

**CITY OF HOMEWOOD, ALABAMA**

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Financial Statements

September 30, 2018

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## INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

To the Honorable Mayor and  
Members of the City Council  
City of Homewood, Alabama

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the City of Homewood, Alabama (the City), as of and for the year ended September 30, 2018, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the City'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. 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 auditors' 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, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the City of Homewood, Alabama as of September 30, 2018, and the respective changes in financial position for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

## **Changes in Accounting Principle**

As discussed in Note 18 to the financial statements, in 2018, the City adopted new accounting guidance, GASB Statement No. 75 *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Postemployment Benefits Other than Pensions*. Our opinion is not modified with respect to this matter.

## **Prior Period Adjustments**

As discussed in Note 19 to the financial statements, beginning net position for governmental activities was increased by \$298,305, beginning General fund balance was decreased by \$88,753, beginning 2016 GOW Construction fund balance was decreased by \$164,323, and beginning nonmajor other governmental fund balance was increased by \$121,637 due to corrections of prior year misstatements in various asset, liability, revenue and expenditure accounts. As part of our audit of the fiscal year 2018 financial statements, we also audited the adjustments described in Note 19 that were applied to restate the beginning net position for governmental activities, beginning General fund balance, beginning 2016 GOW Construction fund balance, and beginning nonmajor other governmental fund balance. In our opinion, such adjustments are appropriate and have been properly applied. We were not engaged to audit, review, or apply any procedures to the fiscal year 2017 financial statements of the City other than with regard to the adjustments and, accordingly, we do not express an opinion or any other form of assurance on the fiscal year 2017 financial statements as a whole. Our opinion is not modified with respect to these matters.

## **Other Matters**

### *Required Supplementary Information*

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis, the budgetary comparison information, the schedule of changes in the net pension liability and related ratios, the schedule of employer contributions - pension, and the schedule of changes in total OPEB liability and related ratios on pages 7-15 and pages 59-65 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 Homewood, Alabama's basic financial statements. The introductory section is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements.

The introductory section has not been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and, accordingly, we do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on them.

BMSS, LLC

Birmingham, Alabama

July 2, 2019

## MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

### CITY OF HOMEWOOD, ALABAMA

The City of Homewood Management's Discussion and Analysis report provides an overview of the City's financial activities for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2018. Please read the report in conjunction with the City's financial statements and notes to the financial statements that immediately follow this analysis.

#### **Financial Highlights: Significant Items to Note**

##### **Governmental Activities**

- The assets and deferred outflows of resources of the City exceeded the liabilities and deferred inflows of resources at the close of the 2018 fiscal year by approximately \$39 million (net position).
- The City's net position decreased by approximately \$7.9 million in fiscal year 2018, primarily due to increased liabilities at year end related to construction in progress for the West Homewood Park/Pool project, the new Public Safety Facility and the construction improvements overseen by the Board of Education but paid for by the City from the 2016 warrant proceeds.
- The total cost of the City's programs for the 2018 fiscal year was approximately \$80.8 million. The net cost was approximately \$70 million after subtracting grants and charges for services. Of this net cost, approximately \$27.2 million were payments to the Homewood Board of Education.
- The General Fund revenues received for the 2018 fiscal year exceeded expenditures by \$948,238. This was the amount of revenues exceeding expenditures after the City transferred \$1,000,000 from the General Fund to the Capital Projects Fund for future capital expenditures and also paid employee bonuses of a not-to-exceed amount of \$325,000.
- At the end of the 2018 fiscal year, the General Fund unassigned fund balance was slightly over \$13.7 million, or 39% of the total General Fund operating expenditures.
- Net capital assets for the 2018 fiscal year increased by approximately \$15.5 million primarily due to an increase in construction in progress related to the construction of West Homewood Park/Pool project, the new Public Safety Facility.
- The City's long-term debt decreased by approximately \$4.5 million primarily due to principal payments made during the 2017-2018 fiscal year. During this same fiscal year, the City of Homewood issued 2017 Warrants in the approximate amount of \$9.7 million which, in turn, partially refunded \$8 million of warrants issued in 2012 which renovated Central Park and Pool.

#### **Using the Annual Financial Report - An Overview for the User**

The annual financial report consists of four parts – *Management's Discussion and Analysis* (this section), the *Independent Auditors' Report*, the *Basic Financial Statements* and *Required Supplementary Information*.

The City's basic financial statements are comprised of three components: 1) *Government-Wide Financial Statements*, 2) *Fund Financial Statements*, 3) *Notes to the Basic Financial Statements*.

The financial statements for all governmental activities are based on the fiscal year ending September 30, 2018.

**Government-Wide Financial Statements** - The focus of these statements is to provide readers with a broad overview of the City's finances as a whole, similar to a private-sector business, instead of on an individual fund basis.

*Government-wide statements* report both long-term and short-term information about the City's overall financial status including the capitalization of capital assets and depreciation of all exhaustible capital assets and the outstanding balances of long-term debt and other obligations. These statements report all assets and liabilities perpetuated by these activities using the accrual basis of accounting. The accrual basis takes into account all of the City's current year revenues and expenses regardless of when cash is received or paid. This approach moves the financial reporting method for governmental entities closer to the financial reporting methods used in the private sector.

The following *government-wide financial statements* report on all of the governmental activities of the City as a whole.

The *Statement of Net Position* (on page 16) most closely resembles a balance sheet. It presents information on all of the City's assets (what it owns) and liabilities (what it owes), with the difference between the two reported as net position. The net position reported in this statement represents the accumulation of changes in net position for the current fiscal year and all fiscal years in the past combined. Over time, the increase or decrease in net position reported in this statement may serve as a useful indicator of whether the financial position of the City is improving or deteriorating.

The *Statement of Activities* (on page 18) most closely resembles an income statement. It presents information showing how the City's net assets changed during the current fiscal year only. All of the current year's revenues and expenses are accounted for in the *Statement of Activities* regardless of when cash is received or paid. This statement shows gross expenses and offsetting program revenues to arrive at net cost information for each major expense function or activity of the City. By showing the change in net assets for the year, the reader may be able to determine whether the City's financial position has improved or deteriorated over the course of the current fiscal year.

However, the reader will also need to consider non-financial factors, such as changes in the City's property tax base, businesses operating within the City, and the condition of the City's infrastructure assets, in order to assess the overall health of the City.

**Fund Financial Statements** - A fund is a grouping of related accounts that is used to maintain control over resources that have been segregated for specific activities or objectives. The City uses fund accounting to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance-related legal and internal requirements. The City's funds include governmental funds.

*Governmental Funds* - Governmental *fund financial statements* begin on page 19. These statements account for basically the same governmental activities reported in the *government-wide financial statements*. *Fund financial statements* presented herein display information on each of the City's most important governmental funds or *major funds*. This is required in order to better assess the City's accountability for significant governmental programs or certain dedicated revenue. The City's *major funds* are the General Fund, 1947 School Tax Fund, Debt Service Fund, 2016 GOW Construction Fund, and the Capital Projects Fund. All special revenue funds are presented as *other governmental funds*, except the 1947 School Tax Fund which is a major fund.



The *Governmental Fund Financial Statements* are measured on the modified-accrual basis of accounting. As a result, the *fund financial statements* focus more on the near-term use and availability of spendable resources. The information provided in these statements is useful in determining the City's immediate financial needs. This is in contrast to the accrual-based *government-wide financial statements*, which focus more on overall, long-term availability of spendable resources. The relationship between governmental activities reported in the *government-wide financial statements* and the governmental funds reported in the *fund financial statements* are reconciled on pages 20 and 22 of these financial statements. These reconciliations are useful to readers in understanding the long-term impact of the City's short-term financing decisions.

**Notes to the Basic Financial Statements** - The *notes to the basic financial statements* provide additional information that is essential for the statements to fairly represent the City's financial position and its operations. The *notes to the basic financial statements* begin on page 23.

After the presentation of the basic financial statements, the *required supplementary information* is presented following the notes to the basic financial statements. The *required supplementary information* beginning on page 59 provides a comparison of the adopted budget of the City's General Fund and 1947 School Tax Special Revenue Fund to the actual operating results for the fiscal year. The comparison of this data allows users to assess management's ability to project and plan for its operations throughout the year.

## Analysis of the City of Homewood's Overall Financial Position

### Government-Wide Funds

As indicated earlier, a City's net position may serve over time as a useful indicator of a government's financial position. Refer to *Table 1* when reading the following analysis of net position.

**Table 1: Summary of Net Position**

	For the year ended September 30, (dollars in thousands)	
	2018	2017
<b>Assets and deferred outflow of resources</b>		
Current and other assets	\$ 158,684	\$ 157,636
Capital assets	119,877	103,969
Deferred outflow of resources	10,965	11,816
Total assets and deferred outflow of resources	<u>289,526</u>	<u>273,421</u>
<b>Liabilities and deferred inflows of resources</b>		
Current liabilities	18,930	8,705
Long-term liabilities	208,803	216,261
Deferred inflows of resources	22,549	1,158
Total liabilities and deferred inflows of resources	<u>250,282</u>	<u>226,124</u>
<b>Net position</b>		
Net investment in capital assets	48,741	41,283
Restricted	86,457	15,560
Unrestricted	(95,954)	(9,546)
Total net position	<u>\$ 39,244</u>	<u>\$ 47,297</u>

The City's assets exceeded liabilities (net position) by approximately \$39 million at September 30, 2018. This consists of assets (net of related debt) invested in capital of approximately \$48.7 million and \$86.5 million of assets restricted by law for specific purposes and a negative balance in unrestricted net position of over \$(95.9) million. This negative balance in unrestricted net position is primarily the result of restricted net position pertaining to funds required to be used for capital projects.

Assets (net of related debt) invested in capital of \$48.7 million reflect the City's investment in capital assets (e.g., land, infrastructure, buildings, improvements other than buildings, fixtures, furniture, equipment and transportation equipment), less accumulated depreciation and debt related to the acquisition of the assets. Since these capital assets are used in governmental activities, this portion of net assets is not available for future spending or funding of operations.

### Analysis of the City of Homewood's Operating Results

The results of this fiscal year's operations, as a whole, are reported in detail in the *Statement of Activities* on page 18. *Table 2* below condenses the results of operations for the fiscal year into a format where the reader can easily see the total revenues of the City for the year. It also shows the impact that operations had on changes in net assets as of September 30, 2018.

**Table 2: Summary of Changes in Net Position**

	Fiscal year ended September 30,	
	2018	2017
Program revenues:		
Charges for services	\$ 8,517	\$ 8,433
Operating grants and contributions	2,070	321
Capital grants and contributions	181	118
General revenues:		
Taxes	60,499	57,480
Investment earnings	1,562	655
Gain on disposal of capital assets	-	15
Miscellaneous revenue	127	26
Total revenues	<u>72,956</u>	<u>67,048</u>
Program expenses		
General government	12,246	12,295
Public safety	20,148	19,131
Public works	7,153	6,834
Culture/recreation	7,805	7,371
Payments to Homewood BOE	27,192	16,647
Interest on long-term debt	6,262	4,598
Total expenses	<u>80,806</u>	<u>66,876</u>
Change in net position	(7,850)	172
Net position, beginning (as originally stated)	47,297	47,125
Restatement	(203)	-
Net position, ending	<u>\$ 39,244</u>	<u>\$ 47,297</u>

The City's revenues increased by approximately almost \$6 million, or approximately 9% over the last fiscal year. This increase is primarily attributable to increased revenues from property tax as well as an additional 1% sales tax that went into effect on January 1, 2017 to be used as a funding source for the warrant proceeds borrowed for capital expansion in the 2016 warrant issue. Capital and operating grants and contributions increased from \$439,000 in FY 2016-2017 to approximately \$2.3 million in FY 2017-2018 due to a change in classification of the City's share of State Gasoline Tax. The City's program expenses increased by almost \$14 million primarily due to increase in payments to and on behalf of the Homewood Board of Education as well as increased spending for Public Safety. The Homewood Board of Education payments consisted of over \$8.6 million in sales/use tax, \$8.2 million in property taxes and over \$10.2 million of payments for school infrastructure construction/renovations from the 2016 bond proceeds.

Table 3 is a condensed statement taken from the *Statement of Activities* on page 18 showing the total cost for providing services for six major City activities. Total cost of services is compared to the net cost of providing these services. The net cost of services is the remaining cost of services after subtracting grants and charges for services that the City used to offset the program's total cost. In other words, the net cost shows the financial burden that was placed on all taxpayers for each of these activities. This information allows citizens to consider the cost of each program in comparison to the benefits provided.

**Table 3: Net Cost of Government-Wide Activities**

	<b>Fiscal year ended September 30, 2018 (dollars in thousands)</b>	
	<b>Total Cost of Services</b>	<b>Net Cost of Services</b>
General governmental administration	\$ 12,246	\$ 5,993
Public safety	20,148	19,348
Public works	7,153	4,678
Culture and recreation	7,805	6,563
Payments to Homewood BOE	27,192	27,192
Interest on long-term debt	6,262	6,262
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 80,806</b>	<b>\$ 70,036</b>

### **Performance of City Funds**

As noted earlier, the City uses fund accounting to control and manage resources in order to ensure compliance with finance-related legal and internal requirements. Using funds to account for resources for particular purposes helps the reader to determine the City's accountability for these resources whether provided by taxpayers or other entities, and to help provide more insight into the City's overall financial health. The following analysis of the City's funds should be read in reference to the *fund financial statements* that begin on page 19.

**Governmental Funds** - The focus of the City's governmental funds is to provide information on near-term inflows, outflows, and balances of available resources. Such information is useful in assessing the City's financial requirements (Note: the reconciliation statement between the *fund financial statements* and the *government-wide financial statements* is presented on page 20). At the end of the fiscal year, the City's governmental funds reported a combined fund balance of approximately \$128 million available for future operations, with \$76 million of this fund balance consisting of bond proceeds which will be spent in the immediate future from the 2016 GOW Construction Fund for West Homewood Park/Pool, the new Public Safety Facility and payments to the Homewood Board of Education for infrastructure improvements.

### **Budgetary Highlights of the General Fund**

On or before October 1 of each year, the Mayor prepares and submits an annual budget to be adopted by the City Council. The comparison of general fund budget to the actual results is detailed in the "Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances - Budget and Actual" on page 59. The City's actual results as compared to the City's budget can be briefly summarized as follows:

- Tax revenues exceeded the final approved budget by almost \$3 million, primarily due to sales tax actual collections and lodging taxes exceeding budgeted projections. During the Fiscal Year 2017-2018 the City Council voted to raise lodging tax by 3%. Total licenses and permits exceeded budget by almost \$163,000, due to higher actual building permits and business license revenue than projected. Charges for services fell short of budgeted projections by a little over \$113,000.
- Actual expenditures were lower by over \$1.6 million from the final approved budget, or almost 4% of the final budget primarily due to the City closely monitoring expenses. All City government departments were under budget at year end.
- Overall actual results exceeded final budget projections by \$1,173,339. This amount is the surplus existing after expensing \$325,000 in employee bonuses and transferring \$1,000,000 from the general fund to the capital fund. The adopted budget for fiscal year 2017-2018 included the use of a carryover of fund balance of \$85,000 that did not have to be utilized during the fiscal year, mainly through closely monitoring expenditures.

### **Capital Assets and Debt Administration**

**Capital Assets** - The City's investment in capital assets for governmental activities, for the year ended September 30, 2018, amounted to almost \$120 million, net of accumulated depreciation. A recap of the City's capital assets at actual or estimated historical cost is shown in *Table 4* on the following page. Assets are presented net of accumulated depreciation.

**Table 4: Capital Assets (net of accumulated depreciation)**

	<b>For the year ended September 30, (dollars in thousands)</b>	
	<b>2018</b>	<b>2017</b>
	Land	\$ 13,600
Construction in progress	23,443	3,295
Buildings	32,395	34,108
Land/infrastructure improvements	42,120	43,583
Equipment, furniture, computers and vehicles	8,320	9,813
Capital assets, net of depreciation	<u>\$ 119,878</u>	<u>\$ 104,399</u>

Additions and reclassifications to capital assets during the current year included the following (dollars in thousands):

Construction in progress	\$ 20,148
Buildings	55
Land/infrastructure improvements	324
Equipment, furniture, computers, and vehicles	1,000
<b>Total</b>	<u>\$ 21,527</u>

**Long-Term Debt** - At year end, the City had almost \$170 million in general obligation warrants and other long-term debt outstanding as shown in *Table 5* below.

**Table 5: Outstanding Debt**

	<b>As of September 30, 2018 (dollars in thousands)</b>		
	<b>Beginning Balance</b>	<b>Net Change</b>	<b>Ending Balance</b>
Governmental activities:			
2012 warrants with unamortized bond premium	\$ 16,229	\$ (8,521)	\$ 7,708
2015 warrants	716	(293)	423
2016 warrants with unamortized bond premium	154,995	(4,601)	150,394
2017 warrants with unamortized bond premium	-	9,794	9,794
Capital lease payable	2,718	(841)	1,877
Totals	<u>\$ 174,658</u>	<u>\$ (4,462)</u>	<u>\$ 170,196</u>

Long-term debt activity for the year consisted of the following:

- Outstanding Warrant Obligations were approximately \$175 million at the beginning of the fiscal year and consisted of the 2012, 2015, and 2016 warrant issues. The 2016 refunded the 2007 Warrants as well as provided additional money for the construction projects in process mentioned in the capital assets section of this report. The City made principal payments of over \$4 million on outstanding bond issues during the fiscal year. During the fiscal year, the City issued new 2017 warrants to partially refund the 2012 warrants as well as provide some additional funding for future projects.

### **Economic Factors and Next Year's Budget**

**Fiscal Year 2019 Budget** - The City Council approved an original budget of revenues and expenditures plus budget amendments during the fiscal year for a total of approximately \$85 million for all funds (General and Special Revenue), exclusive of the 1947 School Tax Fund and 2016 GOW Construction Fund, for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2019. The 1947 School Tax Fund budget consists of property tax dedicated to the schools and this budget for FY 2018-2019 is \$8.6 million. The 2016 GOW Construction Fund has an approximate budget of \$52.8 million for continued construction of the West Homewood Park/Pool, Public Safety Facility and amount borrowed by the City on behalf of the Board of Education for school infrastructure improvements.

**Economic Factors** - During FY 2018-2019, the City expects to complete the renovations to West Homewood Park Athletic Complex and swimming pool. Construction will continue on the new Public Safety Facility during the fiscal year. There is a planned hotel development in downtown Homewood that should begin construction during the fiscal year as well as the continued plans for 18th Street Revitalization.

**Personnel Administration Cost** - The City's personnel administration is provided by the Personnel Board of Jefferson County (PBJC). The 2018-2019 budget included a line item of \$365,000 budgeted for this expenditure. Actual costs invoiced to the City of Homewood by the PBJC and payable during fiscal year 2018-2019 totaled \$325,175 which was for costs incurred in the prior fiscal year. This represents a 6% decrease over the FY 2017-2018 payment of \$342,965. In 2017-2018, the JCPB purchased new software and these costs were allocated to participating cities.

**Medical Costs** - Employee health insurance is provided through the State of Alabama Insurance Board (SEIB). This Board voted to increase health insurance rates 3.1% beginning January 1, 2019. The City achieved preferred rating in part through meeting the wellness screening participation goals in fiscal year 2017-2018. The Mayor recommended, and the City Council voted for, the City and not the employees to fund this increase for the FY 2018-2019 budget.

**Retirement Costs** - The City's retirement program for employees is provided through the Retirement System of Alabama (RSA). Effective October 1, 2013, the City opted to come under the provisions of Act 2011-676 thereby changing the rates contributed by employees. The City's contribution percentage for Tier 1 employees that contribute 7.5% and 8.5% to retirement is 15.75% for fiscal year 2018-2019. The City's contribution percentage for Tier 2 employees that contribute 6% and 7% to retirement is 14.58% for fiscal year 2018-2019.

**Cost-of-Living Raise** – Homewood City Council, upon recommendation of the Mayor, voted to give employees a 2% Cost-of-Living Raise in the FY 2017-2018 budget. In addition, the Mayor recommended and Council approved the payment of up to \$350,000 in bonuses from the September 30, 2018 surplus to be paid in November 2018.

#### **Contacting the City’s Financial Management**

This financial report is designed to provide citizens, taxpayers, investors, and creditors with a general overview of the City’s finances and to show the City’s accountability for the money it receives. If you have any questions about this report or need additional financial information, please contact Robert Burgett Finance Director/Assistant City Clerk at (205) 332-6118 or Melody Salter City Clerk/Assistant Finance Director at (205) 332-6108.

**CITY OF HOMEWOOD, ALABAMA**  
Statement of Net Position  
September 30, 2018

	<b>Primary Government Governmental Activities</b>
<b>Assets</b>	
Current assets	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 10,803,940
Deposit and investments	10,807,769
Accounts receivable	23,797,489
Prepaid expenses	176,269
Restricted cash and cash equivalents	27,479,670
Restricted deposits and investments	85,618,562
Total current assets	158,683,699
Noncurrent assets	
Nondepreciable capital assets	37,043,088
Depreciable capital assets, net	82,834,493
Total noncurrent assets	119,877,581
Total assets	278,561,280
<b>Deferred outflows of resources</b>	
Deferred outflows related to pensions	7,014,381
Deferred charge on refunding	3,950,304
Total deferred outflows of resources	10,964,685
<b>Liabilities</b>	
Current liabilities	
Accounts payable	9,781,849
Accrued expenses	492,383
Due to other governments	1,512,339
Unearned revenue	18,672
Accrued interest payable	619,495
Current maturities of long-term liabilities	
Warrants payable, net	4,554,369
Capital lease payable	650,009
Compensated absences	1,300,245
Total current liabilities	18,929,361

The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.



**CITY OF HOMEWOOD, ALABAMA**  
Statement of Net Position  
September 30, 2018  
(Continued)

	<b>Primary Government</b>
	<b>Governmental</b>
	<b>Activities</b>
Noncurrent liabilities	
Warrants payable, net	\$ 163,765,070
Capital lease payable	1,227,054
Compensated absences	1,300,245
Other post-employment benefits	1,953,207
Net pension liability	40,557,421
Total noncurrent liabilities	208,802,997
Total liabilities	227,732,358
<b>Deferred inflows of resources</b>	
Property taxes levied for subsequent year	19,659,878
Deferred inflows related to pensions	2,889,597
Total deferred inflows of resources	22,549,475
<b>Net position</b>	
Net investment in capital assets	48,741,254
Restricted for:	
Public works	1,167,212
Public safety/Municipal court	3,018,976
Debt service	5,637,743
Capital projects	76,475,956
Other purposes	156,813
Unrestricted	(95,953,822)
Total net position	\$ 39,244,132

The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

**CITY OF HOMEWOOD, ALABAMA**  
Statement of Activities  
Year Ended September 30, 2018

<b>Program Activities:</b>	<b>Expenses</b>	<b>Program Revenues</b>			<b>Net (Expense) Revenue and Changes in Net Position</b>
		<b>Fees, Fines, and Charges for Services</b>	<b>Operating Grants and Contributions</b>	<b>Capital Grants and Contributions</b>	<b>Primary Government Governmental Activities</b>
<b>Governmental activities</b>					
General government administration	\$ 12,245,823	\$ 6,036,841	\$ 215,673	\$ -	\$ (5,993,309)
Public safety	20,147,528	76,183	722,952	-	(19,348,393)
Public works	7,153,028	1,201,507	1,092,298	181,257	(4,677,966)
Culture and recreation	7,805,126	1,202,434	39,306	-	(6,563,386)
Payments to Homewood BOE	27,192,383	-	-	-	(27,192,383)
Interest on long-term debt	6,262,112	-	-	-	(6,262,112)
<b>Total governmental activities</b>	<b>80,806,000</b>	<b>8,516,965</b>	<b>2,070,229</b>	<b>181,257</b>	<b>(70,037,549)</b>
<b>Total primary government</b>	<b>\$ 80,806,000</b>	<b>\$ 8,516,965</b>	<b>\$ 2,070,229</b>	<b>\$ 181,257</b>	<b>(70,037,549)</b>
<b>General revenues and other items:</b>					
Taxes:					
Sales					
					34,441,393
Property					
					18,731,549
Other					
					4,598,523
Franchise fees					
					2,727,483
Interest earnings					
					1,561,582
Miscellaneous					
					127,436
<b>Total general revenues and other items</b>					
					<b>62,187,966</b>
<b>Change in net position</b>					
					<b>(7,849,583)</b>
<b>Net position - beginning of year, as originally reported</b>					
					47,297,052
<b>Prior period adjustment, see Note 19</b>					
					(203,337)
<b>Net position - beginning of year, as restated</b>					
					47,093,715
<b>Net position - end of year</b>					
					<b>\$ 39,244,132</b>

The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

**CITY OF HOMEWOOD, ALABAMA**

Balance Sheet  
Governmental Funds  
September 30, 2018

	<b>General</b>	<b>1947 School Tax</b>	<b>Debt Service</b>	<b>Capital Projects</b>	<b>2016 GOW Construction</b>	<b>Nonmajor Governmental Funds</b>	<b>Total Governmental Funds</b>
<b>Assets</b>							
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 10,803,940	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 10,803,940
Deposit and investments	10,807,769	-	-	-	-	-	10,807,769
Accounts receivable	9,034,970	8,898,578	5,335,874	163,331	168,199	196,537	23,797,489
Prepaid expenditures	176,269	-	-	-	-	-	176,269
Due from other funds	515,918	86,966	554,926	1,223,063	-	217,988	2,598,861
Restricted cash and cash equivalents	960,615	30,423	11,682,519	3,648,169	5,557,981	5,599,963	27,479,670
Restricted deposits and investments	7,447,056	-	-	-	78,171,506	-	85,618,562
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>\$ 39,746,537</b>	<b>\$ 9,015,967</b>	<b>\$ 17,573,319</b>	<b>\$ 5,034,563</b>	<b>\$ 83,897,686</b>	<b>\$ 6,014,488</b>	<b>\$ 161,282,560</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>							
Accounts payable	\$ 1,723,042	\$ 86,264	\$ -	\$ 175,898	\$ 7,421,730	\$ 374,915	\$ 9,781,849
Accrued expenses	492,383	-	-	-	-	-	492,383
Due to other governmental units	1,512,339	-	-	-	-	-	1,512,339
Due to other funds	1,730,319	-	-	6,519	-	862,023	2,598,861
Unearned revenue	18,297	-	-	375	-	-	18,672
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<b>5,476,380</b>	<b>86,264</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>182,792</b>	<b>7,421,730</b>	<b>1,236,938</b>	<b>14,404,104</b>
<b>Deferred inflow of resources</b>							
Property taxes levied for subsequent years	5,504,766	8,846,945	5,308,167	-	-	-	19,659,878
<b>Total deferred inflow of resources</b>	<b>5,504,766</b>	<b>8,846,945</b>	<b>5,308,167</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>19,659,878</b>
<b>Fund balance</b>							
Nonspendable	176,269	-	-	-	-	-	176,269
Restricted	-	82,758	5,637,743	-	76,475,956	4,260,243	86,456,700
Committed	11,173,605	-	-	-	-	-	11,173,605
Assigned	3,663,015	-	6,627,409	4,851,771	-	516,843	15,659,038
Unassigned	13,752,502	-	-	-	-	464	13,752,966
<b>Total fund balances</b>	<b>28,765,391</b>	<b>82,758</b>	<b>12,265,152</b>	<b>4,851,771</b>	<b>76,475,956</b>	<b>4,777,550</b>	<b>127,218,578</b>
<b>Total liabilities, deferred inflows and fund balance</b>	<b>\$ 39,746,537</b>	<b>\$ 9,015,967</b>	<b>\$ 17,573,319</b>	<b>\$ 5,034,563</b>	<b>\$ 83,897,686</b>	<b>\$ 6,014,488</b>	<b>\$ 161,282,560</b>

The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

**CITY OF HOMEWOOD, ALABAMA**  
Reconciliation of the Governmental Funds  
Balance Sheet to the Statement of Net Position  
September 30, 2018

<b>Total fund balances - governmental funds</b>		\$ 127,218,578
<p>Amounts reported for governmental activities in the Statement of Net Position are different due to the following:</p>		
<p>Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and, therefore, are not reported in the governmental funds.</p>		
Governmental capital assets	214,826,752	
Less accumulated depreciation	<u>(94,949,171)</u>	119,877,581
<p>Interest payable is not recognized as an expenditure in governmental funds, but rather is recognized when an expenditure is paid.</p>		
		(619,495)
<p>Long-term liabilities, including warrants payable, are not due and payable in the current period and, therefore, are not reported in the governmental funds.</p>		
Warrants payable	(150,228,413)	
Warrant premiums	(18,091,026)	
Deferred outflows of resources for pensions	7,014,381	
Deferred outflow of resources for deferred charges	3,950,304	
Capital lease payable	(1,877,063)	
Total OPEB liability	(1,953,207)	
Net pension liability	(40,557,421)	
Compensated absences	(2,600,490)	
Deferred inflows of resources for pensions	<u>(2,889,597)</u>	<u>(207,232,532)</u>
<b>Total net position- governmental activities</b>		<b>\$ 39,244,132</b>

The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

**CITY OF HOMEWOOD, ALABAMA**  
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances  
Governmental Funds  
Year Ended September 30, 2018

	General	1947 School Tax	Debt Service	Capital Projects	2016 GOW Construction	Nonmajor Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
<b>Revenues</b>							
Taxes	\$ 42,264,032	\$ 8,445,424	\$ 4,997,641	\$ 2,064,368	\$ -	\$ 1,646,900	\$ 59,418,365
Licenses and permits	7,865,528	-	-	-	-	37,637	7,903,165
Intergovernmental	162,342	-	215,673	-	-	189,502	567,517
Charges for services	1,412,911	-	-	-	-	487,390	1,900,301
Fines and forfeitures	821,835	-	-	-	-	231,286	1,053,121
Other	647,336	96	38,054	30,670	1,248,602	149,190	2,113,948
Total revenues	<u>53,173,984</u>	<u>8,445,520</u>	<u>5,251,368</u>	<u>2,095,038</u>	<u>1,248,602</u>	<u>2,741,905</u>	<u>72,956,417</u>
<b>Expenditures</b>							
General government administration	5,860,988	201,578	230,056	1,792,413	154	1,120,766	9,205,955
Public safety	16,543,836	-	-	337,517	-	816,950	17,698,303
Public works	5,894,174	-	-	110,619	-	261,899	6,266,692
Culture and recreation	6,403,459	-	-	176,268	-	70,495	6,650,222
Capital outlay	-	-	-	1,292,768	20,148,350	86,808	21,527,926
Debt service							
Principal retirement	-	-	4,258,536	-	-	-	4,258,536
Interest	-	-	7,258,267	-	-	-	7,258,267
Issuance of debt costs	-	-	159,362	-	-	-	159,362
Total expenditures	<u>34,702,457</u>	<u>201,578</u>	<u>11,906,221</u>	<u>3,709,585</u>	<u>20,148,504</u>	<u>2,356,918</u>	<u>73,025,263</u>
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenditures	<u>18,471,527</u>	<u>8,243,942</u>	<u>(6,654,853)</u>	<u>(1,614,547)</u>	<u>(18,899,902)</u>	<u>384,987</u>	<u>(68,846)</u>
<b>Other financing sources (uses)</b>							
Proceeds from bond issuance	-	-	9,715,000	-	-	-	9,715,000
Premium on issuance of warrants	-	-	247,586	-	-	-	247,586
Payment to refunded warrant and bond escrow agent	-	-	(9,136,633)	-	-	-	(9,136,633)
Appropriation to Homewood Board of Education	(8,643,658)	(8,243,474)	-	-	(10,299,467)	(5,784)	(27,192,383)
Operating transfers (out) in	(8,879,631)	-	7,269,363	1,117,831	672,781	(180,344)	-
Total other financing sources (uses)	<u>(17,523,289)</u>	<u>(8,243,474)</u>	<u>8,095,316</u>	<u>1,117,831</u>	<u>(9,626,686)</u>	<u>(186,128)</u>	<u>(26,366,430)</u>
Net changes in fund balance	948,238	468	1,440,463	(496,716)	(28,526,588)	198,859	(26,435,276)
Fund balance - beginning of year, as originally reported	27,905,906	82,290	10,824,689	5,348,487	105,166,867	4,457,054	153,785,293
Prior period adjustment, see Note 19	(88,753)	-	-	-	(164,323)	121,637	(131,439)
Fund balance - end of year	<u>\$ 28,765,391</u>	<u>\$ 82,758</u>	<u>\$ 12,265,152</u>	<u>\$ 4,851,771</u>	<u>\$ 76,475,956</u>	<u>\$ 4,777,550</u>	<u>\$ 127,218,578</u>

The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

**CITY OF HOMEWOOD, ALABAMA**  
 Reconciliation of the Governmental Funds Statement of Revenues,  
 Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances to the Statement of Activities  
 Year Ended September 30, 2018

**Net changes in fund balances - governmental funds** \$ (26,435,276)

Amounts reported for governmental activities in the Statement of  
 Activities are different due to the following:

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.  
 This is the amount by which capital outlays exceeded depreciation  
 in the current period.

Capital outlay	21,527,926	
Less depreciation expense	(6,049,288)	15,478,638

The issuance of long-term debt (e.g., warrants, notes payable, etc.)  
 provides current financial resources to governmental funds, while the  
 repayment of the principal of long-term debt consumes the current  
 financial resources of governmental funds. Neither transaction,  
 however, has any effect on net position. Also, governmental funds  
 report the effect of discounts, premiums, and similar items when debt  
 is first issued, whereas these amounts are deferred and amortized in  
 the Statement of Activities. This amount is the net effect of these  
 differences in the treatment of long-term debt and related items.

Principal retirement	4,258,536	
Proceeds from issuance of warrants	(9,715,000)	
Premium on issuance of warrants	(247,586)	
Payment to refunded warrant and bond escrow agent	9,136,633	
Warrant premiums and deferred amounts on refunding amortization expense	1,141,107	4,573,690

Some expenses reported in the Statement of Activities do not require  
 the use of current financial resources and, therefore, are not reported  
 as expenditures in governmental funds.

Net increase in accrued compensated absences	(182,267)	
Net increase in pension expense	(1,217,034)	
Net increase in post-employment benefit payable	(81,744)	
Net decrease in accrued interest	14,410	(1,466,635)

**Change in net position - governmental activities** \$ (7,849,583)

The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

**CITY OF HOMEWOOD, ALABAMA**  
Notes to Financial Statements  
September 30, 2018

**NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

The City of Homewood, Alabama (the City), an Alabama Municipal Corporation, was incorporated in 1926. The City operates under a Mayor-Council form of government. The governing body is an elected Mayor, elected City Council President, and a ten-member elected City Council. The City's major operations include police and fire protection, culture and recreation, public works and general administrative services.

The financial statements of the City are prepared in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) as applicable to governmental units. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is the standard-setting body for governmental accounting and financial reporting. The City's reporting entity applies all relevant GASB pronouncements. In preparing the financial statements, management evaluated subsequent events through July 2, 2019, the date the financial statements were available to be issued. The more significant of these accounting policies are described below.

**Financial Reporting Entity**

The City's basic financial statements include the accounts of all City operations. The criteria for including organizations as component units within the City's reporting entity include whether:

- The organization is legally separate (can sue and be sued in their own name);
- The City holds the corporate powers of the organization;
- The City appoints a voting majority of the organization's board;
- The City is able to impose its will on the organization;
- The organization has the potential to impose a financial benefit/burden on the City; and
- There is fiscal dependency by the organization on the City.

Based on the aforementioned criteria, the City of Homewood has no component units.

**Government-Wide and Fund Financial Statements**

The basic financial statements are presented at both the government-wide (based on the City as a whole) and fund financial level. Governmental activities are normally supported by taxes and intergovernmental revenues. The government-wide financial statements categorize by primary activities, such as the City's police and fire protection, culture and recreation, public works, and general administrative services, as governmental activities.

*Government-Wide Financial Statements* display information about the City as a whole. The effect of interfund activity has been removed from these statements. These aggregate statements consist of the *Statement of Net Position* and the *Statement of Activities*.

The *Statement of Net Position* measurement focus is full accrual basis of accounting and economic resource measurement and the statement presents information on all of the City's assets and liabilities (including long-term assets and receivables as well as long-term debt and obligations), with the difference being reported as net position.

**CITY OF HOMEWOOD, ALABAMA**

Notes to Financial Statements

September 30, 2018

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**NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - Continued**

**Government-Wide and Fund Financial Statements - Continued**

The *Statement of Activities* demonstrates the degree to which direct expenses of a given function, or segment, are offset by program revenues. Direct expenses are those that are clearly identifiable with a specific function or segment. Program revenues include (1) charges to customers or applicants who purchase, use, or directly benefit from goods, services or privileges provided by a given function or segment, and (2) grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular function or segment. Taxes and other items (property, sales and use taxes, certain intergovernmental revenues, etc.) not attributable to a specific program are reported as general revenues. When both restricted and unrestricted resources are available for use, it is the City's policy to use restricted resources first, then unrestricted resources as they are needed. The City does not employ an indirect cost allocation system.

*Fund Financial Statements* display information at the individual fund level. Each fund is considered to be a separate accounting entity. Major individual funds are reported in separate columns in the basic financial statements. Non-major funds (by category or fund type) are consolidated into a single column of the basic financial statements.

**Measurement Focus and Basis of Accounting**

Measurement focus is a term used to describe which transactions are recorded within the various financial statements. Basis of accounting refers to when transactions are recorded. The government-wide financial statements are presented on a full accrual basis of accounting with an economic resource measurement focus. An economic resource focus concentrates on an entity or fund's net position.

All transactions and events that affect the total economic resources (net position) during the period are reported. Economic resources measurement focus is connected with the full accrual basis of accounting. Under the full accrual basis of accounting, revenues are recorded when earned and expenses are recorded at the time liabilities are incurred, regardless of the timing of related cash inflows and outflows.



**CITY OF HOMEWOOD, ALABAMA**

Notes to Financial Statements

September 30, 2018

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**NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - Continued**

**Measurement Focus and Basis of Accounting - Continued**

Governmental fund financial statements are presented on a modified accrual basis of accounting with a current financial resource measurement focus. The measurement focus concentrates on the fund's resources available for spending currently or in the near future. Only transactions and events affecting the fund's current financial resources during the period are reported. Current resources measurement is connected with the modified accrual basis of accounting. Under the modified accrual basis of accounting, revenues are recognized when susceptible to accrual (i.e., when they become *measurable* and *available*). *Measurable* means the amount of the transaction can be determined and revenues are considered *available* when they are collected within the current period or expected to be collected soon enough thereafter to be used to pay liabilities of the current period. For this purpose, the City considers revenues to be available if they are collected within 60 days of the end of the current fiscal year. Revenues considered susceptible to accrual are property taxes, state, county and local shared revenues, franchise taxes and intergovernmental revenues. Expenditures are recognized when the related liability is incurred, with the exception of principal and interest on general obligation long-term debt, compensated absences, net pension obligation and other post-employment benefits payable, and claims and judgments, which are recognized as expenditures to the extent that they have matured.

Since the governmental fund statements are presented on a different measurement focus and basis of accounting than the government-wide statements, a reconciliation is presented on the page following each statement, which briefly explains the adjustment necessary to transform the fund-based financial statements into the governmental activities column of the government-wide presentation.

**Basis of Presentation - Fund Level Financial Statements**

Generally accepted accounting principles set forth minimum criteria (percentage of the assets, liabilities, revenues or expenditures/expenses of either fund category) for the determination of major funds. The non-major funds are combined in a column in the fund financial statements and detailed in the combining section located in the supplementary information section of the financial statements. The City reports the following major governmental funds:

**General Fund** - To account for all revenues and expenditures applicable to the general operations of government that are not properly accounted for in another fund. All general operating revenues, which are not restricted or designated as to use by outside sources, are recorded in the General Fund.

**1947 School Tax Fund** - The 1947 School Tax Fund is the City's major special revenue fund. The fund is used to collect property taxes to be disbursed as payments to the Homewood Board of Education.

**CITY OF HOMEWOOD, ALABAMA**

Notes to Financial Statements

September 30, 2018

(Continued)

**NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - Continued**

**Basis of Presentation - Fund Level Financial Statements - Continued**

**Debt Service Fund** - The debt service fund is used to account for payments of principal and interest on the general obligation warrants of the City.

**Capital Projects Fund** - Capital projects funds are used to account for financial resources and to be used for the acquisition or construction of major capital facilities. The Capital Project Fund accounts for revenues to the acquisitions, construction, and redevelopment of the City's capital assets and infrastructure and is classified as a major fund of the City.

**2016 General Obligation Warrants Construction Fund** - The 2016 General Obligation Warrants Construction Fund is used to account for bond proceeds that are being used for construction projects.

Additionally, the City reports the following non-major governmental funds:

**Special Revenue Funds** - To account for the proceeds of specific revenue resources that are legally restricted or designated for expenditures with specified purposes. All of the City's special revenue funds are non-major with the exception of the 1947 School Tax Fund. The City reports all nonmajor funds in the Nonmajor Governmental funds column.

**Use of Estimates**

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

**Cash and Cash Equivalents**

The City considers all instruments with an original maturity of three months or less to be cash and cash equivalents. Cash equivalents consist of money market securities stated at fair value which approximates cost. Cash and cash equivalents are maintained at financial institutions and, at times, balances may exceed federally insured limits. These amounts represent actual account balances held by financial institutions at the end of the period, and unlike the balances reported in the financial statements, the account balances do not reflect timing delays inherent in reconciling items such as outstanding checks and deposits in transit. The City has never experienced any losses related to those balances.

The City also participates in the Alabama State Treasury's Security for Alabama Funds Enhancement (SAFE) program. The bank holding the City's deposits is a certified participant in the SAFE program. Through the SAFE program, all public funds are protected through a collateral pool administered by the Alabama State Treasury.

**CITY OF HOMEWOOD, ALABAMA**

Notes to Financial Statements

September 30, 2018

(Continued)

**NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - Continued**

**Investments**

The State Attorney General has issued a legal opinion that cities may not put public funds at risk by owning investments not insured by the federal government.

Investments are stated at market value.

**Receivables**

Receivables are reported as Receivables and Due from Other Governments in the government-wide financial statements and in the fund financial statements. Receivables due from other governments include amounts due to the City for property, sales and other taxes and due to the City from grantors for grants issued for specific programs and local taxes. No allowances are made for uncollectible amounts.

**Prepaid Expenses**

Prepaid balances are for payments made by the City in the current year to provide services occurring in the subsequent fiscal year.

**Restricted Assets**

The use of restricted assets is limited by legal requirements or restrictions imposed externally by creditors or contributors. When both restricted and unrestricted resources are available for use, it is the City's policy to use restricted resources first, then unrestricted, as they are needed.

**Interfund Transfers, Receivables and Payables**

During the normal course of operations, the City has numerous transactions between funds to provide services, construct assets, and service debt. These receivables and payables are classified as "Due to/from other funds," as they are all short-term in nature. These amounts have been eliminated on the government-wide financial statements.

Routine transfers of resources between City funds that are not intended to be repaid are classified separately from revenues and expenditures. Such interfund operating transfers are identified as "Interfund transfers in/(out)" in the accompanying financial statements.

**CITY OF HOMEWOOD, ALABAMA**

Notes to Financial Statements

September 30, 2018

(Continued)

**NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - Continued**

**Capital Assets**

Capital assets, which include property, buildings, equipment, and infrastructure assets, which consist of streets, roads, sidewalks and similar items, are reported in the government-wide financial statements. Capital assets are defined by the government as assets, not including infrastructure assets, with an initial individual cost of more than \$5,000 and more than one year of useful life. Infrastructure assets capitalized have an original cost of \$50,000 or more. Capital assets purchased or acquired are carried at historical cost or estimated historical cost.

Donated or contributed capital assets are recorded at their estimated fair value on the date received. The costs of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of the asset or materially extend assets' useful lives are charged to operations as incurred. Improvements that materially extend the useful life of an asset are capitalized and depreciated over the remaining useful lives of the related capital assets, as applicable.

Depreciation of capital assets is computed using the straight-line method over the following estimated useful lives: buildings, 20 to 50 years; improvements, 20 years; machinery and equipment, 5 to 10 years; and infrastructure, 30 to 35 years.

Depreciation is provided in the proprietary funds in amounts sufficient to relate the cost of the depreciable assets to operations over their estimated service lives on the straight-line basis.

**Fair Value**

The established framework for measuring fair value provides a hierarchy that prioritizes the inputs to valuation techniques used to measure fair value. Fair value is the price the City would expect to receive to sell an asset or pay to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction with a market participant at the measurement date. The hierarchy gives the highest priority to unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities (Level 1 measurements) and the lowest priority to unobservable inputs (Level 3 measurements). The three levels of the fair value hierarchy are described as follows:

**CITY OF HOMEWOOD, ALABAMA**

Notes to Financial Statements

September 30, 2018

(Continued)

**NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - Continued**

**Fair Value - Continued**

Level 1 - Inputs to the valuation methodology are unadjusted quoted prices for identical assets or liabilities in active markets that the City has the ability to access.

Level 2 - Inputs to the valuation methodology include:

- Quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities in active markets.
- Quoted prices for identical or similar assets or liabilities in inactive markets.
- Inputs other than quoted prices that are observable for the asset or liability.
- Inputs which are derived principally from or corroborated by observable market data by correlation or other means.

If the asset or liability has a specified (contractual) term, the Level 2 input must be observable for substantially the full term of the asset or liability.

Level 3 - Inputs to the valuation methodology are unobservable and significant to the fair value measurement.

The fair value measurement level within the fair value hierarchy is based on the lowest level of any input that is significant to the fair value measurement. Valuation techniques used maximize the use of observable inputs and minimize the use of unobservable inputs.

**Deferred Outflows of Resources**

The City's statements of net position report a separate section for deferred outflows of resources. This separate financial statement element reflects a decrease in net position that applies to future periods. Deferred outflows of resources reported in the financial statements are amounts of pension contributions through the end of the City's fiscal year to be recognized by the pension plan on the accrual basis of accounting in the next measurement period and are deferred amounts arising from the refunding of warrants payable. The deferred refunding amounts are being amortized over the remaining life of the refunding warrants as part of interest expense.

**Unearned Revenue**

The City reports unearned revenue in connection with resources that have been received but are not yet recognizable.

**CITY OF HOMEWOOD, ALABAMA**

Notes to Financial Statements

September 30, 2018

(Continued)

**NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - Continued**

**Long-term Obligations**

In the government-wide and proprietary fund financial statements, long-term debt and other long-term obligations are reported as liabilities in the governmental activities column of the statement of net position. Warrant premiums and discounts are deferred and amortized over the life of the warrants using the warrant outstanding method. Warrants payable are reported net of the applicable warrant premium or discount. Warrant issue costs are expensed as incurred.

In the fund financial statements, governmental fund types recognize warrants premiums, discounts and issuance costs during the current period. The face amount of debt issued is reported as other financing sources, while premiums and discounts are reported as other financing sources and uses, respectively.

**Compensated Absences**

The City's full-time employees earn vacation leave in accordance with their years of service. Vacation leave earned, but not used, during the calendar year may be accumulated up to a maximum of forty days. Vacation leave earned in excess of forty days not used by December 31 is rolled over to employee sick leave balances. An employee who resigns or retires in good standing shall be paid for earned vacation leave up to a maximum of forty days.

The City's employees are permitted to accrue overtime leave/compensatory time in lieu of monetary overtime compensation for hours worked in excess of a normal week. Forty hour per week employees may accrue up to 80 hours of overtime leave/compensatory time. Any time accrued over 80 hours, with the exception of public safety employees, is compensated at a rate in accordance with FLSA policy. Police department employees are permitted to carry 80 hours of overtime leave. Any time accrued over 80 hours is compensated at straight time up to 171 hours in a 28 day pay period. Any time accrued over 171 hours in a 28 day pay period is compensated at time and one half. Fire department non-exempt employees are allowed to carry up to 150 hours of overtime leave. Any time accrued over 150 hours is compensated at straight time unless earned within a 26 day pay period. Any time accrued over 150 hours in a 26 day pay period is compensated at time and one half.

The City's employees accrue paid sick leave at a rate of one work day for each month of service. Sick leave earned during the year but not used may be accumulated and carried forward from year to year with no maximum amount. Employees are not paid for unused sick leave upon termination of employment. Accordingly, sick pay is charged to expense when taken. No provision has been made in the financial statements for unused sick leave.

The accrued amounts of vacation and compensatory time are recorded as noncurrent liabilities in proprietary funds, net of estimated current portion. The accrued amounts of vacation and compensatory time earned by employees whose salaries are charged to the General Fund are recorded as noncurrent liabilities in the government-wide financial statements, net of estimated current portion.

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**NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - Continued**

**Other Post-employment Benefit Obligations (OPEB)**

The City is required to report the City's actuarially determined net OPEB obligation as a long-term liability in the government-wide financial statements (See Note 12).

**Pensions**

The Employees' Retirement Systems of Alabama (the Plan) financial statements are prepared using the economic resources measurement focus and accrual basis of accounting. Contributions are recognized as revenues when earned, pursuant to the Plan requirements. Benefits and refunds are recognized when due and payable in accordance with the terms of the Plan. Expenses are recognized when the corresponding liability is incurred, regardless of when the payment is made. Investments are reported at fair value. Financial statements are prepared in accordance with requirements of the GASB. Under these requirements, the Plan is considered a component unit of the State of Alabama and is included in the State's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report. The last year for which actuarial information is available is for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2017 and, therefore, this actuarial information is reported in the 2018 financial statements.

**Deferred Inflows of Resources**

The City's statement of net position and its governmental fund balance sheet report a separate section for deferred inflows of resources. This separate financial statement element reflects an increase in net position or fund balance that applies to a future period. Deferred inflows of resources reported in the financial statements are for differences between projected and actual earnings on pension plan investments and property taxes levied for subsequent years.

**Net Position**

The City reports information regarding its financial position and activities according to three classes of net position in the government-wide financial statements: net investment in capital assets, restricted net position, and unrestricted net position.

*Net Investment in Capital Assets* consists of capital assets, including restricted capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation and reduced by the outstanding balances of any bonds, notes, or other borrowings that are attributable to the acquisition, construction, or improvement of those assets.

*Restricted Net Position* is reported as restricted when constraints placed on net position are externally imposed by creditors, grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments or imposed by law through constitutional provisions.

*Unrestricted Net Position* is the residual component of net position. It consists of net position that does not meet the definition of restricted or invested in capital assets, net of related debt.

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**NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - Continued**

**Fund Equity**

The City is required, as applicable, to present fund balances in five categories. The fund balance categories are:

*Non-spendable* - Includes items that are not in a spendable form because they are either legally or contractually required to be maintained intact.

*Restricted* - Includes items that are restricted by external creditors, grantors or contributors, or restricted by legal constitutional provisions.

*Committed* - Includes items committed by the City Council, by resolution of the Council. Commitments may be modified or rescinded by similar resolution.

*Assigned* - Includes items assigned by specific uses, authorized by the City Council or by an official body to which the Council delegates the authority.

*Unassigned* - This is the residual classification used for those balances not assigned to another category in the general fund. Deficit fund balances are also presented as unassigned.

It is the City's policy to use restricted balances first, followed by committed resources, assigned resources, and finally unassigned resources, as needed.

It is the City has fiscal policies that define specific financial reserve policies for each fund. The General Fund must maintain undesignated cash reserves of at least 16% of annual General Fund budgeted expenditures (excluding Homewood Board of Education allocations). The Capital Projects Fund must maintain undesignated cash reserves of \$750,000. The Debt Service fund must all maintain undesignated cash reserves equal to at least one year's worth of payments on its outstanding bond issues. The City assigns fund balance in the General Fund of \$1,000,000 for risk management to cover expenditures not covered by City insurance, and assigns fund balance equal to fiscal year end compensated absence liability.

In addition to reserve policies, the City has a policy to address reserves for financial and economic uncertainty. The City strives to maintain an accumulated balance of 30% of the annual fund budgeted expenditures for economic uncertainty, to be funded with General Fund surplus.

**Property Taxes**

Property taxes are collected and remitted to the City by the Jefferson County government. Taxes are levied annually on October 1 and are due October 1 of the following year. Major tax payments are received October through January and are recognized as revenue in the year received.



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**NOTE 2 - STEWARDSHIP, COMPLIANCE AND ACCOUNTABILITY**

**Deficit Fund Equity**

The deficit fund equity of \$72 in the Homewood court restitution fund, a non-major governmental fund, is the result of revenues being inadequate to cover expenditures. This deficit is offset through interfund borrowings from the general fund.

**NOTE 3 - DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS**

As of September 30, 2018, the City had the following investments, which were reported at fair value in governmental activities:

Type of Investment	Fair Value	Investment Maturities (in years)	
		1-5	6-10
Negotiable CDs	\$ 727,071	\$ 727,071	\$ -
U.S. Treasury bills	15,754,480	15,754,480	-
Municipal bonds	1,385,378	1,385,378	-
Government-sponsored entities	78,559,402	78,226,538	332,864
Total	<u>\$ 96,426,331</u>	<u>\$ 96,093,467</u>	<u>\$ 332,864</u>

State statutes authorize the City to invest in obligations of the U.S. Treasury, certain U.S. agency obligations, State of Alabama obligations, county obligations, and other municipal obligations, as well as bank certificates of deposit and bank public investment accounts.

In addition to limits imposed by state statute, the City has a formal investment policy that limits its allowable deposits or investments or that addresses the specific types of risks that the government is exposed to through its deposits or investments.

**Interest Rate Risk** - Through its investment policy, the City manages its exposure to fair value losses arising from increasing interest rates by limiting the weighted average maturity of the total portfolio to no more than five years.

**Credit Risk** - It is the City's policy to invest public funds in a manner which maximizes return and provides maximum security in preserving and protecting funds while meeting the City's cash flow demands and conforming to all applicable statutes governing the investment of public funds. The City adheres to the "prudent person standard," and its pertinent application within state statutes made with judgment and care, under circumstances prevailing, which persons of prudence, discretion, and intelligence exercise in management of their own affairs, not for speculations, but for investment, considering probable safety of their principal as well as probable income to be derived.

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**NOTE 3 - DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS- Continued**

**Credit Risk -Continued** - The City’s investment in municipal bonds had ratings ranging from BBB+ to AA, none of which make up more than 5% of the City’s total investment portfolio.

**Concentration of Credit Risk** - The City places no limit on the amount it may invest in any one issuer. The following issuers represent 5% or more of the City’s total investments portfolio at September 30, 2018: Federal Farm Credit Bank – 7.0%, Federal Home Loan Bank – 32.2%, Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation – 8.6%, Federal National Mortgage Association – 26.3%, Resolution Funding Corporation – 7.1%, and U.S. Treasury – 16.3%.

**Custodial Credit Risk** - For an investment, custodial credit risk is the risk that, in the event of failure of the counterparty, the City will not be able to recover the value of its investments. All the City’s investments at September 30, 2018 were insured.

At September 30, 2018, the City held certain investments that were not authorized by state statutes.

**NOTE 4 - RECEIVABLES AND PAYABLES**

Receivables consisted of the following at September 30, 2018:

	<b>General</b>	<b>1947 School Tax</b>	<b>Debt Service</b>	<b>Capital Projects</b>	<b>2016 GOW Construction</b>	<b>Nonmajor Governmental Funds</b>	<b>Total</b>
Sales tax	\$ 3,284,277	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 163,296	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,447,573
Property tax	5,509,127	8,898,578	5,335,874	-	-	-	19,743,579
Intergovernmental	-	-	-	-	-	49,011	49,011
Other receivables	241,566	-	-	35	168,199	147,526	557,326
Total receivables	<u>\$ 9,034,970</u>	<u>\$ 8,898,578</u>	<u>\$ 5,335,874</u>	<u>\$ 163,331</u>	<u>\$ 168,199</u>	<u>\$ 196,537</u>	<u>\$23,797,489</u>

Payables consisted of the following at September 30, 2018:

	<b>General</b>	<b>1947 School Tax</b>	<b>Capital Projects</b>	<b>2016 GOW Construction</b>	<b>Nonmajor Governmental Funds</b>	<b>Total</b>
Trade	\$ 1,723,042	\$ 86,264	\$ 175,898	\$ 2,280,640	\$ 374,915	\$ 4,640,759
Capital assets	-	-	-	5,141,090	-	5,141,090
Total payables	<u>\$ 1,723,042</u>	<u>\$ 86,264</u>	<u>\$ 175,898</u>	<u>\$ 7,421,730</u>	<u>\$ 374,915</u>	<u>\$ 9,781,849</u>

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**NOTE 5 - CAPITAL ASSETS**

Capital assets activity for governmental activities consisted of the following for the year ended September 30, 2018:

	<b>Governmental Activities</b>			
	<b>October 1, 2017</b>	<b>Additions</b>	<b>Disposals</b>	
<b>Depreciable assets</b>				
Land and infrastructure improvements	\$ 83,289,420	\$ 324,126	\$ -	\$ 83,613,546
Buildings and improvements	56,279,198	55,392	-	56,334,590
Equipment	36,990,047	1,000,057	154,576	37,835,528
	<u>176,558,665</u>	<u>1,379,575</u>	<u>154,576</u>	<u>177,783,664</u>
Less accumulated depreciation				
Land and infrastructure improvements	39,706,048	1,787,278	-	41,493,326
Buildings and improvements	22,171,089	1,768,817	-	23,939,906
Equipment	27,177,322	2,493,193	154,576	29,515,939
	<u>89,054,459</u>	<u>6,049,288</u>	<u>154,576</u>	<u>94,949,171</u>
	87,504,206	(4,669,713)	-	82,834,493
<b>Non-depreciable assets</b>				
Land and improvements	13,599,781	-	-	13,599,781
Construction in progress	3,294,957	20,148,350	-	23,443,307
	<u>16,894,738</u>	<u>20,148,350</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>37,043,088</u>
	<u>\$ 104,398,944</u>	<u>\$ 15,478,637</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 119,877,581</u>

Depreciation expense was charged to governmental activities as follows:

General government administration	\$ 2,940,168
Public safety	1,577,426
Public works	570,016
Culture and recreation	961,678
	<u>\$ 6,049,288</u>

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**NOTE 6 - LONG-TERM DEBT**

The City's long-term liabilities consisted of the following at September 30, 2018:

<b>Governmental Activities</b>	<b>October 1, 2017</b>	<b>Additions</b>	<b>Retirements</b>	<b>September 30, 2018</b>	<b>Due within one year</b>
Warrants and capital lease payables:					
Capital lease payable	\$ 2,717,998	\$ -	\$ 840,935	\$ 1,877,063	\$ 650,009
General Obligation Warrants	151,931,014	9,715,000	11,417,601	150,228,413	3,402,820
	154,649,012	9,715,000	12,258,536	152,105,476	4,052,829
Plus: bond premiums	20,009,246	247,586	2,165,806	18,091,026	1,151,549
Total warrants and capital lease payables	174,658,258	9,962,586	14,424,342	170,196,502	5,204,378
Other liabilities:					
Net pension liability	42,034,653	9,860,454	11,337,686	40,557,421	-
Total OPEB liability	1,369,821	583,386	-	1,953,207	-
Compensated absences	2,418,223	182,267	-	2,600,490	1,300,245
	<u>\$ 220,480,955</u>	<u>\$ 20,588,693</u>	<u>\$ 25,762,028</u>	<u>\$ 215,307,620</u>	<u>\$ 6,504,623</u>

The general obligation warrants payable consisted of the following at September 30, 2018:

	<b>Governmental Activities</b>
Series 2012 General Obligation Capital Improvement Warrants, dated December 1, 2012, due in semi-annual payments through September 1, 2042, bearing interest rates of 3.375% to 5.00%	\$ 7,330,000
Series 2015 General Obligation Warrants, dated February 13, 2015, due in monthly payments through February 1, 2020, bearing an interest rate of 1.70%	423,413
Series 2016 General Obligation Warrants, dated December 8, 2016, due in semi-annual payments through September 1, 2046, bearing interest rates of 2.00% to 5.25%	132,920,000

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**NOTE 6 - LONG-TERM DEBT - Continued**

	<b>Governmental Activities (continued)</b>
Series 2017 General Obligation Warrants, dated December 28, 2017, due in semi-annual payments through September 1, 2024, bearing interest rates of 2.00% to 4.00%	<u>\$ 9,555,000</u>
Total warrants payable	150,228,413
Less deferred amounts for:	
Unamortized premiums (GOW Series 2012)	378,027
Unamortized premiums (GOW Series 2016)	17,473,930
Unamortized premiums (GOW Series 2017)	<u>239,069</u>
Total warrants payable, net	<u>\$ 168,319,439</u>

Future principal and interest requirements of the general obligation warrants for governmental activities consist of the following for the years ending September 30:

	<b>Governmental Activities</b>	
	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>
2019	\$ 3,402,820	\$ 7,218,032
2020	3,350,593	7,090,482
2021	3,330,000	6,987,485
2022	3,490,000	6,821,985
2023	3,670,000	6,648,485
2024-2028	21,260,000	30,319,475
2029-2033	27,110,000	24,478,016
2034-2038	32,655,000	17,142,234
2039-2043	34,545,000	9,383,536
2043-2046	<u>17,415,000</u>	<u>1,859,811</u>
	<u>\$ 150,228,413</u>	<u>\$ 117,949,541</u>

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**NOTE 7 - CAPITAL LEASE OBLIGATIONS**

The City has entered into a capital lease agreement to finance the purchase of fire trucks and radio equipment. As of September 30, 2018, the future minimum lease payments under the capital lease agreements consist of the following:

	<b>Governmental Activities</b>
2019	\$ 689,504
2020	689,504
2021	442,097
2022	134,217
Future minimum lease payments	1,955,322
Less: amount representing interest	(78,259)
Present value of minimum lease payments	1,877,063
Less: current portion	(650,009)
Long-term capital lease obligation	\$ 1,227,054

As of September 30, 2018, the governmental activities lease had capitalized costs totaling \$1,970,117 and accumulated depreciation of \$111,275, and a net book value of \$1,858,842. Interest expense paid under the capital lease agreement totaled \$12,384 during the year ended September 30, 2018.

**NOTE 8 - COMMITMENTS**

The General Fund had contractual commitments as of September 30, 2018 totaling \$244,315 pertaining to the City's greenway project and various City street improvements.

The 2016 GOW Construction Fund had contractual commitments as of September 30, 2018 totaling \$25,552,826 pertaining to ongoing construction for the City's Public Safety Building project, Patriot Park and Pool project, Homewood Athletic Complex project, and West Homewood Park and Pool project.

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**NOTE 9 - PENSION PLAN**

*General Information about the Pension Plan*

*Plan Description*

The ERS, an agent multiple-employer public employee retirement plan, was established as of October 1, 1945, pursuant to the *Code of Alabama 1975, Title 36, Chapter 27* (Act 515 of the Legislature of 1945). The purpose of the ERS is to provide retirement allowances and other specified benefits for state employees, State Police, and, on an elective basis, to all cities, counties, towns, and quasi-public organizations. The responsibility for the general administration and operation of ERS is vested in its Board of Control which consists of 13 trustees. The Plan is administered by the Retirement Systems of Alabama (RSA). The *Code of Alabama 1975, Title 36, Chapter 27* grants the authority to establish and amend the benefit terms to the ERS Board of Control. The Plan issues a publicly available financial report that can be obtained at [www.rsa-al.gov](http://www.rsa-al.gov).

The ERS Board of Control consists of 13 trustees as follows:

- 1) The Governor, ex officio.
- 2) The State Treasurer, ex officio.
- 3) The State Personnel Director, ex officio.
- 4) The State Director of Finance, ex officio.
- 5) Three vested members of ERS appointed by the Governor for a term of four years, no two of whom are from the same department of state government nor from any department of which an ex officio trustee is the head.
- 6) Six members of ERS who are elected by members from the same category of ERS for a term of four years as follows:
  - a. Two retired members with one from the ranks of retired state employees and one from the ranks of retired employees of a city, county, or a public agency each of whom is an active beneficiary of ERS.
  - b. Two vested active state employees.
  - c. Two vested active employees of an employer participating in ERS pursuant to the *Code of Alabama 1975, Section 36-27-6*.

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**NOTE 9 - PENSION PLAN - Continued**

*Benefits Provided*

State law establishes retirement benefits as well as death and disability benefits and any ad hoc increase in postretirement benefits for the ERS. Benefits for ERS members vest after 10 years of creditable service. State employees who retire after age 60 (52 for State Police) with 10 years or more of creditable service or with 25 years of service (regardless of age) are entitled to an annual retirement benefit, payable monthly for life. Local employees who retire after age 60 with 10 years or more of creditable service or with 25 or 30 years of service (regardless of age), depending on the particular entity's election, are entitled to an annual retirement benefit, payable monthly for life. Service and disability retirement benefits are based on a guaranteed minimum or a formula method, with the member receiving payment under the method that yields the highest monthly benefit. Under the formula method, members of the ERS (except State Police) are allowed 2.0125% of their average final compensation (highest 3 of the last 10 years) for each year of service. State Police are allowed 2.875% for each year of State Police service in computing the formula method.

Act 377 of the Legislature of 2012 established a new tier of benefits (Tier 2) for members hired on or after January 1, 2013. Tier 2 ERS members are eligible for retirement after age 62 (56 for State Police) with 10 years or more of creditable service and are entitled to an annual retirement benefit, payable monthly for life. Service and disability retirement benefits are based on a guaranteed minimum or a formula method, with the member receiving payment under the method that yields the highest monthly benefit. Under the formula method, Tier 2 members of the ERS (except State Police) are allowed 1.65% of their average final compensation (highest 5 of the last 10 years) for each year of service. State Police are allowed 2.375% for each year of State Police service in computing the formula method.

Members are eligible for disability retirement if they have 10 years of creditable service, are currently in-service, and determined by the RSA Medical Board to be permanently incapacitated from further performance of duty. Preretirement death benefits equal to the annual earnable compensation of the member as reported to the Plan for the preceding year ending September 30 are paid to the beneficiary.

The ERS serves approximately 909 local participating employers. The ERS membership includes approximately 88,517 participants. As of September 30, 2017, membership consisted of:

Retirees and beneficiaries currently receiving benefits	23,853
Terminated employees entitled to but not yet receiving benefits	1,401
Terminated employees not entitled to a benefit	7,154
Active members	55,941
Post-DROP retired members still in active service	168
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**NOTE 9 - PENSION PLAN - Continued**

The City's membership as of the measurement date of September 30, 2017 consisted of:

Retired members or their beneficiaries currently receiving benefits	213
Vested inactive members	4
Non-vested inactive members	18
Active members	350
Post-DROP retired members still in active service	-
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	585
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***Contributions***

Covered members of the ERS contributed 5% of earnable compensation to the ERS as required by statute until September 30, 2011. From October 1, 2011 to September 30, 2012, covered members of the ERS were required by statute to contribute 7.25% of earnable compensation. Effective October 1, 2012, covered members of the ERS are required by statute to contribute 7.50% of earnable compensation. Certified law enforcement, correctional officers, and firefighters of the ERS contributed 6% of earnable compensation as required by statute until September 30, 2011. From October 1, 2011 to September 30, 2012, certified law enforcement, correctional officers, and firefighters of the ERS were required by statute to contribute 8.25% of earnable compensation. Effective October 1, 2012, certified law enforcement, correctional officers, and firefighters of the ERS are required by statute to contribute 8.50% of earnable compensation. State Police of the ERS contribute 10% of earnable compensation. ERS local participating employers are not required by statute to increase contribution rates for their members.

Tier 2 covered members of the ERS contribute 6% of earnable compensation to the ERS as required by statute. Tier 2 certified law enforcement, correctional officers, and firefighters of the ERS are required by statute to contribute 7% of earnable compensation. Tier 2 State Police members of the ERS contribute 10% of earnable compensation. These contributions rates are the same for Tier 2 covered members of ERS local participating employers.

The ERS establishes rates based upon an actuarially determined rate recommended by an independent actuary. The actuarially determined rate is the estimated amount necessary to finance the costs of benefits earned by employees during the year with additional amounts to finance any unfunded accrued liability, the preretirement death benefit, and administrative expenses of the Plan. For the year ended September 30, 2018, the City's active employee contribution rate was 7.69% of covered employee payroll, and the City's average contribution rate to fund the normal and accrued liability costs was 13.34% of pensionable payroll.

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**NOTE 9 - PENSION PLAN - Continued**

The City's contractually required contribution rate for the year ended September 30, 2018 was 13.90% of pensionable pay for Tier 1 employees, and 13.01% of pensionable pay for Tier 2 employees. These required contribution rates are based upon the actuarial valuation dated September 30, 2015, a percent of annual pensionable payroll, and actuarially determined as an amount that, when combined with member contributions, is expected to finance the costs of benefits earned by members during the year, with an additional amount to finance any unfunded accrued liability. Total employer contributions to the pension plan from the City were \$2,560,026 for the year ended September 30, 2018.

*Net Pension Liability*

The City's net pension liability was measured as of September 30, 2017, and the total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of September 30, 2016 rolled forward to September 30, 2017, using standard roll-forward techniques as shown in the following table:

	<u>Expected</u>	<u>Actual</u>
(a) Total Pension Liability as of September 30, 2016	\$ 101,916,419	\$ 102,503,559
(b) Discount Rate	7.75%	7.75%
(c) Entry Age Normal Cost for the period October 1, 2016 - September 30, 2017	1,596,114	1,596,114
(d) Transfers Among Employers:	-	673,497
(e) Actual Benefit Payments and Refunds for the period October 1, 2016 - September 30, 2017	<u>(6,885,805)</u>	<u>(6,885,805)</u>
(f) Total Pension Liability as of September 30, 2017 [(a) x (1+(b))] + (c) + (d) + [(e) x (1+0.5*(b))]	<u>\$ 104,258,426</u>	<u>\$ 105,564,565</u>
(g) Difference between Expected and Actual:		\$ 1,306,139
(h) Less Liability Transferred for Immediate Recognition:		<u>673,497</u>
(i) Experience (Gain)/Loss = (g) - (h)		<u>\$ 632,642</u>

*Actuarial Assumptions*

The total pension liability as of September 30, 2017 was determined based on the annual actuarial funding valuation report prepared as of September 30, 2016. The key actuarial assumptions are summarized below:

1. An investment rate of return of 7.75% (net of pension plan investment expense), including inflation at 2.75%, per annum compounded annually on the investment of present and future assets.
2. Projected salary increases, based on age ranging from 3.25% to 5.00%.

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**NOTE 9 - PENSION PLAN - Continued**

Mortality rates were based on the sex distinct RP-2000 Blue Collar Mortality Table Projected with Scale BB to 2020 with an adjustment of 125% at all ages for males and 120% for females ages 78 and older. The rates of mortality for the period after disability retirement are according to the sex distinct RP-2000 Disabled Retiree Mortality Table Projected with Scale BB to 2020 with an adjustment of 130% at all ages for females.

The actuarial assumptions used in the actuarial valuation, as of September 30, 2016, were based on the results of an investigation of the economic and demographic experience for the ERS based upon participant data as of September 30, 2015. The Board of Control accepted and approved these changes in September 30, 2016, which became effective at the beginning of fiscal year 2016.

The long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was determined using a log-normal distribution analysis in which best-estimate ranges of expected future real rates of return (expected returns, net of pension plan investment expense and inflation) are developed for each major asset class. These ranges are combined to produce the long-term expected rate of return by weighting the expected future real rates of return by the target asset allocation percentage and by adding expected inflation. The target asset allocation and best estimates of geometric real rates of return for each major asset class are as follows:

	<b>Target Allocation</b>	<b>Long-Term Expected Rate of Return*</b>
Fixed Income	17.00%	4.40%
U.S. Large Stocks	32.00%	8.00%
U.S. Mid Stocks	9.00%	10.00%
U.S. Small Stocks	4.00%	11.00%
International Developed Market Stocks	12.00%	9.50%
International Emerging Market Stocks	3.00%	11.00%
Alternatives	10.00%	10.10%
Real Estate	10.00%	7.50%
Cash	3.00%	1.50%
	<u>100.00%</u>	

\*Includes assumed rate of inflation of 2.50%.

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**NOTE 9 - PENSION PLAN - Continued**

*Discount Rate*

The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability was the long-term rate of return, 7.75%. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed that Plan member contributions will be made at the current contribution rate and that the employer contributions will be made in accordance with the funding policy adopted by the ERS Board of Control. Based on those assumptions, components of the pension plan's fiduciary net position were projected to be available to make all projected future benefit payments of current Plan members. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was applied to all periods of projected benefit payments to determine the total pension liability.

Changes in the City's net pension liability consisted of the following at September 30, 2017:

	<b>Total Pension Liability (a)</b>	<b>Plan Fiduciary Net Position (b)</b>	<b>Net Pension Liability (Asset) (a) - (b)</b>
Balances at September 30, 2016	\$ 101,916,419	\$ 59,881,766	\$ 42,034,653
Changes for the year:			
Service cost	1,596,114	-	1,596,114
Interest	7,631,698	-	7,631,698
Changes of assumptions	-	-	-
Difference between expected and actual experience	632,642	-	632,642
Contributions - employer	-	2,362,811	(2,362,811)
Contributions - employee	-	1,460,525	(1,460,525)
Net investment income	-	7,514,350	(7,514,350)
Benefits of payments, including refunds of employee contributions	(6,885,805)	(6,885,805)	-
Administrative expenses	-	-	-
Transfers among employers	673,497	673,497	-
Net changes:	<u>3,648,146</u>	<u>5,125,378</u>	<u>(1,477,232)</u>
Balances at September 30, 2017	<u>\$ 105,564,565</u>	<u>\$ 65,007,144</u>	<u>\$ 40,557,421</u>

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**NOTE 9 - PENSION PLAN - Continued**

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

The following table presents the City's net pension liability calculated using the discount rate of 7.75%, as well as what the City's proportionate share of the net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is one-percentage point lower (6.75%) or one-percentage-point higher (8.75%) than the current rate:

	<b>1% Decrease (6.75%)</b>	<b>Current Discount Rate (7.75%)</b>	<b>1% Increase (8.75%)</b>
Plan's Net Pension Liability	\$ 51,912,970	\$ 40,557,421	\$ 30,912,748

*Pension Plan Fiduciary Net Position*

Detailed information about the pension plan's fiduciary net position is available in the separately issued RSA Comprehensive Annual Report for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2017. The supporting actuarial information is included in the GASB Statement No. 68 Report for the ERS prepared as of September 30, 2017. The auditor's report dated August 31, 2018 on the Schedule of Changes in Fiduciary Net Position by Employer and accompanying notes is also available. The additional financial and actuarial information is available at [www.rsa-al.gov](http://www.rsa-al.gov).

*Pension Expense and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to Pensions*

For the year ended September 30, 2018, the City recognized pension expense of \$3,708,136. At September 30, 2018, the City reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions of the following sources:

	<b>Deferred Outflows of Resources</b>	<b>Deferred Inflows of Resources</b>
Difference between expected and actual experience	\$ 1,703,494	\$ 931,258
Changes of assumptions	2,819,934	-
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on pension plan investments	-	1,958,339
Employer contributions subsequent to the measurement date	2,490,953	-
	<u>\$ 7,014,381</u>	<u>\$ 2,889,597</u>

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**NOTE 9 - PENSION PLAN - Continued**

Amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources to pensions will be recognized in pension expense as follows for the years ended September 30:

	<b>Deferred Outflows/ (Inflows) of Resources</b>
2019	\$ 491,513
2020	922,574
2021	95,363
2022	(27,125)
2023	151,506

**NOTE 10 - INTERFUND RECEIVABLES, PAYABLES AND TRANSFERS**

Interfund payables and receivables consisted of the following at September 30, 2018:

	<b>Payable to</b>					
	<b>General</b>	<b>1947 School Tax</b>	<b>Debt Service</b>	<b>Capital Projects</b>	<b>Nonmajor Governmental Funds</b>	<b>Net Transfers Out (In)</b>
<b>Payable from</b>						
General Fund	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 526,734	\$ 1,190,163	\$ 13,422	\$ 1,730,319
Nonmajor Governmental Funds	515,918	86,966	28,192	32,900	204,566	868,542
<b>Total Interfund Balances</b>	<b>\$ 515,918</b>	<b>\$ 86,966</b>	<b>\$ 554,926</b>	<b>\$ 1,223,063</b>	<b>\$ 217,988</b>	<b>\$ 2,598,861</b>

Interfund payables and receivables resulted from reimbursements made by the General Fund to the Special Revenue for various operating expenses. Interfund payables from the General Fund to the Rental Fund were for refundable customer deposits, held by the General Fund for the Rental Fund.

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**NOTE 10 - INTERFUND RECEIVABLES, PAYABLES AND TRANSFERS - Continued**

Interfund transfers consisted of the following during the year ended September 30, 2018:

	<b>Transfers In (Out)</b>					
	<b>General</b>	<b>Debt Service</b>	<b>Capital Projects</b>	<b>2016 GOW Construction</b>	<b>Nonmajor Governmental Funds</b>	<b>Net Transfers Out (In)</b>
<b>Transfers Out (In)</b>						
General Fund	\$ -	\$ 7,974,866	\$ 1,050,369	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 9,025,235
Debt Service Fund	-	-	32,722	672,781	-	705,503
Nonmajor Governmental Funds	145,604	-	34,740	-	8,129	188,473
<b>Net Transfers In (Out)</b>	<b>\$ 145,604</b>	<b>\$ 7,974,866</b>	<b>\$ 1,117,831</b>	<b>\$ 672,781</b>	<b>\$ 8,129</b>	<b>\$ 9,919,211</b>

- Transfers from the General Fund and Special Revenue Funds to proprietary funds are in accordance with the normal course of the City's operations.
- Transfers between various proprietary funds are in accordance with the normal course of the City's operations.

**NOTE 11 - CONTINGENCIES**

The City is involved in various claims and lawsuits, both for and against the City, arising in the normal course of business. Litigation is subject to inherent uncertainties and, were an unfavorable ruling to occur, there exists the possibility of a material adverse impact on the operations of the City for the period in which the ruling occurs.

The City is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; workers' compensation; and natural disasters for which the City carries commercial insurance.

The City received federal and state grants for specific purposes that are subject to review and audit by the grantor agencies. Such audits could lead to requests for reimbursements to the grantor agency for expenditures disallowed or not incurred in a timely manner under the terms of the grant. City management believes such disallowances, if any, would be immaterial.

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**NOTE 12 - OTHER POST-EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS**

***General Information about the OPEB Plan***

***Plan Description***

The City provides certain continuing health care and life insurance benefits for its retired employees. The City of Homewood’s OPEB Plan (the OPEB Plan) is a single-employer defined benefit OPEB plan administered by the City. The authority to establish and/or amend the obligation of the employer, employees and retirees rests with the City. No assets are accumulated in a trust that meets the criteria in Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement 75, paragraph 4, *Postemployment Benefits Other Than Pensions—Reporting For Benefits Not Provided Through Trusts That Meet Specified Criteria—Defined Benefit*.

***Benefits Provided***

Medical benefits are provided through a comprehensive medical plan and are made available to employees upon actual retirement. Eligible participants must be eligible to retire through the Retirement Systems of Alabama and must meet the eligibility requirements of that system, which are as follows: 25 years of service at any age; or, age 60 and 10 years of service (called “Tier I” members). Employees hired on and after January 1, 2013 (called “Tier II” members) are eligible to retire only after attainment of age 62 or later completion of 10 years of service.

The retiree contributes a portion of the monthly contribution rate for medical benefits elected based on the contribution rate for active employees. The City contributes the balance of the contribution for retirees who are not Medicare eligible. Benefits are provided through the Local Government Health Insurance Programs (“LGHIP”) administered by the Alabama State Employee Insurance Board. Dental benefits are included in the medical plan. Medical benefits continue for the life of the retiree, as long as contributions are made. The City does not contribute for coverage beyond the Medicare eligibility age. Life insurance benefits are provided by eligible retirees to age 65 with no contribution made by the City.

***Employees Covered by Benefit Terms***

At September 30, 2018, the following employees were covered by the benefit terms:

Inactive employees or beneficiaries currently receiving benefit payments	13
Inactive employees entitled to but not yet receiving benefit payments	-
Active employees	310
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	323
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***Total OPEB Liability***

The City’s total OPEB liability of \$1,953,207 was measured as of September 30, 2018 and was determined by an actuarial valuation as of that date.



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**NOTE 12 - OTHER POST-EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS - Continued**

*Actuarial Assumptions and Other Inputs*

The total OPEB liability in the September 30, 2018 actuarial valuation was determined using the following actuarial assumptions and other inputs, applied to all periods included in the measurement, unless otherwise specified:

Inflation	3.00%
Salary increases	3.50% including inflation
Discount rate	4.00% annually (Beginning of year)
	4.06% annually (As of end of year measurement date)
Healthcare cost trend rates	5.00% level

The discount rate was based on the average of the Bond Buyers' 20-Year General Obligation municipal bond index as of September 30, 2018, the end of the applicable measurement period.

Mortality rates were based on the RPH-2014 Table with projection to MP-2018.

The actuarial assumptions used in the September 30, 2018 valuation were based on the results of ongoing evaluations of the assumptions from October 1, 2009 to September 30, 2018.

*Changes in the Total OPEB Liability*

	<b>Total OPEB Liability</b>
Balances at September 30, 2017	\$ 1,871,463
Changes for the year:	
Service cost	63,855
Interest	77,367
Benefit payments and net transfers	(59,478)
Net change in total OPEB liability	<u>81,744</u>
Balances at September 30, 2018	<u>\$ 1,953,207</u>

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**NOTE 12 - OTHER POST-EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS - Continued**

***Sensitivity of the Total OPEB Liability to Changes in the Discount Rate***

The following presents the total OPEB liability of the City, as well as what the City's total OPEB liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1-percentage-point lower (3.06%) or 1-percentage-point higher (5.06%) than the current discount rate.

	<b>1% Decrease (3.06%)</b>	<b>Current Discount Rate (4.06%)</b>	<b>1% Increase (5.06%)</b>
Plan's Total OPEB Liability	\$ 1,782,448	\$ 1,953,207	\$ 2,143,026

***Sensitivity of the Total OPEB Liability to Changes in the Healthcare Cost Trend Rates***

The following presents the total OPEB liability of the City, as well as what the City's total OPEB liability would be if it were calculated using a healthcare cost trend rate that is 1-percentage-point lower (4.00%) or 1-percentage-point higher (6.00%) than the current healthcare cost trend rate.

	<b>1% Decrease (4.00)%</b>	<b>Current Trend Rate (5.00%)</b>	<b>1% Increase (6.00)%</b>
Plan's Total OPEB Liability	\$ 1,750,734	\$ 1,953,207	\$ 2,189,921

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

For the year ended September 30, 2018, the City recognized OPEB expense of \$141,222. At September 30, 2018, the City reported no deferred outflows of resources and no deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB. Therefore, no deferred outflows of resources or deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB are reported in OPEB expense.

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**NOTE 13 - FAIR VALUE**

The following is a description of the valuation methodologies used for assets measured at fair value. There were no changes in the methodologies used during the year ended September 30, 2018.

- *Negotiable CDs*: Valued at cost plus accrued interest, which approximates fair value.
- *U.S. Treasury Bills*: Valued based on secondary trade data provided by an independent source.
- *Municipal bonds*: Valued based on recently executed transactions, market price quotations, matrix pricing, an income approach that factors in interest rates and bond or credit default swap spreads, or secondary trade data provide by an independent source.
- *U.S. Government-sponsored entities*: Valued based on issuance price and secondary trade data provided by recognized broker dealers.

The preceding methods described may produce a fair value calculation that may not be indicative of net realizable value or reflective of future fair values. Furthermore, although management believes its valuation methods are appropriate and consistent with other market participants, the use of different methodologies or assumptions to determine the fair value of certain financial instruments could result in a different fair value measurement at the reporting date.

The following table sets forth, by level within the fair value hierarchy, the investments at fair value as of September 30, 2018:

	<b>Fair Value</b>	<b>Quoted Prices in Active Markets for Identical Assets (Level 1)</b>	<b>Significant Other Observable Inputs (Level 2)</b>	<b>Significant Unobservable Inputs (Level 3)</b>
Negotiable CDs	\$ 727,071	\$ -	\$ 727,071	\$ -
U.S. Treasury bills	15,754,480	15,754,480	-	-
Municipal bonds	1,385,378	-	1,385,378	-
Government-sponsored entities	78,559,401	-	78,559,401	-
Total	<u>\$ 96,426,330</u>	<u>\$ 15,754,480</u>	<u>\$ 80,671,850</u>	<u>\$ -</u>

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**NOTE 14 - FUND BALANCE CLASSIFICATIONS**

The following table details fund balance categories as of September 30, 2018:

<b>Fund balances</b>	General	1947 School Tax	Debt Service	Capital Projects	2012 GOW Construction	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
<b>Non spendable</b>							
Prepaid expenses	\$ 176,269	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 176,269
<b>Restricted for:</b>							
Road maintenance	-	-	-	-	-	810,620	810,620
Road paving	-	-	-	-	-	356,592	356,592
Debt service	-	-	5,637,743	-	-	-	5,637,743
BOE – property tax	-	82,758	-	-	-	-	82,758
Grant expenditures	-	-	-	-	-	74,055	74,055
E911	-	-	-	-	-	1,496,064	1,496,064
Court restricted by law	-	-	-	-	-	1,463,548	1,463,548
Drug enforcement task force	-	-	-	-	-	59,364	59,364
Construction projects in progress	-	-	-	-	76,475,956	-	76,475,956
<b>Committed to:</b>							
Reserve for economic uncertainty	11,173,605	-	-	-	-	-	11,173,605
<b>Assigned to:</b>							
Other capital projects	-	-	-	2,756,417	-	-	2,756,417
Debt service	-	-	5,204,378	-	-	-	5,204,378
Encumbrances	44,228	-	-	328,657	-	-	372,885
Environmental testing	-	-	-	-	-	83,154	83,154
Inspection technology	-	-	-	-	-	130,800	130,800
Park activity	-	-	-	-	-	200,341	200,341
Library donations	17,947	-	-	-	-	-	17,947
Other donations	350	-	-	-	-	-	350
Risk management	1,000,000	-	-	-	-	-	1,000,000
Compensated absences	2,600,490	-	-	-	-	-	2,600,490
Subsequent years' budget	-	-	1,423,031	1,766,697	-	102,548	3,292,276
<b>Unassigned (deficit)</b>	<u>13,752,502</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>464</u>	<u>13,752,966</u>
<b>Total fund balance</b>	<u>\$ 28,765,391</u>	<u>\$ 82,758</u>	<u>\$ 12,265,152</u>	<u>\$ 4,851,771</u>	<u>\$ 76,475,956</u>	<u>\$ 4,777,550</u>	<u>\$ 127,218,578</u>

**NOTE 15 - CONDUIT DEBT**

From time to time, the City's Commercial Development Authority issues bonds to provide assistance to private sector entities for the acquisition and construction of industrial and commercial facilities deemed to be in the public interest. The bonds are secured by the property financed and are payable solely from payments received on the underlying mortgage loans. Upon repayment of the bonds, ownership of the acquired facilities transfers to the entity served by the bond issuance. Neither the City, the State, nor any political subdivision thereof is obligated in any manner for the bonds. According, the bonds are not reported as liabilities in the accompanying financial statements.

At September 30, 2018, the aggregate principal amount payable totaled \$200,021,620.

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**NOTE 16 - TAX ABATEMENTS**

The City enters into sales tax abatement agreements with local businesses under the Tax Incentive Reform Act of 1992. Under the Act, cities, counties and public industrial authorities have the ability to abate sales and use taxes and property taxes for various time periods depending on the type of business, all for the purpose of attracting or retaining businesses within their jurisdictions. The abatements may be granted to any business located within or promising to relocate to the City. For the fiscal year ended September 30, 2018, the City abated taxes totaling \$694,890 under this Act, as summarized below.

<b>Purpose</b>	<b>Type of Taxes Abated</b>	<b>Percentage of Taxes Abated during the Fiscal Year</b>	<b>Amount of Taxes Abated during the Fiscal Year</b>	<b>Expiration of Incentive<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>Maximum Incentive Amount</b>
Retail development	Sales <sup>7</sup>	87.50% 62.50%	\$ 630,443 -	March 2023 March 2028	\$ 9,000,000
Medical center development and expansion	Ad Valorem <sup>2</sup>	75.00%	60,077	March 2032	5,000,000
Bank development	Ad Valorem <sup>2</sup> Construction-related transactions <sup>3</sup>	100% <sup>4</sup>	-	October 2027 October 2037	N/A
Commercial development	Sales <sup>5</sup>	100% <sup>6</sup>	-	December 2028	5,000,000
Restaurant development	Sales <sup>7</sup> Ad Valorem <sup>2</sup> Business License	50.00% 100.00% 100.00%	- 4,370 -	February 2028 February 2018 February 2021	500,000
Restaurant development	Ad Valorem <sup>2</sup> Construction-related transactions <sup>3</sup>	100.00%	-	October 2024	N/A
Restaurant development	Sales <sup>5</sup>	50.00%	-	July 2028	300,000

1 Earlier of date below or maximum incentive amount, if applicable

2 Non-educational portion only

3 Transaction taxes imposed by Chapter 23 of Title 40 of the Code of Alabama 1975 on tangible personal property and taxable services to be incorporated into the Project except any taxes levied for educational purposes.

4 100% Jefferson County and State of Alabama and 100% City less \$30,000 payment by Bank

5 Non-educational portion only and none dedicated to capital reserves

6 From project tenants

7 2% sales tax

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**NOTE 17 - DEFERRED COMPENSATION PLAN**

The City offers its employees deferred compensation plans created in accordance with Internal Revenue Code (IRC) Section 457. The plans, available to all City employees, permit them to defer a portion of their salary until future years. The deferred compensation is payable to employees upon termination, retirement, death, or unforeseen emergency.

It is the opinion of the City's legal counsel that the City has no liability for losses under the plans. Under the plans, participants select investments from alternatives offered by the plan administrators, who are under contract with the City to manage the plans. Investment selection by a participant may be changed from time to time. The City manages none of the investment selections. By making the selection, enrollees accept and assume all risks that pertain to the particular plan and its administration.

The City placed the deferred compensation plan's assets into a trust for the exclusive benefit of the plan's participants and beneficiaries in accordance with Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 32, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Internal Revenue Code Section 457 Deferred Compensation Plans*.

The City has little administrative involvement and does not perform the investing function for the plans. The City does not hold the assets in a trustee capacity and does not perform fiduciary accountability for the plans. Therefore, the City employees' deferred compensation plans created in accordance with IRC 457 are not reported in the financial statements of the City.

**NOTE 18 - ACCOUNTING CHANGES AND ACCOUNTING STANDARDS**

The GASB issued Statement No. 75, *Accounting and Financial Reporting by Post-employment Benefits Other Than Pensions* to improve accounting and financial reporting by state and local governments for postemployment benefits other than pensions. It also improves information provided by state and local governmental employers about financial support for OPEBs that is provided by other entities. This Statement results from a comprehensive review of the effectiveness of existing standards of accounting and financial reporting for all postemployment benefits (pensions and OPEB) with regard to providing decision useful information, supporting assessments of accountability and interperiod equity, and creating additional transparency.

The net position of the governmental activities in the government-wide financial statements at September 30, 2017 was restated to reflect the cumulative effect resulting from the implementation of GASB Statement No. 75. Beginning net position of governmental activities was decreased by \$501,642, as a result of the implementation of this new accounting standard.

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**NOTE 18 - ACCOUNTING CHANGES AND ACCOUNTING STANDARDS - Continued**

The GASB issued Statement No. 81, *Irrevocable Split-Interest Agreements* to improve accounting and financial reporting for irrevocable split-interest agreements by providing recognition and measurement guidance for situations in which a government is a beneficiary of the agreement. There was no financial statement impact as a result of the implementation of the Statement.

The GASB issued Statement No. 85, *Omnibus 2017* to address practice issues that have been identified during implementation and application of certain GASB statements. There was no financial statement impact as a result of the implementation of the Statement.

The GASB issued Statement No. 86, *Certain Debt Extinguishment Issues* to improve consistency in accounting and financial reporting for in-substance defeasance of debt by providing guidance for transactions in which cash and other monetary assets acquired with only existing resources - resources other than the proceeds of refunding debt - are placed in an irrevocable trust for the sole purpose of extinguishing debt. There was no financial statement impact as a result of the implementation of the Statement.

The GASB issued Statement No. 83, *Certain Asset Retirement Obligations (ARO)* to establish criteria for determining the timing and pattern of recognition of a liability and a corresponding deferred outflow of resources for AROs. The requirements of GASB 83 are effective for fiscal years beginning after June 15, 2018. The City is currently evaluating the impact GASB 83 may have on its financial statements.

The GASB issued Statement No. 84, *Fiduciary Activities* to establish criteria for identifying fiduciary activities of all state and local governments. The requirements of GASB 84 are effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2018. The City is currently evaluating the impact GASB 84 may have on its financial statements.

The GASB issued Statement No. 87, *Leases* to increase the usefulness of governments' financial statements by requiring recognition of certain lease assets and liabilities for leases that previously were classified as operating leases and recognized as inflows of resources or outflows of resources based on the payment provisions of the contract. The requirements of GASB 87 are effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2019. The City is currently evaluating the impact GASB 87 may have on its financial statements.

The GASB issued Statement No. 88, *Certain Disclosures Related to Debt, including Direct Borrowings and Direct Placements* to improve the information that is disclosed in notes to government financial statements related to debt, including direct borrowings and direct placements. It also clarifies which liabilities governments should include when disclosing information related to debt. The requirements of GASB 88 are effective for fiscal years beginning after June 15, 2018. The City is currently evaluating the impact GASB 88 may have on its financial statements.

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**NOTE 18 - ACCOUNTING CHANGES AND ACCOUNTING STANDARDS - Continued**

The GASB issued Statement No. 89, *Accounting for Interest Cost Incurred before the End of a Construction Period* to (1) enhance the relevance and comparability of information about capital assets and the cost of borrowing for a reporting period, and (2) simplify accounting for interest cost incurred before the end of a construction period. The requirements of GASB 89 are effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2019. The City is currently evaluating the impact GASB 89 may have on its financial statements.

The GASB issued Statement No. 90, *Majority Equity Interests - an amendment of GASB Statements No. 14 and No. 61* to improve the consistency and comparability of reporting a government's majority equity interest in a legally separate organization and to improve the relevance of financial statement information for certain component units. It defines a majority equity interest and specifies that a majority equity interest in a legally separate organization should be reported as an investment if a government's holding of the equity interest meets the definition of an investment. A majority equity interest that meets the definition of an investment should be measured using the equity method, unless it is held by a special-purpose government engaged only in fiduciary activities, a fiduciary fund, or an endowment (including permanent and term endowments) or permanent fund. Those governments and funds should measure the majority equity interest at fair value. The requirements of GASB 90 are effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2018. The City is currently evaluating the impact GASB 90 may have on its financial statements.

**NOTE 19 - PRIOR PERIOD ADJUSTMENTS**

During fiscal year 2018, it was determined that the City understated prepaid workers' compensation insurance as of September 30, 2017 in the General Fund, for premiums paid during fiscal year 2017 that were applicable, in part, to fiscal year 2018 coverage.

During fiscal year 2018, it was determined that the City understated cable franchise fees as of September 30, 2017 in the General Fund, for cable franchise fees applicable to fiscal year 2017 that were not recorded in the general ledger until fiscal year 2018.

During fiscal year 2018, it was determined that the City understated its apportionment of State gas tax revenues as of September 30, 2017 in the Nonmajor Governmental Funds, for gas tax revenue amounts applicable to fiscal year 2017 that were not recorded in the general ledger until fiscal year 2018.

During fiscal year 2018, it was determined that the City under accrued accounts payable as of September 30, 2017 in the 2016 GOW Construction Fund, for amounts paid during fiscal year 2018 for various construction in progress project expenditures incurred during fiscal year 2017.



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**NOTE 19 - PRIOR PERIOD ADJUSTMENTS - Continued**

During fiscal year 2018, it was determined that the City understated interest income as of September 30, 2017 in both the General Fund and the 2016 GOW Construction Fund, for interest income earned during fiscal year 2017 that was not recorded in the general ledger until fiscal year 2018.

During fiscal year 2018, City understated general government administration expenditures in the General as of September 30, 2017 in the General Fund, for personal board expenditures applicable to fiscal year 2017 that were not recorded in the general ledger until fiscal year 2018.

During fiscal year 2018, it was determined that the City understated capital assets as of September 30, 2017 in the governmental activities net position, for capital asset additions in fiscal year 2017 that were not properly capitalized.

Governmental activities net position and the General Fund, 2016 GOW Construction Fund, and Nonmajor Governmental Funds fund balances as of September 30, 2017 have been restated as follows:

	<u>Governmental</u>		<u>2016 GOW</u>	<u>Nonmajor</u>
	<u>Activities</u>	<u>General</u>	<u>Construction</u>	<u>Governmental</u>
				<u>Funds</u>
<b>Net Position/Fund Balance -</b>				
<b>September 30, 2017, as originally reported</b>	<b>\$ 47,297,052</b>	<b>\$ 27,905,906</b>	<b>\$105,166,867</b>	<b>\$ 4,457,054</b>
 Prior period adjustments:				
Corrections of errors:				
Prepaid workers' compensation				
insurance understated	86,825	86,825	-	-
Cable franchise fees understated	115,815	115,815	-	-
Gas Tax revenues understated	121,637	-	-	121,637
Capital outlay understated	(469,605)	-	(469,605)	-
Interest income understated	356,854	51,572	305,282	-
Accounts payable understated	(342,965)	(342,965)	-	-
Capital assets understated	429,744	-	-	-
Total corrections of errors:	298,305	(88,753)	(164,323)	121,637
Change in accounting principle				
Implementation of GASB 75 (see Note 18)	(501,642)	-	-	-
Total prior period adjustments	\$ (203,337)	\$ (88,753)	\$ (164,323)	\$ 121,637
<b>Net Position/Fund Balance -</b>				
<b>September 30, 2017, as restated</b>	<b>\$ 47,093,715</b>	<b>\$ 27,817,153</b>	<b>\$105,002,544</b>	<b>\$ 4,578,691</b>

**REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**

**CITY OF HOMEWOOD, ALABAMA**  
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances - Budget and Actual  
General Fund  
For the Year Ended September 30, 2018

	<b>Budgeted Amounts</b>		<b>Actual Amounts</b>	<b>Variance with Final Budget</b>
	<b>Original</b>	<b>Final</b>		
<b>Revenues</b>				
Taxes	\$ 39,399,377	\$ 39,355,206	\$ 42,264,032	\$ 2,908,826
Licenses and permits	7,702,615	7,702,615	7,865,528	162,913
Intergovernmental	136,360	-	162,342	162,342
Charges for services	1,526,242	1,526,242	1,412,911	(113,331)
Fines and forfeitures	710,956	710,956	821,835	110,879
Other	681,951	860,735	647,336	(213,399)
Total revenues	<u>50,157,501</u>	<u>50,155,754</u>	<u>53,173,984</u>	<u>3,018,230</u>
<b>Expenditures</b>				
General government administration	5,942,535	6,071,407	5,860,988	210,419
Public safety	17,047,768	17,123,311	16,543,836	579,475
Public works	6,207,321	6,226,262	5,894,174	332,088
Culture and recreation	6,937,683	6,937,682	6,403,459	534,223
Total expenditures	<u>36,135,307</u>	<u>36,358,662</u>	<u>34,702,457</u>	<u>1,656,205</u>
Excess of revenues over expenditures	<u>14,022,194</u>	<u>13,797,092</u>	<u>18,471,527</u>	<u>4,674,435</u>
<b>Other financing sources (uses)</b>				
Operating transfers in (out)	(5,906,000)	(5,906,000)	(8,879,631)	(2,973,631)
Appropriation to City Board of Education	(8,116,193)	(8,116,193)	(8,643,658)	(527,465)
Total other financing sources (uses)	<u>(14,022,193)</u>	<u>(14,022,193)</u>	<u>(17,523,289)</u>	<u>(3,501,096)</u>
Net changes in fund balance	<u>\$ 1</u>	<u>\$ (225,101)</u>	<u>\$ 948,238</u>	<u>\$ 1,173,339</u>

See notes to required supplementary information.

**CITY OF HOMEWOOD, ALABAMA**  
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances - Budget and Actual  
1947 School Tax Special Revenue Fund  
For the Year Ended September 30, 2018

	<b>Budgeted Amounts</b>		<b>Actual Amounts</b>	<b>Variance with Final Budget</b>
	<b>Original</b>	<b>Final</b>		
<b>Revenues</b>				
Taxes	\$ 8,585,140	\$ 8,585,140	\$ 8,445,424	\$ (139,716)
Other	660	660	96	(564)
Total revenues	<u>8,585,800</u>	<u>8,585,800</u>	<u>8,445,520</u>	<u>(140,280)</u>
<b>Expenditures</b>				
General government administration	202,175	202,588	201,578	1,010
Total expenditures	<u>202,175</u>	<u>202,588</u>	<u>201,578</u>	<u>1,010</u>
Excess of revenues over expenditures	<u>8,383,625</u>	<u>8,383,212</u>	<u>8,243,942</u>	<u>(139,270)</u>
<b>Other financing sources (uses)</b>				
Appropriation to City Board of Education	(8,383,625)	(8,383,212)	(8,243,474)	139,738
Total other financing sources (uses)	<u>(8,383,625)</u>	<u>(8,383,212)</u>	<u>(8,243,474)</u>	<u>139,738</u>
Net changes in fund balance	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 468</u>	<u>\$ 468</u>

See notes to required supplementary information.

**CITY OF HOMEWOOD, ALABAMA**  
Schedule of Changes in the Net Pension Liability and Related Ratios  
Four Years Ended September 30,

	<b>2017</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>2014</b>
<b>Total pension liability</b>				
Service cost	\$ 1,596,114	\$ 1,570,223	\$ 1,606,256	\$ 1,514,594
Interest	7,631,698	7,452,923	7,064,565	6,864,354
Changes of benefit terms	-	-	-	-
Differences between expected and actual experience	632,642	(1,385,530)	2,393,143	-
Changes of assumptions	-	4,195,512	-	-
Benefit payments, including refunds of employee contributions	(6,885,805)	(6,393,275)	(6,025,687)	(5,726,936)
Transfers among employers	673,497	118,385	-	-
<b>Net change in total pension liability</b>	<b>3,648,146</b>	<b>5,558,238</b>	<b>5,038,277</b>	<b>2,652,012</b>
<b>Total pension liability - beginning</b>	<b>101,916,419</b>	<b>96,358,181</b>	<b>91,319,904</b>	<b>88,667,892</b>
<b>Total pension liability - ending (a)</b>	<b>\$ 105,564,565</b>	<b>\$ 101,916,419</b>	<b>\$ 96,358,181</b>	<b>\$ 91,319,904</b>
<b>Plan fiduciary net position</b>				
Contributions - employer	\$ 2,362,811	\$ 2,227,078	\$ 2,175,800	\$ 2,170,917
Contributions - member	1,460,525	1,440,137	1,399,641	1,416,151
Net investment income	7,514,350	5,655,277	684,853	6,467,463
Benefit payments, including refunds of employee contributions	(6,885,805)	(6,393,275)	(6,025,687)	(5,726,936)
Transfers among employers	673,497	118,385	(703,937)	8,096
<b>Net change in plan fiduciary net position</b>	<b>5,125,378</b>	<b>3,047,602</b>	<b>(2,469,330)</b>	<b>4,335,691</b>
<b>Plan net position - beginning</b>	<b>59,881,766</b>	<b>56,834,164</b>	<b>59,303,494</b>	<b>54,967,803</b>
<b>Plan net position - ending (b)</b>	<b>\$ 65,007,144</b>	<b>\$ 59,881,766</b>	<b>\$ 56,834,164</b>	<b>\$ 59,303,494</b>
<b>Net pension liability (a) - (b)</b>	<b>\$ 40,557,421</b>	<b>\$ 42,034,653</b>	<b>\$ 39,524,017</b>	<b>\$ 32,016,410</b>
<b>Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability</b>	<b>61.58%</b>	<b>58.76%</b>	<b>58.98%</b>	<b>64.94%</b>
<b>Covered payroll</b>	<b>\$ 17,881,512</b>	<b>\$ 17,449,607</b>	<b>\$ 17,215,560</b>	<b>\$ 17,735,242</b>
<b>Net pension liability as a percentage of covered payroll</b>	<b>226.81%</b>	<b>240.89%</b>	<b>229.58%</b>	<b>180.52%</b>

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See notes to required supplementary information.

**CITY OF HOMEWOOD, ALABAMA**  
Schedule of Employer Contributions - Pension  
Last Four Years Ended September 30,

	<b>2018</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2015</b>
Actuarially determined contribution	\$ 2,490,953	\$ 2,428,864	\$ 2,229,341	\$ 2,235,651
Contributions in relation to the actuarially determined contributions	2,490,953	2,428,864	2,229,341	2,235,651
Contributions deficiency (excess)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
<b>Covered payroll</b>	<b>\$ 18,668,442</b>	<b>\$ 17,881,512</b>	<b>\$ 17,449,607</b>	<b>\$ 17,215,560</b>
<b>Contributions as a percentage of covered payroll</b>	<b>13.34%</b>	<b>13.58%</b>	<b>12.78%</b>	<b>12.99%</b>

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**CITY OF HOMEWOOD, ALABAMA**  
Schedule of Changes in Total OPEB Liability and Related Ratios  
For the Year Ended September 30, 2018

<b>Total OPEB liability</b>	
Service cost	\$ 63,855
Interest	77,367
Differences between expected and actual experience	-
Changes of assumptions	-
Benefit payments and net transfers	(59,478)
<b>Net change in total OPEB liability</b>	<u>81,744</u>
<b>Total OPEB liability - beginning</b>	<u>1,871,463</u>
 <b>Total OPEB liability - ending</b>	 <u><u>\$ 1,953,207</u></u>
 <b>Covered payroll</b>	 <u><u>\$ 16,835,986</u></u>
 <b>Total OPEB liability as a percentage of covered payroll</b>	 <u><u>11.60%</u></u>

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**CITY OF HOMEWOOD, ALABAMA**  
Notes to Required Supplementary Information  
September 30, 2018

**NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT BUDGETARY PRACTICES**

The City Council adopts budgets for the General Fund and the 1947 School Tax Special Revenue Fund at the beginning of each fiscal year in accordance with Alabama law. Once approved, the City Council may amend the legally adopted budgets when unexpected modifications are required in estimated revenues and expenditures.

**NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT PENSION PLAN PRACTICES**

Actuarially determined contribution rates are calculated as of September 30, three years prior to the end of the fiscal year in which contributions are reported. Contributions for fiscal year 2018 were based on the September 30, 2015 actuarial valuation.

Methods and assumptions used to determine contribution rates for the period October 1, 2017 to September 30, 2018 consisted of the following:

Actuarial cost method	Entry age
Amortization method	Level percent closed
Remaining amortization period	29.4 years
Asset valuation method	Five-year smoothed market
Inflation	3.00%
Salary increases	3.75 - 7.25%, including inflation
Investment rate of return	8.00%, net of pension plan investment expense, including inflation

**NOTE 3 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT OPEB PLAN PRACTICES**

**Benefit Changes** - There were no changes of benefit terms for the year ended September 30, 2018.

**Changes in Assumptions** - The discount rate as of September 30, 2017 was 4.00% and it changed to 4.06% as of September 30, 2018.

No assets are accumulated in a trust that meets the criteria in Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 75, paragraph 4, *Post-employment Benefits Other Than Pensions - Reporting For Benefits Not Provided Through Trusts That Meet Specified Criteria - Defined Benefit* to pay related benefits.



**CITY OF HOMEWOOD, ALABAMA**  
Notes to Required Supplementary Information  
September 30, 2018  
(Continued)

**NOTE 3 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT OPEB PLAN PRACTICES - Continued**

Methods and assumptions used to determine contribution rates for the period October 1, 2017 to September 30, 2018 consisted of the following:

Actuarial cost method	Individual Entry Age Normal
Amortization method	Level dollar, open
Remaining amortization period	30 years
Asset valuation method	Market value
Inflation	3.00%
Healthcare trend	Flat 5% annually
Salary increases	3.50%, including inflation
Discount rate	4.00% annually (beginning of year)
	4.06% annually (as of end of year to measurement date)
Retirement age	Five years delay 25 years of service at any age; but not later than age 60; or attainment of age 60 and 10 years of service or age 50 and 15 years of service; employees hired on and after January 1, 2013 are not eligible to retire until age 62.
Mortality	RPH-2014 with projection MP-2018
Turnover	Age-specific table with an average of 10% when applied to the active census