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AUDITED BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2025

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

The Honorable Members of the Board of Commissioners
City of Buford, Georgia

Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

Opinions

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, the discretely presented component units, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the City of Buford, Georgia (the "City") as of and for the year ended June 30, 2025, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the City's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

In our opinion, based on our audit and the report of the other auditors, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, the discretely presented component units, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the City, as of June 30, 2025, and the respective changes in financial position and where applicable, cash flows thereof, and the respective budgetary comparison for the General Fund, thereof for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

We did not audit the financial statements of the City of Buford Board of Education, which represent 95.1%, 80.6%, and 98.8%, respectively, of the assets, net position, and revenues of the discretely presented component units. Those statements were audited by other auditors whose report has been furnished to us, and our opinion, insofar as it relates to the amounts included for the City of Buford Board of Education, is based solely on the report of the other auditors.

Basis for Opinions

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

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

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

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

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

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

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis on pages 4 through 12, the City of Buford Retirement Plan on pages 62-65 and the City of Buford Other Postemployment Benefit Plan on pages 66-67 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.

To the Board of Commissioners
City of Buford, Georgia

Supplementary information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively compromise the City's basic financial statements. The accompanying combining and individual nonmajor fund financial statements, budgetary comparison schedules, combining fiduciary fund financial statements, Schedule of Projects Constructed and Expenditures Incurred with Special Sales Tax Proceeds, and schedule of expenditures of federal awards, as required by Title 2 U.S. *Code of Federal Regulations* Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards,* are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the combining and individual nonmajor fund financial statements, budgetary comparison schedules, combining fiduciary fund financial statements, Schedule of Projects Constructed and Expenditures Incurred with Special Sales Tax Proceeds, and the schedule of expenditures of federal awards are fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated December 22, 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.

Wilcox & Bivings, P.C.

Suwanee, Georgia
December 22, 2025

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS-UNAUDITED

Management of the City of Buford, Georgia (the "City") provides this Management Discussion and Analysis, as prescribed by the provisions of Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement 34 (GASB 34). This narrative overview and analysis of the City's financial activities is for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025. Please consider this information in conjunction with the City's financial statements, which follow.

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

- **The assets and deferred outflows of resources of the City exceeded its liabilities and deferred inflows of resources at the close of the fiscal year ended June 30, 2025 by $255,081,383 ("net position").**
- **The City's total net position increased by $36,915,310 in the fiscal year ended June 30, 2025.**
- **As of the close of the current fiscal year ended June 30, 2025, the City's governmental funds reported combined ending fund balances of $7,467,369 with a net increase of $3,243,416 in fund balance. A deficit of $3,001,832 of this amount is available for use within the City's policies ("unassigned fund balances").**
- **At the end of the current fiscal year, unassigned fund balance for the general fund was a deficit of $3,001,832 or 2.64% of total general fund expenditures.**

OVERVIEW OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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

Government-wide financial statements

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

The statement of net position presents information on all of the City's assets and liabilities, with the difference between the two reported as net position. Over time, increases or decreases in net position may serve as a useful indicator of whether the financial position of the City is improving or deteriorating.

The statement of activities presents information showing how the City's net position changed during the fiscal year. All changes in net position are reported when the underlying event giving rise to the change occurs, regardless of the timing of related cash flows. Thus, revenues and expenses are reported in this statement for some items that will only result in cash flows in future fiscal periods, such as uncollected property taxes and earned and unused compensated absences.

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

The government-wide financial statements can be found on pages 13-14 of this reporting package.

OVERVIEW OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - CONTINUED

Fund financial statements

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

Governmental Funds

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

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

The City maintains fourteen governmental funds. Information is presented separately in the governmental fund balance sheet and in the governmental fund statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balances for the General Fund which is considered to be a major fund. Data from the other thirteen funds are combined into a single, aggregated presentation, Individual fund data for each of these non-major governmental funds is provided in the form of combining statements elsewhere in this report.

The basic governmental fund financial statements can be found on pages 15 to 19 of this reporting package.

Proprietary Funds

The City maintains one type of proprietary fund. Enterprise funds are used to report the same functions presented as business-type activities in the government-wide financial statements. The City uses enterprise funds to account for its gas, electric, solid waste and recycling, wastewater and water operations (Utilities Fund) and to account for the operations of the Buford Community Center Fund. Proprietary funds provide the same type of information as the government-wide financial statements, only in more detail. The Utilities Fund is considered a major fund of the City. The basic proprietary funds financial statements can be found on pages 20 to 23 of this reporting package.

Fiduciary Funds

The City maintains five fiduciary funds consisting of custodial funds related to the Buford Board of Education SPLOST funds from Gwinnett and Hall Counties. The basic fiduciary fund financial statements can be found on pages 24 to 25 of this reporting package.

Notes to the Basic Financial Statements

The notes provide additional information that is essential to a full understanding of the data provided in the government-wide and fund financial statements. The notes to the basic financial statements can be found on pages 26 to 61 of this reporting package.

OVERVIEW OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - CONTINUED

Supplementary Information Required or Recommended by GASB 34

Supplementary information required by GASB 34 consisting of pension and OPEB disclosures, combining nonmajor governmental funds, schedules of budget to actual for nonmajor governmental funds and a statement of changes in assets and liabilities for the agency funds can be found on pages 62 to 90 of this reporting package.

The Single Audit Section

Reporting and schedules required by *Government Auditing Standards* and the Single Audit can be found on pages 91 to 100 of this reporting package.

Schedule Required by the State of Georgia

The schedule required by the State of Georgia relating to SPLOST expenditures can be found on page 101 of this reporting package.

GOVERNMENT-WIDE FINANCIAL ANALYSIS

As noted earlier, net position may serve over time as a useful indicator of government's financial position. In the case of the City of Buford, assets and deferred outflows of resources exceeded liabilities and deferred inflows of resources by $255,081,383 as of June 30, 2025.

The largest portion of the City's net position, totaling $265,185,641 (103.96%) reflects its investments in capital assets (such as land, buildings and improvements, furniture, machinery and equipment, computer equipment, vehicles, utility systems and infrastructure); less any related debt used to acquire those assets that are still outstanding. The City uses these capital assets to provide services to citizens; consequently, these assets are not available for future spending. Although the City's investment in its capital assets is reported net of related debt, it should be noted that the resources needed to repay this debt must be provided from other sources, since the capital assets themselves cannot be used to liquidate these liabilities.

An additional portion of the City's net position, totaling $9,959,567 (3.90%), represents resources that are subject to external restrictions on how they may be used. The remaining balance of unrestricted net position deficit of $20,063,825 (-7.86%) may be used to meet the government's ongoing obligations to citizens and creditors.

The property tax rate remained the same at 12.50 mills for the tax year billed in 2024 and payable in the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025.

At June 30, 2025, the governmental activities of the City had positive balances in net investment in capital assets of $197,851,019 and in restricted assets totaling $9,959,567, and a negative balance in unrestricted net position of $(46,070,905). At June 30, 2024, the governmental activities of the City had positive balances in net investment in capital assets of $157,008,986 and in restricted assets totaling $8,658,690, and a negative balance in unrestricted net position of $(48,911,030).

The unrestricted net position of business-type activities had a positive balance of $26,007,080 as of June 30, 2025, and a positive balance of $33,747,396 as of June 30, 2024.

GOVERNMENT-WIDE FINANCIAL ANALYSIS - CONTINUED

CITY OF BUFORD, GEORGIA'S CONDENSED NET POSITION

	Governmental Activities		Business-Type Activities		Total - Primary Government	
	2025	2024	2025	2024	2025	2024
Current and other assets	$ 28,109,116	$ 28,297,430	$ 47,397,421	$ 54,735,664	$ 75,506,537	$ 83,033,094
Capital assets	197,851,019	157,008,986	84,526,540	85,676,077	282,377,559	242,685,063
Total assets	225,960,135	185,306,416	131,923,961	140,411,741	357,884,096	325,718,157
Deferred outflows of resources	9,589,592	9,631,147	6,381,669	6,100,288	15,971,261	15,731,435
Noncurrent liabilities	57,367,797	59,588,048	34,751,382	35,141,125	92,119,179	94,729,173
Other liabilities	12,307,895	14,801,145	6,743,967	6,490,897	19,051,862	21,292,042
Total liabilities	69,675,692	74,389,193	41,495,349	41,632,022	111,171,041	116,021,215
Deferred inflows of resources	4,134,354	3,791,724	3,468,579	3,470,580	7,602,933	7,262,304
Net position:						
Net investment in capital assets	197,851,019	157,008,986	67,334,622	67,662,031	265,185,641	224,671,017
Restricted	9,959,567	8,658,690	-	-	9,959,567	8,658,690
Unrestricted (deficit)	(46,070,905)	(48,911,030)	26,007,080	33,747,396	(20,063,825)	(15,163,634)
Total net position	$ 161,739,681	$ 116,756,646	$ 93,341,702	$ 101,409,427	$ 255,081,383	$ 218,166,073

GOVERNMENT-WIDE FINANCIAL ANALYSIS - CONTINUED

Analysis of the City's Operations

The following table provides a summary of the City's operations for the years ended June 30, 2025 and June 30, 2024. Governmental activities increased the City's net position by $44,983,035 for the year ended June 30, 2025 and increased net position by $32,727,944 for the year ended June 30, 2024. Business-type activities decreased the City's net position by $(8,067,725) for the year ended June 30, 2025 and decreased net position by $(15,996,435) for the year ended June 30, 2024.

CITY OF BUFORD, GEORGIA'S CHANGES IN NET POSITION

	Governmental Activities		Business-Type Activities		Total-Primary Government	
	2025	2024	2025	2024	2025	2024
Revenues:						
Program revenues:						
Charges for services	$ 1,519,877	$ 2,107,592	$ 106,742,329	$ 98,191,184	$ 108,262,206	$ 100,298,776
Capital grants and Contributions	18,114,388	9,004,218	778,868	715,982	18,893,256	9,720,200
Operating grants and Contributions	3,301,896	4,275,936	60,943	-	3,362,839	4,275,936
General revenues:						
Taxes	42,991,852	40,332,812	-	-	42,991,852	40,332,812
Franchise fees	1,317,829	1,185,876	-	-	1,317,829	1,185,876
Investment income (loss)	126,859	254,950	1,238,463	1,878,861	1,365,322	2,133,811
Gain (loss) on sale of assets	43,699	114,291	-	-	43,699	114,291
Miscellaneous	191,672	161,859	3,201,400	2,632,790	3,393,072	2,794,649
Total revenues	67,608,072	57,437,534	112,022,003	103,418,817	179,630,075	160,856,351
Expenses:						
General government	5,840,253	5,365,556	-	-	5,840,253	5,365,556
Public safety	786,379	575,790	-	-	786,379	575,790
Public services	14,954,460	14,085,971	-	-	14,954,460	14,085,971
Board of Education	50,978,539	58,433,711	-	-	50,978,539	58,433,711
City of Rest Haven	300,000	-	-	-	300,000	-
Downtown development	545,000	293,045	-	-	545,000	293,045
Debt service	1,512,757	1,767,871	-	-	1,512,757	1,767,871
Gas system	-	-	27,219,413	25,546,220	27,219,413	25,546,220
Electric system	-	-	20,972,175	20,396,529	20,972,175	20,396,529
Solid waste and recycling	-	-	7,554,253	7,316,297	7,554,253	7,316,297
Wastewater system	-	-	4,809,874	4,522,735	4,809,874	4,522,735
Water system	-	-	4,112,283	3,791,520	4,112,283	3,791,520
Utilities Fund - Nondivisional	-	-	1,248,114	424,168	1,248,114	424,168
Community Center	-	-	1,881,265	1,605,429	1,881,265	1,605,429
Total expenses	74,917,388	80,521,944	67,797,377	63,602,898	142,714,765	144,124,842
Excess (deficiency) in net position before contributions and transfers	(7,309,316)	(23,084,410)	44,224,626	39,815,919	36,915,310	16,731,509
Transfers - internal	52,292,351	55,812,354	(52,292,351)	(55,812,354)	-	-
Change in net position	44,983,035	32,727,944	(8,067,725)	(15,996,435)	36,915,310	16,731,509
Net position – July 1	116,756,646	84,028,702	101,409,427	117,405,862	218,166,073	201,434,564
Net position – June 30	$ 161,739,681	$ 116,756,646	$ 93,341,702	$ 101,409,427	$ 255,081,383	$ 218,166,073

FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OF THE GOVERNMENT'S FUNDS

Governmental funds

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

At the end of the current fiscal year, the City's governmental funds reported combined ending fund balances of $7,467,369. Of this amount, $9,959,567 (133.38%) of this total is restricted due to external limitations on its use. These uses include 1) capital projects funded by SPLOST funds $9,955,340, 2) debt service related to General Obligation Bonds $199, and 3) education purposes $4,028. $509,634 (6.82%) of fund balances is considered unspendable because it has been used for prepaid items. A deficit of $3,001,832 (40.20%) constitutes unassigned fund balance.

The General Fund is the main operating fund of the City. At the end of the current fiscal year, unassigned fund balance of the General Fund was a deficit of $3,001,832, and total fund balance was a deficit of $2,488,170. As a measure of the General Fund's liquidity, it may be useful to compare both unassigned fund balance and total fund balance to the fund's total operational expenditures. Unassigned fund balance deficit represents 2.64% of total expenditures, while total fund balance deficit represents 2.19% of that same amount.

The General Fund's fund balance increased by $1,953,309 during the current fiscal year. Key factors are as follows:

- **Total revenues increased by $9,989,459. Components of this increase included an increase in property tax revenues of $3,067,804 due to increases in real property valuations; and an increase in intergovernmental revenues of $7,352,783 due to the City receiving intergovernmental revenue from capital grants and the Buford Board of Education.**

- **Total expenditures decreased by $6,039,746. Components of this increase included an increase in general governmental expenditures of $3,718,724 due to an increase in capital expenditures for construction projects; a decrease in culture and recreation due to a decrease in capital expenditures; and a decrease in intergovernmental expenditures to the Buford Board of Education of $7,455,172.**

- **Other financing sources decreased by $1,349,574 due primarily to a decrease in transfers in of $1,047,778.**

Proprietary funds

The City's proprietary funds statements provide the same type of information found in the government-wide financial statements, but in more detail. Unrestricted net position of the proprietary funds was $26,007,080, primarily represented by unrestricted net position of $25,935,559 from the Utilities Fund. The funds had an overall net decrease in fund net position of $8,067,725, represented primarily by a decrease in Utilities Fund net position of $8,188,982.

General Fund Budgetary Highlights

The City made revisions to the original budgeted expenditures as necessary during the year, as approved by the City Commission, including amending the budget in order to equal actual expenditures at the end of the fiscal year. Overall, these changes resulted in an increase from original budgeted expenditures by $1,340,084 a percentage increase of 1.19%. Budgeted expenditures for General Government were increased by $993,304, Highway and Street expenditures were increased by $1,224,883, and intergovernmental expenditures to the City of Buford Board of Education were decreased by $723,461.

CAPITAL ASSETS

The City's investment in capital assets for its governmental and business-type activities as of June 30, 2025 and 2024, amounted to $282,377,559 and $242,685,063, net of accumulated depreciation. This investment in capital assets includes land, buildings and improvements, furniture, machinery and equipment, computer equipment, utility infrastructure, infrastructure assets, and vehicles.

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

- **The City added $2,837,981 to its Gas System, $250,734 to its Electric System, and $788,049 to its Water and Wastewater System for improvements and expansion of the systems.**
- **The City capitalized $683,251 in City parks additions and improvements.**
- **The City capitalized $3,107,549 in street additions and improvements.**
- **The City purchased land parcels totaling $1,105,385.**
- **The City incurred $40,705,729 in construction in progress in its governmental activities as the City has several projects in progress.**

Depreciation expense totaled $5,449,575 in the governmental activities and $6,229,235 in the business-type enterprises.

CAPITAL ASSETS AT YEAR-END (NET OF ACCUMULATED DEPRECIATION)

	Governmental Activities		Business-Type Activities		Total-Primary Government	
	2025	2024	2025	2024	2025	2024
Land	$ 33,251,743	$ 32,691,358	$ 202,663	$ 202,663	$ 33,454,406	$ 32,894,021
Construction in progress	85,485,643	44,865,700	176,954	80,286	85,662,597	44,945,986
Utility system infrastructure	-	-	152,724,828	153,267,510	152,724,828	153,267,510
Buildings and improvements	47,144,132	46,990,020	296,782	296,782	47,440,914	47,286,802
City parks	26,653,314	25,970,063	-	-	26,653,314	25,970,063
Furniture and equipment	2,352,289	1,473,581	1,642,726	1,271,414	3,995,015	2,744,995
Sidewalks	2,927,413	2,853,579	-	-	2,927,413	2,853,579
Streets	38,045,282	34,937,733	-	-	38,045,282	34,937,733
Streetscapes & hardscapes	11,321,104	11,321,104	-	-	11,321,104	11,321,104
Vehicles	1,032,477	856,651	3,009,049	2,320,837	4,041,526	3,177,488
Accumulated depreciation	(50,362,378)	(44,950,803)	(73,526,462)	(71,763,415)	(123,888,840)	(116,714,218)
Total	$ 197,851,019	$ 157,008,986	$ 84,526,540	$ 85,676,077	$ 282,377,559	$ 242,685,063

Additional information on the City's capital assets can be found in note 5 in the notes to the basic financial statements on pages 40-42 of this reporting package.

DEBT ADMINISTRATION

At the end of the current fiscal year, the City had $65,053,327 in outstanding debt consisting of general obligation bonds of $11,181,409, revenue bonds of $17,191,918, and intergovernmental contract payable of $36,680,000.

CITY OF BUFORD, GEORGIA'S OUTSTANDING DEBT

	Governmental Activities		Business-Type Activities		Total-Primary Government	
	2025	2024	2025	2024	2025	2024
General obligation bonds	$ 11,181,409	$ 11,572,430	$ -	$ -	$ 11,181,409	$ 11,572,430
Revenue bonds	-	-	17,191,918	18,014,046	17,191,918	18,014,046
Intergovernmental contract payable	36,680,000	38,635,000	-	-	36,680,000	38,635,000
Total	$ 47,861,409	$ 50,207,430	$ 17,191,918	$ 18,014,046	$ 65,053,327	$ 68,221,476

The City's total debt decreased by $3,168,149 during the current fiscal year. The City reduced its outstanding general obligation bonds payable by amortization of bond reoffering premiums of $391,021. The City made principal payments and amortization of bond reoffering premiums on revenue bonds of $822,128. The City made principal payments on the intergovernmental contract payable of $1,955,000.

Additional information on the City's long-term debt can be found in note 6 on pages 43-47 of this reporting package.

ECONOMIC FACTORS AND NEXT YEAR'S BUDGETS

The area's economy continues to show strength with a particularly high level of activity in the light industrial/office/warehouse sector. Single family housing construction is healthy with several developments offering a range of housing opportunities. The retail sector continues its steady improvement. Several commercial developments are either proposed or in concept development. The City plans to continue improvements to its infrastructure, further invest in its utility systems, support planning and development in the City and focus on delivery of services to its citizens and customers.

With regards to capital projects, the City completed constructing the new Buford City Stadium subsequent to year end. Additionally, the City has several other projects in progress. Numerous gas and sewer extension and improvement projects were completed in 2025 supporting development, roadway projects, system safety and reliability, which will continue in 2026.

Buford Community Center and Theatre continues to host events, weddings, receptions and meetings with demand for the facility remaining strong. Buford Youth Sports Complex continues to host youth sporting events and draws teams and spectators from across Georgia and the Southeast.

ECONOMIC FACTORS AND NEXT YEAR'S BUDGETS - CONTINUED

Fiscal Year 2026 Budget

General Fund budgeted revenue and transfers in for the 2026 fiscal year total $97,782,890, while General Fund budgeted expenditures and transfers out for the 2026 fiscal year total $97,348,591.

Budgeted revenues for the Enterprise Funds for the 2026 fiscal year include $2,895,000 for the Waste Water System, $1,230,000 for the Water System, $11,175,000 for Solid Waste and Recycling, $28,050,000 for the Electric System, $71,951,100 for the Gas System, $1,555,000 for Nondivisional revenues, and $1,735,500 for the Buford Community Center for a total of $118,591,600. Budgeted expenditures and transfers out for the 2026 fiscal year include $7,932,000 for the Waste Water System, $5,309,100 for the Water System, $7,101,000 for Solid Waste and Recycling, $21,104,715 for the Electric System, $36,702,520 for the Gas System, $90,000 for Nondivisional expenditures and $31,000,000 transfers out, and $1,735,500 for the Buford Community Center for a total of $110,974,835.

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

This financial report is designed to provide a general overview of the City's finances for all with an interest in the City's finances. Questions concerning any of the information provided in this report or requests for additional information should be addressed to the City of Buford, 2300 Buford Highway, Buford, Georgia 30518.

The financial statements of the City of Buford Board of Education are audited by the Georgia Department of Audits, as allowed by Code of Georgia Annotated 50-6-6. These component financial statements can be obtained from the City of Buford Board of Education at 2625 Sawnee Avenue, Buford, Georgia 30518.

BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

CITY OF BUFORD, GEORGIA
STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
JUNE 30, 2025

	Primary Government			Component Units	
	Governmental Activities	Business-type Activities	Total	06/30/24 City of Buford Board of Education	Downtown Development Authority
ASSETS					
Cash and cash equivalents	$ 10,244,562	$ 9,891,670	$ 20,136,232	$ 17,956,810	$ 3,589,291
Investments	3,927,662	19,687,934	23,615,596	-	-
Receivables - net	502,580	7,888,301	8,390,881	3,886,160	71,250
Due from other governments	1,818,633	-	1,818,633	10,318,981	-
Internal balances	(75,364)	75,364	-	-	-
Prepaid items	509,634	1,580,447	2,090,081	745,829	-
Inventories	-	-	-	29,174	-
Property held for resale	-	-	-	-	5,945,000
Restricted cash and investments on hand with fiscal agent	-	-	-	27,257,363	-
Restricted investments	-	8,273,705	8,273,705	-	-
Intergovernmental contract receivable	11,181,409	-	11,181,409	-	-
Capital assets not being depreciated	118,737,386	379,617	119,117,003	10,849,282	2,280,000
Capital assets being depreciated - net	79,113,633	84,146,923	163,260,556	160,167,006	-
Total assets	225,960,135	131,923,961	357,884,096	231,210,605	11,885,541
DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES					
Deferred loss on bond refunding	2,098,069	-	2,098,069	2,291,068	-
Pension related deferred outflows	4,052,289	3,451,951	7,504,240	30,842,684	-
OPEB related deferred outflows	3,439,234	2,929,718	6,368,952	12,063,336	-
Total deferred outflows of resources	9,589,592	6,381,669	15,971,261	45,197,088	-
LIABILITIES					
Accounts payable	8,897,044	3,499,635	12,396,679	5,728,817	-
Accrued interest	662,383	296,225	958,608	917,498	-
Other accrued liabilities	82,446	384,791	467,237	10,914,257	-
Due to primary government	-	-	-	17,682,605	-
Due to other governments	300,000	-	300,000	-	-
Unearned revenue	-	1,721,188	1,721,188	75,842	-
Long-term liabilities:					
due within one year:					
Intergovernmental contract payable	1,975,000	-	1,975,000	7,425,116	-
Bonds payable	391,022	842,128	1,233,150	-	-
SBITA payable	-	-	-	72,630	-
due in more than one year:					
Customer deposits	-	8,273,705	8,273,705	-	-
Accrued compensated absences	377,566	335,983	713,549	-	-
Intergovernmental contract payable	34,705,000	-	34,705,000	55,959,633	-
Bonds payable	10,790,387	16,349,790	27,140,177	-	-
SBITA payable	-	-	-	28,755	-
Net pension liability	1,251,748	1,066,304	2,318,052	81,951,767	-
Net OPEB liability	10,243,096	8,725,600	18,968,696	32,549,379	-
Total liabilities	69,675,692	41,495,349	111,171,041	213,306,299	-
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES					
Deferred gain on bond refunding	62,545	-	62,545	-	-
Pension related deferred inflows	1,844,466	1,571,212	3,415,678	338,843	-
OPEB related deferred inflows	2,227,343	1,897,367	4,124,710	13,460,200	-
Total deferred inflows of resources	4,134,354	3,468,579	7,602,933	13,799,043	-
NET POSITION					
Net investment in capital assets	197,851,019	67,334,622	265,185,641	120,479,745	2,280,000
Restricted for:					
Capital projects	9,955,340	-	9,955,340	-	-
Debt service	199	-	199	-	-
Education	4,028	-	4,028	-	-
Unrestricted (deficit)	(46,070,905)	26,007,080	(20,063,825)	(71,177,394)	9,605,541
Total net position	$ 161,739,681	$ 93,341,702	$ 255,081,383	$ 49,302,351	$ 11,885,541

SEE NOTES TO BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS.

CITY OF BUFORD, GEORGIA
STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2025

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	$ 600,938	$ 509,820	$ 3,301,896	$ 16,572,256
Financial administration	5,239,315	-	-	-
Public safety, Marshal and Code enforcement	786,379	17,405	-	-
Highway and street	9,163,182	-	-	1,193,868
Building inspection	879,076	811,703	-	-
Culture and recreation	3,553,130	180,949	-	348,264
Maintenance	1,359,072	-	-	-
Board of Education	50,978,539	-	-	-
City of Rest Haven	300,000	-	-	-
Downtown Development Authority	545,000	-	-	-
Interest and fiscal charges	1,512,757	-	-	-
Total governmental activities	74,917,388	1,519,877	3,301,896	18,114,388
Business-type activities:				
Gas system	27,219,413	62,272,734	-	233,118
Electric system	20,972,175	26,470,946	-	-
Solid waste and recycling	7,554,253	11,302,362	-	-
Wastewater system	4,809,874	3,237,472	-	545,750
Water system	4,112,283	1,353,056	60,943	-
Non-divisional utility	1,248,114	1,601,208	-	-
Community Center	1,881,265	504,551	-	-
Total business-type activities	67,797,377	106,742,329	60,943	778,868
Total primary government	$ 142,714,765	$ 108,262,206	$ 3,362,839	$ 18,893,256
Component Units				
City of Buford Board of Education	$ 125,608,176	$ 6,418,124	$ 59,780,739	$ 1,990,837
Downtown Development Authority	30,000	-	-	545,000
Total component units	$ 125,638,176	$ 6,418,124	$ 59,780,739	$ 2,535,837
General revenues:				
Taxes:				
Property				
Sales, excise, and other				
Franchise fees				
Investment income				
Gain on sale of assets				
Miscellaneous				
Transfers				
Total general revenues and transfers				
Change in net position				
Net position at beginning of year				
Net position at end of year				

Net (Expense) Revenue and Changes in Net Position			Component Units	
Primary Government			06/30/24	
Governmental Activities	Business-Type Activities	Total	City of Buford Board of Education	Downtown Development Authority
$ 19,783,034	$ -	$ 19,783,034	$ -	$ -
(5,239,315)	-	(5,239,315)	-	-
(768,974)	-	(768,974)	-	-
(7,969,314)	-	(7,969,314)	-	-
(67,373)	-	(67,373)	-	-
(3,023,917)	-	(3,023,917)	-	-
(1,359,072)	-	(1,359,072)	-	-
(50,978,539)	-	(50,978,539)	-	-
(300,000)	-	(300,000)	-	-
(545,000)	-	(545,000)	-	-
(1,512,757)	-	(1,512,757)	-	-
(51,981,227)	-	(51,981,227)	-	-
-	35,286,439	35,286,439	-	-
-	5,498,771	5,498,771	-	-
-	3,748,109	3,748,109	-	-
-	(1,026,652)	(1,026,652)	-	-
-	(2,698,284)	(2,698,284)	-	-
-	353,094	353,094	-	-
-	(1,376,714)	(1,376,714)	-	-
-	39,784,763	39,784,763	-	-
$(51,981,227)	$ 39,784,763	$(12,196,464)	$ -	$ -
$ -	$ -	$ -	$(57,418,476)	$ -
-	-	-	-	515,000
$ -	$ -	$ -	$(57,418,476)	$ 515,000
$ 35,529,741	$ -	$ 35,529,741	$ 33,559,007	$ -
7,462,111	-	7,462,111	10,617,094	-
1,317,829	-	1,317,829	-	-
126,859	1,238,463	1,365,322	6,197	3,367
43,699	-	43,699	-	839,455
191,672	3,201,400	3,393,072	5,184,765	30,000
52,292,351	(52,292,351)	-	-	-
96,964,262	(47,852,488)	49,111,774	49,367,063	872,822
44,983,035	(8,067,725)	36,915,310	(8,051,413)	1,387,822
116,756,646	101,409,427	218,166,073	57,353,764	10,497,719
$ 161,739,681	$ 93,341,702	$ 255,081,383	$ 49,302,351	$ 11,885,541

SEE NOTES TO BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS.

CITY OF BUFORD, GEORGIA
BALANCE SHEET
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
JUNE 30, 2025

	General	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
ASSETS			
Cash and cash equivalents	$ 522,525	$ 9,722,037	$ 10,244,562
Investments – certificates of deposit	3,927,662	-	3,927,662
Property taxes receivable - net	325,148	-	325,148
Sales, excise, and other taxes receivable	-	107,153	107,153
Other receivables	70,279	-	70,279
Due from other governments	1,143,981	674,652	1,818,633
Interfund balances	148,031	-	148,031
Prepaid items	509,634	-	509,634
Total assets	$ 6,647,260	$ 10,503,842	$ 17,151,102
LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES AND FUND BALANCES			
LIABILITIES			
Accounts payable	$ 8,872,136	$ 24,908	$ 8,897,044
Accrued expenses	82,446	-	82,446
Due to other governments	-	300,000	300,000
Interfund balances	-	223,395	223,395
Total liabilities	8,954,582	548,303	9,502,885
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES			
Property tax revenue	180,848	-	180,848
Total deferred inflows of resources	180,848	-	180,848
FUND BALANCES			
Non-spendable:			
Prepaid items	509,634	-	509,634
Restricted for:			
Capital projects	-	9,955,340	9,955,340
Debt service	-	199	199
Education	4,028	-	4,028
Unassigned (deficit)	(3,001,832)	-	(3,001,832)
Total fund balances (deficit)	(2,488,170)	9,955,539	7,467,369
Total liabilities, deferred inflows of resources and fund balances	$ 6,647,260	$ 10,503,842	$ 17,151,102

SEE NOTES TO BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

CITY OF BUFORD, GEORGIA
RECONCILIATION OF THE GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS BALANCE SHEET
TO GOVERNMENT-WIDE STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
JUNE 30, 2025

Total fund balance - total governmental funds	**$**	**7,467,369**
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of net position are different because:		
Capital assets used in governmental activities are not current financial resources, and therefore, are not reported in the governmental funds balance sheet.		**197,851,019**
Long-term receivables applicable to governmental activities are not due and receivable in the current period and accordingly are not reported in the governmental funds balance sheet:		
Intergovernmental contract receivable		**11,181,409**
Other long-term assets are not available to pay for current period expenditures, and therefore, are reported as deferred inflows of resources in governmental funds:		
Property tax revenue		**180,848**
Deferred outflows of resources are not due and payable in the current period, and therefore, are not reported in the funds:		
Pension related experience differences, assumption changes, differences between projected and actual earnings on pension plan investments, and contributions		**4,052,289**
OPEB related experience differences, assumption changes, differences between projected and actual earnings on OPEB plan investments, and contributions		**3,439,234**
Deferred loss on bond refunding		**2,098,069**
Deferred inflows of resources are not available to pay for current-period expenditures, and therefore, are not reported in the funds:		
Pension related differences between expected and actual experience	**(**	**1,844,466)**
OPEB related differences between expected and actual experience	**(**	**2,227,343)**
Deferred gain on bond refunding	**(**	**62,545)**
Long-term liabilities applicable to governmental activities are not due and payable in the current period and accordingly are not reported in fund liabilities. Interest on long-term debt is not accrued in governmental funds, but is recognized as an expenditure when due. All liabilities, both current and long-term, are reported in the statement of net position:		
General obligation bonds - 2017 issue	**(**	**9,810,000)**
Reoffering premium - 2017 issue	**(**	**1,371,409)**
Intergovernmental contract payable	**(**	**36,680,000)**
Accrued interest payable	**(**	**662,383)**
Compensated absences	**(**	**377,566)**
Net pension liability	**(**	**1,251,748)**
OPEB liability	**(**	**10,243,096)**
Net position of governmental activities	**$**	**161,739,681**

SEE NOTES TO BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

CITY OF BUFORD, GEORGIA
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2025

	General	*Previously Major* 2017 GOB Debt Service Fund	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
REVENUES				
Taxes - property	$ 36,068,264	$ -	$ -	$ 36,068,264
Taxes - sales, excise, and other	6,837,257	-	624,854	7,462,111
Intergovernmental	11,741,160	-	10,212,176	21,953,336
Charges for services	1,519,877	-	-	1,519,877
Franchise fees	1,317,829	-	-	1,317,829
Investment income	125,903	-	9,654	135,557
Miscellaneous	191,672	-	-	191,672
Total revenues	57,801,962	-	10,846,684	68,648,646
EXPENDITURES				
Current operating:				
General government:				
General	46,058,304	-	-	46,058,304
Financial administration	5,089,764	-	-	5,089,764
Public safety:				
Public safety, Marshal and code enforcement	744,377	-	-	744,377
Public services:				
Highway and street	6,804,883	-	-	6,804,883
Building inspection	866,055	-	-	866,055
Culture and recreation	1,599,913	-	75,325	1,675,238
Maintenance	1,374,749	-	-	1,374,749
Intergovernmental:				
Buford Board of Education	50,978,539	-	-	50,978,539
City of Rest Haven	-	-	300,000	300,000
Capital outlay	-	-	545,750	545,750
Debt Service				
Principal retirement	-	-	1,955,000	1,955,000
Interest and fiscal charges	-	-	1,348,621	1,348,621
Total expenditures	113,516,584	-	4,224,696	117,741,280
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenditures	(55,714,622)	-	6,621,988	(49,092,634)
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)				
Sales of surplus property	43,699	-	-	43,699
Transfers in	59,048,246	-	1,725	59,049,971
Transfers out	(1,424,014)	-	(5,333,606)	(6,757,620)
Total other financing sources (uses)	57,667,931	-	(5,331,881)	52,336,050
Net change in fund balance	1,953,309	-	1,290,107	3,243,416
Fund balance (deficit) - beginning, as previously presented	(4,441,479)	199	8,665,233	4,223,953
Change within financial reporting entity (Major to Nonmajor fund)	-	(199)	199	-
Fund balance - beginning, as adjusted	(4,441,479)	-	8,665,432	4,223,953
Fund balance (deficit) - ending	$(2,488,170)	$ -	$ 9,955,539	$ 7,467,369

SEE NOTES TO BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS.

CITY OF BUFORD, GEORGIA
RECONCILIATION OF THE STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES,
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES OF GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
TO THE GOVERNMENT-WIDE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2025

Net change in fund balances - total governmental funds	**$**	**3,243,416**
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of activities are different because:		
Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures. However, in the Government-wide statement of activities, the cost of those assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives as depreciation expense. When assets are sold or retired, the difference between the sales proceeds, if any, and the net book value of the assets is reported in the statement of activities as a gain or loss:		
Capital asset additions		**46,836,608**
Depreciation expense	**(**	**5,449,575)**
Loss on disposal of assets	**(**	**545,000)**
Revenues in the government-wide statement of activities that do not provide current financial resources are not reported as revenues in the funds. This is the increase (decrease) during the current year in deferred inflows or resources that are earned but not collected:		
Property tax revenue	**(**	**538,523)**
In the governmental funds, payments received on long-term intergovernmental contracts receivable are reported as intergovernmental revenues. However, in the statement of activities, the intergovernmental contracts receivable, is recorded in the year it is created and repayments serve to reduce the long-term receivable. This is the net effect of these differences in the current year:	**(**	**391,021)**
The issuance of long-term debt (e.g. bonds) provides current financial resources to governmental funds while the repayment of the principal of long-term debt consumes current financial resources of governmental funds. Neither transaction, however, has any effect on net position. Also, governmental funds report the effect of issuance cost, premiums, discounts, and similar items when debt is first issued, whereas the amounts are deferred and amortized in the government-wide statement of activities:		
Principal payments on intergovernmental contract payable		**1,955,000**
Amortization of bond reoffering premiums		**391,021**
Amortization of gain on advance bond refunding		**17,870**
Amortization of loss on advance bond refunding	**(**	**193,071)**
Some expenses reported in the government-wide statement of activities do not require the use of current financial resources, and therefore, are not reported as expenditures in governmental funds:		
Accrued interest		**11,065**
Compensated absences	**(**	**53,360)**
Pension cost		**852,540**
OPEB cost	**(**	**1,153,935)**
Change in net position of governmental activities	**$**	**44,983,035**

SEE NOTES TO BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS.

CITY OF BUFORD, GEORGIA
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE -
BUDGET AND ACTUAL - GENERAL FUND
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2025

	General Fund			
	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual	Variance with Final budget Over (Under)
REVENUES				
Taxes - property	$ 36,710,800	$ 36,710,800	$ 36,068,264	$(642,536)
Taxes - sales, excise, and other	6,407,000	6,407,000	6,837,257	430,257
Intergovernmental	10,395,195	10,395,195	11,741,160	1,345,965
Charges for services	1,579,500	1,579,500	1,519,877	(59,623)
Franchise fees	1,200,000	1,200,000	1,317,829	117,829
Investment income	40,000	40,000	125,903	85,903
Miscellaneous	179,980	179,980	191,672	11,692
Total revenues	56,512,475	56,512,475	57,801,962	1,289,487
EXPENDITURES				
Current operating:				
General government:				
General	45,065,000	46,058,304	46,058,304	-
Financial administration	4,892,000	5,089,764	5,089,764	-
Public safety:				
Public safety, Marshal and Code enforcement	792,500	744,377	744,377	-
Public services:				
Highway and street	5,580,000	6,804,883	6,804,883	-
Building inspection	725,000	866,055	866,055	-
Culture and recreation	2,153,000	1,599,913	1,599,913	-
Maintenance	1,267,000	1,374,749	1,374,749	-
Intergovernmental:				
Board of Education	51,702,000	50,978,539	50,978,539	-
Total expenditures	112,176,500	113,516,584	113,516,584	-
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenditures	(55,664,025)	(57,004,109)	(55,714,622)	1,289,487
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)				
Sales of surplus equipment	20,000	20,000	43,699	23,699
Transfers in	55,874,000	55,874,000	59,048,246	3,174,246
Transfers out	(800,750)	(1,424,014)	(1,424,014)	-
Net other financing sources (uses)	55,093,250	54,469,986	57,667,931	3,197,945
Net change in fund balance	(570,775)	(2,534,123)	1,953,309	4,487,432
Fund balance - beginning	(4,441,479)	(4,441,479)	(4,441,479)	-
Fund balance (deficit) - ending	$(5,012,254)	$(6,975,602)	$(2,488,170)	$ 4,487,432

SEE NOTES TO BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS.

CITY OF BUFORD, GEORGIA
STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
PROPRIETARY FUNDS
JUNE 30, 2025

	Utilities Fund	Nonmajor Enterprise Fund	Total Enterprise Funds
ASSETS			
Current assets:			
Cash and cash equivalents	$ 9,888,897	$ 2,773	$ 9,891,670
Investments	19,687,934	-	19,687,934
Accounts receivable, net	7,888,301	-	7,888,301
Due from other funds	-	75,364	75,364
Prepaid items	1,476,445	104,002	1,580,447
Total current assets	38,941,577	182,139	39,123,716
Noncurrent assets:			
Restricted assets:			
Restricted investments	8,273,705	-	8,273,705
Capital assets - net	84,021,963	504,577	84,526,540
Total noncurrent assets	92,295,668	504,577	92,800,245
Total assets	131,237,245	686,716	131,923,961
DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES			
Deferred outflows of resources related to pensions	3,301,866	150,085	3,451,951
Deferred outflows of resources related to OPEB	2,929,718	-	2,929,718
Total deferred outflows of resources	6,231,584	150,085	6,381,669
LIABILITIES			
Current liabilities:			
Accounts payable	3,482,944	16,691	3,499,635
Accrued interest	296,225	-	296,225
Other accrued liabilities	379,844	4,947	384,791
Unearned revenue	1,596,798	124,390	1,721,188
Revenue bonds payable	842,128	-	842,128
Total current liabilities	6,597,939	146,028	6,743,967
Noncurrent liabilities:			
Customer deposits payable	8,273,705	-	8,273,705
Accrued compensated absences	335,983	-	335,983
Revenue bonds payable	16,349,790	-	16,349,790
Net pension liability	1,019,943	46,361	1,066,304
Net OPEB liability	8,725,600	-	8,725,600
Total noncurrent liabilities	34,705,021	46,361	34,751,382
Total liabilities	41,302,960	192,389	41,495,349
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES			
Deferred inflows of resources related to pensions	1,502,898	68,314	1,571,212
Deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB	1,897,367	-	1,897,367
Total deferred inflows of resources	3,400,265	68,314	3,468,579
NET POSITION			
Net investment in capital assets	66,830,045	504,577	67,334,622
Unrestricted	25,935,559	71,521	26,007,080
Total net position	$ 92,765,604	$ 576,098	$ 93,341,702

SEE NOTES TO BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS.

CITY OF BUFORD, GEORGIA
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES, AND CHANGES IN NET POSITION
PROPRIETARY FUNDS
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2025

	Utilities Fund	Nonmajor Enterprise Fund	Total Enterprise Funds
OPERATING REVENUES			
Charges for services:			
Gas	$ 62,272,734	$ -	$ 62,272,734
Electric	26,470,946	-	26,470,946
Solid waste and recycling	11,302,362	-	11,302,362
Wastewater	3,237,472	-	3,237,472
Water	1,353,056	-	1,353,056
Penalties	1,237,977	-	1,237,977
Service charges	363,231	-	363,231
Buford Community Center	-	504,551	504,551
Total charges for services	106,237,778	504,551	106,742,329
Miscellaneous:			
Other	32,456	288	32,744
Total miscellaneous	32,456	288	32,744
Total operating revenues	106,270,234	504,839	106,775,073
OPERATING EXPENSES			
Utilities purchased for resale	36,122,175	-	36,122,175
Personal services	10,742,944	518,011	11,260,955
Contractual services	7,614,922	249,471	7,864,393
Depreciation	6,160,808	68,427	6,229,235
Materials and supplies	2,977,990	72,294	3,050,284
Utilities	1,025,483	126,620	1,152,103
Repairs and maintenance	666,388	79,546	745,934
Event expenses	-	746,810	746,810
Other operating	160,080	20,086	180,166
Total operating expenses	65,470,790	1,881,265	67,352,055
Income (loss) from operations	40,799,444	(1,376,426)	39,423,018
NONOPERATING REVENUES (EXPENSES)			
Refunds and rebates	3,401,774	-	3,401,774
Grant revenue	60,943	-	60,943
Investment earnings (losses)	1,238,433	30	1,238,463
Amortization	147,128	-	147,128
Interest expense	(592,450)	-	(592,450)
Total nonoperating revenues (expenses)	4,255,828	30	4,255,858
Income (loss) before contributions and transfers	45,055,272	(1,376,396)	43,678,876
CAPITAL CONTRIBUTIONS	545,750	-	545,750
TRANSFERS	(53,790,004)	1,497,653	(52,292,351)
Total contributions and transfers	(53,244,254)	1,497,653	(51,746,601)
Change in net position	(8,188,982)	121,257	(8,067,725)
Total net position at beginning of year	100,954,586	454,841	101,409,427
Total net position at end of year	$ 92,765,604	$ 576,098	$ 93,341,702

SEE NOTES TO BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS.

CITY OF BUFORD, GEORGIA
STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
PROPRIETARY FUNDS
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2025

	Utilities Fund	Nonmajor Enterprise Fund	Total Enterprise Funds
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES:			
Receipts from customers	$ 105,358,175	$ 494,296	$ 105,852,471
Receipts from other operating sources	32,456	288	32,744
Receipts from interfund services provided	723,348	-	723,348
Payments to suppliers for goods and services	(48,372,289)	(1,308,837)	(49,681,126)
Payments for personal services	(10,370,576)	(545,879)	(10,916,455)
Net cash provided (used) by operating activities	47,371,114	(1,360,132)	46,010,982
CASH FLOWS FROM NONCAPITAL FINANCING ACTIVITIES:			
Transfers from other funds	2,252,702	1,497,653	3,750,355
Receipts from refunds and rebates	3,168,656	-	3,168,656
Receipts from operating grant	60,943	-	60,943
Transfers to other funds	(56,042,706)	-	(56,042,706)
Net cash provided (used) by noncapital financing activities	(50,560,405)	1,497,653	(49,062,752)
CASH FLOWS FROM CAPITAL AND RELATED FINANCING ACTIVITIES:			
Receipts from refunds and rebates	233,118	-	233,118
Purchases of capital assets	(4,379,571)	(154,377)	(4,533,948)
Principal payments on capital debt	(675,000)	-	(675,000)
Interest paid on capital debt	(602,575)	-	(602,575)
Prepayments of principal and interest on capital debt	(9,875)	-	(9,875)
Net cash provided (used) by capital and related financing activities	(5,433,903)	(154,377)	(5,588,280)
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES:			
Sales of investments	35,658,167	-	35,658,167
Purchases of investments	(24,706,470)	-	(24,706,470)
Interest and dividends	1,170,893	30	1,170,923
Net cash provided (used) by investing activities	12,122,590	30	12,122,620
Increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	3,499,396	(16,826)	3,482,570
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year	6,389,501	19,599	6,409,100
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year	$ 9,888,897	$ 2,773	$ 9,891,670

SEE NOTES TO BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS.

CITY OF BUFORD, GEORGIA
STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS - CONTINUED
PROPRIETARY FUNDS
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2025

	Utilities Fund	Nonmajor Enterprise Fund	Total Enterprise Funds
RECONCILIATION OF INCOME (LOSS) FROM OPERATIONS TO NET CASH PROVIDED (USED) BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES:			
Income (loss) from operations	**$ 40,799,444**	**$(1,376,426)**	**$ 39,423,018**
Adjustments to reconcile income (loss) from operations to net cash provided (used) by operating activities:			
Cash flows reported in other categories:			
Depreciation	**6,160,808**	**68,427**	**6,229,235**
Changes in assets and liabilities:			
Accounts receivable	**(406,249)**	**-**	**(406,249)**
Leases receivable	**346,253**	**-**	**346,253**
Due from other funds	**-**	**(6,085)**	**(6,085)**
Prepaid items	**14,468**	**(1,856)**	**12,612**
Deferred outflows pension	**234,764**	**14,409**	**249,173**
Deferred outflows OPEB	**(530,554)**	**-**	**(530,554)**
Accounts payable	**163,201**	**(2,606)**	**160,595**
Other accrued liabilities	**40,455**	**314**	**40,769**
Unearned revenue	**52,086**	**(10,255)**	**41,831**
Customer deposits payable	**189,918**	**-**	**189,918**
Compensated absences	**64,091**	**-**	**64,091**
Net pension liability	**2,039,718**	**(82,868)**	**1,956,850**
Net OPEB liability	**(1,758,474)**	**-**	**(1,758,474)**
Lease related deferred inflows	**(338,263)**	**-**	**(338,263)**
Deferred inflows of pension	**825,630**	**36,814**	**862,444**
Deferred inflows OPEB	**(526,182)**	**-**	**(526,182)**
Net cash provided (used) by operating activities	**$ 47,371,114**	**$(1,360,132)**	**$ 46,010,982**
SUPPLEMENTAL DISCLOSURES			
Noncash capital and related financing activities:			
Contributions of capital assets	**$ 545,750**	**$ -**	**$ 545,750**

SEE NOTES TO BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS.

CITY OF BUFORD, GEORGIA
STATEMENT OF FIDUCIARY NET POSITION
FIDUCIARY FUNDS
JUNE 30, 2025

	Custodial Funds
ASSETS	
Cash and cash equivalents	$ 10,027,032
Investments	6,687,444
Due from other governments	134,399
Total assets	16,848,875
LIABILITIES	
Due to other governments	645,653
Unearned revenue	5,626,611
Total liabilities	6,272,264
NET POSITION	
Restricted for:	
City of Buford Board of Education	10,576,611
Total net position	$ 10,576,611

SEE NOTES TO BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS.

CITY OF BUFORD, GEORGIA
STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN FIDUCIARY NET POSITION
FIDUCIARY FUNDS
JUNE 30, 2025

	Custodial Funds
ADDITIONS	
Intergovernmental	**$ 9,172,045**
Investment income	**477,164**
Total additions	**9,649,209**
DEDUCTIONS	
Intergovernmental	**13,301,896**
Total deductions	**13,301,896**
Net increase (decrease) in fiduciary net position	**(3,652,687)**
Total net position at beginning of year, as previously presented	**13,605,839**
Error correction	**623,459**
Total net position at beginning of year, as restated	**14,229,298**
Total net position at end of year	**$ 10,576,611**

SEE NOTES TO BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS.

NOTES TO BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial statements of the City of Buford, Georgia (the "City") have been prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles in the United States of America ("GAAP") applicable to state and local governments. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board ("GASB") is the accepted standard-setting body for establishing governmental accounting and financial reporting principles. The GASB periodically updates its codification of the existing Governmental Accounting and Financial Reporting Standards, which, along with subsequent GASB pronouncements (Statements and Interpretations), constitutes GAAP for governmental units. The more significant of these accounting policies are described below.

These financial statements are prepared in accordance with GASB Statement No. 34, *Basic Financial Statements-and Management's Discussion and Analysis-for State and Local Governments.* This Statement established financial reporting requirements for state and local governments throughout the United States. As part of the implementation of GASB Statement No. 34, the City has prepared required supplementary information titled *Management's Discussion and Analysis,* which precedes the financial statements.

REPORTING ENTITY

The City was incorporated December 23, 1937, under Code of Georgia Annotated Title 69-1 and reincorporated under a revised City Charter in 2003. The City operates under a Commission-Manager form of government and is vested with all rights, powers, and privileges incident to a Municipal corporation. The City's charter authorizes the following services: public safety (public safety, marshal and code enforcement), highways and streets, culture and recreation, maintenance, sanitation and utility services, education and general administrative services.

The City for financial reporting purposes includes all of the funds relevant to the operations of the City of Buford. The Government Accounting Standards Board has set forth criteria to determine if legally separate organizations are considered to be component units in which the City is considered to be financially accountable or other organizations whose nature and significant relationship with the City is such that exclusion would cause the City's financial statements to be incomplete or misleading. These criteria include appointing a voting majority of an organization's governing body and (1) the ability of the City to impose its will on that organization or (2) the potential for the organization to provide specific financial benefits to, or impose specific financial burdens on, the City. Additionally, the primary government is required to consider other organizations for which the nature and significance of their relationship with the primary government are such that exclusion would cause the reporting entity's financial statements to be misleading or incomplete. Blended component units, although legally separate entities, are, in substance, part of the City's operations, and accordingly, data from these units are combined with data of the City. Discretely presented component units are reported in a separate column in the government-wide financial statements to emphasize that they are legally separate from the government. The component units discussed below should be included in the City's reporting entity because of their operational or financial relationship with the City.

Discretely Presented Component Units

City of Buford Board of Education **- The City of Buford Board of Education ("BOE") is the governing authority of the City School System. There are five members on the Board. Four of them are elected by the public, and one is the Chairman of the City of Buford Board of Commissioners. The BOE is a legally separate entity with the power to sue or be sued. The BOE has decision-making authority, the power to designate management, the power to incur indebtedness, and the ability to significantly influence operations. The BOE controls the employment of all personnel and has the final decision on how its funds are disbursed. However, the City Commission holds the authority to levy taxes and determines the amount of tax revenue flowing to the BOE. The City approves the property tax millage, levies the tax and remits the school portion of the tax to the board. In addition, the City provides additional funds as necessary to ensure that the quality of educational facilities and services provided are maintained at the highest level possible. Finally, the City may, and has, approved the issuance of bonded debt for the use of the BOE and is legally responsible for that debt. Thus, the BOE is a component unit of the City because it is fiscally dependent on the City. The amounts on the government-wide financial statements are from the BOE's audited financial statements for the year ending June 30, 2024, which were released on January 24, 2025 and are the latest available as of the date of our report.**

NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - CONTINUED

REPORTING ENTITY - CONTINUED

Discretely Presented Component Units - Continued

The financial statements of the City of Buford Board of Education noted above were audited by other independent auditors. These component financial statements can be obtained from the City of Buford Board of Education at 2625 Sawnee Avenue, Buford, Georgia 30518.

Note information in these Notes to Basic Financial Statements does not include any data related to the City of Buford Board of Education. GASBS No. 14, paragraph 63 states that "determining which discretely presented component unit disclosures are essential to fair presentation is a matter of professional judgment and should be done on a component unit-by-component unit basis." Because of the fact that these financial statements are primarily concerned with the Primary Government of the City of Buford, and due to the fact that the BOE has separately issued financial statements that are readily available to users, this information is not included in these notes.

City of Buford Downtown Development Authority **- The City of Buford Downtown Development Authority ("DDA") is governed by a board appointed by the City of Buford Board of Commissioners. The DDA is responsible for the revitalization and redevelopment of the geographical area within the corporate limits of the City.**

The DDA did not issue separate financial statements for the year ended June 30, 2025.

MEASUREMENT FOCUS, BASIS OF ACCOUNTING AND BASIS OF PRESENTATION

Government-Wide Financial Statements

The City of Buford's Government-Wide Financial Statements include a Statement of Net Position and a Statement of Activities and Changes in Net Position and report information on all of the activities of the City. The statements present summaries of governmental and business-type activities of the City accompanied by a total column. Fiduciary activities of the City are not included in these statements.

These statements are presented on an "economic resources" measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. Accordingly, all the City's assets and liabilities, including capital assets as well as infrastructure assets acquired after July 1, 1980 and long-term liabilities, are included in the Statement of Net Position. The Statement of Activities presents changes in net position. Under the accrual basis of accounting, revenues are recognized in the period in which they are earned while expenses are recognized in the period in which the liability is incurred. The types of transactions reported as program revenues of the City are reported in three categories: (1) charges for services, (2) operating grants and contributions, and (3) capital grants and contributions. 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.

Certain eliminations have been made as prescribed by GASB Statement No. 34 in regards to interfund activities, payables and receivables. All internal balances in the Statement of Net Position have been eliminated except those representing balances between the governmental activities and the business-type activities, which are presented as internal balances and eliminated in the total column. In the Statement of Activities, transactions of a service type nature between the governmental activities and the business-type activities have not been eliminated.

The City applies all applicable GASB pronouncements, including all NCGA Statements and Interpretations currently in effect.

NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - CONTINUED

MEASUREMENT FOCUS, BASIS OF ACCOUNTING AND BASIS OF PRESENTATION - CONTINUED

Governmental Fund Financial Statements

Governmental fund financial statements include a Balance Sheet and a Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances for all governmental funds. An accompanying schedule is presented to reconcile and explain differences in fund balances and changes in fund balances as presented in these statements to the net position and changes in net position presented in the government-wide financial statements. The City has presented all funds that meet those qualifications.

All governmental funds are accounted for on a spending or "*current financial resources*" measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. Accordingly, only current assets and current liabilities are included on the Balance Sheets. The Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances presents increases (revenues and other financing sources) and decreases (expenditures and other financing uses) in net current assets. Under the modified accrual basis of accounting, revenues are recognized in the accounting period in which they become both measurable and available to finance expenditures in the current period. Accordingly, revenues are recorded when received in cash, except those revenues that are subject to accrual (generally sixty days after year-end) which are recognized when due. Some intergovernmental federal grant revenues may be accrued up to twelve months. The primary revenue sources, which have been treated as susceptible to accrual by the City are property tax, sales tax, intergovernmental revenues and other taxes. Sales taxes collected and held by the state at year-end on behalf of the government are also recognized as revenue. All other governmental fund revenues are recognized when received. Expenditures are recorded in the accounting period in which the related fund liability is incurred. However, debt service expenditures, as well as expenditures related to compensated absences are recorded only when payment is due.

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

The City has presented the following major governmental fund:

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

Other governmental funds that are not considered major include the following:

Special Revenue Funds

Special revenue funds are used by the City to account for the accumulation and disbursement of restricted resources. The following is a description of the City's special revenue funds:

***American Rescue Plan Act Fund* – used to account for receipt and allocation of the City's Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds. Use of these monies is limited by law to responding to the COVID-19 public health emergency or its negative economic impacts, replace lost public sector revenue, provide premium pay for eligible workers performing essential work, or to invest in water, sewer, and broadband infrastructure.**

***Hotel/Motel Tax Fund* - used to account for receipt and allocation of the City's hotel/motel tax. Use of this tax is limited by law to promotion of tourism. The City hotel/motel tax rate for its three hotels was 7% during the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025.**

***Auto Rental Excise Tax Fund* – used to account for receipt and allocation of the City's rental motor vehicle excise tax. Use of this tax is limited by law to promote industry, trade, commerce, and tourism; for the provision of convention, trade, sports, and recreational facilities. The City's rental motor vehicle excise tax rate was 3% during the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025.**

NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - CONTINUED

MEASUREMENT FOCUS, BASIS OF ACCOUNTING AND BASIS OF PRESENTATION - CONTINUED

Debt Service Funds

The debt service funds account for the accumulation of resources for, and the payment of governmental long-term debt principal, interest, and fiscal charges. The following is a description of the City's debt service funds:

2017 General Obligation Bond Debt Service Fund **– This fund is used to service the governmental long-term debt related to the 2017 General Obligation Bonds used to finance the construction of educational facilities related to the City of Buford Board of Education.**

Buford BOE Intergovernmental Payable Debt Service Fund **– This fund is used to service the governmental long-term debt related to the City's intergovernmental contract payable to the City of Buford Board of Education for the repayment of the City of Buford Board of Education Refunding Revenue Bonds Taxable Series 2021 which were used to advance refund previously issued City of Buford General Obligation Bonds that had been used to finance the construction of educational facilities for the City of Buford Board of Education.**

Capital Project Funds

Capital project funds account for all resources used for the acquisition and/or construction of major capital facilities by the City, except those financed by the General and Enterprise Funds. The following is a description of the City's capital projects funds:

Gwinnett County 2009 SPLOST Fund **- used to account for the construction and financing of projects funded by the Gwinnett County 2009 SPLOST.**

Gwinnett County 2017 SPLOST Fund **- used to account for the construction and financing of projects funded by the Gwinnett County 2017 SPLOST.**

Gwinnett County 2023 SPLOST Fund **- used to account for the construction and financing of projects funded by the Gwinnett County 2023 SPLOST.**

Hall County 2009 SPLOST Fund **- used to account for the construction and financing of projects funded by the Hall County 2009 SPLOST.**

Hall County 2015 SPLOST Fund **- used to account for the construction and financing of projects funded by the Hall County 2015 SPLOST.**

Hall County 2020 SPLOST Fund **- used to account for the construction and financing of projects funded by the Hall County 2020 SPLOST.**

Rest Haven 2001 SPLOST Fund **- used to account for the construction and financing of projects funded by the City of Rest Haven 2001 SPLOST.**

Rest Haven 2005 SPLOST Fund **- used to account for the construction and financing of projects funded by the City of Rest Haven 2005 SPLOST.**

NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - CONTINUED

MEASUREMENT FOCUS, BASIS OF ACCOUNTING AND BASIS OF PRESENTATION - CONTINUED

Proprietary Funds Financial Statements

Proprietary funds financial statements include a Statement of Net Position, a Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Position, and a Statement of Cash Flows for each major proprietary fund and aggregated non-major funds.

Proprietary funds are accounted for using the "*economic resources*" measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. The accounting objectives are determinations of net income, financial position and cash flow. Accordingly, all assets and liabilities (whether current or noncurrent) are included on the Statement of Net Position. The Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Position presents increases (revenues) and decreases (expenses) in total net position. Under the accrual basis of accounting, revenues are recognized in the period in which they are earned while expenses are recognized in the period in which the liability is incurred.

Operating revenues in the proprietary fund are those revenues that are generated from the primary operations of the funds. All other revenues are reported as non-operating revenues. Operating expenses are those expenses that are essential to the primary operations of the funds. All other expenses are reported as non-operating expenses.

The City has presented the following major proprietary fund:

Utilities Fund **- used to account for the provision of electric, gas, water, waste water, sanitation and recycling services to the residents of the City of Buford and its surrounding areas. Activities of the fund include administration, operations and maintenance of the utility systems, and billing and collection activities. The fund also accounts for the accumulation of resources for, and the payment of, long-term debt principal and interest for enterprise fund debt. All costs are financed through charges to utility customers with rates reviewed regularly and adjusted, if necessary, to ensure the integrity of the fund.**

Other proprietary funds that are not considered major include the following:

Buford Community Center Fund **- used to account for the activity of the Buford Community Center, Town Park and Theatre.**

Fiduciary Fund Financial Statements

Fiduciary Fund Financial Statements include a Statement of Fiduciary Net Position and a Statement of Changes in Fiduciary Net Position. The City's Fiduciary Funds represent custodial funds. The custodial funds use the "*economic resources*" measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting like the proprietary funds explained above. Custodial funds of the City are related to Buford Board of Education SPLOST funds from Gwinnett and Hall Counties.

USE OF RESTRICTED/UNRESTRICTED NET POSITION

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

NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - CONTINUED

BUDGETS AND BUDGETARY ACCOUNTING

Annual budgets are adopted for the General, Special Revenue, and Proprietary (Enterprise) Funds. Capital Projects are budgeted over the life of the projects. Debt Service is budgeted through either the General or Proprietary (Enterprise) Fund depending on the type of debt. The budget for the General Fund is adopted on a basis consistent with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP). The budget for the Proprietary (Enterprise) Fund is adopted on a GAAP basis, except that depreciation expense is not budgeted. Budget amounts are as originally adopted, or as amended by the Board of Commissioners.

Budgeting Policy

- **The prior year's actual revenues and expenditures/expenses for the General and Proprietary (Enterprise) Funds are compared to budget amounts for that year.**
- **Adjustments are made to the prior year's budgeted revenues and expenditures/expenses to make budgeted amounts agree with actual amounts. These are the proposed budgets for the coming year.**
- **The proposed budgets are submitted to the Board of Commissioners, who make adjustments to the proposed budgets as it deems necessary.**
- **The proposed budgets are revised in accordance with the Board of Commissioners recommendations and resubmitted to the Board of Commissioners for their approval.**
- **After reviewing the budget revisions, the Board of Commissioners approves and adopts the budgets.**
- **All budget amendments must be approved by the Board of Commissioners.**
- **All appropriations lapse at the end of the fiscal year.**

CASH, CASH EQUIVALENTS AND INVESTMENTS

For purposes of the Statement of Cash Flows, the City considers cash, demand deposits, certificates of deposit, cash with agents and all highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less when purchased to be cash and cash equivalents. All investments are recorded at fair value based on quoted market prices. Fair value is the amount at which a financial instrument could be exchanged in a current transaction between willing parties. The City generally holds all investments until maturity.

INTERFUND RECEIVABLES AND PAYABLES

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

TRANSACTIONS BETWEEN FUNDS

Legally authorized transfers are treated as interfund transfers and are included in the results of operations of both the Governmental and Proprietary Funds.

PAYMENTS BETWEEN CITY AND BUFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION CUSTODIAL FUNDS

Resource flows between the City and the custodial funds related to the Buford Board of Education SPLOST funds are reported as external transactions - that is, as revenues and expenses/expenditures in the financial statements.

NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - CONTINUED

ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE AND UNEARNED REVENUES

Accounts receivable are recorded in the General, Special Revenue, Capital Project and Proprietary Funds. Receivables are stated at their net realizable value (face value less the allowance for uncollectible accounts). Delinquent taxes receivable are fully reserved by the deferral of the related revenues until payment is received. Utility revenue is recorded when earned. The accrual of earned, but unbilled receivables is made at year-end and included in the accompanying financial statements. The Utilities Fund grants credit to utility customers, all of whom are located in North Georgia Counties. Allowances for doubtful accounts totaled $251,358 for the General Fund and $4,476,099 for the Utilities Fund. No allowance was considered necessary for any receivables in the special revenue or capital project funds.

PREPAID ITEMS

Prepaid balances are for payments made by the City in the current year for services occurring in the subsequent fiscal year, and the reserve for prepaid items has been recorded to signify that a portion of the fund balance is not available for subsequent expenditures ("nonspendable fund balance").

RESTRICTED CASH AND INVESTMENTS

Certain funds are held in the Capital Project Funds, Debt Service Funds, and Utilities Fund in accounts restricted for capital outlay and debt service. These funds are held in cash or investments as allowed by State law and the requirements of the related debt agreements. The investments are stated at fair value and the City records all investment revenue earned on these investments in the appropriate fund.

INVENTORIES

There are no inventories of supplies or materials recorded at June 30, 2025, as amounts stored for supplies and materials were not of a material nature at that date.

DEFERRED OUTFLOWS/INFLOWS OF RESOURCES

In addition to assets, the statement of net position will sometimes report a separate section for deferred outflows of resources. The separate financial statement element, *deferred outflows of resources*, represents a consumption of net position that applies to future period(s) and so will not be recognized as an outflow of resources (expense/expenditure) until then. The amounts that qualify for reporting in this category are related to deferred loss on bond refunding, pensions and other post-employment benefits (OPEB).

In addition to liabilities, the statement of net position will sometimes report a separate section for deferred inflows of resources. The separate financial statement element, *deferred inflows of resources*, represents an acquisition of net position that applies to future period(s) and so will not be recognized as an inflow of resources (revenue) until then. The amounts that qualify for reporting in this category are related to deferred inflows from lease receipts, deferred gain on bond refunding, pensions, and other post-employment benefits (OPEB).

In addition to liabilities, governmental activities fund balance will sometimes report a separate section for deferred inflows of resources. The separate financial statement element, *deferred inflows of resources*, represents an acquisition of net position that applies to future period(s) and so will not be recognized as an inflow of resources (revenue) until then. The amounts that qualify for reporting in this category are related to property taxes.

MANAGEMENT ESTIMATES

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amount of revenues and expenditures or expenses during the reporting period. Accordingly, actual results could differ from those estimates.

NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - CONTINUED

PROPERTY TAX

Property Taxes **- City property tax revenues are recognized when levied to the extent that they result in current receivables. Receivables outstanding more than 60 days after the fiscal year-end are recorded as deferred revenue in governmental funds. Taxes were levied on September 3, 2024, which is the date that the millage rate was established. Taxes are payable by December 20 and become delinquent and attach as an enforceable lien on that date. The City bills and collects property taxes through the General Fund and the funds are entirely related to and for the use of the Buford Board of Education and transferred along with additional funding appropriations as set by the City Commission in the budget process. The millage rate for the 2024 tax digest was set at 12.50 mills.**

CAPITAL ASSETS

Capital assets, which include property, plant and equipment and infrastructure assets, are reported in the applicable governmental or business-type activities columns in the government-wide financial statements and in the fund financial statements for proprietary funds. All capital assets are recorded at historical cost or estimated historical cost if actual historical cost is not available. Donated assets are valued at their fair market value on the date donated. Capital assets utilized in the governmental funds are recorded as expenditures in the governmental fund financial statements. Depreciation expense is recorded in the government-wide financial statements and in the fund financial statements for proprietary funds. Repairs and maintenance are recorded as expenses and expenditures; renewal and betterments are capitalized.

Assets capitalized, not including infrastructure assets, have an original cost of $5,000 or more and over one year of useful life. Infrastructure assets capitalized have an original cost of $10,000 or more. Depreciation has been calculated on depreciable assets using the straight-line method. Estimated useful lives are as follows:

Buildings and improvements	**15-50 years**
Park improvements	**5-25 years**
Equipment	**5-10 years**
Furniture and fixtures	**10 years**
Sidewalks	**16 years**
Streets, streetscapes and hardscapes	**5-20 years**
Utility Plant - Electric	**10-25 years**
Utility Plant - Gas	**10-25 years**
Utility Plant - Waste Water	**10-25 years**
Utility Plant - Water	**10-25 years**
Vehicles	**5-10 years**

The City has elected not to capitalize collections and works of art. Collections such as works of art and historical artifacts meet the definition of a capital asset. The requirement for capitalization is waived, however, for collections that meet the following conditions:

- **The collection is held for reasons other than financial gain.**
- **The collection is protected, kept unencumbered, cared for, and preserved.**
- **The collection is subject to an organizational policy requiring that the proceeds from sales of collection items be used to acquire other items for collections.**

The sale or disposal of capital assets is recorded by removing the cost and accumulated depreciation from the accounts and charging the resulting gain or loss to income.

GASB Statement No. 34 requires the City to report and depreciate new infrastructure assets. Infrastructure assets include roads, bridges, drainage, sidewalks, etc. The City finalized implementation of the general provisions of GASB Statement No. 34 related to retroactive infrastructure provisions in the fiscal year ending June 30, 2007. All infrastructure acquired after years ending June 30, 1980 is included in these financial statements.

NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - CONTINUED

COMPENSATED ABSENCES

Compensated absences are recorded on the statement of activities in the government-wide financial statements and the statement of revenues, expenses, and changes in net position in the proprietary fund financial statements. The City's policy for compensated absences is as follows. Vacation is accrued at the rate of ten days per year for employees with zero through four years of service, at a rate of fifteen days per year for employees with five years to nine years of service, at a rate of twenty days per year for employees with ten through 19 years of service, and at a rate of twenty-five days per year for employees with twenty or more years of service. Unused vacation leave, not to exceed thirty days, may be carried into the next calendar year. Any annual vacation leave above thirty days will be paid at the end of the calendar year. Sick leave accrues at the rate of five days per year. Unused sick leave may be carried into the next calendar year, not to exceed ten days.

LONG-TERM OBLIGATIONS

In the government-wide financial statements, and proprietary fund types in the fund financial statements, long-term debt and other long-term obligations are reported as liabilities in the applicable governmental activities, business-type activities, or proprietary fund type statement of net position. Long-term liabilities expected to be financed from governmental fund types are not recorded in the governmental fund financial statements. Any related interest expense is recorded on the statement of activities in the government-wide financial statements and the statement of revenues, expenses, and changes in net position in the proprietary fund financial statements. Payments of principal and interest are recorded as expenditures on the statement of revenues, expenditures and changes in fund balance in the governmental fund financial statements.

Bond discounts and premiums are deferred and amortized over the term of the bonds using the effective interest method. Bonds payable are reported net of the applicable discount or premium. In the fund financial statements, governmental fund types report the face amount of debt issued and related premiums or discounts as other financing sources. Bond issuance costs are reported as debt service expenditures.

GOVERNMENTAL FUND BALANCES

In accordance with GASB Statement No. 54 Fund *Balance Reporting and Governmental Fund Type Definitions*, the City classifies governmental fund balances as follows:

Nonspendable fund balance - amounts that cannot be spent because they are not in a spendable form, such as prepaid expenses or inventory, or because they are legally or contractually required to be maintained intact.

Restricted fund balance - constraints are placed on the use of specific purposes by their providers, such as grantors, creditors and bondholders, contributors, or laws and regulations of other governments or imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.

Committed fund balance - amounts that can be used only for specific purposes pursuant to constraints imposed by formal action of the City of Buford Board of Commissioners. The Board of Commissioners is the City's highest level of decision-making authority, and the formal action that is required to be taken to establish, modify, or rescind a fund balance commitment is a resolution approved by the Board. Committed fund balance should also incorporate contractual obligations to the extent that existing resources in the fund have been specifically committed for use in satisfying those contractual requirements.

Assigned fund balance - amounts that are constrained by the City's intent to use for a specific purpose, but are neither restricted nor committed. The intent should be expressed by the Board of Commission.

Unassigned fund balance – the residual classification representing fund balance that has not been assigned to other funds and that has not been restricted, committed or assigned to specific purposes within the fund. These are amounts that are available for any purpose; positive amounts are reported only in the General Fund.

NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - CONTINUED

GOVERNMENTAL FUND BALANCES - CONTINUED

The City Commission establishes (and modifies or rescinds) fund balance commitments by passage of an ordinance or resolution. This is typically done through adoption and amendment of the budget. A fund balance commitment is further indicated in the budget document as a designation or commitment of the fund. Assigned fund balance is established by the City Commission through adoption or amendment of the budget as intended for specific purpose (such as purchase of fixed assets, construction, debt service, or for other purposes).

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, then Assigned, and lastly, Unassigned.

NOTE 2 - DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS

Deposits

***Custodial credit risk* - the risk that, in the event of the failure of a depository institution, the City will not be able to recover deposits or will not be able to recover collateral securities that are in the possession of an outside party. State statutes require all deposits to be 110% collateralized by depository insurance, obligations of the United States or certain obligations guaranteed by the U.S. Government, obligations of the State of Georgia, or industrial revenue bonds or bonds of public or development authorities, counties, or municipalities of the State of Georgia. The collateral pledged by the banks' trust department in the City's name is composed of bonds of U.S. Government Agencies. The City's policy on custodial credit risk is to comply with the requirements of the State of Georgia.**

Deposits of the City's reporting entity are insured or collateralized with securities held by the City, its agent, or by the pledging financial institution's trust department or agent in the name of the City or applicable public trust. The City has not adopted a formal deposit policy.

Investments

State statutes authorize the City to invest only in certificates of deposit of banks and savings and loan associations which have deposits insured by the FDIC with any uninsured amounts collateralized by direct obligations of the United States or the State of Georgia; obligations of the United States and of its agencies and instrumentalities; or bonds or certificates of indebtedness of the State of Georgia and of its agencies and its instrumentalities. The City has not adopted a formal investment policy.

At June 30, 2025, the City's primary government investments were classified as follows:

Investments	**$ 23,615,596**
Restricted investments	**8,273,705**
Total primary government investments	**$ 31,889,301**

NOTE 2 - DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS - CONTINUED

Investments - Continued

As of June 30, 2025, the City had the following investments:

Investment	Rating	Maturity	Fair Value
Primary Government			
Governmental activities			
Certificates of Deposit	N/A	365 day	$ 3,927,662
Business-type activities			
Certificates of Deposit	N/A	365 day	21,182,017
Municipal Competitive Trust:			
Flexible Operating Account	N/A	07/01/25-12/15/26	6,649,007
Intermediate Extended Maturity	N/A	07/01/25-06/15/38	130,615
Total primary government			$ 31,889,301

The City is involved in an external investment pool, the Municipal Competitive Trust, which is administered by the Municipal Electric Authority of Georgia ("MEAG"), a governmental entity. The City entered into a Municipal Competitive Trust agreement with MEAG. The City purchases for resale, electric power from MEAG. The City is a beneficiary of this trust, and the City and MEAG deposit monies in the trust from time to time. All monies are held by the trustee, Municipal Competitive Trust, for the City's benefit and are invested in investment securities. The City has recorded the assets in the Enterprise Fund. The Municipal Competitive Trust permits the investment of funds in direct obligations of the United States Government, direct and general obligations of states, certain Federal agency discount notes and repurchase agreements collateralized by securities, which would otherwise by permissible under the laws of the State of Georgia. The fair value of the City's position in the pool changes with market conditions, and is calculated based on the fair market value of net position held in the pool at the close of each business day. The pool determines participant's shares sold and redeemed based on the market value per share at the close of the business day of the sale or redemption.

Credit Risk - the City's policy regarding credit risk is to follow state statute. The Municipal Competitive Trust permits the investment of funds in direct obligations of the United States Government, direct and general obligations of states, certain Federal agency discount notes and repurchase agreements collateralized by securities, which would otherwise be permissible under the laws of the State of Georgia.

Custodial Credit Risk - for an investment, the custodial risk is the risk that in the event of the failure of the counterparty, the City will not be able to recover the value of its investments or collateral securities that are in the possession of an outside party. An investment in money market funds is neither insured nor guaranteed by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation or any other government agency. Although money market funds seek to preserve the value of the investment at $1.00 per share, it is possible to lose money by investing in the funds. Fund shares are not guaranteed by the US Government. The fund is a managed portfolio and its holdings are subject to change. The fund shares are held in an investment account in the City's name. Custodial Credit Risk is not required for external investment pools; therefore, the Municipal Competitive Trust is exempt from this requirement. The City has no policy on custodial credit risk.

Interest Rate Risk - interest rate risk is the risk that changes in interest rates may adversely affect an investment's fair value. Since the price of a bond fluctuates with market interest rates, the risk that an investor faces is that the price of a bond held in a portfolio will decline if market interest rates rise. The portfolio's weighted average maturity (WAM) is a key determinant of the tolerance of a fund's investments to rising interest rates. In general, the longer the WAM, the more susceptible the fund is to rising interest rates. The US Treasury Money Market interest rate risk is based on WAM. The Municipal Competitive Trust interest rate risk is based on the maximum duration of maturity of its investments.

Concentration of Credit Risk - the City places no limit on the amount that the City may invest in any one issuer. External investment pools are excluded from the concentration of credit risk requirement; therefore, the Municipal Competitive Trust is exempt from this requirement.

NOTE 2 - DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS - CONTINUED

Investments - Continued

Foreign Currency Risk **- The City has no foreign currency risk as all investments are in U.S. dollar-denominated assets.**

Fair Value Measurements – The City categorizes its fair value measurements within the fair value hierarchy established by generally accepted accounting principles. The hierarchy is based on valuation inputs used to measure the fair value of the asset. Level 1 inputs are quoted market prices in active markets for identical assets; Level 2 inputs are significant other observable inputs; and Level 3 inputs are significant unobservable inputs. The City's fair value measurements follow:

Investment	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Fair Value
Primary Government				
Municipal Competitive Trust:				
Short-term Portfolio	$ -	$ 6,649,007	$ -	$ 6,649,007
Intermediate Extended Maturity	-	130,615	-	130,615
Total investments measured at fair value	$ -	$ 6,779,622	$ -	$ 6,779,622
Investments recorded at cost:				
Certificates of deposit				25,109,679
Total primary government investments				$ 31,889,301

NOTE 3 - RECEIVABLES

	Governmental Activities	Business-type Activities	Total
Current receivables:			
Property taxes	$ 325,148	$ -	$ 325,148
Sales and excise tax receivable	107,153	-	107,153
Accounts	-	7,888,301	7,888,301
Other	70,279	-	70,279
Total current receivables	$ 502,580	$ 7,888,301	$ 8,390,881

Governmental Activities

Intergovernmental contract receivable

The City has entered into an intergovernmental contract with the City of Buford Board of Education (BOE) regarding the issuance, use of proceeds, and payment of General Obligation Bonds Series 2017A and 2017B. The Bonds were issued to provide funds, together with other available funds of the BOE to finance the costs of acquiring, constructing, and equipping certain capital outlay projects of the BOE and the costs of issuance of the bonds including capitalized interest. The intergovernmental contract states that the BOE's payment obligations consist of the payments of all amounts coming due as principal and interest on the Bonds. The BOE will fund the bonds with ESPLOST revenues, and thus the City has an intergovernmental contract receivable from the BOE for the outstanding Bonds. The outstanding principal balance on the Bonds was $9,810,000 with a premium outstanding of $1,371,409 for total intergovernmental contract receivable of $11,181,409 at June 30, 2025.

NOTE 4 - INTERFUND RECEIVABLES/PAYABLES AND TRANSACTIONS

Interfund balances result from the time lag between the dates that interfund goods and services are provided or reimbursable expenditures occur, transactions are recorded, and payment between funds are made. All interfund receivable/payable amounts are classified as short-term.

Interfund receivables/payables are as follows at June 30, 2025:

Fund	Interfund Receivables	Interfund Payables
General Fund		
Due from Other Governmental Funds	$ 148,031	$ -
Total General Fund	148,031	-
Other Governmental Funds		
Due to General Fund	-	148,031
Due to Buford Community Center Enterprise Fund	-	75,364
Total Non-Major Governmental Funds	-	223,395
Non-Major Proprietary Fund – Buford Community Center Fund		
Due from Other Governmental Funds	75,364	-
Total Non-Major Proprietary Fund	75,364	-
Total	$ 223,395	$ 223,395

NOTE 4 - INTERFUND RECEIVABLES/PAYABLES AND TRANSACTIONS - CONTINUED

Interfund transactions consisted of the following for the year ending June 30, 2025:

	Transfers In	Transfers Out
General Fund:		
Utilities Fund	$ 56,042,706	$ -
Other Governmental Funds	3,005,540	1,725
Buford Community Center Fund	-	1,422,289
Total General Fund	59,048,246	1,424,014
Other Governmental Funds:		
General Fund	1,725	3,005,540
Utilities Fund	-	2,252,702
Buford Community Center Fund	-	75,364
Total Other Governmental Funds	1,725	5,333,606
Proprietary Funds:		
Utilities Fund:		
General Fund	-	56,042,706
Other Governmental Funds	2,252,702	-
Total Utilities Fund	2,252,702	56,042,706
Buford Community Center Fund:		
General Fund	1,422,289	-
Other Governmental Funds	75,364	-
Total Buford Community Center Fund	1,497,653	-
Totals	$ 62,800,326	$ 62,800,326

Transfers are used to (a) move revenues from the fund that statute or budget requires to collect them to the fund that statute or budget requires to expend them and to (b) use unrestricted revenues collected in the General Fund and Utilities Fund to finance various programs accounted for in other funds in accordance with budgetary authorizations. (c) Transfer funds to finance the debt service funds in fulfillment of debt obligations. (d) Transfers of funds from the American Rescue Plan Fund (other governmental funds) were to refund the Utilities Fund for allowable expenditures of State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds. (f) Transfers of funds from the American Rescue Plan Fund (other governmental funds) were to transfer accumulated interest earnings on American Rescue Plan Funds to the General Fund. (g) Transfers of funds from the Gwinnett County 2009 SPLOST Fund (other governmental funds), Gwinnett County 2017 SPLOST Fund (other governmental funds), Gwinnett County 2023 SPLOST Fund (other governmental funds), and Rest Haven 2001 SPLOST Fund (other governmental funds) were to refund the General Fund for allowable costs incurred in prior years on SPLOST eligible capital projects that were funded up front by the General Fund.

NOTE 5 - CAPITAL ASSETS

Following is a summary of changes in the capital assets of governmental activities:

	Balance July 1, 2024	Increases	Decreases	Balance June 30, 2025
GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES:				
Not being depreciated:				
Land	$ 24,606,196	$ 1,105,385	$(545,000)	$ 25,166,581
Land - schools	8,085,162	-	-	8,085,162
Construction in progress	44,865,700	40,705,729	(85,786)	85,485,643
Subtotal	77,557,058	41,811,114	(630,786)	118,737,386
Other capital assets:				
Buildings and improvements	46,990,020	154,112	-	47,144,132
City parks	25,970,063	683,251	-	26,653,314
Equipment	834,232	778,105	(38,000)	1,574,337
Furniture and fixtures	639,349	138,603	-	777,952
Sidewalks	2,853,579	73,834	-	2,927,413
Streets	34,937,733	3,107,549	-	38,045,282
Streetscapes and hardscapes	11,321,104	-	-	11,321,104
Vehicles	856,651	175,826	-	1,032,477
Subtotal	124,402,731	5,111,280	(38,000)	129,476,011
Accumulated depreciation:				
Buildings and improvements	(16,726,041)	(1,575,507)	-	(18,301,548)
City parks	(3,923,920)	(1,106,608)	-	(5,030,528)
Equipment	(373,242)	(121,880)	38,000	(457,122)
Furniture and fixtures	(639,349)	(14,785)	-	(654,134)
Sidewalks	(741,632)	(181,041)	-	(922,673)
Streets	(15,988,050)	(1,765,846)	-	(17,753,896)
Streetscapes and hardscapes	(6,142,992)	(554,004)	-	(6,696,996)
Vehicles	(415,577)	(129,904)	-	(545,481)
Subtotal	(44,950,803)	(5,449,575)	38,000	(50,362,378)
Net other capital assets	79,451,928	(338,295)	-	79,113,633
Total capital assets	$ 157,008,986	$ 41,472,819	$(630,786)	$ 197,851,019

Depreciation was charged to functions as follows:

Governmental activities:	
General government	$ 277,803
Financial and administration	31,488
Public safety, Marshal and Code enforcement	20,338
Highway and street	2,936,378
Building inspection	9,803
Culture and recreation	2,119,680
Maintenance	54,085
Total governmental activities depreciation expense	$ 5,449,575

NOTE 5 - CAPITAL ASSETS - CONTINUED

Following is a summary of changes in the capital assets of business-type activities:

BUSINESS-TYPE ACTIVITIES:	Balance July 1, 2024	Increases	Decreases	Balance June 30, 2025
Not being depreciated:				
Land - Gas	$ 11,183	$ -	$ -	$ 11,183
Land - Sanitation	85,000	-	-	85,000
Land - Water & waste water	106,480	-	-	106,480
Construction in progress - Water & wastewater	80,286	176,954	(80,286)	176,954
Subtotal	282,949	176,954	(80,286)	379,617
Other capital assets:				
Buildings and improvements - BCC	296,782	-	-	296,782
Equipment - Electric	76,814	9,800	-	86,614
Equipment - Gas	197,427	18,177	(16,741)	198,863
Equipment - Water & wastewater	697,618	205,699	-	903,317
Equipment - BCC	299,555	154,377	-	453,932
Utility plant - Electric	19,190,990	250,734	-	19,441,724
Utility plant - Gas	73,570,853	2,837,981	(1,225,137)	75,183,697
Utility plant - Water & wastewater	60,505,667	788,049	(3,194,309)	58,099,407
Vehicles - Electric	569,962	129,813	(14,500)	685,275
Vehicles - Gas	626,033	293,313	-	919,346
Vehicles - Solid waste & recycling	980,348	206,069	-	1,186,417
Vehicles - Water & wastewater	110,686	89,017	(15,500)	184,203
Vehicles - BCC	33,808	-	-	33,808
Subtotal	157,156,543	4,983,029	(4,466,187)	157,673,385
Accumulated depreciation:				
Buildings and improvements - BCC	(101,942)	(22,053)	-	(123,995)
Equipment - Electric	(23,790)	(9,841)	-	(33,631)
Equipment - Gas	(86,553)	(22,285)	16,742	(92,096)
Equipment - Water & wastewater	(225,716)	(75,439)	-	(301,155)
Equipment - BCC	(92,108)	(39,613)		(131,721)
Utility plant - Electric	(15,192,714)	(326,656)	-	(15,519,370)
Utility plant - Gas	(38,088,683)	(2,901,593)	1,225,137	(39,765,139)
Utility plant - Water & wastewater	(16,778,320)	(2,516,995)	3,194,309	(16,101,006)
Vehicles - Electric	(230,839)	(69,810)	14,500	(286,149)
Vehicles - Gas	(443,673)	(110,386)	-	(554,059)
Vehicles - Solid waste & recycling	(383,465)	(115,845)	-	(499,310)
Vehicles - Water & waste water	(98,144)	(11,958)	15,500	(94,602)
Vehicles - BCC	(17,468)	(6,761)	-	(24,229)
Subtotal	(71,763,415)	(6,229,235)	4,466,188	(73,526,462)
Net other capital assets	85,393,128	(1,246,206)	1	84,146,923
Net capital assets	$ 85,676,077	$(1,069,252)	$(80,285)	$ 84,526,540

NOTE 5 - CAPITAL ASSETS - CONTINUED

Depreciation was charged to functions as follows:

Business-type activities:	
Electric	**$ 406,307**
Gas	**3,034,263**
Solid Waste and Recycling System	**115,844**
Waste Water	**1,302,197**
Water	**1,302,197**
Buford Community Center	**68,427**
Total business-type activities depreciation expense	**$ 6,229,235**

Following is a summary of changes in the capital assets of the Downtown Development Authority:

	Balance July 1, 2024	Increases	Decreases	Balance June 30, 2025
DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY:				
Not being depreciated:				
Land	**$ 2,290,000**	**$ -**	**$(10,000)**	**$ 2,280,000**
Net capital assets	**$ 2,290,000**	**$ -**	**$(10,000)**	**$ 2,280,000**

NOTE 6 - LONG-TERM DEBT

The following is a summary of changes in long-term debt for the year ended June 30, 2025:

Type of Debt	Balance July 1, 2024	Additions	Deductions	Balance June 30, 2025	Amounts Due within One Year
Governmental activities:					
General Obligation Bonds	$ 9,810,000	$ -	$ -	$ 9,810,000	$ -
Reoffering premium	1,762,430	-	(391,021)	1,371,409	391,022
General Obligation Bonds - net	11,572,430	-	(391,021)	11,181,409	391,022
Intergovernmental contract payable	38,635,000	-	(1,955,000)	36,680,000	1,975,000
Compensated absences	324,206	53,360	-	377,566	-
Net pension liability	3,553,789	-	(2,302,041)	1,251,748	-
Net OPEB liability	7,848,644	2,394,452	-	10,243,096	-
Total governmental activities Long-term liabilities	$ 61,934,069	$ 2,447,812	$(4,648,062)	$ 59,733,819	$ 2,366,022
Business-type activities:					
Revenue Bonds	$ 15,660,000	$ -	$(675,000)	$ 14,985,000	$ 695,000
Reoffering premium	2,354,046	-	(147,128)	2,206,918	147,128
Revenue Bonds - net	18,014,046	-	(822,128)	17,191,918	842,128
Compensated absences	271,892	63,891	-	335,783	-
Net pension liability	2,907,646	-	(1,841,342)	1,066,304	-
Net OPEB liability	6,685,882	2,039,718	-	8,725,600	-
Total business-type activities Long-term liabilities	$ 27,879,466	$ 2,103,609	$(2,663,470)	$ 27,319,605	$ 842,128

The reporting entity's long-term debt is segregated between the amounts to be repaid from governmental activities and amounts to be repaid from business-type activities.

The change in compensated absences for both governmental activities and business-type activities is a net amount.

For governmental activities, compensated absences, net pension liability, and net OPEB liability are liquidated by the General Fund.

For business-type activities, compensated absences and net pension liability are liquidated by the Utilities Fund and the Buford Community Center Fund. Net OPEB liability is liquidated by the Utilities Fund.

NOTE 6 - LONG-TERM DEBT - CONTINUED

GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES

As of June 30, 2025, the governmental long-term debt of the financial reporting entity consisted of the following:

GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS PAYABLE

City of Buford General Obligation Bonds Series 2017A and Series 2017B

On November 22, 2017, the City issued The City of Buford General Obligation Bonds – Series 2017A and Series 2017B in the total amount of $30,000,000. The City has pledged its full faith and credit and taxing power to the bonds. The Series 2017A and 2017B bonds were issued for the purpose of providing funds, together with other available funds of the Board of Education of the City of Buford ("BOE") to finance the costs of acquiring, constructing, and equipping certain capital outlay projects of the School System and the costs of issuance of the Bonds including capitalized interest, more specifically for the purpose of acquisition, construction and equipping certain additional Buford City School facilities, the addition of classrooms to existing schools, renovation of existing facilities and technology and preventive maintenance thereto in furtherance of K-12 education in the Buford City School district and other buildings and facilities useful in connection therewith, and acquiring property, real and personal, necessary thereof, and paying expenses incident thereto; to provide for the date and the maximum interest rate or rates of interest which such bonds shall bear, and the schedule of maturities of said bond issue; to provide for the levy of and collection of taxes to service said bond issue, and for other related purposes. The bonds bear an interest rate of 5.00%, with a final maturity date of January 1, 2029.

The City entered into an intergovernmental contract with the BOE in regards to issuance, use of proceeds and payment of the City of Buford General Obligation Bonds Series 2017A and Series 2017B. The contract stipulates that the BOE's payment obligations consist of the payments of all amounts coming due as principal and interest on the Bonds as set forth in the Bonds and the Bond Ordinance directly to and for the applicable account of the City as so designated by the City. The obligation of the BOE to pay promptly its obligations shall be absolute and unconditional and shall not be subject to any defense or right of setoff, counterclaim, or recoupment arising from any breach by the City of any obligation to the BOE or the breach by the BOE of any obligation to the City. In addition, the BOE has notified the State Board of Education of the issuance of the Bonds and has authorized and directed the State Board to withhold and transfer any state appropriation to which the BOE is entitled to. The Sinking Fund Custodian shall be required to transfer to the paying agent for the Bonds such amounts of monies as are necessary to provide for the payment of the principal and/or interest on the Bonds coming due each payment date.

The BOE has assigned SPLOST revenues from the Intergovernmental Agreement with the Board of Education of Gwinnett County dated July 17, 2015 for use in payment of the Bonds.

The following is a summary of the maturity of the bonds and interest thereon:

Amount of original issue at par	**$ 30,000,000**
Less: amount redeemed	**(20,190,000)**
Net amount outstanding June 30, 2025 - total general obligation bonds payable	**9,810,000**
Less: current maturities	**-**
Long-term maturities	**$ 9,810,000**

NOTE 6 - LONG-TERM DEBT - CONTINUED

GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES - Continued

City of Buford General Obligation Bonds Series 2017A and Series 2017B - Continued

Annual debt service requirements

The annual debt service requirements to maturity, including principal and interest, for the General Obligation Bonds Series 2017A and Series 2017B long-term debt as of June 30, 2025, are as follows:

	Governmental Activities		
Year Ending June 30,	Principal	Interest	Total
2026	$ -	$ 490,500	$ 490,500
2027	-	490,500	490,500
2028	-	490,500	490,500
2029	9,810,000	490,500	10,300,500
Total	$ 9,810,000	$ 1,962,000	$ 11,772,000

INTERGOVERNMENTAL CONTRACT PAYABLE

Intergovernmental contract payable

The City has entered into an intergovernmental contract with the City of Buford Board of Education (BOE) regarding the issuance, use of proceeds, and payment of Board of Education of the City of Buford Refunding Revenue Bonds Taxable Series 2021. The BOE Refunding Revenue Bonds Taxable Series 2021 were issued to advance refund previously issued City of Buford General Obligation Bonds Series 2015 and 2017C and to pay the costs of issuance of the bonds. The proceeds of the BOE Series 2021 bonds were deposited into an irrevocable trust with an escrow agent to provide all future debt service payments on the refunded bonds. The BOE Series 2021 bonds bear interest rates ranging from 0.886% to 2.813%, with a final maturity date of January 1, 2041. The intergovernmental contract regarding the BOE Series 2021 bonds state that the City is responsible for the payment obligations consisting of all amounts coming due as principal and interest on the BOE Series 2021 Bonds. Per the intergovernmental contract, the City is unconditionally obligated to make payments to the BOE including payment of amounts due on the bonds. Additionally, the City has pledged its full faith and credit and ad valorem taxing power, and to the extent invoked, amounts available to the BOE pursuant to the State of Georgia Intercept Program. It is anticipated that ESPLOST revenues available to the BOE will be used to pay bond debt service. The outstanding principal balance on the BOE Refunding Revenue Bonds was $36,680,000 for total City of Buford intergovernmental contract payable of $36,680,000 at June 30, 2025.

The BOE Series 2021 bonds were issued in order to reduce the debt service payments on City's Series 2015 bonds, and to reduce the City's Series 2017C bonds by 7 years. The BOE Series 2021 bonds will result in a decrease in total scheduled debt service payments of $4,160,838 and an economic benefit (difference between the present value of the debt service payments on the old and new debt) of $1,427,082. The proceeds of the BOE Series 2021 bonds issue resulted in a loss on advance refunding for both the City's Series 2015 bonds and Series 2017 bonds as follows:

Net carrying amount of City of Buford G.O. Bonds Series 2015 refunded:		
Principal balance	$ 10,700,000	
Unamortized bond issue premium	848,952	
Accrued interest payable	265,271	
City of Buford G.O. Bonds Series 2015 Bonds refunded		$ 11,814,223
Reacquisition price of City of Buford G.O. Bonds Series 2015		12,336,030
Loss on advance refunding Series 2015		$(521,807)

NOTE 6 - LONG-TERM DEBT - CONTINUED

GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES - Continued

INTERGOVERNMENTAL CONTRACT PAYABLE – Continued

Net carrying amount of City of Buford G.O. Bonds Series 2017C refunded:		
Principal balance	**$ 24,270,000**	
Unamortized bond issue premium	**680,676**	
Accrued interest	**423,249**	
City of Buford G.O. Bonds Series 2017C Bonds refunded		**$ 25,373,925**
Reacquisition price of City of Buford G.O. Bonds Series 2017		**27,625,935**
Loss on advance refunding Series 2017C		**$(2,252,010)**

Annual debt service requirements

The annual debt service requirements to maturity, including principal and interest, for the Intergovernmental Contract Payable as of June 30, 2025, is as follows:

	Governmental Activities		
Year Ending June 30,	**Principal**	**Interest**	**Total**
2026	**$ 1,975,000**	**$ 834,265**	**$ 2,809,265**
2027	**2,005,000**	**807,326**	**2,812,326**
2028	**2,030,000**	**777,973**	**2,807,973**
2029	**2,060,000**	**744,782**	**2,804,782**
2030	**2,100,000**	**708,423**	**2,808,423**
2031-2035	**11,170,000**	**2,874,289**	**14,044,289**
2036-2040	**12,605,000**	**1,436,300**	**14,041,300**
2041	**2,735,000**	**76,936**	**2,811,936**
Total	**$ 36,680,000**	**$ 8,260,294**	**$ 44,940,294**

BUSINESS-TYPE ACTIVITIES

As of June 30, 2025, the long-term debt from proprietary fund activity consisted of the following:

REVENUE BONDS PAYABLE

City of Buford Combined Utility System Revenue Bonds, Series 2020

On July 21, 2020, the City issued The City of Buford Combined Utility System Revenue Bonds, Series 2020 in the total amount of $17,435,000. The bonds are secured by a first and prior pledge of a lien on the net revenues of the City's water, wastewater, electric, and natural gas system (collectively the "Combined System") to the bonds. The Series 2020 bonds were issued for the purpose of providing funds to be applied to (i) the financing of costs of the acquisition, construction and installation of certain additions, extensions and improvements to the water and sewerage portions of the Combined System, including without limitation, the construction and development of a new water plant and improvements to one or more existing sewer main service lines; (ii) the purchase of a municipal bond insurance policy and a debt service reserve insurance policy for the Series 2020 Bonds; and (iii) the payment of costs of issuing the Series 2020 Bonds. The bonds bear interest rates ranging from 3.00% to 4.00%, with a final maturity date of July 1, 2040, with optional redemption for all bonds maturing July 1, 2030 and thereafter at the option of the City.

NOTE 6 - LONG-TERM DEBT - CONTINUED

BUSINESS-TYPE ACTIVITIES - Continued

City of Buford Combined Utility System Revenue Bonds, Series 2020

As part of the bond ordinance, the City has covenanted to place in effect a schedule of rates, fees and charges for services, facilities and commodities furnished by the Combined System and as often as it shall appear necessary the City will revise and adjust such schedule of rates, fees and charges for any of its water, sewerage, gas distribution or electric distribution services and facilities, or all of them, to the extent necessary to produce funds sufficient to: (a) operate, maintain and repair the Combined System on a sound basis, and (b) produce an amount equal to 110% of the amount required to discharge the payment of principal of and the interest on the Series 2020 Bonds and any Additional Bonds as same become due and payable in the then current period commencing on July 2 in any year and ending on July 1 in the next ensuing year. At June 30, 2025, the net revenues (excluding bond interest, depreciation, amortization, capital contributions, and transfers) of the Combined System Enterprise Fund were in compliance with this requirement.

Annual debt service requirements

The annual debt service requirements to maturity, including principal and interest, for the Combined Utility System Revenue Bonds, Series 2020 long-term debt as of June 30, 2025, are as follows:

Year Ending June 30,	Principal	Interest	Total
2026	$ 695,000	$ 582,025	$ 1,277,025
2027	715,000	557,300	1,272,300
2028	740,000	528,200	1,268,200
2029	770,000	498,000	1,268,000
2030	805,000	466,500	1,271,500
2031-2035	4,525,000	1,813,500	6,338,500
2036-2040	5,500,000	814,400	6,314,400
2041	1,235,000	24,700	1,259,700
Total	$ 14,985,000	$ 5,284,625	$ 20,269,625

NOTE 7 - FUND BALANCES

The City's governmental fund balance classifications are nonspendable, restricted for specific purposes, as required by bond ordinances, higher levels of government, or unassigned. As of June 30, 2025, the City's classifications of governmental fund balances are as follows:

Governmental Funds

Nonspendable:	
Prepaid items	$ 509,634
Restricted for:	
Capital Projects	9,955,340
Debt Service	199
Education	4,028
Unassigned	(3,001,832)
Total governmental fund balances	$ 7,467,369

NOTE 8 - RESTRICTED NET POSITION

Governmental Activities

Restricted net position is comprised of the following at June 30, 2025:

Restricted for:	
Capital Projects	**$ 9,955,340**
Debt service	**199**
Education	**4,028**
Total net position restricted for governmental-type activities	**$ 9,959,567**

Business-type Activities

The City had no restricted net position for its business-type activities at June 30, 2025.

NOTE 9 - PENSION PLAN

Plan Description

The City's defined benefit pension plan, City of Buford Retirement Plan ("The BRP"), provides retirement and death benefits to plan members and beneficiaries. These retirement provisions were established by an adoption agreement executed by the City Commission. The BRP is affiliated with the Georgia Municipal Employees Benefit System ("GMEBS"), an agent multiple-employer pension plan administered by the Georgia Municipal Association. The Georgia Municipal Association assigns the authority to establish and amend the benefit provisions of the plans that participate in GMEBS to the respective employer entities; for the BRP, that authority rests with the City of Buford. The Georgia Municipal Association issues a publicly available financial report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information for GMEBS. That report may be obtained by written request to Georgia Municipal Association, 201 Pryor Street, SW, Atlanta, Georgia 30303.

Membership of the plan

Retirees and beneficiaries receiving benefits	**82**
Terminated vested participants	**12**
Active plan members	**123**
Total	**217**

NOTE 9 - PENSION PLAN - CONTINUED

Funding Policy

BRP members are not required and do not contribute to BRP. BRP is a noncontributory plan. The City is required to contribute 100% of the amount necessary to fund BRP at an actuarially determined rate; the current rate is 13.50% of expected payroll. The contribution requirements of the City are established and may be amended by the GMEBS Board of Trustees.

BRP is subject to minimum funding standards of the Georgia Public Retirement Systems Standards Law. The GMEBS Board of Trustees has adopted an actuarial funding policy that requires a different funding level than the estimated minimum annual contribution to minimize fluctuations in annual contribution amounts and to accumulate sufficient funds to secure benefits under the plan. The funding policy for the plan is to contribute an amount equal to the recommended contribution each year. The recommended contribution is developed under the actuarial funding policy each year, and meets applicable state funding standards. These contributions are determined under the entry age normal actuarial cost method and the asset valuation method for developing the actuarial value of assets. The amortization of the unfunded actuarial accrued liability is level dollar over 30 years for the initial unfunded accrued liability, 15 years for actuarial gains and losses, 10 years for temporary retirement incentive programs, 20 years for other changes to plan provisions, and 30 years for actuarial assumptions and cost methods. The total amortization must be within a corridor of the 10-year and the 30-year amortization of the unfunded/(surplus) actuarial accrued liability. In a year when the 10-year or 30-year corridor applies, the following year, the prior year bases are combined into one 10-year or 30-year base. These amortization periods, if applicable, are closed for this plan year.

Investment Data

The market value of assets is based on current values as of three months preceding the valuation date (September 30, 2024) as is assumed to be current through that date. All asset data that was used in the actuarial valuation has been supplied by GMEBS. Net investment return is assumed to be 7.375% on an on-going basis, based on the long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments. The long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was determined using a building-block method in which the best-estimate ranges of expected future real rates of return (expected returns, net of pension plan investment expense and inflation) are developed for each major asset class. These ranges are combined to produce the long-term expected rate of return by weighting the expected future real rates of return by the target asset allocation percentage and by adding expected inflation. The difference between the resulting rate and the rate on the ongoing basis is a margin for adverse deviation. 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, 2024 are summarized in the following table.

Asset Class	Target Allocation	Long-Term Expected Real Rate of Return
Domestic equity	45%	6.60%
International equity	20%	7.03%
Domestic fixed income	20%	2.70%
Real estate	10%	3.40%
Global fixed income	5%	3.70%
Cash	0%	
Total	100%	

NOTE 9 - PENSION PLAN - CONTINUED

NET PENSION LIABILITY

The City's net pension liability was measured as of September 30, 2024. The total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of January 1, 2025 with update procedures performed by the actuary to roll forward to the total pension liability measured as of September 30, 2024.

Net pension liability is calculated as follows:

Total pension liability	**$ 34,939,032**
Fiduciary net position	**(32,620,980)**
Net pension liability	**$ 2,318,052**
Fiduciary net position as a percentage of total pension liability	**93.37%**

Total pension liability uses Entry Age Normal liabilities calculated using ages and service amounts as of January 1, 2025 are used to measure total pension liability as of September 30, 2024. The balances as of September 30, 2024 constitute measurements of the net pension liability for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025.

The mortality and economic actuarial assumptions used in the January 1, 2025 valuation were based on the results of an actuarial experience study for the period January 1, 2015 through June 30, 2019. Mortality rates were based on the sex-distinct Pri-2012 head count rated Healthy Mortality Table with rates multiplied by 1.25.

Assumptions on which the cost of BRP is calculated include investment return, mortality rates, retirement rates, disability rates, withdrawal rates, and salary increase rates.

Total pension liability, fiduciary net position, and net pension liability are based on a September 30, 2024 measurement date which would make them applicable to the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025.

Benefit Terms

The eligibility requirement is immediate for employees and officials. Employees and officials are vested after 10 years. The type of benefit payment is a life annuity. Death benefits are term vested Auto A death benefit effective January 1, 2003. Previously eligibility was "early or normal". The benefit formula is 2.00%. All participants are eligible to receive an annual variable cost-of-living adjustment not to exceed 3.00%. The Georgia Municipal Association has assigned the authority to the City to establish and amend the benefit provisions of the plan.

Actuarial Assumptions

The total pension liability in the January 1, 2025 actuarial valuation was based on the projected unit credit actuarial cost method and the asset valuation method for developing the actuarial value of assets. The actuarial assumptions included the following:

- **Rate of return on investment** — **7.375% per year**
- **Projected salary increases** — **2.25% per year plus age and service based on merit increases**
- **Inflation rate assumption** — **2.25%**
- **Cost of living adjustments** — **2.10%**

NOTE 9 - PENSION PLAN - CONTINUED

Changes in Assumptions

There were no changes in assumptions for the current fiscal year.

Benefit Changes

Amounts reported for fiscal years ending in 2025 and later reflect that effective June 1, 2024, the Officials' benefit multiplier was increased from $76 to $100.

Discount Rate

The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability was 7.375%. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed that City contributions will be made at rates equal to the difference between 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 the current plan members. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was applied to all of the projected benefit payments to determine the total pension liability. The discount rate was unchanged from the plan's prior fiscal year.

Changes in the Net Pension Liability of the City. **The changes in the components of the net pension liability of the City for the year ended June 30, 2025, were as follows:**

	Total Pension Liability (a)	Plan Fiduciary Net Position (b)	Net Pension Liability (Asset) (a) – (b)
Beginning balance	$ 31,913,979	$ 25,452,544	$ 6,461,435
Changes for the year:			
Service cost	410,189	-	410,189
Interest	2,320,601	-	2,320,601
Differences between expected and actual experience	2,001,420	-	2,001,420
Contributions – employer	-	2,769,569	(2,769,569)
Contributions – employee	-	-	-
Net investment income	-	6,142,536	(6,142,536)
Benefit payments, including refunds of employee contributions	(1,716,780)	(1,716,780)	-
Administrative expense	-	(26,889)	26,889
Other changes	9,623	-	9,623
Ending balance	$ 34,939,032	$ 32,620,980	$ 2,318,052

The required schedule of changes in the City's net pension liability and related ratios immediately following the notes of the financial statements presents multiyear trend information about whether the value of plan assets is increasing or decreasing over time relative to the total pension liability.

Sensitivity of the net pension liability to changes in the discount rate. **The following presents the net pension liability of the City, calculated using the discount rate of 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%) or 1 percentage point higher (8.375%) than the current rate:**

1% Decrease (6.375%)	Current Discount Rate (7.375%)	1% Increase (8.375%)
$ 6,916,325	$ 2,318,052	$(1,480,677)

NOTE 9 - PENSION PLAN - CONTINUED

Discount Rate **- Continued**

Actuarial valuations involve estimates of the value of reported amounts and assumptions about the probability of events far into the future, and actuarially determined amounts are subject to continual revision as results are compared to past expectations and new estimates are made about the future. Actuarial calculations reflect a long-term perspective. Calculations are based on the substantive plan in effect as of September 30, 2024 and the current sharing pattern of costs between employer and employee.

PENSION EXPENSE AND DEFERRED OUTFLOWS/INFLOWS OF RESOURCES RELATED TO PENSIONS

Pension expense for the year ended June 30, 2025 is $1,444,949.

Deferred outflows/inflows of resource related to pensions:

	Deferred Outflows of Resources	Deferred Inflows of Resources
Differences between expected and actual experience	$ 4,733,829	$(1,026,638)
Changes in assumptions	-	-
Changes in benefit terms	-	-
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on pension plan Investments	-	(2,389,040)
City contributions subsequent to the measurement date	2,770,411	-
Total	$ 7,504,240	$(3,415,678)

Employer contributions made subsequent to the measurement date of the net pension liability of $2,770,411 are reported as deferred outflows of resources and will be recognized as a reduction of the net pension liability in the year ending June 30, 2025. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions will be recognized in pension expense as follows:

Projected recognition of deferred outflows/(inflows):

Year Ended	Recognition
June 30, 2026	$ 352,271
June 30, 2027	1,059,714
June 30, 2028	351,398
June 30, 2029	(445,232)
June 30, 2030	-
Thereafter	-
Total	$ 1,318,151

NOTE 10 - POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS OTHER THEN PENSIONS - OPEB

Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

The City uses accounting policies consistent with recognition of liabilities and expenses in the Government-Wide financial statements as described in Note 1 and with GASB Statement No. 75. The City has chosen the pay-as-you-go method of funding the Plan, and as of June 30, 2025, the Plan reported no assets.

NOTE 10 - POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS OTHER THEN PENSIONS - OPEB - CONTINUED

General Information about the OPEB Plan

Plan administration. **The City of Buford Other Postemployment Benefit Plan (OPEB) is a defined benefit postretirement healthcare, prescription drug, and life insurance plan. The Plan is administered through the Georgia Municipal Employees Benefit System (GMEBS), an agent multiple-employer OPEB plan administered by the Georgia Municipal Association (GMA). The authority to establish and amend benefit provisions of the Plan rests with the City and is established by ordinance. The Plan does not issue separate financial statements. No assets are accumulated in a trust that meets the criteria in paragraph 4 of GASB Statement No. 75, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Postemployment Benefits Other Than Pensions.***

Benefits Provided. **The Plan allows employees to continue medical, prescription drug, dental and life insurance coverage beyond retirement, depending on whether the retiree had those coverages at the time they retire. Spouse benefits are the same as benefits for retirees except for life insurance. Benefits are payable to a spouse regardless of when the retiree dies. Retiree and spouse contribution rates are periodically reset by City ordinance.**

City Contributions. **The City has not elected to advance fund the OPEB Plan, but rather maintains the OPEB Plan on a "pay-as-you-go" basis, in that claims are paid as they arise, rather than establishing an irrevocable trust to accumulated restricted funds. The plan is noncontributory in that the City contributes 100% of the benefit payments to the plan. The GMA issues a publicly available financial report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information for GMEBS.**

Employees eligible for the plan include the following:

Elected officials: officials and their dependents are eligible for a period equal to their years of service.

Appointed positions and department heads: employees and their dependents are eligible for a period equal to their years of service in which they held an appointed position.

Regular employees: After thirty years of service, the employee and their dependents are eligible for life.

Employees covered by the benefit terms. **At January 1, 2024, City plan membership consisted of the following:**

Retired members or beneficiaries currently receiving benefits	**12**
Vested terminated members entitled to but not yet receiving benefits	**0**
Active members	**118**
Total	**130**

NOTE 10 - POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS OTHER THEN PENSIONS - OPEB - CONTINUED

Total OPEB Liability

The City's Net OPEB liability was measured as of June 30, 2024. The Plan Fiduciary Net Positions (plan assets, if any) were valued as of the measurement dates and the Total OPEB liability was determined from actuarial valuations using data as of January 1, 2024.

Actuarial assumptions and other inputs. **The total OPEB liability was measured as of June 30, 2024 using the following actuarial assumptions and other inputs, applied to all periods included in the measurement, unless otherwise noted:**

Inflation	**2.25%**
Salary increases	**2.25%, plus service-based merit increases**
Discount rate	**3.93%**
Healthcare cost trends	**Medical and Prescription Drug: 0.00% in the first year, then 8.25%, trended down to 4.50% over 10 years** **Dental: 0.00% in the first year, then 4.50% thereafter**
Mortality rates	**Sex-distinct Pri-2012 head-count weighted Healthy Mortality Table with rate multiplied by 1.25.**

The discount rate was based on the index of the General Obligation, 20-year, Municipal Bond Rate as of each measurement date.

The actuarial assumptions used for the June 30, 2024 measurement date were based on the results of an actuarial experience study for the period January 1, 2015 to June 30, 2019.

Changes in the Total OPEB Liability of the City. **The changes in the components of the total OPEB liability of the City for the year ended June 30, 2025, were as follows:**

	Total OPEB Liability (a)	Plan Fiduciary Net Position (b)	Net OPEB Liability (Asset) (a) – (b)
Beginning balance	**$ 14,534,526**	**$ -**	**$ 14,534,526**
Changes for the year:			
Service cost	**430,131**	**-**	**430,131**
Interest	**541,236**	**-**	**541,236**
Change in benefit terms	**1,295,922**	**-**	**1,295,922**
Differences between expected and actual experience	**1,185,490**	**-**	**1,185,490**
Changes of assumptions	**1,256,396**	**-**	**1,256,396**
Contributions – employer	**-**	**275,005**	**(275,005)**
Net investment income	**-**	**-**	**-**
Benefit payments, including refunds of employee contributions	**(275,005)**	**(275,005)**	**-**
Administrative expense	**-**	**-**	**-**
Ending balance	**$ 18,968,696**	**$ -**	**$ 18,968,696**

NOTE 10 - POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS OTHER THEN PENSIONS - OPEB - CONTINUED

Benefit Changes

Reflected for the June 30, 2024 measurement date

- **HMO plan was replaced by POS 1000/0%/1000 Embedded Essential.**

Changes of Assumptions

Reflected for the June 30, 2024 measurement date

- **The discount rate from the 20-year Bond GO Index for June 30, 2024 was 3.93%. For June 30, 2023 it was 3.65%.**
- **Claims costs and healthcare trend rates were updated to reflect the most recent claims experience.**

Sensitivity of the total OPEB liability to changes in the discount rate. **The following presents the total OPEB liability of the City, as well as what the City's total OPEB liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1-percentage-point lower (2.93%) or 1-percentage-point higher (4.93%) than the current rate.**

	1% Decrease (2.93%)	Current Discount Rate (3.93%)	1% Increase (4.93%)
Total OPEB liability	**$ 23,670,758**	**$ 18,968,696**	**$ 15,420,919**

Sensitivity of the total OPEB liability to changes in the healthcare cost trend rates. **The following presents the total OPEB liability of the City, as well as what the City's total OPEB liability would be if it were calculated using healthcare cost trend rates that are 1-percentage-point lower or 1-percentage-point higher than the current healthcare trend rates.**

	1% Decrease In Healthcare Cost Trend Rates	Current Healthcare Cost Trend Rates	1% Increase in Healthcare Cost Trend Rates
Total OPEB liability	**$ 15,141,594**	**$ 18,968,696**	**$ 24,170,782**

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

For the year ended June 30, 2025, the City recognized OPEB expense of $2,373,269. At June 30, 2025, the City reported deferred outflows/inflows of resource related to OPEB from the following sources:

	Deferred Outflows of Resources	Deferred Inflows of Resources
Differences between expected and actual experience	**$ 2,678,962**	**$ 161,700**
Changes in assumptions or other inputs	**3,453,638**	**3,963,010**
City contributions subsequent to the measurement date	**236,352**	**-**
Total	**$ 6,368,952**	**$ 4,124,710**

NOTE 10 - POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS OTHER THEN PENSIONS - OPEB - CONTINUED

OPEB Expense and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to OPEB **- Continued**

Employer contributions made subsequent to the measurement date of the total OPEB liability of $236,352 are reported as deferred outflows of resources and will be recognized as a reduction of the total OPEB liability in the year ending June 30, 2025. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB will be recognized in OPEB expense as follows:

Projected recognition of deferred outflows/(inflows):

Year Ended	Recognition
June 30, 2026	$ 339,468
June 30, 2027	421,523
June 30, 2028	258,508
June 30, 2029	240,302
June 30, 2030	(5,849)
Thereafter	753,938
Total	$ 2,007,890

NOTE 11 - HOTEL/MOTEL LODGING TAX

The City has levied a hotel/motel lodging tax under OCGA 48-13-51(b). The City levies excise taxes at the rate of 7%. 3/7 (42.86%) goes into the general fund; 2/7 (28.57%) is remitted to the Cities destination marketing organizations (e.g. Gwinnett Convention and Visitors Bureau and Lake Lanier Convention and Visitors Bureau); the remaining 2/7 (28.57%) is spent on "tourism product development" such as the Buford Community Center or as defined in 48-13-50.2 under the definition tourism product development. A summary of the transactions for the year ending June 30, 2025 follows:

Total hotel/motel tax receipts collected @ 7%	$ 263,639
Less: 71.43% of hotel/motel tax collected @ 7% to be remitted to City of Buford General Fund and Buford Community Center Fund	(188,314)
Tax collected to be expended for the promotion of tourism, conventions and trade shows	75,325
Expenditures for promotion of tourism, conventions and trade shows remitted to the Gwinnett and Lake Lanier Convention & Visitors Bureaus	(75,325)
Collections over (under) expenditures for year ended June 30, 2025	$ -

NOTE 12 – AUTO RENTAL EXCISE TAX

The City has levied a rental motor vehicle excise tax. OCGA 48-13-93 requires that all motor rental vehicle excise taxes be expended for the purpose of promoting industry, trade, commerce, and tourism; for the provision of convention, trade, sports, and recreational facilities. During the year ended June 30, 2025, the City recognized $361,215 in revenue from rental motor vehicle excise tax. Of this amount $361,215, was expended for these purposes.

NOTE 13 - EXCESS EXPENDITURES OR EXPENSES OVER APPROPRIATIONS

The City had no excess expenditures or expenses over appropriations for the year ending June 30, 2025.

NOTE 14 - DEFICIT FUND BALANCES/NET POSITION

The City's General Fund had a deficit fund balance of $2,488,170 at June 30, 2025. This deficit is a result of inadequate revenues to cover expenditures for the current year due to an increase in expenditures related to construction of capital projects during the current fiscal year. The City will need to make increased transfers from the Utilities Fund and/or reduce expenditures in order to eliminate this deficit. The City had no other deficits in fund balances or net position as of June 30, 2025.

NOTE 15 - DEFERRED COMPENSATION PLAN

The City offers its employees a deferred compensation plan created in accordance with Internal Revenue Service Code 457. The plan, available to all City employees, permits them to defer a portion of their salary until future years. Participation in the plan is optional. The deferred compensation plan is not available to employees until termination, retirement, death or unforeseeable emergencies.

In accordance with Section 457 of the Internal Revenue Code, plan assets are held in trust for the exclusive benefit of participants and their beneficiaries. Accordingly, the assets and liabilities of the deferred compensation plans are not included in the accompanying financial statements.

NOTE 16 - LITIGATION

The City is a party to one legal proceeding and one claim with no legal proceedings, which normally occur in the course of governmental operations. The legal proceeding and claim are not likely to have a material adverse impact on the affected funds of the City, and accordingly, no provision for losses has been recorded.

NOTE 17 – COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES

The City has *Potential Liability under MEAG Contracts* as follows:

Electrical System. The City has entered into Power Sales Contracts with the Municipal Electric Authority of Georgia ("MEAG") pursuant to which the City purchases electric power and energy for resale to its customers. MEAG was created by the State of Georgia for the purpose of owning and operating electric generation and transmission facilities to supply bulk electric power to political subdivisions of Georgia which owned and operated electric distribution systems as of March 18, 1975.

Under the terms of its Power Sales Contracts with MEAG, the City is obligated to take from MEAG, and MEAG is obligated to provide, all electric power and energy required by the City in excess of the amount received by the City as an allotment from federally owned projects through the Southeastern Power Administration ("SEPA"). Such allotment of SEPA power has been assigned by the City to MEAG and is transmitted to the City by MEAG through Georgia's Integrated Transmission System for a separate charge. Under its Power Sales Contracts with MEAG, the City has the right to receive additional power as needed from the Integrated Transmission System. The price paid by the City to MEAG under its Power Sales Contracts is intended to cover the City's share of all the costs of MEAG, including debt service on MEAG's long-term debt. The amounts required to be paid to MEAG under the Power Sales Contracts are payable first from revenues of the City's electrical system. To the extent the required payments are not made from revenues of the City's electric system or other funds, the City is required to include in its general revenue or appropriation measure or annual tax levy amounts sufficient to make such payments. Payments by the City are required to be made by the City whether or not MEAG's facilities or any part thereof are operating or operable or the output there from is interrupted, interfered with, curtailed or terminated in whole or in part. In addition, the City may be obligated to purchase additional power, subject to contractual limitations, in the event other MEAG participants default.

MEAG has issued bonds for the purpose of providing power generation and transmission and telecommunication facilities. The City is contingently liable for their pro rata share of the bonds as a power purchase cost until they are retired. The City's contingent contractual obligation varies by individual MEAG project and totals approximately $108,311,881 as of June 30, 2025. The contingent obligations of the City are general obligations of the City to which the City's full faith credit and taxing powers are pledged.

NOTE 17 – COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES - CONTINUED

The City has *Potential Liability under MGAG Contracts* as follows:

Gas System. The City has entered into the Gas Supply Contract and certain Supplemental Gas Supply Contracts with the Municipal Gas Authority of Georgia ("MGAG") under which the City buys natural gas for resale to its customers. Under such contracts with MGAG, the City is obligated to take from MGAG, and MGAG is obligated to provide, all of the City's natural gas requirements. The price paid by the City to MGAG under its contracts is intended to cover the City's share of all the costs of MGAG, including scheduled debt service of MGAG. Such payments are required to be made by the City whether or not MGAG's facilities or natural gas properties or any part thereof are operating or operable or the output there from is interrupted, interfered with, curtailed or terminated in whole or in part, or whether or not any of its natural gas suppliers or transporters defaults in its obligations under its gas supply or transportation contracts with MGAG. To the extent the required payments are not made from the revenues of the System or other funds, the City is required to include in its general revenue or appropriation measure or annual tax levy amounts sufficient to make such payments. The City is contingently liable for its pro-rata share of MGAG's debt until it is retired in the amount of $3,096,997 of as June 30, 2025. The contingent obligations of the City are general obligations of the City to which the City's full faith credit and taxing powers are pledged.

Gwinnett County and City of Buford Wholesale Sewage Agreement
The City entered into an agreement with Gwinnett County on May 2, 2018 to purchase water reclamation services from Gwinnett. The agreement is for a period of 50 years, or until it is dissolved or revised by mutual consent by both Gwinnett and the City. The payment terms of the agreement are for the City to make an annual payment to Gwinnett in the amount of $1,375,000 per year over 12 years totaling $16,500,000. The agreement provides for an annual increase in the amount of instantaneous daily flow that the City can send to Gwinnett with an initial daily flow maximum of 83,333 gallons per day increasing annually by 83,333 gallons per day until the daily maximum flow reaches 1,000,000 gallons per day in year 12. Payments are to be made annually unless the daily max flow sent from the City to Gwinnett exceeds the current allotted daily max flow. If the City exceeds its daily maximum flow then the City will be required to make a payment to Gwinnett that corresponds with the daily max flow tier level that occurred in the previous month. The City has made payments totaling $12,375,000 as of June 30, 2025.

Construction of Stadium

The City is in the process of constructing a new City Stadium and has entered into a construction contract in the final adjusted amount of $68,541,069. At June 30, 2025, the City had expended $63,653,504 for construction costs on the contract.

Current Economic Environment

The current economic environment presents municipalities with circumstances and challenges, which in some cases could result in declines in the volume of tax collections, other general revenues, municipal utility billings; constraints on liquidity and difficulty obtaining financing. These financial statements have been prepared using fair values and information currently available to the City, which are susceptible to change in the future based on economic conditions.

NOTE 18 - RISK MANAGEMENT

The City is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees; and natural disasters. Significant losses in these areas are all covered by commercial insurance. There have been no significant reductions in insurance coverage. Settlement amounts have not exceeded insurance coverage for the current year or the three prior years.

NOTE 19 - TRANSACTIONS WITH COMPONENT UNITS AND OTHER RELATED ENTITIES

City of Buford Board of Education

For the year ended June 30, 2025, The City incurred the following intergovernmental transactions relating to the City of Buford Board of Education, a component unit of the City. For additional information, see Note 1.

General Fund

Operating transfers to City of Buford Board of Education	$ 49,900,000
Other transfers for capital projects and expenditures to City of Buford Board of Education	1,078,539
Total intergovernmental expenditures relating to City of Buford Board of Education	$ 50,978,539

The City received intergovernmental revenue of $10,000,000 from the City of Buford Board of Education's ESPLOST funds and $199,028 from the City of Buford Board of Education to reimburse the City for prior year capital expenditures transferred to the City of Buford Board of Education.

2017 GOB Debt Service Fund

The City received intergovernmental revenue of $490,500 from the City of Buford Board of Education's ESPLOST funds to use for debt service payments on the City's 2017 General Obligation Bonds.

Buford BOE Intergovernmental Contract Payable Debt Service Fund

The City received intergovernmental revenue of $2,811,396 from the City of Buford Board of Education's ESPLOST funds to use for debt service payments on the City's Intergovernmental Contract payable to the Board of Education for the Board of Education's 2021 Refunding Revenue Bonds.

Fiduciary Custodial Funds

Net position amounts from Education SPLOST funds held in trust for the City of Buford Board of Education totaled $10,576,611 as of June 30, 2025.

City of Buford Downtown Development Authority

For the year ended June 30, 2025, The City transferred properties with book values of $545,000 to the City of Buford Downtown Development Authority, a component unit of the City. Additionally, the Authority paid $30,000 to the City of Buford General Fund during the year.

City of Buford Housing Authority

The City of Buford Housing Authority is a related organization of the City. The Authority provides safe and sanitary dwelling accommodations for persons of low income. The City appoints a voting majority of the Authority's board, but is not financially accountable for the Authority. The City has no significant influence over the management, budget, or policies of the Authority. The Authority reports independently. The City received no payment in lieu of taxes from the Authority for the year ended June 30, 2025.

NOTE 20 - JOINT VENTURE

Under Georgia law, the City, in conjunction with other cities and counties in the 10-county metro Atlanta area, is a member of the Atlanta Regional Commission ("ARC"). The City pays no annual dues to ARC. Membership in a Regional Commission ("RC") is required by the Official Code of Georgia Annotated (OCGA) Section 50-8-34, which provides for the organizational structure of an RC in Georgia. The ARC Board membership includes each county commission chairman in the region, one mayor from each county (except Fulton County) chosen by a caucus of mayors, one mayor from the northern half and one mayor from the southern half of Fulton County elected by a caucus of mayors within northern and southern Fulton County, the mayor of the City of Atlanta, one member of the Atlanta City Council, fifteen private citizens, one from each of the 15 multi-jurisdictional districts of roughly equal population, elected by the 23 public officials, and one member appointed by the Board of the Georgia Department of Community Affairs. OCGA Section 50-8-39.1 provides that the member governments are liable for any debts or obligations of the ARC. Separate financial statements may be obtained from Atlanta Regional Commission, 229 Peachtree St NE, Atlanta, GA 30303 or the Northeast Georgia Regional Commission, 305 Research Drive, Athens, GA 30605-2725.

NOTE 21 - GRANTS

In the normal course of operations, the City receives grant funds from various Federal and State agencies. The grant programs are subject to audit by agents of the granting authority, the purpose of which is to ensure compliance with conditions precedent to the granting of funds. Any liability for reimbursement which may arise as the result of these audits is not believed by management to have a direct and material effect on the financial statements taken as a whole.

NOTE 22 - MUNICIPAL SOLID WASTE LANDFILL CLOSURE AND POSTCLOSURE CARE

The City's municipal solid waste landfill located at Peachtree Industrial Boulevard and McEver Road (The "landfill") ceased accepting waste in 1986. In 1998 the landfill was capped with a minimum of two-foot thick soil cover to close the site under existing EPD rules and regulations, then grassed, and has since been routinely maintained by the City to preserve its integrity. According to state and federal laws and regulations, the City must perform certain maintenance and monitoring functions at the site for a minimum of 30 years from the time of closure, and since 1997, the landfill has been the subject of routine ground water and methane monitoring and reporting in conformance with EPD rules and regulations. The City previously recognized a liability for closure and postclosure care costs, which was fully amortized as of June 30, 2018. There is no remaining estimated total current cost of closure and postclosure care remaining to be recognized. The percentage of landfill capacity used to date is 100%, and it has an estimated remaining landfill life of zero years. The City is and will maintain the landfill as a grassed area to discourage erosion. There are no assets restricted for payment of closure and postclosure care costs. The City continued to perform routine ground water and methane monitoring and testing at the site during the current year, and expended $113,339 on the monitoring and testing. Even though there is no remaining liability for closure and postclosure care costs, the City could potentially be subject to additional costs due to changes in requirements of and decisions made by the EPD in relation to the landfill, inflation, or changes in technology.

The City is listed on the State of Georgia's Hazardous Site Inventory and, as such, is eligible for reimbursement of certain costs. Any reimbursable amounts have not been included in cost estimates due to the uncertainty of amounts to be reimbursed. The City is not under any closure and post closure financial assurance requirements per EPD rule 391-3-4-.13 due to its closing prior to October 8, 1993.

NOTE 23 - SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

Management of the City has evaluated subsequent events through December 22, 2025.

The City received intergovernmental revenues of $7,682,605 from the City of Buford Board of Education during September 2025 for reimbursements related to the City funding construction of several capital projects for the Board of Education.

The City has created an Urban Redevelopment Agency ("URA") in accordance with the Urban Redevelopment Law in the State of Georgia. On July 21, 2025, the City adopted an urban redevelopment plan relating to the Urban Redevelopment Area which includes a list of urban redevelopment projects to be undertaken by the URA. On November 1, 2025, the City entered into an intergovernmental contract with the URA, in which the URA would issue urban redevelopment revenue bonds for the purpose of the City acquiring certain property. As part of the intergovernmental contract, the City is responsible for the security and debt service on the bonds. The bonds were issued on November 3, 2025 in the principal amount of $18,620,000.

NOTE 24 - CHANGES IN BEGINNING BALANCES

Governmental Activities

Change within the Reporting Entity

The City changed the presentation of the 2017 GOB Debt Service Fund from a major fund presentation to a nonmajor fund presentation during the current year.

Fiduciary Funds

Error Correction

The City adjusted the beginning net position balance of the City's Gwinnett County E-SPLOST VI custodial fund held for the City of Buford Board of Education to correct the amount of revenue recognized in prior years. This adjustment increased the beginning net position in the amount of $623,459.

A summary of the changes in beginning balances is presented below:

	Beginning Balance as Previously Reported	Error Correction	Changes Within the Reporting Entity	Ending Balance as Adjusted
Governmental Funds				
2017 GOB Debt Service Fund	$ 199	$ -	$(199)	$ -
Other Governmental Funds	8,665,233	-	199	8,665,432
	$ 8,665,432	$ -	$ -	$ 8,665,432
Fiduciary Funds				
Custodial Funds	$ 13,605,839	$ 623,459	$ -	$ 14,229,298
Custodial Funds				
Gwinnett County E-SPLOST VI Fund	$ 2,247,576	$ 623,459	$ -	$ 2,871,035

NOTE 25 – NEW ACCOUNTING PRONOUNCEMENT

The City implemented GASB Statement No. 101, *Compensated Absences*, effective for the City's current year. The requirements of this statement are effective for periods beginning after December 15, 2023. The implementation of this standard had no impact on the City's net position.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
REQUIRED BY GASB

CITY OF BUFORD
REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
SCHEDULE OF CHANGES IN THE NET PENSION LIABILITY AND RELATED RATIOS
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2025

CITY OF BUFORD RETIREMENT PLAN

	2025	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016
Total Pension Liability										
Service cost	$ 410,189	$ 369,356	$ 372,517	$ 377,401	$ 338,466	$ 260,982	$ 295,792	$ 290,915	$ 282,761	$ 242,345
Interest	2,320,601	1,888,032	1,999,646	1,950,548	1,752,387	1,325,206	1,237,995	1,141,107	1,064,758	860,448
Differences between Expected and actual Experience	2,001,420	5,221,157	(2,391,177)	(350,838)	1,758,441	75,920	705,887	643,809	392,980	910,203
Changes in assumptions	-	-	-	-	-	1,620,701	-	277,477	-	-
Changes of benefit terms	9,623	-	-	-	-	3,891,754	-	-	-	1,281,817
Benefit payments, including Refunds of employee Contributions	(1,716,780)	(1,591,300)	(1,391,157)	(1,221,835)	(1,180,765)	(1,139,797)	(944,292)	(788,624)	(722,078)	(595,041)
Net change in total pension Liability	3,025,053	5,887,245	(1,410,171)	755,276	2,668,529	6,034,766	1,295,382	1,564,684	1,018,421	2,699,772
Total pension liability – Beginning	31,913,979	26,026,734	27,436,905	26,681,629	24,013,100	17,978,334	16,682,952	15,118,268	14,099,847	11,400,075
Total pension liability – Ending (a)	$ 34,939,032	$ 31,913,979	$ 26,026,734	$ 27,436,905	$ 26,681,629	$ 24,013,100	$ 17,978,334	$ 16,682,952	$ 15,118,268	$ 14,099,847
Plan Fiduciary Net Position										
Contributions – employer	$ 2,769,569	$ 3,054,416	$ 2,313,365	$ 2,240,681	$ 1,851,972	$ 1,851,747	$ 1,926,160	$ 1,991,281	$ 1,966,440	$ 806,632
Contributions – employee	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Net Investment income	6,142,536	2,851,950	(4,102,067)	4,607,773	1,786,142	455,009	1,320,193	1,593,046	953,798	80,385
Benefit payments, including Refunds of employee Contributions	(1,716,780)	(1,591,300)	(1,391,157)	(1,221,835)	(1,180,765)	(1,139,797)	(944,292)	(788,624)	(722,078)	(595,041)
Administrative expense	(26,889)	(29,887)	(29,097)	(28,110)	(26,454)	(25,878)	(25,152)	(25,331)	(14,366)	(15,919)
Other	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Net change in fiduciary Net position	7,168,436	4,285,179	(3,208,956)	5,598,509	2,430,895	1,141,081	2,276,909	2,770,372	2,183,794	276,057
Plan fiduciary net position – Beginning	25,452,544	21,167,365	24,376,321	18,777,812	16,346,917	15,205,836	12,928,927	10,158,555	7,974,761	7,698,704
Plan fiduciary net position – Ending (b)	$ 32,620,980	$ 25,452,544	$ 21,167,365	$ 24,376,321	$ 18,777,812	$ 16,346,917	$ 15,205,836	$ 12,928,927	$ 10,158,555	$ 7,974,761
Net Position Liability										
Net pension liability – Ending (a) – (b)	$ 2,318,052	$ 6,461,435	$ 4,859,369	$ 3,060,584	$ 7,903,817	$ 7,666,183	$ 2,772,498	$ 3,754,025	$ 4,959,713	$ 6,125,086
Plan's fiduciary net position As a percentage of the Total pension liability	93.37%	79.75%	81.33%	88.85%	70.38%	68.07%	84.58%	77.50%	67.19%	56.56%
Covered-employee payroll	$ 7,583,288	$ 6,878,909	$ 6,340,412	$ 6,432,620	$ 6,360,617	$ 5,785,007	$ 5,477,581	$ 6,066,224	$ 5,655,240	$ 5,475,883
Net pension liability as a Percentage of covered-Employee payroll	30.57%	93.93%	76.64%	47.58%	124.26%	132.52%	50.62%	61.88%	87.70%	111.86%

CITY OF BUFORD
REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
SCHEDULE OF CONTRIBUTIONS
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2025

CITY OF BUFORD RETIREMENT PLAN

	2025	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016
Actuarially determined contribution	*	$ 683,687	$ 1,177,993	$ 1,358,489	$ 1,201,412	$ 735,492	$ 888,965	$ 938,559	$ 1,008,855	$ 757,901
Contributions in relation to The actuarially determined Contribution	*	2,683,687	3,291,200	2,245,282	2,201,412	1,736,642	1,888,965	1,938,559	2,008,855	1,952,301
Contribution deficiency (excess)	*	(2,000,000)	(2,113,207)	(886,793)	(1,000,000)	(1,001,150)	(1,000,000)	(1,000,000)	(1,000,000)	(1,194,400)
Covered-employee payroll	*	$ 6,878,909	$ 6,340,412	$ 6,432,620	$ 6,360,617	$ 5,785,007	$ 5,477,581	$ 6,066,224	$ 5,655,240	$ 5,475,883
Contributions as a percentage Of covered-employee Payroll	*	39.01%	51.91%	34.90%	34.61%	30.02%	34.49%	31.96%	35.52%	35.65%

*** 2025 information will be determined after fiscal year end and will be included in the 2026 audit report.**

NOTE 1 - RECOMMENDED CONTRIBUTION

The GMEBS Board of Trustees has adopted an actuarial funding policy for determination of annual contributions and the systematic funding of liabilities arising under the BRP. The annual minimum contribution is the sum of 1) the normal cost (including administrative expenses), 2) the closed level dollar amortization of the unfunded actuarial liability over a period that ranges from 10 to 30 years based on the funding policy adopted by the GMEBS Board of Trustees, and 3) interest on these amounts from the valuation date to the date contributions are paid (assumed monthly).

NOTE 2 – VALUATION DATE

The actuarially determined contribution rate was determined as of January 1, 2025, with an interest adjustment to the fiscal year. Contributions in relation to this actuarially determined contribution rate will be reported for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026.

NOTE 3 – METHODS AND ASSUMPTIONS USED TO DETERMINE CONTRIBUTION RATES:

Actuarial Cost Method – Entry Age Normal

Amortization Method – Closed level dollar for remaining unfunded liability

Remaining Amortization Period – Remaining amortization period varies for the bases, with a net effective amortization period of 14 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 year. The actuarial value is adjusted, if necessary, to be within 20% of market value.

Actuarial Assumptions:

- **Rate of return on investment** — **7.375% per year**
- **Projected salary increases** — **2.25% per year plus service-based merit increases**
- **Cost of living adjustments** — **2.10%**

Normal Retirement Age – 65+5 or 60+30 or Rule of 75

Early Retirement Age – 55+10

The mortality and economic actuarial assumptions used in the January 1, 2025 valuation were based on the results of an actuarial experience study for the period January 1, 2015 through June 30, 2019. Mortality rates were based on the Pri-2012 head-count weighted Healthy Mortality Table with rates multiplied by 1.25.

NOTE 4 - CHANGES OF ASSUMPTIONS

There were no changes of assumptions for the current fiscal year.

NOTE 5 - BENEFIT CHANGES

Amounts reported for fiscal years ending in 2025 and later reflect that effective June 1, 2024, the Officials' benefit multiplier was increased from $76 to $100.

CITY OF BUFORD
REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
SCHEDULE OF CHANGES IN THE TOTAL OPEB LIABILITY AND RELATED RATIOS
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2025

	CITY OF BUFORD OPEB PLAN							
	2025	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018
Total OPEB Liability								
Service cost	$ 430,131	$ 392,275	$ 659,430	$ 557,154	$ 426,621	$ 303,320	$ 329,837	$ 421,379
Interest	541,236	461,214	347,733	294,654	432,725	402,317	377,047	338,642
Changes of benefit terms	1,295,922	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Differences between Expected and actual Experience	1,185,490	38,466	2,572,319	(54,501)	(358,525)	18,451	4,002	909
Changes in assumptions	1,256,396	1,109,264	(6,208,730)	2,023,713	504,178	1,285,673	(660,436)	(1,868,799)
Benefit payments, including Refunds of employee Contributions	(275,005)	(204,340)	(144,058)	(170,419)	(161,791)	(170,196)	(150,158)	(151,309)
Net change in total OPEB Liability	4,434,170	1,796,879	(2,773,306)	2,650,601	843,208	1,839,565	(99,708)	(1,259,178)
Total OPEB liability – Beginning	14,534,526	12,737,647	15,510,953	12,860,352	12,017,144	10,177,579	10,277,287	11,536,465
Total OPEB liability – Ending (a)	$ 18,968,696	$ 14,534,526	$ 12,737,647	$ 15,510,953	$ 12,860,352	$ 12,017,144	$ 10,177,579	$ 10,277,287
Plan fiduciary net position								
Contributions – employer	$ 275,005	$ 204,340	$ 144,058	$ 170,419	$ 161,791	$ 170,196	$ 150,158	$ 151,309
Net investment income	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Benefit payments	(275,005)	(204,340)	(144,058)	(170,419)	(161,791)	(170,196)	(150,158)	(151,309)
Administrative expense	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Net Change in plan fiduciary Net position	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Plan fiduciary net position – Beginning	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Plan fiduciary net position – Ending (b)	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
Net OPEB Liability – Ending (a) - (b)	$ 18,968,696	$ 14,534,526	$ 12,737,647	$ 15,510,953	$ 12,860,352	$ 12,017,144	$ 10,177,579	$ 10,277,287
Plan's fiduciary net position As a percentage of the Total OPEB Liability	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Covered-employee payroll	$ 6,878,909	$ 6,577,354	$ 6,432,620	$ 5,915,170	$ 5,785,007	$ 5,785,007	$ 5,477,581	$ 6,066,224
Total OPEB liability as a Percentage of covered-Employee payroll	275.75%	220.98%	198.02%	262.22%	222.30%	207.73%	185.80%	169.42%

CITY OF BUFORD, GEORGIA
REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
NOTES TO REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION - OPEB
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2025

NOTE 1 - PLAN ASSETS

There were no assets accumulated in a trust that meets the criteria in GASB 75, Paragraph 4 to pay related benefits.

NOTE 2 - CHANGES OF ASSUMPTIONS

Changes of Assumptions: **Reflected for the June 30, 2024 Measurement Date**

- **The discount rate from the 20-year Bond GO Index for June 30, 2024 was 3.93%. For June 30, 2023 it was 3.65%.**
- **Healthcare trend rates were updated to reflect the most recent trend experience.**

NOTE 3 - BENEFIT CHANGES

Changes of Assumptions: **Reflected for the June 30, 2024 Measurement Date**

- **HMO Plan was replaced by POS 1000/0%/1000 Embedded Essential.**

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COMBINING FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
NON-MAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS

Nonmajor Governmental Funds are funds in which total fund assets plus deferred outflows of resources, liabilities plus deferred inflows of resources, revenues or expenditures are less than 10% of total governmental funds, and total fund assets plus deferred outflows of resources, liabilities plus deferred inflows of resources, revenues or expenditures are less than 5% of total governmental and business-type funds. These funds are made up of funds used to account for resources, which are required legally or by sound financial management to be accounted for in a fund other than the General Fund.

SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS

The Special Revenue Funds are used by the City to account for the accumulation and disbursement of restricted resources. The following is a description of the City's Special Revenue Fund:

American Rescue Plan Act Fund **- used to account for receipt and allocation of the City's Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds. Use of these monies is limited by law to responding to the COVID-19 public health emergency or its negative economic impacts, replace lost public sector revenue, provide premium pay for eligible workers performing essential work, or to invest in water, sewer, and broadband infrastructure.**

Hotel/Motel Tax Fund - used to account for receipt and allocation of the City's hotel/motel tax. Use of this tax is limited by law to promotion of tourism. The City hotel/motel tax rate for its three hotels was 7% during the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025.

Auto Rental Excise Tax Fund – used to account for the receipt and allocation of the City's auto rental excise tax. Use of this tax is limited by law to promote industry, trade, commerce, and tourism, certain capital outlay projects, and maintenance and operating expenses or security and public safety expenses associated with those capital outlay projects. The City auto rental excise tax rate was 3% during the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025.

DEBT SERVICE FUNDS

The Debt Service Funds account for the accumulation of resources for, and the payment of governmental long-term debt principal, interest, and fiscal charges. The governmental long-term debt serviced by the Debt Service Funds consist of the 2017 General Obligation Bonds, and Buford BOE Intergovernmental Contract Payable.

CAPITAL PROJECTS FUNDS

The Capital Projects Funds account for all resources used for the acquisition and/or construction of major capital facilities by the City, except those financed by the General and Proprietary Funds. The following is a description of the City's non-major Capital Projects Funds.

Gwinnett County 2009 SPLOST Fund - used to account for the construction and financing of projects funded by the City of Buford 2009 SPLOST.

Gwinnett County 2017 SPLOST Fund - used to account for the construction and financing of projects funded by the City of Buford 2017 SPLOST.

Gwinnett County 2023 SPLOST Fund - used to account for the construction and financing of projects funded by the City of Buford 2023 SPLOST.

Hall County 2009 SPLOST Fund - used to account for the construction and financing of projects funded by the Hall County 2009 SPLOST.

Hall County 2015 SPLOST Fund - used to account for the construction and financing of projects funded by the Hall County 2015 SPLOST.

Hall County 2020 SPLOST Fund - used to account for the construction and financing of projects funded by the Hall County 2020 SPLOST.

Rest Haven 2001 SPLOST Fund - used to account for the construction and financing of projects funded by the City of Rest Haven 2001 SPLOST.

Rest Haven 2005 SPLOST Fund - used to account for the construction and financing of projects funded by the City of Rest Haven 2005 SPLOST.

CITY OF BUFORD, GEORGIA
COMBINING BALANCE SHEET
NONMAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
AS OF JUNE 30, 2025

	SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	DEBT SERVICE FUNDS	CAPITAL PROJECT FUNDS	TOTAL NON-MAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
ASSETS				
Cash and cash equivalents	$ 141,150	$ 199	$ 9,580,688	$ 9,722,037
Sales, excise, and other tax receivable	107,153	-	-	107,153
Due from other governments	-	-	674,652	674,652
Total assets	$ 248,303	$ 199	$ 10,255,340	$ 10,503,842
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES				
LIABILITIES				
Accounts payable	$ 24,908	$ -	$ -	$ 24,908
Due to other governments	-	-	300,000	300,000
Interfund balances	223,395	-	-	223,395
Total liabilities	248,303	-	300,000	548,303
FUND BALANCES				
Restricted for:				
Capital projects	-	-	9,955,340	9,955,340
Debt service	-	199	-	199
Tourism, conventions and trade shows	-	-	-	-
Total fund balances	-	199	9,955,340	9,955,539
Total liabilities, deferred inflows of resources and fund balances	$ 248,303	$ 199	$ 10,255,340	$ 10,503,842

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CITY OF BUFORD, GEORGIA
COMBINING STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
NONMAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2025

	SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	DEBT SERVICE FUNDS	CAPITAL PROJECTS FUNDS	TOTAL NON-MAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
REVENUES				
Taxes – sales, excise, and other	$ 624,854	$ -	$ -	$ 624,854
Intergovernmental revenue	2,798,451	3,301,896	4,111,829	10,212,176
Investment income	956	-	8,698	9,654
Total revenues	3,424,261	3,301,896	4,120,527	10,846,684
EXPENDITURES				
Current operating:				
Public services:				
Culture and recreation	75,325	-	-	75,325
Intergovernmental	-	-	300,000	300,000
Capital outlay	545,750	-	-	545,750
Debt service:				
Principal retirement	-	1,955,000	-	1,955,000
Interest and fiscal agent fees	-	1,348,621	-	1,348,621
Total expenditures	621,075	3,303,621	300,000	4,224,696
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenditures	2,803,186	(1,725)	3,820,527	6,621,988
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)				
Transfers in	-	1,725	-	1,725
Transfers out	(2,813,932)	-	(2,519,674)	(5,333,606)
Net other financing sources (uses)	(2,813,932)	1,725	(2,519,674)	(5,331,881)
Net change in fund balance	(10,746)	-	1,300,853	1,290,107
Fund balance - beginning, as previously presented	10,746	-	8,654,487	8,665,233
Change within financial reporting entity (Major to Nonmajor fund)	-	199	-	199
Fund balance - beginning, as adjusted	10,746	199	8,654,487	8,665,432
Fund balance - ending	$ -	$ 199	$ 9,955,340	$ 9,955,539

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CITY OF BUFORD, GEORGIA
COMBINING BALANCE SHEET
NONMAJOR SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS
AS OF JUNE 30, 2025

	NON-MAJOR SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS			
	American Rescue Plan Act Fund	Hotel/ Motel Tax Fund	Auto Rental Excise Tax Fund	Total Nonmajor Special Revenue Funds
ASSETS				
Cash and cash equivalents	$ -	$ 141,150	$ -	$ 141,150
Sales, excise, and other taxes receivable	-	72,169	34,984	107,153
Total assets	$ -	$ 213,319	$ 34,984	$ 248,303
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES				
LIABILITIES				
Accounts payable	$ -	$ 24,908	$ -	$ 24,908
Interfund balances	-	188,411	34,984	223,395
Total liabilities	-	213,319	34,984	248,303
FUND BALANCE				
Restricted for:				
Tourism, conventions, and trade shows	-	-	-	-
Total fund balance	-	-	-	-
Total liabilities and fund balance	$ -	$ 213,319	$ 34,984	$ 248,303

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CITY OF BUFORD, GEORGIA
COMBINING STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
NONMAJOR SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS
AS OF JUNE 30, 2025

	NON-MAJOR SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS			
	American Rescue Plan Act Fund	Hotel/ Motel Tax Fund	Auto Rental Excise Tax Fund	Total Nonmajor Special Revenue Funds
REVENUES				
Taxes – sales, excise, and other	$ -	$ 263,639	$ 361,215	$ 624,854
Intergovernmental revenue	2,798,451	-	-	2,798,451
Investment income	859	97	-	956
Total revenues	2,799,310	263,736	361,215	3,424,261
EXPENDITURES				
Culture and recreation	-	75,325	-	75,325
Capital outlay	545,750	-	-	545,750
Total expenditures	545,750	75,325	-	621,075
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenditures	2,253,560	188,411	361,215	2,803,186
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)				
Transfers out	(2,264,306)	(188,411)	(361,215)	(2,813,932)
Net other financing sources (uses)	(2,264,306)	(188,411)	(361,215)	(2,813,932)
Net change in fund balance	(10,746)	-	-	(10,746)
Fund balance - beginning	10,746	-	-	10,746
Fund balance – ending	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -

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CITY OF BUFORD, GEORGIA
COMBINING BALANCE SHEET
NONMAJOR DEBT SERVICE FUNDS
AS OF JUNE 30, 2025

	NON-MAJOR DEBT SERVICE FUNDS		
	Previously Major 2017 GOB Debt Service Fund	Buford BOE Intergovernmental Contract Payable Debt Service Fund	Total Nonmajor Debt Service Funds
ASSETS			
Cash and cash equivalents	$ 199	$ -	$ 199
Total assets	$ 199	$ -	$ 199
FUND BALANCES			
Restricted for:			
Debt Service	$ 199	$ -	$ 199
Total fund balances	$ 199	$ -	$ 199

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CITY OF BUFORD, GEORGIA
COMBINING STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
NONMAJOR DEBT SERVICE FUNDS
AS OF JUNE 30, 2025

	NON-MAJOR DEBT SERVICE FUNDS		
	Previously Major 2017 GOB Debt Service Fund	Buford BOE Intergovernmental Contract Payable Debt Service Fund	Total Nonmajor Debt Service Funds
REVENUES			
Intergovernmental	$ 490,500	$ 2,811,396	$ 3,301,896
Investment income	-	-	-
Total revenues	490,500	2,811,396	3,301,896
EXPENDITURES			
Debt service:			
Principal retirement	-	1,955,000	1,955,000
Interest and fiscal charges	491,225	857,396	1,348,621
Total expenditures	491,225	2,812,396	3,303,621
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenditures	(725)	(1,000)	(1,725)
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)			
Transfers in	725	1,000	1,725
Net other financing sources (uses)	725	1,000	1,725
Net change in fund balance	-	-	-
Fund balance - beginning, as previously presented	-	-	-
Change within financial reporting entity (Major to Nonmajor fund)	199	-	199
Fund balance - beginning, as adjusted	199	-	199
Fund balance - ending	$ 199	$ -	$ 199

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CITY OF BUFORD, GEORGIA
COMBINING BALANCE SHEET
NONMAJOR CAPITAL PROJECTS FUNDS
AS OF JUNE 30, 2025

	NON-MAJOR CAPITAL PROJECTS FUNDS				
	GWINNETT COUNTY 2009 SPLOST	GWINNETT COUNTY 2017 SPLOST	GWINNETT COUNTY 2023 SPLOST	HALL COUNTY 2009 SPLOST	HALL COUNTY 2015 SPLOST
ASSETS					
Cash and cash equivalents	$ 1,117,428	$ 79,893	$ 5,150,582	$ 92,453	$ 759,322
Due from other governments	-	-	605,890	-	-
Total assets	$ 1,117,428	$ 79,893	$ 5,756,472	$ 92,453	$ 759,322
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES					
LIABILITIES					
Accounts payable	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
Due to other governments	-	-	-	-	-
Total liabilities	-	-	-	-	-
FUND BALANCES					
Restricted for:					
Capital projects	1,117,428	79,893	5,756,472	92,453	759,322
Total fund balances	1,117,428	79,893	5,756,472	92,453	759,322
Total liabilities and fund balances	$ 1,117,428	$ 79,893	$ 5,756,472	$ 92,453	$ 759,322

HALL COUNTY 2020 SPLOST	REST HAVEN 2001 SPLOST	REST HAVEN 2005 SPLOST	TOTAL NONMAJOR CAPITAL PROJECTS FUNDS
$ 1,808,264	$ -	$ 572,746	$ 9,580,688
68,762	-	-	674,652
$ 1,877,026	$ -	$ 572,746	$ 10,255,340
$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
-	-	300,000	300,000
-	-	300,000	300,000
1,877,026	-	272,746	9,955,340
1,877,026	-	272,746	9,955,340
$ 1,877,026	$ -	$ 572,746	$ 10,255,340

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CITY OF BUFORD, GEORGIA
COMBINING STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
NONMAJOR CAPITAL PROJECTS FUNDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2025

	NON-MAJOR CAPITAL PROJECTS FUNDS				
	GWINNETT COUNTY 2009 SPLOST	GWINNETT COUNTY 2017 SPLOST	GWINNETT COUNTY 2023 SPLOST	HALL COUNTY 2009 SPLOST	HALL COUNTY 2015 SPLOST
REVENUES					
Intergovernmental revenue	$ -	$ -	$ 3,699,254	$ -	$ -
Investment income	1,630	470	3,546	93	763
Total revenues	1,630	470	3,702,800	93	763
EXPENDITURES					
Capital outlay	-	-	-	-	-
Intergovernmental	-	-	-	-	-
Total expenditures	-	-	-	-	-
Excess (deficiency) of Revenues over (under) Expenditures	1,630	470	3,702,800	93	763
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)					
Transfers out	(1,668,233)	(658,900)	(173,317)	-	-
Net other financing sources (uses)	(1,668,233)	(658,900)	(173,317)	-	-
Net change in fund balance	(1,666,603)	(658,430)	3,529,483	93	763
Fund balance - beginning	2,784,031	738,323	2,226,989	92,360	758,559
Fund balance - ending	$ 1,117,428	$ 79,893	$ 5,756,472	$ 92,453	$ 759,322

HALL COUNTY 2020 SPLOST	REST HAVEN 2001 SPLOST	REST HAVEN 2005 SPLOST	TOTAL NONMAJOR CAPITAL PROJECTS FUNDS
$ 412,575	$ -	$ -	$ 4,111,829
1,610	10	576	8,698
414,185	10	576	4,120,527
-	-	-	-
-	-	300,000	300,000
-	-	300,000	300,000
414,185	10	(299,424)	3,820,527
-	(19,224)	-	(2,519,674)
-	(19,224)	-	(2,519,674)
414,185	(19,214)	(299,424)	1,300,853
1,462,841	19,214	572,170	8,654,487
$ 1,877,026	$ -	$ 272,746	$ 9,955,340

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CITY OF BUFORD, GEORGIA
SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE -
BUDGET AND ACTUAL - AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT FUND
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2025

	Final Budget	Actual	Variance with Final budget Over (Under)
REVENUES			
Intergovernmental	$ -	$ 2,798,451	$ 2,798,451
Investment income	2,500	859	(1,641)
Total revenues	2,500	2,799,310	2,796,810
EXPENDITURES			
Capital outlay	545,750	545,750	-
Total expenditures	545,750	545,750	-
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenditures	(543,250)	2,253,560	2,796,810
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)			
Transfers out	(2,264,306)	(2,264,306)	-
Net other financing sources (uses)	(2,264,306)	(2,264,306)	-
Net change in fund balance	(2,807,556)	(10,746)	2,796,810
Fund balance - beginning	10,746	10,746	-
Fund balance - ending	$(2,796,810)	$ -	$ 2,796,810

CITY OF BUFORD, GEORGIA
HOTEL/MOTEL TAX FUND
SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE - BUDGET AND ACTUAL
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2025

	Final Budget	Actual	Variance with Final budget Over (Under)
REVENUES			
Taxes – sales, excise, and other	$ 300,000	$ 263,639	$(36,361)
Investment income	200	97	(103)
Total revenues	300,200	263,736	(36,464)
EXPENDITURES			
Current operating:			
Public services:			
Culture and recreation	75,325	75,325	-
Total expenditures	75,325	75,325	-
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenditures	224,875	188,411	(36,464)
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)			
Transfers out	(188,411)	(188,411)	-
Net other financing sources (uses)	(188,411)	(188,411)	-
Net change in fund balance	36,464	-	(36,464)
Fund balance - beginning	-	-	-
Fund balance - ending	$ 36,464	$ -	$(36,464)

CITY OF BUFORD, GEORGIA
AUTO RENTAL EXCISE TAX FUND
SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE - BUDGET AND ACTUAL
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2025

	Final Budget	Actual	Variance with Final budget Over (Under)
REVENUES			
Taxes – sales, excise, and other	$ 175,000	$ 361,215	$ 186,215
Total revenues	175,000	361,215	186,215
EXPENDITURES			
Current operating:			
Public services:			
Culture and recreation	-	-	-
Total expenditures	-	-	-
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenditures	175,000	361,215	186,215
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)			
Transfers out	(361,215)	(361,215)	-
Net other financing sources (uses)	(361,215)	(361,215)	-
Net change in fund balance	(186,215)	-	186,215
Fund balance - beginning	-	-	-
Fund balance - ending	$(186,215)	$ -	$ 186,215

CITY OF BUFORD, GEORGIA
2017 GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND DEBT SERVICE FUND
SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE - BUDGET AND ACTUAL
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2025

	Final Budget	Actual	Variance with Final budget Over (Under)
REVENUES			
Intergovernmental	$ -	$ 490,500	$ 490,500
Investment income	-	-	-
Total revenues	-	490,500	490,500
EXPENDITURES			
Debt service:			
Principal retirement	-	-	-
Interest and fiscal charges	491,225	491,225	-
Total expenditures	491,225	491,225	-
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenditures	(491,225)	(725)	490,500
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)			
Transfers in	-	725	725
Transfers out	(-)	(-)	-
Net other financing sources (uses)	(-)	725	725
Net change in fund balance	(491,225)	-	491,225
Fund balance - beginning	199	199	-
Fund balance - ending	$(491,026)	$ 199	$ 491,225

CITY OF BUFORD, GEORGIA
BUFORD BOE INTERGOVERNMENTAL CONTRACT PAYABLE DEBT SERVICE FUND
SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE - BUDGET AND ACTUAL
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2025

	Final Budget	Actual	Variance with Final budget Over (Under)
REVENUES			
Intergovernmental	$ -	$ 2,811,396	$ 2,811,396
Total revenues	-	2,811,396	2,811,396
EXPENDITURES			
Debt service:			
Principal retirement	1,955,000	1,955,000	-
Interest and fiscal charges	857,396	857,396	-
Total expenditures	2,812,396	2,812,396	-
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenditures	(2,812,396)	(1,000)	2,811,396
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)			
Transfers in	-	1,000	1,000
Net other financing sources (uses)	-	1,000	1,000
Net change in fund balance	(2,812,396)	-	2,812,396
Fund balance - beginning	-	-	-
Fund balance - ending	$(2,812,396)	$ -	$ 2,812,396

CITY OF BUFORD, GEORGIA
GWINNETT COUNTY 2009 SPLOST FUND
SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE - BUDGET AND ACTUAL
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2025

	Final Budget	Actual	Variance with Final budget Over (Under)
REVENUES			
Intergovernmental revenue	$ -	$ -	$ -
Investment income	1,500	1,630	130
Total revenues	1,500	1,630	130
EXPENDITURES			
Capital outlay	-	-	-
Total expenditures	-	-	-
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenditures	1,500	1,630	130
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)			
Transfers out	(1,668,233)	(1,668,233)	-
Total other financing sources (uses)	(1,668,233)	(1,668,233)	-
Net change in fund balance	(1,666,733)	(1,666,603)	130
Fund balance - beginning	2,784,031	2,784,031	-
Fund balance - ending	$ 1,117,298	$ 1,117,428	$ 130

CITY OF BUFORD, GEORGIA
GWINNETT COUNTY 2017 SPLOST FUND
SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE - BUDGET AND ACTUAL
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2025

	Final Budget	Actual	Variance with Final budget Over (Under)
REVENUES			
Intergovernmental revenue	$ -	$ -	$ -
Investment income	720	470	(250)
Total revenues	720	470	(250)
EXPENDITURES			
Capital outlay	-	-	-
Total expenditures	-	-	-
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenditures	720	470	(250)
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)			
Transfers out	(658,900)	(658,900)	-
Total other financing sources (uses)	(658,900)	(658,900)	-
Net change in fund balance	(658,180)	(658,430)	(250)
Fund balance - beginning	738,323	738,323	-
Fund balance - ending	$ 80,143	$ 79,893	$(250)

CITY OF BUFORD, GEORGIA
GWINNETT COUNTY 2023 SPLOST FUND
SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE - BUDGET AND ACTUAL
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2025

	Final Budget	Actual	Variance with Final budget Over (Under)
REVENUES			
Intergovernmental revenue	$ 3,400,000	$ 3,699,254	$ 299,254
Investment income	-	3,546	3,546
Total revenues	3,400,000	3,702,800	302,800
EXPENDITURES			
Capital outlay	-	-	-
Total expenditures	-	-	-
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenditures	3,400,000	3,702,800	302,800
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)			
Transfers out	(173,317)	(173,317)	-
Total other financing sources (uses)	(173,317)	(173,317)	-
Net change in fund balance	3,226,683	3,529,483	302,800
Fund balance - beginning	2,226,989	2,226,989	-
Fund balance - ending	$ 5,453,672	$ 5,756,472	$ 302,800

CITY OF BUFORD, GEORGIA
HALL COUNTY 2009 SPLOST FUND
SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE - BUDGET AND ACTUAL
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2025

	Final Budget	Actual	Variance with Final budget Over (Under)
REVENUES			
Intergovernmental revenue	$ -	$ -	$ -
Investment income	100	93	(7)
Total revenues	100	93	(7)
EXPENDITURES			
Capital outlay	-	-	-
Total expenditures	-	-	-
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenditures	100	93	(7)
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)			
Transfers out	-	-	-
Total other financing sources (uses)	-	-	-
Net change in fund balance	100	93	(7)
Fund balance - beginning	92,360	92,360	-
Fund balance - ending	$ 92,460	$ 92,453	$(7)

CITY OF BUFORD, GEORGIA
HALL COUNTY 2015 SPLOST FUND
SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE - BUDGET AND ACTUAL
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2025

	Final Budget	Actual	Variance with Final budget Over (Under)
REVENUES			
Intergovernmental revenue	$ -	$ -	$ -
Investment income	800	763	(37)
Total revenues	800	763	(37)
EXPENDITURES			
Capital outlay	-	-	-
Total expenditures	-	-	-
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenditures	800	763	(37)
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)			
Transfers out	-	-	-
Total other financing sources (uses)	-	-	-
Net change in fund balance	800	763	(37)
Fund balance - beginning	758,559	758,559	-
Fund balance - ending	$ 759,359	$ 759,322	$(37)

CITY OF BUFORD, GEORGIA
HALL COUNTY 2020 SPLOST FUND
SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE - BUDGET AND ACTUAL
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2025

	Final Budget	Actual	Variance with Final budget Over (Under)
REVENUES			
Intergovernmental revenue	$ 350,000	$ 412,575	$ 62,575
Investment income	800	1,610	810
Total revenues	350,800	414,185	63,385
EXPENDITURES			
Capital outlay	-	-	-
Total expenditures	-	-	-
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenditures	350,800	414,185	63,385
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)			
Transfers out	-	-	-
Total other financing sources (uses)	-	-	-
Net change in fund balance	350,800	414,185	63,385
Fund balance - beginning	1,462,841	1,462,841	-
Fund balance - ending	$ 1,813,641	$ 1,877,026	$ 63,385

CITY OF BUFORD, GEORGIA
REST HAVEN 2001 SPLOST FUND
SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE - BUDGET AND ACTUAL
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2025

	Final Budget	Actual	Variance with Final budget Over (Under)
REVENUES			
Intergovernmental revenue	$ -	$ -	$ -
Investment income	19	10	(9)
Total revenues	19	10	(9)
EXPENDITURES			
Capital outlay	-	-	-
Total expenditures	-	-	-
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenditures	19	10	(9)
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)			
Transfers out	(19,224)	(19,224)	-
Total other financing sources (uses)	(19,224)	(19,224)	-
Net change in fund balance	(19,205)	(19,214)	-
Fund balance – beginning	19,214	19,214	-
Fund balance – ending	$ 9	$ -	$(9)

CITY OF BUFORD, GEORGIA-
REST HAVEN 2005 SPLOST FUND
SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE - BUDGET AND ACTUAL
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2025

	Final Budget	Actual	Variance with Final budget Over (Under)
REVENUES			
Intergovernmental revenue	$ -	$ -	$ -
Investment income	570	576	6
Total revenues	570	576	6
EXPENDITURES			
Intergovernmental	300,000	300,000	-
Total expenditures	300,000	300,000	-
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenditures	(299,430)	(299,424)	6
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)			
Transfers out	-	-	-
Total other financing sources (uses)	-	-	-
Net change in fund balance	(299,430)	(299,424)	6
Fund balance - beginning	572,170	572,170	-
Fund balance - ending	$ 272,740	$ 272,746	$ 6

COMBINING FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FIDUCIARY FUNDS

CUSTODIAL FUNDS

The Custodial Funds account for all resources held by the City in trust for use by the City of Buford Board of Education. They are Educational SPLOST funds used for the acquisition and/or construction of major capital facilities and assets, or debt service on debt issued for the acquisition and/or construction of major capital facilities for the BOE. The following is a description of the City's Custodial Fiduciary Funds.

Gwinnett County E-SPLOST V Fund - used to account for the construction and financing of projects funded by the City of Buford Board of Education Gwinnett County E-SPLOST V.

Gwinnett County E-SPLOST VI Fund - used to account for the construction and financing of projects funded by the City of Buford Board of Education Gwinnett County E-SPLOST VI.

Hall County E-SPLOST IV Fund - used to account for the construction and financing of projects funded by the City of Buford Board of Education Hall County E-SPLOST IV.

Hall County E-SPLOST V Fund - used to account for the construction and financing of projects funded by the City of Buford Board of Education Hall County E-SPLOST V.

Hall County E-SPLOST VI Fund - used to account for the construction and financing of projects funded by the City of Buford Board of Education Hall County E-SPLOST VI.

CITY OF BUFORD, GEORGIA
COMBINING STATEMENT OF FIDUCIARY NET POSITION
CUSTODIAL FUNDS
CITY OF BUFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION SPLOST FUNDS
JUNE 30, 2025

	CUSTODIAL FUNDS					
	Gwinnett County E-SPLOST V Fund	Gwinnett County E-SPLOST VI Fund	Hall County E-SPLOST IV Fund	Hall County E-SPLOST V Fund	Hall County E-SPLOST VI Fund	Total Custodial Funds
ASSETS						
Cash and cash equivalents	$ 710,271	$ 5,144,093	$ -	$ -	$ 4,172,668	$ 10,027,032
Investments	-	6,687,444	-	-	-	6,687,444
Due from other governments	-	-	-	-	134,399	134,399
Total assets	710,271	11,831,537	-	-	4,307,067	16,848,875
LIABILITIES						
Due to other governments	-	645,653	-	-	-	645,653
Unearned revenue	-	5,626,611	-	-	-	5,626,611
Total liabilities	-	6,272,264	-	-	-	6,272,264
NET POSITION						
Restricted for:						
City of Buford Board of Education	710,271	5,559,273	-	-	4,307,067	10,576,611
Total net position	$ 710,271	$ 5,559,273	$ -	$ -	$ 4,307,067	$ 10,576,611

SEE INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT.

CITY OF BUFORD, GEORGIA
COMBINING STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN FIDUCIARY NET POSITION
CUSTODIAL FUNDS
CITY OF BUFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION SPLOST FUNDS
JUNE 30, 2025

	CUSTODIAL FUNDS					
	Gwinnett County E-SPLOST V Fund	Gwinnett County E-SPLOST VI Fund	Hall County E-SPLOST IV Fund	Hall County E-SPLOST V Fund	Hall County E-SPLOST VI Fund	Total Custodial Funds
ADDITIONS						
Intergovernmental	$ -	$ 7,574,240	$ -	$ -	$ 1,597,805	$ 9,172,045
Investment income	188	472,113	230	1,304	3,329	477,164
Total additions	188	8,046,353	230	1,304	1,601,134	9,649,209
DEDUCTIONS						
Intergovernmental	3,886,059	4,695,732	684,445	4,035,660	-	13,301,896
Transfers	(662,383)	662,383	-	-	-	-
Total deductions	3,223,676	5,358,115	684,445	4,035,660	-	13,301,896
Net increase (decrease) in fiduciary net position	(3,223,488)	2,688,238	(684,215)	(4,034,356)	1,601,134	(3,652,687)
Total net position at beginning of year, as previously presented	3,933,759	2,247,576	684,215	4,034,356	2,705,933	13,605,839
Error correction	-	623,459	-	-	-	623,459
Total net position at beginning of year, as restated	3,933,759	2,871,035	684,215	4,034,356	2,705,933	14,229,298
Total net position at end of year	$ 710,271	$ 5,559,273	$ -	$ -	$ 4,307,067	$ 10,576,611

SEE INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT.

SINGLE AUDIT SECTION

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

To the Honorable Members of the Board of Commissioners
City of Buford, 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, the financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, the discretely presented component units, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the City of Buford, Georgia (the "City"), as of and for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2025, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the City's basic financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated December 22, 2025. Our report includes a reference to other auditors who audited the financial statements of the City of Buford Board of Education, as described in our report on the City's financial statements. This report does not include the results of the other auditors' testing of internal control over financial reporting or compliance and other matters that are reported separately by those auditors.

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 entity's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected on a timely basis. A *significant deficiency* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.**

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

Report on Compliance and Other Matters

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

To the Honorable Members of the Board of Commissioners
City of Buford, Georgia

Purpose of this Report

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

Wilcox & Bivings, P.C.

Suwanee, Georgia
December 22, 2025

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON COMPLIANCE FOR EACH MAJOR FEDERAL PROGRAM AND ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER COMPLIANCE REQUIRED BY THE UNIFORM GUIDANCE

To the Honorable Members of the Board of Commissioners
City of Buford, Georgia

Report on Compliance for Each Major Federal Program

Opinion on Each Major Federal Program

We have audited the City of Buford, Georgia's (the "City") compliance with the types of compliance requirements identified as subject to audit in the *OMB Compliance Supplement* that could have a direct and material effect on each of the City's major federal programs for the year ended June 30, 2025. The City's major federal programs are identified in the summary of auditor's results section of the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs.

The City's basic financial statements include the operations of the City of Buford Board of Education, a discretely presented component unit of the City, which expended $5,280,510 in federal awards, during its most recent fiscal year audited, which is not included in the City's schedule of expenditures of federal awards during the year ended June 30, 2025. Our audit, described in the Opinion on Each Major Federal Program section, did not include the operations of the City of Buford Board of Education because the City of Buford Board of Education engaged other auditors to perform an audit of compliance.

In our opinion, the City complied, in all material respects, with the types of compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on each of its major federal programs for the year ended June 30, 2025.

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; the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States; and the audit requirements of Title 2 U.S. *Code of Federal Regulations* Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (Uniform Guidance). Our responsibilities under those standards and the Uniform Guidance are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance section of our report.

We are required to be independent of the City and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion on compliance for each major federal program. Our audit does not provide a legal determination of the City's compliance with the compliance requirements referred to above.

Responsibilities of Management for Compliance

Management is responsible for compliance with the requirements referred to above and for the design, implementation, and maintenance of effective internal control over compliance with the requirements of laws, statutes, regulations, rules, and provisions of contracts or grant agreements applicable to the City's federal programs.

To the Honorable Members of the Board of Commissioners
City of Buford, Georgia

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether material noncompliance with the compliance requirements referred to above occurred, whether due to fraud or error, and express an opinion on the City's compliance based on our audit. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, *Government Auditing Standards,* and the Uniform Guidance will always detect material noncompliance when it exists. The risk of not detecting material noncompliance resulting from fraud is higher than for that resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Noncompliance with the compliance requirements referred to above is considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, it would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user of the report on compliance about the City's compliance with the requirements of each major federal program as a whole.

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

- **Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.**
- **Identify and asses the risks of material noncompliance, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the City's compliance with the compliance requirements referred to above and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.**
- **Obtain an understanding of the City's internal control over compliance relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances and to test and report on internal control over compliance in accordance with the Uniform Guidance, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the City's internal control over compliance. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.**

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and any significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in internal control over compliance that we identified during the audit.

<u>Report on Internal Control over Compliance</u>

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.

To the Honorable Members of the Board of Commissioners
City of Buford, Georgia

The purpose of this report on internal control over compliance is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control and 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.

Wilcox & Bivings, P.C.

Suwanee, Georgia
December 22, 2025

CITY OF BUFORD, GEORGIA
SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2025

Federal Grantor/Program or Cluster Title/Pass-through Grantor	Federal CFDA Number	Pass-through Entity Identifying Number	Federal Expenditures
U.S. Department of the Treasury:			
COVID-19 Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds/			
Local Fiscal Recovery for Non-Entitlement Units/			
State of Georgia Office of the Governor	21.027	GA-0013097	$ 2,798,451
Total U.S. Department of the Treasury			2,798,451
U.S. Department of Transportation:			
Highway Planning and Construction:			
Highway Planning and Construction/			
State of Georgia Department of Transportation	20.205	PI 0015088	548,008
Surface Transportation Block Grant Program/			
State of Georgia Department of Transportation	20.205	PI 0019212	348,264
Total U.S. Department of Transportation			896,272
U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development:			
Office of Community Planning and Development:			
Community Development Block Grants-Entitlement Grants/			
Gwinnett County	14.218	CDBG-AD-CD-24-16	157,797
Total U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development			157,797
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency:			
Drinking Water State Revolving Fund/			
Georgia Environmental Finance Authority	66.468	DWLSL2022116	30,822
Total Environmental Protection Agency			30,822
Total Expenditures of Federal Awards			$ 3,883,342

See accompanying notes to schedule of expenditures of federal awards.

NOTE A - BASIS OF PRESENTATION

The accompanying schedule of expenditures of federal awards (the Schedule) includes the federal award activity of the City of Buford, Georgia, under programs of the federal government for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025. The information in this schedule is presented in accordance with the requirements of Title 2 U.S. *Code of Federal Regulations* (CFR) Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements of Federal Awards* (The Uniform Guidance). Therefore, some amounts presented in this schedule may differ from amounts presented in, or used in, the preparation of, the basic financial statements.

NOTE B - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Expenditures reported on the Schedule are reported on the accrual basis of accounting. Such expenditures are recognized following the cost principles contained in OMB Circular A-87, *Cost Principles for State, Local and Indian Tribal Governments*, or the cost principles contained in Title 2 U.S. *Code of Federal Regulations* (CFR) Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements of Federal Awards*, wherein certain types of expenditures are not allowable or are limited as to reimbursement.

NOTE C - *DE MINIMIS* INDIRECT COST RATE

The 10-percent *de minimis* indirect cost rate allowed under the Uniform Guidance does not apply to the City's federal awards.

NOTE D - SUBRECIPIENTS

The City had no subrecipients under its federal awards.

NOTE E - PRIOR YEAR EXPENDITURES

The Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards includes $2,252,701 of expenditures that were incurred in the prior fiscal year, but were obligated by approval of the City Commissioners during the current fiscal year for eligible projects under CFDA #21.027 - U. S. Department of the Treasury/COVID-19 Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds/Local Fiscal Recovery for Non-Entitlement Units.

SECTION I-SUMMARY OF AUDITOR'S RESULTS

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Type of Auditor's Report Issued:

- **Unmodified opinion.**

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting:

- **Material weaknesses - none reported.**
- **Significant deficiencies - none reported.**
- **Noncompliance material to the financial statements - none reported.**

FEDERAL AWARDS

Types of Auditors' Report Issued on Compliance for Major Programs:

- **Unmodified opinion.**

Internal Control Over Major Programs:

- **Material weaknesses - none reported.**
- **Significant deficiencies - none reported.**

Audit findings:

- **No audit findings disclosed that are required to be reported in accordance with 2 CFR Section 200.516(a).**

Identification of Major Programs:

- **CFDA #21.027 - United States Department of the Treasury/COVID-19 Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds/Local Fiscal Recovery for Non-Entitlement Units.**
- **CFDA #20.205 – United States Department of Transportation/Highway Planning and Construction Cluster.**

Dollar Threshold Used to Distinguish Between Type A and Type B Programs:

- **The threshold for distinguishing Types A and B programs was $750,000.**

Auditee status:

- **The City of Buford, Georgia did qualify as a low-risk auditee.**

SECTION II - FINANCIAL STATEMENT AUDIT - FINDINGS

- **No matters reported.**

SECTION III – MAJOR FEDERAL AWARD PROGRAMS AUDIT - FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS

- **No matters reported.**

CITY OF BUFORD, GEORGIA
SCHEDULE OF PRIOR YEAR AUDIT FINDINGS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2025

Financial Statement Findings:

- **No matters reported.**

Federal Award Findings and Questioned Costs:

- **No matters reported.**

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CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2025

- **As there were no findings for the year ended June 30, 2025, there are no corrective actions.**

SCHEDULE REQUIRED BY THE STATE OF GEORGIA

CITY OF BUFORD, GEORGIA
SCHEDULE OF PROJECTS CONSTRUCTED WITH SPECIAL PURPOSE LOCAL OPTION SALES TAX PROCEEDS
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2025

PROJECT DESCRIPTION	Original Estimate Amount	Current Estimate Amount	Amount Expended In Prior Years	Amount Expended In Current Year	Total	Estimated Percentage of Completion
REST HAVEN 2001 SPLOST						
Recreational Facilities	$ -	$ 91,103	$ 71,879	$ 19,224*	$ 91,103	100.00%
Total Rest Haven 2001 SPLOST	$ -	$ 91,103	$ 71,879	$ 19,224	$ 91,103	
REST HAVEN 2005 SPLOST						
Transportation	$ 296,785	$ 572,746	$ -	$ 300,000^	$ 300,000	52.43%
Total Rest Haven 2005 SPLOST	$ 296,785	$ 572,746	$ -	$ 300,000	$ 300,000	
HALL COUNTY 2009 SPLOST						
Transportation	$ 25,732	$ 92,453	$ -	$ -	$ -	0.00%
Total Hall County 2009 SPLOST	$ 25,732	$ 92,453	$ -	$ -	$ -	
GWINNETT COUNTY 2009 SPLOST						
Transportation	$ 5,960,000	$ 4,740,332	$ 2,179,281	$ 1,565,289*	$ 3,744,570	78.99%
Recreational Facilities	1,677,101	1,333,895	1,200,000	102,944*	1,302,944	97.68%
Water & Sewer	2,000,000	1,590,715	1,500,000	-	1,500,000	94.30%
Total Gwinnett County 2009 SPLOST	$ 9,637,101	$ 7,664,942	$ 4,879,281	$ 1,668,233	$ 6,547,514	
HALL COUNTY 2015 SPLOST						
Transportation	$ 111,249	$ 118,768	$ -	$ -	$ -	0.00%
Water & Sewer	600,000	640,554	-	-	-	0.00%
Total Hall County 2015 SPLOST	$ 711,249	$ 759,322	$ -	$ -	$ -	
GWINNETT COUNTY 2017 SPLOST						
Parking Facilities	$ 3,765,543	$ 3,765,543	$ 3,765,543	$ -	$ 3,765,543	100.00%
Recreational Facilities & Equipment	6,932,788	9,029,637	8,370,737	658,900*	9,029,637	100.00%
Transportation	941,677	1,116,143	1,116,143	-	1,116,143	100.00%
Total Gwinnett County 2017 SPLOST	$ 11,640,008	$ 13,911,323	$ 13,252,423	$ 658,900	$ 13,911,323	
HALL COUNTY 2020 SPLOST						
Transportation	$ 1,427,215	$ 1,877,026	$ -	$ -	$ -	0.00%
Total Hall County 2020 SPLOST	$ 1,427,215	$ 1,877,026	$ -	$ -	$ -	
GWINNETT COUNTY 2023 SPLOST						
Transportation	$ 15,445,208	$ 15,445,208	$ 2,199,772	$ -	$ 2,199,772	14.24%
Recreation Facilities & Equipment	5,000,000	5,000,000	-	173,317*	173,317	3.47%
Total Gwinnett County 2023 SPLOST	$ 20,445,208	$ 20,445,208	$ 2,199,772	$ 173,317	$ 2,373,089	

*** Reported as a transfer as amount was transferred to the General Fund to reimburse previous allowable expenditures for SPLOST approved projects.**

^ Reported as an intergovernmental expenditure as amount was paid back to the City of Rest Haven to be used for transportation capital expenditures per an intergovernmental agreement.