CITY OF
MONTEZUMA, GEORGIA



ANNUAL
FINANCIAL REPORT

FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED
SEPTEMBER 30, 2024

CITY OF MONTEZUMA, GEORGIA

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
AS OF SEPTEMBER 30, 2024
AND INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

CITY OF MONTEZUMA, GEORGIA

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March 26, 2025

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Mayor and City Council
City of Montezuma, Georgia

Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

Opinions

We have audited the financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, the discretely presented component unit, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the **City of Montezuma, Georgia** (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, the discretely presented component unit, 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 and the respective budgetary comparison for the General Fund and the American Rescue Plan Fund for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Basis for Opinions

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

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of 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.

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 schedule of changes in the City's net pension liability and related ratios on page 45-46, the schedule of City contributions on page 47, and the notes to the required supplementary information on page 48 be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

Management has omitted the management's discussion and analysis that accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require to be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such missing information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. Our opinions on the basic financial statements are not affected by this missing information.

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 nonmajor fund financial statements, budgetary comparison schedules, schedule of projects constructed with special sales tax proceeds, schedule of water improvement community development block grant expenditures, the Downtown Development Authority's financial statements, and the 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. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the combining nonmajor fund financial statements, budgetary comparison schedules, schedule of projects constructed with special sales tax proceeds, schedule of water improvement community development block grant expenditures, the Downtown Development Authority's financial statements, and the schedule of expenditures of federal awards, are fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

Other Reporting Required by *Government Auditing Standards*

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated March 26, 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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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

CITY OF MONTEZUMA, GEORGIA
STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
SEPTEMBER 30, 2024

	Primary Government			Component Unit
	Governmental Activities	Business-Type Activities	Total	Downtown Development Authority
Assets				
Cash and Cash Equivalents	$ 2,216,471	$ 764,602	$ 2,981,073	$ 116,890
Asset Held for Resale	39,627	-	39,627	-
Investments	-	120,569	120,569	-
Receivables (Net of Allowance)				
Taxes	156,124	-	156,124	-
Accounts	89,253	646,021	735,274	16,250
Loans	116,276	-	116,276	-
Due from Other Governments	308,392	275,313	583,705	-
Prepaids	38,358	-	38,358	-
Internal Balances	2,762,945	(2,762,945)	-	-
Restricted Assets				
Cash and Cash Equivalents	-	16,703	16,703	-
Capital Assets				
Nondepreciable Assets	371,645	6,072,787	6,444,432	4,732
Depreciable Assets, Net	3,387,535	10,798,424	14,185,959	62,742
Total Assets	9,486,626	15,931,474	25,418,100	200,614
Deferred Outflows of Resources				
Deferred Outflows of Resources Related to Pensions	136,388	67,177	203,565	-
Total Deferred Outflows of Resources	136,388	67,177	203,565	-

See accompanying notes which are an integral part of these financial statements.

CITY OF MONTEZUMA, GEORGIA
STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
SEPTEMBER 30, 2024
(CONTINUED)

	Primary Government			Component Unit
	Governmental Activities	Business-Type Activities	Total	Downtown Development Authority
Liabilities				
Accounts Payable	129,767	644,146	773,913	-
Accrued Liabilities	17,801	9,522	27,323	-
Accrued Interest	-	1,588	1,588	-
Unearned Revenue	176,255	880,421	1,056,676	-
Escrow Payables	20,008	-	20,008	-
Customer Deposits	-	103,233	103,233	375
Noncurrent Liabilities				
Due Within One Year				
Notes Payable	-	116,327	116,327	-
Compensated Absences	22,759	8,756	31,515	-
Due in More Than One Year				
Notes Payable	-	1,414,823	1,414,823	-
Compensated Absences	9,754	3,752	13,506	-
Net Pension Liability	317,762	156,511	474,273	-
Total Liabilities	694,106	3,339,079	4,033,185	375
Net Position				
Net Investment in Capital Assets	3,759,180	14,958,990	18,718,170	67,474
Restricted for				
Capital Outlay	970,849	-	970,849	-
Loans	160,262	-	160,262	-
Tourism	46,619	-	46,619	-
Unrestricted (Deficit)	3,991,998	(2,299,418)	1,692,580	132,765
Total Net Position	$ 8,928,908	$ 12,659,572	$ 21,588,480	$ 200,239

See accompanying notes which are an integral part of these financial statements.

CITY OF MONTEZUMA, GEORGIA
STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2024

Functions / Programs	Expenses	Program Revenues: Charges for Services	Program Revenues: Operating Grants and Contributions	Program Revenues: Capital Grants and Contributions
Primary Government				
Governmental Activities				
General Government	$ 1,430,811	$ 72,372	$ 532,417	$ 3,504
Judicial	89,986	90,668	-	-
Public Safety	1,446,925	60,000	-	209,750
Public Works	650,722	-	133,999	326,645
Health and Welfare	30,800	-	-	-
Culture and Recreation	211,069	-	-	-
Housing and Development	108,643	-	-	-
Total Governmental Activities	3,968,956	223,040	666,416	539,899
Business-Type Activities				
Water Fund	724,590	573,779	-	280,603
Sewer Fund	3,192,567	4,552,401	-	976,241
Solid Waste Fund	772,255	738,643	-	-
Airport Fund	144,650	7,380	-	1,387,870
Fire & Emergency Fund	497,398	63,520	29,914	135,942
Total Business-Type Activities	5,331,460	5,935,723	29,914	2,780,656
Total Primary Government	$ 9,300,416	$ 6,158,763	$ 696,330	$ 3,320,555
Component Unit				
Downtown Development Authority	$ 37,878	$ 870	$ -	$ -
General Revenues				
Property Taxes				
Sales Taxes				
Insurance Premium Tax				
Franchise Tax				
Other Taxes				
Investment Earnings				
Gain (Loss) on Sale of Asset				
Miscellaneous				
Total General Revenues				
Transfers				
Change in Net Position				
Net Position - Beginning of Year				
Net Position - End of Year				

See accompanying notes which are an integral part of these financial statements.

CITY OF MONTEZUMA, GEORGIA
STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2024
(CONTINUED)

Net (Expense) Revenue and Changes in Net Position			Component Unit
Primary Government			
Governmental Activities	Business-type Activities	Total	Downtown Development Authority
$ (822,518)	$ -	$ (822,518)	$ -
682	-	682	-
(1,177,175)	-	(1,177,175)	-
(190,078)	-	(190,078)	-
(30,800)	-	(30,800)	-
(211,069)	-	(211,069)	-
(108,643)	-	(108,643)	-
(2,539,601)	-	(2,539,601)	-
-	129,792	129,792	-
-	2,336,075	2,336,075	-
-	(33,612)	(33,612)	-
-	1,250,600	1,250,600	-
-	(268,022)	(268,022)	-
-	3,414,833	3,414,833	-
(2,539,601)	3,414,833	875,232	-
			(37,008)
766,598	-	766,598	-
471,914	-	471,914	-
271,340	-	271,340	-
256,141	-	256,141	-
193,570	-	193,570	-
3,189	6,306	9,495	-
-	-	-	(118,973)
39,700	9,253	48,953	-
2,002,452	15,559	2,018,011	(118,973)
1,005,030	(1,005,030)	-	-
467,881	2,425,362	2,893,243	(155,981)
8,461,027	10,234,210	18,695,237	356,220
$ 8,928,908	$ 12,659,572	$ 21,588,480	$ 200,239

See accompanying notes which are an integral part of these financial statements.

CITY OF MONTEZUMA, GEORGIA
BALANCE SHEET
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
SEPTEMBER 30, 2024

	General	American Rescue Plan Act Fund	Nonmajor Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
Assets				
Cash and Cash Equivalents	$ 888,433	$ 187,572	$ 1,140,466	$ 2,216,471
Prepaid Items	38,358	-	-	38,358
Asset Held for Resale	-	-	39,627	39,627
Receivables, Net of Allowance				
Taxes	156,124	-	-	156,124
Accounts	87,672	-	1,581	89,253
Loans	-	-	116,276	116,276
Due from Other Governments	229,954	-	78,438	308,392
Due from Other Funds	2,364,434	-	-	2,364,434
Advances to Other Funds	398,733	-	-	398,733
Total Assets	$ 4,163,708	$ 187,572	$ 1,376,388	$ 5,727,668
Liabilities				
Accounts Payable	$ 36,289	$ 11,317	$ 82,160	$ 129,766
Accrued Liabilities	17,801	-	-	17,801
Unearned Revenue	-	176,255	-	176,255
Escrow Payables	20,008	-	-	20,008
Due to Other Funds	-	-	222	222
Total Liabilities	74,098	187,572	82,382	344,052
Deferred Inflows of Resources				
Unavailable Revenue - Property Taxes	148,114	-	-	148,114
Total Deferred Inflows of Resources	148,114	-	-	148,114
Fund Balances				
Nonspendable	437,091	-	116,276	553,367
Restricted	-	-	1,177,730	1,177,730
Unassigned	3,504,405	-	-	3,504,405
Total Fund Balances	3,941,496	-	1,294,006	5,235,502
Total Liabilities, Deferred Inflows of Resources and Fund Balances	$ 4,163,708	$ 187,572	$ 1,376,388	$ 5,727,668

See accompanying notes which are an integral part of these financial statements.

CITY OF MONTEZUMA, GEORGIA
RECONCILIATION OF THE BALANCE SHEET OF GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
TO THE STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2024

Total Fund Balances - Governmental Funds		$ 5,235,502
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of net position are different because:		
Capital Assets		
Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financed resources and, therefore, are not reported in the funds.		
Cost of Assets	7,949,529	
Accumulated Depreciation	(4,190,349)	
Deferred Outflows of Resources		
Related to Pensions	136,388	
Long-Term Liabilities		
Long-term liabilities are not due and payable in the current period and, therefore, are not reported as fund liabilities. Interest on long-term debt is not accrued in governmental funds, but rather is recognized as an expenditure when due. All liabilities both current and long-term are reported in the Statement of Net Position. Long-term liabilities at year-end consist of the following:		
Compensated Absences	(32,513)	
Net Pension Liability	(317,762)	
Revenues		
Other long-term assets are not available to pay for current period expenditures and, therefore, are reported as unavailable revenue in the funds.	148,114	
Total Net Position of Governmental Activities		$ 8,928,908

See accompanying notes which are an integral part of these financial statements.

CITY OF MONTEZUMA, GEORGIA
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2024

	General	American Rescue Plan Act Fund	Nonmajor Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
Revenues				
Taxes				
Property	$ 668,761	$ -	$ -	$ 668,761
Sales	471,914	-	-	471,914
Other Taxes	703,858	-	17,193	721,051
Licenses and Permits	21,065	-	-	21,065
Intergovernmental	285,815	380,601	539,876	1,206,292
Charges for Services	111,307	-	-	111,307
Fines and Forfeitures	90,668	-	-	90,668
Investment Earnings	2	35	3,175	3,212
Miscellaneous	39,700	-	-	39,700
Total Revenues	2,393,090	380,636	560,244	3,333,970
Expenditures				
Current				
General Government	912,321	2,560	1,496	916,377
Judicial	89,986	-	-	89,986
Public Safety	1,343,726	-	718	1,344,444
Public Works	405,946	885	13,027	419,858
Health and Welfare	30,800	-	-	30,800
Culture and Recreation	216,325	-	-	216,325
Economic Development	101,766	-	6,877	108,643
Capital Outlay	-	275,612	186,248	461,860
Total Expenditures	3,100,870	279,057	208,366	3,588,293
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	(707,780)	101,579	351,878	(254,323)
Other Financing Sources (Uses)				
Transfers In	1,303,749	-	-	1,303,749
Transfers Out	(66,757)	(101,579)	(130,383)	(298,719)
Total Other Financing Sources and (Uses)	1,236,992	(101,579)	(130,383)	1,005,030
Net Change in Fund Balances	529,212	-	221,495	750,707
Fund Balances - Beginning	3,412,284	-	1,072,511	4,484,795
Fund Balances - Ending	$ 3,941,496	$ -	$ 1,294,006	$ 5,235,502

See accompanying notes which are an integral part of these financial statements.

CITY OF MONTEZUMA, GEORGIA
RECONCILIATION OF THE STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES OF GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS TO THE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2024

Net Change in Fund Balances - Total Governmental Funds	$	750,707
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of activities are different because:		
Capital Assets		
Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures. However, in the statement of activities, the cost of these assets is depreciated over their estimated useful lives and reported as depreciation expense. This is the amount by which capital outlays exceeded depreciation expense in the current period.		
Total Capital Outlays		93,154
Total Depreciation		(293,144)
Deferred Outflows of Resources Related to Pensions is not Available During the Current Period and Therefore is not Reported in the Funds.		
Change in Deferred Outflows of Resources Related to Pensions		(222,306)
Long-Term Liabilities		
Under the modified accrual basis of accounting used in governmental funds, expenditures are not recognized for transactions that are not normally paid with expendable available financial resources. In the Statement of Activities, however, which is presented on the accrual basis, expenses and liabilities are reported regardless of when financial resources are available. In addition, interest on long-term debt is not recognized under the modified accrual basis of accounting until due, rather than as it accrues. The adjustments for these items are as follows:		
Compensated Absences		9,655
Net Pension Liability		31,978
Revenues		
Revenues in the Statement of Activities that do not provide current financial resources are not reported as revenues in the funds.		97,837
Change in Net Position of Governmental Activities	$	467,881

See accompanying notes which are an integral part of these financial statements.

CITY OF MONTEZUMA, GEORGIA
GENERAL FUND
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE - BUDGET TO ACTUAL
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2024

	Budget			Variance with
	Original	Final	Actual	Final Budget
Revenues				
Taxes	$ 1,977,761	$ 1,845,000	$ 1,844,533	$ (467)
Licenses and Permits	14,850	14,850	21,065	6,215
Intergovernmental	71,000	214,815	285,815	71,000
Charges for Services	73,900	73,900	111,307	37,407
Fines and Forfeitures	100,000	100,000	90,668	(9,332)
Investment Earnings	-	-	2	2
Miscellaneous	14,800	14,800	39,700	24,900
Total Revenues	2,252,311	2,263,365	2,393,090	129,725
Expenditures				
Current				
General Government				
Mayor and Council	103,853	103,853	74,572	29,281
Board of Elections	4,000	5,200	5,157	43
Administration	670,340	674,000	673,950	50
Public Buildings	225,800	225,800	158,642	67,158
Judicial				
Municipal Court	103,190	103,190	89,986	13,204
Public Safety				
Police	1,470,724	1,344,000	1,343,526	474
Animal Control	700	700	200	500
Public Works				
Streets	481,585	270,500	270,343	157
Stormwater	107,610	107,610	102,753	4,857
Cemetery	47,244	47,244	32,850	14,394
Health and Welfare				
Mosquito Control	30,000	30,800	30,800	-
Culture and Recreation				
Parks	134,749	134,749	97,335	37,414
Library	118,444	119,000	118,990	10

See accompanying notes which are an integral part of these financial statements.

CITY OF MONTEZUMA, GEORGIA
GENERAL FUND
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE - BUDGET TO ACTUAL
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2024
(CONTINUED)

	Budget			Variance with
	Original	Final	Actual	Final Budget
Expenditures				
Housing and Development				
Planning and Zoning	500	1,350	1,322	28
Economic Development	170,562	170,562	100,444	70,118
Total Expenditures	3,669,301	3,338,558	3,100,870	237,688
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over Expenditures	(1,416,990)	(1,075,193)	(707,780)	367,413
Other Financing Sources (Uses)				
Transfers from Other Funds	1,794,826	1,304,000	1,303,749	(251)
Transfer to Other Funds	(303,079)	(156,450)	(66,757)	89,693
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	1,491,747	1,147,550	1,236,992	89,442
Net Change in Fund Balance	74,757	72,357	529,212	456,855
Fund Balance - Beginning	3,412,284	3,412,284	3,412,284	-
Fund Balance - Ending	$ 3,487,041	$ 3,484,641	$ 3,941,496	$ 456,855

See accompanying notes which are an integral part of these financial statements.

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CITY OF MONTEZUMA, GEORGIA
AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT FUND
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE - BUDGET TO ACTUAL
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2024
(CONTINUED)

	Budget			Variance with
	Original	Final	Actual	Final Budget
Revenues				
Intergovernmental	$ -	$ -	$ 380,601	$ 380,601
Investment Earnings	-	-	35	35
Total Revenues	-	-	380,636	380,636
Expenditures				
Current				
General Government	-	2,560	2,560	-
Public Works	-	276,497	276,497	-
Total Expenditures	-	279,057	279,057	-
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over Expenditures	-	(279,057)	101,579	380,636
Other Financing Sources (Uses)				
Transfer to Other Funds	-	(101,579)	(101,579)	-
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	-	(101,579)	(101,579)	-
Net Change in Fund Balance	-	(380,636)	-	380,636
Fund Balance - Beginning	-	-	-	-
Fund Balance - Ending	$ -	$ (380,636)	$ -	$ 380,636

See accompanying notes which are an integral part of these financial statements.

CITY OF MONTEZUMA, GEORGIA
STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
PROPRIETARY FUNDS
SEPTEMBER 30, 2024

	Business-Type Activities Enterprise Funds		
	Water Fund	**Sewer Fund**	**Solid Waste Fund**
Assets			
Current Assets			
Cash and Cash Equivalents	$ 78,920	$ 415,613	$ 95,164
Investments	-	120,569	-
Restricted Cash and Cash Equivalents	16,703	-	-
Accounts Receivable (Net of Allowance for Uncollectibles)	95,431	420,882	120,505
Due from Other Funds	1,016	-	54,437
Due from Other Governments	-	-	-
Total Current Assets	192,070	957,064	270,106
Noncurrent Assets			
Capital Assets			
Nondepreciable Assets	982,696	2,619,881	-
Depreciable Assets, Net	3,310,145	3,878,764	1,034
Total Capital Assets	4,292,841	6,498,645	1,034
Total Noncurrent Assets	4,292,841	6,498,645	1,034
Total Assets	4,484,911	7,455,709	271,140
Deferred Outflows of Resources			
Related to Pensions	14,250	26,463	12,214
Total Deferred Outflows of Resources	$ 14,250	$ 26,463	$ 12,214

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CITY OF MONTEZUMA, GEORGIA
STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
PROPRIETARY FUNDS
SEPTEMBER 30, 2024

	Business-Type Activities Enterprise Funds		
	Airport Fund	Fire & Emergency Fund	Total
	$ 295	$ 174,610	$ 764,602
	-	-	120,569
	-	-	16,703
	-	9,203	646,021
	-	53	55,506
	275,313	-	275,313
	275,608	183,866	1,878,714
	2,470,210	-	6,072,787
	3,364,211	244,270	10,798,424
	5,834,421	244,270	16,871,211
	5,834,421	244,270	16,871,211
	6,110,029	428,136	18,749,925
	-	14,250	67,177
	$ -	$ 14,250	$ 67,177

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CITY OF MONTEZUMA, GEORGIA
STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
PROPRIETARY FUNDS
SEPTEMBER 30, 2024
(CONTINUED)

	Business-Type Activities Enterprise Funds		
	Water Fund	**Sewer Fund**	**Solid Waste Fund**
Liabilities			
Current Liabilities			
Accounts Payable	$ 39,047	$ 88,525	$ 36,624
Accrued Liabilities	1,822	3,830	1,794
Accrued Interest	277	1,311	-
Customer Deposits Payable	103,233	-	-
Compensated Absences	1,269	5,069	2,244
Unearned Revenue - Leachate	-	880,421	-
Due to Other Funds	412,503	173,761	469,952
Advance from Other Funds	-	-	398,733
Notes Payable - Current	-	116,327	-
Total Current Liabilities	558,151	1,269,244	909,347
Noncurrent Liabilities			
Notes Payable	718,015	696,808	-
Net Pension Liability	33,199	61,656	28,457
Total Noncurrent Liabilities	751,214	758,464	28,457
Total Liabilities	1,309,365	2,027,708	937,804
Net Position			
Net Investment in Capital Assets	3,547,023	5,633,997	1,034
Unrestricted (Deficit)	(357,227)	(179,533)	(655,484)
Total Net Position (Deficit)	$ 3,189,796	$ 5,454,464	$ (654,450)

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CITY OF MONTEZUMA, GEORGIA
STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
PROPRIETARY FUNDS
SEPTEMBER 30, 2024
(CONTINUED)

	Business-Type Activities Enterprise Funds		
	Airport Fund	Fire & Emergency Fund	Total
$	477,790	$ 2,160	$ 644,146
	-	2,076	9,522
	-	-	1,588
	-	-	103,233
	-	3,926	12,508
	-	-	880,421
	248,764	1,114,738	2,419,718
	-	-	398,733
	-	-	116,327
	726,554	1,122,900	4,586,196
	-	-	1,414,823
	-	33,199	156,511
	-	33,199	1,571,334
	726,554	1,156,099	6,157,530
	5,532,666	244,270	14,958,990
	(149,191)	(957,983)	(2,299,418)
$	5,383,475	$ (713,713)	$ 12,659,572

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CITY OF MONTEZUMA, GEORGIA
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES, AND CHANGE IN NET POSITION
PROPRIETARY FUNDS
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2024

	Business-Type Activities Enterprise Funds					
	Water Fund	Sewer Fund	Solid Waste Fund	Airport Fund	Fire & Emergency Fund	Total
Operating Revenues						
Charges for Sales and Services						
Water Sales	$ 566,679	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ 566,679
Charges for Services	7,100	4,552,401	738,643	7,380	63,520	5,369,044
Miscellaneous	8,496	-	252	-	505	9,253
Total Operating Revenues	582,275	4,552,401	738,895	7,380	64,025	5,944,976
Operating Expenses						
Salaries and Benefits	209,210	376,737	218,036	-	239,846	1,043,829
Cost of Sales	13,861	-	-	-	-	13,861
Repairs, Maintenance, and Supplies	209,347	709,416	25,905	3,863	61,913	1,010,444
Depreciation	165,645	197,636	3,564	126,919	32,665	526,429
Professional Fees	5,544	-	-	-	-	5,544
Contracted Services	116,037	1,890,575	524,750	13,868	162,974	2,708,204
Other Operating Expenses	1,654	-	-	-	-	1,654
Total Operating Expenses	721,298	3,174,364	772,255	144,650	497,398	5,309,965
Operating Income (Loss)	(139,023)	1,378,037	(33,360)	(137,270)	(433,373)	635,011

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CITY OF MONTEZUMA, GEORGIA
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES, AND CHANGE IN NET POSITION
PROPRIETARY FUNDS
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2024
(CONTINUED)

	Business-Type Activities Enterprise Funds					
	Water Fund	**Sewer Fund**	**Solid Waste Fund**	**Airport Fund**	**Fire & Emergency Fund**	**Total**
Non-Operating Revenues (Expenses)						
Interest Revenue	-	6,306	-	-	-	6,306
Intergovernmental Revenue	134,416	-	-	1,040,903	135,857	1,311,176
Interest Expense	(3,292)	(18,203)	-	-	-	(21,495)
Total Non-Operating Revenues (Expenses)	131,124	(11,897)	-	1,040,903	135,857	1,295,987
Net Income (Loss) Before Contributions and Transfers	(7,899)	1,366,140	(33,360)	903,633	(297,516)	1,930,998
Capital Contributions	146,187	976,241	-	346,967	29,999	1,499,394
Transfers In	339,306	130,383	-	66,757	16,174	552,620
Transfers out	(213,129)	(1,273,478)	(42,626)	-	(28,417)	(1,557,650)
Change In Net Position	264,465	1,199,286	(75,986)	1,317,357	(279,760)	2,425,362
Net Position - Beginning (Deficit)	2,925,331	4,255,178	(578,464)	4,066,118	(433,953)	10,234,210
Net Position - Ending (Deficit)	$ 3,189,796	$ 5,454,464	$ (654,450)	$ 5,383,475	$ (713,713)	$ 12,659,572

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CITY OF MONTEZUMA, GEORGIA
STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
PROPRIETARY FUNDS
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2024

	Business-Type Activities Enterprise Funds	
	Water Fund	**Sewer Fund**
Cash Flows from Operating Activities		
Cash Received from Customers	$ 576,768	$ 5,504,940
Cash Paid to Suppliers for Goods and Services	(367,897)	(3,216,643)
Cash Paid to Employees	(192,809)	(346,328)
Net Cash Provided by (Used for) Operating Activities	16,062	1,941,969
Cash Flows from Noncapital Financing Activities		
Intergovernmental Revenue	-	-
Transfer from Other Funds	339,306	130,383
Transfer to Other Funds	(213,129)	(1,273,478)
Net Cash Provided by (Used for) Noncapital Financing Activities	126,177	(1,143,095)
Cash Flows from Capital and Related Financing Activities		
Acquisition and Construction of Assets	(500,062)	(969,830)
Capital Grants	280,603	-
Interest Paid on Notes	(3,292)	(16,893)
Net Cash Provided by (Used for) Capital and Related Financing Activities	(222,751)	(986,723)
Cash Flows from Investing Activities		
Interest Received	-	6,306
Net Cash Provided by (Used for) Investing Activities	-	6,306
Net Increase (Decrease) in Cash and Cash Equivalents	(80,512)	(181,543)
Cash and Cash Equivalents - Beginning	176,135	717,725
Cash and Cash Equivalents - Ending	$ 95,623	$ 536,182
Reconciliation of Cash and Cash Equivalents		
Cash	$ 78,920	$ 415,613
Certificate of Deposits	-	120,569
Restricted Cash	16,703	-
Total Cash and Cash Equivalents	$ 95,623	$ 536,182

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CITY OF MONTEZUMA, GEORGIA
STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
PROPRIETARY FUNDS
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2024

	Business-Type Activities Enterprise Funds			
	Solid Waste Fund	Airport Fund	Fire & Emergency Fund	Total
	$ 730,699	$ 7,380	$ 63,575	$ 6,883,362
	(529,079)	189,264	287,513	(3,636,842)
	(205,199)	-	(224,004)	(968,340)
	(3,579)	196,644	127,084	2,278,180
	-	-	29,914	29,914
	-	66,757	16,174	552,620
	(42,626)	-	(28,417)	(1,557,650)
	(42,626)	66,757	17,671	(975,116)
	-	(1,312,302)	(116,373)	(2,898,567)
	-	1,040,903	105,943	1,427,449
	-	-	-	(20,185)
	-	(271,399)	(10,430)	(1,491,303)
	-	-	-	6,306
	-	-	-	6,306
	(46,205)	(7,998)	134,325	(181,933)
	141,369	8,293	40,285	1,083,807
	$ 95,164	$ 295	$ 174,610	$ 901,874
	$ 95,164	$ 295	$ 174,610	$ 764,602
	-	-	-	120,569
	-	-	-	16,703
	$ 95,164	$ 295	$ 174,610	$ 901,874

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CITY OF MONTEZUMA, GEORGIA
STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
PROPRIETARY FUNDS
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2024
(CONTINUED)

	Business-Type Activities Enterprise Funds	
	Water Fund	**Sewer Fund**
Reconciliation of Operating Income (Loss) to Net Cash Provided by (Used for) Operating Activities		
Operating Income (Loss)	$ (139,023)	$ 1,378,037
Adjustment to Reconcile Operating Income (Loss) to Net Cash Provided by (Used for) Operating Activities		
Depreciation	165,645	197,636
Changes in Assets and Liabilities		
(Increase) Decrease in Accounts Receivable	(5,486)	72,118
(Increase) Decrease in Due from Other Funds	11,984	161,749
(Increase) Decrease in Due from Other Governments	302,092	-
(Increase) Decrease in Deferred Outflows - Pensions	22,674	36,836
Increase (Decrease) in Accounts Payable	(270,648)	24,559
Increase (Decrease) in Accrued Liabilities	(3,148)	(7,016)
Increase (Decrease) in Customer Water Deposits	(21)	-
Increase (Decrease) in Due to Other Funds	(259,612)	(690,066)
Increase (Decrease) in Compensated Absences	(321)	652
Increase (Decrease) in Notes Payable	194,730	(112,894)
Increase (Decrease) in Net Pension Liability	(2,804)	(63)
Increase (Decrease) in Unearned Revenue - Leachate	-	880,421
Total Adjustments	155,085	563,932
Net Cash Provided by (Used for) Operating Activities	$ 16,062	$ 1,941,969
Noncash Capital Financing Activities		
Contributions of Capital Assets	$ 146,187	$ 976,241

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CITY OF MONTEZUMA, GEORGIA
STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
PROPRIETARY FUNDS
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2024
(CONTINUED)

	Business-Type Activities Enterprise Funds			
	Solid Waste Fund	Airport Fund	Fire & Emergency Fund	Total
	$ (33,360)	$ (137,270)	$ (433,373)	$ 635,011
	3,564	126,919	32,665	526,429
	(8,196)	-	(450)	57,986
	202,887	-	37,941	414,561
	-	24,543	-	326,635
	19,435	-	22,674	101,619
	3,351	177,676	(2,001)	(67,063)
	(3,597)	-	(4,552)	(18,313)
	-	-	-	(21)
	(184,662)	4,776	476,460	(653,104)
	(598)	-	524	257
	-	-	-	81,836
	(2,403)	-	(2,804)	(8,074)
	-	-	-	880,421
	29,781	333,914	560,457	1,643,169
	$ (3,579)	$ 196,644	$ 127,084	$ 2,278,180
	$ -	$ 346,967	$ 29,999	$ 1,499,394

See accompanying notes which are an integral part of these financial statements.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

(1) Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

The financial statements of the City of Montezuma, Georgia ("City") have been prepared in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP) as applied to governments. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is the accepted standard-setting body for governmental accounting and financial reporting. The most significant of the City's accounting policies are described below.

Reporting Entity

The City of Montezuma is a political subdivision of the State of Georgia. It is governed by an elected mayor and six-member governing council ("council") under an elected Mayor-Council form of government. As required by generally accepted accounting principles, the financial statements of the reporting entity include those of the City of Montezuma, Georgia (primary government) and its component units. A component unit is a legally separate organization for which the elected officials of the primary government are financially accountable. In addition, a component unit can be another organization for which the nature and significance of its relationship with a primary government is such that exclusion would cause the reporting entity's financial statements to be misleading or incomplete.

The component unit discussed below is included in the City's reporting entity because of the significance of its operational and financial relationships with the City. In conformity with generally accepted accounting principles, as set forth in Statement of Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) No. 61 *The Financial Reporting Entity: Omnibus, an amendment of GASB Statement No. 14 and 34*, the City's relationships with other governments and agencies have been examined. The component unit column in the combined financial statements includes the financial data for the Downtown Development Authority, as of September 30, 2024. The financial information for the component unit is reported in columns separate from the City's financial information to emphasize that it is legally separate from the City.

Downtown Development Authority

The Montezuma Downtown Development Authority is a public body, corporate and politic, and was created upon the adoption and approval of the Development Authorities Law of the State of Georgia. The DDA was created to revitalize and redevelop the urban, central city, and downtown areas of the City of Montezuma. The Mayor and City Council appoint all members of the Downtown Development Authority. The Downtown Development Authority is audited along with the primary government financial statements and separate financial statements are not prepared.

Joint Venture

A joint venture has the following characteristics:

1. It is a legal entity that results from a contractual arrangement.
2. It is owned, operated or governed by two or more participants as a separate and specific activity subject to joint control.
3. Participants retain an ongoing financial interest or an ongoing financial responsibility.

Under Georgia law, the City, in conjunction with other cities and counties in the middle Georgia area, is a member of the River Valley Regional Commission (the "RC") and is required to pay annual dues thereto. Membership in an RC is required by the Official Code of Georgia Annotated (OCGA) Section 50-8-34 which provides for the organizational structure of the RC in Georgia.

(1) Summary of Significant Account Policies (Continued)

Reporting Entity (Continued)

The RC Board membership includes the chief elected official of each county and municipality of the area. OCGA 50-8-39.1 provides that the member governments are liable for any debts or obligations of an RC.

Separate financial statements may be obtained from:

River Valley Regional Commission
710 Front Avenue, STE A
Columbus, Georgia 31901

Government-Wide and Fund Financial Statements

The government-wide financial statements (Statement of Net Position and Statement of Activities) report information on all the nonfiduciary activities of the primary government and its component units. 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. Likewise, the primary government is reported separately from certain legally separate component units for which the primary government is financially accountable.

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

Measurement Focus, Basis of Accounting, and Financial Statement Presentation

Government-Wide Financial Statements

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

As a general rule, the effect of interfund activity has been eliminated from the government-wide financial statements.

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

(1) Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

Fund Financial Statements

Governmental fund financial statements are reported using the current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting.

Under the modified accrual basis of accounting, revenues are recognized as soon as they are both measurable and available. Revenues are considered to be available when they are collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to pay liabilities of the current period. For this purpose, the City considers revenues to be available if they are collected within 60 days of the end of the current fiscal period. Expenditures generally are recorded when a liability is incurred, as under accrual accounting. However, debt service expenditures, as well as expenditures related to compensated absences and claims and judgments, are recorded only when the obligations are expected to be liquidated with expendable available financial resources.

Property taxes, franchise taxes, licenses, and interest associated with the current fiscal period are all considered susceptible to accrual and so have been recognized as revenues of the current fiscal period. Only the portion of special assessments receivable due within the current fiscal period is considered to be susceptible to accrual as revenue of the current period. All other revenues are considered to be measurable and available only when cash is received by the government.

Proprietary funds distinguish operating revenues and expenses from nonoperating items. Operating revenues and expenses generally result from providing services in connection with a proprietary fund's principal ongoing operations. All revenues and expenses not meeting this definition are reported as nonoperating revenues and expenses.

The fund financial statements provide more detailed information about the government's most significant funds, not the government as a whole. The activities of the government are organized on the basis of funds, each of which is considered 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 equity, revenues and expenditures, or expenses, as appropriate. Government resources are allocated to and accounted for in individual funds based upon the purposes for which they are to be spent and the means by which spending activities are controlled.

The government reports the following major governmental funds:

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

American Rescue Plan Act Fund – The American Rescue Plan Act Fund is used to account for the federal grant funds received.

The government reports the following major proprietary fund:

Water Fund – The Water proprietary fund is used to account for the providing of water services to the citizens of the City.

Sewer Fund – The Sewer proprietary fund operates a sanitary sewer system throughout the City and sewage treatment plant. Another treatment plant is operated by the fund as a holding and pretreatment area.

Solid Waste Fund – The Solid Waste proprietary fund is used to account for the providing of garbage collection services to the citizens of the City.

Airport Fund – The Airport proprietary fund is used to account for the activity the City's airport services provide to the general public.

(1) Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

Fund Financial Statements (Continued)

Fire & Emergency Fund – The Fire & Emergency proprietary fund is used to account for fire services provided to citizens of the City.

Deposits and Investments

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

Investments are reported at fair value, which is determined using selected bases. Short-term investments are reported at cost, which approximates fair value. Securities traded on a national or international exchange are valued at the last reported sales price at current exchange rates, and investments that do not have an established market are reported at estimated fair value. Cash deposits are reported at carrying amount, which reasonably estimates fair value.

Receivables

Due from Other Governments represents funds to be received from other local governments, state grant-in-aid, state contracts, or federal funds. No allowance is deemed necessary for these receivables.

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

All trade and property tax receivables have been reduced to their estimated net realizable value and are shown net of an allowance for doubtful accounts. Estimated uncollectible amounts are based on historical experience rates.

Restricted Assets

Certain assets of the enterprise funds are classified as restricted assets because their use is restricted by debt covenants.

Prepaid Items

Certain payments to vendors reflect costs applicable to future accounting periods and are recorded as prepaid items in both the government-wide and fund financial statements.

Inventories

The City has no inventories. Expendable supplies held for consumption are not considered material and are recorded as expenditures, or expenses, as appropriate, when purchased.

(1) Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

Capital Assets

Capital assets, which include property, plant, equipment, and infrastructure assets (e.g., roads, bridges, sidewalks, and similar items acquired subsequent to January 1, 2004) are reported in the applicable governmental or business-type activities column in the government-wide financial statements. Capital assets are defined by the government as assets with an initial, individual cost of more than $5,000, and an estimated useful life in excess of two years. Such assets are recorded at historical cost or estimated historical cost if purchased or constructed. Donated capital assets are recorded at their acquisition value at the date of donation.

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

Major outlays for capital assets and improvements are capitalized as projects are constructed.

Property, plant, and equipment of the primary government are depreciated using the straight-line method over the following estimated useful lives:

Vehicles and Equipment	3-20 years
Land Improvements	15-30 years
Infrastructure	15-30 years
Plant and Buildings	25-50 years

Compensated Absences

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

Vacation leave is based on the number of years of service and on a bi-weekly pay period as follows:

	Hours Per Pay Period
Employees with Less Than 5 Years	3
Employees with Between 5 to 18 Years	5
Employees with 18 Years or More	7

The maximum amount of vacation leave that may be carried forward from one leave year to another is 120 hours except that Fire Department personnel working more than a regular 40-hour week may carry forward a maximum of 168 hours. Excess vacation leave not taken by the first pay period of the new leave year will be forfeited.

Accumulated unpaid sick leave costs are not vested and are not accrued in any fund, but are recognized as expenditures or expenses, when paid. Accumulated unpaid vacation costs and compensatory time are accrued when incurred in the proprietary funds. The City does not budget for compensated absences in the governmental funds. All accumulated unpaid vacation costs and compensatory time (for funds other than proprietary) are reflected in the governmental activities at September 30, 2024 and amount to $32,513.

(1) Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

Long-term Obligations

In the government-wide financial statements, long-term debt and other long-term obligations are reported as liabilities in the governmental activities statement of net position.

Management Estimates

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

Deferred Outflows / Inflows of Resources

In addition to assets, the statement of financial position will sometimes report a separate section for deferred outflows of resources. This separate financial statement element, deferred outflows of resources, represents a consumption of net assets that applies to a future period or periods and so will not be recognized as an outflow of resources (expense / expenditures) until then. The City has one item that qualifies for reporting in this category. The deferred outflow of resources related to the pension plans. This amount is deferred and will be recognized as a reduction of the net pension liability in future years.

In addition to liabilities, the statement of financial position will sometimes report a separate section for deferred inflows of resources. This separate financial statement element, deferred inflows of resources, represents an acquisition of net assets that applies to a future period(s) and so will not be recognized as an inflow of resources (revenue) until that time. The City has unavailable revenue that is reported only in the governmental funds balance sheet. The governmental funds report unavailable revenues from property taxes. This amount is deferred and recognized as an inflow of resources in the period that the amounts become available.

Net Position Flow Assumption

Sometimes the government will fund outlays for a particular purpose from both restricted (e.g., restricted bond or grant proceeds) and unrestricted resources. In order to calculate the amounts to report as restricted – net position and unrestricted – net position in the government-wide and proprietary fund financial statements, a flow assumption must be made about the order in which the resources are considered to be applied.

It is the government's policy to consider restricted – net position to have been depleted before unrestricted – net position is applied.

Net Position Deficit

At September 30, 2024, the Solid Waste Fund and the Fire & Emergency Fund had deficits of $654,450 and $713,713, respectively. These deficits will be funded with subsequent charges for services.

(1) Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

Fund Equity

In the financial statements, governmental funds report the following classifications of fund balance in accordance with Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 54:

- Nonspendable – amounts that cannot be spent because they are either (a) not in spendable form or (b) legally or contractually required to be maintained intact.
- Restricted – amounts are restricted when constraints have been placed on the use of resources by (a) externally imposed by creditors, grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments or (b) imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.
- Committed – amounts that can only be used for specific purposes pursuant to constraints imposed by formal action of the City Council. The City Council approves committed resources through a motion and vote during the voting session of City Council meetings.
- Assigned – amounts that are constrained by the City's intent to be used for specific purposes but are neither restricted nor committed. The intent is expressed by the City Council.
- Unassigned – amounts that have not been assigned to other funds and that are not restricted, committed, or assigned to specific purposes within the General Fund. The General Fund is the only fund that reports a positive unassigned fund balance.

Flow Assumptions – When both restricted and unrestricted amounts of fund balance are available for use for expenditures incurred, it is the City's policy to use restricted amounts first and then unrestricted amounts as they are needed. For unrestricted amounts of fund balance, it is the City's policy to use fund balance in the following order:

- Committed
- Assigned
- Unassigned

The City does not have a formal minimum fund balance policy. The following is a summary of the fund balance classifications as of September 30, 2024:

Fund Balances	General Fund	Nonmajor Governmental Funds	Total
Nonspendable			
Advances to Other Funds	$ 398,733	$ -	$ 398,733
Prepaids	38,358	-	38,358
Noncurrent Loans Receivable	-	116,276	116,276
Restricted			
Capital outlay	-	692,956	692,956
Loans	-	160,262	160,262
Tourism	-	46,619	46,619
Transportation	-	277,893	277,893
Unassigned	3,504,405	-	3,504,405
Total Fund Balances	$ 3,941,496	$ 1,294,006	$ 5,235,502

Risk Management

The City is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts of, damage to, and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; and natural disasters. The City maintains commercial insurance coverage covering each of those risks of loss.

(1) Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

Risk Management (Continued)

Management believes such coverage is sufficient to preclude any significant uninsured losses to the City. Settled claims have not exceeded this commercial coverage in any of the past three years.

There have been no significant reductions in insurance coverage in the current year.

The City has obtained commercial insurance for workers' compensation claims. The limits of the coverage are $1,000,000 for each employee claim. Settled claims in the past three years have not exceeded the coverage.

(2) Budgets And Budgetary Accounting

Budget Process

An operating budget is legally adopted each fiscal year for all governmental funds except capital project funds. Capital project funds use project-length budgets. The legal level of control (the level at which expenditures may not legally exceed appropriations) for each legally adopted annual budget is the department level. Budgets are adopted on a basis consistent with GAAP. All final budget amounts presented in the accompanying financial statements and supplementary data have been adjusted for authorized revisions of the annual budget during the year. The Mayor and City Council must approve any department level changes to a previously adopted budget. Management may amend the budget without obtaining the approval of the Mayor and City Council at any level below the department level. All unexpended appropriations provided in the annual budget lapse at year-end. The annual budget cycle begins in March of the preceding fiscal year when budget workbooks are distributed to each department. The Mayor and City Council advertise the budgets and conduct public hearings on the proposed budget in adherence to local ordinance and state law and a final budget is usually adopted September 30.

(3) Deposits and Investments

Credit risk

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

At September 30, 2024, the City's investments were as follows:

Investment	Maturity	Fair Value	Rating	Weighted Average Maturity (WAM)
Georgia Fund I	Less than 1 year	$ 120,569	AAAf	30 Days
		$ 120,569		

Interest rate risk

The City does not have a formal investment policy that limits investment maturities as a means of managing its exposure to fair value losses arising from increasing interest rates.

(3) Deposits and Investments (continued)

Custodial Credit Risk - Deposits

The custodial credit risk of deposits is the risk that in the event of the failure of a bank, the government will not be able to recover deposits. The City's bank balances of deposits as of September 30, 2024, are entirely insured or collateralized with securities held by the City's agent in the City's name. State statutes require banks holding public funds to secure these funds by FDIC insurance, securities pledged at par value, and surety bonds at face value in combined aggregate totaling not less than 110 percent of the public funds held.

(4) Other Receivables

Receivables at September 30, 2024, consist of the following:

	General Fund	Water Fund	Sewer Fund	Solid Waste Fund	Fire & Emergency Fund	Nonmajor Governmental Funds	Total
Receivables							
Taxes	$ 212,389	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ 212,389
Accounts	117,703	186,134	547,310	216,865	33,874	1,581	1,103,467
Loans	-	-	-	-	-	436,478	436,478
Gross Receivables	330,092	186,134	547,310	216,865	33,874	438,059	1,752,334
Less Allowances for Uncollectibles	(86,296)	(90,703)	(126,428)	(96,360)	(24,671)	(320,202)	(744,660)
Net Receivables	$ 243,796	$ 95,431	$ 420,882	$ 120,505	$ 9,203	$ 117,857	$ 1,007,674

(5) Due from Other Governments

Amounts due from other governments at September 30, 2024, are as follows:

	State	Other	Total
Fund			
General Fund	$ 34,357	$ 195,597	$ 229,954
Airport Fund	275,313	-	275,313
Nonmajor Governmental Funds	78,438	-	78,438
Total	$ 388,108	$ 195,597	$ 583,705

(6) Interfund Receivables, Payables, and Transfers

The composition of interfund balances as of September 30, 2024, was as follows:

Due to / from Other Funds

Receivable Fund	Payable Fund	Amount
General Fund	Water Fund	$ 358,208
	Sewer Fund	172,668
	Solid Waste Fund	469,952
	Airport Fund	248,764
	Fire & Emergency Fund	1,114,620
	Nonmajor Governmental Funds	222
Water Fund	Sewer Fund	1,016
Solid Waste Fund	Water Fund	54,242
	Sewer Fund	77
	Fire & Emergency Fund	118
Fire & Emergency Fund	Water Fund	53
Total		**$ 2,419,940**

Advances From	Advances To	Amount
General Fund	Solid Waste Fund	$ 398,733
Total		**$ 398,733**

The outstanding balances between funds result mainly from the time lag between the dates that (1) interfund goods and services are provided or reimbursable expenditures occur, (2) transactions are recorded in the accounting system, and (3) payments between funds are made.

Interfund Transfers

	Transfers In					
Transfer Out	General Fund	Water Fund	Sewer Fund	Airport Fund	Fire & Emergency Fund	Total
General Fund	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ 66,757	$ -	$ 66,757
American Rescue Plan	85,405	-	-	-	16,174	101,579
Water Fund	213,129	-	-	-	-	213,129
Sewer Fund	934,172	339,306	-	-	-	1,273,478
Solid Waste Fund	42,626	-	-	-	-	42,626
Fire & Emergency Fund	28,417	-	-	-	-	28,417
Nonmajor Governmental Funds	-	-	130,383	-	-	130,383
Total	$ 1,303,749	$ 339,306	$ 130,383	$ 66,757	$ 16,174	$ 1,856,369

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

(7) Capital Assets

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

Primary Government

	Beginning Balance	Additions	Deductions	Ending Balance
Governmental Activities				
Capital Assets, Not Being Depreciated				
Land	$ 371,645	$ -	$ -	$ 371,645
Total Capital Assets, Not Being Depreciated	371,645	-	-	371,645
Capital Assets, Being Depreciated				
Buildings	2,499,769	26,363	-	2,526,132
Improvements	1,160,199	-	-	1,160,199
Machinery & Equipment	1,631,789	66,791	-	1,698,580
Infrastructure	2,192,973	-	-	2,192,973
Total Capital Assets, Being Depreciated	7,484,730	93,154	-	7,577,884
Less Accumulated Depreciation for				
Buildings	(1,380,355)	(52,276)	-	(1,432,631)
Improvements	(555,492)	(42,570)	-	(598,062)
Machinery & Equipment	(1,028,641)	(133,602)	-	(1,162,243)
Infrastructure	(932,717)	(64,696)	-	(997,413)
Total Accumulated Depreciation	(3,897,205)	(293,144)	-	(4,190,349)
Total Capital Assets Being Depreciated, Net	3,587,525	(199,990)	-	3,387,535
Governmental Activities Capital Assets, Net	$ 3,959,170	$ (199,990)	$ -	$ 3,759,180

(7) Capital Assets (Continued)

Primary Government (Continued)

	Beginning Balance	Additions	Deductions	Transfers	Ending Balance
Business-Type Activities					
Capital Assets, Not Being Depreciated					
Land	$ 1,048,497	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ 1,048,497
Construction in Progress	1,276,261	3,748,029	-	-	5,024,290
Total Capital Assets, Not Being Depreciated	2,324,758	3,748,029	-	-	6,072,787
Capital Assets, Being Depreciated					
Buildings	166,529	182,531	-	-	349,060
Improvements	16,978,367	22,343	-	-	17,000,710
Machinery & Equipment	3,894,176	298,871	-	-	4,193,047
Total Capital Assets, Being Depreciated	21,039,072	503,745	-	-	21,542,817
Less Accumulated Depreciation for					
Buildings	(136,924)	(3,442)	-	1,460	(138,906)
Improvements	(7,798,678)	(334,909)	-	(27,413)	(8,161,000)
Machinery & Equipment	(2,282,362)	(188,078)	-	25,953	(2,444,487)
Total Accumulated Depreciation	(10,217,964)	(526,429)	-	-	(10,744,393)
Total Capital Assets Being Depreciated, Net	10,821,108	(22,684)	-	-	10,798,424
Business-Type Activities Capital Assets, Net	$ 13,145,866	$ 3,725,345	$ -	$ -	16,871,211
				Less Capital Related Outstanding Debt	(1,531,150)
				Less (Non-debt Related) Liabilities	(381,071)
				Net Investment in Capital Assets	$ 14,958,990

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

Governmental Activities	
General Government	$ 58,149
Public Safety	80,498
Public Works	133,390
Culture & Recreation	21,107
Total	$ 293,144
Business-Type Activities	
Water Fund	$ 165,645
Sewer Fund	197,636
Solid Waste Fund	3,564
Airport Fund	126,919
Fire & Emergency Fund	32,665
Total	$ 526,429

(7) Capital Assets (Continued)

Activity for the Downtown Development Authority for the year ended September 30, 2024, was as follows:

	Beginning Balance	Additions	Deductions	Ending Balance
Discretely Presented Component Unit				
Capital Assets, Not Being Depreciated				
Land	$ 111,770	$ -	$ (107,038)	$ 4,732
Total Capital Assets, Not Being Depreciated	111,770	-	(107,038)	4,732
Capital Assets, Being Depreciated				
Buildings	365,641	-	(278,305)	87,336
Total Capital Assets, Being Depreciated	365,641	-	(278,305)	87,336
Less Accumulated Depreciation for				
Buildings	(162,153)	(3,811)	141,370	(24,594)
Total Accumulated Depreciation	(162,153)	(3,811)	141,370	(24,594)
Total Capital Assets Being Depreciated, Net	203,488	(3,811)	(136,935)	62,742
Discretely Presented Component Unit Capital Assets, Net	$ 315,258	$ (3,811)	$ (243,973)	$ 67,474

Depreciation expense of $3,811 was charged to the discretely presented component unit.

(8) Long-Term Debt

Proprietary Funds

GEFA Loan Payable 2004L25WQA

In 2018, the City borrowed funds from the Georgia Environmental Finance Authority (GEFA). The note required monthly payments of $11,744 including interest of two percent. The original maturity date was April 1, 2028. The proceeds of the note were used to consolidate sewer facilities in the City. In November 2014, the City refinanced the loan with GEFA. The modified terms included a new maturity date of November 2031, and a new monthly payment amount of $10,865, including interest at a rate of two percent. The balance of the note payable as of September 30, 2024, was $813,135. The interest paid on the loan for fiscal year 2024 was $17,489.

(8) Long-Term Debt (Continued)

Proprietary Funds (Continued)

GEFA Loan Payable 2004L25WQA (Continued)

Cash requirements to maturity for this loan are as follows:

	Principal	Interest	Total
2025	$ 116,327	$ 14,056	$ 130,383
2026	118,675	11,708	130,383
2027	119,869	10,514	130,383
2028	122,288	8,095	130,383
2029	124,756	5,627	130,383
2030 - 2031	211,220	3,757	214,977
	$ 813,135	$ 53,757	$ 866,892

GEFA Loan Payable DW2019013

On December 10, 2019, the City was approved to borrow up to $1,150,000 at an interest rate of 0.57 percent from the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund, administered by the Georgia Environmental Finance Authority (GEFA). The project will replace leaking water mains and install an advanced metering infrastructure and related appurtenances. During fiscal year 2021, the loan was modified to allow for an additional $115,000 in available funds to borrow. As of September 30, 2024, the City has drawn $1,046,389 and has $442,074 in loan forgiveness. The 2024 loan balance is $604,315 with $183,611 available to be drawn. Until completion of the project and final draw on the loan, interest only payments are due monthly. Interest payments for fiscal year 2024 totaled $3,253. Once the loan is finalized, 179 monthly principal and interest payments will begin.

GEFA Loan Payable DWDWA20002

On December 22, 2021, the City was approved to borrow up to $300,000 at an interest rate of zero percent from the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund, administered by the Georgia Environmental Finance Authority (GEFA). The proceeds of the loan will be used for the City's water treatment plant and distribution system improvements. As of September 30, 2024, the City has drawn $209,202 and has $95,502 in loan forgiveness. The 2024 loan balance is $113,700 with $90,798 available to be drawn. Interest payments for fiscal year 2024 totaled $0. Once the loan is finalized, 239 monthly principal payments will begin.

GEFA Loan Payable DWLSL2022161

On November 30, 2023, the City was approved to borrow up to $91,400 at an interest rate of zero percent from the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund, administered by the Georgia Environmental Finance Authority (GEFA). The proceeds of the loan will be used for engineering and administration costs related to the City's lead service lines in its drinking water system. As of September 30, 2024, the City has drawn $0. The 2024 loan balance is $0, with $91,400 available to be drawn. Interest payments for fiscal year 2024 totaled $0. Once the loan is finalized, 239 monthly principal payments will begin.

Restricted Assets

The balance of the restricted asset accounts in the Water enterprise fund as of September 30, 2024, is $16,703.

(8) Long-Term Debt (Continued)

Changes in Long-Term Liabilities

Long-term liability activity for the year ended September 30, 2024, was as follows:

	Beginning Balance	Additions	Subtractions	Ending Balance	Due Within One Year
Governmental Activities					
Net Pension Liability	$ 349,740	$ -	$ (31,978)	$ 317,762	$ -
Compensated Absences	42,168	-	(9,655)	32,513	22,759
Governmental Activities Long-term Liabilities	$ 391,908	$ -	$ (41,633)	$ 350,275	$ 22,759
Business-Type Activities					
GEFA Loan #3- 2004L25WQA	$ 926,029	$ -	$ (112,894)	$ 813,135	$ 116,327
GEFA Loan #4- DW2019013	508,087	146,913	(50,685)	604,315	-
GEFA Loan #5- DWDRA20002	15,198	194,004	(95,502)	113,700	-
Net Pension Liability	164,585	-	(8,074)	156,511	-
Compensated Absences	12,251	257	-	12,508	8,756
Business-Type Activities Long-Term Liabilities	$ 1,626,150	$ 341,174	$ (267,155)	$ 1,700,169	$ 125,083

For the governmental activities, compensated absences and net pension liability (asset) are generally liquidated by the general fund and for the business-type activities, compensated absences and net pension liability (asset) are liquidated by the Water Fund, Sewer Fund, and Solid Waste Fund.

(9) Employee Retirement Plans

Georgia Municipal Employees Benefit System

Plan Description

The City contributes to the Georgia Municipal Employees Benefit System (the system), an agent multiple-employer public employee retirement system administered by the Georgia Municipal Association. The City of Montezuma Retirement Plan is a defined benefit plan that provides retirement and disability benefits and death benefits to plan members and beneficiaries. The Public Retirement Systems Standard Law (Georgia Code Section 47-20-10) assigned the authority to establish and amend the plan to the City of Montezuma. The Georgia Municipal Employees Benefit System issues a publicly available financial report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information for the System. The report may be obtained by writing to the Georgia Municipal Employees Benefit System, 201 Pryor Street S.W., Atlanta, Georgia 30303.

(9) Employee Retirement Plans (Continued)

Georgia Municipal Employees Benefit System (Continued)

Benefits Provided

The GMEBS Plan provides retirement, disability, and death benefits to plan members and beneficiaries. Eligibility requirements are one year of City employment for employees; for officials, there is no waiting period. The Plan allows for early retirement at age 55 if the employee has ten years of service. An employee's normal retirement age is 65 given an employee has five years of service. For City officials, ten years of service is required. Monthly retirement benefits paid to an employee are equal to two percent of the monthly average earnings for the highest consecutive three-year wage period times the number of years of service. Monthly retirement benefits paid to an official are equal to $33 times the number of years of service. Employees' and officials' benefits vest at 100 percent in one step after five years of service. These benefit provisions were established by a City ordinance dated November 1, 1972.

Effective November 1, 1972, the Georgia Constitution enabled the governing authority of the City, the Mayor and the Members of the City Council, to establish and to amend, from time to time, the contribution rates of the employer.

Plan Membership

As of January 1, 2024, the date of the most recent actuarial valuation report, pension plan membership consisted of the following:

Retirees and Beneficiaries Currently Receiving Benefits	44
Terminated Vested Participants	29
Current Active Employees Vested	-
Total Membership in the Plan	73

Contributions

The plan members are not required to contribute to the plan. The City is required to contribute at an actuarially determined rate. The contribution requirements of the City are established and may be amended by the GMEBS Board of Trustees.

Effective November 1, 2014, the Plan was frozen as follows: Participants' normal requirement benefits accrued as of December 31, 2011, shall be vested to the extent funded. Eligible Regular Employees and elected or appointed members of the City will not be eligible to participate in this Plan with respect to service on or after October 31, 2014. Employees and elected or appointed members of the Governing Authority who are initially employed or who initially take office on or after November 1, 2014, will not be eligible to participate in this Plan for any purpose. Service, unused sick leave, and earnings on and after November 1, 2014, will not count for any purpose under the Plan. Vested employees and elected officials will continue to participate in the Plans.

(9) Employee Retirement Plans (Continued)

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

At September 30, 2024, the City reported a net pension liability. The net pension liability was measured as of September 30, 2023. The total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was based on an actuarial valuation as of January 1, 2024. An expected total pension liability as of September 30, 2024, was determined using standard roll-forward techniques.

For the year ended September 30, 2024, the City recognized pension expense relative to GMEBS in the amount of $309,751. At September 30, 2024, the City reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to the Pension from the following sources:

	Deferred Outflows of Resources	Deferred Inflows of Resources
Net Difference Between Projected and Actual Earnings on Pension Plan Investments	$ 181,086	$ -
Employer Contributions Subsequent to the Measurement Date	22,479	-
	$ 203,565	$ -

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

Year Ended September 30	
2025	$ 16,805
2026	34,814
2027	180,662
2028	(51,195)
2029	-

(9) Employee Retirement Plans (Continued)

Pension Liability, Pension Expense, and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to Pensions (Continued)

Actuarial Assumptions: The total pension liability as of September 30, 2024, was determined by an actuarial valuation as of September 30, 2023, using the following actuarial assumptions, applied to all periods included in the measurement:

Salary Increase	2.25%, plus service based merit increases
Cost of Living Adjustments	2.25% for participants terminated on or after September 1, 1980; N/A otherwise
Investment Rate of Return	7.375%, On-going basis, based on long-term expected rate of return of pension plan investments

Mortality Rates:

- Healthy retirees and beneficiaries: Sex-distinct Pri-2012 head-count weighted Healthy Retiree Mortality Table with rates multiplied by 1.25.
- Disabled participants: Sex-distinct Pri-2012 head-count weighted Disabled Retiree Mortality Table with rates multiplied by 1.25.
- Active participants, terminated vested participants, and deferred beneficiaries: Sex-distinct Pri-2012 head-count weighted Employee Mortality Table.
- Plan termination basis (all lives): 1994 Group Annuity Reserving Unisex Table.

The mortality tables (other than the one used for the plan termination basis) are adjusted from 2012 to future years using sex-distinct generational projection under scale SSA2019-2D to reflect expected mortality improvement.

Net Pension Liability

Changes in the Net Pension Liability	**Total Pension Liability**	**Fiduciary Net Position**	**Net Pension Liability**
Beginning Balances	$ 4,506,033	$ 3,991,708	$ 514,325
Changes for the Year			
Service Cost	-	-	-
Interest	316,769	-	316,769
Difference Between Expected and Actual Experience	200,038	-	200,038
Contributions - Employer	-	35,191	(35,191)
Net Investment Income	-	535,596	(535,596)
Benefit Payments	(421,731)	(421,731)	-
Administrative Expense	-	(13,928)	13,928
Other	-	-	-
Net Changes	95,076	135,128	(40,052)
Ending Balances	$ 4,601,109	$ 4,126,836	$ 474,273

The City's net pension liability is recorded in the Government-Wide Statement of Net Position in the amounts of $317,762 for governmental activities and $156,511 for business-type activities.

(9) Employee Retirement Plans (Continued)

Net Pension Liability (Continued)

The long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was determined using a building-block method in which best-estimate ranges of expected future real rates of return (expected returns, net of pension plan investment expense and inflation) are developed for each major asset class. These ranges are combined to produce the long-term expected rate of return by weighing the expected future real rates of return by the target asset allocation percentage and by adding expected inflation. Best estimates of arithmetic real rates of return for each major asset class included in the pension plan's target asset allocation as of March 31, 2020, is summarized in the following table:

Asset Class	Target Allocation	Long-Term Expected Real Rate of Return
Domestic Equity	45%	6.91%
International Equity	20%	7.21%
Real Estate	10%	3.61%
Global Fixed Income	5%	1.67%
Domestic Fixed Income	20%	1.61%
Total	100%	

Discount Rate

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

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

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

	1% Decrease (6.375%)	Current Discount Rate (7.375%)	1% Increase (8.375%)
Sensitivity of the Net Pension Liability to Changes in the Discount Rate	$ 921,771	$ 474,273	$ 93,969

Pension Plan Fiduciary Net Position

Detailed information about the pension plan's fiduciary net position is available in the separately issued GMEBS financial report which is publicly available at www.gmanet.com.

(10) Contingent Liabilities

Litigation

During the course of normal operations of the City, various claims and lawsuits arise. Management has advised that there are no potential liabilities that will impair the City's financial position as of the date of this audit report.

(11) Hotel / Motel Tax

The City has levied a five percent Hotel / Motel Lodging tax. Of this percentage, two percent is given to the Chamber of Commerce to be used for the promotion of tourism. The remaining three percent is used by the City to promote tourism. The activity for the year ended September 30, 2024, is summarized below:

	2024
Hotel / Motel Tax Revenue	$ 17,193
Required Expenditures	6,877
Actual Allowable Expenditures	6,877

(12) Related Party

During fiscal year 2023, the City entered into an agreement with Water Reclamation Solutions, LLC, a related party to the City Manager, to oversee the City's leachate management as pursuant to Section 7c of the City's agreement with WIN Waste Innovations and ensure the City's compliance with all Environmental Protection Division (EPD) rules and regulations. Per the agreement, the City will pay Water Reclamation Solutions, LLC monthly at a rate of 40 percent of one cent per gallon of leachate billed by WIN Waste Innovations. During fiscal year 2024, the City was billed and paid $119,693 to Water Reclamation Solutions, LLC.

(13) Commitments and Contingencies

Midfield Terminal Area Development Project

During fiscal year 2023, the City entered into a contract for the Midfield Terminal Area Development Project. The total contract amount was $1,843,952. As of September 30, 2024, the remaining contract obligation for the airport project was $261,550.

(14) Unearned Revenue Related to Leachate

During fiscal year 2024, the City entered into an agreement with WI Taylor County Disposal LLC (TCL). Per the agreement, TCL agreed to pay 100 percent of the reasonable costs for designing and constructing necessary capital upgrades for the City's Sewer Fund up to $2,121,000. Upon the earlier of the scheduled completion date or the completion of construction, the City will reimburse TCL for 50 percent of the costs paid by TCL for the capital upgrades by crediting against the transportation and disposal rate one cent ($0.01) per gallon of leachate accepted by the City at the City facilities until the credited amount reaches 50 percent of the total capital upgrades cost paid by TCL. During fiscal year 2024, the City received $1,760,842 in reimbursements related to the project. As of September 30, 2024, the project was not complete; the City has recorded unearned revenue in the amount of $880,421.

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REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

CITY OF MONTEZUMA, GEORGIA
REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2024
SCHEDULE OF CHANGES IN THE CITY'S NET PENSION LIABILITY (ASSET)
AND RELATED RATIOS

Total Pension Liability	**2024**	2023	2022	2021
Service Cost	**$ -**	$ -	$ -	$ -
Interest on Total Pension Liability	**316,769**	343,704	339,848	338,033
Difference Between Expected and Actual Experience	**200,038**	(319,963)	63,805	39,148
Changes of Assumptions	**-**	-	-	-
Change of Benefit Terms	**-**	-	-	-
Benefit Payments, Including Refunds of Employee Contributions	**(421,731)**	(356,197)	(346,555)	(357,714)
Other	**-**	-	-	(30)
Net Change in Total Pension Liability	**95,076**	(332,456)	57,098	19,437
Total Pension Liability - Beginning	**4,506,033**	4,838,489	4,781,391	4,761,954
Total Pension Liability - Ending	**$ 4,601,109**	$ 4,506,033	$ 4,838,489	$ 4,781,391
Plan Fiduciary Net Position				
Contributions - Employer	**$ 35,191**	$ 60,192	$ 53,596	$ 15,471
Net Investment Income	**535,596**	(794,844)	1,039,768	395,865
Benefit Payments, Including Refunds of Member Contributions	**(421,731)**	(356,197)	(346,555)	(357,714)
Administrative Expenses	**(13,927)**	(14,006)	(14,482)	(14,394)
Net Change in Plan Fiduciary Net Position	**135,129**	(1,104,855)	732,327	39,228
Plan Fiduciary Net Position - Beginning	**3,991,708**	5,096,563	4,364,236	4,325,008
Plan Fiduciary Net Position - Ending	**$ 4,126,837**	$ 3,991,708	$ 5,096,563	$ 4,364,236
City's Net Pension Liability (Asset) - Ending	**$ 474,272**	$ 514,325	$ (258,074)	$ 417,155
Plan Fiduciary Net Position as a Percentage of the Total Pension Liability	**89.69%**	88.59%	105.33%	91.28%
Covered-Employee Payroll	**N/A**	N/A	N/A	N/A
Net Pension Liability As a Percentage of Covered-Employee Payroll	**N/A**	N/A	N/A	N/A

CITY OF MONTEZUMA, GEORGIA
REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2024
SCHEDULE OF CHANGES IN THE CITY'S NET PENSION LIABILITY (ASSET)
AND RELATED RATIONS
(CONTINUED)

2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ 52,471
322,037	321,661	345,027	360,679	345,447	411,444
322,220	50,519	(108,423)	(239,349)	166,190	7,436
-	-	(65,231)	-	-	(141,860)
-	-	-	-	-	(864,084)
(392,522)	(341,819)	(327,212)	(319,294)	(310,976)	(322,976)
20,129	-	-	-	-	-
271,864	30,361	(155,839)	(197,964)	200,661	(857,569)
4,490,090	4,459,729	4,615,571	4,813,535	4,612,874	5,470,443
$ 4,761,954	$ 4,490,090	$ 4,459,732	$ 4,615,571	$ 4,813,535	$ 4,612,874
$ 15,768	$ 87,906	$ 86,988	$ 60,000	$ 71,000	$ 160,593
120,812	430,359	598,170	427,141	55,819	439,524
(392,522)	(341,819)	(327,212)	(319,294)	(310,976)	(322,976)
(14,220)	(15,268)	(16,891)	(9,317)	(11,581)	(9,459)
(270,162)	161,178	341,055	158,530	(195,738)	267,682
4,595,170	4,433,992	4,092,937	3,934,407	4,130,145	3,862,462
$ 4,325,008	$ 4,595,170	$ 4,433,992	$ 4,092,937	$ 3,934,407	$ 4,130,144
$ 436,946	$ (105,080)	$ 25,740	$ 522,634	$ 879,128	$ 482,730
90.82%	102.34%	99.42%	88.68%	81.74%	89.54%
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

CITY OF MONTEZUMA, GEORGIA
REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2024
SCHEDULE OF CITY CONTRIBUTIONS

	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
Actuarially Determined Contributions	*	$ 40,790	$ 60,192	$ 51,391	$ 15,366	$ 15,760	$ 49,438	$ 79,840	$ 54,348	$ 220,586
Contributions in Relation to the Actuarially Determined Contribution	*	35,191	60,192	53,596	15,471	15,768	87,906	86,988	60,000	71,000
Contribution Deficiency (Excess)	*	$ 5,599	$ -	$ (2,205)	$ (105)	$ (8)	$ (38,468)	$ (7,148)	$ (5,652)	$ 149,586
City's Covered-Employee Payroll	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Contributions as a Percentage of Covered-Employee Payroll	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Note: 2024 information will be determined after fiscal year end and will be included in the 2025 valuation report.

Changes of Assumptions

There were no changes in plan provisions in the valuation and there were no changes in methods or assumptions in the valuation.

Methods and Assumptions Used to Determine Contribution Rates

Valuation date	The actuarially determined contribution rate was determined as of January 1, 2024, with an interest adjustment to the fiscal year. Contributions in relation to this actuarially determined contribution rate will be reported for the year ending September 30, 2025.
Actuarial cost method	Entry age normal
Amortization method	Closed level dollar for the remaining unfunded liability
Remaining amortization period	Remaining amortization period varies for the bases, with a net effective amortization period of 15 years.
Asset valuation method	Sum of actuarial value at beginning of year and the cash flow during the year plus the assumed investment return, adjusted by 10% of the amount that the value exceeds or is less than the market value at the end of the year. The actuarial value is adjusted, if necessary, to be within 20% of market value.
Net Investment Rate of Return	7.375%
Projected Salary Increases	2.25% plus service-based merit increases
Cost of Living Adjustments	2.25% for participants terminated on or after September 1, 1980; N/A Otherwise
Retirement Age	Ages 55-59 rate of 10%, age 60 rate of 20%, age 61 rate of 25%, age 62 rate of 35%, age 63 rate of 40%, age 64 rate of 45%, age 65 rate of 50%, ages 66-71 rate of 25% and age 72 and over rate of 100%
Mortality	Healthy retirees and beneficiaries – Sex-distinct Pri-2012 head count weighted Healthy Retiree Mortality Table with rates multiplied by 1.25 Disabled participants – Sex-distinct Pri-2012 headcount weighted Disabled Retiree Mortality Table with rates multiplied by 1.25 Active participants, terminated vested participants, and deferred beneficiaries – Sex-distinct Pri-2012 head-count weighted Employee Mortality Table Plan termination basis (all lives) – 1994 Group Annuity Reserving Unisex Table The mortality tables (other than the one used for the plan termination basis) are adjusted from 2012 to future years using sex-distinct generational projection under scale SSA2019-2D to reflect expected morality improvement.

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NONMAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS

SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS

Special Revenue Funds are used to account for and report the proceeds of specific revenue sources that are restricted or committed to expenditures for specified purposes other than debt service or capital projects.

Revolving Loan Fund - This fund accounts for the issuance and repayment of loans.

Flood Revolving Loan Fund - This fund accounts for the issuance and repayment of loans.

Hotel / Motel Fund - This fund accounts for the hotel/motel taxes collected and expenditures relative to tourism.

TSPLOST Fund - The TSPLOST Fund is used to account for proceeds and various transportation projects associated with a special one percent sales tax.

CAPITAL PROJECTS FUNDS

Capital projects funds are used to account for and report financial resources that are restricted, committed, or assigned to expenditure for capital outlays, including the acquisition or construction of capital facilities and other capital assets.

SPLOST Fund - The SPLOST Fund is used to account for the proceeds and various projects associated with a special one percent sales tax.

CITY OF MONTEZUMA, GEORGIA
COMBINING BALANCE SHEET
NONMAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
SEPTEMBER 30, 2024

	Special Revenue Funds				Capital Projects Fund	Total Nonmajor Governmental Funds
	Revolving Loan Fund	Flood Revolving Loan Fund	Hotel / Motel Fund	TSPLOST Fund	SPLOST Fund	
Assets						
Cash and Cash Equivalents	$ 107,079	$ 13,778	$ 46,744	$ 270,022	$ 702,843	$ 1,140,466
Asset Held for Resale	39,627	-	-	-	-	39,627
Accounts Receivable	-	-	1,581	-	-	1,581
Loans Receivable	111,243	5,033	-	-	-	116,276
Due from Other Governments	-	-	-	7,871	70,567	78,438
Total Assets	$ 257,949	$ 18,811	$ 48,325	$ 277,893	$ 773,410	$ 1,376,388
Liabilities						
Accounts Payable	$ -	$ -	$ 1,706	$ -	80,454	$ 82,160
Due to Other Funds	-	222	-	-	-	222
Total Liabilities	-	222	1,706	-	80,454	82,382
Fund Balance						
Nonspendable						
Noncurrent Loans Receivable	111,243	5,033	-	-	-	116,276
Restricted						
Loans	146,706	13,556	-	-	-	160,262
Capital Projects	-	-	-	-	692,956	692,956
Tourism	-	-	46,619	-	-	46,619
Transportation	-	-	-	277,893	-	277,893
Total Fund Balances	257,949	18,589	46,619	277,893	692,956	1,294,006
Total Liabilities and Fund Balances	$ 257,949	$ 18,811	$ 48,325	$ 277,893	$ 773,410	$ 1,376,388

CITY OF MONTEZUMA, GEORGIA
COMBINING STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND
CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
NONMAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2024

	Special Revenue Funds				Capital Project Fund	Total Nonmajor
	Revolving Loan Fund	Flood Revolving Loan Fund	Hotel / Motel Fund	TSPLOST Fund	SPLOST Fund	Governmental Funds
Revenues						
Taxes	$ -	$ -	$ 17,193	$ -	$ -	$ 17,193
Intergovernmental	-	-	-	98,166	441,710	539,876
Investment Earnings	3,152	-	-	23	-	3,175
Total Revenues	3,152	-	17,193	98,189	441,710	560,244
Expenditures						
Current						
General Government	-	-	-	-	1,496	1,496
Public Works	-	-	-	13,027	-	13,027
Public Safety	-	-	-	-	718	718
Economic Development	-	-	6,877	-	-	6,877
Capital Outlay	-	-	-	-	186,248	186,248
Total Expenditures	-	-	6,877	13,027	188,462	208,366
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	3,152	-	10,316	85,162	253,248	351,878
Other Financing Sources (Uses)						
Transfer to Other Funds	-	-	-	-	(130,383)	(130,383)
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	-	-	-	-	(130,383)	(130,383)
Net Change in Fund Balances	3,152	-	10,316	85,162	122,865	221,495
Fund Balances - Beginning	254,797	18,589	36,303	192,731	570,091	1,072,511
Fund Balances - Ending	$ 257,949	$ 18,589	$ 46,619	$ 277,893	$ 692,956	$ 1,294,006

CITY OF MONTEZUMA, GEORGIA
REVOLVING LOAN FUND
SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES,
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE - BUDGET AND ACTUAL
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2024

	Final Budget	Actual	Variance with Final Budget
Revenues			
Investment Earnings	$ -	$ 3,152	$ 3,152
Total Revenues	-	3,152	3,152
Expenditures			
Current			
Economic Development	-	-	-
Total Expenditures	-	-	-
Net Change in Fund Balance	-	3,152	3,152
Fund Balance - Beginning	254,797	254,797	-
Fund Balance - Ending	$ 254,797	$ 257,949	$ 3,152

CITY OF MONTEZUMA, GEORGIA
FLOOD REVOLVING LOAN FUND
SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES,
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE - BUDGET AND ACTUAL
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2024

	Final Budget	Actual	Variance with Final Budget
Revenues			
Miscellaneous Revenue	$ -	$ -	$ -
Total Revenues	-	-	-
Expenditures			
Current			
General Government	-	-	-
Total Expenditures	-	-	-
Net Change in Fund Balance	-	-	-
Fund Balance - Beginning	18,589	18,589	-
Fund Balance - Ending	$ 18,589	$ 18,589	$ -

CITY OF MONTEZUMA, GEORGIA
HOTEL / MOTEL FUND
SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES,
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE - BUDGET AND ACTUAL
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2024

	Final Budget	Actual	Variance with Final Budget
Revenues			
Taxes	$ 17,193	$ 17,193	$ -
Total Revenues	17,193	17,193	-
Expenditures			
Current			
Economic Development	6,877	6,877	-
Total Expenditures	6,877	6,877	-
Net Change in Fund Balance	10,316	10,316	-
Fund Balance - Beginning	36,303	36,303	-
Fund Balance - Ending	$ 46,619	$ 46,619	$ -

CITY OF MONTEZUMA, GEORGIA
TSPLOST FUND
SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES,
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE - BUDGET AND ACTUAL
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2024

	Final Budget	Actual	Variance with Final Budget
Revenues			
Intergovernmental	$ 78,000	$ 98,166	$ 20,166
Investment Earnings	-	23	23
Total Revenues	78,000	98,189	20,189
Expenditures			
Current			
Public Works	13,050	13,027	23
Total Expenditures	13,050	13,027	23
Net Change in Fund Balance	64,950	85,162	20,212
Fund Balance - Beginning	192,731	192,731	-
Fund Balance - Ending	$ 257,681	$ 277,893	$ 20,212

CITY OF MONTEZUMA, GEORGIA
SCHEDULE OF PROJECTS CONSTRUCTED
WITH SPECIAL SALES TAX PROCEEDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2024

SPLOST 2016	Original Estimated Cost	Expenditures			Estimated Percentage of Completion
		Prior Years	Current Year	Total	
Water System Improvements	**	$ 22,880	$ -	$ 22,880	
Sewer System Improvements	**	879,485	130,383	1,009,868	
Airport	**	36,773	-	36,773	
Solid Waste	**	-	-	-	
General Government	**	20,146	-	20,146	
Public Buildings	**	28,221	-	28,221	
Public Safety	**	533,966	-	533,966	
Public Works	**	140,574	-	140,574	
Fire	**	60,692	-	60,692	
Total SPLOST	$ 1,571,551	$ 1,722,737	$ 130,383	$ 1,853,120	117.92%

SPLOST 2022	Original Estimated Cost	Expenditures			Estimated Percentage of Completion
		Prior Years	Current Year	Total	
Water System Improvements	**	$ -	$ -	$ -	
Sewer System Improvements	**	-	-	-	
Solid Waste	**	-	-	-	
General Government	**	409	-	409	
Public Buildings	**	-	1,496	1,496	
Public Safety	**	-	89,493	89,493	
Public Works	**	-	97,473	97,473	
Fire	**	-	-	-	
Total SPLOST	$ 1,858,824	$ 409	$ 188,462	$ 188,871	10.16%

Reconciliation to Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance

General Government	$ 1,496
Public Safety	89,493
Public Works	97,473
Transfers Out (Sewer Improvements)	130,383
	$ 318,845

***** SPLOST Referendums do not break out dollar amount of categories.***

Note- This schedule presents a detail for each project allowed in the intergovernmental agreements.

CITY OF MONTEZUMA, GEORGIA
WATER IMPROVEMENT COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT
20p-x-096-2-6149
FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2024

Program Activity	Activity Number	Budget	Expenditures		
			Prior Years	Current Year	Total
Engineering	T-03J-00	$ 69,366	$ 69,366	$ -	$ 69,366
Water / Sewer Improvement	P-03J-01	630,634	500,718	129,916	630,634
Administration	A-21A-00	45,000	40,500	4,500	45,000
Contingencies	P-001-01	5,000	5,000	-	5,000
Total		$ 750,000	$615,584	$ 134,416	$ 750,000

**** CDBG activity is reported in the Water Fund.***

SOURCE AND APPLICATION OF FUNDS SCHEDULE
WATER IMPROVEMENT COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT
20p-x-096-2-6149
FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2024
(CUMULATIVE)

I.	Total Fiscal Year ***2020*** CDBG Funds Awarded to Recipient:	$	750,000
II.	Total Amount Drawdown by Recipient from DCA:		750,000
III.	Less CDBG Funds Expended by Recipient:		(750,000)
IV.	Amount of Fiscal Year ***2020*** CDBG Funds Held by Recipient:	$	-

CITY OF MONTEZUMA, GEORGIA
BALANCE SHEET
COMPONENT UNIT-DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
SEPTEMBER 30, 2024

Assets		
Cash and Cash Equivalents	$	116,890
Accounts Receivable		16,250
Total Assets	$	133,140
Liabilities		
Customer Deposits	$	375
Total Liabilities		375
Fund Balance		
Unassigned		132,765
Total Fund Balance		132,765
Total Liabilities and Fund Balance	$	133,140

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

Total Fund Balances - Governmental Funds	$	132,765
Capital Assets		
Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and, therefore, are not reported in the funds.		
Cost of the Assets		92,068
Accumulated Depreciation		(24,594)
Net Position of Governmental Activities	$	200,239

CITY OF MONTEZUMA, GEORGIA
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE
COMPONENT UNIT-DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2024

Revenues		
Donations	$	870
Total Revenues		870
Expenditures		
Current		
Housing and Development		34,067
Total Expenditures		34,067
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues over Expenditures		(33,197)
Other Financing Sources (Uses)		
Sale of Downtown Development Authority Capital Assets		125,000
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)		125,000
Net Change in Fund Balance		91,803
Fund Balance - Beginning		40,962
Fund Balance - Ending	$	132,765

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

Net Change in Fund Balances - Total Governmental Funds	$	91,803
Capital Assets		
Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures. However, in the statement of activities, the cost of these assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives and reported as depreciation expense. This is the amount by which capital outlays exceeded depreciation expense in the current period.		
Capital Asset Disposals		(243,973)
Total Depreciation		(3,811)
Change in Net Position of Governmental Activities	$	(155,981)

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COMPLIANCE SECTION

CITY OF MONTEZUMA, GEORGIA
SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2024

Federal/Grantor/Pass-Through Grantor/Program or Cluster Title	Federal Assistance Listing Number	Pass-Through Entity Identifying Number	Passed Through to Subrecipients	Federal Expenditures
U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development				
Passed through the Georgia Department of Community Affairs				
Community Development Block Grant	14.218	20p-X-096-2-6149	$ -	$ 134,416
Subtotal for ALN 14.218 Community Development Block Grant Entitlement Grants Cluster			-	134,416
Total Pass-Through Programs			-	134,416
Total U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development			-	134,416
U.S. Department of Treasury				
Direct Programs				
Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds	21.027		-	380,601
Total Direct Programs			-	380,601
Total U.S. Department of Treasury			-	380,601
U.S. Department of Homeland Security				
Passed through the Federal Emergency Management Agency				
Assistance to Firefighters Grant	97.044	EMW-2022-FG-06431	-	105,943
Total Pass-Through Programs			-	105,943
Total U.S. Department of Homeland Security			-	105,943
U.S. Department of Agriculture				
Passed through the Georgia Forestry Commission				
Volunteer Fire Assistance Program	10.664	20-DG-11083113-001	-	5,000
Total Pass-Through Programs			-	5,000
Total U.S. Department of Agriculture			-	5,000
U.S. Department of Natural Resources				
Passed through the Georgia Environmental Finance Authority				
Drinking Water State Revolving Fund	66.468	DW2019013-L	-	146,913
Drinking Water State Revolving Fund	66.468	DWDRA20002-L	-	191,004
Total Pass-Through Programs			-	337,917
Total U.S. Department of Natural Resources			-	337,917
Total Expenditures of Federal Awards			$ -	$ 963,877

See accompanying notes to schedule of expenditures of federal awards.

CITY OF MONTEZUMA, GEORGIA

NOTES TO SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2024

(1) Basis of Presentation

The accompanying schedule of expenditures of federal awards (the Schedule) includes the federal award activity of the City of Montezuma, Georgia under programs of the federal government for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2024. The information in this Schedule is presented in accordance with the requirements of Title 2 *U.S. Code of Federal Regulations* Part 200*, Uniform Administration Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (Uniform Guidance). Because the Schedule presents only a selected portion of the operations of the City of Montezuma, Georgia, it is not intended to and does not present the financial position, changes in net position or cash flows of the City of Montezuma, Georgia.

(2) Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Expenditures reported on the Schedule are reported on the same basis of accounting as the financial statements. Such expenditures are recognized following the cost principles contained in the Uniform Guidance*,* wherein certain types of expenditures are not allowable or are limited as to reimbursement.

(3) Indirect Cost Rate

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

(4) Loan Programs

The Drinking Water State Revolving Loan Programs DW2019013-L, and DWDRA20002-L are administered by the City of Montezuma, Georgia and the balances and transactions relating to these programs are included in the City of Montezuma, Georgia's basic financial statements. Loans outstanding at the beginning of the year and loans made during the year are included in the federal expenditures presented in the Schedule. The balances of the loans outstanding at September 30, 2024 consists of:

Assistance Listing Number	Program Name	Outstanding Balance at September 30, 2024
66.468	Drinking Water State Revolving Fund - DW2019013-L	$ 604,315
66.468	Drinking Water State Revolving Fund - DWDRA20002-L	113,700
	Total	$ 718,015

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March 26, 2025

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*

Mayor and City Council
City of Montezuma, Georgia

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States (*Government Auditing Standards*), the financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, the discretely presented component unit, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the **City of Montezuma, Georgia (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 26, 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 and therefore, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that were not identified. We identified certain deficiencies in internal control, described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs as items 2024-001, 2024-002, and 2024-003 that we consider to be material weaknesses.

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*.

City of Montezuma, Georgia's Response to Findings

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

Purpose of this Report

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

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March 26, 2025

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON COMPLIANCE FOR EACH MAJOR FEDERAL PROGRAM AND REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER COMPLIANCE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE UNIFORM GUIDANCE

Honorable Mayor and Members
City Council of Montezuma, Georgia
Montezuma, Georgia

Report on Compliance for Each Major Federal Program

Opinion on Each Major Federal Program

We have audited the **City of Montezuma, Georgia'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 of Montezuma, Georgia's major federal programs for the year ended September 30, 2024. The City of Montezuma, Georgia'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 of Montezuma, Georgia complied, in all material respects, with the compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on each of its major federal programs for the year ended 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 of Montezuma, Georgia and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion on compliance for each major federal program. Our audit does not provide a legal determination of the City of Montezuma, Georgia'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 of Montezuma, Georgia'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 of Montezuma, Georgia'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 of Montezuma, Georgia'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 of Montezuma, Georgia'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 of Montezuma, Georgia'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 of Montezuma, Georgia'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.

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.

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CITY OF MONTEZUMA, GEORGIA

SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2024

Section I - Summary of Auditor's Results

Financial Statements

Type of auditor's report issued:	Unmodified
Internal control over financial reporting:	
Material weakness(es) identified?	Yes
Significant deficiency(ies) identified that are not considered to be material weakness(es)?	None Reported
Noncompliance material to financial statements noted?	No

Federal Awards

Internal control over major programs:	
Material weakness(es) identified?	No
Significant deficiency(ies) identified that are not considered to be material weakness(es)?	None Reported
Type of auditor's report issued on compliance for major programs:	Unmodified
Any audit findings disclosed that are required to be reported in accordance with 2 CFR 200.516(a)?	No

Identification of Major Programs:

CFDA Numbers	Name of Federal Program
14.218	Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)
21.027	Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds

Dollar threshold used to distinguish between Type A and Type B program?	$ 750,000
Auditee qualified as low-risk auditee?	No

Section II - Financial Statement Findings

Findings noted on the 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*:

2024-001 Accounts Receivable/Revenue

Criteria
Under a modified accrual basis of accounting, amounts are recognized as revenue when earned, only as long as they are collectible within the period or soon enough afterwards to be used to pay liabilities of the current period. Under the accrual basis of accounting, amounts are recognized as revenue when earned.

Condition
The City did not record current year accounts receivable and corresponding revenues in certain funds. The following material adjustments were required to properly record accounts receivables and revenues for fiscal year 2024:

SPLOST Fund
- Intergovernmental Revenues were overstated by $30,925.
- Intergovernmental Receivables were overstated by $30,925.

ARPA Fund
- Intergovernmental Revenues were understated by $380,601.
- Unearned Revenues were overstated by $380,601.

Effect
The City's accounting records contained material errors which were identified and adjusted during the annual audit process.

Cause
The City did not have controls in place to ensure proper recording of revenue and receivables.

Recommendation
We recommend that the City develop procedures to ensure that revenues are recognized in the correct fiscal year and receivables are properly stated at year-end.

Views of Responsible Officials and Planned Corrective Actions
Management concurs with the finding regarding Accounts Receivable/Revenue. Scheduled reviews of revenues and receivables have been put in place.

Section II - Financial Statement Findings (Continued)

2024-002 Accounts Payable/Retainage Payable

Criteria
In accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, expenditures are recognized as soon as a liability is incurred.

Condition
The City did not properly accrue accounts payable and retainage payable activity at year-end. Material audit adjustments were required to properly state accounts payable/retainage payable at year-end as follows:

- ARPA Fund - $11,317
- SPLOST Fund - $80,454
- Solid Waste Fund - $34,032
- Airport Fund - $177,609

Effect
Material audit adjustments were needed to fairly state accounts payable for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2024.

Cause
The City lacked accounting procedures to ensure the recording of year-end accruals.

Recommendation
We recommend the City establishes procedures to ensure the proper accrual of all liabilities incurred during the fiscal year.

Views of Responsible Officials and Planned Corrective Actions
Management concurs with the finding regarding accrual of accounts payable at year-end. Measures have been implemented and management will be more diligent in monitoring post fiscal year expenditures and recording this activity in the future.

2024-003 Net Position

Criteria
Accurate financial reports are essential to perform analysis of the financial condition of the City, review data for accuracy and completeness, and to prepare annual financial statements.

Condition
Beginning net position did not reconcile with the prior year ending net position for the Fire & Emergency Fund and the Downtown Development Authority. Material audit adjustments were necessary to reconcile beginning net position to the prior year ending net position as follows:

- Fire & Emergency Fund $35,154
- Downtown Development Authority $46,687

Effect
The City produced financial reports, which contained material errors.

Section II - Financial Statement Findings (Continued)

2024-003 Net Position (Continued)

Cause
Procedures were not performed to reconcile the roll forward of net position to the prior year audited financial statements.

Recommendation
The City should establish procedures to reconcile the roll forward of net position between accounting periods.

Views of Responsible Officials and Planned Corrective Actions
Management concurs with the finding regarding net position and will reconcile all future net position to assure it agrees with the prior year audit report.

Section III - Federal Award Findings and Questioned Costs

No matters were reported.

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SUMMARY SCHEDULE OF PRIOR AUDIT FINDINGS
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2024

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FINDINGS

2023-001 Accounts Receivable/Revenue

Status: Unresolved. See Current Year Finding 2024-001.

2023-002 Accounts Payable

Status: Unresolved. See Current Year Finding 2024-002

FEDERAL AWARD FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS

None Reported

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March 26, 2025

CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2024

City of Montezuma, Georgia respectfully submits the following corrective action plan for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2024.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FINDINGS

2024-001 Accounts Receivable/Revenue

Name of Contact Person: Jennifer McCarthy, City Clerk
Recommendation: We recommend that the City develop procedures to ensure that revenues are recognized in the correct fiscal year and receivables are properly stated at year-end.
Corrective Action: Management concurs with the finding regarding Accounts Receivable/Revenue. Scheduled reviews of revenues and receivables have been put in place.
Anticipated Completion Date: March 31, 2025

2024-002 Accounts Payable

Name of Contact Person: Jennifer McCarthy, City Clerk
Recommendation: We recommend that the City develop procedures to ensure the proper accrual of all liabilities incurred during the fiscal year.
Corrective Action: Management concurs with the finding regarding Accounts Payable at year-end. Measures have been implemented and management will be more diligent in monitoring post fiscal year expenditures and recording this activity in the future.
Anticipated Completion Date: March 31, 2025

2024-003 Net Position

Name of Contact Person: Jennifer McCarthy, City Clerk
Recommendation: We recommend that the City establish procedures to reconcile the roll forward of net position between accounting periods.
Corrective Action: Management concurs with the finding regarding net position and will reconcile all future net position to ensure it agrees with the prior year report.
Anticipated Completion Date: March 31, 2025

FEDERAL AWARDS FINDINGS

None Reported