FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

CITY OF TUNNEL HILL

TUNNEL HILL, GEORGIA

FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2017

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CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

Honorable Mayor, Members of the City Council,
and City Administrator
City of Tunnel Hill, Georgia

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities and each major fund of the City of Tunnel Hill, Georgia as of and for the year ended December 31, 2017, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the City of Tunnel Hill, Georgia's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes 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.

Auditors' Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audit. 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. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements 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 entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

Opinions

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities and each major fund of the City of Tunnel Hill, Georgia as of December 31, 2017, and the respective changes in financial position and the respective budgetary comparison information for the general fund, the confiscated assets special revenue fund, and the SPLOST capital projects fund for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Other Matters

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis on pages 3 through 9 be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such 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. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

Other Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the City of Tunnel Hill, Georgia's basic financial statements. The schedule of projects constructed with special purpose local option sales tax is presented for purposes of additional analysis as required by the Official Code of Georgia 48-8-121, and is not a required part of the basic financial statements.

The schedule of projects constructed with special purpose local option sales tax are the responsibility of management and were derived from and relate directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. Such 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 schedule of projects constructed with special purpose local option sales tax is 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 July 2, 2018, on our consideration of the City of Tunnel Hill, Georgia's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the 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 Tunnel Hill, Georgia's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Estes & Walcott

Dalton, Georgia
July 2, 2018

City of Tunnel Hill, Georgia
Management's Discussion and Analysis
December 31, 2017
(Unaudited)

Within this section of the City of Tunnel Hill, Georgia's (the City) annual financial report, the City's management is pleased to provide this narrative discussion and analysis of the financial activities of the City for the calendar year ended December 31, 2017. The City's financial performance is discussed and analyzed within the context of the accompanying financial statements and disclosures following this section.

Financial highlights

- The City's assets exceeded its liabilities by $2,373,103 (net position) for the calendar year reported.

- Total net position is comprised of the following:
  (1) Investment in capital assets of $848,251 includes property and equipment, net of accumulated depreciation.
  (2) Restricted net position of $119,975 represents donations received that are restricted by the donor to be used for upkeep on a cemetery.
  (3) Restricted net position of $105,295 represents funds received from confiscated assets that are restricted for public safety purposes.
  (4) Restricted net position of $643,776 represents SPLOST funds that are restricted for capital projects.
  (5) Unrestricted net position of $655,806 represents the portion available to maintain the City's continuing obligations to citizens and creditors.

- At the end of the current calendar year, unrestricted fund balance for the general fund was $655,806, which covered general fund expenditures for the current year.

The above financial highlights are explained in more detail in the "financial analysis" section of this document.

Overview of the financial statements

This management discussion and analysis document introduces the City's basic financial statements. The basic financial statements include: (1) government-wide financial statements, (2) fund financial statements, and (3) notes to the basic financial statements. The City also includes in this report additional information to supplement the basic financial statements. Comparative data is presented when available.

Government-wide financial statements

The City's annual report includes two government-wide financial statements. These statements provide both long-term and short-term information about the City's overall financial status. Financial reporting at this level uses a perspective similar to that found in the private sector with its basis in accrual accounting and elimination or reclassification of activities between funds.

The first of these government-wide statements is the statement of net position. This is the government-wide statement of position presenting information that includes all of the City's assets and liabilities, with the difference reported as net position. Over time, increases or decreases in net position may serve as a useful indicator of whether the financial position of the City as a whole is improving or deteriorating. Evaluation of the overall health of the City would extend to other nonfinancial factors such as diversification of the taxpayer base or the condition of City infrastructure, in addition to the financial information provided in this report.

The second government-wide statement is the statement of activities, which reports how the City's net position changed during the current calendar year. All current year revenues and expenses are included regardless of when cash is received or paid. An important purpose of the design of the statement of activities is to show the financial reliance of the City's distinct activities or functions on revenues provided by the City's taxpayers.

Governmental activities include general government and administration, public safety, streets and sanitation, culture and recreation, and health and welfare.

The government-wide financial statements are presented on pages 10 and 11 of this report.

Fund financial statements

A fund is an accountability unit used to maintain control over resources segregated for specific activities or objectives. The City uses funds to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance-related laws and regulations. Within the basic financial statements, fund financial statements focus on the City's most significant funds rather than the City as a whole. Major funds are separately reported while all others are combined into a single, aggregated presentation.

The City has only governmental funds. Governmental funds are reported in the fund financial statements and encompass the same functions reported as governmental activities in the government-wide financial statements. However, the focus is very different with fund statements providing a distinctive view of the City's governmental funds. These statements report short-term calendar accountability focusing on the use of spendable resources and balances of spendable resources available at the end of the year. They are useful in evaluating annual financing requirements of governmental programs and the commitment of spendable resources for the near-term.

Since the government-wide focus includes the long-term view, comparisons between these two perspectives may provide insight into the long-term impact of short-term financing decisions. Both the governmental fund balance sheet and the governmental fund operating statement provide a reconciliation to assist in understanding the differences between these two perspectives.

The basic governmental fund financial statements are presented on pages 12 through 15 of this report.

Notes to the basic financial statements

The accompanying notes to the financial statements provide information essential to a full understanding of the government-wide and fund financial statements. The notes to the financial statements begin on page 19.

Other supplementary information

In addition to the basic financial statements and accompanying notes, this report also presents certain required supplementary information concerning the City's budget presentations. Budgetary comparison statements demonstrate compliance with the City's adopted and final revised budget. Budgetary comparison statements for the general fund, confiscated assets special revenue fund, and SPLOST capital projects fund can be found on pages 16 through 18 of this report.

Financial analysis of the City as a whole

The City's net position at year-end is $2,373,103. The following table provides a summary of the City's net position:

	Governmental activities	
	20117	2016
Assets:		
Current assets	$ 1,541,485	$ 1,397,852
Capital assets	848,251	879,880
Total assets	2,389,736	2,277,732
Liabilities:		
Current liabilities	16,633	15,590
Total liabilities	16,633	15,590
Net position:		
Investment in capital assets	848,251	879,880
Restricted	869,046	921,954
Unrestricted	655,806	460,308
Total net position	$ 2,373,103	$ 2,262,142

The City maintains a high current ratio. The current ratio compares current assets to current liabilities and is an indication of the ability to pay current obligations. The current ratio for governmental activities is 93 to 1 in 2017.

Note that approximately 36% of the governmental activities' net position is invested in capital assets. The City uses these capital assets to provide services to its citizens. A significant portion of this amount is related to streets and other infrastructure within the City.

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

	Governmental activities		
	2017	2016	Increase (Decrease)
Revenues:			
Program:			
Charges for services	$ 414,442	$ 475,575	$ (61,133)
Operating grants and contributions	11,970	18,073	(6,103)
Capital grants and contributions	25,171	-	25,171
General:			
Taxes	256,993	239,133	17,860
Donations	50,000	50,000	-
Investment earnings	469	428	41
Other	71,504	7,225	64,279
Total revenues	830,549	790,434	40,115
Program expenses:			
General government	322,972	317,600	5,372
Public safety	299,266	304,079	(4,813)
Streets and sanitation	55,563	55,403	160
Culture and recreation	41,787	33,215	8,572
Total expenses	719,588	710,297	9,291
Change in net position	110,961	80,137	30,824
Beginning net position	2,262,142	2,182,005	80,137
Ending net position	$ 2,373,103	$ 2,262,142	$ 110,961

Governmental revenues

Governmental revenues were up $40,115 (5%) from the prior year.

The decrease in charges for services of $61,113 is primarily attributable to a decline in fines and forfeitures due to a decrease in citations issued as a result the high turnover in police officers for the current year. Capital grants and contributions increased as a result of an ARC grant for the Depot Restoration, which is a SPLOST project. The City also receives revenues from local option sales tax (LOST). The City's allocable share of those proceeds increases slightly every year, based upon an intergovernmental agreement with Whitfield County and the other cities within Whitfield County. The increase in other revenues of $64,279 is primarily attributable to royalty income in the amount of $25,320 for a movie filmed in the City and an insurance reimbursement in the amount of $40,547.

Governmental functional expenses

This table presents the cost of each of the City's programs, including the net costs (i.e., total cost less revenues generated by the activities). The net costs illustrate the financial burden that was placed on the City's taxpayers by each of these functions for the year ended December 31, 2017.

	Governmental activities	
	Total cost of services	Net cost of services
General government	$ 322,972	$ (213,676)
Public safety	299,266	(2,004)
Streets and sanitation	55,563	(43,293)
Culture and recreation	41,787	(9,032)
Total	$ 719,588	$ (268,005)

Financial analysis of the City's funds

Governmental funds

As discussed, governmental funds are reported in the fund statements with a short-term, inflow and outflow of spendable resources focus. This information is useful in assessing resources available at the end of the year in comparison with upcoming financing requirements. Governmental funds reported ending fund balances of $1,524,852.

The total ending fund balances of governmental funds show a net increase of $142,590 (10%) from the prior year.

The general fund is the City's primary operating fund and the largest source of day-to-day service delivery. The general fund's fund balance increased by $193,790. The confiscated assets special revenue fund's fund balance decreased by $63,180. The SPLOST Capital Projects Fund's fund balance increased by $11,980.

Capital assets

The City's investment in capital assets as of December 31, 2017 was $848,251. See Note 5 for additional information about changes in capital assets during the calendar year and outstanding at the end of the year. The following table provides a summary of capital asset activity.

	Governmental activities	
	2017	2016
Non-depreciable assets:		
Land	$ 282,240	$ 282,240
Construction in progress	77,459	64,327
Total non-depreciable assets	359,699	346,567
Depreciable assets:		
Buildings and improvements	499,257	499,257
Streets	6,010,752	6,010,752
Equipment/furniture	131,731	109,481
Vehicles	239,201	239,201
Total depreciable assets	6,880,941	6,858,691
Less accumulated depreciation	6,392,389	6,325,378
Book value - depreciable assets	$ 488,552	$ 533,313
Percentage depreciated	93%	92%
Book value - all assets	$ 848,251	$ 879,880

Budgetary information

The City of Tunnel Hill adopts a consolidated budget each year for the general fund, special revenue fund, and capital projects fund. The budget is amended as necessary throughout the calendar year, as approved by the council.

There were significant changes between the original adopted budget and the final budget. The final budget for fines and forfeitures revenues was significantly higher than the original budget. The budget increased for donations revenue because the City received a $50,000 donation to the general fund. The budget also increased due to an insurance reimbursement in the amount of $40,547 and royalty income in the amount of $25,320. Confiscations revenue and the related expenses are not estimated in the original budget because the amount is unknown and management feels it is not appropriate to estimate this revenue. The SPLOST expenditures varied for the original and final budget because management was unable to estimate what the progress would be for the SPLOST projects at year end.

The final budget figures varied from the actual figures in one area. The general fund's culture and recreation function expenditures were over budget by $10,149. The budget overage occurred due to the City failing to budget for nonexchange revenue and expense as a result of a nonexchange transaction agreement with Whitfield County.

Economic conditions affecting the City

The City's annual budget relies heavily on the performance of the local economy. The revenues collected from services (such as public safety) are fairly consistent and predictable; however, taxes are the product of a strong, or weak, economy. Moreover, the City's citizens have enjoyed a zero millage rate since 2002. In spite of a weak economy, the millage rate has been rolled back to zero (due to conservative budgeting practices.)

Contacting the City's financial management

This financial report is designed to provide a general overview of the City's finances, comply with finance-related laws and regulations, and demonstrate the City's commitment to public accountability. If you have questions about this report or would like to request additional information, contact the City of Tunnel Hill City Hall at (706) 673-2355.

GOVERNMENT-WIDE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

City of Tunnel Hill, Georgia
Statement of Net Position
December 31, 2017

	Governmental Activities
Assets	
Current assets:	
Cash	$ 1,452,324
Receivables	
Taxes	49,766
Franchise fees	34,555
Fines and forfeitures	4,840
Total current assets	1,541,485
Capital assets:	
Nondepreciable capital assets	359,699
Depreciable capital assets, net	488,552
Total capital assets	848,251
Total assets	2,389,736
Liabilities	
Current liabilities:	
Accounts payable	4,379
Accrued expenses	10,479
Unearned revenue	1,775
Total current liabilities	16,633
Net Position	
Investment in capital assets	848,251
Restricted for cemetery	119,975
Restricted for public safety	105,295
Restricted for capital projects	643,776
Unrestricted	655,806
Total net position	$ 2,373,103

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

City of Tunnel Hill, Georgia
Statement of Activities
For the Year Ended December 31, 2017

Functions/Programs	Expenses	Program Revenue: Charges for Services	Program Revenue: Operating Grants and Contributions	Program Revenue: Capital Grants and Contributions	Net (Expense) Revenue and Change in Net Position: Governmental Activities
Governmental activities:					
General government	$ 322,972	$ 109,296	$ -	$ -	$ (213,676)
Public safety	299,266	297,262	-	-	(2,004)
Streets and sanitation	55,563	300	11,970	-	(43,293)
Culture and recreation	41,787	7,584	-	25,171	(9,032)
Total governmental activities	$ 719,588	$ 414,442	$ 11,970	$ 25,171	$ (268,005)

General revenues:	
Intergovernmental - LOST	138,812
Insurance premium tax	57,223
Alcohol beverage tax	32,184
Title ad valorem tax	22,389
Bank tax	6,385
Donations	50,000
Investment earnings	469
Insurance reimbursement	40,547
Royalty income	25,320
Miscellaneous	5,637
Total general revenues	378,966
Change in net position	110,961
Net position - beginning	2,262,142
Net position - ending	$ 2,373,103

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

FUND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

City of Tunnel Hill, Georgia
Balance Sheet
Governmental Funds
December 31, 2017

	General	Confiscated Assets	SPLOST	Total Governmental Funds
Assets				
Current assets:				
Cash	$ 703,253	$ 105,295	$ 643,776	$ 1,452,324
Receivables:				
Taxes	49,766	-	-	49,766
Franchise fees	34,555	-	-	34,555
Fines and forfeitures	4,840	-	-	4,840
Total current assets	$ 792,414	$ 105,295	$ 643,776	$ 1,541,485
Liabilities				
Current liabilities:				
Accounts payable	$ 4,379	$ -	$ -	$ 4,379
Accrued expenditures	10,479	-	-	10,479
Unearned revenue	1,775	-	-	1,775
Total current liabilities	16,633	-	-	16,633
Fund Balance				
Restricted for:				
Cemetery	119,975	-	-	119,975
Public safety	-	105,295	-	105,295
Capital projects	-	-	643,776	643,776
Unrestricted:				
Unassigned	655,806	-	-	655,806
Total fund balance	775,781	105,295	643,776	1,524,852
Total liabilities and fund balance	$ 792,414	$ 105,295	$ 643,776	$ 1,541,485

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

City of Tunnel Hill, Georgia
Reconciliation of the Balance Sheet of Governmental Funds to the Statement of Net Position
December 31, 2017

Total governmental fund balances		$ 1,524,852
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of net position are different because:		
Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and therefore are not reported in the funds:		
Cost	7,240,640	
Less: accumulated depreciation	(6,392,389)	848,251
Net position of governmental activities		$ 2,373,103

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

City of Tunnel Hill, Georgia
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances
Governmental Funds
For the Year Ended December 31, 2017

	General	Confiscated Assets	SPLOST	Total Governmental Funds
Revenues				
Intergovernmental - LOST	$ 138,812	$ -	$ -	$ 138,812
Fines and forfeitures	291,312	5,950	-	297,262
Selective taxes	118,181	-	-	118,181
Franchise fees	101,773	-	-	101,773
Charges for services	7,884	-	-	7,884
Licenses and permits	7,523	-	-	7,523
Intergovernmental - Whitfield County	10,149	-	-	10,149
Intergovernmental - state	-	-	25,171	25,171
Donations	51,821	-	-	51,821
Investment earnings	469	-	-	469
Royalty income	25,320	-	-	25,320
Miscellaneous	5,637	-	-	5,637
Total revenues	758,881	5,950	25,171	790,002
Expenditures				
Current:				
General government	306,634	-	59	306,693
Public safety	233,727	46,880	-	280,607
Streets and sanitation	31,402	-	-	31,402
Culture and recreation	33,875	-	-	33,875
Capital outlay:				
Public safety	-	22,250	-	22,250
Streets and sanitation	-	-	13,132	13,132
Total expenditures	605,638	69,130	13,191	687,959
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenditures	153,243	(63,180)	11,980	102,043
Other Financing Sources (Uses)				
Insurance reimbursement	40,547	-	-	40,547
Net change in fund balances	193,790	(63,180)	11,980	142,590
Fund balance - beginning	581,991	168,475	631,796	1,382,262
Fund balance - ending	$ 775,781	$ 105,295	$ 643,776	$ 1,524,852

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

City of Tunnel Hill, 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, 2017

Net change in fund balances		$ 142,590
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 as depreciation expense. This is the amount by which depreciation expense exceeded capital outlays in the current period.		
Depreciation expense	(67,011)	
Capital outlay	35,382	(31,629)
Change in net position		$ 110,961

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

City of Tunnel Hill, Georgia
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances
Budget and Actual - General Fund
For the Year Ended December 31, 2017

	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual	Variance
Revenues				
Intergovernmental - LOST	$ 136,600	$ 138,337	$ 138,812	$ 475
Fines and forfeitures	251,470	292,966	291,312	(1,654)
Selective taxes	112,860	117,917	118,181	264
Franchise fees	106,010	105,292	101,773	(3,519)
Charges for services	9,940	7,584	7,884	300
Licenses and permits	7,190	8,548	7,523	(1,025)
Intergovernmental - Whitfield County	-	-	10,149	10,149
Donations	1,100	51,821	51,821	-
Investment earnings	760	521	469	(52)
Royalty income	-	25,320	25,320	-
Miscellaneous	3,500	5,938	5,637	(301)
Total revenues	629,430	754,244	758,881	4,637
Expenditures				
Current:				
General government	314,591	306,747	306,634	(113)
Public safety	245,725	233,541	233,727	186
Streets and sanitation	34,520	31,402	31,402	-
Culture and recreation	23,743	23,726	33,875	10,149
Total expenditures	618,579	595,416	605,638	10,222
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenditures	10,851	158,828	153,243	(5,585)
Other Financing Sources (Uses)				
Insurance reimbursement	-	40,547	40,547	-
Net change in fund balances	$ 10,851	$ 199,375	193,790	$ (5,585)
Fund balance - beginning			581,991	
Fund balance - ending			$ 775,781	

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

City of Tunnel Hill, Georgia
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances
Budget and Actual - Confiscated Assets Special Revenue Fund
For the Year Ended December 31, 2017

	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual	Variance
Revenues				
Confiscations	$ -	$ 5,950	$ 5,950	$ -
Expenditures				
Current:				
Public safety	46,880	46,880	46,880	-
Capital outlay:				
Public safety	-	22,250	22,250	-
Total expenditures	46,880	69,130	69,130	-
Net change in fund balances	$ (46,880)	$ (63,180)	(63,180)	$ -
Fund balance - beginning			168,475	
Fund balance - ending			$ 105,295	

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

City of Tunnel Hill, Georgia
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances
Budget and Actual - SPLOST Capital Projects Fund
For the Year Ended December 31, 2017

	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual	Variance
Revenues				
Intergovernmental revenue-state	$ 30,000	$ 25,171	$ 25,171	$ -
Expenditures				
Current:				
General government	$ -	$ 59	$ 59	$ -
Capital outlay:				
Streets and sanitation	152,000	13,132	13,132	-
Total expenditures	152,000	13,191	13,191	-
Net change in fund balances	$ (122,000)	$ 11,980	11,980	$ -
Fund balance - beginning			631,796	
Fund balance - ending			$ 643,776	

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

The City of Tunnel Hill, Georgia (City) operates under a Mayor-Council form of government and provides the following services as authorized by its charter: public safety, streets and sanitation, culture and recreation, public improvements, planning and zoning, and general administrative services.

The financial statements of the City have been prepared in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) as applied to government units. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is the accepted standard-setting body for establishing governmental accounting and financial reporting principles.

Reporting Entity

The reporting entity is comprised of the primary government and other organizations that are included to ensure that the financial statements are not misleading. The primary government of the City consists of all funds, departments, boards, and agencies that are not legally separate from the City. The entity includes the legal entity, the City of Tunnel Hill, Georgia.

Component units are legally separate organizations for which the City is financially accountable. The City is financially accountable for an organization if the City appoints a voting majority of the organization's governing board and (1) the City is able to significantly influence the programs or services performed or provided by the organizations; or (2) the City is legally entitled to or can otherwise access the organization's resources; the City is legally obligated or has otherwise assumed the responsibility to finance the deficits of, or provide financial support to, the organization; or the City is obligated for the debt of the organization. Component units also may include organizations that are fiscally dependent on the City in that the City approves the budget, levies their taxes or issues their debt. Based upon the application of these criteria no potential component units exist.

Under Georgia law, the City, in conjunction with other cities and counties in the region, is a member of the Northwest Georgia Regional Commission (NWGRC) and is required to pay annual dues thereto. The City utilizes the NWGRC for projects such as performing planning and administrative services. During its year ended December 31, 2017, the City paid $876 in dues to the NWGRC. Membership in a NWGRC is required by the Official Code of Georgia Annotated (OCGA) Section 50-8-34 which provides for the organizational structure of the NWGRC in Georgia. The NWGRC 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 the NWGRC. Separately issued financial statements may be obtained from the Northwest Georgia Regional Commission, PO Box 1798, Rome, Georgia 30162.

Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies - continued

Basis of Presentation

The City's basic financial statements consist of government-wide statements, including a statement of net position and a statement of activities, and fund financial statements, which provide a more detailed level of financial information.

Government-wide financial statements - The government-wide financial statements include the statement of net position and the statement of activities. These statements report financial information for the City as a whole. Individual funds are not displayed at this financial reporting level. These statements present governmental activities, which are generally supported by grants and City general revenues.

The statement of net position presents the financial position of the governmental activities of the City at year end.

The statement of activities presents a comparison between direct expenses and program revenues for each function of the City's governmental activities. Direct expenses are those that are specifically associated with a function and therefore are clearly identifiable to that particular function. The City does not allocate indirect expenses to functions in the statement of activities.

The statement of activities reports the expenses of a given function offset by program revenues directly connected with the functional program. A function is an assembly of similar activities and may include portions of a fund or summarize more than one fund to capture the expenses and program revenues associated with a distinct functional activity. Program revenues include: (1) charges for services, which includes fees and other charges to users of the City's services, (2) operating grants and contributions which finance annual operating activities including restricted investment income, and (3) capital grants and contributions which fund the acquisition, construction, or rehabilitation of capital assets. These revenues are subject to externally imposed restrictions to these program uses. For identifying to which function program revenue pertains, the determining factor for charges for services is which function generates the revenue. For grants and contributions, the determining factor is to which functions the revenues are restricted.

Other revenue sources not properly included with program revenues are reported as general revenues of the City. The comparison of direct expenses with program revenues identifies the extent to which each governmental function and each identifiable business activity is self-financing or draws from the general revenues of the City.

Fund financial statements - During the year, the City segregates transactions related to certain City functions or activities in separate funds in order to aid financial management and to demonstrate legal compliance. Fund financial statements are designed to present financial information of the City at this more detailed level. Fund financial statements are provided for governmental funds. Major individual governmental funds are reported in separate columns.

Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies - continued

Fund accounting - The City uses funds to maintain its financial records during the year. A fund is a fiscal and accounting entity with a self-balancing set of accounts. The City has three governmental funds.

Governmental funds - Governmental funds are those through which most governmental functions typically are financed. Governmental fund reporting focuses on the sources, uses and balances of current financial resources. Expendable assets are assigned to the various governmental funds according to the purposes for which they may or must be used. Fund liabilities are assigned to the fund from which they will be liquidated. The City reports the difference between governmental fund assets and liabilities as fund balance. The City's governmental funds include three major funds.

Major governmental funds - The general fund is the general operating fund of the City. It is used to account for all financial resources except those required to be accounted for in another fund. The confiscated assets special revenue fund is used to account for confiscation revenue and related police expenditures. The SPLOST capital projects fund is used to account for SPLOST revenue and the related expenditures for capital projects.

Measurement Focus

Government-wide financial statements - The government-wide financial statements are prepared using the economic resources measurement focus. All assets and all liabilities associated with the operation of the City are included on the statement of net position. The statement of activities reports revenues and expenses.

Fund financial statements - The governmental fund is accounted for using a flow of current financial resources measurement focus. With this measurement focus, only current assets and current liabilities are included on the balance sheet. The statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balances reports the sources (i.e., revenues and other financing sources) and uses (i.e., expenditures and other financing uses) of current financial resources. This approach differs from the manner in which the governmental activities of the government-wide financial statements are prepared. Governmental fund financial statements therefore include a reconciliation with brief explanations to better identify the relationship between the government-wide statements and the governmental fund statements.

Budgets and Budgetary Accounting

The City adopts a budget each year for the general fund and the special revenue fund which are made public prior to enactment and prior to December 1st. The hearing date is published and the budgets are made available for public inspection at City Hall. They are enacted through passage of an ordinance. The budgets for the general fund and the special revenue fund are adopted on a basis consistent with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP). The budget is amended as necessary throughout the calendar year, as approved by the council. All annual appropriations lapse at year end. The legal level of budgetary control is at the department level.

Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies - continued

The statements of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balances – budget and actual for the general fund, the confiscated assets special revenue fund, and the SPLOST capital projects fund present a comparison of budgetary data to actual results of operations for which annual operating budgets are legally adopted. These funds utilize the same basis of accounting for both budgetary purposes and actual results.

Basis of Accounting

The basis of accounting determines when transactions are recorded in the financial records and reported on the financial statements. Government-wide financial statements are prepared using the accrual basis of accounting. At the fund reporting level, the governmental fund uses the modified accrual basis of accounting. Differences in the accrual and the modified accrual basis of accounting arise in the recognition of revenue, in the recording of deferred revenue, and in the presentation of expenses versus expenditures.

Revenues – exchange transactions - Revenue resulting from exchange transactions in which each party gives and receives essentially equal value is recorded on the accrual basis when the exchange takes place. On the modified accrual basis, revenue is recorded when the exchange takes place and in the year in which the resources are measurable and become available. Available means that the resources will be collected within the current calendar year or are expected to be collected soon enough thereafter to be used to pay liabilities of the current year. For the City, the phrase "available for exchange transactions" means expected to be received within 60 days of year-end.

Revenues – nonexchange transactions – Nonexchange transactions in which the City received value without directly giving equal value in return include grants and donations. On an accrual basis, revenue from sales tax is recognized in the period in which the taxable sale takes place. Revenue from grants and donations is recognized in the year in which all eligibility requirements have been satisfied. Eligibility requirements include timing requirements, which specify the year when the resources are required to be used or the year when use is first permitted, matching requirements, in which the City must provide local resources to be used for a specified purpose, and expenditure requirements, in which the resources are provided to the City on a reimbursement basis. On the modified accrual basis, revenue from nonexchange transactions also must be available (i.e., collected within 60 days) before it can be recognized. Under the modified accrual basis, the following revenue sources are considered to be susceptible to accrual: sales tax, interest, federal grants, and state grants.

Expenses and expenditures – On the accrual basis of accounting, expenses are recognized at the time they are incurred. On the modified accrual basis, expenditures generally are recognized in the accounting period in which the related fund liability is incurred and due, if measurable.

Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies - continued

Cash, Cash Equivalents, and Investments

Cash and cash equivalents include amounts in demand deposits, cash on hand, and short-term investments with a maturity date three months or less of the date acquired by the City. State statutes authorize the government to invest in obligations of the U.S. Treasury, commercial paper, corporate bonds and repurchase agreements. Investments are stated at cost, which approximates fair value.

Interfund Balances

On the fund financial statements, receivables and payables resulting from short-term interfund loans are classified as interfund receivables and interfund payables. These amounts are eliminated in the governmental columns of the statement of net position.

Prepaid Items

Payments made to vendors for goods and services that will benefit periods beyond the end of the calendar year and prepaid deposits are recorded as prepaid items. The expense is recognized during the benefiting period.

Capital Assets

General capital assets - These assets generally result from expenditures in governmental funds. The City reports these assets in the governmental activities column of the government-wide statement of net position but does not report these assets in the governmental fund financial statements.

All capital assets are capitalized at cost (or estimated historical cost) and updated for additions and retirements during the year. Donated capital assets are recorded at their fair market values as of the date received. The City maintains a capitalization threshold of five thousand dollars. The City's infrastructure consists primarily of roads. Improvements to capital assets are capitalized. The costs of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of the asset or materially extend an asset's life are expensed.

Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies - continued

All reported capital assets are depreciated except for land, right-of-ways, and construction in progress. Improvements are depreciated over the remaining useful lives of the related capital assets. Useful lives for infrastructure were estimated based on the City's historical records of necessary improvements and replacement. Infrastructure acquired prior to June 30, 1980 is reported. Depreciation is computed using the straight-line method over the following useful lives:

Description	Estimated lives governmental activities
Buildings	20 - 40 years
Building improvements	20 - 40 years
Streets	25 years
Equipment	5 - 10 years
Furniture	5 - 10 years
Vehicles	5 - 7 years

At the inception of capital leases at the governmental fund reporting level, expenditures and an "other financing source" of an equal amount are reported at the net present value of future minimum lease payments. The City is not obligated under any capital leases as of December 31, 2017.

Accrued Liabilities

All payables and accrued liabilities are reported in the government-wide financial statements. In general, governmental fund payables and accrued liabilities that, once incurred, are paid in a timely manner and in full from current financial resources are reported as obligations of these funds.

Compensated Absences

Employees of the City of Tunnel Hill are entitled to paid vacations and sick days depending on the length of service. As of January 1, 2003, employees are no longer entitled to accumulate vacation and sick days.

Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies - continued

Net Position and Fund Balances

The City's net position on the government-wide statement net position is classified as follows:

Investment in capital assets - This represents the City's total investment in capital assets, net of outstanding debt obligations related to those capital assets. To the extent debt has been incurred but not yet expended for capital assets, such amounts are not included as a component of net investment in capital assets. The City uses the term investment in capital assets rather than net investment in capital assets as they have no outstanding debt related to capital assets.

Restricted net position - These represent resources for which the City is legally or contractually obligated to spend resources for continuation of federal programs, debt service, and capital projects in accordance with restrictions imposed by external third parties.

Unrestricted net position - Unrestricted net position represents resources derived from sales taxes, grants and contributions not restricted to specific programs, charges for services, and miscellaneous revenues. These resources are used for transactions relating to general operations of the City, and may be used at the discretion of the City Council to meet current expenses for those purposes.

Fund equity at the governmental fund financial reporting level is classified as "fund balance". Generally, fund balance represents the difference between the assets and liabilities under the current financial resources measurement focus of accounting. In the fund financial statements, governmental funds report fund balance classifications that comprise a hierarchy based primarily on the extent to which the City is bound to honor constraints on the specific purposes for which amounts in those funds can be spent. The City's fund balances are classified as follows:

1) Non-spendable fund balance - Non-cash assets such as inventories or prepaid items.

2) Restricted fund balance - Funds with limitations imposed on their use by external restrictions imposed by creditors, grantors, or laws or regulations of other governments.

3) Committed fund balance - Amounts that can only be used for specific purposes pursuant to a majority vote of the City Council, the City's highest level of decision making authority, by resolution or contractual obligation. Commitments may only be modified or rescinded by a majority vote of the Council.

4) Assigned fund balance - Amounts intended by the City Council for specific purposes may be assigned by the city administrator under the authorization of the City Council. Equity amounts reported in special revenue funds, capital projects funds, and debt service funds not otherwise classified as nonspendable, restricted, or committed shall constitute assignments of fund balance.

5) Unassigned fund balance - Residual spendable fund balance after subtracting all above amounts.

Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies - continued

Non-spendable fund balances and restricted fund balances are considered restricted net position on the statement of net position. Committed, assigned, non-spendable, and unassigned fund balances are considered unrestricted net position on the statement of net position.

When expenditures are incurred by the City that would qualify for payment with either restricted or unrestricted funds, it will be paid from restricted funds. When an expenditure is incurred that qualifies for payment from one of the three unrestricted fund balances categories, it will be applied in the following order: committed, assigned, then unassigned.

Deferred Outflows/Inflows of Resources

In addition to assets, the statement of financial position will sometimes report a separate section for deferred outflows of resources. This separate financial statement element, *deferred outflows of resources*, represents a consumption of net position that applies to a future period and so will not be recognized as an outflow of resources (expense/expenditure) until then. The government has no items that qualify for reporting in this category.

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 position that applies to a future period and so will not be recognized as an inflow of resources (revenue) until then. The government has no items that qualify for reporting in this category.

Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements. Estimates also affect the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the year. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Subsequent Events

Management has evaluated subsequent events through July 2, 2018, the date the financial statements were available to be issued.

Note 2. Stewardship, Compliance, and Accountability

Budgetary Information

The City adopts an annual operating budget for the general fund and the special revenue funds. The annual budgets are adopted on a basis consistent with GAAP. The legal level of control (the level at which expenditures may not legally exceed appropriations) for each adopted annual operating budget is at the department/function level within each individual fund. All unexpended annual appropriations lapse at year-end.

Material Violations of Finance-Related Legal and Contractual Provisions

The final budget figures varied from the actual figures in one area. The general fund's culture and recreation function expenditures were over budget by $10,149. The budget overage occurred due to the City failing to budget for nonexchange revenue and expense as a result of a nonexchange transaction agreements with Whitfield County.

Note 3. Cash

The City does not have a formally adopted deposit and investment policy that limits the government's allowable deposits or investments and addresses the specific types of risk to which the government is exposed. Custodial credit risk for deposits is the risk that in the event of a bank failure, the City's deposits may not be returned to it. The City does not have a deposit policy for custodial credit risk, but is bound by State of Georgia law that requires collateralization of 110% of the fair value of the deposits in excess of federal depository insurance for governmental entities. At December 31, 2017, the City held bank balances of $1,459,517, all of which was adequately insured and collateralized by securities held by the pledging financial institution.

Note 4. Receivables

Receivables at December 31, 2017 consist of taxes, franchise fees, and fines and forfeitures. Receivables and payables are recorded on the City's financial statements to the extent that the amounts are determined to be material and substantiated not only by supporting documentation, but also by a reasonable, systematic method of determining their existence, completeness, valuation, and in the case of receivables, collectability.

Note 5. Capital Assets

Governmental activities capital asset activity for the year ended December 31, 2017 was as follows:

	Balance at 12/31/2016	Additions	Disposals	Balance at 12/31/2017
Capital assets not being depreciatied:				
Land	$ 282,240	$ -	$ -	$ 282,240
Construction in progress	64,327	13,132	-	77,459
Total capital assets not being depreciated	346,567	13,132	-	359,699
Other capital assets:				
Buildings and improvements	499,257	-	-	499,257
Streets	6,010,752	-	-	6,010,752
Equipment/furniture	109,481	22,250	-	131,731
Vehicles	239,201	-	-	239,201
Total other capital assets	6,858,691	22,250	-	6,880,941
Total cost	7,205,258	35,382	-	7,240,640
Accumulated depreciation:				
Buildings and improvement	235,651	16,261	-	251,912
Streets	5,849,309	24,161	-	5,873,470
Equipment/furniture	82,028	9,819	-	91,847
Vehicles	158,390	16,770	-	175,160
Total accumulated depreciation	6,325,378	67,011	-	6,392,389
Governmental activities capital assets, net	$ 879,880	$ (31,629)	$ -	$ 848,251

Governmental activities depreciation expense:	
General government	$ 16,279
Public safety	18,659
Streets and sanitation	24,161
Culture and recreation	7,912
Total governmental activities depreciation expense	$ 67,011

Note 6. Defined Contribution Plan

The City maintains the City of Tunnel Hill defined contribution plan. This is a 408(p) salary reduction agreement that is available to all employees upon employment with the City. The City will match up to 3% of employee compensation. The Mayor and Council of the City of Tunnel Hill administer the plan and the plan can be amended at the discretion of the Mayor and Council. For the year ended December 31, 2017, employer contributions totaled $6,360 and employee contributions totaled $19,264.

Note 7. Risk Management

The City is exposed to various risks of losses related to torts, thefts of, damage to, and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees; and natural disasters. The City has joined together with other municipalities in the state as part of the Georgia Interlocal Risk Management Agency Property and Liability Insurance Fund and the Georgia Municipal Association Group Self-insurance Workers Compensation Fund, public entity risk pool currently operating as a common risk management and insurance program for member local governments.

As part of these risk pools, the City is obligated to pay all contributions and assessments as prescribed by the pools, to cooperate with the pool's agents and attorneys, to follow loss reduction procedures established by the funds, and to report as promptly as possible, and in accordance with any coverage descriptions issued, all incidents which could result in the funds being required to pay any claim of loss. The City is also to allow the pool's agents and attorneys to represent the City in investigation, settlement discussions and all levels of litigation arising out of any claim made against the City within the scope of loss protection furnished by the funds.

The funds are to defend and protect the members of the funds against liability or loss as prescribed in the member government contract and in accordance with the worker's compensation law of Georgia. The funds are to pay all cost taxed against members in any legal proceeding defended by the members, all interest accruing after entry of judgment, and all expenses incurred for investigation, negotiation or defense. There were no significant reductions in insurance coverage in relation to the prior year. For the years ended 2017, 2016, and 2015, there were no settlements in excess of insurance coverage.

SPECIAL REPORTS SECTION

City of Tunnel Hill, Georgia
Schedule of Projects Constructed with Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax
For the Year Ended December 31, 2017

Project Name	Original Estimated Project Cost	Revised Estimated Project Cost	Prior Years	Current Year	Total	Estimated Percentage Complete
SPLOST 2015:						
Depot restoration project	$ 600,000	$ 600,000	$ 42,633	$ 3,805	$ 46,438	8%
Sewer expansion project	100,000	100,000	25,571	9,327	34,898	35%
	$ 700,000	$ 700,000	$ 68,204	$ 13,132	$ 81,336	

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' 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, Members of the City Council,
and City Administrator
City of Tunnel Hill, 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 *Governmental Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of the governmental activities and each major fund of the City of Tunnel Hill, Georgia as of and for the year ended December 31, 2017, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the City of Tunnel Hill, Georgia's basic financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated July 2, 2018.

Internal Control over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the City of Tunnel Hill, 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 Tunnel Hill, Georgia's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the City of Tunnel Hill, Georgia's internal control.

A *deficiency in internal control* exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct misstatements on a timely basis. A *material weakness* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the entity's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected on a timely basis. A *significant deficiency* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charges with governance.

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies and therefore, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that have not been identified. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses. We did identify certain deficiencies in internal control, described in the accompanying schedule of findings and responses that we consider to be significant deficiencies. (2017-001, 2017-002, 2017-003)

Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the City of Tunnel Hill, Georgia's financial statements are free from material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the 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 an instance of noncompliance or other matters that is required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards* and which is described in the accompanying schedule of findings and responses as item 2017-004.

City of Tunnel Hill, Georgia's Response to Findings

The City of Tunnel Hill, Georgia's response to the findings identified in our audit is described in the accompanying schedule of findings and responses. City of Tunnel Hill, 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.

Estes & Walcott

Dalton, Georgia
July 2, 2018

City of Tunnel Hill, Georgia
Schedule of Findings and Responses
December 31, 2017

Significant Deficiencies:

2017-001 Condition: Accounts receivable, accounts payable, and other accruals are not recorded.

Effect: Failure to record accounts receivable and other accounts on the modified accrual basis could lead to financial statement misstatement that is material to the basic financial statements.

Recommendation: The government should record receivables, payables, and like accounts on the modified accrual basis of accounting.

View of responsible officials and planned corrective actions: The City agrees. We intend to record accounts receivable and other accruals in the future.

2017-002 Condition: Nonexchange revenues and expenditures are not recorded.

Effect: Failure to record nonexchange revenues and expenditures could lead to financial statement misstatement that is material to the basic financial statements and could lead to the government not properly amending their budget.

Recommendation: The City should record all nonexchange revenues and expenditures.

View of responsible officials and planned corrective actions: The City agrees. City staff will learn proper procedures to record nonexchange revenues in the future.

2017-003 Condition: Inadequate segregation of duties.

Effect: Inadequate segregation of duties makes the government more susceptible to fraud.

Recommendation: Since the City is unable to hire more employees to increase segregation of duties, management oversight of accounting functions is imperative.

View of responsible officials and planned corrective actions: The City agrees. Management does provide oversight of accounting function. The timeliness and promptness of such oversight will be improved.

2017-004 Condition: The City experienced material violations of the budget.

Effect: Failure to properly amend the budget could cause data analysis to be inaccurate.

Recommendation: The City should amend the budget for nonexchange revenues and expenditures recorded.

View of responsible officials and planned corrective actions: The City agrees. City staff will learn proper procedures to handle nonexchange transactions.