

CITY OF PORTERDALE, GEORGIA

Annual Financial Report

For the year ended December 31, 2023

CITY OF PORTERDALE, GEORGIA
ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT
For the year ended December 31, 2023

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Independent Auditor's Report

Honorable Mayor and
Members of the City Council
City of Porterdale, 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, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the City of Porterdale, Georgia, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2023, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the City's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the City of Porterdale, Georgia, as of December 31, 2023, and the respective changes in financial position and, where applicable, cash flows thereof, and the budgetary comparison of the General Fund, the American Rescue Plan Act Special Revenue Fund, and the Drug Seizure Special Revenue Fund for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Basis for Opinions

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America 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 of Porterdale, Georgia and to meet our 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 opinion.

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 of Porterdale, Georgia'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 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 of Porterdale, Georgia'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 of Porterdale, Georgia'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

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

Supplementary Information

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

Other Reporting Required by *Government Auditing Standards*

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated October 31, 2025, on our consideration of the City of Porterdale, Georgia's internal control over financial reporting and our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, grant agreements, and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the 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 of Porterdale, Georgia's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

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Gainesville, Georgia
October 31, 2025

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BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

CITY OF PORTERDALE, GEORGIA
STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
December 31, 2023

	Governmental Activities	Business-type Activities	Total
ASSETS			
Current assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	$ 2,221,830	$ 356,080	$ 2,577,910
Restricted cash and cash equivalents	75,828	71,130	146,958
Receivables (net)			
Accounts	9,317	89,243	98,560
Intergovernmental	80,388	122,746	203,134
Taxes	558,938	0	558,938
Leases	83,919	0	83,919
Prepaid items	14,429	3,457	17,886
Internal balances	(2,245)	2,245	0
Total current assets	3,042,404	644,901	3,687,305
Noncurrent assets			
Capital assets			
Non-depreciable	333,200	1,369,581	1,702,781
Depreciable and amortizable (net)	2,773,779	3,240,477	6,014,256
Total noncurrent assets	3,106,979	4,610,058	7,717,037
Total assets	6,149,383	5,254,959	11,404,342
LIABILITIES			
Current liabilities			
Payables			
Accounts	47,509	147,968	195,477
Retainages	0	27,339	27,339
Interest	0	1,840	1,840
Other payroll liabilities	19,032	161	19,193
Compensated absences	25,625	1,641	27,266
Unearned revenue	265,023	13,212	278,235
Due to others	8,123	0	8,123
Customer deposits payable	0	71,130	71,130
Subscriptions payable	10,224	0	10,224
Notes payable	17,213	107,967	125,180
Total current liabilities	392,749	371,258	764,007

See accompanying notes to the financial statements.

CITY OF PORTERDALE, GEORGIA
STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
December 31, 2023

	Governmental Activities	Business-type Activities	Total
Noncurrent liabilities			
Subscriptions payable	$ 21,050	$ 0	$ 21,050
Notes payable	13,339	1,279,019	1,292,358
Total noncurrent liabilities	34,389	1,279,019	1,313,408
Total liabilities	427,138	1,650,277	2,077,415
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES			
Deferred inflows related to leases	86,013	0	86,013
NET POSITION			
Net investment in capital assets	3,045,153	3,195,733	6,240,886
Restricted for:			
Public Safety	5,013	0	5,013
Capital outlay	1,644,302	0	1,644,302
Unrestricted	941,764	408,949	1,350,713
Total net position	$ 5,636,232	$ 3,604,682	$ 9,240,914

See accompanying notes to the financial statements.

CITY OF PORTERDALE, GEORGIA
STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
For the year ended December 31, 2023

FUNCTIONS/PROGRAMS	Expenses	Program Revenues: Charges for Services	Program Revenues: Operating Grants and Contributions	Program Revenues: Capital Grants and Contributions	Net (Expense) Revenue
Primary government					
Governmental activities					
General Government	$ 417,763	$ 24,786	$ 2,250	$ 222,938	$ (167,789)
Judicial	167,473	0	0	0	(167,473)
Public Safety	786,045	159,533	0	30,368	(596,144)
Public Works	358,686	0	0	243,743	(114,943)
Culture and Recreation	119,330	0	0	43,285	(76,045)
Housing and Development	91,147	25,224	0	0	(65,923)
Interest on long-term debt	2,285	0	0	0	(2,285)
Total governmental activities	1,942,729	209,543	2,250	540,334	(1,190,602)
Business-type activities					
Water and Sewer	705,847	897,917	0	0	192,070
Sanitation	212,073	148,316	0	0	(63,757)
Total business-type activities	917,920	1,046,233	0	0	128,313
Total primary government	2,860,649	1,255,776	2,250	540,334	(1,062,289)

Change in net position	Governmental Activities	Business-Type Activities	Total
Net (expense) revenue	$ (1,190,602)	$ 128,313	$ (1,062,289)
General revenues			
Taxes			
Property	1,002,344	0	1,002,344
Sales	457,532	0	457,532
Franchise	119,698	0	119,698
Insurance premium	159,752	0	159,752
Alcoholic beverage	13,791	0	13,791
Occupational	6,630	0	6,630
Other	22,721	0	22,721
Interest and investment earnings	1,303	0	1,303
Miscellaneous	22,562	2,593	25,155
Gain on sale of capital assets	10,915	0	10,915
Transfers	(222,620)	222,620	0
Total general revenues and transfers	1,594,628	225,213	1,819,841
Change in net position	404,026	353,526	757,552
Net position - beginning, as previously reported	4,961,061	3,251,156	8,212,217
Error correction	271,145	0	271,145
Net position - beginning, as restated	5,232,206	3,251,156	8,483,362
Net position - ending	$ 5,636,232	$ 3,604,682	$ 9,240,914

See accompanying notes to the financial statements.

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CITY OF PORTERDALE, GEORGIA
BALANCE SHEET
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
December 31, 2023

	General	Special Revenue Funds: American Rescue Plan Act	Special Revenue Funds: Drug Seizure
ASSETS			
Cash and cash equivalents	$ 629,941	$ 282,133	$ 2,944
Restricted cash and cash equivalents	75,828	0	0
Receivables (net)			
Accounts	9,317	0	0
Intergovernmental	0	0	0
Taxes	558,938	0	0
Leases	83,919	0	0
Prepaid items	14,429	0	0
Due from other funds	0	0	2,069
Total assets	$ 1,372,372	$ 282,133	$ 5,013
LIABILITIES			
Accounts payable	$ 32,644	$ 14,865	$ 0
Accrued salaries and payroll liabilities	19,032	0	0
Unearned revenue	0	265,023	0
Due to others	8,123	0	0
Due to other funds	191,466	2,245	0
Total liabilities	251,265	282,133	0
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES			
Unavailable revenue - property taxes	83,847	0	0
Leases	86,013	0	0
Total deferred inflows of resources	169,860	0	0
FUND BALANCES			
Nonspendable:			
Prepaid items	14,429	0	0
Restricted for:			
Public Safety	0	0	5,013
Capital projects	67,705	0	0
Unassigned	869,113	0	0
Total fund balances	951,247	0	5,013
Total liabilities and fund balances	$ 1,372,372	$ 282,133	$ 5,013

See accompanying notes to the financial statements.

Capital Projects Funds		
2017 SPLOST	2023 SPLOST	Total
$ 1,200,958	$ 105,854	$ 2,221,830
0	0	75,828
0	0	9,317
0	80,388	80,388
0	0	558,938
0	0	83,919
0	0	14,429
189,397	0	191,466
$ 1,390,355	$ 186,242	$ 3,236,115
$ 0	$ 0	$ 47,509
0	0	19,032
0	0	265,023
0	0	8,123
0	0	193,711
0	0	533,398
0	0	83,847
0	0	86,013
0	0	169,860
0	0	14,429
0	0	5,013
1,390,355	186,242	1,644,302
0	0	869,113
1,390,355	186,242	2,532,857
$ 1,390,355	$ 186,242	$ 3,236,115

See accompanying notes to the financial statements.

CITY OF PORTERDALE, GEORGIA
RECONCILIATION OF THE BALANCE SHEET OF
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS TO THE
STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
December 31, 2023

Total fund balance - total governmental funds		$ 2,532,857
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of net position are different because:		
Some assets are not financial resources and, therefore, are not reported in the funds.		
These are:		
Capital assets net of accumulated depreciation and amortization		3,106,979
Long-term liabilities are not due and payable in the current period and are not reported in the funds.		
These are:		
Compensated absences	$ (25,625)	
Subscriptions payable	(31,274)	
Notes payable	(30,552)	(87,451)
Revenues in the statement of activities that do not provide current financial resources are reported as deferred inflows of resources in the funds.		
These are:		
Property taxes		83,847
Net position of governmental activities		$ 5,636,232

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CITY OF PORTERDALE, GEORGIA
STATEMENT OF REVENUES,
EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
For the year ended December 31, 2023

		Special Revenue Funds	
	General	American Rescue Plan Act	Drug Seizure
REVENUES			
Taxes	$ 1,762,861	$ 0	$ 0
Licenses and permits	47,742	0	0
Fines, fees and forfeitures	157,464	0	2,069
Charges for services	2,269	0	0
Intergovernmental	23,364	60,891	0
Interest	1,303	0	0
Contributions	2,250	0	0
Other	22,562	0	0
Total revenues	2,019,815	60,891	2,069
EXPENDITURES			
Current			
General Government	390,284	0	0
Judicial	167,474	0	0
Public Safety	763,593	0	2,372
Public Works	307,333	14,865	0
Culture and Recreation	32,496	0	0
Housing and Development	90,673	0	0
Capital outlay	0	0	0
Debt service	28,896	0	0
Total expenditures	1,780,749	14,865	2,372
Excess (deficiency) of revenue over (under) expenditures	239,066	46,026	(303)
Other financing sources (uses)			
Transfers in (out)			
Transfers in	31,948	0	0
Transfers out	(208,542)	(46,026)	0
Sales of capital assets	10,915	0	0
Total other financing sources (uses)	(165,679)	(46,026)	0
Net change in fund balance	73,387	0	(303)
Fund balances, January 1, as previously reported	606,715	0	0
Changes within reporting entity (nonmajor fund to major fund)	0	0	5,316
Error correction	271,145	0	0
Fund balances, January 1, as restated	877,860	0	5,316
Fund balances, December 31	$ 951,247	$ 0	$ 5,013

See accompanying notes to the financial statements.

Capital Projects Funds				
2017 SPLOST	2023 SPLOST	Nonmajor Governmental Funds	Totals
$ 0	$ 0	$	$ 1,762,861
0	0		47,742
0	0		159,533
0	0		2,269
224,834	231,246		540,335
0	0		1,303
0	0		2,250
0	0		22,562
224,834	231,246		2,538,855
0	0		390,284
0	0		167,474
0	0		765,965
0	0		322,198
0	0		32,496
0	0		90,673
136,788	45,004		181,792
0	0		28,896
136,788	45,004		1,979,778
88,046	186,242		559,077
0	0		31,948
0	0		(254,568)
0	0		10,915
0	0		(211,705)
88,046	186,242		347,372
1,302,309	0	5,316	1,914,340
0	0	(5,316)	0
0	0	0	271,145
1,302,309	0	0	2,185,485
$ 1,390,355	$ 186,242	$ 0	$ 2,532,857

See accompanying notes to the financial statements.

CITY OF PORTERDALE, GEORGIA
RECONCILIATION OF THE STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES OF GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS TO THE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
For the year ended December 31, 2023

Net change in fund balances - total governmental funds		$ 347,372
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of activities are different because:		
Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures. However, in the statement of activities, the cost of those assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives and reported as depreciation expense.		
Capital outlays	$ 221,517	
Depreciation and amortization	(198,865)	22,652
In the statement of activities, the gain/loss on the disposal of assets is reported, whereas in the governmental funds, the proceeds from the sale of capital assets increases financial resources.		
Cost of assets disposed	$ 32,534	
Related accumulated depreciation	(32,534)	0
The proceeds of debt issuance, net of premiums, discounts and issuance costs provide current financial resources to governmental funds, but issuing debt increases long-term liabilities in the statement of net position. Repayment of debt principal is an expenditure in the governmental funds, but the repayment reduces long-term liabilities in the statement of net position. In addition, interest on long-term debt is not recognized in the governmental funds until due, but is recognized in the statement of activities as it accrues.		
Debt principal payments		26,611
Revenues in the statement of activities that do not provide current financial resources are not reported as revenues in the funds. These include recognition of unavailable revenue.		19,605
Some expenses reported in the statement of activities do not require the use of current financial resources and are not reported as expenditures in the governmental funds. These include the following:		
Net change in compensated absences		(12,214)
Change in net position of governmental activities		$ 404,026

See accompanying notes to the financial statements.

CITY OF PORTERDALE, GEORGIA
GENERAL FUND
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE
BUDGET (GAAP) AND ACTUAL
For the year ended December 31, 2023

	Budget			Variance with Final
	Original	Final	Actual	Budget
REVENUES				
Taxes	$ 1,237,000	$ 1,237,000	$ 1,762,861	$ 525,861
Licenses and permits	66,950	66,950	47,742	(19,208)
Fines, fees and forfeitures	241,950	241,950	157,464	(84,486)
Charges for services	1,250	1,250	2,269	1,019
Intergovernmental	0	0	23,364	23,364
Interest	0	0	1,303	1,303
Contributions	600	600	2,250	1,650
Other	49,300	49,300	22,562	(26,738)
Total revenues	1,597,050	1,597,050	2,019,815	422,765
EXPENDITURES				
Current				
General Government				
Mayor and Council	45,090	45,090	87,943	(42,853)
Administration	299,176	299,176	302,341	(3,165)
Judicial				
Municipal Court	95,067	95,067	167,474	(72,407)
Public Safety				
Police	752,123	752,123	727,231	24,892
Emergency Services	0	0	34,772	(34,772)
Detention Center	15,000	15,000	1,590	13,410
Public Works				
Streets	240,963	240,963	307,333	(66,370)
Culture and Recreation				
Parks and Recreation	13,000	13,000	32,496	(19,496)
Housing and Development				
Planning and Zoning	78,159	78,159	83,619	(5,460)
Economic Development	57,372	57,372	7,054	50,318
Debt service	1,100	1,100	28,896	(27,796)
Total expenditures	1,597,050	1,597,050	1,780,749	(183,699)
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenditures	0	0	239,066	239,066
Other financing sources (uses)				
Transfers in	0	0	31,948	31,948
Transfers out	0	0	(208,542)	(208,542)
Sales of capital assets	0	0	10,915	10,915
Total other financing sources (uses)	0	0	(165,679)	(165,679)
Changes in fund balances	0	0	73,387	73,387
Fund balances, January 1, as previously reported	0	0	606,715	606,715
Error correction	0	0	271,145	271,145
Fund balances, January 1, as restated	0	0	877,860	877,860
Fund balances, December 31	$ 0	$ 0	$ 951,247	$ 951,247

See accompanying notes to the financial statements.

CITY OF PORTERDALE, GEORGIA
AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT SPECIAL REVENUE FUND
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE
BUDGET (GAAP) AND ACTUAL
For the year ended December 31, 2023

	Budget			Variance with Final
	Original	Final	Actual	Budget
REVENUES				
Intergovernmental	$ 0	$ 0	$ 60,891	$ 60,891
EXPENDITURES				
Public Works	0	0	14,865	(14,865)
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenditures	0	0	46,026	46,026
Other financing sources (uses)				
Transfers out	0	0	(46,026)	(46,026)
Changes in fund balances	0	0	0	0
Fund balances, January 1	0	0	0	0
Fund balances, December 31	$ 0	$ 0	$ 0	$ 0

See accompanying notes to the financial statements.

CITY OF PORTERDALE, GEORGIA
DRUG SEIZURE SPECIAL REVENUE FUND
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE
BUDGET (GAAP) AND ACTUAL
For the year ended December 31, 2023

	Budget			Variance with Final
	Original	Final	Actual	Budget
REVENUES				
Fines and forfeitures	$ 300	$ 300	$ 2,069	$ 1,769
EXPENDITURES				
Public Safety	0	0	2,372	(2,372)
Changes in fund balances	300	300	(303)	(603)
Fund balances, January 1	(300)	(300)	5,316	5,616
Fund balances, December 31	$ 0	$ 0	$ 5,013	$ 5,013

See accompanying notes to the financial statements.

CITY OF PORTERDALE, GEORGIA
STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
PROPRIETARY FUNDS
December 31, 2023

	Business-Type Activities		
	Water and Sewer	Sanitation	Totals
ASSETS			
Current assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	$ 346,263	$ 9,817	$ 356,080
Restricted cash and cash equivalents	71,130	0	71,130
Receivables			
Accounts (net)	78,729	10,514	89,243
Intergovernmental	122,746	0	122,746
Prepaid items	2,259	1,198	3,457
Due from other funds	2,245	0	2,245
Total current assets	623,372	21,529	644,901
Noncurrent assets			
Capital assets			
Non-depreciable	1,369,581	0	1,369,581
Depreciable (net)	3,240,477	0	3,240,477
Total noncurrent assets	4,610,058	0	4,610,058
Total assets	5,233,430	21,529	5,254,959
LIABILITIES			
Current liabilities			
Payables			
Accounts	146,589	1,379	147,968
Retainages	27,339	0	27,339
Interest	1,840	0	1,840
Accrued salaries and other payroll liabilities	0	161	161
Compensated absences	1,641	0	1,641
Notes payable	107,967	0	107,967
Unearned revenue	13,212	0	13,212
Liabilities payable from restricted assets:			
Customer deposits payable	71,130	0	71,130
Total current liabilities	369,718	1,540	371,258
Noncurrent liabilities			
Notes payable	1,279,019	0	1,279,019
Total liabilities	1,648,737	1,540	1,650,277
NET POSITION			
Net investment in capital assets	3,195,733	0	3,195,733
Unrestricted	388,960	19,989	408,949
Total net position	$ 3,584,693	$ 19,989	$ 3,604,682

See accompanying notes to the financial statements.

CITY OF PORTERDALE, GEORGIA
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES,
AND CHANGES IN FUND NET POSITION
PROPRIETARY FUNDS
For the year ended December 31, 2023

	Business-Type Activities		
	Water and Sewer	Sanitation	Totals
OPERATING REVENUES			
Charges for services	$ 897,917	$ 148,316	$ 1,046,233
Miscellaneous	2,593	0	2,593
Total operating revenues	900,510	148,316	1,048,826
OPERATING EXPENSES			
Costs of sales and services	343,522	169,871	513,393
Personal services	184,025	42,202	226,227
Depreciation	154,205	0	154,205
Total operating expenses	681,752	212,073	893,825
Operating income (loss)	218,758	(63,757)	155,001
Non-operating revenues (expenses)			
Interest expense	(24,095)	0	(24,095)
Income (loss) before transfers	194,663	(63,757)	130,906
Transfers in (out)			
Transfers in	184,963	208,542	393,505
Transfers out	(31,948)	(138,937)	(170,885)
Total transfers in (out)	153,015	69,605	222,620
Change in net position	347,678	5,848	353,526
Net position, January 1	3,237,015	14,141	3,251,156
Net position, December 31	$ 3,584,693	$ 19,989	$ 3,604,682

See accompanying notes to the financial statements.

CITY OF PORTERDALE, GEORGIA
STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
PROPRIETARY FUNDS
For the year ended December 31, 2023

	Business-Type Activities		
	Water and Sewerage	Sanitation	Totals
Cash flows from operating activities:			
Receipts from customers	$ 928,624	$ 151,225	$ 1,079,849
Payments to suppliers	(356,919)	(178,628)	(535,547)
Payments to employees	(183,685)	(42,202)	(225,887)
Other receipts	2,593	0	2,593
Net cash provided (used) by operating activities	390,613	(69,605)	321,008
Cash flows from non-capital financing activities:			
Payments to other funds	(31,948)	(138,937)	(170,885)
Receipts from other funds	159,035	208,542	367,577
Net cash provided (used) by non-capital and related financing activities	127,087	69,605	196,692
Cash flows from capital financing and related financing activities:			
Receipts from other funds	46,026	0	46,026
Payments for acquisitions of capital assets	(565,206)	0	(565,206)
Payment of capital related accounts payable	(20,098)	0	(20,098)
Payment of capital related retainages payable	(2,245)	0	(2,245)
Proceeds from notes payable	485,164	0	485,164
Principal payments - promissory notes	(103,875)	0	(103,875)
Interest paid	(23,753)	0	(23,753)
Net cash provided (used) by capital and related financing activities	(183,987)	0	(183,987)
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	333,713	0	333,713
Cash and cash equivalents, January 1	83,680	0	83,680
Cash and cash equivalents, December 31	$ 417,393	$ 0	$ 417,393
Reconciliation of operating income (loss) to net cash provided (used) by operating activities:			
Operating income (loss)	$ 218,758	$ (63,757)	$ 155,001
Adjustments to reconcile operating income (loss) to net cash provided (used) by operating activities:			
Depreciation expense	154,205	0	154,205
(Increase) decrease in accounts receivable	22,335	2,909	25,244
(Increase) decrease in prepaid items	(440)	(137)	(577)
Increase (decrease) in accounts payable	(12,957)	(8,620)	(21,577)
Increase (decrease) in payroll liabilities	340	0	340
Increase (decrease) in unearned revenue	13,212	0	13,212
Increase (decrease) in deposits payable	(4,840)	0	(4,840)
Total adjustments	171,855	(5,848)	166,007
Net cash provided (used) by operating activities	$ 390,613	$ (69,605)	$ 321,008
Cash and cash equivalents reconciliation			
Cash and cash equivalents	$ 346,263	$ 9,817	$ 356,080
Restricted cash and cash equivalents	71,130	0	71,130
	$ 417,393	$ 9,817	$ 427,210

Noncash investing, capital, and financing activities

Acquisition of capital assets through accounts payable totaled $122,746.
Acquisition of capital assets through retainages payable totaled $27,339.
Issuance of notes payable through intergovernmental receivable totaled $122,746.

See accompanying notes to the financial statements.

1. Description of Government Unit

The City of Porterdale was established in 1917. The City operates under a council/mayor form of government and provides the following services: public safety, street and sanitation, culture and recreation, public improvements, and general and administrative services. In addition, the City operates public utilities for water for the incorporated and immediate surrounding areas.

The City is governed by an elected Mayor and five-member council.

2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

A. Description of Government-wide Financial Statements

The government-wide financial statements (i.e., the statement of net position and the statement of activities) report information on all of the nonfiduciary activities of the primary government. Governmental activities, which normally are supported by taxes, intergovernmental revenues, and other nonexchange transactions, are reported separately from business-type activities, which rely to a significant extent on fees and charges to external customers for support.

B. Reporting Entity

Standards published by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) define the financial reporting entity as (a) the primary government, (b) organizations for which the primary government is financially responsible, and (c) other organizations for which the primary government is not accountable, but for which the nature and significance of their relationship with the primary government are such that exclusion would cause the reporting entity's financial statements to be misleading or incomplete.

The accompanying financial statements present the City and its component units, entities for which the City is considered to be financially accountable. In conformity with generally accepted accounting principles, as set forth in Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 14, *The Financial Reporting Entity*, as amended by Statement No. 61, the financial statements of component units have been included as discretely presented component units. The City has two discretely presented component units. The component unit column on the government-wide financial statements is used to emphasize that the entities are legally separate from the City.

2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

B. Reporting Entity, continued

Financial information pertaining to the component units can be obtained from the City upon request.

The Porterdale Historic Preservation Commission (the "Commission") is reported as a discretely presented component unit in the accompanying financial statements. The purpose of the Commission is to protect and enhance local historical and aesthetic attractions to tourists thereby promoting and stimulating business and to establish a uniform procedure for use in providing for the protection, enhancement, perpetuation and use of places, districts, sites, buildings, structures, objects, landscape features and works of art. The Commission was established by the City of Porterdale. The majority of the governing body of the Commission is appointed by the City of Porterdale City Council. There were no assets, liabilities, or net position for the Commission at the end of the current year.

The Downtown Development Authority (the "DDA") is reported as a discretely presented component unit in the accompanying financial statements. The purpose of the DDA is to promote business and commerce within the downtown business district of the City. The DDA is governed by a two-member Board of Directors. The directors are appointed as provided by O.C.G.A Section 36-41-1. All Directors must be approved by the City of Porterdale City Council. There were no assets, liabilities, or net position for the Downtown Development Authority at the end of the current year.

C. Basis of Presentation – Government-wide Financial Statements

While separate government-wide and fund financial statements are presented, they are interrelated. The governmental activities column incorporates data from governmental funds, while business-type activities incorporate data from the government's enterprise funds. Separate financial statements are provided for governmental funds and proprietary funds.

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

2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

D. Basis of Presentation – Fund Financial Statements

The fund financial statements provide information about the government's funds. Separate statements for each fund category—governmental and proprietary—are presented. The emphasis of fund financial statements is on major governmental and enterprise funds, each displayed in a separate column. All remaining governmental and enterprise funds are aggregated and reported as nonmajor funds. Major individual governmental and enterprise funds are reported as separate columns in the fund financial statements.

The City reports the following major governmental funds:

General Fund - The general operating fund of the City is used to account for all financial resources except those required to be accounted for in another fund.

American Rescue Plan Act Special Revenue Fund – This fund is used to account for revenues and expenditures of the American Rescue Plan Act Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund.

Drug Seizure Special Revenue Fund – This fund is used to account for the cash received either from a cash confiscation or cash received from a sale of capital assets acquired from a drug raid.

2017 SPLOST Fund – This fund is used to account for long-term projects financed by the passage of the 2017 Newton County special purpose local option sales tax.

2023 SPLOST Fund – This fund is used to account for long-term projects financed by the passage of the 2023 Newton County special purpose local option sales tax.

2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

D. Basis of Presentation – Fund Financial Statements, continued

The City reports the following major proprietary funds:

Water and Sewer Fund - This fund is used to account for activities connected with the development, operation, and maintenance of water services in the City of Porterdale.

Sanitation Fund - This fund is used to account for fees and expenses for the sanitation services provided to the citizens of the City of Porterdale.

Proprietary Fund Types

Enterprise Funds - These funds are used to account for operations that are financed and operated in a manner similar to private business enterprises. The funds are self-supporting in nature where the costs, including depreciation, of providing goods or services to the general public on a continuing basis are financed or recovered primarily through user charges.

During the course of operations, the government has activity between funds for various purposes. Any residual balances outstanding at year end are reported as due to/from other funds and advances to/from other funds. While these balances are reported in fund financial statements, certain eliminations are made in the preparation of the government-wide financial statements. Balances between the funds included in governmental activities (i.e., the governmental funds) are eliminated so that only the net amount is included as internal balances in the governmental activities column. Similarly, balances between the funds included in business-type activities (i.e., the enterprise funds) are eliminated so that only the net amount is included as internal balances in the business-type activities column.

2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

D. Basis of Presentation – Fund Financial Statements, continued

Further, certain activity occurs during the year involving transfers of resources between funds. In fund financial statements these amounts are reported at gross amounts as transfers in/out. While reported in fund financial statements, certain eliminations are made in the preparation of the government-wide financial statements. Transfers between the funds included in governmental activities are eliminated so that only the net amount is included as transfers in the governmental activities column. Similarly, balances between the funds included in business-type activities are eliminated so that only the net amount is included as transfers in the business-type activities column.

E. Measurement Focus and Basis of Accounting

The accounting and financial reporting treatment is determined by the applicable measurement focus and basis of accounting. Measurement focus indicates the type of resources being measured such as current financial resources or economic resources. The basis of accounting indicates the timing of transactions or events for recognition in the financial statements.

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

The governmental fund financial statements are reported using the current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recognized as soon as they are both measurable and available. Revenues are considered to be available when they are collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to pay liabilities of the current period. For this purpose, the government considers revenues to be available if they are collected within 60 days of the end of the current fiscal period.

2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

E. Measurement Focus and Basis of Accounting, continued

Expenditures generally are recorded when a liability is incurred, as under accrual accounting. However, debt service expenditures, as well as expenditures related to compensated absences, and claims and judgments, are recorded only when payment is due. General capital asset acquisitions are reported as expenditures in governmental funds. Issuance of long-term debt and acquisitions under leases and subscriptions are reported as other financing sources.

Property taxes, sales taxes, franchise taxes, licenses, and interest associated with the current fiscal period are all considered to be susceptible to accrual and so have been recognized as revenues of the current fiscal period. Entitlements are recorded as revenues when all eligibility requirements are met, including any time requirements, and the amount is received during the period or within the availability period for this revenue source (within 60 days of year-end).

Expenditure-driven grants are recognized as revenue when the qualifying expenditures have been incurred and all other eligibility requirements have been met, and the amount is received during the period or within the availability period for this revenue source (within 60 days of year-end). All other revenue items are considered to be measurable and available only when cash is received by the government.

The proprietary funds are reported using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting.

F. Revenues and Expenditures/Expenses

Program revenues include: 1) charges to customers or applicants who purchase, use, or directly benefit from goods, services, or privileges provided by a given function or segment, and 2) grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular function or segment. All taxes, including those dedicated for specific purposes, and other internally dedicated resources are reported as general revenues rather than as program revenues.

2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

F. Revenues and Expenditures/Expenses, continued

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

G. Budgets and Budgetary Accounting

The City Council adopts an annual budget for all governmental fund types, prior to January 1. The operating budget includes proposed expenditures and the means of financing them. The budget is legally enacted by the passage of a resolution.

In October each year, the departments submit their budget requests to the City Manager. The City Manager compiles a complete citywide budget and submits the proposed budget to the Mayor for review. Meetings are held between the Mayor, City Manager, and City Council in December to review the proposed budget. The City Manager then submits the proposed budget to the City Council.

Before the beginning of the next fiscal year, the Mayor and Council conduct a public hearing to discuss the proposed budget and to obtain input from the citizens of the City of Porterdale. This hearing is publicized in the local newspaper at least two weeks before the hearing. The final proposed budget is then adopted by the City Council on or before December 31 during a Council meeting, which is also open to the public.

The level of legal budgetary control (the level at which expenditures may not exceed appropriations) is the department level. All changes may be made to the operating budget must be approved by the City Manager. All operating budget transfers between departments must be approved by City Council. Formal budgetary integration is employed as a management control device during the year.

2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

G. Budgets and Budgetary Accounting, continued

Budgets are adopted on a basis consistent with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) at the legal level of budgetary control, which is the department level. Expenditures may not exceed the appropriations within a fund. Budgets, as reported in the financial statements, are as originally passed by ordinance, and subsequently amended. During the year, several supplementary appropriations are made as needed. The results are increases and decreases to the appropriations within the funds. All annual appropriations lapse at year-end.

H. Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents, as reported in the statement of cash flows, includes amounts in demand deposits, amounts with fiscal agents and investments with an original maturity at three months or less.

I. Leases Receivable

Leases receivable are measured at the present value of lease payments expected to be received during the lease terms. Under the lease agreements, the City may receive variable lease payments that depend upon the lessees' revenue. The variable payments are recorded as an inflow of resources in the period the payment is received.

A deferred inflow of resources is recorded for each of the leases. The deferred inflow of resources is recorded at the initiation of the lease in an amount equal to the initial recording of the lease receivable. The deferred inflow of resources is amortized on a straight-line basis over the term of the respective lease.

J. Property Taxes Receivable

Taxes receivable represents the past year's delinquent real property taxes. An amount equal to the difference between year-end taxes receivable collected within sixty days after year end and the total year-end collectable taxes receivable has been recorded as deferred inflows of resources.

2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

K. Intergovernmental Receivables

Receivables for state, federal, and local governments are recorded as revenue for the period of the allocation or as earned based on expenditures made for which reimbursement is due.

L. Prepaid Items

Payments made to vendors for services that will benefit periods beyond the end of the current fiscal year are recorded as prepaid items.

M. Capital Assets

Capital assets, which include property, plant, equipment, and infrastructure assets (i.e., roads, bridges, sidewalks, and similar items), are reported in the applicable governmental or business-type activities columns in the government-wide financial statements.

GASB Statement No. 34 required the City to report and depreciate new infrastructure assets effective with the beginning of the fiscal year ended June 30, 2004. Infrastructure assets include roads, bridges, underground pipe (other than related to utilities), traffic signals, etc. These infrastructure assets are likely to be the largest asset class of the City. Prior to July 1, 2007, neither their historical costs nor related depreciation had historically been reported in the financial statements. For entities the size of the City of Porterdale, retroactive reporting of infrastructure assets was not required.

All capital assets are valued at historical cost or estimated historical cost if actual historical cost is not available. Donated capital assets are recorded at their acquisition value on the date donated.

2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

M. Capital Assets, continued

Land and construction-in-progress are not depreciation. The other property, plant equipment, and infrastructure of the primary government are depreciated/amortized using the straight-line method over the estimated useful lives or lease/subscription term of the respective assets ranging as follows:

	Useful Life in Years	Capitalization Threshold
Land	N/A	$ 1
Buildings and improvements	15-50	$ 5,000
Distribution systems	40	$ 100,000
Roads	40	$ 100,000
Machinery and equipment	5-10	$ 5,000
Vehicles	5	$ 5,000
Intangible right-to-use assets		
Software	3-5	$ 5,000

All land and easements will be valued and capitalized. The costs of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add value or materially extend the life of the asset are charged to operations as incurred. Costs of major additions and improvements are capitalized.

The City has recorded intangible right-to-use assets as a result of implementing GASB Statement No. 96, *Subscription-Based Information Technology Arrangements*. The intangible right-to-use assets are initially measured at an amount equal to the initial measurement of the related subscription liability plus any subscription payments made prior to the subscription term, less subscription incentives, plus ancillary charges necessary to place the subscription into service. The intangible right-to-use assets are amortized on a straight-line basis over the shorter of the estimated useful life of the subscription asset or life of the related subscription.

2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

N. Deferred Outflows/Inflows of Resources, continued

In addition to assets, the statement of financial position will sometimes report a separate section for deferred outflows of resources. This separate financial statement element, deferred outflows of resources, represents a consumption of net assets that applies to a future period(s) and so will not be recognized as an outflow of resources (expense/ expenditure) until then. At December 31, the City had no deferred outflows of resources to report.

In addition to liabilities, the statement of financial position will sometimes report a separate section for deferred inflows of resources. This separate financial statement element, deferred inflows of resources, represents an acquisition of net assets that applies to a future period(s) and so will not be recognized as an inflow of resources (revenue) until that time. The government has one type of item, which arises only under a modified accrual basis of accounting, that qualifies for reporting in this category. Accordingly, the item, unavailable revenue is reported only in the governmental funds balance sheet. The governmental funds report unavailable revenues from property taxes. These amounts are deferred and recognized as an inflow of resources in the period that the amounts become available. The City also reports deferred inflows of resources related to their leases.

O. Compensated Absences

It is the City's policy to permit employees to accumulate earned but unused vacation benefits and sick time which will be paid to the employees upon separation from City service. Accumulated unpaid vacation and sick pay amounts are accrued when incurred by the City in the government-wide and proprietary fund financial statements. The liability of the proprietary funds is recorded as an expense and a liability of those funds as the benefits accrue to the employees. In governmental fund types, a liability is recorded only if the benefit has matured and is expected to be liquidated with expendable available financial resources.

P. Capital Contributions

Federal, state and local government assistance in the form of grants that are permanent in nature and restricted for the construction or acquisition of specific property and equipment is recorded as an asset and as non-operating revenue.

2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

Q. Fund Balances – Governmental Funds

The City follows GASB No. 54, *Fund Balance Reporting and Governmental Fund Type Definitions*. In the fund financial statements, governmental funds report the following classifications of fund balance:

Nonspendable – includes amounts that cannot be spent because they are either not spendable in form or are legally or contractually required to be maintained intact. All amounts reported as nonspendable at fiscal year-end by the City are nonspendable in form. The City has not reported any amounts that are legally or contractually required to be maintained intact.

Restricted – includes amounts restricted by external sources (creditors, laws of other governments, etc.) or by constitutional provision or enabling legislation.

Committed – includes amounts that can only be used for specific purposes. Committed fund balance is reported pursuant to resolutions passed by the City Council, the City of Porterdale's highest level of decision-making authority, which include the language "committed for the purpose of". Commitments may be modified or rescinded only through adoption of a subsequent resolution. A resolution committing amounts must be adopted prior to the end of the fiscal year; however, the amount to be committed may be determined within 120 days of fiscal year-end.

Assigned – includes amounts that the City intends to use for a specific purpose, but do not meet the definition of restricted or committed fund balance. Under the City Council's adopted policy, amounts may be assigned by the City Manager, under the authorization of the City Council, through a written memorandum. Amounts appropriated to eliminate a projected deficit in the subsequent fiscal year's budget shall constitute assignments and are documented by adoption of the City's annual operating budget. Equity amounts reported in capital project funds not otherwise classified as nonspendable, restricted, or committed shall constitute assignments of fund balance.

2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

Q. Fund Balances – Governmental Funds, continued

Unassigned – includes amounts that do not fall into one of the above four categories. This classification represents fund balance that has not been assigned to other funds and that has not been restricted, committed, or assigned to specific purposes within the general fund. The General Fund is the only fund that should report this category of fund balance.

For the purposes of fund balance classification, the City considers restricted amounts spent first when an expenditure is incurred for which both restricted and unrestricted fund balance is available. Furthermore, when an expenditure is incurred for purposes for which amounts in any of the unrestricted classifications of fund balance can be used, then committed amounts are spent first, followed by assigned amounts, and then unassigned amounts.

R. Net Position Flow Assumption

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

S. Fund Balance Flow Assumption

Sometimes the government will fund outlays for a particular purpose from both restricted and unrestricted resources (the total of committed, assigned, and unassigned fund balance). In order to calculate the amounts to report as restricted, committed, assigned, and unassigned fund balance in the governmental fund financial statements a flow assumption must be made about the order in which the resources are considered to be applied. It is the government's policy to consider restricted fund balance to have been depleted before using any of the components of unrestricted fund balance. Further, when the components of unrestricted fund balance can be used for the same purpose, committed fund balance is depleted first, followed by assigned fund balance. Unassigned fund balance is applied last.

2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

T. Restricted Assets and Restricted Net Position

Restricted net position is equal to the excess of the restricted assets funded from operations over the liabilities to be paid with restricted assets which are due in one year or less. Restricted assets exclude bond proceeds for calculation of reserve.

3. Deposit and Investment Risk

Custodial Credit Risk – Deposits

Custodial credit risk is the risk that in the event of a financial institution failure, the City's deposits may not be returned. The City has no formal policy but follows the State of Georgia requirement that all deposits be federally insured or fully collateralized.

Interest Rate Risk

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

Credit Risk

State of Georgia law limits investments to include certificates of deposit, repurchase agreements, direct and agency obligations of the United States, obligations of the State of Georgia, pooled investment programs of the State of Georgia, and no-load mutual funds of direct obligations of the United States. The City has no investment policy that would further limit its investment choices. Investments are reported at fair value.

Concentration of Credit Risk

The City has no formal policy on the amount the City may invest in any one issuer.

Foreign currency risk

The City has no investments denominated in a foreign currency.

4. Accounts Receivable

Net accounts receivable at the end of the current year consist of the following:

Major Funds		
Governmental Funds		
General		$ 9,317
Enterprise Funds		
Water and Sewer	$ 301,022	
Less: Allowances for Uncollectibles	(222,293)	78,729
Sanitation	40,200	
Less: Allowances for Uncollectibles	$ (29,686)	10,514
Total Primary Government		$ 98,560

5. Intergovernmental Receivables

Intergovernmental receivables at the end of the current year consist of the following:

Major Funds	
Governmental Funds	
2023 SPLOST	$ 80,388
Enterprise Funds	
Water and Sewer	122,746
Total Primary Government	$ 203,134

6. Property Taxes

Property tax rates are set by the City Council each year and are limited by statutory or constitutional provision. Property values are assessed as of July 1st each year. Property taxes for the 2023 tax digest year, based upon the assessments as of July 1, 2023, were levied on August 23, 2023, billed on August 30, 2023, and due on December 20, 2023. Taxes receivable at the end of the current year is made up of property tax in the amount of $409,633, net of an allowance placed on accounts deemed uncollectible, $96,519 of franchise taxes, $43,419 of sales taxes, and $9,367 of other taxes.

7. Interfund Receivables, Payables, and Transfers

A summary of interfund receivables and payables at the end of the current fiscal year is as follows:

Receivable Fund	Payable Fund	Amount
Drug Seizure	General	$ 2,069
2017 SPLOST	General	189,397
Water and Sewer	American Rescue Plan Act	2,245
Subtotal		$ 193,711

The balances reported as Due to/Due from resulted from the time lag between the dates that transactions are recorded in the accounting system and payments between the funds are made. During a prior year, the City expended a portion of SPLOST proceeds on costs that were determined not to be related to the projects approved in the referendum. As a result, an amount remains due from the General Fund to the 2017 SPLOST Fund to reimburse the 2017 SPLOST Fund for those expenditures. All other balances are expected to be repaid within one year. Any residual balances outstanding between the governmental activities and the business-type activities are reported in the government-wide financial statements as “internal balances”.

A summary of interfund transfers is as follows:

Transfer Out Fund	Transfer In Fund	Amount
General	Sanitation	$ 208,542
American Rescue Plan Act	Water and Sewer	46,026
Water and Sewer	General	31,948
Sanitation	Water and Sewer	138,937
Total		$ 425,453

Interfund transfers are used to 1) move revenues from the fund that statute or budget requires collecting them to the fund that statute or budget requires to expend them, and 2) use unrestricted revenues collected to finance various programs accounted for in other funds in accordance with budgetary authorizations. Transfers are eliminated in the government-wide financial statements if the interfund transfer is within the governmental fund group or business-type fund group.

8. Capital Assets

Capital asset activity for the primary government for the current year is as follows:

	Beginning Balance	Increases	Decreases	Ending Balance
Governmental activities				
Non-depreciable assets				
Land	$ 294,641	$ 0	$ 0	$ 294,641
Construction in progress	38,559	0	0	38,559
Total non-depreciable assets	333,200	0	0	333,200
Depreciable/amortizable assets				
Buildings and improvements	2,981,435	0	0	2,981,435
Machinery and equipment	481,829	133,883	0	615,712
Vehicles	436,639	87,634	(32,534)	491,739
Intangible right-to-use assets				
Software	83,262	0	0	83,262
Total depreciable/amortizable assets	3,983,165	221,517	(32,534)	4,172,148
Accumulated depreciation/amortization				
Buildings and improvements	(606,627)	(90,895)	0	(697,522)
Machinery and equipment	(250,875)	(50,351)	0	(301,226)
Vehicles	(357,884)	(40,967)	32,534	(366,317)
Intangible right-to-use assets				
Software	(16,652)	(16,652)	0	(33,304)
Total accumulated depreciation/amortization	(1,232,038)	(198,865)	32,534	(1,398,369)
Total depreciable/amortizable assets, net	2,751,127	22,652	0	2,773,779
Governmental activities capital assets, net	$ 3,084,327	$ 22,652	$ 0	$ 3,106,979
Business-type activities				
Non-depreciable assets				
Land	$ 88,817	$ 0	$ 0	$ 88,817
Easements	33,496	0	0	33,496
Construction in progress	531,977	715,291	0	1,247,268
Total non-depreciable assets	654,290	715,291	0	1,369,581
Depreciable assets				
Distribution system	6,235,688	0	0	6,235,688
Machinery and equipment	151,752	0	0	151,752
Total depreciable assets	6,387,440	0	0	6,387,440
Accumulated depreciation				
Distribution system	(2,868,831)	(153,392)	0	(3,022,223)
Machinery and equipment	(123,927)	(813)	0	(124,740)
Total accumulated depreciation	(2,992,758)	(154,205)	0	(3,146,963)
Total depreciable assets, net	3,394,682	(154,205)	0	3,240,477
Business-type activities capital assets, net	$ 4,048,972	$ 561,086	$ 0	$ 4,610,058

The beginning balance of accumulated depreciation in the Business-type activities has been adjusted to correct the classification by asset class in the amount of $5,113. There was no net change to the beginning balance of accumulated depreciation for the reclassification.

8. Capital Assets (continued)

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

Primary Government	
Governmental activities	
General Government	$ 21,264
Public Safety	48,758
Public Works	45,329
Culture and Recreation	83,514
Total depreciation/amortization expense for governmental activities	$ 198,865
Business-type activities	
Water and Sewer	$ 154,205

9. Long-Term Debt

Governmental Activities

Note from Direct Borrowing

During 2022, the City entered into an agreement to finance the purchase of two vehicles with Georgia Municipal Association in the original amount of $51,200, bearing interest at 3.740%. The balance of the note was $30,552 at the end of the current year. The note calls for monthly payments of principal and interest of $1,505 and matures September 2025. The agreement is collateralized by the vehicles. Upon an event of default, all outstanding principal and accrued interest may be declared immediately due and payable.

Annual debt service requirements to maturity are as follows:

Year Ending December 31,	Principal	Interest	Total
2024	$ 17,213	$ 850	$ 18,063
2025	13,339	209	13,548
Totals	$ 30,552	$ 1,059	$ 31,611

9. Long-Term Debt (continued)

Governmental Activities, continued

Subscriptions Payable

During 2021, the City entered into an agreement to subscribe to certain software. The subscription agreement qualifies as subscriptions under GASB Statement No. 96, *Subscription-Based Information Technology Arrangements*, and have been recorded at the present value of the future minimum subscription payments at their inception. Subscriptions payable are comprised of the following individual subscriptions at the end of the current year.

- $51,728 accounting software subscription due in annual installments of $10,834 through March 2026, interest at 1.931%, $31,274 outstanding.

The following is a schedule of future minimum subscription payments together with the present value of the net minimum subscription payments for the governmental activities at the end of the current year:

Year Ending December 31,	Principal	Interest	Total
2024	$ 10,224	$ 609	$ 10,833
2025	10,423	410	10,833
2026	10,627	207	10,834
Totals	$ 31,274	$ 1,226	$ 32,500

9. Long-Term Debt (continued)

Business-Type Activities

Notes from Direct Borrowings

During 2007, the City entered into a direct borrowing agreement with Georgia Environmental Finance Authority in the original amount of $1,684,000, bearing interest at 3.870%. The balance of the note was $397,441 at the end of the current year. The note calls for monthly payments of principal and interest of $10,119 and matures May 2027. The purpose of the note was to increase the City's sewer capacity. Upon an event of default, all outstanding principal and accrued interest may be declared immediately due and payable. Note payments and performance obligations are secured by revenues, fees and charges collected by the City.

During 2018, the City entered into a direct borrowing agreement with Georgia Environmental Finance Authority in the original amount of $2,514,000 to provide financing of the costs to repair and rehabilitate a large portion of the City's sewerage system. During 2022, the agreement was amended to reflect an increase in funding to the amount of $3,296,000. Monthly installments of principal and interest are due beginning on the first day of the calendar month following the date that the loan is fully disbursed (the Amortization Commencement Date) for 239 months; interest at 1.250%. The City has drawn $989,545 on this agreement. As of the end of the current year, this note is still in the drawdown phase ($989,545 outstanding) and, therefore, is not included in the amortization schedule below. Upon an event of default, all outstanding principal and accrued interest may be declared immediately due and payable. Note payments and performance obligations are secured by revenues on taxes, fees and charges collected by the City.

9. Long-Term Debt (continued)

Business-Type Activities, continued

Notes from Direct Borrowings, continued

Annual debt service requirements for notes from direct borrowings are as follows:

Year Ending December 31,	Principal	Interest	Total
2024	$ 107,967	$ 13,457	$ 121,424
2025	112,220	9,203	121,423
2026	116,641	4,783	121,424
2027	60,613	679	61,292
Totals	$ 397,441	$ 28,122	$ 425,563

10. Long-Term Liabilities

Changes in Long-Term Liabilities

The following is a summary of changes in long-term liabilities of the City for the current year:

	Beginning Balance	Additions	Deductions	Ending Balance	Due Within One Year
Governmental Activities					
Notes from direct borrowings	$ 47,134	$ 0	$ (16,582)	$ 30,552	$ 17,213
Subscriptions payable	41,303	0	(10,029)	31,274	10,224
Compensated absences	13,411	25,625	(13,411)	25,625	25,625
Total Governmental Activities	$ 101,848	$ 25,625	$ (40,022)	$ 87,451	$ 53,062
Business-type Activities					
Notes from direct borrowings	$ 882,951	$ 607,910	$ (103,875)	$ 1,386,986	$ 107,967
Compensated absences	1,301	1,641	(1,301)	1,641	1,641
Total Business-type Activities	$ 884,252	$ 609,551	$ (105,176)	$ 1,388,627	$ 109,608

Compensated absences are liquidated by those funds that have salary and wage expenditures. In prior years, long-term liabilities, such as compensated absences, of the governmental activities were liquidated in the General Fund. The total interest incurred and charged to expense for the current year was $2,285 for governmental activities and $24,095 for business-type activities.

11. Restricted Fund Balances

The following is a summary of restricted fund balances of the governmental funds at the end of the current year:

	General	Drug Seizure	2017 SPLOST	2023 SPLOST	Total Governmental Funds
Restricted for:					
Public Safety					
Police equipment	$ 0	$ 5,013	$ 0	$ 0	$ 5,013
Capital projects	67,705	0	1,390,355	186,242	1,644,302
	$ 67,705	$ 5,013	$ 1,390,355	$ 186,242	$ 1,649,315

12. Net Investment in Capital Assets

The net investment in capital assets reported on the government-wide statement of net position is calculated as follows as of the end of the current year:

	Governmental Activities	Business-Type Activities
Cost of capital assets, net	$ 3,106,979	$ 4,610,058
Capital-related accounts payable	0	(122,746)
Capital-related retainages payable	0	(27,339)
Subscriptions payable	(31,274)	0
Intergovernmental receivables included in notes payable	0	122,746
Notes payable	(30,552)	(1,386,986)
Net investment in capital assets	$ 3,045,153	$ 3,195,733

13. Joint Ventures

Under Georgia law, the City, in conjunction with other cities and counties in the northeast Georgia area, is a member of the Northeast Georgia Regional Commission and is required to pay annual dues thereto. Membership in an RC is required by the Official Code of Georgia Annotated (OCGA) Section 50-8-34 which provides for the organizational structure of the RC in Georgia. The RC Board membership includes the chief elected official of each county and municipality of the area. OCGA 50-8-39.1 provides that the member governments are liable for any debts or obligations of an RC. Separate financial statements may be obtained from Northeast Georgia Regional Commission, 305 Research Drive, Athens, GA 30605.

14. Risk Management

Material estimates have been made by management about the life of depreciated capital assets. Management has used a conservative approach on these estimates.

The City is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; and natural disasters. City has elected to manage its risk financing activities through the purchase of commercial insurance. There have been no insurance settlements exceeding insurance coverage for any of the past three years.

Management estimates liabilities for unpaid claims based on the probability of losses exceeding the occurrence limits and the reasonableness of estimating those losses. At the end of the current year, the City has no losses that are probable or estimable and accordingly has not recognized any liability.

15. Commitments and Contingencies

Commitments

As of the end of the current year, contractual commitments on uncompleted contracts totaled $2,565,868.

Contingencies

The City's legal counsel has stated that there are presently no determinable lawsuits.

16. Excess of Expenditures over Appropriations in Individual Governmental Funds for which Budgets are Adopted

During the current fiscal year, the City incurred expenditures in the following departments that were materially in excess of the amounts appropriated.

Department	Budget	Actual	Variance
General Fund			
Mayor and Council	$ 45,090	$ 87,943	(42,853)
Judicial	95,067	167,474	(72,407)
Emergency Services	0	34,772	(34,772)
Streets	240,963	307,333	(66,370)
Parks and Recreation	13,000	32,496	(19,496)
Planning and Zoning	78,159	83,619	(5,460)
Debt Service	1,100	28,896	(27,796)
American Rescue Plan Act Special Revenue Fund	0	14,865	(14,865)
Drug Seizure Special Revenue Fund	0	2,372	(2,372)

Management will be reviewing the comparative financial statements to budget and recommend any necessary budget revisions to the City Council in a timely manner.

17. Subsequent Events

In May 2025, the City issued revenue bonds (Series 2025A and 2025B) in the amount of $3,296,000 in order to fund improvements to the City's sewer system.

18. New Accounting Standards

The City implemented GASB Statement No. 94, *Public-Private and Public-Public Partnerships and Availability Payment Arrangements*, effective for the City's current year. The requirements of this statement are effective for periods beginning after June 15, 2022. The implementation of this new standard had no impact on the City's net position.

The City implemented GASB Statement No. 99, *Omnibus 2022*, effective for the City's current year. The requirements of this statement are effective for periods beginning after June 15, 2022. The implementation of this new standard had no impact on the City's net position.

18. New Accounting Standards (continued)

The City early implemented GASB Statement No. 100, *Accounting Changes and Error Corrections*, effective for the City's current year. The requirements of this statement are effective for periods beginning after June 15, 2023. The implementation of this new standard had no impact on the City's net position.

19. Changes in Beginning Balances

Changes Within Reporting Entity

Drug Seizure Special Revenue Fund

The City changed the presentation of the Drug Seizure Special Revenue Fund from nonmajor fund presentation to major fund presentation during the current year.

Error Correction

Governmental Activities

General Fund

An adjustment has been made to correct the balance of taxes receivable at December 31, 2022. This adjustment increased net position by $216,455.

An adjustment has been made to correct the balance of cash and cash equivalents at December 31, 2022. This adjustment increased net position by $10,619.

An adjustment has been made to correct the balance of accounts payable at December 31, 2022. This adjustment increased net position by $44,071.

The net effect of these adjustments was an increase in beginning net position in the Governmental Activities by $271,145.

19. Changes in Beginning Balances (continued)

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

	Beginning As Previously Reported	Error Correction	Changes Within Reporting Entity	Beginning As Restated
Government-Wide				
Governmental Activities	$ 4,961,061	$ 271,145	$ 0	$ 5,232,206
Business-type Activities	3,251,156	0	0	3,251,156
Total Primary Government	$ 8,212,217	$ 271,145	$ 0	$ 8,483,362
Governmental Funds				
Major Fund	$ 0	$ 0	$ 5,316	$ 5,316
Drug Seizure				
Nonmajor Funds	5,316	0	(5,316)	0
	$ 5,316	$ 0	$ 0	$ 5,316

NONMAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUND

SPECIAL REVENUE FUND

Special revenue funds are used to account for the proceeds of specific revenue sources that are legally or donor restricted to expenditure for specified purposes.

Drug Seizure Fund - Used to account for the cash received either from a cash confiscation or cash received from a sale of capital assets acquired from a drug raid.

CITY OF PORTERDALE, GEORGIA
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
NONMAJOR DRUG SEIZURE SPECIAL REVENUE FUND
For the year ended December 31, 2023

REVENUES	$
EXPENDITURES	
Current	
Public Safety	
Change in fund balance	
Fund balances, January 1, as previously reported	5,316
Changes within reporting entity (nonmajor fund to major fund)	(5,316)
Fund balances, January 1, as restated	0
Fund balances, December 31	$ 0

OTHER REPORTING 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*

Honorable Mayor and
Members of the City Council
City of Porterdale, 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, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the City of Porterdale, Georgia, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2023, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the City of Porterdale, Georgia's basic financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated October 31, 2025.

Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting

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

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the preceding paragraph and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies and therefore, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that have not been identified. However, as described below, we did identify certain deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses and significant deficiencies.

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. We consider the following deficiencies to be material weaknesses:

2023-001

Condition: While performing audit procedures, we noted that there is a lack of segregation of financial duties. The City Clerk performs receipting, daily balancing, prepares checks, and records all activity in the general ledger.

Criteria: Proper internal controls require adequate segregation of duties.

Effect: Failure to maintain adequate segregation of financial duties subjects the City's assets to greater risk of misappropriation.

Cause: The City does not have an adequate number of staff to properly segregate duties.

Recommendation: To ensure that sufficient internal controls are in place, the City should properly segregate duties as much as possible with available resources.

2023-001, continued

Management Response: Management concurs with this finding. Management intends to evaluate the current policies and procedures to ensure that duties are segregated to the greatest extent possible utilizing the City's current resources. This action was taken immediately upon receipt of the comment from our auditors.

2023-002

Condition: The City lacks sufficient controls and procedures regarding year-end close to ensure timely and accurate financial reporting. The financial statements required material adjustments during the audit process.

Criteria: Internal controls should be in place to ensure the City can perform timely and accurate year-end close procedures to produce its financial statements.

Effect: Failure to properly design and implement internal controls over year-end close procedures may lead to financial statements that are materially misstated and lead to delays in financial reporting.

Cause: Various posting and classification errors led to account balances not agreeing to subsidiary ledgers and supporting documentation.

Recommendation: We recommend that the City hire an outside accounting firm to assist with the annual financial close process and to add expertise to the City's accounting function.

Management Response: Management concurs with this finding. Management will ensure that proper internal controls over the year-end close procedures are designed and implemented.

2023-003

Condition: Material prior period adjustments were required to adjust cash and cash equivalents, taxes receivable, and accounts payable.

Criteria: Generally accepted accounting principles require that cash and cash equivalents and accruals be properly calculated and recorded.

Effect: Failure to properly apply generally accepted accounting principles led to financial statements that were materially misstated.

Cause: Incorrect balances of cash and cash equivalents, taxes receivable, and accounts payable were recorded due to errors in reporting and calculation.

Recommendation: Management should review their year-end procedures for reconciling cash and cash equivalents and recording accruals.

Management Response: Management concurs with this finding. City staff will review all year-end balances to ensure they are properly calculated and recorded.

2023-004

Condition: City personnel may require additional training in the application of generally accepted accounting principles and the preparation of financial statements. Currently, the City relies on the external auditors for technical assistance in applying generally accepted accounting principles and the preparation of the financial statements. This is common for governments of similar size and structure to the City of Porterdale, Georgia. Under current auditing standards, providing technical assistance does not impair the independence of the external auditor. However, ensuing changes to auditing standards could state that providing technical assistance would impair the independence of the external auditor.

2023-004, continued

Criteria: Effective internal control requires that the City accept responsibility and understanding of the audited financial report.

Effect: Failure to understand the financial statements may lead to material misstatements.

Cause: City staff does not have adequate experience in government accounting principles to implement them or prepare the financial statements.

Recommendation: City personnel should continue to receive training in the identification and application of generally accepted accounting principles and the preparation of the City's financial statements.

Management Response: Management concurs with this finding. The City has determined that the cost of training City personnel to fully perform the duties of a financial director is prohibitive. The governing body and management have determined that personnel should receive training to the extent that is economically feasible and to continue to rely on the technical assistance of the external auditor or other qualified professionals when necessary. This action was taken immediately upon receipt of the comment from our auditors.

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. We consider the following deficiencies to be significant deficiencies:

2023-005

Condition: During audit procedures on credit card activity, we noted that adequate supporting documentation is not maintained for credit card transactions. The City was not able to produce supporting documentation for 7 of 25 (28%) of the charges selected for testing.

Criteria: Effective internal controls require that all transactions be properly supported by appropriate supporting documentation.

Effect: Failure to maintain proper supporting documentation for transactions subjects the assets of the City to greater risk of misappropriation.

Cause: City personnel are not maintaining receipts for each purchase made on credit cards.

Recommendation: The City should maintain individual receipts for each purchase made on credit cards. Each receipt should have documentation regarding business related purpose for expenditure.

Management Response: Management concurs with this finding. City personnel will implement a process to maintain individual receipts for each credit card transaction. This action was taken immediately upon receipt of the comment from our auditors.

2023-006

Condition: While performing audit procedures at the Municipal Court, we noted instances where deposits were not made in a timely manner.

Criteria: Proper internal controls require that cash receipts are deposited and transactions recorded in a timely manner.

Effect: Failure to deposit cash receipts in a timely manner exposes the City's assets to a greater risk of loss due to fraud.

Cause: Municipal Court personnel are not depositing receipts at a minimum once per week.

Recommendation: At a minimum, deposits should be made weekly.

2023-006, continued

Management Response: Management concurs with this finding. Management plans to establish policies and procedures to ensure that supporting documentation for traffic citations is properly maintained.

2023-007

Condition: While performing audit procedures on journal entries, we noted journal entries did not have evidence of approval. All journal entries reviewed during audit procedures appeared appropriate.

Criteria: Proper accounting policies and procedures require that journal entries are prepared and approved by different employees.

Effect: Failure to properly segregate the duties of authorizing and recording adjustments to the general ledger exposes the City to a greater risk of financial loss.

Cause: The same employee is performing the duties of authorizing and recording adjustments to the general ledger.

Recommendation: In order to adequately segregate duties, someone other than the person recording the adjustments should review and document approval of the adjustments.

Management Response: Management concurs with this finding. The City will segregate duties of the journal entry process. This action was taken immediately upon receipt of the comment from our auditors.

2023-008

Condition: While performing audit procedures on payroll, we noted that 19 of 50 (38%) payrates selected for testing do not have evidence of approval in personnel files.

Criteria: Proper internal controls require that payrates for personnel be approved by an appropriate member of management.

Effect: Failure to ensure that payrates for all employees are approved by management exposes the County to a greater risk of loss due to fraud.

Cause: Staff are not maintaining evidence of approved payrates in personnel files.

Recommendation: Payrates for each employee should be documented in their personnel file with evidence of approval by a member of management.

Management Response: Management concurs with this finding. The City will begin maintaining evidence of approval of payrates in personnel files. This action was taken immediately upon receipt of the comment from our auditors.

2023-009

Condition: While performing audit procedures on capital assets, we noted several disbursements tested were misclassified. The disbursements were capital outlays recorded as expenses or expenses recorded as capital outlays.

Criteria: Generally accepted accounting principles require that all disbursements be properly classified.

Effect: Failure to properly classify disbursements may lead to financial statements that are materially misstated.

Cause: Multiple disbursements were incorrectly classified when recorded in the general ledger.

2023-009, continued

Recommendation: Adequate detail of supporting documentation should be maintained for all transactions to provide an audit trail. Each disbursement should be reviewed for accuracy and classified correctly when recorded in the general ledger.

Management Response: Management concurs with this finding. Management will implement the recommendation to ensure that adequate supporting documentation is maintained for all transactions, will review each disbursement for accuracy, and classify correctly when recording in the general ledger.

2023-010

Condition: While performing audit procedures over utility customer account adjustments, we noted no formal approval process for adjustments. All adjustments tested appeared appropriate.

Criteria: Proper internal controls require that all adjustments are properly approved.

Effect: Failure to maintain proper supporting documentation with evidence of approval for utility customer account adjustments subjects the assets of the City to greater risk of misappropriation.

Cause: Evidence that documents approval of utility customer account adjustments is not maintained by the City.

Recommendation: Supporting documentation with evidence of approval should be retained for utility account adjustments.

Management Response: Management concurs with this finding. Management will direct the appropriate employee to implement the recommendation.

Report on Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether City of Porterdale, Georgia's financial statements are free from material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grants agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit, and accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed the following instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*:

2023-011

Condition: The City expended SPLOST proceeds on maintenance and operational costs not related to the proposed SPLOST projects enumerated on the City's SPLOST referendum in prior years. The residual balance of these expenditures is reported as due from other funds in the 2017 SPLOST Fund.

Criteria: OCGA Code Section 48-8-121 requires that SPLOST proceeds shall not be commingled with other funds of the City.

Effect: Failure to comply with OCGA Code Section 48-8-121 places the City in violation of state law.

Cause: SPLOST proceeds were spent on maintenance and operational costs unrelated to the projects on the SPLOST referendum in prior years.

Recommendation: All revenues and expenditures should be accounted for within the appropriate fund. The amounts due from the General Fund and the Water and Sewer Fund should be deposited into this account promptly.

2023-011, continued

Management Response: Management concurs with this finding. The City recorded an amount due to the SPLOST Fund and will make the appropriate transfers to correct. City management will also make sure that future amounts are correctly deposited and reported in the correct fund.

2023-012

Condition: The City experienced a material excess of expenditures over appropriations in the General Fund. Also, no annual budget was approved for the American Rescue Plan Act Special Revenue Fund or the Drug Seizure Special Revenue Fund.

Criteria: OCGA Code Section 36-81-3 requires local governments to operate under an approved annual budget for the General Fund, each Special Revenue Fund, and each Debt Service Fund.

Effect: Failure to maintain expenditures within the balanced budgets as required by OCGA Code Section 36-81-3 will place the City in violation of state law.

Cause: The City did not amend the General Fund budget to ensure resources were available for the material overbudget expenditures and did not adopt an annual budget for the American Rescue Plan Act Special Revenue Fund or the Drug Seizure Special Revenue Fund.

Recommendation: City management should ensure that budget to actual comparisons are periodically reviewed by City management and budgets amended as needed to ensure that the City remains in compliance with state law and all budgets required are adopted.

Management Response: Management concurs with this finding. Management will review budget to actual comparisons and recommend any necessary budget revisions to the City Council for adoption. This action was taken immediately upon receipt of the comment from our auditors.

City of Porterdale, Georgia's Response to Findings

The City of Porterdale, Georgia's response to the findings identified in our audit is included above. The City of Porterdale, Georgia's response was not subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and, accordingly, we express no opinion on it.

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.

Rushton, LLC

Certified Public Accountants

Gainesville, Georgia
October 31, 2025

STATE REPORTING SECTION

CITY OF PORTERDALE, GEORGIA
SCHEDULE OF PROJECTS FINANCED WITH
SPECIAL PURPOSE LOCAL OPTION SALES TAX
For the year ended December 31, 2023

Project	Estimated Cost *		Expenditures		
	Original	Current	Prior Years**	Current Year	Total
NEWTON COUNTY 2017 SPLOST					
Public Works, Transportation, and Park Maintenance	$ 393,600	$ 393,600	$ 597,594	$ 118,434	$ 716,028
Yellow River Park	370,314	370,314	385,111	3,320	388,431
Municipal Building	1,574,000	1,574,000	617,958	15,034	632,992
Gymnasium Improvements	98,800	98,800	124,919	0	124,919
Total	$ 2,436,714	$ 2,436,714	$ 1,725,582	$ 136,788	$ 1,862,370
NEWTON COUNTY 2023 SPLOST					
Public Works Vehicles and Equipment	$ 162,000	$ 162,000	$ 0	$ 0	$ 0
Public Safety Vehicles	240,000	240,000	0	45,000	45,000
Public Facilities for City Hall and/or Public Works	818,818	818,818	0	4	4
Public Safety Communication and Information Technology	80,000	80,000	0	0	0
Public Works Water and Sewer Projects	500,000	500,000	0	0	0
Road, Street, and Bridge Projects	400,000	400,000	0	0	0
Total	$ 2,200,818	$ 2,200,818	$ 0	$ 45,004	$ 45,004

* Estimated cost represents the portion of these projects to be financed with Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax. Actual costs that are in excess of these amounts have been financed through alternative funds.

** Capital expenditures related to debt service payments were included in the above schedule in prior years.