2018 Certificates of Obligation due in annual installments of \$245,000 to \$480,000 through February 1, 2038; interest at 3,00% to 5,00%.  4,8490,000 Series 2019 Combination Tax and Limited Pledge Revenue Certificates of Obligation due in annual installments of \$195,000 to \$555,000 through February 1, 2039; interest at 2,00% to 5,00%.  2,910,000 Series 2020 Combination Tax and Limited Pledge Revenue Certificates of Obligation due in annual installments of \$115,000 to \$295,000 through February 1, 2040; interest at 1,50% to 3,00%.  2,270,000 Series 2020 Ceneral Obligation Refunding Bonds due in annual installments of \$115,000 to \$235,000 through February 1, 2041; interest at 2,00% -4,00%.  3,715,000 Series 2021 Combination Tax and Limited Pledge Revenue Certificates of Obligation due in annual installments of \$185,000 to \$295,000 through February 1, 2041; interest at 2,00% -4,00%.  3,715,000 Series 2022 Combination Tax and Limited Pledge Revenue Certificates of Obligation due in annual installments of \$100,000 through February 1, 2042; interest at 4,00%.  3,715,000 Series 2022 Combination Tax and Limited Pledge Revenue Certificates of Obligation due in annual installments of \$100,000 to \$1,070,000 through February 2033; interest at 4,00%.  3,7405,000 Series 2022 Combination Tax and Limited Pledge Revenue Certificates of Obligation due in annual installments of \$285,0	Certificates of Obligation due in annual installments of \$65,000 to	\$ 735,000	\$ -
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Total bonds payable         \$ 30,755,000         \$ 19,925,000	Certificates of Obligation due in annual installments of \$160,000 to	3,545,000	3,380,000
	Total bonds payable	\$ 30,755,000	\$ 19,925,000

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Notes payable at September 30, 2024, are comprised of the following:

	Governmental		Business-type	
Note payable to City of North Richland Hills annual installments of \$63,068, including interest at 4.5%, maturing October 2024.	\$	2,716		-
Total notes payable	\$	2,716		_
Total bonds and notes payable	\$	30,757,716	\$	19,925,000

Tax notes at September 30, 2024, are comprised of the following individual issues:

	Gov	ernmental
\$450,000 Series 2020 Tax Note due in annual installments of \$75,000 to		
\$100,000 through February 1, 2025; interest at 3.50%	\$	100,000
Total tax notes	\$	100,000

### B. Annual Requirements to Retire Debt Obligations

The annual aggregate maturities for each type of debt obligation for the years subsequent to September 30, 2024, are as follows:

### **General Obligation Bonds**

		Governmental Activities				Business-type Activities				
	Р	Principal		Interest		Principal		nterest		Total
2025		115,000		2,018		620,000		92,649		829,667
2026		115,000		673		635,000		78,125		828,798
2027		-		-		415,000		64,525		479,525
2028		-		-		425,000		51,925		476,925
2029		-		-		440,000		38,950		478,950
2030-2032		-				1,390,000		44,275		1,434,275
	\$	230,000	\$	2,691	\$	3,925,000	\$	370,449	\$	4,528,140

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### **Certificates of Obligation**

	Government	al Activities	Business-typ	Business-type Activities		
	Principal	Interest	Principal	Interest	Total	
2025	3,325,000	1,005,339	865,000	485,183	5,680,522	
2026	1,975,000	904,012	875,000	459,723	4,213,735	
2027	1,940,000	829,440	1,050,000	419,723	4,239,163	
2028	1,635,000	760,978	925,000	378,173	3,699,151	
2029	1,695,000	700,584	955,000	345,423	3,696,007	
2030-2034	8,525,000	2,668,085	5,215,000	1,301,700	17,709,785	
2035-2039	7,500,000	1,315,656	4,990,000	543,313	14,348,969	
2040-2044	3,930,000	291,600	1,125,000	116,500	5,463,100	
	\$ 30,525,000	\$ 8,475,694	\$ 16,000,000	\$ 4,049,738	\$ 59,050,432	

### Tax Notes

		Government	vities			
	Principal		Principal Interest			
2025	\$	100,000	\$	1,750	\$	101,750
	\$	100,000	\$	1,750	\$	101,750

### **Notes Payable**

	(	overnment					
	Pri	ncipal	In	terest	Total		
2025	\$	2,716	\$	\$ -		2,716	
	\$	2,716	\$	-	\$	2,716	

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### Lease Payable

The City has entered into multiple lease agreements as lessee. The leases allow the right-to-use equipment over the term of the lease. The City is make monthly or annual payments at its incremental borrowing rate or the interest rate stated or implied within the leases. The lease rate, term and ending liability are as follows:

Governmental activities	Interest Rate	Ending Balance			
Office leases	3%	\$	317,968		

						Total
Years		Principal	1	nterest	Requirements	
2025	\$	90,385	\$	8,631	\$	99,016
2026	Ψ	62,818	Ψ	6,076	φ	68,894
2027		25,463		4,941		30,404
2028		26,227		4,177		30,404
2029		27,014		3,390		30,404
Thereafter		86,061		5,212		91,273
	\$	317,968	\$	32,427	\$	350,395

The value of the right-to-use assets at the end of the current fiscal year was \$610,442 with accumulated amortization of \$235,352.

Business-type activities	Interest Rate	Endi	ng Balance
Office leases	3%	\$	13,261

						Total
Years	Principal		lı	nterest	Rec	uirements
2025	\$	8,774	\$	278		9,052
2026		4,487		39		4,526
	\$	13,261	\$	317	\$	13,578

The value of the right-to-use assets at the end of the current fiscal year was \$38,060 with accumulated amortization of \$22,836.

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### **Subscription-based IT Arrangements**

The City leases certain software under subscription-based IT arrangements (SBITA).

In June 2024, the City entered into a 2.7 year subscription arrangement for the use of certain software. An initial subscription liability was recorded in the amount of \$29,118. As of September 30, 2024, the value of the subscription liability was \$29,118. The City is required to make annual principal and interest payments of \$14,914. The subscription has an implicit interest rate of 5.00%. The value of the right-to-use asset as of September 30, 2024 was \$29,118 with accumulated amortization of \$3,595.

In June 2024, the City entered into a five-year subscription arrangement for the use of certain software. An initial subscription liability was recorded in the amount of \$60,149. As of September 30, 2024, the value of the subscription liability was \$47,935. The City is required to make annual principal and interest payments ranging from \$12,703 to \$14,569. The subscription has an implicit interest rate of 5.00%. The value of the right-to-use asset as of September 30, 2024 was \$60,149 with accumulated amortization of \$4,010.

The future principal and interest lease payments as of September 30, 2024 were as follows:

Governmental activities	Interest Rate		Ending Balance		
Software		5%	\$	77,053	
Years	Pr	incipal	In	nterest	Total
2025	\$	25,220	\$	2,397	\$ 27,617
2026		25,534		2,591	28,125
2027		12,424		1,315	13,739
2028		13,875		694	 14,569
	\$	77,053	\$	6,997	\$ 84,050

### **Arbitrage Liability**

The Tax Reform Act of 1986 instituted certain arbitrage restrictions consisting of complex regulations with respect to issuance 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 table if applicable rebates are not reported and paid to the Internal Revenue Service at least every five years for applicable bond issues. Accordingly, there is the risk that if such calculations are not performed or performed correctly, a liability to the City could result. The City periodically engages an arbitrage consult to perform the calculations in accordance with the Internal Revenue Service's rules and regulations. The City has recorded an arbitrage liability in the amount of \$196,076 as of September 30, 2024.

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### Note 6. Interfund Receivables, Payables, and Transfers

All interfund transfers between the various funds are approved supplements to the operations of those funds. At September 30, 2024, transfers in/out for governmental and proprietary funds are as follows:

Transfers In	Transfers Out	 Amounts	
General Fund	Nonmmajor Fund	\$ 279,000	
General Fund	Drainage Utility Fund	74,000	
General Fund	Nonmmajor Fund	36,510	
General Fund	Water and Sewer Fund	440,000	
Capital Projects Fund	General Fund	235,000	
Debt Service Fund	Nonmmajor Fund	149,000	
Internal service fund	Drainage Utility Fund	120,000	
Internal service fund	General Fund	400,000	
Internal service fund	Water and Sewer Fund	 45,000	
		\$ 1,778,510	

Transfers are primarily used to move funds to:

- General Fund from Nonmajor Fund for general and administration charges. The General Fund pays for these services and the amount of transfer is calculated annually by an estimate of personnel hours that spent on economic development projects and tasks.
- Debt Service Fund from Nonmajor Fund for the payment of debt service requirements for authorized WEDC funded projects.
- General Fund from Drainage Utility Fund for general and administrative charges.
- General Fund from Nonmajor Fund for general and administrative charges.
- General Fund from Water and Sewer Fund for general and administrative charges.
- Capital Projects Fund from the general fund for the payment of sidewalk replacements and street repairs and overlays.
- Internal Service Fund from the General Fund for the payment of capital outlay items.
- Internal Service Fund from the Water and Sewer Fund for payment of general and administrative charges.
- Internal Service Fund from the Drainage Utility Fund for payment of general and administrative charges.

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### Note 7. Pension Plan

The City participates as one of 934 plans in the defined benefit cash-balance plan administered by the Texas Municipal Retirement System (TMRS). TMRS is a statewide public retirement plan 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 employees of Texas participating cities. The TMRS Act places the general administration and management of TMRS with a six-member, Governor-appointed Board of Trustees; however, TMRS is not fiscally dependent on the State of Texas. TMRS issues a publicly available Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (Annual Report) that can be obtained at <a href="mailto:tmrs.com">tmrs.com</a>.

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

### A. 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 Member's benefit is calculated based on the sum of the Member's contributions, with interest, and the city-financed monetary credits with interest. The retiring Member may select one of seven monthly benefit payment options. Members may also choose to receive a portion of their benefit as a lump sum distribution in an amount equal to 12, 24 or 36 monthly payments, which cannot exceed 75% of the total Member contributions and interest.

The plan provisions are adopted by the City Council, within the options available in the state statutes governing TMRS. Plan provisions for the City were as follows:

Employee deposit rate	7.00%
Matching ration (city to employee)	2 to 1
Years required for vesting	5
Updated Service Credit	
Annuity Increase (to retirees)	. •

Members can retire at ages 60 and above with 5 or more years of service or with 20 years of service regardless of age.

### B. Employees covered by benefit terms

At the December 31, 2023 valuation and measurement date, the following employees were covered by the benefit terms:

Inactive employees or beneficiaries currently receiving benefits	147
Inactive employees entitled to but not yet receiving benefits	181
Active employees	163
	491

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### C. Contributions

Member contribution rates in TMRS are either 5%, 6% or 7% of the Member's total compensation, 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 actuary, using the Entry Age Normal (EAN) actuarial cost method. The City's contribution rate is based on the liabilities created from the benefit plan options selected by the City and any changes in benefits or actual experience over time.

Employees for the City were required to contribute 7.00% of their annual compensation during the fiscal year. The contribution rates for the City were 14.74% and 16.53% in calendar years 2023 and 2024, respectively. The city's contributions to TMRS for the year ended September 30, 2024 were \$2,000,175, and were equal to the required contributions.

### D. Net Pension Liability

The City's Net Pension Liability (NPL) was measured as of December 31, 2023, 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, 2023 actuarial valuation was determined using the following actuarial assumptions:

Inflation 2.50% per year

Overall payroll growth 2.75% per year, adjusted down for population declines, if any linvestment Rate of Return 6.75%, net of pension plan investment expense, including inflation

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. Male rates are multiplied by 103% and female rates are multiplied by 105%. The rates for actives, healthy retirees and beneficiaries are projected on a fully generational basis by the most recent Scale MP-2021 to account for future mortality improvements. For disabled annuitants, the same mortality tables for healthy retirees are 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 the most recent Scale MP-2021 to account for future mortality improvements subject to the 3% floor.

The actuarial assumptions were developed primarily from the actuarial investigation of the experience of TMRS over the four-year period from December 31, 2018 to December 31, 2022. The assumptions were adopted in 2023 and first used in the December 31, 2023, actuarial valuation. The post-retirement mortality assumption for Annuity Purchase Rates (APRs) 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 to satisfy the short-term and long-term funding needs of TMRS.

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The long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was determined by best estimate ranges of expected returns for each major asset class. The long-term expected rate of return is determined by weighting the expected return for each major asset class by the respective target asset allocation percentage. The target allocation and best estimates of the expected return for each major asset class in fiscal year 2024 are summarized in the following table:

Asset Class	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 Member 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 Members. 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.

### **Changes in Net Pension Liability**

	Total Pension Plan Fiduciary Liability Net Position		Net Pension Liability		
Balance at December 31, 2022	\$	68,130,873	\$ 57,253,943	\$	10,876,930
Changes for the year:					
Service cost		2,174,738	-		2,174,738
Interest (on the Total Pension Liability)		4,586,111	-		4,586,111
Difference between expected					
and actual experience		1,583,619	-		1,583,619
Changes of assumptions		(477,471)	-		(477,471)
Contributions - employer		-	1,818,242		(1,818,242)
Contributions - employee		-	863,481		(863,481)
Net investment income		-	6,629,122		(6,629,122)
Benefit payments, including refunds of					
employee contributions		(2,551,719)	(2,551,719)		-
Administrative expense		-	(42,156)		42,156
Other		-	 (297)		297
Balance at December 31, 2023	\$	73,446,151	\$ 63,970,616	\$	9,475,535

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### Sensitivity of the net pension liability to changes in the discount rate

The following presents the Net Pension Liability of the City, calculated using the discount rate of 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:

	Current Single						
	1% Decrease		Rate Assumption		1% Increase		
		(5.75%)		(6.75%)		(7.75%)	
City's net pension liability	\$	20,187,746	\$	9,475,535	\$	736,995	

### E. Pension Plan Fiduciary Net Position

Detailed information about the pension plan's Fiduciary Net Position is available in the Schedule of Changes in Fiduciary Net Position, by Participating City. That report may be obtained at trms.com.

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

For the year ended September 30, 2024 the city recognized pension expense of \$2,717,574.

At September 30, 2024, the City reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions from the following sources:

	Deferred Outflows of Resources		Infl	ferred ows of
			Res	ources
Differences in expected and actual experience Difference in projected and actual	\$	1,260,963	\$	-
earnings on pension plan investments Employer contributions made after		1,529,441		-
the measurement date		1,551,578		-
Totals	\$	4,341,982	\$	-

\$1,551,578 reported as deferred outflows of resources related to pensions resulting from contributions subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a reduction of the net pension liability for the measurement year ending December 30, 2024 (i.e., recognized in the City's financial statements for the year ending September 30, 2025.)

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Other amounts reported as deferred outflows and inflows of resources related to pensions will be recognized in pension expense as follows:

		Net Deferred Outflows (Inflows)		
Fiscal Year	of	Resources		
2025	\$	1,331,976		
2026	Ψ	832,365		
2027		1,178,960		
2028		(552,897)		
Totals	\$	2,790,404		

### Note 8. Other Postemployment Benefits

### A. TMRS Supplemental Death Benefits Plan

### **Benefit Plan Description**

The City contributes to a single-employer defined benefit group term life insurance plan known as the Supplemental Death Benefits Fund (SDBF). Texas Municipal Retirement System (TMRS) administers a defined benefit group-term life insurance plan. This is a voluntary program in which participating member cities may elect, by ordinance, to provide group-term life insurance coverage for their active members, including or not including retirees. 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). The death benefit for retirees is considered another postemployment benefit (OPEB) and is a fixed amount of \$7,500. 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).

The member city contributes to the SDBF at a contractually required rate as determined by an annual actuarial valuation. The rate is equal to the cost of providing one-year term life insurance. The funding policy for the SDBF program is to assure that adequate resources are available to meet all death benefit payments for the upcoming year. The intent is not to pre-fund retiree term life insurance during employees' entire careers.

Membership in the plan as of the measurement date of December 31, 2023 was as follows:

Inactive employees or beneficiaries currently receiving benefits	89
Inactive employees entitled to but not yet receiving benefits	32
Active employees	163
Total	284

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### **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 0.17% 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 actives and retirees and the assets are not segregated for these groups. Under GASB 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 3.77% based on the 20 Year Bond GO Index published by bondbuyer.com is used as of the measurement date of December 31, 2023.

### **Actuarial Assumptions**

The City's Total OPEB Liability (TOL) was measured at December 31, 2023 and was determined by an actuarial valuation as of that date using the following actuarial assumptions:

Actuarial Cost Method Entry Age Normal

Inflation 2.50%

Salary Increases 3.60% to 11.85% including inflation

Discount Rate 3.77%

Salary increases were based on a service-related table. Mortality rates for active members, retirees, and beneficiaries were based on the gender-distinct 2019 Municipal Retirees of Texas mortality tables and due to the size of the City, rates are multiplied by an additional factor of 103% for males and 105% for females. The rates are projected on a fully generational basis by Scale MP-2021 to account for future mortality improvements. For disabled annuitants, the 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% minimum mortality rate is 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 MP-2021 to account for future mortality improvements subject to the floor.

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### Changes in Total OPEB Liability

	Total OPEB Liability	
Balance at December 31, 2022	\$	506,984
Changes for the year:		
Service cost		16,036
Interest (on the Total OPEB Liability)		20,533
Difference between expected and actual experience		(14,035)
Changes of assumptions		26,937
Benefit payments		(16,036)
Balance at December 31, 2023	\$	540,419

### **Sensitivity Analysis**

The following presents the Total OPEB Liability of the employer, calculated using the discount rate of 3.77%, 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 (2.77%) or 1 percentage point higher (4.77%) 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.

Current Single						
1%	Decrease	1%	Increase			
	2.77% 3.77%			4.77%		
\$	644,948	\$	540,419	\$	458,391	

**OPEB Expense and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to OPEB** For the year ended September 30, 2024, the City recognized OPEB expense of \$49,061, which included \$16,131 relating to the SDBF plan and \$32,930 relating to the WHCP plan.

As of September 30, 2024, the City reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to SDBF OPEB from the following sources:

	Deferred Outflows of Resources		Deferred Inflows of Resources	
Differences in expected and actual experience Differences in assumption changes Employer contributions made after the measurement date	\$	24,625 66,041 11,264	\$	(21,827) (161,537) -
Totals	\$	101,930	\$	- (183,364)

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The \$11,264 reported as deferred outflows of resources related to pensions resulting from City contributions subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a reduction of the OPEB liability in the measurement year ending December 30, 2024 (i.e., recognized in the City's financial statements for the year ending September 30, 2025.)

Amounts currently reported as deferred outflows of resources related to OPEBs, excluding contributions subsequent to the measurement date, will be recognized in OPEB expense as follows:

Fiscal Year	Outflo	Deferred ows (Inflows) Resources
2025	\$	(16,666)
2026		(31,079)
2027		(39,427)
2028		(5,582)
2029		56
Total	\$	(92,698)

### B. City of Watauga Retiree Health Care Plan

### Plan description

The City's defined benefit OPEB plan, City of Watauga Retiree Health Care Plan (WHCP), provides OPEB through an implicit healthcare premium for retirees for all permanent full-time employees of the City. WHCP 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 WHCP.

### **Benefits** provided

WHCP 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 September 30, 2024, the following employees were covered by the benefit terms:

Retirees and beneficiaries	-
Active members	150
Total	150

### **Total OPEB Liability**

The City's total OPEB liability of \$626,396 was measured as of December 31, 2023 and was determined by an actuarial valuation as of December 31, 2023.

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### **Actuarial Assumptions**

The total OPEB liability in the December 31, 2023 actuarial valuation was determined using the following actuarial assumptions and other inputs, applied to all periods included in the measurement, unless otherwise specified:

Actuarial Cost Method Individual Entry-Age

Inflation 2.50%

Salary Increases 3.60% to 11.85%, including inflation

Discount Rate 3.77%

Salary increases were based on a service-related table. Mortality rates for active members, retirees, and beneficiaries were based on the gender-distinct 2019 Municipal Retirees of Texas mortality tables and due to the size of the City, rates are multiplied by an additional factor of 103% for males and 105% for females. The rates are projected on a fully generational basis by Scale UMP to account for future mortality improvements. For disabled annuitants, the 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% minimum mortality rate is 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. Mortality rates for pre-retirement were based on the PUB (10) mortality tables, with the Public Safety table used for males and General Employee table used for females. The rates are projected on a fully generational basis by Scale UMP to account for future mortality improvements.

### **Discount Rate**

Because the WHCP is unfunded or pay-as-you go, the discount rate is based on 20-year tax-exempt AA or higher Municipal Bonds or 3.77% as of the measurement date of December 31, 2023 based on the 20 Year Bond GO Index published by bondbuyer.com.

### Changes in the Total OPEB Liability

	 otal OPEB Liability
Balance at December 31, 2022	\$ 898,282
Changes for the year:	
Service cost	71,625
Interest (on the Total OPEB Liability)	37,811
Difference between expected and actual experience	(423,604)
Changes of assumptions	43,282
Benefit payments	 (1,000)
Balance at December 31, 2023	\$ 626,396

Changes of assumptions reflect a change in the discount rate from 4.05% as of December 31, 2022 to 3.77% as of December 31, 2023, revised TMRS demographic and salary increase assumptions, and updates to the health care trend assumption to better reflect the plan's anticipated experience.

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### 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 3.77%, 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:

		Curr	ent Single		
1%1	Decrease	Rate	Assumption	1%	Increase
	2.77%		3.77%		4.77%
\$	694,051	\$	626,396	\$	565,469

### 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:

		(	Current		
		Heal <sup>-</sup>	thcare Cost		
		Tre	end Rate		
1%	Decrease	As	sumption	1%	Increase
	543,648		626.396		724,919

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

For the year ended September 30, 2024, the City recognized OPEB expense of \$49,061, which included \$16,131 relating to the SDBF plan and \$32,930 relating to the WHCP plan. On September 30, 2023, the City reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to the WHCP OPEB from the following sources:

	Ou	eferred utflows of esources	li	Deferred Inflows of Inflowses
Differences in expected and actual experience Differences in assumption changes Employer contributions made after the measurement date	\$	48,948 135,529 2,901	\$	(440,135) (313,541) -
Totals	\$	187,378	\$	(753,676)

The \$2,901 reported as deferred outflows of resources related to pensions resulting from City contributions subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a reduction of the OPEB liability in the measurement year ending December 30, 2024 (i.e., recognized in the City's financial statements for the year ending September 30, 2025.)

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Amounts currently reported as deferred outflows of resources related to the WHCP OPEB, excluding contributions subsequent to the measurement date, will be recognized in OPEB expense as follows:

	Ne	t Deferred
	Outflo	ows (Inflows)
Fiscal Year	of F	Resources
2025	\$	(76,506)
2026		(79,356)
2027		(79,326)
2028		(74,359)
2029		(76,365)
Thereafter		(183,287)
Total	\$	(569,199)

### Note 9. Risk Management

The City is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts such as: theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets, errors and omissions, injuries to employees, and natural disasters. The City participates in the Texas Municipal League Intergovernmental Risk Pool (Risk Pool) to provide general liability and property insurance and workers' compensation.

The City, along with other participating entities, contributes annual amounts determined by the Risk Pool. Contributions to the Risk Pool for workers' compensation are based on the City's payroll. As claims arise they are submitted to and paid by the Risk Pool.

The liability of the Texas Municipal League Intergovernmental Risk Pool is limited to a \$2,000,000 annual aggregate for general liability, errors and omissions, and law enforcement. The automobile liability limit for the risk pool is \$1,000,000 for each occurrence.

There have been no significant changes in insurance coverage as compared to last year. Settled claims resulting from these risks have not exceeded insurance coverage in any of the past three fiscal years.

### Note 10. Litigation

Various claims and lawsuits are pending against the City of Watauga. In the opinion of the City's Legal Counsel and Management, the potential losses will not have a material effect on the City's financial statements.

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### Note 11. Fund Balance Restrictions

Amounts that can be spent only for specific purposes because of local, state or federal laws, or externally imposed conditions by grantors or creditors are classified as restricted fund balance. A summary of restricted fund balance in the governmental funds at September 30, 2024, follows:

	Debt Service Funds	Capital Projects Fund	Non Major Governmental Funds	Total
Capital acquisitions and contractual obligations	\$ -	\$ 21,265,403	\$ 34,088	\$ 21,299,491
Debt service	1,223,704	-		1,223,704
Economic Development			2,863,867	2,863,867
Culture and recreation: Library purposes			74,612	74,612
Public works:	-	<del>-</del>	74,612	74,612
PEG Fees Street maintenance	<u> </u>		136,529 6,637 143,166	136,529 6,637 143,166
Public safety:	_	_	143,100	143,100
Law enforcement	-	-	1,581,922	1,581,922
Municipal court operations			224,014	224,014
			1,805,936	1,805,936
Total	\$ 1,223,704	\$ 21,265,403	\$ 4,921,669	\$ 27,410,776

**Required Supplementary Information** 

**City of Watauga, Texas**Budgetary Comparison Schedule General Fund For the fiscal year ended September 30, 2024

	Original	Final	Actual Amounts	Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)
Revenues	f 12 1 40 000	f 12.072.000	¢ 10.001.000	¢ (001.000)
Taxes and franchise fees	\$ 13,148,000	\$ 13,263,000	\$ 12,981,200	\$ (281,800)
Licenses and permits	762,700	912,700	999,713	87,013
Charges for services	1,313,000	1,398,000	1,421,523	23,523
Fines and forfeitures	559,500	559,500	484,616	(74,884)
Interest income	350,000	420,000	544,185	124,185
Intergovernmental	503,000	503,000	503,000	-
Miscellaneous	363,700	398,700	416,589	17,889
Total revenues	16,999,900	17,454,900	17,350,826	(104,074)
Expenditures				
Current:				
Administration	657,480	657,480	499,772	157,708
Non-departmental	879,415	879,415	882,191	(2,776)
Human resources	248,030	248,030	243,238	4,792
Finance	603,210	603,210	601,881	1,329
Information Technology	683,240	683,240	627,257	55,983
Municipal Court	456,110	456,110	433,419	22,691
Library	1,175,200	1,175,200	1,116,538	58,662
Recreation and community services	1,648,305	1,688,305	1,564,629	123,676
Police	5,073,500	5,073,500	4,859,288	214,212
Fire/EMS	4,096,490	4,096,490	4,070,004	26,486
Public works	1,011,640	1,011,640	849,494	162,146
Fleet maintenance	457,150	457,150	316,086	141,064
Buildings	1,069,900	1,069,900	1,031,772	38,128
Total expenditures	18,059,670	18,099,670	17,095,569	1,004,101
Excess (deficiency) of revenues				
over expenditures	(1,059,770)	(644,770)	255,257	900,027
Other Financing Sources (Uses)				
Right-to-use subscription assets	-	-	29,118	(29,118)
Transfers in	861,000	861,000	829,510	31,490
Transfers out	(265,000)	(665,000)	(635,000)	(30,000)
Total other financing sources and uses	596,000	196,000	223,628	(27,628)
Net change in fund balances	(463,770)	(448,770)	478,885	872,399
Fund balance, beginning of year	9,111,255	9,111,255	9,111,255	
Fund balance, end of year	\$ 8,647,485	\$ 8,662,485	\$ 9,590,140	\$ 872,399

Notes to Required Supplementary Budget Information For the fiscal year ended September 30, 2024

### **BUDGETARY CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES**

The City Charter follows these procedures in establishing the budgetary data reflected in the financial statements:

- Prior to August 1, the City Manager submits to the City Council a proposed operating budget for the fiscal year commencing the following October 1. The operating budget includes proposed expenditures/expenses and the means of financing them.
- The proposed budget and all supporting schedules are filed with the City Secretary when submitted to City Council.
- Public hearings are conducted to obtain taxpayer comments.
- Prior to September 15, the budget is adopted by affirmative vote of at least two thirds of the members of the City Council.
- The City Manager is authorized to transfer budgeted amounts between programs within a
  department; however, any revisions that alter the total expenditures of any department must be
  approved by the City Council.
- If at any time during a fiscal year, it is estimated by the City Manager that current year's
  expenditures in any fund will exceed available revenues (including fund balance at the start of
  the year), the City Manager shall recommend measures to the City Council to ensure that a
  positive fund balance is maintained.
- Budgets for the General, WEDC Sales Tax, Watauga Crime Control and Prevention, Library Donation, Municipal Court Security, Municipal Court Technology, Municipal Court Truancy, Traffic Safety, Street Maintenance Sales Tax, PEG, Debt Service and Enterprise funds are adopted on a basis consistent with generally accepted accounting principles. Budgeted amounts are as amended by the City Council. Such appropriations lapse at year-end.
- Budgetary data for the Capital Projects Fund has not been presented in the accompanying
  financial statements as such funds are budgeted over the life of the respective project and not
  on an annual basis. Accordingly, formal budgetary integration of the Capital Projects Fund is
  employed and comparison of actual results of operations to budgetary data for such funds is not
  presented.
- For all non-major special revenue funds and the debt service fund, no budget amendments were made. Therefore, only final budget is presented.
- Formal budgetary integration is employed as a management control device during the year for the General Fund, Special Revenue Funds, other than Jury Fees fund, Debt Service Funds and Enterprise Funds. Budgetary control is maintained at the departmental level.
- Budgetary data for the Enterprise Funds has not been presented since the reporting on such budgets is not legally required. Budgetary control is maintained at the departmental level.

# **City of Watauga, Texas** Schedule of Changes in Net Pension Liability and Related Ratios Last Ten Measurement Years

			Year Ended	Year Ended December 31							
TOTAL PENCION LIABILITY	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	7	2023
Service cost	\$ 1,278,209	\$ 1,484,819	\$ 1,513,714	\$ 1,531,337	\$ 1,577,540	\$ 1,705,104	\$ 1,745,597	\$ 1,716,818	\$ 1,977,985	\$	2,174,738
Interest (on the total pension liability)	2,632,122	2,804,072	2,907,277	3,067,400	3,256,548	3,483,534	3,748,335	3,963,566	4,215,293	4	4,586,111
Difference between expected											
and actual experience	(422,782)	(273,667)	(570,355)	(100,072)	22,136	441,878	(140,317)	140,168	1,682,599	_	,583,619
Changes of assumptions		60,403	•	•		188,822	1				(477,471)
Benefit payments, including refunds											
of employee contributions	(1,197,706)	(1,071,136)	(1,083,810)	(1,890,714)	(1,548,423)	(1,566,087)	(2,267,132)	(2,034,085)	(2,409,607)	(2	(2,551,719)
Net change in total pension liability	2,289,843	3,004,491	2,766,826	2,607,951	3,307,801	4,253,251	3,086,483	3,786,467	5,466,270	5	5,315,278
Total pension liability, beginning	37,561,490	39,851,333	42,855,824	45,622,650	48,230,601	51,538,402	55,791,653	58,878,136	62,664,603	89	68,130,873
TOTAL PENSION LIABILITY, ending (a)	\$ 39,851,333	\$ 42,855,824	\$ 45,622,650	\$ 48,230,601	\$ 51,538,402	\$ 55,791,653	\$ 58,878,136	\$ 62,664,603	\$ 68,130,873	\$ 73	73,446,151
PLAN FIDUCIARY NET POSITION											
Contributions - employer	\$ 1,115,845	\$ 1,245,119	\$ 1,197,145	\$ 1,259,752	\$ 1,289,939	\$ 1,342,209	\$ 1,450,407	\$ 1,479,088	\$ 1,714,251	_	1,818,242
Contributions - employee	609,276	652,873	636,779	642,263	664,427	196'569	714,990	696,276	809,702		863,481
Net investment income	1,871,755	51,790	2,428,960	5,418,502	(1,332,865)	6,732,579	3,849,392	7,096,692	(4,499,187)	9	6,629,122
Benefit payments, including refunds											
of employee contributions	(1,197,706)	(1,071,136)	(1,083,810)	(1,890,714)	(1,548,423)	(1,566,087)	(2,267,132)	(2,034,085)	(2,409,607)	(2	(2,551,719)
Administrative expense	(19,541)	(31,544)	(27,433)	(28,079)	(25,758)	(38,033)	(24,904)	(32,829)	(38,930)		(42,156)
Other	(1,607)	(1,558)	(1,478)	(1,423)	1,155	(3,642)	(972)	225	46,456		(297)
Net change in plan fiduciary net position	2,378,022	845,544	3,150,163	5,400,301	(951,525)	7,162,987	3,721,781	7,205,367	(4,377,315)	9	6,716,673
Plan fiduciary net position, beginning	32,718,618	35,096,640	35,942,184	39,092,347	44,492,648	43,541,123	50,704,110	54,425,891	61,631,258	27	57,253,943
PLAN FIDUCIARY NET POSITION, ending (b)	\$ 35,096,640	\$ 35,942,184	\$ 39,092,347	\$ 44,492,648	\$ 43,541,123	\$ 50,704,110	\$ 54,425,891	\$ 61,631,258	\$ 57,253,943	\$ \$3	63,970,616
NET PENSION LIABILITY/ (ASSET), ending (a) - (b)	\$ 4,754,693	\$ 6,913,640	\$ 6,530,303	\$ 3,737,953	\$ 7,997,279	\$ 5,087,543	\$ 4,452,245	\$ 1,033,345	\$ 10,876,930	6 \$	9,475,535
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of total pension liability	88.07%	83.87%	85.69%	92.25%	84.48%	%88%	92.44%	98.35%	84.04%		87.10%
Covered Payroll	\$ 8,703,943	\$ 9,326,755	\$ 9,096,836	\$ 9,175,179	\$ 9,491,816	\$ 9,942,297	\$ 10,214,144	\$ 9,946,803	\$ 11,567,166	\$ 12	12,335,438
Net pension liability as a percentage of covered payroll	54.63%	74.13%	71.79%	40.74%	84.25%	51.17%	43.59%	10.39%	94.03%		76.82%

**City of Watauga, Texas** Schedule of Pension Contributions Last Ten Fiscal Years

					Year	Year Ended September 30	tem!	ber 30										
		2015	, ,	2016		2017		2018	7	2019	2020	02	7	2021	2022		2023	2024
Actuarially Determined Contribution	↔	\$ 1,190,315 \$ 1,194	\$	1,194,583	₩.	1,259,325	↔	1,259,325 \$ 1,274,565	- - -	\$ 1,332,221 \$ 1,459,430 \$ 1,462,002	\$ 1,45	59,430	, -,	,462,002	\$ 1,653,540		\$ 1,927,488	\$ 2,000,175
Confine to the deficient of the deformally determined contribution		1,190,315		1,194,583	-	1,259,325		1,274,565	1,	1,332,221	1,45	1,459,430	٦,	1,462,002	1,653,540		1,927,488	2,000,175
Contribution deficiency (excess)	↔	'	<del>\$</del>	,	↔	,	↔		↔	,	<del>\$</del>	,	<del>\$</del>		· \$	↔	1	- \$
Covered payroll	↔	\$ 9,005,317 \$ 9,040,	\$	9,040,337	↔	9,169,310	↔	9,169,310 \$ 9,351,625 \$ 9,849,847 \$ 10,293,449 \$ 9,877,694	°6 \$	849,847	\$ 10,29	3,449	, \$	,877,694	\$ 10,990,394		\$12,810,193	17,406,819
payroll		13.22%		13.21%		13.73%		13.63%		13.53%		14.18%		14.80%	15.05%	₽%	15.05%	11.49%

Schedule of Pension Contributions Last Ten Fiscal Years

## Methods and Assumptions Used to Determine Contribution Rates:

22 Years (longest amoritization ladder) Level Percentage of Payroll, Closed Entry Age Normal Remaining Amortization Period Amortization Method Level Actuarial Cost Method

10 Year smoothed market; 12% soft corridor

2.50%

3.60% to 11.85% including inflation

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Investment Rate of Return

Retirement Age

Mortality

Salary Increases

Inflation

Asset Valuation Method

Experience-based table of rates that vary by age. Last updated for the 2023 valuation pursuant to an experience study of the period ending 2022.

Post-retirement 2019 Municipal Retirees of Texas Mortality Tables. Male rates are multiplied by 103% and female rates are multiplied by 105%. The rates are projected on a fully generational basis by the most recent Scale MP-2021 (with immediate Pre-retirement: PUB(10) mortality tables, with the 110% of the Public Safety table used for males and the 100% of the General Employee table used for females. The rates are projected on a fully generational basis by the most recent Scale MP-2021 (with immediate convergence).

There were no benefit changes during the year

Other Information:

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Schedule of Changes in Total OPEB Liability and Related Ratios Last Seven Measurement Years

Texas Municipal Refirement St	ystem - Supplemental Death Benefit Plan

	Year Ended December 31													
	2017		017 2018			2019		2020		2021		2022		2023
Total OPEB Liability														
Service cost	\$	20,185	\$	24,679	\$	20,879	\$	27,578	\$	29,840		37,015		16,036
Interest		14,766		15,283		16,178		15,117		13,122		12,955		20,533
Difference between expected														
and actual experience				(28,476)		(12,399)		(17,439)		(9,270)		40,065		(14,035)
Change in assumptions		36,678		(32,318)		88,671		86,019		20,923		(262,817)		26,937
Benefit payments, including refunds		(0.750)		(0.0.40)		(0.000)		(0.0.4.1)		(0.050)		(11.5/7)		(1, (00.1)
of employee contributions	_	(2,753)		(2,848)		(2,983)	_	(3,064)		(8,952)	_	(11,567)		(16,036)
Net change in total OPEB liability		68,876		(23,680)		110,346		108,211		45,663		(184,349)		33,435
Total OPEB liability, beginning		381,917		450,793		427,113		537,459		645,670		691,333		506,984
Total OPEB Liability, ending	\$	450,793	\$	427,113	\$	537,459	\$	645,670		691,333		506,984		540,419
Covered-employee Payroll	\$	9,175,179	\$	9,491,816	\$	9,942,297	\$	10,214,144	\$	9,946,803	\$	11,567,166	\$	12,335,438
Total OPEB liability as a percentage														
of covered-employee payroll		4.91%		4.50%		5.41%		6.32%		6.95%		4.38%		4.38%
City of Watauga, Texas Retiree Health Plan														
		Year Ended December 31												
		2017		2018		2019		2020		2021		2022		2023
Total OPEB Liability														
Service cost	\$	36,285	\$	41,530	\$	40,468	\$	45,223	\$	56,718	\$	90,373	\$	71,625
Interest		35,912		34,038		37,486		27,887		22,931		19,864		37,811
Difference between expected														
and actual experience		-		(10,983)		(134,664)		10,060		65,854		(7,166)		(423,604)
Change in assumptions		49,341		(40,515)		101,448		86,582		(194,560)		(223,402)		43,282
Benefit payments, including refunds of employee contributions		(32,844)		(43,918)		(39,042)		(47,893)		(38,086)		(31,496)		(1,001)
Net change in total OPEB liability		88,694		(19,848)		5,696		121,859		(87,143)		(151,827)		(271,887)
Total OPEB liability, beginning		940,851		1,029,545		1,009,697		1,015,393		1,137,252	_	1,050,109		898,282
Total OPEB Liability, ending	\$	1,029,545	\$	1,009,697	\$	1,015,393	\$	1,137,252	\$	1,050,109	\$	898,282	\$	626,395
Covered-employee Payroll	\$	9,013,440	\$	9,791,192	\$	9,769,698	\$	10,128,852	\$	9,931,940		11,558,577		12,283,308
Total OPEB liability as a percentage														

GASB 75, Paragraph 97, requires that the information on this schedule be data from the period corresponding with the period covered as of the measurement date of December 31, 2023 - the period from January 1, 2023 - December 31, 2023.

Only seven years of data is presented in accordance with GASB 75 paragraph 245. "The information for all periods for the 10-year schedules that are required to be presented as required supplementary information may not be available initially. In these cases, during the transition period, that information should be presented for as many years as are available. The schedules should not include information that is not measured in accordance with the requirements of this Statement. Additional years' information will be displayed as it becomes available."

There are no assets accumulated in a trust that meets the criteria for GASB codification P22.101 or P52.1010 to pay related benefits for the OPEB plans.

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### Combining and Individual Fund Statements and Schedules

#### Non-Major Governmental Funds

#### **SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS**

Special Revenue Funds account for the proceeds of specific revenue sources that are legally restricted to expenditures for specific purposes.

Watauga Economic Development Corporation (WEDC) Sales Tax Fund – to account for a quarter-cent sales tax increase, approved by voters, encourage the development and advance of City businesses, development and parks within the City.

Watauga Crime Control and Prevention Fund – to account for a half-cent sales tax increase approved by the voters to enhance law enforcement in Watauga.

Library Donation Fund – to account for public donations made to the City specifically for the benefit of the public library.

Municipal Court Security Fund – to account for a fee established in the 1997 Texas Legislative session to allow a \$3 assessment on all court fines paid. This assessment allows municipalities to purchase security equipment such as surveillance cameras, bulletproof glass and bailiff costs for Municipal Court areas. In January 2020, SB346 increased this assessment to \$4.90.

Municipal Court Technology Fund – to account for a fee established in the 1997 Texas legislative session to allow a \$4 assessment on all court fines paid. This assessment allows municipalities to purchase and maintain technology equipment such as computer hardware and software for the benefit of the Municipal Court.

Municipal Court Truancy Fund – to account for a fee established and approved by City Council January 28, 2008 to allow a \$5 assessment per misdemeanor offense. Fees are paid out of this fund to pay personnel costs of the Municipal Court Juvenile Case Manager.

Traffic Safety Fund – to account for civil or administrative penalties to no more than \$75 and late penalties to no more than \$25. Legislation passed by 80<sup>th</sup> Texas Legislature allowed a local government entity to use a photographic traffic signal enforcement system. Effective June 2019, legislation passed by the 86<sup>th</sup> Legislature, use of photographic traffic signal enforcement was banned. The City will use fund balance for the traffic safety programs until funds are exhausted.

Street Maintenance Sales Tax Fund – to account for a quarter-cent sales tax approved by voters on May 12, 2012 for an initial four years effective October 1, 2012 and reauthorized in May 2016. The purpose of the sales tax is to provide for the maintenance and repair of municipal streets in existence at the time of the vote. On January 1, 2021, this tax was abolished due to a ballot measure in November 2020.

PEG Fund – to account for the expenditures for Public, Educational, and Government (PEG) Access programming is supported by the PEG fee that is assessed to each cable subscriber.

Jury Fees Fund – to account for a fee established in January 2020 with the passage of SB346. These fees are assessed at \$0.10 upon conviction of any fine-only misdemeanor, including a parking or pedestrian offense. The fee is used to fund juror reimbursements and finance jury service.

#### Non-Major Governmental Funds

#### **CAPITAL PROJECTS FUNDS**

Capital projects funds are used to account for the acquisition and construction of major capital facilities other than those financed by proprietary funds and trust funds.

Watauga Economic Development Corporation (WEDC) Construction Fund – to account for construction projects in and for the Economic Development Corporation.

**City of Watauga, Texas**Combining Balance Sheet
Non-Major Governmental Funds
September 30, 2024

	WEDC Sales Tax Fund	Watauga Crime Control and Prevention Fund	Dono	Library Donation Fund		Municipal Court Security Fund		Municipal Court Technology Fund		unicipal Court ruancy Fund
ASSETS										
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 2,375,190	\$ 1,265,252	\$	74,485	\$	48,425	\$	142,335	\$	35,261
Investments	330,428	26,250		-		-		-		-
Account receivable	158,985	316,656		127		-		-		
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 2,864,603	\$ 1,608,158	\$	74,612	\$	48,425	\$	142,335	\$	35,261
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES										
LIABILITIES										
Accounts payable	\$ 730	\$ 14,090	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-
Accrued liabilities	6	33,246		_		1,036				971
Total liabilities	736	47,336		-		1,036		-		971
FUND BALANCES										
Restricted:										
Capital acquisitions and										
contractual obligations	-	-		-		-		-		-
Culture and recreation	-	-		74,612		-		-		-
Economic development	2,863,867	-		-		-		-		-
Public works	-	-		-		-		-		-
Public safety		1,560,822		-		47,389		142,335		34,290
Total fund balances	2,863,867	1,560,822		74,612		47,389		142,335		34,290
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES	\$ 2,864,603	\$ 1,608,158	\$	74,612	\$	48,425	\$	142,335	\$	35,261

	Traffic ety Fund	Mair Sa	Street ntenance les Tax Fund	P	EG Fund	WEDC nstruction Fund	ry Fees Fund	Total Ion major vernmental Funds
\$	21,307	\$	6,092 -	\$	131,757 -	\$ 34,088	\$ 1,463 -	\$ 4,135,655 356,678
-	-		980		4,772	 -	 -	 481,520
\$	21,307	\$	7,072	\$	136,529	\$ 34,088	\$ 1,463	\$ 4,973,853
\$	-	\$	435	\$	-	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 15,255
	1,670		-		-	 	 -	 36,929
	1,670		435		-	-	-	52,184
	-		-		-	34,088	-	34,088
	-		-		-	-	-	74,612
	-		- 6,637		- 136,529	-	_	2,863,867 143,166
	19,637		-		-	-	 1,463	1,805,936
	19,637		6,637		136,529	34,088	 1,463	 4,921,669
\$	21,307	\$	7,072	\$	136,529	\$ 34,088	\$ 1,463	\$ 4,973,853

Combining Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance Non-Major Governmental Funds For the Fiscal Year Ended September 30, 2024

			Watauga ime Control		M	unicipal	M	unicipal
	EDC Sales ax Fund	P	and revention Fund	Library onation Fund	S	Court ecurity Fund	Court Technology Fund	
REVENUES								
Taxes	\$ 955,520	\$	1,901,827	\$ -	\$	-	\$	-
Interest income	124,203		73,089	3,805		2,801		7,475
Miscellaneous	4,500		70,347	4,888		14,407		11,922
Total revenues	1,084,223		2,045,263	8,693		17,208		19,397
EXPENDITURES								
Current:								
Public safety	-		1,775,283	-		26,628		4,483
Culture and recreation	-		-	3,626		-		-
Economic development	87,910		-	-		-		-
Public works	-			-		-		
Capital outlay	-		154,428	-		-		13,320
Debt Service								
Principal	-		35,516	-		-		-
Interest and other charges	 -		7,102	 -		-		
Total expenditures	 87,910		1,972,329	3,626		26,628		17,803
Excess (deficiency) of								
revenues over expenditures	996,313		72,934	5,067		(9,420)		1,594
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)								
Proceeds from right-to-use subscription assets	-		60,149	-		-		-
Transfers out	 (428,000)		(36,510)	 _		-		-
Total other financing sources (uses)	 (428,000)		23,639	 		_		
Net change in fund balances	568,313		96,573	5,067		(9,420)		1,594
Fund Balance, beginning	 2,295,554		1,464,249	69,545		56,809		140,741
FUND BALANCE, ending	\$ 2,863,867	\$	1,560,822	\$ 74,612	\$	47,389	\$	142,335

Ti	unicipal Court ruancy Fund	Traffic ety Fund	Street intenance ales Tax Fund	PEG Fund		WEDC Construction Fund		Jury Fees Fund		Total Non major Governmenta Funds	
\$	- 2,696 14,901	\$ - 270 -	\$ - - -	\$	- 5,996 20,099	\$	- 1,743 -	\$	- - 288	\$	2,857,347 222,078 141,352
	17,597	270	-		26,095		1,743		288		3,220,777
	36,980	-	-		-		-		-		1,843,374
	-	-	-		-		-		-		3,626
	-	-	-		-		-		-		87,910
	-	14,959	80,233 -	-			-	-			80,233 182,707
	-	-	-		-		-		-		35,516 7,102
	36,980	14,959	80,233		-		-		-		2,240,468
	(19,383)	(14,689)	(80,233)		26,095		1,743		288		980,309
	-	-	-		-		-		-		60,149
	-	-	-		-		-		-		(464,510)
			-		-		-		-		(404,361)
	(19,383)	 (14,689)	(80,233)		26,095		1,743		288	·	575,948
	53,673	34,326	86,870		110,434		32,345		1,175		4,345,721
\$	34,290	\$ 19,637	\$ 6,637	\$	136,529	\$	34,088	\$	1,463	\$	4,921,669

Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes In Fund Balances – Budget to Actual WEDC Sales Tax Special Revenue Fund For the fiscal year ended September 30, 2024

	Budget Amounts Final Budget			Actual Amounts	Variance Positive/ (Negative)	
Revenues						
Taxes	\$	996,000	\$	955,520	\$	(40,480)
Interest income		55,000		124,203		69,203
Miscellaneous		3,500		4,500		1,000
Total revenues		1,054,500		1,084,223		29,723
Expenditures						
Current:						
Economic development		122,250		87,910		34,340
Total expenditures		122,250		87,910		34,340
Excess of revenues over expenditures		932,250		996,313		64,063
Other financing uses						
Transfers out		(428,000)		(428,000)		
Total other financing uses		(428,000)		(428,000)		
Net change in fund balances		504,250		568,313		64,063
Fund balances, beginning of year		2,295,554		2,295,554		
Fund balances, end of year	\$	2,799,804	\$	2,863,867	\$	64,063

Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes In Fund Balances – Budget to Actual Watauga Crime Control and Prevention Special Revenue Fund For the fiscal year ended September 30, 2024

	Budget Amounts Final Budget		Actual Amounts		ariance ositive/ egative)
Revenues					
Taxes	\$ 1,977,000	\$	1,901,827	\$	(75,173)
Interest income	60,000		73,089		13,089
Miscellaneous	 66,000		70,347		4,347
Total revenues	 2,103,000		2,045,263		(57,737)
Expenditures					
Current:					
Public safety	2,006,800		1,775,283		231,517
Capital Outlay	212,100		154,428		57,672
Debt Service					
Principal	-		35,516		(35,516)
Interest	 -		7,102		(7,102)
Total expenditures	 2,218,900		1,972,329		246,571
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over					
expenditures	(115,900)		72,934		188,834
Other financing uses					
Proceeds from subscription assets	-		60,149		(60,149)
Transfers out	 (38,000)		(36,510)		(1,490)
Total other financing sources (uses)	(38,000)		23,639		(61,639)
Net change in fund balances	(153,900)		96,573		127,195
Fund balances, beginning of year	1,464,249		1,464,249		
Fund balances, end of year	\$ 1,310,349	\$	1,560,822	\$	127,195

Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes In Fund Balances – Budget to Actual Library Donation Special Revenue Fund For the fiscal year ended September 30, 2024

	-	Budget Amounts Final Budget		Actual Amounts		ositive/ egative)
Revenues						
Interest income	\$	100	\$	3,805	\$	3,705
Miscellaneous		6,000		4,888		(1,112)
Total revenues		6,100		8,693		2,593
Expenditures						
Current:						
Culture and recreation		10,000		3,626		6,374
Total expenditures		10,000		3,626		6,374
Net change in fund balances		(3,900)		5,067		8,967
Fund balances, beginning of year		69,545		69,545		
Fund balances, end of year	\$	65,645	\$	74,612	\$	8,967

Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes In Fund Balances – Budget to Actual Municipal Court Security Special Revenue Fund For the fiscal year ended September 30, 2024

	Budget Amounts Final Budget		Actual Amounts		riance sitive/ gative)
Revenues					
Interest income	\$	2,500	\$ 2,801	\$	301
Miscellaneous		15,000	14,407		(593)
Total revenues		17,500	 17,208		(292)
Expenditures					
Current:					
Public safety		27,800	 26,628		1,172
Total expenditures		27,800	26,628		1,172
Net change in fund balances		(10,300)	(9,420)		880
Fund balances, beginning of year		56,809	 56,809		
Fund balances, end of year	\$	46,509	\$ 47,389	\$	880

Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes In Fund Balances – Budget to Actual Municipal Court Technology Special Revenue Fund For the fiscal year ended September 30, 2024

	_	et Amounts al Budget	Actual Amounts	Variance Positive/ (Negative)		
Revenues						
Interest income	\$	5,000	\$ 7,475	\$	2,475	
Miscellaneous		15,000	11,922		(3,078)	
Total revenues		20,000	19,397		(603)	
Expenditures						
Current:						
Public safety		9,050	4,483		4,567	
Capital outlay		15,850	 13,320		2,530	
Total expenditures		24,900	 17,803		7,097	
Net change in fund balances		(4,900)	1,594		6,494	
Fund balances, beginning of year		140,741	 140,741			
Fund balances, end of year	\$	135,841	\$ 142,335	\$	6,494	

Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes In Fund Balances – Budget to Actual Municipal Court Truancy Special Revenue Fund For the fiscal year ended September 30, 2024

	Budget Amounts Final Budget		Actual Amounts		Po	ariance ositive/ egative)
Revenues						
Interest income	\$	-	\$	2,696	\$	2,696
Miscellaneous		17,000		14,901		(2,099)
Total revenues		17,000		17,597		597
Expenditures						
Current:						
Public safety		38,150		36,980		1,170
Total expenditures		38,150		36,980		1,170
Net change in fund balances		(21,150)		(19,383)		1,767
Fund balances, beginning of year		53,673		53,673		
Fund balances, end of year	\$	32,523	\$	34,290	\$	1,767

Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes In Fund Balances – Budget to Actual Traffic Safety Special Revenue Fund For the fiscal year ended September 30, 2024

	Budget Amounts Final Budget			Actual Amounts	P	ariance ositive/ egative)
Revenues						
Interest income	\$	-	\$	270	\$	270
Total revenues				270		270
Expenditures  Current:						
Capital outlay		34,000		14,959		19,041
Total expenditures		34,000		14,959		19,041
Net change in fund balances		(34,000)		(14,689)		19,311
Fund balances, beginning of year		34,326		34,326		-
Fund balances, end of year	\$	326	\$	19,637	\$	19,311

Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes In Fund Balances – Budget to Actual Street Maintenance Sales Tax Special Revenue Fund For the fiscal year ended September 30, 2024

	_	et Amounts Il Budget	Actual mounts	Posi	ance itive/ ative)
Expenditures  Current:					
Public works		85,890	80,233		5,657
Total expenditures		85,890	 80,233		5,657
Net change in fund balances		(85,890)	(80,233)		5,657
Fund balances, beginning of year		86,870	 86,870		-
Fund balances, end of year	\$	980	\$ 6,637	\$	5,657

Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes In Fund Balances – Budget to Actual PEG Special Revenue Fund For the fiscal year ended September 30, 2024

	_	et Amounts al Budget	 Actual Amounts	P	ariance ositive/ egative)
Revenues					
Interest income	\$	3,000	\$ 5,996	\$	2,996
Miscellaneous		28,000	20,099		(7,901)
Total revenues		31,000	 26,095		(4,905)
Expenditures					
Current:					
General government		10,000	 		10,000
Total expenditures		10,000	 		10,000
Net change in fund balances		21,000	26,095		5,095
Fund balances, beginning of year		110,434	 110,434		
Fund balances, end of year	\$	131,434	\$ 136,529	\$	5,095

Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes In Fund Balances – Budget to Actual Debt Service Fund For the fiscal year ended September 30, 2024

	Budget Amounts Final Budget	Actual Amounts	Variance Positive/ (Negative)
Revenues			
Taxes			
Property taxes	\$ 4,171,000	\$ 4,270,831	\$ 99,831
Interest income	40,000	67,104	27,104
Total revenues	4,211,000	4,337,935	126,935
Expenditures			
Debt service			
Principal	3,205,000	3,205,000	-
Interest	945,768	928,013	17,755
Total expenditures	4,150,768	4,133,013	17,755
Excess of revenues over			
expenditures	60,232	204,922	144,690
Other financing sources			
Transfers in	149,000	149,000	
Total other financing sources	149,000	149,000	
Net change in fund balances	209,232	353,922	144,690
Fund balances, beginning of year	869,782	869,782	
Fund balances, end of year	\$ 1,079,014	\$ 1,223,704	\$ 144,690

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## Statistical Section (Unaudited)

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Statistical Section (Unaudited)

This part of the City of Watauga's Annual Comprehensive Financial Report provides detailed information to help the reader better understand information presented within the financial statements, note disclosures, and required supplementary information and how they relate to the City's overall financial health.

Financial Trends(Tables 1-4)
Contains trend information to aid the reader in understanding how the City's financial performance has changed over time.
Revenue Capacity(Tables 5-10)
Contains information to help the reader assess the City's most significant local revenue sources, the property tax and water revenues.
Debt Capacity(Tables 11-14)
Presents information to assess the affordability of the City's current levels of outstanding debt and the City's ability to issue additional debt in the future.
Demographic and Economic Information(Tables 15-16)
Offers information to help the reader understand the environment within which the City's financial activities take place.
Operating Information(Tables 17-19)

Contains service and infrastructure data to help the reader understand how the City's financial report relates to the services the City provides and the activities it performs.

Unless otherwise noted, the information in these schedules is derived from the Annual Comprehensive Financial Reports for the relevant year.

City of Watauga, Texas

Net Position by Component
Last Ten Fiscal Years
(accrual basis of accounting)
(Unaudited)

•	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Governmental activities Net investment in capital assets Restricted Unrestricted	\$ 36,792,569 3,488,244 1,320,284	\$ 36,945,402 3,833,368 845,314	\$ 37,278,290 4,620,450 407,478	\$ 38,660,904 4,457,373 (371,133)	\$ 38,606,089 4,779,207 (725,644)	\$ 39,121,348 5,158,484 (752,288)	\$ 39,716,524 5,296,207 1,150,464	\$ 42,373,991 4,861,148 3,191,860	\$ 45,136,267 5,094,023 5,094,002	\$ 47,627,375 6,035,931 4,419,454
Total governmental activities net position \$ 41,601,097	\$ 41,601,097	\$ 41,624,084	\$ 42,306,218	\$ 42,747,144	\$ 42,659,652	\$ 43,527,544	\$ 46,163,195	\$ 50,426,999	\$ 55,324,292	\$ 58,082,760
Business-type activities Net investment in capital assets Restricted Unrestricted	\$ 21,545,419 18,283 4,493,409	\$ 24,344,617	\$ 24,042,159	\$ 23,944,294	\$ 24,452,425 - 5,887,374	\$ 27,276,699 - 4,739,452	\$ 27,856,495	\$ 28,356,187	29,463,346	30,263,233
Total business-type activities net position \$ 26,057,111	\$ 26,057,111	\$ 27,484,538	\$ 28,747,776	\$ 30,154,631	\$ 30,339,799	\$ 32,016,151	\$ 34,054,047	\$ 36,186,644	\$ 38,259,230	\$ 39,159,333
Primary government Net investment in capital assets Restricted Unrestricted	\$ 58,337,988 3,506,527 5,813,693	\$ 61,290,019 3,833,368 3,985,235	\$ 61,320,449 4,620,450 5,113,095	\$ 62,605,198 4,457,373 5,839,204	\$ 63,058,514 4,779,207 5,161,730	\$ 66,398,047 5,158,484 3,987,164	\$ 67,573,019 5,296,207 7,348,016	\$ 70,730,178 4,861,148 11,022,317	\$ 74,599,613 5,094,023 13,889,886	\$ 77,890,608 6,035,931 13,315,554
Total primary government net position	\$ 67,658,208	\$ 69,108,622	\$ 71,053,994	\$ 72,901,775	\$ 72,999,451	\$ 75,543,695	\$ 80,217,242	\$ 86,613,643	\$ 93,583,522	\$ 97,242,093

City of Watauga, Texas
Changes in Net Position
Last Ten Fiscal Years
(accrual basis of accounting)
(Unaudited)

	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Expenses Governmental activities: General government Public Safety Public Works Economic Development Culture and recreation Interest on long-term debt	\$ 5,928,568 5,430,215 1,315,752 3,077,296 446,308	\$ 6,107,863 6,029,558 987,328 - 3,724,218 377,813	\$ 3,522,886 5,845,630 2,472,838 5,095,575	\$ 5,584,813 5,808,608 769,758 4,720,179 381,932	\$ 4,985,534 9,178,932 2,348,520 2,767,462 562,654	\$ 4,652,993 9,534,209 2,156,500 2,262,568 692,493	\$ 4,384,354 9,136,711 2,131,872 1,878,361 653,227	\$ 3,954,225 9,772,773 1,949,260 73,669 1,922,770 732,657	\$ 4,738,734 11,970,532 2,416,999 46,431 2,218,215 845,266	\$ 5,554,741 11,695,377 3,020,782 87,910 3,332,175 1,124,148
Total gov enmental activities expenses Business-type activities: Water and Sewer Drainage Utility	16,198,139 7,232,341 946,494	17,226,780 7,300,779 932,806	17,348,939 6,979,614 978,469	17,265,290	19,843,102 8,220,965 1,066,306	19,298,763 7,638,966 1,025,133	18,184,525 6,770,160 1,216,623	18,405,354 7,806,865 1,053,551	22,236,177 8,149,246 1,201,907	24,815,133 9,014,799 1,265,965
Total business-type activities expenses Total primary gov ernment expenses	8,178,835	8,233,585	7,958,083	7,722,865	9,287,271	8,664,099	7,986,783	8,860,416	9,351,153	10,280,764
Program Revenues Governmental activities: Fees, Fines, and Charges for services: General Government Public Safety Public Works Economic Development Outure and recreation Operating grants and contributions Capital grants and contributions	\$ 123,006 1,799,906 468,706 - 272,611 13,959	\$ 131,200 2,015,413 634,100 - 274,796 35,537	\$ 126,955 1,998,687 612,106 - 261,019 16,111	\$ 177,819 1,819,361 909,678 - 252,208 38,350	\$ 189,931 1,877,057 654,129 - 236,478 22,240	\$ 189,446 1,353,891 686,961 - 83,982 852,735 156,855	\$ 223.193 1,355,268 1,033,937 90,036 848.051	\$ 243,817 1,442,518 1,035,540 250 159,928 609,979	\$ 249,569 1,592,096 1,150,123 2,813 2,813 2,648,020	\$ 329,765 1,313,024 1,254,863 4,500 352,302 988,651
Total governmental activities program revenues Business-type activities: Charges for services: Water and Sewer Drainage Utility Capital grants and contributions	2,678,188 7,877,670 1,419,324	3,091,046 8,660,703	3,014,878 8,206,963 1,419,460	3,197,416 8,223,078 1,451,829	2,979,835 8,222,931 1,470,162	3,323,870 9,031,436 1,471,937	3,550,485 8,976,433 1,559,331	3,492,032 9,902,023 1,504,797	5,867,803 9,625,010 1,482,409	9,677,619 1,489,328
Total business-type activities program revenues Total primary government program revenues	9,296,994	10,070,916	9,626,423	9,674,907	9,693,093	10,503,373	10,535,764	11,406,820	11,107,419	11,166,947
Net (expense)/revenue Government activities Business-type activities Total primary government net expense	\$ (12,401,792) 1,118,159 \$ (11,283,633)	\$ (12,298,403) 1,837,331 \$ (10,461,072)	\$ (12,665,721) 1,668,340 (10,997,381)	\$ (12,115,832) 1,952,042 (10,163,790)	\$ (16,457,445) 405,822 \$ (16,051,623)	\$ (14,135,619) 1,839,274 (12,296,345)	\$ (12,085,059) 2,548,981 \$ (9,536,078)	\$ (12,366,918) 2,546,404 \$ (9,820,514)	\$ (16,368,374) 1,756,266 \$ (14,612,108)	\$ (20,572,028) 886,183 (19,685,845)

Table 2(continued)

City of Watauga, Texas
Changes in Net Position
Last Ten Fiscal Years
(accrual basis of accounting)
(Unaudited)

	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Net (Expense)/Revenue Governmental activities Business-type activities	\$ (13,519,951)	\$ (14,135,734) 1,837,331	\$ (14,334,061) 1,668,340	\$ (14,067,874) 1,952,042	\$ (16,863,267) 405,822	\$ (15,974,893) 1,839,274	\$ (14,634,040) 2,548,981	\$ (14,913,322) 2,546,404	\$ (16,368,374) 1,756,266	\$ (20,572,028) 886,183
Total primary government net expense	\$ (12,401,792)	\$ (12,298,403)	\$ (12,665,721)	\$ (12,115,832)	\$ (16,457,445)	\$ (14,135,619)	\$ (12,085,059)	\$ (12,366,918)	\$ (14,612,108)	\$ (19,685,845)
General Revenues and Other Changes in Net Position Governmental activities: Taxes:										
Property taxes	\$ 5,943,335	\$ 6,246,763	\$ 7,022,618	\$ 7,430,079	\$ 8,033,015	\$ 8,638,677	\$ 8,926,186	\$ 9,407,900	\$ 10,178,602	\$ 11,596,580
Salestaxes	6,284,432	5,868,069	5,814,302	5,850,480	6,013,849	5,982,337	783,430	7,481,865	7,670,480	7,684,529
Penalties and Interest	42,000	32,295	39,561	35,044	39,218	45,597	43,240	42,467	23,396	49,195
Payments in lieu of taxes	458,232	370,897	457,222	497,961	479,086	503,500	503,500	502,600	514,000	503,000
Investment earnings Miscellaneous	29,030	68,650	152,516	280,383	589,104	274,370	44,353	206,167	1,321,980	1,926,581
Transfers	578,070	453,897	516,695	543,961	576,586	503,500	592,500	583,499	563,500	000′629
Total governmental activities Business-type activities:	14,545,873	14,158,721	15,016,195	15,572,749	16,775,775	16,842,785	17,269,691	19,177,126	21,265,667	23,330,496
Investment earnings	21,017	43,863	103,443	222,974	353,387	305,578	78,637	145,849	867,337	692,920
Miscellaneous revenue	961'6	130	8,150	ı	2,525	35,000	2,778	23,843	12,483	•
Transfers	(578,070)	(453,897)	(516,695)	(543,961)	(576,586)	(503,500)	(592,500)	(583,499)	(563,500)	(000′629)
Total business-type activities	(547,857)	(409,904)	(405,102)	(320,987)	(220,674)	(162,922)	(511,085)	(413,807)	316,320	13,920
Total primary government	\$ 13,998,016	\$ 13,748,817	\$ 14,611,093	\$ 15,251,762	\$ 16,555,101	\$ 16,679,863	\$ 16,758,606	\$ 18,763,319	\$ 21,581,987	\$ 23,344,416
<b>Change in Net Position</b> Gov ernmental activities Business-type activities	\$ 1,025,922 570,302	\$ 22,987	\$ 682,134	\$ 1,504,875	\$ (87,492) 185,148	\$ 867,892	\$ 2,635,651 2,037,896	\$ 4,263,804	\$ 4,897,293 2,072,586	\$ 2,758,468
Total primary government	\$ 1,596,224	\$ 1,450,414	\$ 1,945,372	\$ 3,135,930	\$ 97,656	\$ 2,544,244	\$ 4,673,547	\$ 6,396,401	\$ 6,969,879	\$ 3,658,571

City of Watauga, Texas
Fund Balances, Governmental Funds
Last Ten Fiscal Years
(modified accrual basis of accounting)
(Unaudited)

		2015		2016		2017		2018		2019		2020		2021		2022		2023		2024
General Fund Non-spendable Inventories Prepaid Unassigned	↔	17,389 91,173 5,734,435	↔	17,636 184,729 5,274,387	↔	20,440 20,491 4,490,902	↔	21,487 8,651 4,541,421	↔	20,776 80,547 4,317,018	₩	17,581 7,579 5,314,204	↔	17,542 6,454 7,011,165	<del>⇔</del>	16,138 23,201 8,364,124	<del>↔</del>	21,799 28,242 9,061,214	<del>∽</del>	25,146 14,082 9,550,912
Total general fund	↔	5,842,997	↔	\$ 5,476,752	↔	4,531,833	↔	4,571,559	<del>\$</del>	4,418,341	↔	5,339,364	↔	7,035,161	↔	8,403,463	↔	9,111,255	↔	9,590,140
All Other Governmental Funds Non-spendable Prepaid items	↔	26,021	↔	99'29	↔	7,198	↔	10,265	↔	15,511	₩.	2,115	↔	1,165	↔	1,165	↔	1,165	₩	ı
Restricted Capital acquisitions and contractual obligations		4,076,280		8,578,094		5,919,345		10,908,618	_	10,576,461	_	11,585,784	_	11,287,523		14,296,410		21,155,135	2	21,299,491
Debt service		342,274		397,992		539,900		710,903		659,604		765,068		758,689		782,058		869,782		1,223,704
Culture and recreation		695,139		751,871		838,576		869,225		922,784		1,290,549		1,686,286		62,126		69,545		74,612
Economic development		٠		1		1		1		1		1				1,732,091		2,294,389		2,863,867
Public Works		654,858		818,069		1,084,390		1,137,735		1,483,538		1,819,814		1,584,190		726,237		197,304		143,166
Public Safety		1,500,796		1,493,577		1,768,676		1,418,896		1,532,213		1,315,226		1,291,038		1,621,278		1,750,973		1,805,936
Total all other governmental funds	↔	\$ 7,295,368		\$ 12,046,369	↔	10,158,085	↔	15,055,642	<del>∽</del>	\$ 15,190,111	\$	\$ 16,778,556	<b>↔</b>	16,608,891	↔	\$ 19,221,365	↔	26,338,293	\$ 27	27,410,776

City of Watauga, Texas
Changes in Fund Balances, Governmental Funds
Last Ten Fiscal Years
(modified accrual basis of accounting)
(Unaudited)

	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Revenues										
Taxes and franchise fees	\$ 13,471,718	\$ 13,263,260	\$ 13,867,337	\$ 14,235,932	\$ 15,065,384	\$ 15,549,931	\$ 16,071,272	\$ 17,758,254	\$ 18,792,248	\$ 20,109,378
Licenses and permits	285,258	454,991	428,530	726,796	467,737	501,024	776,817	741,399	783,979	999,713
Charges for services	748,687	741,565	745,127	757,088	741,687	724,789	901,900	1,114,631	1,307,295	1,421,523
Fines and forfeitures	1,298,897	1,563,928	1,522,589	1,406,351	1,323,598	560,003	568,795	906'889	470,674	484,616
Intergovernmental	458,232	370,897	457,222	247,840	523,066	237,784	503,500	886,325	3,129,790	1,815,797
Interest income	26,987	59,651	139,237	497,961	479,086	660,355	40,232	195,999	1,246,029	1,486,763
Otherrevenues	320,016	364,976	314,273	337,048	453,439	1,409,741	1,272,469	740,450	607,123	557,941
Total revenues	\$ 16,609,795	\$ 16,819,268	\$ 17,474,315	\$ 18,209,016	\$ 19,053,997	\$ 19,643,627	\$ 20,134,985	\$ 22,075,964	\$ 26,337,138	\$ 26,875,731
Expenditures										
General government	\$ 5,728,240	\$ 5,760,512	\$ 5,870,276	\$ 6,233,602	\$ 6,575,902	\$ 3,879,180	\$ 3,921,341	\$ 3,608,866	\$ 4,136,855	\$ 4,455,376
Public Safety	5,071,414	5,464,615	5,750,992	5,660,947	6,171,464	8,941,173	8,761,417	9,786,168	11,809,426	10,911,546
Culture and Recreation	1,016,998	1,102,216	1,165,026	2,309,572	2,339,355	1,959,457	1,613,357	1,737,846	2,012,924	2,654,126
Economic Development	•		1	•	•		1	73,669	46,431	87,910
Public Works	1,992,632	2,041,848	2,114,393	1,034,613	853,455	740,246	859,341	719,354	964,489	1,703,624

Table 4 (continued)

City of Watauga, Texas
Changes in Fund Balances, Governmental Funds
Last Ten Fiscal Years
(modified accrual basis of accounting)
(Unaudited)

	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Capital outlay	\$ 1,771,807	\$ 2,203,694	\$ 3,419,723	\$ 2,897,996	\$ 1,398,668	\$ 3,026,567	\$ 5,629,829	\$ 3,750,012	\$ 4,764,491	\$ 5,045,935
Debt service Principal Interest	1,850,150	1,447,632	1,695,225	1,727,935	1,945,767	2,103,727	2,411,819	2,684,867	3,052,899	3,362,576
Total expenditures	17,859,313	18,491,894	20,490,244	20,401,863	19,924,709	21,376,654	24,498,650	23,131,200	27,668,616	29,225,078
Excess of revenues over (under) expenditures	(1,249,518)	(1,672,626)	(3,015,929)	(2,192,847)	(870,712)	(1,733,027)	(4,363,665)	(1,055,236)	(1,331,478)	(2,349,347)
Other Financing Sources (Uses)										
Proceeds from borrowing	•	5,885,000	,	900'082'9	425,000	3,360,000	4,540,000	4,385,000	8,820,000	3,545,000
Proceeds from refunding	•	•	,	•	,	•	575,000	,	,	,
Proceeds from right-to-use subscription assets	•	•	•	•	,	•	•	,	•	89,267
Premiums on GO Debt	•	193,580	,	306,169	24,877	221,495	271,297	177,512	322,698	152,448
Sale of Asset	25,416	55,785	16,031	•	,	•	•	,	•	
Transfers in	026'066	646,379	892,793	795,870	544,489	985,470	1,013,284	2,386,378	1,456,027	1,213,510
Transfers out	(1,095,900)	(773,362)	(726,098)	(751,909)	(142,400)	(324,470)	(509,784)	(1,912,878)	(1,442,527)	(1,099,510)
Total other financing										
sources (uses)	(79,514)	6,057,382	182,726	7,130,130	851,966	4,242,495	5,889,797	5,036,012	9,156,198	3,900,715
Netchange in										
fund balances	\$ (1,329,032)	\$ 4,384,756	\$ (2,833,203)	\$ 4,937,283	\$ (18,746)	\$ 2,509,468	\$ 1,526,132	\$ 3,980,776	\$ 7,824,720	\$ 1,551,368
Debt service as a percentage of noncapital expenditures	14.0%	11.8%	13.1%	13.4%	13.8%	15.4%	19.7%	17.8%	17.1%	78.71

City of Watauga, Texas

Assessed Value and Actual Value of Taxable Property Last Ten Fiscal Years (Unaudited)

	Ass	Assessed (Appraised) Value	live	Less:	Total Taxable	Total Direct
Fiscal	Real	Personal	Total	Tax-Exempt	Assessed	Тах
Year	Property	Property	Market Value		Value	Rate
2015	\$ 1,061,590,252	\$ 60,822,613	\$ 1,122,412,865	\$ 105,745,517	\$ 1,016,667,348	0.591216
2016	1,023,103,188	62,537,180	1,085,640,368	108,372,567	977,267,801	0.618718
2017	1,181,209,410	62,026,022	1,243,235,432	111,483,084	1,131,752,348	0.618411
2018	1,273,013,697	68,791,738	1,341,805,435	128,331,870	1,213,473,565	0.601788
2019	1,444,529,571	72,435,076	1,516,964,647	136,522,898	1,380,441,749	0.601788
2020	1,617,737,727	75,175,464	1,692,913,191	140,260,143	1,552,653,048	0.580500
2021	1,665,719,964	75,105,986	1,740,825,950	146,995,717	1,593,830,233	0.580404
2022	1,795,936,624	71,804,882	1,867,741,506	145,583,141	1,722,158,365	0.580400
2023	1,925,387,412	71,979,131	1,997,366,543	158,495,174	1,838,871,369	0.570200
2024	2,363,042,495	81,647,980	2,444,690,475	181,887,816	2,262,802,659	0.570200

Source: Tarrant Appraisal District (www.tad.org)

a Assessed (Appraised ) value taken from September Certified tax roll provided by the Tarrant Appraisal District

Direct and Overlapping Property Tax Rates Last Ten Fiscal Years (rate per \$100 of assessed value) (Unaudited)

		City Direct Rates					Overlapping Rates			
Fiscal	M&O	General Obligation Debt	Total	Keller Ind School	Birdville Ind School	Tarrant	Tarrant	Tarrant	Combin	Combined Rates
Year	Rate	Service	Direct	District	District	County	Hospital	College	KISD	BISD
2015	0.412887	0.178329	0.591216	1.540000	1.435000	0.264000	0.227897	0.149500	2.772613	2.667613
2016	0.440171	0.178547	0.618718	1.540000	1.453900	0.264000	0.227897	0.149500	2.800115	2.714015
2017	0.423017	0.195394	0.618411	1.520000	1.453900	0.254000	0.227897	0.144730	2.765038	2.698938
2018	0.419650	0.182138	0.601788	1.520000	1.453900	0.244000	0.224429	0.140060	2.730277	2.664177
2019	0.420628	0.181160	0.601788	1.510000	1.453900	0.234000	0.224429	0.136070	2.706287	2.650187
2020	0.405884	0.174616	0.580500	1.408300	1.383900	0.234000	0.224429	0.130170	2.577399	2.552999
2021	0.400696	0.179708	0.580404	1.394700	1.380300	0.234000	0.224429	0.130170	2.563703	2.549303
2022	0.395445	0.184955	0.580400	1.344000	1.338000	0.229000	0.224429	0.130170	2.507999	2.501999
2023	0.375187	0.195013	0.570200	1.272900	1.279800	0.224000	0.224429	0.130170	2.421699	2.428599
2024	0.361051	0.209149	0.570200	1.085200	1.198300	0.187500	0.182500	0.112280	2.137680	2.250780

Source: Tarrant County Appraisal District - Tax Rates

Note: Rates for debt service are set based on each year's requirements.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>o</sup> Overlapping rates are those of local and county governments that apply to property owners within the City of Watauga.

## Principal Property Tax Payers City of Watauga, Texas

Current Year and Nine Years Ago (Unaudited)

			2024				2015	
				Percentage of Total City				Percentage of Total City
		Taxable		Taxable		Taxable		Taxable
		Assessed		Assessed		Assessed		Assessed
Taxpayer		Value	Rank	Value a)	Taxpayer	Value	Rank	Value b)
Inland Western Watauga Lp	↔	35,317,000	-	1.56%	Inland Western Watauga LP	\$ 33,131,330	-	3.26%
Watauga Towne Crossing LLC		24,935,350	2	1.10%	Watauga Towne Crossing LLC	25,226,050	2	2.48%
Park Vista OTM Harmony LP		19,224,698	က	0.85%	Dayton Hudson Corp.	000'008'6	က	0.96%
Dayton Hudson Corp/Target Stores		15,935,171	4	0.70%	Sci Watauga Town Ctr.	000'099'6	4	0.95%
Brookwillow Watauga LLC		15,249,999	5	0.67%	Park Vista Townhomes Etal	980'690'6	5	0.89%
Woodcrest Marketplace Lp		9,284,113	7	0.41%	Oncor Bectric Delivery	7,586,175	9	0.75%
PS LPT Properties Investors		8,722,831	9	0.39%	Target Stores	5,580,924	7	0.55%
Oncor		8,195,119	00	0.36%	Southwestern Bell	5,425,910	80	0.53%
FKH SFR Prop Co B-HLD LP		6,922,640	6	0.31%	Watauga All Storage	5,344,661	6	0.53%
SWH2017-1Borrower		5,319,880	<b>I</b> 01	0.24%	Watauga Association	4,200,000	01	0.41%
Total	↔	\$ 149,106,801	I	6.59%		\$ 115,024,136	II	11.31%

# Source: Tarrant Central Appraisal District

TAD.org ->reports->year->top taxpayers

### NOTE

a) Total taxable value including real and personal property for tax year 2023 (FY 2023-2024) is \$2,262,802,659. b) Total taxable value including real and personal property for tax year 2014 (FY 2014-2015) is \$1,016,667,348.

City of Watauga, Texas
Property Tax Levies and Collections
Last Ten Fiscal Years
(Unaudited)

	<b>Taxes Levied</b>	Adjustments to Levy in	Adjusted Taxes Levied	Collected within the Fiscal Year of the Levy	vithin the of the Levy	Collections	Total Collections to Date	ons to Date	
Fiscal Year	for the Fiscal Year	Subsequent Years	for the Fiscal Year	Amount	Percentage of Levy	in Subsequent Years	Amount	Percentage of Levy	Actual Balance
2015	5,950,064		5,950,064	5,903,688	99.38%	28,736	5,932,424	%07.66	17,640
2016	6,261,312	,	6,261,312	6,216,717	99.25%	37,644	6,254,361	868.86	6,951
2017	7,023,037	(334)	7,022,703	965'696'9	%29.66	12,785	6,982,381	99.43%	40,322
2018	7,449,031	(325)	7,448,706	7,391,050	99.37%	38,469	7,429,519	99.74%	19,187
910	8,058,938	(325)	8,058,613	7,994,311	99.30%	47,389	8,041,700	99.79%	16,913
2020	8,654,530	(342)	8,654,188	8,585,768	99.31%	45,601	8,631,369	99.74%	22,819
1021	8,919,782	896	8,920,750	8,870,951	99.56%	27,216	8,898,167	99.75%	22,583
2022	9,440,144	1,613	9,441,757	9,385,793	99.41%	4,837	9,390,630	99.46%	51,127
2023	10,210,420	(6,302)	10,204,118	10,140,690	99.38%	26,538	10,167,228	99.64%	36,890
2024	11,615,362	,	11,615,362	11,497,000	98.98%	n/a	11,497,000	98.98%	118,362

Sources: Tarrant County Tax Office and Tarrant Appraisal District

Water Revenue Last Ten Fiscal Years (Unaudited)

2015       8,208       659,047,433       \$ 4,184,780         2016       8,255       677,806,287       4,491,891         2017       8,248       614,615,519       4,230,822         2018       8,281       683,681,464       4,564,691         2019       8,318       598,933,474       4,260,894         2020       8,349       598,350,168       4,624,597         2021       8,349       598,350,168       4,624,597         2022       8,349       678,224,413       5,353,882         2023       8,340       652,661,281       5,194,185         2024       8,420       636,018,236       5,079,543	Fiscal Year	*No of Customers	**Gallons Billed		***Water Revenue
8,255 677,806,287 8,248 614,615,519 8,281 683,681,464 8,318 598,933,474 8,328 659,75,682 8,349 598,350,168 8,349 678,224,413 8,391 652,661,281 8,420 636,018,236	2015	8,208	659,047,433	₩	4,184,780
8,248       614,615,519         8,281       683,681,464         8,318       598,933,474         8,328       659,975,682         8,349       598,350,168         8,362       678,224,413         8,391       652,661,281         8,420       636,018,236	2016	8,255	677,806,287		4,491,891
8,281       683,681,464         8,318       598,933,474         8,328       659,975,682         8,349       598,350,168         8,362       678,224,413         8,391       652,661,281         8,420       636,018,236	2017	8,248	614,615,519		4,230,822
8,318       598,933,474         8,328       659,975,682         8,349       598,350,168         8,362       678,224,413         8,391       652,661,281         8,420       636,018,236	2018	8,281	683,681,464		4,564,691
8,328       659,975,682       4         8,349       598,350,168       4         8,362       678,224,413       5         8,391       652,661,281       5         8,420       636,018,236       5	2019	8,318	598,933,474		4,260,894
8,349 598,350,168 4 8,362 678,224,413 5 8,391 652,661,281 5 8,420 636,018,236 5	2020	8,328	659,975,682		4,898,617
8,362       678,224,413       5         8,391       652,661,281       5         8,420       636,018,236       5	2021	8,349	598,350,168		4,624,597
8,391 652,661,281 E 8,420 636,018,236	2022	8,362	678,224,413		5,353,882
8,420 636,018,236	2023	8,391	652,661,281		5,194,185
	2024	8,420	636,018,236		5,079,543

<sup>\*</sup>Source: Table 18 - number of Water Consumers

<sup>\*\*</sup>Source: Monthly E-mail sent by D. Defriese, Utility Billing Supervisor

<sup>\*\*\*</sup>Source: Comparative Summary of Monthly Water Billings

City of Watauga, Texas Principal Water Customers As of September 30, 2024 (Unaudited)

	Gallons	,	Dollars	
Customer Name	Consumed (000)	Total	Billed	Total
Park Vista Townhomes	23,454	3.59%	210,455	4.05%
North Pointe Nursing & Rehab	8,906	1.36%	61,676	1.19%
Denton Hwy. Laudromat	3,594	0.55%	25,032	0.48%
Watauga 377, LLC	3,165	0.48%	23,587	0.45%
Watauga 5807, LLC	2,053	0.31%	14,401	0.28%
Brooks Crossing	1,941	0.30%	14,665	0.28%
Pollo Operations	1,734	0.27%	13,107	0.25%
Lifestyle Christianity	1,641	0.25%	11,558	0.22%
Target Stores	1,570	0.24%	12,058	0.23%
Brookwillow Watauga, LLC	1,459	0.22%	10,307	0.20%
Top Ten Total	49,517	7.59%	\$ 396,846	7.64%
City Total	652,661		5,194,185	

**City of Watauga, Texas**Ratios of Outstanding Debt by Type
Last Ten Fiscal Years
(Unaudited)

Centacida         Centificates         Tox         Moder         Moder         Moder         Auditacidas         Moder         Moder         Auditacidas         Auditacidas         Incomodição         OFFICIAL DE CARRILLOGA         Auditacidado					Governm	Governmental Activities						BUL	<b>Business-Type Activities</b>	ilies				
Cerifficates         James Procession         Soles Tox         Unamoritized only         Soles Tox         Unamoritized only         Cerifficates         Cerifficates         Cerifficates         Cerifficates         Control or											Water							
of         Tox         Tox         Subscription         Revenue         Obligation         Revenue         Obligation         Application         Pennion         Obligation         Obligation         Obligation         Application         Obligation         Application         Applic		General	Certificates					Sales Tax	Unamortized		and Sewer	General	Certificates		Unamortized	Total	Percentage	
Obligation         Moles         Lease Poyable         Aphiloge Lobility         Promiting	Fiscal	Obligation	ō	Tax			Subscription	Revenue	Bond	Other	Revenue	Obligation	ō		Bond	Primary	of Personal	Per
8925.000         -<	Year	Bonds	Obligation	Notes	Lease Payable	Arbitrage Liability	Payable	Bonds	Premium	Obligations	Bonds	Bonds	Obligation	Lease Payable	Premium	Government	Income "	Capita <sup>5</sup>
8925000         - </td <td></td>																		
14)20000		3,745,000	8,925,000						146,123	560,479		1,275,000	9,050,000		393,467	24,095,069	4.33%	1,033
13195,000		3,045,000	14,120,000	,					329,067	502,847	٠		8,595,000		351,403	26,943,317	4.54%	1,142
19,40,000		2,335,000	13,195,000						308,685	442,622		٠	15,415,000		583,305	32,279,612	5.46%	1,332
18085000		1,605,000	19,040,000						593,220	379,687			14,655,000		546,745	36,819,652	6.17%	1,559
19,480,000         450,000         450,000         -         76,2060         245,191         -         20,965,000         923,952         43,411,203         521%           21,395,000         375,000         -         -         -         173,331         -         -         20,005,000         -         947,902         447,12804         3,64%           23,500,000         285,000         490,841         -         -         1,073,408         118,165         -         -         19,150,000         94,303         4,411,897         4,73%           29,75,000         195,000         405,695         -         -         17,865,000         21,776         865,465         5,57%           30,255,000         100,000         317,968         19,607.6         77,053         -         19,750,000         13,241         92,280         53,789,904         6,93%		1,105,000	18,085,000						581,822	313,920			21,910,000		982,265	42,978,007	7.20%	1,820
21395000         375000         -         -         956531         173371         -         20,005000         -         847,902         44,712804         3,64%           23775000         288500         490,841         -         -         1,073408         1181105         -         -         1,9736000         30.040         94,4303         46,711,697         47,58           2977500         195500         40,5695         -         -         1,732600         21,776         865,465         51,040083         6,59%           3025000         100000         317,968         196,076         77,053         -         1,333,377         77,769         -         1,725,000         13,241         92,280         53,789,904         6,59%		585,000	19,480,000	450,000					762,060	245,191	٠		20,965,000		923,952	43,411,203	5.21%	1,826
1 232570,000 285,000 490,841 1,073,408 118,105 - 19,150,000 30,440 940,841 457 4,755 118,105 - 1,326,595 40,352 - 1,326,595 40,352 - 1,326,500 113,000 31,7048 196,004 77,053 - 1,393,337 77,69 - 1978,000 113,261 922,300 53,789,904 6,575 1		000'096	21,395,000	375,000			1		956,531	173,371	1		20,005,000		847,902	44,712,804	3.64%	1,881
) 29,975,000 195,000 405,695 1,326,595 60,352 17,865,000 21,776 865,665 51,060,083 6.59% . ) 30,525,000 100,000 31,796 196,076 77,053 - 1,393,397 79,769 19,925,000 13,261 932,380 53,789,904 6.93% .		920,000	23,670,000	285,000	490,841				1,073,408	118,105			19,150,000	30,040	944,303	46,411,697	4.75%	1,953
30,525,000 100,000 317,968 196,076 77,053 - 1,393,397 79,769 19,925,000 13,261 932,380 53,789,904 6,93% ;		345,000	29,975,000	195,000	405,695				1,326,595	60,352		٠	17,865,000	21,776	865,665	51,060,083	9.25%	2,148
		230,000	30,525,000	100,000	317,968	196,076	77,053		1,393,397	691'61		٠	19,925,000	13,261	932,380	53,789,904	9.93%	2,260

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>b</sup> See Table 15 for personal income and population data. These ratios are calculated using personal income and population for the prior calendar year.

City of Watauga, Texas

Ratios of General Bonded Debt Outstanding Last Ten Fiscal Years (Unaudited)

		Governme	Governmental Activities				<b>Business-Type Activities</b>	e Activities					
General	Certificates				Unamortized	General	Certificates		Unamortized	Total	Less: Amount <sup>a</sup>	Percentage of Actual Taxable	
Obligation	δ	Lease	Subscription	Tax	Bond	Obligation	δ		Bond	Primary	Restricted for	Value <sup>b</sup> of	Per
Bonds	Obligation	Payable	Payable	Notes	Premium	Bonds	Obligation	Lease Payable	Premium	Government	Debt Service	Property	Capita°
3,745,000	8,925,000		,		146,123	1,275,000	000'050'6		393,467	23,534,590	313,460	2.28%	1,009
3,045,000	14,120,000	٠	,	,	329,067	ı	8,595,000	•	351,403	26,440,470	374,859	2.67%	1,120
2,335,000	13,195,000	,			308,685	,	15,415,000	•	583,305	31,836,990	395,192	2.78%	1,314
1,605,000	19,040,000	,			593,220	,	14,655,000	•	546,745	36,439,965	666,699	2.95%	1,543
1,105,000	18,085,000	,	,	,	581,822	,	21,910,000	,	982,265	42,664,087	610,275	3.05%	1,807
585,000	19,480,000	,		450,000	762,060	,	20,965,000	,	923,952	43,166,012	765,068	2.73%	1,816
000'096	21,395,000	,	,	375,000	956,531	,	20,005,000	•	847,902	44,539,433	758,689	2.75%	1,874
920,000	23,670,000	490,841		285,000	1,073,408		19,150,000	30,040	944,303	46,293,592	782,058	2.64%	1,948
345,000	29,975,000	405,695		195,000	1,326,595	,	17,865,000	21,776	865,665	50,999,731	749,480	2.73%	2,128
230,000	30,525,000	317,968	77,053	100,000	1,393,397		19,925,000	13,261	932,380	53,514,059	1,223,704	3.01%	2,234

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

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>a</sup> This is the amount restricted for debt service principal payments for the total primary government.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>b</sup> See Table 5 for property value data. <sup>c</sup> Population data can be found in Table 15

Direct and Overlapping Governmental Activities Debt Year Ended September 30, 2024 (Unaudited)

		Estimated	ш ••	Estimated Share of
Governmental Unit	Debt Outstanding	Percentage Applicable <sup>-</sup>	δ	Overlapping Debt
Debt repaid with property taxes				
Keller Independent School District	\$ 736,234,989	2.76%	↔	20,320,086
Birdville Independent School District	621,060,000	7.66%		47,573,196
Tarrant County College District	569,915,000	%99.0		3,761,439
Tarrant County	345,130,000	%99.0		2,277,858
Tarrant County Hospital	440,020,000	%99.0		2,904,132
Subtotal, overlapping debt				76,836,711
City direct debt				32,919,263
Total direct and overlapping debt			↔	\$ 109,755,974

Sources: Debt outstanding data provided by each governmental unit.

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

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>a</sup> For percentage of debt applicable to City, data prepared by the Municipal Advisory Council of Texas.

Pledged-Revenue Coverage Last Ten Fiscal Years (Unaudited)

		Coverage	0.46	,	,	,	,				,
	<i>*</i>	erest	4,052	,	,	1	1	1	1	1	,
າບe Bonds <sup>ີ</sup>	DebtService	Principal	415,000	,	,	,	,	,	,	,	,
PDC Sales Tax Revenue Bonds <sup>c</sup>	Net Available		193,575	•	,	ı	ı	1	1	1	1
2	Less Operating		596,121		,	1	,	1	1	1	,
	Total	, o	789,696		,	1	,	1	1	1	,
		Coverage	1	,	,	ı	ı	ı	ı	ı	,
	ice	erest	1	,	,	,	ı	ı	ı	ı	,
evenue Bonds	Debt Service	Principal	1	,	,	,	,	1	1	1	,
Water and Sewer Revenue Bonds	Net Available	Revenue	1	•	,	1	,	•	•	•	1
3	Less: Operating	Expenses	1	,	,	,	,	,	,	,	,
	Total	Revenuesa	1		,	,	,	,	,	,	1
	Fiscal	Year	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019 f	2020	2021	2022	2023

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

Source: Annual Comprehensive Financial Reports and Official Statement

2024

a Includes operating and non-operating revenues

 $<sup>^{\</sup>mathrm{o}}$  Excludes depreciation, amortization, interest expense and expenditures identified as capital

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>c</sup> Bonds are solely supported by a 1/2 cent sales tax approved at an election held in May, 1994 for the purpose of the City Parks and Recreation.

a In April, 2008, the City issued \$2,430,000 in GO Refunding Bonds to refund \$2,400,000 of out standing Series 1996 W aterworks and Sewer System Revenue Bonds.

e In May, 2012, voters approved a reallocation of 1/4 cent sales tax to the Street Maintenance Fund for a period of 4 years, effective October 1, 2012.

Final Debt Service payment made in FY2015 Parks Development Corporation name changed to Economic Development Corporation in FY2018-2019. The fund balance in the PDC operating fund is sufficient to pay off the remainder of the bond.

## Demographic and Economic Statistics City of Watauga, Texas

Last Ten Calendar Years

(Unaudited)

Unemployment Rate(6)	5.0%	4.1%	4.1%	3.7%	3.3%	3.5%	4.1%	3.5%	3.5%	4.0%
School Enrollment(5)	4,529	3,851	5,380	5,650	5,172	5,172	4,335	4,335	4,335	4,335
Median Age(4)	33.7	34.7	34.9	34.2	34.5	34.0	35.0	36.8	36.8	36.8
Per Capita Personal Income(3)	23,846	25,147	24,417	25,280	35,050	51,661	41,114	32,586	32,586	32,586
Personal Income (thousands of dollars) (2)	556,351	593,469	591,575	596,861	833,139	1,227,982	977,280	774,569	774,569	774,569
Population(1)	23,331	23,600	24,228	23,610	23,770	23,770	23,770	23,770	23,770	23,770
Year	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024

Sources:

(1) NCTCOG annual population estimates

(2) 2013 - 2022 Personal Income is calculated by multiplying Population (1) by Per Capita Personal Income

www.incomebyzipcode.com. 2020 - 2024 Estimates from (3) 2012 - 2014 From U.S. Census Bureau American Fact Finder. 2016 based on

The Retail Coach.

(4) 2011 - 2014 Median Age from 2010 Census, U.S. Census Bureau American Fact Finder and The Retail Coach 2020-2024.

(5) School Enrollment provided by Birdville and Keller Independent School Districts.

(6) Unemployment Rates from Texas Workforce Commission.

**City of Watauga, Texas** Principal Employers

Current Year and Nine Years Ago

		2024			2015	
Employer	Employees <sup>(1)</sup>	Rank	Percentage of Total City Employment <sup>(2)</sup>	Employees <sup>(1)</sup>	Rank	Percentage of Total City Employment <sup>(3)</sup>
Birdville ISD	250	_	3.97%	195	7	3.44%
Target	288	2	4.58%	245	_	4.32%
City of Watauga	190	က	3.02%	190	က	3.35%
North Pointe Health & Rehab	84	4	1.33%	92	9	1.62%
Albertsons	80	2	1.27%	176	4	3.10%
Chilis	70	9	1.11%	52	10	0.92%
Keller ISD	09	7	0.95%	52	6	0.92%
Cotton Patch Café	54	8	0.86%	54	<sub>∞</sub>	0.95%
Newman Academy	50	6	0.79%	1		0.00%
Fresco's	23	10	0.37%	09	7	1.06%
Harvest Christian	1			100	2	1.76%
Total	1,149		18.25%	1,216		21.42%

## Source:

<sup>&</sup>quot; For 2024, statistics provided by City of Watauga Economic Development Department. For 2014 used Sites on Texas, Survey of American City, City of Watauga ACFR 2015.

<sup>[2]</sup> For 2024, used NCTCOG 2017 estimates of 6295 obtained from the Bureau of Economic Analysis and U.S. Census Bureau, analyzed by NCTCOG

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1-3</sup> For 2015 City Employment is estimated at 5676 obtained from Sites on Texas, Demographic data for 2007 by

Experien /Applied Geographic Solutions

City of Watauga, Texas

Full-Time Equivalent City Government Employees by Function/Program Last Ten Fiscal Years (Unaudited)

Function/Program	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
General Government and Administration	31.65	31.65	32.90	31.90	31.90	31.90	21.75	27.00	32.00	32.00
Public Safety Police Division Fre/EMS Division	49.85	49.85	48.85	47.60	47.60	47.60	50.00	50.50	52.00 30.00	52.00 30.00
Culture and Recreational	8.50	8.50	8.50	8.50	8.50	8.50	3.00	4.25	5.25	9.50
Library	12.00	12.00	12.50	12.25	12.25	12.25	11.25	11.75	11.50	12.25
Water/Sewer/Drainage	33.25	33.25	33.25	32.25	32.25	32.25	28.25	29.00	31.00	32.00
Fleet Services	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00	4.00	4.00
Building	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00	8.00	8.00
Parks Development**	8.75	8.75	8.75	6.75	6.75	6.75	90.9	4.50	6.75	6.75
Total	175.00	175.00	175.75	170.25	170.25	176.25	157.25	164.00	180.50	186.50

Source: City Budget Office.

In 2015, decreased positions in Parks Develoment due to a shift to contract labor in the Parks Department

In FY2021, positions were reduced/frozen or unfunded to recover from expected revenue losses due to the COVID-19 pandemic

In FY2022, the City added positions as revenues increased due to economic recovery In FY2023, the City added positions to continue to fund positions previously reduced or unfunded in 2021 as revenues increased due to economic recovery

City of Watauga, Texas

Operating Indicators by Function/Program Last Ten Fiscal Years (Unaudited)

Func flon/Program	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Police Calls for Service Municipal Citations Issued	6,565	8,279	10,464	9,247 3,449	10,543	10,046 6,664	9,246 5,559	8,801	8,719	12,432 6,447
Fire/EMS EMS Calls	1,133	1,395	1,387	1,369	1,475	1,400	1,676	1,897	1,930	1,865
EMS Average Response Time (min)	3.60	3.47	3.50	3.50	3.46	4.14	4.16	4.19	4.35	4.32
Fire Calls	815	759	730	863	707	989	910	857	842	934
Fire Average Response Time (min)	4.13	4.07	3.50	4.30	4.59	5.14	4.32	7.33	5.09	5.03
Fire Inspections	329	336	544	169	8/9	089	889	701	406	836
Public W orks										
Lane Miles Maintained	88	88	88	88	88	88	88	88	88	88
Miles of Curb and gutter maintained	176	176	176	176	176	176	176	176	176	176
Parks and recreation										
Park Acres Maintained	119	119	119	119	119	119	119	120	120	120
Athletic Fields Maintained	10	10	10	10	10	10	01	12	12	12
Community Center Memberships	1,063	1,004	886	1,079	1,025	948	844	838	1,170	1,082
Program/Class/League Attendance	46,720	900'59	72,000	70,000	70,000	365	30,416	36,489	41,573	42,151
Library										
Number of Programs Offered	1,144	1,244	1,326	1,844	1,848	1,144	408	703	895	753
Number of School Visits	64	61	49	92	64	9	2	-	4	5
Number of Books in Collection	80,361	79,751	79,283	80,216	80,116	79,172	79,380	82,965	87,256	86,111
Number of Media in Collection	20,719	22,530	23,148	24,499	25,461	24,455	24,482	24,624	27,589	25,196
Bectronic Format Materials	52	52	20	49	49	49	,	4,306	5,119	4,894
Ebooks & Audiobooks	20,253	23,765	21,733	22,793	30,169	30,408	29,424	31,662	36,740	37,536
Water and Sewer										
Number of Water Consumers	8,508	8,238	8,248	8,281	8,318	8,328	8,349	8,362	8,391	8,420
Average daily consumption (mil gal)	2.2	2.2	2.0	2.5	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	1.9
Amt of sewer line inspected (Linear Ft)	6,665	8,000	8,900	19,100	2,100	2,100	2,100	1,900	3,187	4,750

Sources: Various city depart ments.

Note: Indicators are not available for the general government function.

City of Watauga, Texas Capital Assets by Function/Program Last Ten Fiscal Years (Unaudited)

Function/Program	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Police		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
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Animal control facility	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u> </u>	2 -						
Fire stations	-	_	_	_	_	_	_	-	_	-	-
Public Works											
Streets (miles)	88.0	88.0	88.0	0.88	88.0	88.0	88.0	88.0	88.0	88.0	88.0
Streetlights	703	703	703	703	703	781	781	781	781	781	781
Traffic signals	12	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20
Parks and recreation											
Acreage (developed & undeveloped) <sup>a</sup>	124	124	124	124	124	124	124	124	124	124	124
Parks	10	10	10	10	10	6	6	6	6	6	6
Athletic fields	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	01	10	10	10
Senior centers	-	-	_	_	-	-	-	_	-	-	_
Community centers	-	-	-	-	-	-	_	_	_	_	_
Water											
Water mains (miles)	88.0	88.0	88.0	0.88	88.0	107.0	107.0	107.0	107.0	107.0	107.0
Fire hydrants	920	649	649	649	649	654	654	654	654	654	658
Storage capacity (thousands of gallons)	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000
Shared ground storage (owned by NRH)	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000
Wastewater											
Storm sewers (miles)	17.4	17.4	17.4	17.4	17.4	17.4	17.4	17.4	17.4	17.4	17.4
Sanitary sewers (miles)	85	85	85	85	85	85	85	85	85	85	85

Sources: Various city departments.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>a</sup>In FY98 & FY99, sold 60 acres to large retail establishment

**Federal Awards Section** 

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

To the Honorable Mayor and City Council City of Watauga, Texas

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in Government Auditing Standards issued by the Comptroller General of the United States (Government Auditing Standards), the financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the City as of and for the year ended September 30, 2024, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the City's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated March 5, 2025.

#### Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

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

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

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

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

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

The Honorable Mayor and City Council City of Watauga, Texas

#### **Purpose of This Report**

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

Weaver and Siduell, L.L.P.

WEAVER AND TIDWELL, L.L.P.

Fort Worth, Texas March 5, 2025



### Independent Auditor's Report on Compliance for Each Major Federal Program and Report on Internal Control over Compliance As Required by Uniform Guidance

To the Honorable Mayor and City Council City of Watauga, Texas

#### Report on Compliance for Each Major Federal Program

#### Opinion on Each Major Federal Program

We have audited the City's compliance with the types of compliance requirements identified as subject to audit in the OMB Compliance Supplement that could have a direct and material effect on each of the City's major federal programs for the year ended September 30, 2024. The City's major federal programs are identified in the summary of auditor's results section of the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs.

In our opinion, the City complied, in all material respects, with the compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on each of its major federal programs for the year ended September 30, 2024.

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

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

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

#### Responsibilities of Management for Compliance

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

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

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

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS, Government Auditing Standards, and the Uniform Guidance, we:

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

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

#### Report on Internal Control Over Compliance

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

The Honorable Mayor and City Council City of Watauga, Texas

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

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

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

Weaver and Siduell, L.S.P.

WEAVER AND TIDWELL, L.L.P.

Fort Worth, Texas March 5, 2025

Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs For the Year Ended September 30, 2024

i. Auditee qualified as a low-risk auditee?

#### I. Summary of the Auditor's Results:

Financ	<u>ial Statements</u>		
a.	An unmodified opinion was issued on the financial statements.		
b.	Internal control over financial reporting:		
	Material weakness(es) identified?  Reported	Yes	<u>X</u> No
	Significant deficiency(ies) identified that are not considered a material weakness?	Yes	X None Reported
C.	Noncompliance material to financial statements noted?	Yes	<u>X</u> No
Major	<u>Programs</u>		
d.	Internal control over major programs:		
	Material weakness(es) identified?	Yes	<u>X</u> No
	Significant deficiency (ies) identified that are not Considered a material weakness?	Yes	X None Reported
e.	An unmodified opinion was issued on compliance for major Fede	eral programs.	
f.	Any audit findings disclosed that were required to be reported in accordance with 2 CFR 200.516(a)?	Yes	<u>X</u> No
g.	Identification of major program:		
	Program/Cluster Name	Federal Assistanc Listing Number	e 
	COVID-19 - Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds	21.027	
h.	The dollar threshold used to distinguish between type A and type B programs.		\$750,000

\_\_\_\_\_X Yes

\_\_No

Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs For the Year Ended September 30, 2024

II. Findings Relating to the Financial Statements Which Are Required To Be Reported in Accordance with Generally Accepted Government Auditing Standards.

There were no matters reported

III. Findings and Questioned Costs for Federal Awards

There were no matters reported

Summary of Prior Audit Findings For the Year Ended September 30, 2024

#### IV. Summary of Prior Year Findings

There were no matters reported

**City of Watauga, Texas** Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards For the Year Ended September 30, 2024

Federal Grantor/	Federal			
Pass-Through Grantor/	Assistance Listing	Pass-through		Federal
Program Title	Number	Identifying Number	Ex	oenditures
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TREASURY				
Passed Through Texas Department of Emergency Management				
COVID-19 - Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds	21.027	N/A	\$	983,763
Total U.S. Department of Treasury				983,763
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION				
Passed Through Texas Governor's Office				
Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Grant Program				
Bullet proof Shields	20.939	N/A		49,504
Passed through Texas Department of Public Safety				
Bulletproof Vests	20.939	N/A		12,898
Total U.S. Department of Transportation				62,402
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT				
Passed Through Texas Department of Agriculture				
Community Development Block Grant Program	14.218	N/A		169,327
Total U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development				169,327
Total Expenditures of Federal Awards			\$	1,215,492

Notes to Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards For the Year Ended September 30, 2024

#### Note 1. Basis of Presentation

The accompanying Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards includes the federal grant activity of the City and is presented on the modified accrual basis of accounting as described in Note 1 to the basic financial statements for the year ended September 30, 2024.

The City elected not to use the de minimis indirect cost rate as allowed in the Uniform Guidance, section 414.

#### Note 2. Basis of Accounting

The accompanying Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards is presented using the modified accrual basis of accounting, which is described in Note 1 to the City's financial statements. Such expenditures are recognized following cost principles contained in Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations Part 200, Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards, wherein certain types of expenditures are not allowable or are limited as to reimbursement.

#### Note 3. Subrecipients

Of the federal expenditures presented in the schedule, the City provided no federal awards to subrecipients.

#### Note 4. Non-Cash Assistance

The City did not receive any non-cash assistance during the fiscal year ended September 30, 2024.

#### Note 5. Loans

At year-end, the City had no loans or loan guarantees outstanding with federal awarding agencies.

#### Financial Advisory Services Provided By:

