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INTRODUCTORY SECTION

**CITY OF HAWTHORNE, FLORIDA
LIST OF PRINCIPAL OFFICIALS**

September 30, 2014

Mayor	Matthew Surrency
Vice Mayor	Tommie Howard
City Commission	DeLoris Roberts
	William "Billy" Carlton
	Patricia Bouie
City Manager	Ellen Vause
City Clerk	LaKesha Hawkins-McGruder

Current Officials as of May 11, 2015

FINANCIAL SECTION



Sexton & Schnoll
CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

The Honorable Mayor and City Commission
City of Hawthorne, Florida

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, the major funds, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the City of Hawthorne, Florida, (City) as of and for the fiscal years ended September 30, 2014, and 2013 which collectively comprise the City's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

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.

Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion of 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.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, the major funds, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the City of Hawthorne, Florida, as of September 30, 2014 and 2013 and the respective changes in financial position and cash flows, where applicable, thereof, for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis and budgetary comparison information 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.

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the City of Hawthorne, Florida's financial statements.

The combining and individual non-major fund financial statements and the schedule of expenditures of federal awards are the responsibility of management and were derived from and relate directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statement and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the combining and individual non-major fund financial statements and the schedule of expenditures of federal awards are fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

The introductory and statistical sections have 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.

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated May 11, 2015, on our consideration of the City of Hawthorne, Florida's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the City of Hawthorne, Florida's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.



SEXTON & SCHNOLL
Certified Public Accountants
May 11, 2015

MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

CITY OF HAWTHORNE, FLORIDA
Management's Discussion and Analysis
September 30, 2014

The management of the City of Hawthorne, Florida (City) offers readers of the City's financial statements this narrative overview and analysis of the financial activities of the City for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2014. This discussion and analysis is designed to assist the reader in focusing on significant financial issues, provide an overview of the City's financial activities and identify changes in the City's financial position. It is intended to be an easily readable analysis of the City's financial activities based on currently known facts, decisions or conditions. This analysis focuses on current year activities and should be read in conjunction with the financial statements that follow.

Financial Highlights

- The assets of the City exceeded its liabilities at the close of fiscal year 2014 by \$9,116,040.
- 8% of the City's net assets represent resources that are dedicated or subject to restriction on how they may be used. The balance of unrestricted net assets is \$466,162. These unrestricted net assets may be used to meet the City's ongoing obligations to citizens and creditors.
- The City's total net assets decreased \$216,450 or 2% over the year, which was primarily the result of reduced grants for capital expenditures.
- 73% of the City's net assets reflect its investment in capital assets (land, buildings, infrastructure, and equipment) less any related outstanding debt used to acquire those assets. The City uses these capital assets to provide services to citizens; consequently, these assets are not available for future spending. Although the City's investment in its capital assets is reported net of related debt, it should be noted that the resources needed to repay this debt must be provided from other sources, since the capital assets themselves cannot be used to liquidate these liabilities.
- Revenues from Governmental Activities increased by \$71,066 from the previous year. General revenues from taxes were relatively flat.
- Business-type activities (the City's enterprise funds) operating revenues decreased by \$27,064. Charges for services increased slightly.
- The City's total debt, including bonds decreased by \$ 88,669 or 3.2% in the current fiscal year. The City executed a new promissory note with the National Rural Water Association for \$75,000.

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City Highlights

- As of September 30, 2014 the unemployment rate for Alachua County was 4.9%. The 2013 rate was 5.4% and reflects the current economic conditions of the country. According to the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, the State of Florida's unemployment rate was 5.8%. The National Unemployment rate was 5.7%.
- The official population of the City according to the 2010 Census was 1,142 and is estimated to be approximately the same in 2014.
- The ad valorem tax millage rate for the City was 5.3194 mills in 2014.
- Little Orange Creek Nature Park has opened to the Public through special use permits. Master plan engineering has been completed and improvements will continue. Support organizations have been actively seeking grants and donations for those improvements.
- Lindsey Phillips Park upgrades are also continuing. These include boat ramp improvements, and ADA accessibility improvements.
- Plum Creek and Envision Alachua have conducted community workshops for economic development and conservation. Through this process, a broad cross section of the community representing environmental, education, and business interest discuss in the Sector plan holding at least 15,000 conservation acres. The Sector plan was submitted to Alachua County but withdrawn for additional changes. Plum Creek anticipates re-submitting the Sector Plan to the County in June of 2015. Approximately 1,300 acres is adjacent to the City of Hawthorne. The City has had preliminary discussions with Plum Creek which has expressed interest in annexing the property into the City to develop and market the property for commercial operations.
- The City completed the transfer of the Hawthorne Fire Station to the Alachua County Board of County Commissioners to bring fire and rescue services back to the City of Hawthorne, and during 2014 are upgrading the city's existing fire station for a storm-ready structure. Alachua County Fire Rescue will move station #25 to the building in 2015 when renovations are complete.
- Love's Travel Plaza has purchased property on US 301 in Hawthorne and will bring a Travel Plaza, truck stop, tire-changing shop and a McDonald's Restaurant to the City. The City Commission will apply for an economic development grant to facilitate a larger water line to the property for fire suppression. Construction of the water line and Travel Plaza are slated for 2015.

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OVERVIEW OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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

The City has implemented Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement 34, Basic Financial Statements - and Management's Discussion and Analysis - for State and Local Governments. This statement requires governmental entities to report finances in accordance with specific guidelines. Among those guidelines are the components of this section dealing with management's discussion and analysis. Besides this Management's Discussion and Analysis (MD&A), the report consists of government-wide statements, fund financial statements, and the notes to the financial statements. The first two statements are condensed and present a government-wide view of the City's finances. Within this view, all City operations are categorized as applicable, and reported as either governmental or business-type activities. Governmental activities include basic services such as police, fire control, public works, parks and recreation, community development and general governmental administration. The City's water, sewer, and solid waste management services are reported as business-type activities. These government-wide statements are designed to be more corporate-like in that all activities are consolidated into a total for the City.

Government-Wide Financial Statements

- The Government-Wide financial statements are designed to provide readers with a broad overview of the City's finances, in a manner similar to a private sector business, in that all governmental and business-type activities are consolidated into columns which add up to a total for the primary government.
- The Statement of Net Assets focuses on resources available for future operations. In simple terms, this statement presents a snap-shot view of the assets the City owns, the liabilities it owes and the net difference. The net difference is further separated into amounts restricted for specific purposes and unrestricted amounts. Governmental activities reflect capital assets including infrastructure and long-term liabilities. Business-type activities also include capital assets and long-term liabilities. All activities are reported on the accrual basis of accounting.
- The Statement of Activities focuses on gross and net costs of the City's programs and the extent to which such programs rely upon general tax and other revenues. This statement summarizes and simplifies the user's analysis to determine the extent to which programs are self-supporting and/or subsidized by general revenues.
- Government-wide financial statements can be found on pages 19 to 22.

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Fund Financial Statements

Fund financial statements focus separately on governmental and proprietary funds. 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, like other state and local governments, uses fund accounting to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance-related legal requirements. All of the funds of the City can be divided into two categories: Governmental and Proprietary funds.

Governmental Funds

Governmental fund statements follow the more traditional presentation of financial statements. The City has three governmental funds, the General Fund, Community Redevelopment and Capital Assets which are combined into a single aggregated presentation. Unlike the government-wide financial statements, governmental fund financial statements focus on *near-term* inflows and outflows of spendable resources as well as on the balance of spendable resources available at the end of the fiscal year. Such information may be useful in evaluating a government's *near-term* financing requirements.

Governmental fund financial statements can be found on pages 23 through 25.

Proprietary Funds

The City's proprietary funds, or enterprise funds, are used to report the same functions presented as business-type activities in the government-wide financial statements. The City uses enterprise funds to account for its Water, Sanitation, Cemetery and Sewer operations.

Proprietary fund financial statements can be found on pages 26 through 29 of this report.

Notes to Financial Statements

The notes provide additional information that is essential to a full understanding of the data provided in the government-wide and fund financial statements. The notes to the financial statements can be found on pages 30 through 50 of this report.

In addition to the basic and fund financial statements and notes, this report also presents certain required supplementary information concerning the City's budget compliance.

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Statement of Net Assets

The following table reflects a condensed Statement of Net Assets:

	Governmental Activities	Business-type Activities	Total Government	
			2014	2013
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 646,790	\$ 543,832	\$ 1,190,622	\$ 910,846
Other assets	1,090,915	1,563,675	2,654,590	1,983,400
Capital Assets	6,362,479	4,202,302	10,564,781	11,080,713
Total Assets	8,100,184	6,309,809	14,409,993	13,974,959
Other current liabilities	586,599	1,213,821	1,800,420	1,616,953
Long term outstanding	-	3,493,534	3,493,534	3,025,516
Total Liabilities	586,599	4,707,355	5,293,954	4,642,469
Net assets:				
Invested in capital assets, net of related debt	6,362,479	1,529,412	7,891,891	8,368,653
Restricted	516,257	241,766	758,023	615,895
Unrestricted	634,849	(168,724)	466,125	347,942
Total net assets	\$ 7,513,585	\$ 1,602,454	\$ 9,116,039	\$ 9,332,490

The largest portion of the City's net assets reflects its investment in capital assets (\$7,891,891) such as land, buildings and equipment. Although the City's investment in its capital assets is reported net of related debt, it should be noted that the resources needed to repay this debt must be provided from other sources, since the capital assets themselves cannot be used to liquidate liabilities.

The City uses these capital assets to provide services to the citizens: consequently, these assets are not available for future spending. An additional \$758,023 represents resources that are subject to external restrictions on how they may be used.

Total net assets balance decreased by \$216,451 or 2.3% over the previous year.

Statement of Activities

The following schedule presents the revenues and expenses for the current and prior years:

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Change in Net Assets
For the Fiscal Years Ended September 30, 2014 and 2013

	Governmental Activities	Business-type Activities	Total Government	
			2014	2013
Revenues:				
Program revenues				
Charges for services	\$ 21,574	\$ 761,243	\$ 782,817	\$ 808,974
Grants and contributions	-	-	-	801,378
General revenues				
Taxes	588,051		588,051	580,994
Tax increment	60,987		60,987	61,124
State shared revenues	48,935		48,935	48,088
Interest	4,853	2,370	7,223	6,967
Miscellaneous	176,270	27,148	203,418	133,270
Total revenues	<u>900,670</u>	<u>790,761</u>	<u>1,691,431</u>	<u>2,440,795</u>
Expenses:				
General government	441,626	-	441,626	426,023
Public safety	3,239	-	3,239	3,239
Transportation	169,626	-	169,626	170,508
Economic environment	44,658	-	44,658	54,872
Culture & recreation	173,949	-	173,949	120,560
Interest on long-term debt	1,030	121,049	122,079	124,151
Cemetery		11,961	11,961	6,721
Water		173,631	173,631	161,974
Garbage services		184,939	184,939	187,421
Sewer		582,172	582,172	635,463
Total expenses	<u>834,127</u>	<u>1,073,752</u>	<u>1,907,880</u>	<u>1,890,932</u>
Changes in net assets	66,543	(282,991)	(216,448)	549,864
Transfers	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Beginning net assets	<u>7,447,045</u>	<u>1,885,445</u>	<u>9,332,490</u>	<u>8,782,626</u>
Ending net assets	<u>\$ 7,513,588</u>	<u>\$ 1,602,454</u>	<u>\$ 9,116,042</u>	<u>\$ 9,332,490</u>

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Current Year Impacts on Revenue and Expense

Revenues - The City's tax revenue was \$588,051, representing an increase of 1.2% from 2013. State Revenue Sharing increased marginally by \$847 or 1.7%. Enterprise Funds services revenue were stable. Total City revenues decreased \$749,364, or 31% compared to 2013, primarily due to cessation of Federal Grants.

Expenses - Governmental activities expenses increased \$57,579 (7%), while enterprise fund activity expenses decreased by \$41,978 (3.7%).

Capital Assets

Capital Assets at September 30, 2014 and 2013

	Governmental Activities		Business-type Activities		Total	
	2014	2013	2014	2013	2014	2013
Land	\$ 4,620,928	\$4,645,050	\$ 114,300	\$ 114,299	\$ 4,735,228	\$ 4,759,349
Buildings	1,136,579	1,136,579	4,998,574	4,998,574	6,135,153	6,135,153
Improvements	1,841,357	1,841,357	5,586,596	5,586,596	7,427,953	7,427,953
Equipment	202,984	207,394	70,788	52,598	273,772	259,992
Subtotal	7,801,848	7,830,380	10,770,258	10,752,068	18,572,106	18,582,447
Accumulated depreciation	(1,439,368)	(1,357,963)	(6,567,955)	(6,143,771)	(8,007,323)	(7,501,734)
Capital assets, net	\$ 6,362,480	\$6,472,417	\$ 4,202,303	\$4,608,297	\$10,564,783	\$11,080,713

The City's net investment in capital assets for the governmental activities decreased by \$515,931 or 5% from the prior year. The City added \$20,426 of minor equipment and sold land to the Florida Department of Transportation with carrying value of \$24,121. Depreciation expense was \$ 505,589, an increase of 2% from the prior year.

Long-term Debt

At the end of the fiscal year, the City had total long-term debt outstanding in bonds and notes payable of \$2,695,558, which is a decrease of \$188,669 from the previous year, a combined effect of principal payments and additional promissory note from the National Rural Water Association.

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	Governmental		Business-type		Total	
	Activities		Activities			
	2013	2012	2013	2012	2013	2012
Line of credit	\$ 36,084	\$ 48,551		\$ -	\$ 36,084	\$ 48,551
USDA bonds	-	-	2,319,300	2,373,900	2,319,300	2,373,900
Loans Payable		12,996	392,759	445,123	392,759	458,119
Total bonds and notes	\$ 36,084	\$ 61,547	\$ 2,712,059	\$2,819,023	\$ 2,748,143	\$ 2,880,570

More detailed information on the City's long-term liabilities is presented in the notes to the financial statements.

Budgetary Highlights

The City's FY budget for 2014 was adopted in September, 2013 and amended in October, 2014. Under Florida Statute 166.241(4), the governing body of a municipality may amend a budget within 60 days following the end of the fiscal year. Accordingly, the Commission approved an amendment to the budget to include Grant Funding from the State of Florida for the Wastewater Treatment Plant improvements. There were no other changes to the FY 2013 budget. A comparison to actual results can be reviewed in supplementary information beginning on page 51.

Financial Contact

The City's financial statements are designed to present users (citizens, taxpayers, customers, investors and creditors) with a general overview of the City's finances and to demonstrate the City's accountability. If you have any questions about the report or need additional financial information, please contact the City Manager at P.O. Box 1270, Hawthorne, Florida 32640.

BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

CITY OF HAWTHORNE, FLORIDA

STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS

September 30, 2014

	Governmental Activities	Business-type Activities	2014 TOTAL	2013 TOTAL
ASSETS				
Current Assets:				
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 130,534	\$ 302,065	\$ 432,599	294,951
Accounts receivable, net	113,210	67,401	180,611	187,583
Due from other funds	-	1,492,454	1,492,454	906,775
Due from other governmental unit	26,207	-	26,207	32,154
Total Current Assets	269,950	1,861,920	2,131,870	1,421,463
Restricted assets:				
Cash	516,257	241,766	758,023	615,895
Total Restricted Assets	516,257	241,766	758,023	615,895
Non-current assets:				
Due from other funds	939,287	-	939,287	853,067
Bond costs, net	-	3,820	3,820	3,821
Prepaid Expenses	12,211	-	12,211	-
Capital assets, net	6,362,479	4,202,303	10,564,782	11,080,713
Total non-current assets	7,313,977	4,206,123	11,520,100	11,937,601
Total assets	8,100,184	6,309,809	14,409,993	13,974,959
LIABILITIES				
Current liabilities (payable from current assets):				
Accounts payable	22,558	25,221	47,779	39,362
Due to other funds	519,212	969,803	1,489,015	1,334,349
Deferred Revenue	-	18,810	18,810	1,281
Line of credit	22,667	-	22,667	36,084
Loans payable-current portion	-	62,483	62,483	54,537
Accrued wages	22,162	1,788	23,950	23,948
Total current liabilities (payable from current assets)	586,599	1,078,105	1,664,703	1,489,561
Current liabilities (payable from restricted assets):				
Accrued interest payable	-	9,431	9,431	9,431
Deposits	-	66,685	66,685	60,461
Bonds payable-current portion	-	59,600	59,600	57,500
Total current liabilities (payable from restricted assets)	-	135,717	135,717	127,392

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STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS

September 30, 2014

	<u>Governmental Activities</u>	<u>Business-type Activities</u>	<u>2014 TOTAL</u>	<u>2013 TOTAL</u>
Non-current liabilities:				
		-	-	
Loans payable	-	348,608	348,608	338,223
Due to other funds	-	942,726	942,726	425,493
Bonds payable	-	2,202,200	2,202,200	2,261,800
Total long-term liabilities	-	3,493,534	3,493,534	3,025,516
Total liabilities	586,599	4,707,355	5,293,954	4,642,469
NET ASSETS				
Invested in capital assets, net of related debt	6,362,479	1,529,412	7,891,891	8,368,653
Restricted net assets	516,257	241,766	758,023	615,895
Unrestricted net assets	634,850	(168,724)	466,126	347,942
Total net assets	<u>\$ 7,513,585</u>	<u>\$ 1,602,454</u>	<u>\$ 9,116,039</u>	<u>\$ 9,332,490</u>

CITY OF HAWTHORNE, FLORIDA

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
For the Years Ended September 30, 2014 and 2013

Functions / Programs	Expenses	Program		Net Revenue (Expense) and Changes in Net Assets				
		Charges for Services	Operating Grants and Contributions	Capital Grants and Contributions	Governmental Activities	Business Activities	Total	2013
Governmental Activities								
General government	\$ 441,626	\$ 164			(441,462)	\$ -	\$ (441,462)	(424,012)
Public safety	3,239	1,960	-	-	(1,279)	-	(1,279)	480
Transportation	169,626	19,450	-	-	(150,176)	-	(150,176)	(153,817)
Economic environment	44,658	-	-	-	(44,658)	-	(44,658)	(54,872)
Culture & recreation	173,949	-	-	-	(173,949)	-	(173,949)	(120,535)
Interest on long-term debt	1,030	-	-	-	(1,030)	-	(1,030)	(1,778)
Total governmental activities	834,129	21,574	-	-	(812,555)	-	(812,555)	(754,534)
Business Activities								
Cemetery	11,961	425	-	-	-	(11,536)	(11,536)	(4,151)
Water utility	173,631	235,263	-	-	-	61,632	61,632	81,031
Garbage services	184,939	182,130	-	-	-	(2,808)	(2,808)	(4,750)
Sewer utility	582,172	343,425	-	-	-	(238,747)	(238,747)	525,976
Interest on long-term debt	121,049	-	-	-	-	(121,049)	(121,049)	(124,151)
Total business activities	1,073,751	761,243	-	-	-	(312,508)	(312,508)	473,955
Total Government	\$ 1,907,880	\$ 782,817	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (812,555)	\$ (312,508)	\$ (1,125,063)	\$ (280,579)

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STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES (Continued)
For the Years Ended September 30, 2014 and 2013

	Governmental	Business	Total	2013
General Revenues				
Property taxes	232,288	-	232,288	233,023
Sales and use taxes	197,317	-	197,317	192,581
Franchise fees	-	-	-	-
Utility services tax	111,695	-	111,695	105,772
Communications surtax	42,741	-	42,741	45,648
Licenses and permits	4,010	-	4,010	4,653
State shared revenues	48,935	-	48,935	48,088
Tax increment	60,987	-	60,987	61,124
Interest	4,853	2,370	7,222	6,967
Miscellaneous	176,270	27,148	203,418	132,587
Total general revenue	879,096	29,518	908,613	830,443
Change in net assets	66,540	(282,991)	(216,451)	549,864
Transfers	-	-	-	-
Net assets, beginning of year	7,447,045	1,885,445	9,332,490	8,782,626
Net assets, end of year	<u>\$ 7,513,585</u>	<u>\$ 1,602,454</u>	<u>\$ 9,116,039</u>	<u>\$ 9,332,490</u>

CITY OF HAWTHORNE, FLORIDA

**GOVERNMENTAL FUND
BALANCE SHEET
September 30, 2014 and 2013**

	2014	2013
ASSETS		
Cash	\$ 646,790	\$ 493,193
Accounts receivable	12,273	8,165
Due from other funds	939,287	853,067
Note receivable	100,937	118,137
Due from other governmental units	26,207	32,154
Prepaid expenses	12,211	-
Total assets	<u>1,737,705</u>	<u>1,504,716</u>
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES		
LIABILITIES		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	22,558	15,534
Due to other funds	519,212	456,309
Notes Payable	22,667	36,084
Accrued compensation	22,162	22,161
Total Liabilities	<u>586,599</u>	<u>530,088</u>
FUND BALANCES		
Restricted:		
Library	455	455
Downtown development	464,617	400,743
Reserved Wild Spaces Public Spaces	142,138	142,138
Interfund receivable	1,300,592	853,067
Unrestricted:	(756,696)	(421,775)
Total fund balances	<u>1,151,107</u>	<u>974,628</u>
Total Liabilities and Fund Balance	<u>\$ 1,737,705</u>	<u>\$ 1,504,716</u>
Reconciliation of the Balance Sheet of Governmental Funds to the Statement of Net Assets		
Fund balance-Governmental Funds	\$ 1,151,107	\$ 974,628
Amount reported for governmental activities in the statement of net assets are different because:		
Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and therefore are not reported in the governmental funds.	6,362,479	6,552,427
Long-term liabilities are not due in the current period and therefore are not reported in the funds	-	(12,994)
Net assets of governmental activities	<u>\$ 7,513,585</u>	<u>\$ 7,514,061</u>

CITY OF HAWTHORNE, FLORIDA

**GOVERNMENTAL FUND
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND
CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES**

For the Fiscal Year Ended September 30, 2014 and 2013

	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>
REVENUE		
Taxes	\$ 588,051	\$ 580,994
Intergovernmental revenue	109,922	109,212
Charges for services	21,574	20,667
Other revenue	<u>181,122</u>	<u>118,731</u>
Total Revenue	<u>900,669</u>	<u>829,604</u>
EXPENDITURES		
Current Expenditures		
General government	427,690	418,302
Public safety	-	3,239
Transportation	139,394	141,315
Economic environment	44,658	54,872
Culture/recreation	134,333	80,943
Capital outlay/(disposals)	<u>(21,885)</u>	<u>9,513</u>
Total expenditures	<u>724,190</u>	<u>708,184</u>
Excess of revenues over expenditures	<u>176,479</u>	<u>121,420</u>
Net changes in fund balances	176,479	121,420
Fund balances, beginning of year	<u>974,628</u>	<u>853,208</u>
Fund balances, end of year	<u><u>\$ 1,151,107</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 974,628</u></u>

CITY OF HAWTHORNE, FLORIDA

**RECONCILIATION OF THE STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES OF
GOVERNMENTAL FUND TO THE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES**

For the Fiscal Year Ended September 30, 2014

	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>
Net change in fund balances - total governmental funds	\$ 176,479	\$ 121,420
Amount reported for governmental activities in the statement of activities is different because:		
Governmental funds report capital outlay as expenditures. However, in the statement of activities, the cost of those assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives as		
Capital purchase expenditure	2,236	
Disposal of Land to FDOT	(24,122)	
Less current year depreciation	<u>(88,052)</u>	
	(109,938)	(80,011)
Repayments of loan principal are expenditures in the governmental funds but the repayment reduces long-term liabilities in the statement of net assets.		
Principal payments on long-term debt	12,467	25,462
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		
Compensated Absences	<u>(12,468)</u>	<u>(12,468)</u>
Change in net assets of governmental activities	<u>\$ 66,540</u>	<u>\$ 54,403</u>

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PROPRIETARY FUNDS
STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS
September 30, 2014

	Business-Type Activities - Enterprise Funds					
ASSETS	Cemetery	Water	Solid Waste	Sewer	Totals	2013
Current assets						
Cash	\$ 44,045	\$ 154,301	\$ -	\$ 103,719	\$ 302,065	\$ 184,720
Accounts receivable (net of allowance for uncollectible)	-	18,864	16,352	32,185	67,401	61,281
Due from other funds	-	973,242	70,584	448,628	1,492,454	906,775
Restricted assets						
Cash	-	213,734	-	\$ 28,032	241,766	232,932
Fixed assets						
Land	-	-	-	114,300	114,300	114,300
Buildings	-	1,554,798	-	3,443,776	4,998,574	4,998,573
Improvements other than buildings	-	253,085	-	5,333,512	5,586,596	5,586,597
Equipment	-	7,992	-	62,796	70,788	52,598
Construction in progress	-	-	-	-	-	-
Allowance for depreciation	-	(1,003,582)	-	(5,564,373)	(6,567,955)	(6,143,771)
Other assets						
Bond costs	-	-	-	12,295	12,295	12,295
Accumulated amortization-bond costs	-	-	-	(8,474)	(8,474)	(8,474)
Total assets	<u>44,045</u>	<u>2,172,433</u>	<u>86,935</u>	<u>4,006,396</u>	<u>6,309,809</u>	<u>5,997,826</u>
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS						
Current liabilities						
Due to other funds	11,416	927,043	31,344	942,726	1,912,529	1,303,533
Accounts Payable	-	20,198	7	5,016	25,221	23,827
Current liabilities payable from Restricted funds	-	-	-	-	-	-
Accrued interest payable	-	1,570	-	7,861	9,431	9,431
Deposits	-	66,685	-	-	66,685	60,461
Loan payable M&S Bank-current	-	-	-	11,253	11,253	10,698
Loan payable FDOT-current	-	16,872	-	-	16,872	16,872
Loan payable CRA-current	-	17,724	-	-	17,724	17,201
Loan payable NRWA-current	-	16,633	-	-	16,633	9,766
Serial bonds payable-current	-	12,000	-	-	12,000	11,300
Bonds payable FMHA-current	-	-	-	47,600	47,600	46,200
Deferred Revenue	-	-	-	18,810	18,810	1,281
Accrued wages and compensation	-	333	1,327	128	1,788	1,789
Long-term liabilities						
Loan payable M&S Bank	-	-	-	17,986	17,986	29,239
Loan payable FDOT	-	134,978	-	-	134,978	151,851
Loan payable CRA	-	83,213	-	-	83,213	100,937
Loan payable NRWA	-	112,431	-	-	112,431	56,195
Serial bonds payable	-	292,300	-	-	292,300	304,300
Bonds payable FMHA	-	-	-	1,909,900	1,909,900	1,957,500
Total Liabilities	<u>11,416</u>	<u>1,701,982</u>	<u>32,678</u>	<u>2,961,279</u>	<u>4,707,355</u>	<u>4,112,381</u>
NET ASSETS						
Invested in capital assets, net of related debt	-	126,140	-	1,403,271	1,529,412	1,896,238
Restricted	-	213,734	-	28,032	241,766	232,932
Unrestricted	<u>32,629</u>	<u>130,577</u>	<u>54,257</u>	<u>(386,187)</u>	<u>(168,724)</u>	<u>(243,725)</u>
Total net assets	<u>32,629</u>	<u>470,451</u>	<u>54,257</u>	<u>1,045,117</u>	<u>1,602,454</u>	<u>1,885,445</u>
Total liabilities and net assets	<u>\$ 44,045</u>	<u>\$ 2,172,433</u>	<u>\$ 86,935</u>	<u>\$ 4,006,396</u>	<u>\$ 6,309,809</u>	<u>\$ 5,997,826</u>

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**PROPRIETARY FUNDS
STATEMENT OF REVENUE, EXPENSES AND CHANGES IN NET ASSETS
For the Fiscal year Ended September 30, 2014**

	Business-Type Activities - Enterprise Funds					
	<u>Cemetery</u>	<u>Water</u>	<u>Solid Waste</u>	<u>Sewer</u>	<u>Totals</u>	<u>2013</u>
OPERATING REVENUES						
Utility revenue						
Sales	\$ 425	\$ 235,263	\$ 182,130	\$ 343,425	\$ 761,243	\$ 788,307
Reconnection fees	-	-	-	-	-	-
Late fees	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total utility revenue	<u>425</u>	<u>235,263</u>	<u>182,130</u>	<u>343,425</u>	<u>761,243</u>	<u>788,307</u>
Other revenue	-	-	-	-	\$ -	761
Total operating revenues	<u>425</u>	<u>235,263</u>	<u>182,130</u>	<u>343,425</u>	<u>761,243</u>	<u>789,068</u>
OPERATING EXPENSES						
Personnel						
Regular salaries	7,218	22,233	3,457	58,120	91,027	78,922
Payroll tax	592	1,640	241	4,268	6,741	5,660
Retirement	448	1,336	207	3,489	5,481	4,428
Life and health insurance	2,156	7,761	1,725	18,541	30,183	22,495
Worker's compensation	324	1,518	445	1,179	3,465	2,914
Total Personnel Services	<u>10,737</u>	<u>34,488</u>	<u>6,075</u>	<u>85,597</u>	<u>136,897</u>	<u>114,419</u>
Depreciation and amortization	-	46,062	-	378,122	424,184	406,226
Accounting and auditing	-	10,228	-	-	10,228	2,105
Contractual services	-	29,104	176,579	30,787	236,470	255,784
Communication	-	4,160	-	3,003	7,163	4,909
Utility services	515	9,843	-	38,955	49,313	41,315
Insurance	-	6,851	2,252	4,352	13,455	13,034
Repairs and maintenance	-	6,190	-	9,686	15,876	42,365
Supplies	35	5,122	33	12,272	17,463	14,999
Publications & subscriptions	-	419	-	371	790	1,043
Other current charges and obligations	<u>673</u>	<u>21,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>19,191</u>	<u>40,864</u>	<u>95,380</u>
Total operating expenses	<u>1,223</u>	<u>138,979</u>	<u>178,864</u>	<u>496,739</u>	<u>815,805</u>	<u>877,160</u>
Total expenses	<u>11,961</u>	<u>173,468</u>	<u>184,939</u>	<u>582,336</u>	<u>952,703</u>	<u>991,579</u>

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**PROPRIETARY FUNDS
STATEMENT OF REVENUE, EXPENSES AND CHANGES IN NET ASSETS
For the Fiscal year Ended September 30, 2014**

	Business-Type Activities - Enterprise Funds					
	<u>Cemetery</u>	<u>Water</u>	<u>Solid Waste</u>	<u>Sewer</u>	<u>Totals</u>	<u>2013</u>
Operating profit (loss)	<u>(11,536)</u>	<u>61,796</u>	<u>(2,808)</u>	<u>(238,911)</u>	<u>(191,459)</u>	<u>(202,511)</u>
Non-operating revenues						
Federal waste water grant	-	-	-	-	-	626,728
State waste water grant	-	-	-	-	-	174,650
Interest on investments	444	1,926	-	-	2,370	2,004
Gain (loss) on disposal of asset:	-	-	-	-	-	-
Rents and royalties	-	-	-	27,148	27,148	18,741
Total non-operating revenues	<u>444</u>	<u>1,926</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>27,148</u>	<u>29,518</u>	<u>822,123</u>
Debt service - interest	-	(48,535)	-	(72,513)	(121,049)	(124,151)
Net non-operating revenue	<u>444</u>	<u>(46,610)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(45,365)</u>	<u>(91,531)</u>	<u>697,972</u>
Change in net assets	(11,092)	15,186	(2,808)	(284,276)	(282,990)	495,461
Net assets, beginning of year	43,721	455,266	57,065	1,329,393	1,885,445	1,389,984
Net assets, end of year	<u>\$ 32,629</u>	<u>\$ 470,452</u>	<u>\$ 54,257</u>	<u>\$ 1,045,117</u>	<u>\$ 1,602,455</u>	<u>\$ 1,885,445</u>

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**PROPRIETARY FUNDS
STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
For the Fiscal year Ended September 30, 2014**

	Cemetery	Business-Type Activities - Enterprise Funds Water	Solid Waste	Sewer	Totals	2013
Cash flows from operating activities						
Cash received from customers	\$ 425	\$ 235,146	\$ 181,518	\$ 278,027	\$ 695,116	\$ 767,298
Cash payments to employees	-	(25,209)	(3,905)	-	(29,114)	(78,922)
Cash payments for employee benefits	-	(9,279)	(2,170)	-	(11,449)	(35,497)
Cash paid to vendors	(1,846)	(148,154)	(175,444)	(54,043)	(379,487)	(416,132)
Net cash provided (used) by operating activities	<u>(1,421)</u>	<u>52,504</u>	<u>(0)</u>	<u>223,984</u>	<u>275,066</u>	<u>236,747</u>
Cash flows from capital and related financing activities						
Interest paid on notes and bonds payable	-	(48,535)	-	(72,513)	(121,049)	(124,151)
Capital grants	-	-	-	-	-	801,378
Principal paid on notes payable	-	(43,815)	-	(10,698)	(54,512)	(52,539)
Principal paid on bonds payable	-	(11,300)	-	(46,200)	(57,500)	(54,600)
Net cash provided by (used for) capital and related financing activities	<u>-</u>	<u>(103,650)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(129,411)</u>	<u>(233,061)</u>	<u>570,088</u>
Cash flows from non-capital financing activities						
Loan proceeds	-	72,845	-	-	72,845	-
Rents and royalties	-	-	-	27,148	27,148	18,737
Transfers in	-	-	-	-	-	-
Net cash provided by non-capital financing activities	<u>-</u>	<u>72,845</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>27,148</u>	<u>99,993</u>	<u>18,737</u>
Cash flows from investing activities						
Net Purchases of fixed assets	-	-	-	(18,191)	(18,191)	(765,476)
Interest Income	444	1,926	-	-	2,370	2,003
Net cash provided (used) for investing activities	<u>444</u>	<u>1,926</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(18,191)</u>	<u>(15,821)</u>	<u>(763,473)</u>
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	(977)	23,626	(0)	103,531	126,178	62,099
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of year	45,022	344,409	-	28,221	417,652	355,553
Cash and cash equivalents, end of year	<u>\$ 44,045</u>	<u>\$ 368,035</u>	<u>\$ (0)</u>	<u>\$ 131,752</u>	<u>\$ 543,830</u>	<u>\$ 417,652</u>
			-		-	
<u>Reconciliation of operating income (loss) to net cash provided by operating activities</u>						
Operating income (loss)	<u>(11,536)</u>	<u>61,796</u>	<u>(2,808)</u>	<u>(238,911)</u>	<u>(191,459)</u>	<u>(202,507)</u>
Adjustments to reconcile operating income (loss) to net cash provided by operating activities:						
Depreciation and amortization	-	46,062	-	378,122	424,184	406,226
(Increase) decrease in assets:						
Accounts receivable, net	-	(117)	(612)	(5,390)	(6,119)	11,594
Due from other funds	-	(120,274)	(148)	-	(120,423)	(1,324,474)
Increase (decrease) in liabilities:						
Accounts payable	(1,300)	(1,336)	-	4,030	1,394	(7,028)
Due to other funds	11,416	60,150	3,569	68,604	143,738	1,350,852
Customer deposits payable	-	6,224	-	-	6,224	803
Accrued interest	-	-	-	-	-	-
Deferred Revenue	-	-	-	17,529	17,529	1,281
Total adjustments	<u>10,116</u>	<u>(9,291)</u>	<u>2,808</u>	<u>462,895</u>	<u>466,528</u>	<u>439,254</u>
Net cash provided (used) by operating activities	<u>\$ (1,421)</u>	<u>\$ 52,504</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$ 223,984</u>	<u>\$ 275,066</u>	<u>\$ 236,747</u>

CITY OF HAWTHORNE, FLORIDA
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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NOTE 1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial statements of the City of Hawthorne (the City) have been prepared in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) as applied to governmental units. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is the standard-setting body for governmental accounting and financial reporting principles. Pronouncements of the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) issued after November 30, 1989, are not applied in the preparation of the financial statements of the proprietary fund type in accordance with GASB Statement 20. The GASB periodically updates its codification of the existing Governmental Accounting and Financial Reporting Standards which, along with subsequent GASB pronouncements (Statements and interpretations), constitutes GAAP for governmental units.

In June 1999, the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) unanimously approved Statement 34 - Basic Financial Statement and Management's Discussion and Analysis - for State and Local Governments. As provided by GASB 34, the City has elected not to report retroactive infrastructure improvements in its financial statements due to the fact that its annual revenues are less than ten million dollars. The City has implemented all other applicable provisions of this Statement.

A. Reporting Entity - The City of Hawthorne, Florida is a municipal, political subdivision of the State of Florida created under the provisions of *Laws of Florida*, Chapter 8271 (1919). Accordingly, it is controlled by the Florida Constitution and various *Florida Statutes* as well as its own local charter, ordinances and policies. It is governed by a City Commission of five members, all individually elected, who select from among themselves one member to serve as Mayor/Commissioner.

In evaluating how to define the City, for financial reporting purposes, management has considered all potential component units. The decision to include a potential component unit in the reporting entity was made by applying the criteria set forth in GAAP. The basic, but not the only, criterion for including a potential component unit within the reporting entity is the governing body's ability to exercise oversight responsibility. The most significant manifestation of this ability is financial interdependency. Other manifestations of the ability to exercise oversight responsibility include, but are not limited to, the selection of governing authority, the designation of management, the ability to significantly influence operations, and accountability for fiscal matters. A second criterion used in evaluating potential component units is the scope of public service. Application of this criterion involves considering whether the activity benefits the government and/or its citizens, or whether the activity is conducted within the geographic boundaries of the government and is generally available to its citizens. A third criterion used to evaluate potential component units for inclusion or exclusion from the reporting entity is the existence of special financing relationships, regardless of whether the government is able to exercise oversight responsibilities. Based upon the application of these criteria, management determined that the following component unit existed which should be included within the reporting entity.

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City of Hawthorne Community Redevelopment Agency - This dependent special district was established for the fostering of economic development within the downtown district, by City Ordinance 94-1. The governing board is the City Commission which also establishes the agency's budget. Because this component unit is part of the City's operations, it has been reported on a blended basis in the City's governmental financial statements.

B. Measurement Focus and Basis of Accounting - The basic financial statements of the City are comprised of the following:

- Government-wide financial statements
- Fund financial statements
- Notes to the financial statements

Government-wide Financial Statements

Government-wide financial statements display information about the reporting government as a whole, except for its fiduciary activities. These statements include separate columns for the governmental and business-type activities of the City. For the most part, the effect of inter-fund activity has been removed from these statements. Governmental activities, which normally are supported by taxes and intergovernmental revenues, are reported separately from business-type activities, which rely, to a significant extent, on fees and charges for support. Likewise, the primary government is reported separately from any legally separate component unit for which the primary government is financially accountable.

Government-wide financial statements are reported using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting, as are the proprietary fund and agency fund financial statements. Under the accrual basis of accounting, revenues, expenses, gains, losses, assets, and liabilities resulting from exchange and exchange-like transactions are recognized when the exchange takes place. Revenues, expenses, gains, losses, assets, and liabilities resulting from non-exchange transactions are recognized in accordance with the relevant standards.

Program revenues include charges for services, special assessments, and payments made by parties outside of the reporting government's citizenry if that money is restricted to a particular program. Program revenues are netted with program expenses in the statement of activities to present the net cost of each program.

Amounts paid to acquire capital assets are capitalized as assets in the government-wide financial statements, rather than reported as expenditure. Proceeds of long-term debt are recorded as liabilities in the government-wide financial statements, rather than as another financing source. Amounts paid to reduce long-term indebtedness of the reporting government are reported as a reduction of the related liability, rather than as expenditures.

As a general rule the effect of inter-fund activity has been eliminated from the government-wide financial statements. As applicable, the City also chooses to eliminate the indirect costs between governmental activities to avoid the "doubling up" effect.

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Fund Financial Statements

The underlying accounting system of the City is organized and operated on the basis of separate funds, each of which is considered to be a separate accounting entity. The operations of each fund are accounted for with a separate set of self-balancing accounts that comprise its assets, liabilities, fund equity, revenues and expenditures or expenses, as appropriate. Governmental resources are allocated to and accounted for in individual funds based upon the purposes for which they are to be spent and the means by which spending activities are controlled.

Fund financial statements for the City's governmental and proprietary funds are presented after the government-wide financial statements. These statements display information about major funds individually, and non-major funds in the aggregate for governmental and enterprise funds.

Governmental Funds

Governmental fund financial statements are reported using the current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recognized as soon as they are both measurable and available. Revenues are considered to be available when they are collected within the current period or soon enough thereafter to pay liabilities of the current period. For this purpose, the City considers revenues to be available if they are collected within 60 days of the end of the current fiscal period. Expenditures generally are recorded when a liability is incurred, as under accrual accounting. Franchise fees, licenses, sales taxes, gas taxes, operating and capital grants, and interest associated with the current fiscal period are all considered to be susceptible to accrual and so have been recognized as revenues of the current fiscal period. All other revenue items are considered to be measurable only when cash is received by the City.

Under the current financial resources measurement focus, only current assets and current liabilities are generally included on the balance sheet. The reported fund balance is considered to be measure of available spendable resources. Governmental funds operating statements present increases (revenue and other financing sources) and decreases (expenditures and other financing uses) in net current assets. Accordingly, they are said to present a summary of sources and uses of available spendable resources during a period.

Any non-current portions of long-term receivables (special assessments) due to governmental funds are reported on their balance sheets in spite of their spending measurement focus.

Non-current portions of other long-term receivables are offset by fund balance reserve accounts. Because of their spending measurement focus, expenditure recognition for governmental fund types excludes amounts represented by noncurrent liabilities. Since they do not affect net current assets, such long-term amounts are not recognized as governmental fund type expenditures or fund liabilities.

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Amounts expended to acquire capital assets are recorded as expenditures in the year that resources were expended, rather than as fund assets. The proceeds of long-term debt are recorded as another financing source rather than as a fund liability. However, debt service expenditures, as well as expenditures related to compensated absences and claims and judgments, are recorded only when payment is due.

Enterprise Funds

The City's Cemetery, Water, Solid Waste, and Sewer Enterprise Funds are proprietary funds. In the fund financial statements, proprietary funds are presented using the accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recognized when they are earned and expenses are recognized when the related goods and services are delivered. In the fund financial statements, proprietary funds are presented using the economic resources measurement focus. This means that all assets and all liabilities (whether current or noncurrent) associated with their activity are included on their balance sheets. Proprietary fund type operating statements present increases (revenues) and decreases (expenses) in total net assets. The City prepares its books and records in accordance with relevant standards.

Proprietary fund operating revenues, such as charges for services, result from exchange transactions associated with the principal activity of the fund. Exchange transactions are those in which each party receives and gives up essentially equal values. Non-operating revenues, such as subsidies, taxes, and investment earnings, result from non-exchange transactions or ancillary activities.

Amounts paid to acquire capital assets are capitalized as assets in the fund financial statements, rather than reported as expenditures. Proceeds of long-term debt are recorded as a liability in the fund financial statements, rather than as other financing sources. Amounts paid to reduce long-term indebtedness are reported as a reduction of the related liabilities, rather than as an expense.

C. Basis of Accounting – The relevant standards set forth minimum criteria (percentage of the assets, liabilities, revenues or expenditures, expenses of the fund category and the governmental and enterprise combined) for the determination of major funds. The City has applied the relevant standards for major fund determination.

Governmental Major Funds: General Fund: The General Fund is the general operating fund of the City. It is used to account for all financial resources, except those required to be accounted for in another fund.

Proprietary Major Funds: The City maintains its utility services in the following Enterprise Funds, each of which is classified as a major fund:

- Water Fund
- Solid Waste Fund
- Sewer Fund

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Non-current Governmental Assets/Liabilities: The relevant standards require non-current governmental assets, such as land and building, and noncurrent governmental liabilities, such as general obligation bonds and capital leases, be reported in the governmental activities column in the government-wide statement of net assets.

D. Assets, Liabilities and Net Assets or Equity

Cash and Investments - Cash includes amounts in demand deposits as well as short-term money market investment accounts. Investments, consisting of certificates of deposit, are stated at cost which approximates market value. All such deposits and investments are insured and collateralized as required by state law.

Cash Equivalents - For purposes of the statement of cash flows, the City considers all highly liquid debt instruments with a maturity of three months or less to be cash equivalents. As of September 30, 2014, the City's cash consisted solely of checking, savings and money market accounts; it has no other cash equivalents.

Allowance for Doubtful Accounts - As applicable year-to-year, the City provides an allowance for Enterprise Fund accounts receivable that may become uncollectible. At September 30, 2014, there were no amounts outstanding for more than 180 days; therefore no allowance for doubtful accounts was reported. No other allowances for doubtful accounts are maintained since other fund accounts receivable are considered collectible as reported at September 30, 2014.

Receivables and Payables - Activity between funds that are representative of lending/borrowing arrangements outstanding at the end of the fiscal year are referred to as "interfund receivables/payables." Any residual balances outstanding between the governmental activities and business-type activities are reported in the government-wide financial statements as "due to/from other funds." All other receivables are shown net of an allowance for doubtful accounts. Any receivables in excess of 180 days would comprise the trade accounts receivable allowance for doubtful accounts. As of the balance sheet date, there were no such accounts.

Restricted Assets - Certain net assets of the City are classified as restricted assets on the statement of net assets because their use is limited either by constitutional provisions or enabling legislation; or by restrictions imposed externally by creditors, grantors, contributions, or laws or regulations of other governments. In a fund with both restricted and unrestricted assets, qualified expenses are considered to be paid first from restricted net assets and then from unrestricted net assets.

Capital Assets - Capital assets, which include property, plant, equipment, and infrastructure assets (e.g., streets, bridges, rights-of-way, and similar items), are reported in the applicable governmental or business-type activities column in the government-wide financial statements. Capital assets are defined by the City as assets with an initial, individual cost of \$500 or more and an estimated useful

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Capital Assets – continued

life in excess of one year. Except for roads and bridges constructed prior to October 1, 1981, assets are generally recorded at historical cost. Roads and bridges constructed prior to October 1, 1981 are generally not reported. The costs of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of the asset or materially extend its useful life are not capitalized.

Major outlays for capital assets and improvements are capitalized as projects are constructed. Interest incurred during the construction phase of capital assets of business-type activities is included as part of the capitalized value of the assets constructed. Property, plant, and equipment of the City, as well as component units, are depreciated using the straight-line method over the following estimated useful lives:

<u>Assets</u>	<u>Years</u>
Buildings and improvements	10-50
Machinery and equipment	5-12
Streets and related infrastructure	20-40

Capitalization of Interest - Interest related to bond issues are capitalized during the construction period. These costs are netted against applicable interest earnings on construction fund investments. During the current period, the City did not have any capitalized interest.

Deferred Revenues - Deferred revenues reported in government-wide financial statements represent unearned revenues. The deferred revenues will be recognized as revenue in the fiscal year they are earned in accordance with the accrual basis of accounting. Deferred revenues reported in proprietary fund financial statements represent unearned revenues which are measurable but not available and, in accordance with the modified accrual basis of accounting, are reported as deferred revenues.

Accrued Compensated Absences - The City accrues accumulated unpaid vacation and sick leave when earned by the employee. The amount is estimated to be used in the following year.

Proprietary Activity Accounting and Financial Reporting - The City prepares its books and records in accordance with relevant standards.

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NOTE 2. RECONCILIATION OF GOVERNMENT-WIDE AND FUND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

A. Explanation of Differences between the Governmental Fund Balance Sheet and the Government-wide Statement of Net Assets.

"Total fund balances" of the City's governmental funds differs from "net assets" of governmental activities reported in the statement of net assets. This difference primarily results from the long-term economic focus of the statement of net assets versus the current-financial-resources focus of the governmental fund balance sheet.

Capital related items

When capital assets (property, plant, equipment) that are to be used in governmental activities are purchased or constructed, the cost of these assets is reported as expenditures in governmental funds. However, the statement of net assets includes those capital assets among the assets of the City as a whole.

	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>
Cost of capital assets.	\$ 7,801,848	\$ 7,830,380
Accumulated depreciation	<u>(1,439,639)</u>	<u>(1,357,962)</u>
 Total Governmental Capital Assets	 <u><u>\$ 6,362,479</u></u>	 <u><u>\$ 6,472,418</u></u>

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NOTE 2 - RECONCILIATION OF GOVERNMENT-WIDE AND FUND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

A. Explanation of Differences Between the Governmental Fund Balance Sheet and the Government-Wide Statement of Net Assets

September 30, 2014

	Total Governmental	Capital	Long-Term	2014	2013
	Fund	Related Items	Debt Transactions	Statement of	Statement of
				Net Assets	Net Assets
ASSETS					
Cash	\$ 646,790	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 646,790	\$ 493,193
Accounts receivable	12,273	-	-	12,273	8,165
Due from other funds	939,287	-	-	939,287	853,067
Due from other governmental units	26,207	-	-	26,207	32,154
Note receivable	100,937	-	-	100,937	118,137
Prepaid expenses	12,211	-	-	12,211	-
Capital assets - net	-	6,362,479	-	6,362,479	6,472,417
Total assets	<u>1,737,705</u>	<u>6,362,479</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>8,100,184</u>	<u>7,977,133</u>
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES					
LIABILITIES					
Accounts payable	22,558	-	-	22,558	15,535
Due to other funds	519,212	-	-	519,212	456,309
Due to other governmental units	-	-	-	-	-
Accrued compensated absences	22,162	-	-	22,162	22,160
Line of Credit	22,667	-	-	22,667	36,084
Notes payable- long term	-	-	-	-	-
Total Liabilities	<u>586,599</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>586,599</u>	<u>530,088</u>
Fund Balance - Net Assets	1,151,106	6,362,479	-	7,513,585	7,447,045
Total liabilities and fund balance/net assets	<u>\$ 1,737,705</u>	<u>\$ 6,362,479</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 8,100,184</u>	<u>\$ 7,977,133</u>

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NOTE 2. RECONCILIATION OF GOVERNMENT-WIDE AND FUND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

B. Explanation of Differences between the Governmental Fund Operating Statements and the Statement of Activities

The "net change in fund balances" for governmental funds of \$121,420 differs from the "change in net assets" for governmental activities \$54,404 reported in the statement of activities. The differences arise primarily from the long-term economic focus of the statement of activities versus the current financial resources focus of the governmental funds. The effect of the differences is illustrated below.

Capital related items

When capital assets that are to be used in governmental activities are purchased or constructed, the resources expended for those assets are reported as expenditures in governmental funds. However, in the statement of activities, the costs of those assets are allocated over their estimated useful lives and reported as depreciation expense. As a result, fund balances decrease by the amount of financial resources expended, whereas net assets decrease by the amount of depreciation expense charges for the year.

Capital Outlay	\$ 2,236
Sale of Land	(24,122)
Asset write-down	(6,646)
Depreciation expense	(81,406)
Difference	<u>\$ (109,938)</u>

Long-term debt transactions

Debt proceeds are reported as "other financing sources" in the governmental fund, and have the effect of increasing the fund balance. Debt proceeds increase the liabilities in the state of net assets and do not result in an increase in net assets in the statement of activities.

Conversely, repayment of debt principal is reported as expenditures in the governmental funds and, thus, has the effect of reducing fund balance because current financial resources have been used. However, the principal payments reduce the liabilities in the statement of net assets and do not result in an expense in the statement of activities. Debt principal payments made during the fiscal year ending September 30, 2014 were \$13,600.

Accrued compensation

The City's employees have accrued wages payable as of September 30, 2014 in the amount of \$22,160. The amount includes vacation and sick leave that has been earned but not yet used by the employees.

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NOTE 2 - RECONCILIATION OF GOVERNMENT-WIDE AND FUND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

B. Explanation of Differences Between the Government Fund Operating Statements and the Statement of Activities.

September 30, 2014

	Total Governmental Fund	Capital Related Items	Long-Term Debt Transactions	2014 Statement of Activities	2013 Statement of Activities
REVENUES					
Taxes	\$ 588,051	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 588,051	\$ 580,994
Intergovernmental	109,922	-	-	109,922	109,212
Charges for Services	21,574	-	-	21,574	20,667
Miscellaneous	181,122	-	-	181,122	118,731
Total revenues	900,669	-	-	900,669	829,604
EXPENDITURES					
Current Expenditures					
General government	426,660	14,964	-	441,625	424,242
Public safety	-	3,240	-	3,240	3,240
Transportation	139,394	30,232	-	169,626	170,508
Economic environment	44,658	-	-	44,658	54,872
Culture /recreation	134,333	39,616	-	173,949	120,560
Capital Outlay/(disposals)	(21,885)	21,885	-	-	-
Debt Service					
Principal	13,793	-	(13,793)	-	-
Interest	1,030	-	-	1,030	1,778
Total Expenditures	737,983	109,937	(13,793)	834,127	775,200
Excess of revenues over (under) expenditures	162,686	(109,937)	13,793	66,542	54,404
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)					
Transfers	-	-	-	-	-
Total other financing sources (uses)	-	-	-	-	-
Net change in fund balance	162,686	(109,937)	13,793	66,542	54,404
Fund balance at beginning of year	962,161	6,472,416	12,468	7,447,045	7,648,542
Fund balance at end of year	\$ 1,124,847	\$ 6,362,479	\$ 26,261	\$ 7,513,587	\$ 7,447,045

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NOTE 3. LEGAL COMPLIANCE-BUDGETS

The City follows these procedures in establishing the budgetary data reflected in the financial statements:

1. Prior to September 1, the City Manager develops a proposed operating budget for the fiscal year commencing the following October 1. The operating budget includes proposed expenditures and the means of financing them.
2. Public hearings are conducted to obtain taxpayer comments.
3. Prior to September 30, the budget is legally enacted by the City Commission through passage of an ordinance.
4. Any revision that alters the total expenditures of any fund or transfers budgeted amounts between departments within any fund must be approved by the City Commission.
5. Budgets for all City funds are adopted on a basis consistent with relevant standards. Budgeted amounts are as originally adopted, or as amended by the City Commission. Individual amendments were not material in relation to the original appropriations which were amended. The budget for the fiscal year 2013-2014 was adopted by the City Commission on September 23, 2013.

NOTE 4. CASH AND INVESTMENTS

Deposits: The City maintains all of its cash in checking, certificates of deposit and money market accounts at local banking institutions. At September 30, 2014, the carrying amount of the City's bank balance was \$1,190,622. These balances were covered by federal depository insurance or by collateral held by the City's custodial bank which is pledged to a state trust fund that provides security for amounts held in excess of FDIC insurance coverage in accordance with the Florida Security for Public Deposits Act, Chapter 280, Florida Statutes.

Investments: Under state law, the City is allowed to invest surplus funds in guaranteed obligations of the U.S. government, interest bearing accounts of financial institutions which are legally secured, and the Local Government Surplus Funds Trust Fund. At year end, there were no such investments.

NOTE 5. PROPERTY TAX REVENUES

Taxable values for all property are established as of January 1, which is the date of lien, for the fiscal year starting October 1. Property tax revenues recognized for the 2013-2014 fiscal year were levied in October 2013. All taxes are due and payable on November 1 or as soon as the assessment is certified and delivered to the Tax Collector. Discounts are allowed for early payment at the rate of 4% in November; 3% in December; 2% in January; and 1% in February. Taxes paid in March are without discount. All unpaid taxes become delinquent as of April 1. Virtually all unpaid taxes are collected via the sale of tax certificates on or prior to June 1; therefore, taxes receivable at fiscal year-end were an immaterial amount.

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NOTE 6. CAPITAL ASSETS

Capital asset activity for the year ended September 30, 2014 and 2013, was as follows:

	2013			2014
	Beginning			Ending
	Balance	Additions	Deletions	Balance
Governmental Capital assets:				
Land	\$ 4,645,050		\$ (24,122)	\$ 4,620,928
Buildings	1,136,579	-	-	1,136,579
Improvements	1,841,357	-	-	1,841,357
Equipment and vehicles	207,394	2,236	(6,646)	202,984
Total capital assets	7,830,380	2,236	(30,768)	7,801,848
Less accumulated depreciation	(1,357,962)	(88,052)	6,646	(1,439,368)
Governmental Activities:				
capital assets, net	<u>\$ 6,472,418</u>	<u>\$ (85,816)</u>	<u>\$ (24,122)</u>	<u>\$ 6,362,480</u>
Business-type Activities:				
Land	114,300	-	-	114,300
Buildings	5,279,082		-	5,279,082
Improvements other than buildings	5,306,088		-	5,306,088
Equipment and vehicles	52,598	18,191	-	70,789
Total capital assets	10,752,068	18,191	-	10,770,259
Less accumulated depreciation	(6,143,771)	(424,184)	-	(6,567,955)
Business-type activities:				
capital assets, net	<u>\$ 4,608,297</u>	<u>\$ (405,993)</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 4,202,304</u>

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

Governmental activities:	2014
General government	14,964
Public safety	3,240
Transportation	30,232
Culture / recreation	39,616
Total depreciation expense-governmental activities	<u>\$ 88,053</u>
Business-type activities:	
Water utility	46,062
Sewer utility	359,754
Total depreciation expense-business-type activities	<u>\$ 405,816</u>

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NOTE 7. INTERFUND RECEIVABLES/PAYABLES

The following is a schedule of inter-fund receivables and payables at September 30, 2014 and 2013.

Fund	2014 Interfund Receivables	2013 Interfund Receivables	2014 Interfund Payables	2013 Interfund Payables
General	\$ 939,287	\$ 853,067	\$ 519,212	\$ 456,309
Water	973,242	836,158	927,043	850,084
Solid waste	70,584	70,617	31,344	27,956
Sewer	448,628	-	942,726	425,493
Cemetery	-	-	11,416	-
	<u>\$ 2,431,741</u>	<u>\$ 1,759,842</u>	<u>\$ 2,431,741</u>	<u>\$ 1,759,842</u>

The balance of \$448,628 due to other funds from the Sewer Fund is not scheduled to be collected in the subsequent year and is classified as a long-term receivable.

NOTE 8. INTERFUND TRANSFERS

Interfund transfers for the years ended September 30, 2014 and 2013 consisted of the following:

Fund	2014 Transfers in	2013 Transfers in	2014 Transfers out	2013 Transfers out
General	\$ 30,000	\$ 30,000	\$ 30,000	\$ 30,000
Water	-	-	-	-
Sewer	-	-	-	-
	<u>\$ 30,000</u>	<u>\$ 30,000</u>	<u>\$ 30,000</u>	<u>\$ 30,000</u>

Transfers from the CRA fund were made to allocate administrative services of the CRA by the General Fund.

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NOTE 9. LONG TERM DEBT - BUSINESS-TYPE ACTIVITIES

A. Water Revenue Bonds Payable

Water Revenue bonds for expansion of the City's water system were sold during the fiscal year ended September 30, 1991, in the amount of \$450,000. These bonds bear interest at the rate of 5.875% per annum, with different denominations maturing September 1, 1997 through the year 2030. The revenues of the water system after deduction of the costs of operation and maintenance are pledged for payment of these bonds. In addition to the scheduled payments of interest and principal, the City was required to deposit \$2,990 per year into a reserve account until it reached a minimum balance of \$29,900, which has been achieved. Future debt service of the Water Revenue Bonds, including interest, is as follows:

<u>September 30</u>	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Total</u>
2015	12,000	17,878	29,878
2016	12,700	17,173	29,873
2017	13,400	16,427	29,827
2018	14,200	15,639	29,839
2019	15,000	14,805	29,805
2020 - 2024	89,600	59,591	149,191
2025 - 2029	119,200	30,092	149,292
2030	28,200	1,657	29,857
	<u>\$ 304,300</u>	<u>\$ 173,262</u>	<u>\$ 477,562</u>

B. Sewer Revenue Bonds Payable

Sewer revenue bonds for construction of the City's sewer system were issued during the fiscal year ended September 30, 1994, in the total amount of \$1,262,500. These bonds bear interest at the rate of 5% per annum, with different denominations maturing September 1, 1997 through the year 2033. The revenues of the sewer system after deduction of the costs of operation and maintenance are pledged for payment of these bonds. In addition to the scheduled payments of interest and principal, the City was required to deposit \$7,494 per year into a reserve account until it reaches a minimum balance of \$74,905, which has been achieved. Future debt service and reserve requirements of the Sewer Revenue Bonds, including interest are as follows:

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NOTE 9. LONG TERM DEBT - BUSINESS-TYPE ACTIVITIES (Continued)

B. Sewer Revenue Bonds Payable – Continued

<u>September 30</u>	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Total</u>
2015	29,600	45,225	74,825
2016	31,100	43,745	74,845
2017	32,700	42,190	74,890
2018	34,300	40,555	74,855
2019	36,000	38,840	74,840
2020 - 2024	208,800	165,340	374,140
2025 - 2029	266,600	107,655	374,255
2030 - 2033	265,400	33,990	299,390
	<u>\$ 904,500</u>	<u>\$ 517,540</u>	<u>1,422,040</u>

C. Water and Sewer Revenue Bonds, Series 2004

On January 24, 2004, the City closed on the Water and Sewer Revenue Bond, Series 2004 in the amount of \$1,187,300. These bonds, sold to the U.S. Department of Agriculture, were utilized to fully repay the bond anticipation notes. The bonds are payable in annual payments over 40 years at average payments of \$65,732, including interest at 4.5%. The bonds are payable solely from sewer revenues. Future debt service of the Water and Sewer Revenue Bonds, including interest are as follows:

<u>September 30</u>	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Total</u>
2015	18,000	47,385	65,385
2016	19,000	46,575	65,575
2017	20,000	45,720	65,720
2018	21,000	44,820	65,820
2019	22,000	43,875	65,875
2020 - 2024	125,000	203,625	328,625
2025- 2029	157,000	172,756	329,756
2030 - 2034	195,000	134,145	329,145
2035 - 2039	242,000	86,355	328,355
2040 - 2043	234,000	26,770	260,770
	<u>\$ 1,053,000</u>	<u>\$ 852,026</u>	<u>\$ 1,905,026</u>

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NOTE 9. LONG TERM DEBT - BUSINESS-TYPE ACTIVITIES (Continued)

D. Promissory Note - Florida Department of Transportation

In November, 2007, the City executed a promissory note to the Florida Department of Transportation in the amount of \$253,085. The note carries no interest and is payable over fifteen years in quarterly installments of \$4,218. The loan was made to reimburse the Department for costs associated with City utility relocations on a state highway project. Payments commenced October 15, 2008. Future debt service of this note is as follows:

<u>Year</u>	<u>September 30</u>
2015	16,872
2016	16,872
2017	16,872
2018	16,872
2019	16,872
2020-2023	67,489
	<u>\$ 151,849</u>

E. Promissory Note – National Rural Water Association

In November, 2009, the City executed a promissory note to the National Rural Water Association in the amount of \$100,000. The note carries 3% interest and is payable over ten years in annual installments of \$11,587. The loan was made to complete the Water Tower project and its leverage requirements in compliance with the Grant agreement with the State of Florida. Payments commenced December 1, 2009. Future debt service of this note is as follows:

<u>September 30</u>	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Total</u>
2015	10,063	1,365	11,428
2016	10,369	1,058	11,427
2017	10,685	742	11,427
2018	11,010	416	11,426
2019	14,069	346	14,415
	<u>\$ 56,195</u>	<u>\$ 3,927</u>	<u>\$ 60,122</u>

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NOTE 9. LONG TERM DEBT - BUSINESS-TYPE ACTIVITIES (Continued)

F. NRWA Revolving Loan

In April of 2014, the City executed a promissory note with the National Rural Water Association for an amount of \$75,000. The note carries an interest of 3% and is payable over a ten year term in annual installments of \$8,690. Payments commenced in June of 2014, and future debt service of this revolving loan is as follows:

September 30	Principal	Interest	Total
2015	6,570	2,095	8,665
2016	6,796	1,895	8,690
2017	7,003	1,687	8,690
2018	7,215	1,475	8,690
2019	7,485	1,254	8,739
2020 and future	37,800	11,442	49,242
Total	\$ 72,869	\$ 19,848	\$ 92,717

G. Promissory Note – City of Hawthorne Community Reinvestment Association

In December, 2009, the City entered into an Interlocal Agreement in the amount of \$177,000. The agreement carries 3% interest and is payable over ten years in annual installments of \$20,510. The agreement was made in order to complete the Water Tower project and its leverage requirements in compliance with the Grant agreement with the State of Florida. Future debt service of this agreement is as follows:

September 30	Principal	Interest	Total
2015	17,724	2,786	20,510
2016	18,263	2,246	20,509
2017	18,818	1,691	20,509
2018	19,391	1,118	20,509
2019	19,980	529	20,509
2020	6,760	30	6,790
Total	\$ 100,936	\$ 8,400	\$ 109,336

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NOTE 9. LONG TERM DEBT - BUSINESS-TYPE ACTIVITIES (Continued)

H. Note Payable – Merchants and Southern Bank

On March 8, 2012, the city obtained a term loan in the amount of \$55,000 that was for the purpose of replacing pump equipment for the Sewer Department. The loan has an interest rate of 5.00% with 59 principal and interest payments of \$1,039. The loan matures on March 8, 2017. A summary of minimum debt requirements are as follows:

<u>September 30</u>	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Total</u>
2015	11,253	1,225	12,478
2016	11,838	640	12,478
2017	6,147	92	6,239
Total	<u>\$ 29,238</u>	<u>\$ 1,957</u>	<u>\$ 31,195</u>

The following is a schedule of changes in proprietary fund long-term debt for the year ended September 30, 2014:

	<u>Balance</u>			<u>Balance</u>	<u>Due</u>
	<u>September 30</u>			<u>September 30</u>	<u>Within</u>
	<u>2013</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Retirements</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>One Year</u>
FDOT Loan Payable	168,724	-	(16,872)	151,852	16,872
CRA Water Tower	118,138	-	(17,200)	100,938	17,724
NRWA Loan	65,961	75,000	(11,897)	129,064	16,633
Note Payable	39,936		(10,698)	29,238	11,253
Water Revenue Bonds	315,600		(11,300)	304,300	12,000
Sewer Revenue Bonds	2,003,700		(46,200)	1,957,500	47,600
	<u>\$ 2,712,059</u>	<u>\$ 75,000</u>	<u>\$ (114,166)</u>	<u>\$ 2,672,893</u>	<u>\$ 122,082</u>

Debt service payments made from the governmental fund have been recorded as an intercompany receivable.

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NOTE 10. LONG-TERM DEBT - GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES

A. Line of Credit - Merchants and Southern Bank

On September 24, 2008, the City obtained a line-of-credit from Merchants and Southern Bank for a maximum amount of \$125,000. The revolving line has a demand feature and requires interest payments monthly at a variable rate equal to the Prime interest index of the Wall Street Journal. The city is making voluntary monthly principal and interest payments to reduce the outstanding balance on the line. At September 30, 2014 the outstanding balance was \$22,484.

The following is a schedule of changes in general long-term debt for the year ended September 30, 2014:

	Balance September 30 2013	Additions	Retirements	Balance September 30 2014	Due Within One Year
Line of Credit	36,084	-	(13,600)	22,484	-
	<u>\$ 36,084</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ (13,600)</u>	<u>\$ 22,484</u>	<u>\$ -</u>

All debt service payments were budgeted and paid from General Fund revenue.

NOTE 11. INCOME FROM LEASED PROPERTY

The parcel of land acquired by the City for its sewer plant site is larger than the City presently needs for its sewer plant operations. Therefore, the City has allowed two commercial entities to build radio towers on the site in exchange for monthly rentals of the land.

The first lease is for a period of ten years expiring February 14, 2015, with a renewal option for an additional ten years. It provides for \$432 per month, with a 4% increase every five years, and provision to the City of seven digital pagers at no charge, to be replaced every ten years while the lease is in effect.

The second lease is for a period of five years expiring March 31, 2016, with one renewal option for five years. It provides for \$1,139 per month, with a 12.5% increase with each lease renewal, and three Motorola mobile phones given to the City with up to five hundred minutes of free use per month.

The lessee of the second lease is permitting a third party to share its radio tower. The City holds a contract with that third party whereby the City received a one-time payment of \$1,500 plus \$325 per month for as long as the third party continues its use of the radio tower.

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NOTE 11. INCOME FROM LEASED PROPERTY (Continued)

Assuming continuation of these leases, future minimum income is as follows:

Year Ending September 30	
2015	\$ 27,534
2016	27,749
2017	29,671
2018	29,671
2019	29,671
All Future years	<u>82,927</u>
	<u>\$ 227,223</u>

NOTE 12. DEFERRED COMPENSATION PLAN

Effective January, 2000, the City adopted a deferred compensation plan for employees who had been employed for at least six months. The plan is intended to provide retirement income and other deferred benefits to the City's employees in accordance with the provisions of Section 457 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986.

The City contributes 6% of the regular employee's base compensation and 10% of the compensation of the City Manager to the plan; in addition to amounts elected by the employees to be deferred from their current compensation. For the year ended September 30, 2014, the City contributed \$23,727 to the plan.

The City utilizes ICMA Retirement Corporation (RC) as its plan administrator. All contributions, whether from the City as employer or the City as agent for the employees, are remitted by the City to the ICMA Retirement Trust (the Trust) for commingled investment with the retirement contributions of other government employers. It is the responsibility of RC to maintain the plan in compliance with the requirements for eligible deferred compensation plans under Section 457 of the Internal Revenue Code, and to act as investment adviser to the Trust. It is the City's responsibility to furnish timely information needed by RC to fulfill its duties as plan administrator, and to remit the plan contributions on a timely basis to the Trust.

Taxes and fees related to the Trust's activity are paid directly out of the Plan's assets. No part of the corpus or income of the Trust may be reverted to the employer or be used for or diverted to any purpose other than the exclusive benefit of the participating employees or their beneficiaries.

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NOTE 13. CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

Amounts received or receivable from grantor agencies are subject to audit and adjustment by grantor agencies, principally the State and Federal governments. Any disallowed claims, including amounts already collected, may constitute a liability of the applicable funds. The amount, if any, of expenditures which may be disallowed by the grantor cannot be determined at this time, although the City expects such amounts, if any, to be immaterial

NOTE 14. RISK MANAGEMENT

The City is exposed to various risks of loss related to theft of, damage to and destruction of assets; and injury or death on the job of all employees. These risks are primarily covered by commercial insurance purchased from independent third parties. Settled claims from these risks have not exceeded commercial or workers' compensation insurance coverage for the past three years.

NOTE 15. SALE OF REAL ESTATE TO FDOT

In March of 2014, the City sold a parcel of land of approximately 13 acres to the Florida Department of Transportation. The Sale price of \$33,000 resulted in a gain of \$8,878 on the sale of land, and the City also received additional amount of \$46,200 as damages from the Florida Department of Transportation.

NOTE 17. SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

In preparing these financial statements, the City has evaluated events and transactions for potential recognition or disclosure through May 11, 2015, the date the financial statements were available to be issued.

REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

CITY OF HAWTHORNE, FLORIDA

**GENERAL FUND
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND
CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES - BUDGET AND ACTUAL**

For the Fiscal Year Ended September 30, 2014

	Original Budgeted Amounts	Final Budgeted Amounts	Actual Amounts	Variance with Final Budget Positive / (Negative)
REVENUES				
Taxes				
Ad valorem taxes	\$ 238,718	\$ 238,718	232,288	\$ 6,430
Sales tax - local option gas tax	115,000	115,000	125,767	10,767
Sales tax - 1/2 cent tax	73,000	73,000	75,387	2,387
Utility service taxes		-		
Electricity	81,917	81,917	91,022	9,105
Telecommunications	48,000	48,000	42,741	(5,259)
Water	25,419	25,419	20,673	(4,746)
Occupational tax	3,100	3,100	2,910	(190)
Total taxes	<u>585,154</u>	<u>585,154</u>	<u>590,787</u>	<u>18,493</u>
Licenses and permits				
Alcoholic Beverage Licenses	979	979	1,043	-
Permits	300	300	1,100	800
Total licenses and permits	<u>1,279</u>	<u>1,279</u>	<u>2,143</u>	<u>-</u>
Intergovernmental revenue				
State municipal revenue sharing	46,500	46,500	47,893	1,393
Hawthorne Redevelopment	61,124	61,124	98,095	36,971
LOC Grant and CRA Admn	30,000	30,000	65,250	
Total intergovernmental revenue	<u>107,624</u>	<u>107,624</u>	<u>211,238</u>	<u>38,364</u>
Charges for Services				
Fire Assessments	-	-	310	310
Zoning Fees	1,900	1,900	1,766	(134)
Traffic signal & lighting	19,450	19,450	19,450	(0)
Recreation fees	2,135	2,135	48	(2,088)
Total charges for services	<u>23,485</u>	<u>23,485</u>	<u>21,573</u>	<u>(1,911)</u>
Fines and forfeitures				
Fine revenue/sheriff	10,000	10,000	4,675	(5,325)
Code enforcement fines	1,500	1,500	1,075	(425)
Total fines and forfeitures	<u>11,500</u>	<u>11,500</u>	<u>5,750</u>	<u>(5,750)</u>
Miscellaneous				
Interest	750	750	4,853	4,103
Sale of Real Estate	-	-	55,678	
Other miscellaneous	2,300	2,300	8,647	6,347
Total miscellaneous	<u>3,050</u>	<u>3,050</u>	<u>69,178</u>	<u>10,450</u>
Total Revenues	<u><u>732,092</u></u>	<u><u>732,092</u></u>	<u><u>900,669</u></u>	<u><u>59,645</u></u>

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**GENERAL FUND
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND
CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES - BUDGET AND ACTUAL**

For the Fiscal Year Ended September 30, 2014

	Original Budgeted Amounts	Final Budgeted Amounts	Actual Amounts	Variance with Final Budget Positive / (Negative)
EXPENDITURES				
General government				
Personnel services	316,074	316,074	296,153	19,920
Operating expenses	301,850	301,850	438,161	(136,311)
Grant Expense	65,000	65,000	98,785	(33,785)
*Debt Service	43,600	43,600	1,030	42,570
Total General Government	<u>726,524</u>	<u>726,524</u>	<u>834,129</u>	<u>(107,605)</u>
 OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)				
Interfund transfers in	30,000	30,000	30,000	-
Interfund transfers out	<u>(30,000)</u>	<u>(30,000)</u>	<u>(30,000)</u>	<u>-</u>
Total other financing sources (uses)	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
 Net change in fund balances	5,568	5,568	66,540	60,972
 Reconciling Items				
Adjustment for capital assets	-	-	(28,532)	(28,532)
Long term liabilities	-	-	-	-
Depreciation Expense	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>88,052</u>	<u>88,052</u>
Total Reconciling Items			<u>59,520</u>	
 Fund balance at beginning of year	<u>885,939</u>	<u>885,939</u>	<u>974,628</u>	
Fund balance at end of year	<u>\$ 891,507</u>	<u>\$ 891,507</u>	<u>\$ 1,100,688</u>	<u>\$ 209,181</u>

*Debt service in budget includes principal and interest payments.

CITY OF HAWTHORNE, FLORIDA

ENTERPRISE FUNDS

**STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND
CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES - BUDGET AND ACTUAL**

For the Fiscal Year Ended September 30, 2014

	Original Budgeted Amounts	Final Budgeted Amounts	Actual Amounts	Final Budget Positive / (Negative)
REVENUES				
Water Fund				
Charges for Services	221,945	\$ 221,945	\$ 235,263	\$ 13,318
Penalties	14,000	14,000	-	(14,000)
Disconnect /reconnect fees	4,500	4,500	-	(4,500)
Miscellaneous revenue		-	1,926	1,926
Total water revenues	<u>240,445</u>	<u>240,445</u>	<u>237,189</u>	<u>(3,256)</u>
Sewer Fund				
Sales of sewer services	322,727	322,727	312,757	(9,970)
Septage	35,000	35,000	30,668	(4,332)
Line installations	-	-	-	-
Grant Revenue	-	-	-	-
Land Lease Rents	24,997	24,997	27,148	2,151
Interest income	-	-	-	-
Misc. non - operating revenue		-		
Total sewer revenues	<u>382,724</u>	<u>382,724</u>	<u>370,573</u>	<u>(12,151)</u>
Sanitation Fund				
Sanitation income	183,500	180,519	182,130	1,611
Miscellaneous revenue	-	-	-	-
Total sanitation revenues	<u>186,000</u>	<u>180,519</u>	<u>182,130</u>	<u>1,611</u>
Cemetery Fund				
Interest income	1,200	1,200	444	(756)
Miscellaneous revenue	3,000	3,000	425	(2,575)
Total cemetery revenues	<u>4,200</u>	<u>4,200</u>	<u>869</u>	<u>(3,331)</u>
Total proprietary revenues	<u>809,169</u>	<u>803,688</u>	<u>790,761</u>	<u>(12,927)</u>
EXPENDITURES				
Water Fund				
Personnel services	37,847	37,847	34,488	3,359
Operating expenses	96,000	96,000	139,143	(43,143)
Debt Service- Interest	47,902	47,902	48,535	(633)
Total water expenditures	<u>181,750</u>	<u>181,750</u>	<u>222,166</u>	<u>(40,417)</u>

CITY OF HAWTHORNE, FLORIDA

**PROPRIETARY FUNDS
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND
CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES - BUDGET AND ACTUAL**

For the Fiscal Year Ended September 30, 2014

	Original Budgeted Amounts	Final Budgeted Amounts	Actual Amounts	Final Budget Positive / (Negative)
Sewer Fund				
Personnel services	90,039	90,039	85,597	4,442
Operating expenses	149,500	149,500	496,576	(347,076)
Debt Service- Interest	72,504	72,504	72,513	(9)
Total sewer expenditures	<u>312,043</u>	<u>312,043</u>	<u>654,686</u>	<u>(342,642)</u>
Sanitation Fund				
Personnel services	5,999	5,999	6,075	(76)
Operating expenses	183,000	183,000	178,864	4,136
Total sanitation expenditures	<u>188,999</u>	<u>188,999</u>	<u>184,939</u>	<u>4,136</u>
Cemetery Fund				
Personnel services	12,461	12,461	10,737	1,724
Operating expenses	2,050	2,050	1,233	817
Total cemetery expenditures	<u>14,511</u>	<u>14,511</u>	<u>11,971</u>	<u>817</u>
 Total expenditures	 697,303	 697,303	 1,073,761	 (378,107)
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)				
Interfund transfers in	-	-	-	-
Interfund transfers out	-	-	-	-
Total other financing sources (uses)	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Net change in fund balances	111,867	106,386	(283,000)	(389,386)
Fund balance at beginning of year	<u>1,835,660</u>	<u>1,835,660</u>	<u>1,885,445</u>	<u>49,785</u>
Fund balance at end of year	<u>\$ 1,947,527</u>	<u>\$ 1,942,046</u>	<u>\$ 1,602,445</u>	<u>\$ (339,601)</u>

COMPLIANCE SECTION



Sexton & Schnoll
CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS

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

To the Honorable Mayor and City Commissioners
City of Hawthorne, Florida

We have audited the basic financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the City of Hawthorne, Florida, as of and for the year ended September 30, 2014, which collectively comprise the City of Hawthorne, Florida's basic financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated May 10, 2015. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit, we considered internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinions on the financial statements but not for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the effectiveness of the City of Hawthorne, Florida's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the City's internal control over financial reporting.

A deficiency in internal control exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent or detect and correct misstatements on a timely basis. A *material weakness* is a deficiency or a combination of deficiencies in internal control such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the City's financial statements will not be prevented or detected and corrected on a timely basis.

Our consideration of internal control over financial reporting was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and would not be designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting that might be deficiencies, significant deficiencies or material weaknesses. We did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses, as defined above. However, we identified certain deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting, described in the accompanying schedule of findings and responses that we consider to be significant deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting. A significant deficiency is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

Compliance and Other Matters

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

The City of Hawthorne, Florida's response to the findings identified in our audit is described in the accompanying *schedule of findings and responses*. We did not audit the City's response and, accordingly, we express no opinion on it.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of management, City Commission, others within the entity and federal awarding agencies or pass-through entities and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.



Sexton & Schnoll
Certified Public Accountants
May 11, 2015



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CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS

Management Letter

To the Honorable Mayor and
Members of the City Commission
City of Hawthorne, Florida

We have audited the basic financial statements of the City of Hawthorne, Florida (the City) as of and for the year ended September 30, 2014 and have issued our report thereon dated May 11, 2015.

We have issued our Independent Auditor's Report and Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting and on Compliance and Other Matters based on an Audit of Financial Statements Performed in Accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, dated May 15, 2013. Disclosures in those reports and schedules, should be considered in conjunction with this management letter.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, and *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Additionally, our audit was conducted in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 10.550, *Rules of the Auditor General*, which governs the conduct of local governmental entity audits performed in the State of Florida and require that the following be addressed in this letter:

Current Year Findings:

1. In the enterprise funds, there are old balances from customers dating more than 180 days old. Although the individual amounts are immaterial for an audit, a proper accounting procedure is to accrue bad debt expense based on experience of collectability

Response: Old balances will be reviewed by management and reserved for collection on a yearly basis. A recommendation to write off accounts that are deemed uncollectable will be presented to the Commission for approval. In 2014 Revisions to the water regulations ordinance give management a better method of collecting old debt

2. The accruals related to Payroll are old and have not been adjusted for current amounts. These accruals should be reviewed for adequacy at the year-end and adjusted to reflect proper balances.

Response: management will take the audited accrual amount and reverse prior year accruals on an annual basis and adjust the accrual for current year amounts

This letter includes the following information, which is not included in the aforementioned auditors' reports or schedules.

- Section 10.554(1)(i)1 *Rules of the Auditor General*, requires that we determine whether or not corrective actions have been taken to address findings and recommendations made in the preceding annual financial report. We are pleased to report that all prior year findings and recommendations listed in the previous annual financial report have been corrected in the current year.

- Section 10.554(1)(i)2 *Rules of the Auditor General*, requires our audit to include a review of the provisions of Section 218.415, Florida Statutes, regarding the Investment of Public Funds. The City complied with Section 218.415, *Florida Statutes*, regarding the investment of public funds.
- Section 10.554(1)(i)3 *Rules of the Auditor General*, requires that we address in the management letter any recommendations to improve financial management. Accordingly we recommend that accounting staff pay close attention to reviewing old balances and making appropriate accounting adjustments.
- Section 10.554(1)(i)4 *Rules of the Auditor General*, requires that we address violations of provisions of contracts or grant agreements, fraud, illegal acts, or abuse that have an effect on the determination of financial statements that is less than material but more than inconsequential. In connection with our audit, we did not have any such findings.
- Section 10.554(1)(i)5 *Rules of the Auditor General*, provides that the auditor may, based on professional judgment, report the following matters that have an inconsequential effect on financial statements, considering both qualitative and quantitative factors: (1) violations of provisions of contracts or grant agreements, illegal acts, or abuse, and (2) control deficiencies that are not significant deficiencies. In connection with our audit, we did not have any such findings.
- Section 10.554(1)(i)6 *Rules of the Auditor General*, requires that the name or official title and legal authority for the primary government and each component unit of the reporting entity be disclosed in this management letter, unless disclosed in the notes to the financial statements. The annual financial audit report for the City of Hawthorne includes the accounts and transactions of its Community Redevelopment Agency, which is considered a blended component unit pursuant to Chapter 163 of the Florida Statutes.
- Section 10.554(1)(i)7(a) *Rules of the Auditor General*, requires a statement to be included as to whether or not the local government entity has met one or more of the conditions described in Section 218.503(1), Florida Statutes, and identification of the specific conditions met. The City reported no conditions described in Section 218.503(1), Florida Statutes that result in a financial emergency.
- Section 10.554(1)(i)7(b) *Rules of the Auditor General*, requires that we determine whether the annual financial report for the City for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2013, filed with the Florida Department of Financial Services pursuant to Section 218.32(1)(a), Florida Statutes, is in agreement with the annual financial audit report for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2013. We have determined that these reports are in agreement.
- Pursuant to Section 10.554(1)(i)7(c) and 10.556(7) *Rules of the Auditor General*, we applied financial condition assessment procedures. It is management's responsibility to monitor the City's financial condition, and our financial condition assessment was based in part on representation made by management and the review of financial information provided to us by same.

Our audit did not disclose any further items that would be required to be reported under the *Rules of the Auditor General*, Chapter 10.554.

Our management letter is intended solely for the information and use of the Legislative Auditing Committee, members of the Florida Senate and the Florida House of Representatives, the Florida Auditor General, Federal and other granting agencies and applicable management, and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

Rural Economic and Community Development Requirements - We are providing the following additional information relative to our examination of the financial statements of the City of Hawthorne, Florida, for the year ended September 30, 2014, as provided in the audit requirements for USDA-Rural Development borrowers.

- Generally accepted auditing procedures were performed in this audit
- Financial statements have been prepared on a comparative basis
- Internal control was evaluated and is discussed in the prior sections of this audit report
- Accounting records and physical control over assets were adequate
- The accounting records of the City have been adjusted to agree with the audited financial statements
- The City's funds are in banking institutions that are Qualified Public Depositories as described in Chapter 280 of the Florida Statutes.
- A summary of the City's insurance coverage is shown in the annual report to USDA-Rural Development.
- The City is exempt from Federal Income Tax
- We found nothing to indicate that financial compliance with loan agreements had not occurred.
- As of September 30, 2014, the City of Hawthorne had sufficient restricted cash to comply with its Bond Covenants.

CONCLUSION

We have reviewed each of our specific findings with appropriate officials or employees and have provided them with documentation as requested. We very much enjoyed the challenges and experiences associated with this year's audit of the City. We wish to thank Ellen Vause, City Manager and staff for the assistance and courtesy afforded us.



Sexton & Schnoll
Certified Public Accountants
May 11, 2015

Management Response to Findings

To the Mayor and
Members of the City Commission
City of Hawthorne, Florida

We have audited the basic financial statements of the City of Hawthorne, Florida (the City) as of and for the year ended September 30, 2014 and have issued our report thereon dated May 11, 2015, which was unqualified.

We have issued our Independent Auditor's Report and Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting and on Compliance and Other Matters Based on an Audit of Financial Statements Performed in Accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, dated May 15, 2013. Disclosures in these reports, if any, should be considered in conjunction with this management letter.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, and *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Additionally, our audit was conducted in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 10.550, *Rules of the Auditor General*, which govern the conduct of local governmental entity audits performed in the State of Florida and require that the following be addressed in this letter:

Current Year Findings:

2014-1: In the enterprise funds, there are old balances from customers dating more than 180 days old. Although the individual amounts are immaterial for an audit, a proper accounting procedure is to accrue bad debt expense based on experience of collectability.

Response: Old balances will be reviewed by management and reserved for collection on a yearly basis. A recommendation to write off accounts that are deemed uncollectable will be presented to the Commission for approval. In 2014 Revisions to the water regulations ordinance give management a better method of collecting old debts. .

2014-2: The accruals related to Payroll are old and have not been adjusted for current amounts. These accruals should be reviewed for adequacy at the year-end and adjusted to reflect proper balances.

Response: Management will take the audited accrual amount and reverse prior year accruals on an annual basis and adjust the accrual for current year amounts.

All prior year findings have been substantially cleared.