City of New Ellenton, South Carolina

Financial Statements Year Ended June 30, 2020 (With Independent Auditor's Report Thereon)

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Independent Auditor's Report

The Honorable Mayor and Members of City Council City of New Ellenton New Ellenton, South Carolina

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the City of New Ellenton, South Carolina (the "City") as of and for the year ended June 30, 2020, which collectively comprise the City's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents, and the related notes to the financial statements.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audit. We did not audit the financial statements of the Commission of Public Works which represent 100% percent, respectively, of the assets, and revenues of the blended component unit. Those statements were audited by other auditors whose report has been furnished to us, and our opinion, insofar as it relates to the amounts included for the Commission of Public Works, is based solely on the report of the other auditors. 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 City of New Ellenton Page Two

appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

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

Opinions

In our opinion, based on our audit and the report of other auditors, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, the blended presented component unit, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the City, as of June 30, 2020, and the respective changes in financial position and, where applicable, cash flows thereof and the respective budgetary comparison for the General Fund for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Other-Matters

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis, budgetary comparison, net pension liability and employer contributions information listed in the table of contents be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

Other Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the City of New Ellenton's financial statements as a whole. The other financial information listed in the table of contents is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the financial statements. The schedule is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with

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auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the information is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the financial statements taken as a whole.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with Government Auditing Standards, we have also issued our report dated July 27, 2022, on our consideration of City of New Ellenton's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on 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 City of New Ellenton's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Highsmith & Highsmith, LLC

Highsmith & Highsmith, LLC Travelers Rest, South Carolina

July 27, 2022

As management of the City of New Ellenton, South Carolina (the City), we offer readers of the City's financial statements this narrative overview and analyses of the financial activities of the City for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2020.

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

Management believes the City's financial condition is strong. The following are key financial highlights:

- The total government-wide net position at the close of the most recent fiscal year was \$4,127,693 of which \$231,937 was unrestricted.
- The government-wide net position decreased by \$295,940 or 2.9%.
- Total long-term debt increased by \$109,327 or 11.2%.
- The total assets of the governmental funds exceeded its liabilities at the close of the 2020 fiscal year by \$939,979.
- Total fund balances of the governmental funds increased by \$2,595 or .2%.
- The total governmental funds revenues were \$1,848,835 which was less than total governmental funds expenditures of \$2,211,659 by \$(362,824).
- Other financing sources and uses for governmental funds totaled \$365,419 for the recent fiscal year.
- The net change in the water and sewer enterprise fund was an increase of \$17,737.

OVERVIEW OF THE ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT

Management's Discussion and Analysis (MD&A) serves as an introduction to the basic financial statements and supplementary information. The City's basic financial statements are comprised of three components: 1) government-wide financial statements, 2) fund financial statements, and 3) notes to the financial statements. This report also contains other supplementary information in addition to the basic financial statements.

Government-Wide Financial Statements

The *government-wide financial statements* are designed to provide a broad overview of the City's finances in a manner similar to private businesses. The statements provide both short-term and long-term information about the City's financial position. All assets and liabilities of the City are included in the statement of net position.

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

The *statement of activities* presents information showing how the City's net position changed over the most recent fiscal year. All changes to net position are reported at the time that the underlying event giving rise to the change occurs, regardless of the timing on the related cash flows. This statement also focuses on

both the gross and net costs of the various functions of the City, based only on direct functional revenues and expenses. This is designed to show the extent to which the various functions depend on general revenues for support.

The activities of the City are presented in two columns on these statements – governmental activities and business-type activities. A total column for the City is also provided. The governmental activities include the City's basic services including general government, police, fire, public works, administrative, council, legal, judicial, and non-departmental. Taxes, licenses, permits and charges for services generally support these activities. The business-type activities include private sector type activities such as the City's own water and sewer system. These activities are primarily supported by user charges and fees.

Fund Financial Statements

These statements provide more detailed information about the City's most significant funds – not the City as a whole. A fund is a grouping of related accounts that is used to maintain control over resources that have been segregated for specific activities or objectives. The City uses fund accounting to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance-related legal requirements as well as for managerial control to demonstrate fiduciary responsibility over the assets of the City. Traditional fund financial statements are presented for governmental funds and proprietary funds.

Governmental funds – Governmental funds are used to account for essentially the same functions reported as governmental activities in the government-wide financial statements. However, unlike the government-wide financial statements, governmental fund financial statements focus on near-term inflows and outflows of spendable resources as well as on balances of spendable resources available at the end of the fiscal year. Such information is useful in evaluating the City's near-term financing requirements. Since governmental fund financial statements focus on near-term spendable resources, while the governmental activities on the government-wide financial statements have a longer-term focus, a reconciliation of the differences between the two is provided with the fund financial statements.

Proprietary funds – Proprietary funds are used to report the same functions presented as business-type activities in the government-wide financial statements. The proprietary fund financial statements are prepared on the same long-term focus as the government-wide financial statements. The proprietary funds provide the same information as the government-wide financial statements, only with more detail.

Fiduciary funds – Fiduciary funds are used to account for resources held for the benefit of others outside the City government. Fiduciary funds are reported separately because the money is not available to support the City's programs.

Notes to the financial statements – The notes to the financial statements provide information that is essential to the full understanding of the data provided in the government-wide and fund financial statements and should be read in conjunction with the financial statements.

Other information – Governments have an option of including the budgetary comparison statements for the General Fund and major special revenue funds as either part of the fund financial statements within the basic financial statements or as required supplementary information after the notes to the financial statements. The City has chosen to present these budgetary statements as part of the required supplementary information.

GOVERNMENT-WIDE FINANCIAL ANALYSIS

The following tables and analysis discuss the financial position and changes to the financial position for the City as a whole as of and for the years ended June 30, 2020 and 2019.

Net Position

As noted earlier, net position may serve over time as a useful indicator of a government's financial position for the City. The combined total assets of the City's governmental activities and business-type activities exceeded liabilities by \$4,127,693 at the close of the most recent fiscal year.

By far, the largest portion of the City's total net position (82%) reflects its investment in capital assets (e.g. land, buildings, machinery and equipment, and vehicles), less any related debt used to acquire those assets that are still outstanding. The City uses these capital assets to provide services to citizens; consequently, these assets are *not* available for future spending. Although the City's investment in 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.

Condensed Statement of Net Position

		Governmental Activities		Business-1	ype	Activities		Total				
		2020		2019		2020		2019		2020		2019
Assets	-				_						_	_
Current and other assets	\$	924,627	\$	907,459	\$	710,240	\$	174,676	\$	1,634,867	\$	1,082,135
Capital assets, net		3,775,971		3,747,856		3,444,094		3,660,294		7,220,065		7,408,150
Restricted assets		38,044		46,586	_	528,014		1,007,101		566,058	_	1,053,687
Total assets		4,738,642		4,701,901		4,682,348		4,842,071	- 1	9,420,990		9,543,972
Deferred outflows		312,829		347,481	_	92,651	_	48,182		405,480		395,663
Total assets and deferred outflows		5,051,471		5,049,382		4,774,999	-	4,890,253		9,826,470		9,939,635
Liabilities and Net Position												
Current liabilities		198,807		138,621		116,534		127,404		315,341		266,025
Non-current liabilities		2,679,736		2,417,171	_	2,612,142	_	2,738,481		5,291,878	_	5,155,652
Total liabilities		2,878,543		2,555,792		2,728,676		2,865,885		5,607,219		5,421,677
Deferred inflows		53,512		60,497	_	38,046	_	33,814		91,558		94,311
Total liabilities and deferred inflows		2,932,055		2,616,289	-	2,766,722		2,899,699		5,698,777		5,515,988
Net Position												
Net investment in capital assets		1,900,564		2,117,801		1,477,346		1,557,521		3,377,910		3,675,322
Restricted		38,044		46,586		479,802		-		517,846		46,586
Unrestricted		180,808		268,706	_	51,129		433,033		231,937	_	701,739
Total net position	\$	2,119,416	\$	2,433,093	\$	2,008,277	\$	1,990,554	\$	4,127,693	\$	4,423,647

The net position decreased \$295,954 in fiscal year 2020. The governmental activities decreased \$313,677, while the business-type activities increased \$17,737. Net position of the City's governmental activities is \$2,119,416, while the business-type activity is \$2,008,277.

\$517,846 of the City's net position represents resources that are subject to restrictions on how they may be used. Restricted net position is \$38,044 for governmental activities and \$479,802 for business-type activities. The remaining balance of *unrestricted net position*, \$231,937 may be used to meet the City's ongoing obligations to citizens and creditors.

Change in Net Position

The following table shows the revenues and expenses of the City for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2020 and 2019.

Changes in Net Position

	_	Governme	Governmental Activities			Business-	Activities		Totals			
	_	2020		2019		2020		2019		2020		2019
Revenue:												
Program Revenue	\$	789,657	\$	1,002,965	\$	1,451,614	\$	1,293,748	\$	2,241,271	\$	2,296,713
General Revenue	_	1,009,597		1,139,058		49,581		64,329		1,059,178		1,203,387
Total Revenue	_	1,799,254		2,142,023		1,501,195		1,358,077		3,300,449		3,500,100
Expenses:												
Governmental Activities		2,112,931		2,389,332		-		-		2,112,931		2,389,332
Business-type Activities	_	-		_		1,483,458		1,605,842	_	1,483,458	_	1,605,842
Total Expenses		2,112,931		2,389,332		1,483,458		1,605,842		3,596,389		3,995,174
Change in Net Position	\$	(313,677)	\$	(247,309)	\$	17,737	\$	(247,765)	\$	(295,940)	\$_	(495,074)

Governmental activities

Governmental activities decreased the City's net position by \$313,677.

Business-type activities

Net position of business-type activities increased in the current year by \$17,737.

FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OF THE CITY'S FUNDS

As previously mentioned, the City uses fund accounting to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance-related legal requirements. The following is a brief discussion of the financial highlights from the fund financial statements.

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

The City's total governmental funds reported a combined ending fund balance of \$939,979 an increase of \$2,595 in comparison with the prior year. Restricted fund balance of \$38,044 is considered unavailable for appropriation for general operations. These amounts are restricted for victims' assistance.

The General Fund is the chief operating fund of the City and accounts for the major functions of the

government including general government, public safety, public works, administrative, council, legal, judicial, and non-departmental. The fund balance increased \$2,595 (.2%) during the current fiscal year.

Proprietary funds – The City's Proprietary Fund statements provide the same type of information as the government-wide financial statements but in more detail.

The net position of the water and sewer enterprise proprietary fund increased \$17,737 from the prior fiscal year.

BUDGETARY HIGHLIGHTS

The City's annual budget is the legally adopted expenditure control document of the City. A budgetary comparison statement is included for the General Fund. This statement compares the original adopted budget, the final budget and the actual revenues and expenditures prepared on a budgetary basis. Amendments to the adopted budget may occur throughout the year in a legally permissible manner.

CAPITAL ASSET AND DEBT ADMINISTRATION

Capital assets – The City's investment in capital assets net of accumulated depreciation for its government-wide activities as of June 30, 2020, is \$7,220,065. This is a decrease of \$188,085 from the June 30, 2019, balance of \$7,408,150. This investment in capital assets includes improvements other than buildings, buildings and systems, and machinery and equipment. The major capital asset additions included the purchase of fire truck.

Additional information on the City's capital assets can be found in the Notes to Financial Statements in Note 5.

Debt administration – At year-end the City had \$3,842,155 in notes and bonds payable for its government-wide activities. This is an increase of \$365,483 (2.9%) from the previous year amount of \$3,732,828.

Additional information on the City's long-term debt can be found in the Notes to Financial Statements in Note 6.

ECONOMIC FACTORS AND NEXT YEAR'S BUDGET AND RATES

Inflationary trends in the region compare favorably to national indices. This factor, among others, was considered in preparing the City's budget for the 2021 fiscal year.

Contacting the City's financial management

This financial report is designed to provide a general overview of the City's finances for all those with an interest in the City's finances. Questions concerning any of the information provided in this report or requests for additional financial information should be addressed to Zoryada El, City Clerk/ Treasurer, City of New Ellenton, PO Box 459, New Ellenton, South Carolina 29809.

Statement of Net Position June 30, 2020

		Governmental Activities	<u>.</u> .	Business-type Activities	_	Total
Assets						
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	831,863	\$	516,478	\$	1,348,341
Restricted cash and cash equivalents		38,044		528,014		566,058
Receivables, net		59,105		140,841		199,946
Internal balances		33,659		(33,659)		-
Inventory		-		75,665		75,665
Property, plant and equipment, net		3,775,971		3,444,094		7,220,065
Bond issuance costs, net of accumulated						
amortization of \$56,612		-	_	10,915	_	10,915
Total assets		4,738,642		4,682,348		9,420,990
Deferred outflows - pensions		312,829		92,651	_	405,480
Total assets and deferred outflows of resources	\$	5,051,471	\$	4,774,999	\$_	9,826,470
Liabilities and Net Position						
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$	19,292	\$	24,131	\$	43,423
Deposit liabilities		3,400		48,212		51,612
Long-term liabilities						
Due within one year		176,115		44,191		220,306
Due in more than one year		1,699,292		1,922,557		3,621,849
Net pension liability		980,444	_	689,585	_	1,670,029
Total liabilities		2,878,543		2,728,676		5,607,219
Deferred inflows - pensions		53,512		38,046	_	91,558
Total liabilities and deferred inflows of resources	S	2,932,055		2,766,722	_	5,698,777
Net Position:						
Invested in capital assets, net of related debt Restricted		1,900,564		1,477,346		3,377,910
Victim's assistance		38,044		_		38,044
Debt service		-		263,626		263,626
Capital outlay		_		216,176		216,176
Unrestricted		180,808		51,129		231,937
Total net position		2,119,416		2,008,277	_	4,127,693
Total liabilities and net position	\$	5,051,471	\$		\$	9,826,470

Statement of Activities Year Ended June 30, 2020

		1	Program Revenue	s	·	Expense) Revenue anges in Net Positio	
Functions/Programs	Expenses	Charges for Services	Operating Grants and Contributions	Capital Grants and Contributions	Governmental Activities	Business-type Activities	Totals
Governmental activities:	<u> </u>	Bervices	Contributions	Contributions	- Activities		Totals
Civic Center	\$ (21,732) \$	4,409	\$ - 9	\$ - :	\$ (17,323) \$	- \$	(17,323)
Fire Department	(655,363)	609,091	-	-	(46,272)	-	(46,272)
General Government	(394,316)	42,267	16,713	_	(335,336)	_	(335,336)
Library	(38,835)	-		_	(38,835)	_	(38,835)
Police Department	(600,284)	_	_	_	(600,284)	_	(600,284)
Recreation	(30,427)	_	-	-	(30,427)	-	(30,427)
Sanitation	(92,895)	116,392	-	-	23,497	-	23,497
Streets and Grounds	(264,154)	-	-	-	(264,154)	-	(264,154)
Atomic City Festival	(11,408)	785	-	-	(10,623)	-	(10,623)
Victims Assistance	(3,517)	-	-	-	(3,517)	-	(3,517)
Total governmental activities	(2,112,931)	772,944	16,713		(1,323,274)	_	(1,323,274)
Business-type activities:							
Sewer and water	(1,483,458)	1,451,614	-	-	-	(31,844)	(31,844)
Total business-type activities	(1,483,458)	1,451,614	-		_	(31,844)	(31,844)
Total functions and programs	\$ (3,596,389) \$	2,224,558	\$ 16,713	\$	(1,323,274)	(31,844)	(1,355,118)
	General revenue	s and transfers					
	State shared an	d unallocated inte	ergovernmental		236,417	-	236,417
	Licenses, perm	its and franchise f	fees		187,466	-	187,466
	Property taxes				448,389	-	448,389
	Fines and forfe	itures			136,676	-	136,676
	Gain on sale				-	-	-
	Miscellaneous				11,567	-	11,567
	Transfers in (or	ut)			(49,581)	49,581	-
	T	otal general rever	nues and transfers		1,009,597	49,581	1,059,178
		Change in net p	position		(313,677)	17,737	(295,940)
	Net position, begi	nning			2,433,093	1,990,540	4,423,633
	Net position, endi	ng		:	\$ 2,119,416	\$ 2,008,277 \$	4,127,693

Balance Sheet Governmental Funds June 30, 2020

				Total
		General		Governmental
	-	Fund	-	Funds
Assets				
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	831,863	\$	831,863
Receivables, net		59,105		59,105
Due from other funds		33,659		33,659
Restricted assets:				
Cash and cash equivalents		38,044		38,044
Total assets	\$	962,671	\$	962,671
	_		•	
Liabilities and Fund Balances				
Liabilities:				
Accounts payable and				
accrued liabilities	\$	19,292	\$	19,292
Deposit liabilities		3,400		3,400
Total liabilities		22,692		22,692
Fund balances:	_		•	
Restricted				
Victims assistance		38,044		38,044
Unassigned		901,935		901,935
Total fund balances	_	939,979		939,979
Total liabilities and fund balances	\$	962,671	\$	962,671

Reconciliation of the Governmental Funds - Balance Sheet to the Statement of Net Position June 30, 2020

Total fund balance - Governmental Funds	\$	939,979
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the Statement of Net Position are different because:		
Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources		
and therefore, are note reported in these funds.		3,775,971
Long-term liabilities are not due and payable in the current period and		
therefore are not reported in these funds.		
Note payable		(1,875,407)
Net pension liability		(980,444)
Deferred outflows for pensions		312,829
Deferred inflows for pensions	-	(53,512)
Total net position of Governmental Activities	\$_	2,119,416

Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance Governmental Funds Year Ended June 30, 2020

	_	General Fund		Total Governmental Funds
Revenues				
Licenses and permits	\$	42,267	\$	42,267
State shared revenue	_	236,417	_	236,417
Franchise fees		145,199		145,199
Property taxes		448,389		448,389
Fines and forfeitures		136,676		136,676
Fire taxes		609,091		609,091
Sanitation fees		116,392		116,392
Grant revenues		16,713		16,713
Other revenue		59,028		59,028
Total revenues	-	1,848,835		1,848,835
Expenditures	-			
Civic Center		20,025		20,025
Fire department		358,492		358,492
General government		336,135		336,135
Library		4,713		4,713
Police department		447,872		447,872
Recreation department		26,798		26,798
Sanitation department		90,610		90,610
Streets and grounds		230,560		230,560
Victims assistance		3,517		3,517
Atomic City Festival		11,408		11,408
Debt service		11,100		11,100
Principal		169,647		169,647
Interest		57,067		57,067
Capital outlay		454,815		454,815
Total expenditures	-	2,211,659		2,211,659
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	-	(362,824)		(362,824)
	-			
Other Financing Sources (Uses)		(40.501)		(40.501)
Transfers in (out)		(49,581)		(49,581)
Proceeds from issuance of long term debt	-	415,000		415,000
Net change in fund balance		2,595		2,595
Fund balance, beginning of year	_	937,384		937,384
Fund balance, end of year	\$	939,979	\$	939,979

Reconciliation of the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances of Governmental Funds To the Statement of Activities Year Ended June 30, 2020

Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of activities are different because:

Net change in fund balances-total governmental funds	\$	2,595
Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures. However, in the statement of activities the cost of those assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives and reported as depreciation expense. In the current period,		
these amounts are: Capital outlay Depreciation expense	\$ 454,815 (426,701)	28,114
Repayment of long-term debt is reported as an expenditure in governmental funds, but the repayment reduces long-term liabilities in the Statement of		
Net Position. In the current year, these amounts are consisted of: Principal repayments Proceeds from issuance of note payable		169,647 (415,000)
Net revenues and expenses in the statement of activities that do not provide or use current financial resources are not reported in these funds.	_	(99,033)
Change in net position of governmental activities	\$	(313,677)

Balance Sheet Proprietary Funds June 30, 2020

		Business-Type Activities				
	-	Sewer		Water		Total
Assets	-				-	
Current assets						
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	5,716	\$	510,762	\$	516,478
Accounts receivable, net of allowance of						
\$4,241 and \$0.		9,896		130,945		140,841
Inventory		-	_	75,665	_	75,665
Total current assets		15,612		717,372		732,984
Restricted assets						
Revenue bond restricted funds cash and						
cash equivalents		-	_	528,014	_	528,014
Total restricted assets		-		528,014		528,014
Property, plant and equipment, net		2,146,906		1,297,188		3,444,094
Other assets						
Bond issuance costs, net of						
accumulated amortization of \$0 and \$59,523		-	_	10,915	_	10,915
Total other assets	-	-	_	10,915	_	10,915
Total assets		2,162,518		2,553,489		4,716,007
Deferred outflows - pensions	-	7,089	_	85,562	-	92,651
Total assets and deferred outflows of resources	\$	2,169,607	\$ _	2,639,051	\$	4,808,658
Liabilities and Net Position						
Current liabilities						
Accounts payable		1,381		22,750		24,131
Due to other funds		33,659		-		33,659
Customer deposits		-		48,212		48,212
Current portion of long-term debt			_	44,191	_	44,191
Total current liabilites		35,040		115,153		150,193
Long-term liabilities						
Long-term debt		-		1,922,557		1,922,557
Net pension liability		24,374	_	665,211	_	689,585
Total long-term liabilities		24,374	_	2,587,768	_	2,612,142
Total liabilities		59,414	_	2,702,921	-	2,762,335
Deferred inflows - pensions	-	1,605	_	36,441	-	38,046
Total liabilities and deferred inflows of resources	-	61,019	_	2,739,362	-	2,800,381
Net Position						
Invested in cpaital assets, net of related debt		2,146,906		(669,560)		1,477,346
Restricted for debt service		-		263,626		263,626
Restricted for capital projects		-		216,176		216,176
Unrestricted	_	(38,318)	_	89,447	_	51,129
Total net position		2,108,588		(100,311)	_	2,008,277
Total liabilities and net position	\$	2,169,607	\$	2,639,051	\$	4,808,658

Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Position Proprietary Funds Year Ended June 30, 2020

		Business-Typ	e Activities	
	-	Sewer	Water	Total
Operating Revenues				
Charges for services	\$	163,931 \$	1,276,119 \$	1,440,050
Other revenues		-	11,564	11,564
Total operating revenues	-	163,931	1,287,683	1,451,614
Operating Expenses				
Personnel		31,502	415,430	446,932
Payroll taxes		1,943	25,509	27,452
Retirement		6,101	20,344	26,445
Training		-	4,401	4,401
Amortization		-	2,648	2,648
Repairs and maintenance		4,626	52,836	57,462
Bank service charges		-	8,500	8,500
Depreciation		162,287	80,042	242,329
Dues and subscriptions		350	4,392	4,742
Purchases		-	276,667	276,667
Insurance		-	24,487	24,487
License and permits		1,725	-	1,725
Miscellaneous		10,061	17,374	27,435
Office supplies		146	39,383	39,529
Professional fees		3,700	13,000	16,700
Supplies		14,583	40,268	54,851
Fuel		-	12,512	12,512
Testing		8,140	6,300	14,440
Utilities		38,795	99,375	138,170
Total operating expenses	-	283,959	1,143,468	1,427,427
Operating income (loss)	_	(120,028)	144,215	24,187
Non-Operating Revenue (Expenses)				
Interest expense		-	(56,031)	(56,031)
Transfer in from other funds		49,581	-	49,581
Total Non-operating revenue (expenses)	-	49,581	(56,031)	(6,450)
Change in net position		(70,447)	88,184	17,737
Net position, beginning of year	_	2,179,035	(188,495)	1,990,540
Net position, end of year	\$	2,108,588 \$	(100,311) \$	2,008,277

Statement of Cash Flows Proprietary Funds Year Ended June 30, 2020

		Business-Type Activ	vities	
		Sewer	Water	Total
Cash Flows from Operating Activities	Φ.	1.52.021	1.251.252	1 110 201
Receipts from customers and others	\$	163,931 \$	1,254,363 \$	1,418,294
Payments to suppliers		(90,811)	(679,609)	(770,420)
Payments to employees		(31,502)	(415,430)	(446,932)
Net cash provided (used) by operating activities		41,618	159,324	200,942
Cash Flows from Capital and Related Financing Activities				
Purchases of capital assets		-	(29,431)	(29,431)
Principal paid on capital debt		(93,838)	(42,187)	(136,025)
Net transfers from other funds		49,581	-	49,581
Net cash provided (used) by financing activities		(44,257)	(71,618)	(115,875)
Cash Flows from Investing Activities				
Interest expense		_	(56,031)	(56,031)
Net cash provided (used) by investing activities		<u> </u>	(56,031)	(56,031)
iver cash provided (used) by investing activities			(30,031)	(30,031)
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents		(2,639)	31,675	29,036
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of year		8,355	1,007,101	1,015,456
Cash and cash equivalents, end of year	\$	5,716 \$	1,038,776 \$	1,044,492
Reconciliation of operating income (loss) to net cash provided (used) by operating activities:				
Operating income (loss) Adjustments to reconcile operating income to net cash provided (used) by operating activities:	\$	(120,028) \$	152,715 \$	32,687
Depreciation expense		162,287	80,042	242,329
Amortization expense		-	2,648	2,648
Change in assets and liabilities:				
Accounts receivable, net		-	(33,320)	(33,320)
Deferred outflows of resources		2,808	(47,277)	(44,469)
Deferred inflows of resources		308	3,924	4,232
Net pension liability		(755)	12,441	11,686
Accounts payable		(6,233)	(11,849)	(18,082)
Due to other funds		3,231	- ´	3,231
Net cash provided (used) by operating activities	\$	41,618 \$	159,324 \$	200,942

Notes to the Financial Statements Year Ended June 30, 2020

Note 1 – Description of Entity

The City of New Ellenton, South Carolina (the "City") an incorporated municipality, is located in Aiken County in southwestern South Carolina. The City operates under a Mayor-Council form of government and provides the following services as authorized by its charter: public safety (police), highways and streets, sanitation, public improvements, planning and zoning, general and administrative services. The accompanying financial statements conform to accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America as applicable to governments.

As required by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, these financial statements present the City and its component units, legally separate entities for which the City is considered to be financially accountable. Blended component units, although legally separate entities, are, in substance, part of the government's operations. Blended component units are discussed below.

Note 2 – Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

The City applies all Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) pronouncements as well as Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) statements and interpretations, and the Accounting Principles Board (APB) of the Committee on Accounting Procedure issued on or before November 30, 1989, unless those pronouncements conflict with or contradict GASB pronouncements.

Blended Component Unit within the Reporting Entity

The Commission of Public Works consists of a three-member Board of Commissioners elected by the citizens of the City. The Commissioners have the authority to set policy and procedures. The Commissioners cannot incur debt without the approval of City Council.

Government-wide and fund financial statements

The government-wide financial statements (i.e., the statement of net position and the statement of activities) report information on all of the non-fiduciary activities of the City government. 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.

The statement of activities demonstrates the degree to which the direct expenses of a given function or segment is offset by program revenues. Direct expenses are those that are clearly identifiable with a specific function or segment. Program revenues include 1) charges to customers or applicants who purchase, use, or directly benefit from goods, services, or privileges provided by a given function or segment and 2) grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular function or segment. Taxes and other items not properly included among program revenues are reported instead as general revenues.

Notes to the Financial Statements Year Ended June 30, 2020

Note 2 – Summary of Significant Accounting Policies, continued

Government-wide and fund financial statements, continued

Separate financial statements are provided for governmental funds and fiduciary funds, even though the fiduciary funds are excluded from the government-wide financial statements. Major individual government funds are reported as separate columns in the fund financial statements.

Measurement focus, basis of accounting, and financial statement presentation

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

Amounts reported as program revenues include: (1) charges to customers or applicants for goods, services, or privileges provided; (2) operating grants and contributions; and (3) capital grants and contributions, including special assessments. Internally dedicated resources are reported as general revenues rather than as program revenues. Likewise, general revenues include all taxes.

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

Governmental fund financial statements are reported using the current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recognized as soon as they are both measurable and available. Revenues are considered to be available when they are collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to pay liabilities of the current period. For this purpose, the government considers revenues to be available if they are collected within 60 days of the end of the current fiscal period. Property taxes collected within this sixty-day period is an example of such revenue. In determining when to recognize intergovernmental revenues (grants and entitlements), the legal and contractual requirements of the individual programs are used as guidance. Revenues are recognized when the eligibility requirements have been met. Expenditures generally are recorded when a liability is incurred, except for debt service expenditures, as well as expenditures related to compensated absences and claims and judgments which are recorded only when payment is due.

Property taxes, franchise taxes, licenses, and interest associated with the current fiscal period are all considered to be susceptible to accrual and have been recognized as revenues of the current fiscal period. All other revenue items are considered to be measurable and available only when cash is received by the government, or specifically identified.

Notes to the Financial Statements Year Ended June 30, 2020

Note 2 – Summary of Significant Accounting Policies, continued

Measurement focus, basis of accounting, and financial statement presentation, continued

The government reports the following major governmental fund:

The *general fund* is the government's primary operating fund. It accounts for all financial resources of the general government.

The *proprietary fund* (*enterprise fund*) is used to account for operations (a) that are financed and operated in a manner similar to private business enterprises – where the intent of the governing body is that the cost (expenses, including depreciation) of providing goods or services to the general public on a continuing basis be financed or recovered primarily through the user charges; or (b) where the governing body has decided that periodic determination of revenues earned, expenses incurred, and/or net income is appropriate for capital maintenance, public policy, management control, accountability, or other purposes. The sewer fund is accounted for as an Enterprise Fund operation.

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

Cash and Cash Equivalents

The State of South Carolina General Statutes permits the City to invest in certain types of financial instruments. In addition, the State has a Local Government Investment Pool (where fair value of the position in the pool is the same as the value of the pool shares) which invests in the types of instruments allowed under state laws.

Cash is maintained in demand deposits or savings accounts, certificates of deposits, repurchase agreements, or U.S. Government Securities. There were no deposit or investment transactions during the year that were in violation of either state statutes or the policy of the City.

As of June 30, 2020, the City had deposits and investments as follows:

	Fair Value
Deposits with financial institutions	\$ 921,007
	\$ 921,007

Interest rate risk. The City manages its exposure to declines in fair values by limiting its investments to the State's investment pools which do not normally have maturity dates and can be withdrawn on demand.

Notes to the Financial Statements Year Ended June 30, 2020

Note 2 – Summary of Significant Accounting Policies, continued

Cash and Cash Equivalents, continued

Credit risk. As of June 30, 2020, the City's investment with the S.C. Local Government Investment Pool is overseen by the State, which invests in instruments allowed under state laws.

Concentration of Credit Risk. The City's investment policy currently does not involve investment in individual issuers.

Custodial credit risk – deposits. In the case of deposits, this is the risk that in the event of a bank failure, the City's deposits may not be returned to the City. The City's policy is that all deposits in excess of federal insurance amounts be collateralized with securities held by the pledging financial institution's trust department or agent in the City's name. During the year ended June 30, 2020, the City's balances may, at times, exceed federally insured limits. The City has not experienced any losses in such accounts and believes it is not exposed to any significant credit risk on deposits

Custodial credit risk – investments. For an investment, this is the risk that, in the event of failure of the counterparty, the City will not be able to recover the value of its investments or collateral securities that are in the possession of an outside party. The City's investment in the state investment pool is not subject to custodial credit risk.

Receivables

Property taxes are levied on real and personal properties, except motor vehicles, owned on the preceding December 31, of each County fiscal year ended June 30.

Property taxes become a lien on real and personal property (except vehicles) owned on December 31. These taxes are usually levied on or before October 31 and are due without penalty by January 15. Penalties are added to the taxes depending on the date paid as follows:

January 16 through February 1	3% of tax
February 2 through March 16	10% of tax
March 17 through March 31	15% of tax

Both lien and the collection date for motor vehicles taxes are the last day of the month in which the motor vehicle license expires.

An annual millage rate is established by City council as part of the budget process. All the City's real and personal property taxes are assessed and collected by Barnwell County.

Notes to the Financial Statements Year Ended June 30, 2020

Note 2 – Summary of Significant Accounting Policies, continued

Receivables, continued

All trade and property taxes receivable are shown net of an allowance for uncollectible amounts. Trade receivables are comprised of amounts due from entities and individuals for a variety of types of fees, charges, and services.

Outstanding balances between funds are reported as "due to/from other funds." Advances between funds, as reported in the funds financial statements, are offset by a fund balance reserve account in applicable governmental funds to indicate that they are not available for appropriation and are not expendable available financial resources.

Capital Assets

Capital assets, which include land, buildings, improvements, machinery and equipment are reported in the government-wide financial statements. Capital assets are defined by the government as assets with an initial, individual cost of more than \$5,000 and an estimated useful life in excess of two years. Such assets are recorded at historical cost or estimated historical cost if purchased or constructed. Donated capital assets are recorded at estimated fair market value at the date of donation.

The costs of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of the asset or materially extend assets lives are not capitalized. Major outlays for capital assets and improvements are capitalized as projects are constructed.

Property, plant, and equipment of the City are depreciated using the straight-line method over the following estimated useful lives:

Assets	Years			
Sewer facility and buildings	30			
Machinery and equipment	3 - 10			
Water delivery system	15 - 30			

Bond Issuance Costs

The Commission of Public Works has recorded bond issue costs arising from the issuance of revenue bonds. Such costs are being amortized on a straight-line basis over the term of the bond.

Notes to the Financial Statements Year Ended June 30, 2020

Note 2 – Summary of Significant Accounting Policies, continued

Deferred Outflows/Inflows of Resources

In addition to assets, the statement of financial position will sometimes report a separate section for deferred outflows of resources. This separate financial statement element, *deferred outflows of resources*, represents a consumption of net position that applies to a future period(s) and so will not be recognized as on outflow of resources (expense/expenditure) until then. In addition to liabilities, the statement of financial position will sometimes report a separate section for deferred inflows of resources. This separate financial statement element, *deferred inflows of resources*, represents an acquisition of net position that applies to a future period(s) and so will not be recognized as on inflow of resources (revenue) until that time.

Compensated Absences

It is the City's policy to permit employees to accumulate earned but unused vacation and sick pay benefits. Upon termination of employment, unused vacation or sick leave is payable to the employee. All vacation and sick pay is accrued when incurred in the government-wide financial statements.

Encumbrances

Encumbrances represent commitments related to unperformed contracts for goods or services. Encumbrance accounting, under which purchase orders, contracts or other commitments for expenditures are recorded to reserve a portion of an applicable appropriation, is utilized in governmental funds, primarily the General Fund. Encumbrances outstanding at year-end are reported as reservations of fund balance as they do not constitute expenditures or liabilities under accounting principles generally accepted.

Fund Equity

In the government-wide financial statements, net assets are classified in the following categories:

<u>Invested in Capital Assets, Net of Related Debt</u> – This category groups all capital assets, including infrastructure, into one component of net assets. Accumulated depreciation and the outstanding balances of debt are attributable to the acquisition, construction or improvement of these assets reduce this category.

<u>Restricted Net Assets</u> – The category presents external restrictions imposed by creditor, grantors, contributors or laws or regulation of other governments and restrictions imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.

<u>Unrestricted Net Assets</u> – This category represents the net assets of the City, which are not restricted for any project or other purpose.

In the fund financial statements, the City implemented GASB No. 54 Fund Balance Reporting and Governmental Fund Type Definitions for the year ended June 30, 2013. GASB No. 54 established that

Notes to the Financial Statements Year Ended June 30, 2020

Note 2 – Summary of Significant Accounting Policies, continued

Fund Equity, continued

fund balance for governmental funds should be reported in the classifications that comprise a hierarchy based primarily on the extent to which the government is bound to honor constraints on the specific purpose for which the amounts in these funds can be spent. These classifications may consist of the following:

<u>Non-spendable</u> – generally, amounts that are not expected to be converted to cash, such as inventories or prepaid amounts. This classification also includes some long-term amounts such as property acquired for resale or the long-term portion of loans receivable. However, if the eventual proceeds or collections from these would be restricted, committed, or assigned, these amounts would be included in that other classification.

<u>Legally or Contractually Required to be Maintained Intact</u> – amounts that are required to be maintained intact, such as the principal of a permanent fund.

<u>Restricted</u> – amounts that can be used only for specific purpose because of (a) constitutional provisions of enabling legislation of (b) externally imposed constraints. (External constraints might be imposed by creditors, grantors, contributors, or even the laws or regulations of other governments.

<u>Committed</u> – amounts that can be used only for specific purposes because of a formal action by the government's highest level of decision-making authority. This classification might also include contractual obligation if existing resources have been committed for use in satisfying those contractual requirements. The formal action to establish constraints should be taken before year-end, even if the amount might not be determined until the subsequent period.

<u>Assigned</u> – amounts intended to be used for specific purposes but that do not meet the criteria to be classified as restricted or committed. Intent can be stipulated by the governing body, another body (such as a finance committee), or by an official to whom that authority has been given. This is the residual fund balance classification for all governmental funds except the general fund. Assigned fund balances should not be reported in the general fund if doing so causes the government to report a negative unassigned general fund balance.

<u>Unassigned</u> - this is the residual classification for the general fund (i.e., everything that is not in another classification or in another fund). The general fund is the only governmental fund that can report a positive unassigned fund balance. Other governmental funds might have a negative unassigned fund balance as a result of overspending for specific purposes for which amounts had been restricted, committed, or assigned.

Notes to the Financial Statements Year Ended June 30, 2020

Note 2 – Summary of Significant Accounting Policies, continued

Fund Equity, continued

Below are the fund balance classifications for the governmental funds at June 30, 2020:

		Total
	General	Governmental
	Fund	Funds
Fund Balances		
Restricted		
Victims Assistance	\$ 38,044	\$ 38,044
Unassigned	901,935	901,935
Total Fund Balances	\$ 939,979	\$ 939,979

Net Position

Net position represents the difference between assets and liabilities in the statement of net position. Net position is classified as invested in capital assets net of related debt, restricted and unrestricted. Net position invested in capital assets, net of related debt; consist of capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation, reduced by the outstanding balances of any borrowings used for the acquisition, construction or improvement of those assets. Outstanding debt that has not been spent is included in the same net position component as the unspent proceeds. Net position is reported as restricted when there are limitations imposed on their use either through enabling legislation or through external restrictions imposed by creditors, grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments.

Restricted and unrestricted resources

It is the City's policy to apply available resources that meet all criteria of the fund classifications in the following order: 1) restricted funds, 2) committed funds, 3) assigned funds and 4) unassigned.

Estimates

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

Notes to the Financial Statements Year Ended June 30, 2020

Note 3 – Stewardship, Compliance, and Accountability

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

- 1. The various departments meet with the Mayor or their respective Council Committees during the last quarter of the fiscal year to discuss their operating budget requests
- 2. The Council meets to discuss all the department's budgets.
- 3. The proposed budget is enacted prior to July 1 in the form of an ordinance (with two readings and one public hearing) to raise revenue.
- 4. City Council must authorize budget transfers between departments and all transfers in/out of personnel line items.
- 5. Budgets for the General Fund are adopted on a basis consistent with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

For the year ended June 30, 2020, total budgets for the General Fund equaled \$2,066,180.

Note 4 – Capital Assets

A summary of capital assets accounted for in the governmental-type activities is as follows:

	Balance July 1, 2019 Additions Dispositions							Balance June 30, 2020
Governmental Activities	-	July 1, 2017		7 Idditions		Dispositions	-	June 30, 2020
Depreciable capital assets:								
Buildings	\$	2,600,177	\$	415,000	\$	-	\$	3,015,177
Land improvements		245,819		-		-		245,819
Vehicles and equipment	_	4,461,659		39,815				4,501,474
Total depreciable capital assets	-	7,307,655	. ,	454,815			-	7,762,470
Less accumulated depreciation	_	(3,559,798)		(426,701)			_	(3,986,499)
Governmental activities capital assets, net	\$	3,747,857	\$	28,114	\$		\$	3,775,971

Notes to Financial Statements Year Ended June 30, 2020

Note 4 – Capital Assets, continued

Depreciation expense for the year ended June 30, 2020 was charged to functions/programs of the primary government as follows:

Governmental Activities		
Fire department	\$	229,903
Civic center		1,707
Library		34,122
Parks and recreation		3,629
Police department		100,914
Sanitation department		2,285
Streets and roads		6,855
General	_	47,286
Total depreciation expense - governmental activities	\$	426,701

A summary of capital assets accounted for in the business-type activities is as follows:

	Balance			Balance
	July 1, 2019	Additions	Dispositions	June 30, 2020
Business-Type Activities				
Non-depreciable capital assets:				
Land and land improvements	\$2,500	\$\$		\$ 2,500
Total non-depreciable capital assets	2,500	-	-	2,500
Depreciable capital assets:				
Water delivery and sewer infrastructure	10,130,958	-	-	10,130,958
Buildings and improvements	204,412	-	-	204,412
Machinery and equipment	246,850	26,129	-	272,979
Office furniture and equipment	19,819	-	-	19,819
Vehicles and equipment	214,457			214,457
Total depreciable capital assets	10,816,496	26,129	<u>-</u>	10,842,625
Less accumulated depreciation	(7,158,702)	(242,329)		(7,401,031)
Total capital assets, being depreciated, net	3,657,794	(216,200)		3,441,594
Business-type activities capital assets, net	\$3,660,294	\$ (216,200) \$		\$ 3,444,094

Depreciation expense for business-type activities for the year ended June 30, 2020 was \$242,329.

Notes to Financial Statements Year Ended June 30, 2020

Note 5 – Long-Term Debt

Long-term debt at June 30, 2020 is comprised of the following for governmental-type activities:

Note payable to financial institution due in semi-annual installments of \$30,660 and \$70,865 with an interest rate of 3.29% collateralized by a vehicle. Matturity date is March 2029.

\$ 943,555

Note payable to financial institution due in annual installments of \$69,628 with an interest rate of 4.044% collateralized by a vehicle. Maturity is March 2029.

516,852

Note payable to financial institution due in annual installments of \$34,754 with an interest rate of 4.195% collateralized by a building. Maturity is August 2036.

415,000 1,875,407

Current portion of notes payable Long-term portion of notes payable

176,115 1,699,292

The debt service requirement for the City's note payable as of June 30, 2020 is as follows:

Year Ending June 30,	<u>Principal</u>	Interest	Totals
Governmental Activities:			
2021	176,115	69,997	246,112
2022	184,012	62,101	246,113
2023	190,644	55,470	246,114
2024	197,514	48,598	246,112
2025	204,637	41,476	246,113
Thereafter	922,485	94,528	1,017,013
	5 1,875,407 \$	372,170 \$	2,247,577

Changes in long-term debt for the year ended June 30, 2020 was as follows:

	Bala	ance			Balance	Due Within
	July 1	, 2019 A	Additions	Reductions	June 30, 2020	One Year
Governmental Activities						
Notes payable	1,63	0,054	415,000	169,647	1,875,407	176,115
Governmental activities						
long-term liabilities	\$1,63	0,054 \$	415,000 \$	169,647	\$1,875,407	\$176,115

Notes to Financial Statements Year Ended June 30, 2020

Note 5 – Long-Term Debt, continued

The City of New Ellenton and the Commission of Public Works had two and one series, respectively, of Revenue Bonds outstanding as of June 30, 2020. These bonds were issued pursuant to bond ordinances, which set forth the terms of payment and various accounting and stewardship requirements to insure payment of the bonds. The provisions of these bond ordinances are summarized below.

The Commission issued a \$1,663,000 Waterworks System Revenue Bond on March 14, 1988. Interest is payable monthly at the rate of 7.75% for a period of 30 years. The outstanding bonds are subject to redemption at the option of the City of New Ellenton. The bonds are to be redeemed in reverse chronological order.

On June 28, 1990, the City of New Ellenton issued a \$5,025,000 Sewer System Revenue Bond, Series 1990. Interest is payable semiannually on June 1, and December 1 and principal is payable on June 1 of each year through 2020. Interest rates vary from 6.15% to 7.25% with the maturity of the bonds.

The Sewer Department had the following bond payable at year-end:

South Carolina Resource Authority

\$0

The Sewer Department's obligation to the State of South Carolina consists of amounts paid by the State of South Carolina to South Carolina Resources Authority on behalf of the City. These payments on behalf of the City were for principal and interest due on the \$5,025,000 Sewer System Revenue Bond, Series 1990.

The 1990 Sewer System Revenue Bond Resolution provides that if the City is adjudged to be in default, after proper written notification and the sixty-day grace period to correct any such default as to the performance of any covenant, then holders of not less than 25% of the bonds may give written notice to the City and declare the principal of all bonds then outstanding and the interest accrued thereon immediately due and payable. A court ordered agreement has been reached concerning the City's default on the bond, which is discussed in Note 9.

Notes to Financial Statements Year Ended June 30, 2020

Note 5 – Long-Term Debt, continued

Long-term debt of the Commission of Public Works at June 30, 2020 consisted of the following:

The outstainding principal amount due to the USDA Rural	
Development collateralized by the Waterworks System Revenue	
in monthly installments of \$5,309 (including principal and interest	
at 4.875%). The final installment is due in year 2043.	874,578
The oustanding principal amount due to the USDA Rural	
Development collateralized by the Waterworks System Revenue	
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in monthly installments of \$2,034 (including principal and interest	222.007
at 4.875%). The final installment is due in year 2043.	322,887
The questionding principal amount due to the USDA Dural	
The oustanding principal amount due to the USDA Rural	
Development collateralized by the Waterworks System Revenue	
in monthly installments of \$1,977 (including principal and interest	
at 4.125%). The final installment is due in year 2050.	407,230
The oustanding principal amount due to the USDA Rural	
Development collateralized by the Waterworks System Revenue	
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in monthly installments of \$1,794 (including principal and interest	2 (2 0 7 2
at 4.125%). The final installment is due in year 2050.	362,053
Track large arms delta	1 066 740
Total long-term debt	1,966,748
Less current maturities	(44,191)
\$_	1,922,557

The above Revenue Bonds payable were purchased by the United States Department of Agriculture, Farmers Home Administration.

Notes to Financial Statements Year Ended June 30, 2020

Note 5 – Long-Term Debt, continued

The bonds are a special obligation of the issuer and are payable solely from the revenues derived from the operation of the waterworks system.

	Balance				Balance
	July 1, 2019	_	Additions	Reductions	June 30, 2020
Commission of Public Works					
USDA #2	\$ 895,102	\$	-	\$ 20,524	\$ 874,578
USDA #3	331,329		-	8,442	322,887
USDA #4	414,003		-	6,773	407,230
USDA #5	368,501		-	 6,448	 362,053
	\$ 2,008,935	\$	-	\$ 42,187	\$ 1,966,748

The bond indentures provide that the revenue of the system is to be used in the following order (on a monthly basis):

- 1. To the Operation and Maintenance Fund the sum determined to be needed as the cost of operating and maintaining the system for the next month.
- 2. To the Bond and Interest Funds and Cushion Fund as established by the ordinances.
- 3. To the Depreciation Fund and Contingency Fund the amounts required.
- 4. Any remaining revenues at the end of the fiscal year may be disposed of as the Board of Commissioners determines for any lawful purpose.

The bond indenture also contains provisions, which restrict the issuance of additional bonds unless certain conditions are met.

Revenue bonds restricted funds as of June 30, 2020, consist of:

Gross Revenue Fund	\$	510,608
Water Deposit Refund		48,212
Cushion Funds		211,626
Depreciation and Contingency Fund	_	216,176
	\$	986,622

Notes to Financial Statements Year Ended June 30, 2020

Note 5 – Long-Term Debt, continued

The debt service requirement for the Commission of Public Works as of June 30, 2020 is as follows:

Year Ending June 30,				
Commission of Public Works	_	Principal	 Interest	 Total
2021	\$	44,191	\$ 89,177	\$ 133,368
2022		46,286	87,082	133,368
2023		48,481	84,887	133,368
2024		50,781	82,587	133,368
2025-2029		292,442	374,398	666,840
2030-2034		368,849	297,991	666,840
2035-2039		465,348	201,492	666,840
2040-2044		433,867	86,341	520,208
2045-2049	_	216,503	 49,936	 266,439
	\$	1,966,748	\$ 1,353,891	\$ 3,320,639

Note 6 – Pension Plan Obligation

The South Carolina Public Employee Benefit Authority (PEBA), created July 1, 2012 and governed by an 11-member Board, is the state agency responsible for the administration and management of the various Retirement Systems and retirement programs of the state of South Carolina, including the State Optional Retirement Program and the S.C. Deferred Compensation Program, as well as the state's employee insurance programs. As such, PEBA is responsible for administering the South Carolina Retirement Systems' five defined benefit pension plans. The Retirement Funding and Administration Act of 2017, which became effective July 1, 2017, increased the employer and employee contribution rates, established a ceiling on the SCRS and PORS employee contribution rates, lowered the assumed rate of return, required a scheduled reduction of the funding periods, and addressed various governance issues including the assignment of the PEBA Board as custodian of the retirement trust funds and assignment of the RSIC and PEBA as co-trustees of the assets of the retirement trust funds. By law, the State Fiscal Accountability Authority (SFAA), which consists of five elected officials, also reviews certain PEBA Board decisions regarding the actuary of the Systems.

For purposes of measuring the net pension liability, deferred outflows and inflows of resources related to pensions, and pension expense, information about the fiduciary net position of the Systems and additions to/deductions from the Systems fiduciary net position have been determined on the accrual basis of accounting as they are reported by the Systems in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP). For this purpose, revenues are recognized when earned and expenses are recognized when incurred. Benefit and refund expenses are recognized when due and payable in accordance with the terms of the plan. Investments are reported at fair value.

Notes to Financial Statements Year Ended June 30, 2020

Note 6 – Pension Plan Obligation, continued

PEBA issues a Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) containing financial statements and required supplementary information for the Systems' Pension Trust Funds. The CAFR is publicly available through the Retirement Benefits' link on PEBA's website at www.peba.sc.gov, or a copy may be obtained by submitting a request to PEBA, 202 Arbor Lake Drive, Columbia, SC 29223. PEBA is considered a division of the primary government of the state of South Carolina and therefore, retirement trust fund financial information is also included in the comprehensive annual financial report of the state.

Plan Description

The South Carolina Retirement System (SCRS), a cost–sharing multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan, was established July 1, 1945, pursuant to the provisions of Section 9-1-20 of the South Carolina Code of Laws for the purpose of providing retirement and other benefits for teachers and employees of the state and its political subdivisions. SCRS covers employees of state agencies, public school districts, higher education institutions, other participating local subdivisions of government and individuals newly elected to the South Carolina General Assembly at or after the 2012 general election.

The State Optional Retirement Program (State ORP) is a defined contribution plan that is offered as an alternative to SCRS to certain newly hired employees of state agencies, institutions of higher education, public school districts and individuals first elected to the General Assembly at or after the general election in November 2012. State ORP participants direct the investment of their funds into an account administered by one of four third party record keepers.

The South Carolina Police Officers Retirement System (PORS), a cost–sharing multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan, was established July 1, 1962, pursuant to the provisions of Section 9-11-20 of the South Carolina Code of Laws for the purpose of providing retirement and other benefits to police officers and firefighters. PORS also covers peace officers, coroners, probate judges and magistrates.

Membership

Membership requirements are prescribed in Title 9 of the South Carolina Code of Laws. A brief summary of the requirements under each system is presented below:

• SCRS – Generally, all employees of covered employers are required to participate in and contribute to the system as a condition of employment. This plan covers general employees and teachers and individuals newly elected to the South Carolina General Assembly beginning with the November 2012 general election. An employee member of the system with an effective date of membership

Notes to Financial Statements Year Ended June 30, 2020

Note 6 – Pension Plan Obligation, continued

Membership, continued

prior to July 1, 2012, is a Class Two member. An employee member of the system with an effective date of membership on or after July 1, 2012, is a Class Three member.

• State ORP – As an alternative to membership in SCRS, newly hired state, public school, and higher education employees and individuals newly elected to the S.C. General Assembly beginning with the November 2012 general election have the option to participate in the State Optional Retirement Program (State ORP), which is defined contribution plan. State ORP participants direct the investment of their funds into a plan administered by one of four investment providers. For this reason, State ORP programs are not considered part of the retirement systems for financial statement purposes. Employee and Employer contributions to the State ORP are at the same rates as SCRS.

A direct remittance is required from the employers to the member's account with investment providers for the employee contribution (8 percent) and a portion of the employer contribution (5 percent). A direct remittance is also required to SCRS for the remaining portion of the employer contribution (5.75 percent) and an incidental death benefit contribution (.15 percent), if applicable, which is retained by SCRS.

• PORS – To be eligible for PORS membership, an employee must be required by the terms of his employment, by election or appointment, to preserve public order, protect life and property, and detect crimes in the state; to prevent and control property destruction by fire; or to serve as a peace officer employed by the Department of Corrections, the Department of Juvenile Justice, or the Department of Mental Health. Probate judges and coroners may elect membership in PORS. Magistrates are required to participate in PORS for service as a magistrate. PORS members, other than magistrates and probate judges, must also earn at least \$2,000 per year and devote at least 1,600 hours per year to this work, unless exempted by statute. An employee member of the system with an effective date of membership prior to July 1, 2012, is a Class Two member. An employee member of the system with an effective date of membership on or after July 1, 2012, is a Class Three member.

Notes to Financial Statements Year Ended June 30, 2020

Note 6 – Pension Plan Obligation, continued

Benefits

Benefit terms are prescribed in Title 9 of the South Carolina Code of Laws. PEBA does not have the authority to establish or amend benefit terms without a legislative change in the code of laws. Key elements of the benefit calculation include the benefit multiplier, years of service, and average final compensation. A brief summary of benefit terms for each system is presented below.

• SCRS – A Class Two member who has separated from service with at least five or more years of earned service is eligible for a monthly pension at age 65 or with 28 years credited service regardless of age. A member may elect early retirement with reduced pension benefits payable at age 55 with 25 years of service credit. A Class Three member who has separated from service with at least eight or more years of earned service is eligible for a monthly pension upon satisfying the Rule of 90 requirement that the total of the member's age and the member's creditable service equals at least 90 years. Both Class Two and Class Three members are eligible to receive a reduced deferred annuity at age 60 if they satisfy the five- or eight-year earned service requirement, respectively. An incidental death benefit is also available to beneficiaries of active and retired members of employers who participate in the death benefit program.

The annual retirement allowance of eligible retirees or their surviving annuitants is increased by the lesser of one percent or five hundred dollars every July 1. Only those annuitants in receipt of a benefit on July 1 of the preceding year are eligible to receive the increase. Members who retire under the early retirement provisions at age 55 with 25 years of service are not eligible for the benefit adjustment until the second July 1 after reaching age 60 or the second July 1 after the date they would have had 28 years of service credit had they not retired.

• PORS – A Class Two member who has separated from service with at least five or more years of earned service is eligible for a monthly pension at age 55 or with 25 years of service regardless of age. A Class Three member who has separated from service with at least eight or more years of earned service is eligible for a monthly pension at age 55 or with 27 years of service regardless of age. Both Class Two and Class Three members are eligible to receive a deferred annuity at age 55 with five or eight years of earned service, respectively. An incidental death benefit is also available to beneficiaries of active and retired members of employers who participate in the death benefit program. Accidental death benefits are also provided upon the death of an active member working for a covered employer whose death was a natural and proximate result of an injury incurred while in the performance of duty.

Notes to Financial Statements Year Ended June 30, 2020

Note 6 – Pension Plan Obligation, continued

Benefits, continued

The retirement allowance of eligible retirees or their surviving annuitants is increased by the lesser of one percent or five hundred dollars every July 1. Only those annuitants in receipt of a benefit on July 1 of the preceding year are eligible to receive the increase.

Contributions

Contributions are prescribed in Title 9 of the South Carolina Code of Laws. The PEBA Board my increase the SCRS employer and employee contribution rates on the basis of the actuarial valuations, but any such increase may not result in a differential between the employee and total employer contribution rate that exceeds 2.9 percent of earnable compensation for SCRS and 5 percent for PORS. An increase in the contribution rates adopted by the Board may not provide for an increase of more than one-half of one percent in any one year. If the scheduled employee and employer contributions provided in statute or the rates last adopted by the Board are insufficient to maintain a thirty-year amortization schedule of the unfunded liabilities of the plans, the Board shall increase the contribution rates in equal percentage amounts for the employer and the employee as necessary to maintain the thirty year amortization period; this increase is not limited to one-half of one percent per year.

If the most recent annual actuarial valuation of the Systems for funding purposes shows a ratio of the actuarial value of system assets to the actuarial accrued liability of the system (the funded ratio) that is equal to or greater than ninety percent, then the Board, effective on the following July 1st, may decrease the then current contribution rates upon making a finding that the decrease will not result in a funded ratio of less than ninety percent. Any decrease in contribution rates must maintain the 2.9 and 5 percent differentials between the SCRS and PORS employer and employee contribution rates respectively. If contribution rates are decreased pursuant to this provision, and the most recent annual actuarial valuation of the system shows a funded ratio of less than ninety percent, then effective on the following July 1st, and annually thereafter as necessary, the Board shall increase the then current contribution rates until a subsequent annual actuarial valuation of the system shows a funded ratio that is equal to or greater than 90 percent.

The Retirement System Funding and Administration Act increases employer contribution rates to 13.56 percent for SCRS and 16.24 percent for PORS, effective July 1, 2018. It also removes the 2.9 percent and 5 percent differential and increases and establishes a ceiling on employee contribution rates at 9 percent and 9.75 percent for SCRS and PORS, respectively. The employer contribution rates will continue to increase annually by 1 percent through July 1, 2022. The legislation's ultimate scheduled employer rate is 18.56 percent for SCRS and 21.24 percent for PORS. The amortization period is scheduled to be reduced one year for each of the next 10 years to a twenty-year amortization schedule. The recent pension reform legislation also changes the long-term funded ratio requirement from ninety to eighty-five.

Notes to Financial Statements Year Ended June 30, 2020

Note 6 – Pension Plan Obligation, continued

Contributions, continued

Required employee contribution rates (1) are as follows:

	Fiscal Year 2020	Fiscal Year 2019
SCRS		
Employee Class Two	9.00%	9.00%
Employee Class Three	9.00%	9.00%
State ORP		
Employee	9.00%	9.00%
PORS		
Employee Class Two	9.75%	9.75%
Employee Class Three	9.75%	9.75%

Required employer contributions rates (1) are as follows:

	Fiscal Year 2020	Fiscal Year 2019
SCRS		
Employer Class Two	15.41%	14.41%
Employer Class Three	15.41%	14.41%
Employer Incidental Death Benefit	0.15%	0.15%
State ORP		
Employer Contribution (2)	15.41%	14.41%
Employer Incidental Death Benefit	0.15%	0.15%
PORS		
Employer Class Two	17.84%	16.84%
Employer Class Three	17.84%	16.84%
Employer Incidental Death Benefit	0.20%	0.20%
Employer Accidental Death Program	0.20%	0.20%

⁽¹⁾ Calculated on earnable compensation as defined in Title 9 of the South Carolina Code of Laws.

Notes to Financial Statements Year Ended June 30, 2020

Note 6 – Pension Plan Obligation, continued

Contributions, continued

(2) Of this employer contribution, 5% of earnable compensation must be remitted by the employer directly to the ORP vendor to be allocated to the member's account with the remainder of the employer contribution remitted to the SCRS.

Pension Plan Fiduciary Net Position

The NPL is calculated separately for each system and represents that particular system's TPL determined in accordance with GASB No. 67 less that System's fiduciary net position. NPL totals, as of June 30, 2019, for SCRS and PORS are presented below.

Plan Fiduciary Nat

System	_Total	Pension Liability	Plan Fiduciary Net Position	Er	nployers' Net Pension Liability (Asset)	Position as a Percentage of the Total Pension Liability
SCRS	\$	50,073,060,256	\$ 27,238,916,138	\$	22,834,144,118	54.4%
PORS	\$	7,681,749,768	\$ 4,815,808,554	\$	2,865,941,214	62.7%

The TPL is calculated by the Systems' actuary, and each plan's fiduciary net position is reported in the Systems' financial statements. The NPL is disclosed in accordance with the requirements of GASB 67 in the Systems' notes to the financial statements and required supplementary information. Liability calculations performed by the Systems' actuary for the purpose of satisfying the requirements of GASB Nos. 67 and 68 are not applicable for other purposes, such as determining the plans' funding requirements.

Actuarial Assumptions

Actuarial valuations of the plan involve estimates of the reported amounts and assumptions about the probability of occurrence of events far into the future. Examples include assumptions about future employment, mortality, and future salary increases. Amounts determined regarding the net pension liability are subject to continual revision as actual results are compared with past expectations and new estimates are made about the future. South Carolina state statute requires that an actuarial experience study be completed at least once in each five-year period. An experience report on the Systems was most recently issued for the period ending June 30, 2015.

Notes to Financial Statements Year Ended June 30, 2020

Note 6 - Pension Plan Obligation, continued

Actuarial Assumptions, continued

The June 30, 2019, total pension liability (TPL), net pension liability (NPL), and sensitivity information shown in this report were determined by our consulting actuary, Gabriel, Roeder, Smith and Company (GRS) and are based on an actuarial valuation performed as of July 1, 2018. The total pension liability was rolled-forward from the valuation date to the plans' fiscal year end, June 30, 2019, using generally accepted actuarial principles.

The following table provides a summary of the actuarial assumptions and methods used to calculate the TPL as of June 30, 2019.

	SCRS	PORS
Actuarial cost method	Entry age	Entry age
Actuarial assumptions:		
Investment rate of return (1)	7.25%	7.25%
Projected salary increases (1)	3.0% to 12.5%	3.5% to 9.5%
	(varies by service)	(varies by service)
Benefit adjustments	Lesser of 1% or \$500	Lesser of 1% or \$500
	annually	annually

(1) Includes inflation at 2.25%

The post-retiree mortality assumption is dependent upon the member's job category and gender. The base mortality assumptions, the 2016 Public Retirees of South Carolina Mortality table (2016 PRSC), was developed using the Systems' mortality experience. These base rates are adjusted for future improvement in mortality using published Scale AA projected from the year 2016.

Former Job Class	Males	Females
Educators	2016 PRSC Males multiplied by 92%	2016 PRSC Females multiplied by 98%
General Employees and Members of the	2016 PRSC Males multiplied by	2016 PRSC Females multiplied by
General Assembly	100%	111%
	2016 PRSC Males multiplied by	2016 PRSC Females multiplied by
Public Safety and Firefighters	125%	111%

Notes to Financial Statements Year Ended June 30, 2020

Note 6 - Pension Plan Obligation, continued

Long-Term Expected Rate of Return

The long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments is based upon 20-year capital market assumptions. The long-term expected rates of return represent assumptions developed using an arithmetic building block approach primarily based on consensus expectations and market-based inputs. Expected returns are net of investment fees. The expected returns, along with the expected inflation rate, form the basis for the target asset allocation adopted at the beginning of the 2019 fiscal year. The long-term expected rate of return is produced by weighting the expected future real rates of return by the target allocation percentage and adding expected inflation and is summarized in the table below. For actuarial purposes, the 7.25 percent assumed annual investment rate of return used in the calculation of the TPL includes a 5.00 percent real rate of return and a 2.25 percent inflation component.

			Long-term
	Target	Expected	Expected
	Asset	Arithmetic Real	Portfolio Real
Asset Class	Allocation	Rate of Return	Rate of Return
Global Equity	51.0%		
Global Public Equity	35.0%	7.29%	2.55%
Private Equity	9.0%	7.67%	0.69%
Equity Options Strategies	7.0%	5.23%	0.37%
Real Assets	12.0%		
Real estate (Private)	8.0%	5.59%	0.45%
Real estate (REITs)	1.0%	8.16%	0.08%
Infrastructure (Private)	2.0%	5.03%	0.10%
Infastructure (Public)	1.0%	6.12%	0.06%
Opportunistic	8.0%		
Global Tactical Asset Allocation	7.0%	3.09%	0.22%
Other Opportunistic Strategies	1.0%	3.82%	0.04%
Credit	15.0%		
High Yield Bonds/Bank Loans	4.0%	3.14%	0.13%
Emerging Markets Debt	4.0%	3.31%	0.13%
Private Debt	7.0%	5.49%	0.38%
Rate Sensitive	14.0%		
Core Fixed Income	13.0%	1.62%	0.21%
Cash and Short Duration (Net)	1.0%	0.31%	0.00%
Total Expected Real Return	100.0%		5.41%
Inflations for Actuarial Purposes			2.25%
Total Expected Nominal Return			7.66%

Notes to Financial Statements Year Ended June 30, 2020

Note 6 – Pension Plan Obligation, continued

Discount Rate

The discount rate used to measure the TPL was 7.25 percent. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed that contributions from participating employers in SCRS and PORS will be made based on the actuarially determined rates based on provisions in the South Carolina Code of Laws. Based on those assumptions, the System's fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make all the projected future benefit payments of current plan members. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was applied to all periods of projected benefit payments to determine the TPL.

Sensitivity Analysis

The following table presents the collective NPL of the participating employers calculated using the discount rate of 7.25 percent, as well as what the employers' NPL would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1.00 percent lower (6.25 percent) or 1.00 percent higher (8.25 percent) than the current rate.

Sensitivity of the Net Pension Liability to Changes in the Discount Rate									
	1.00% Decrease		Cur	rrent Discount	1.00% Increase				
System	(6.25%)		R	ate (7.25%)	(8.25%)				
SCRS	\$ 1,452,146		\$	1,152,688	\$	902,773			
PORS	\$	701,120	\$	517,341	\$	366,780			

Net Pension Liability

At June 30, 2020, the City reported a net pension liability of \$1,152,688 and \$517,341 for its proportionate shares of the SCRS and PORS net pension liabilities, respectively. The net pension liability was measured as of July 1, 2018, and the total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of that date. The City's proportionate shares of the net pension liabilities were based on a projection of the City's long-term share of contributions to the pension plan relative to the projected contributions of all participating entities, actuarially determined. At June 30, 2020, the City's proportionate shares of the SCRS and PORS plans were .002135 percent and .018051 percent respectively, for June 30, 2020.

Pension Expense

For the year ended June 30, 2020, the City recognized pension expense for the SCRS plan of \$84,652. For the year ended June 30, 2020, the City recognized pension expense for the PORS plan of \$95,308.

Notes to Financial Statements Year Ended June 30, 2020

Note 6 – Pension Plan Obligation, continued

Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to Pensions

At June 30, 2020, the City reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions from the following sources:

For the SCRS plan, there were total deferred outflows of resources of \$227,340 consisting of differences between expected and actual experience of \$24,020, the net difference between projected and actual earnings on pension plan investments of \$36,131, changes in proportion and differences between employer contributions and proportionate share of contributions of \$80,035, and City contributions subsequent to the measurement date of \$87,154. There were deferred inflows of resources of \$68,550 for the SCRS plan consisting of differences between expected and actual experience.

For the PORS plan, there were total deferred outflows of resources of \$178,140 consisting of differences between expected and actual experience of \$31,153, the net difference between projected and actual earnings on pension plan investments of \$21,129, changes in proportion and differences between employer contributions and proportionate share of contributions of \$81,518, and City contributions subsequent to the measurement date of \$44,340. There were deferred inflows of resources of \$23,007 for the PORS plan consisting of differences between expected and actual experience.

The \$87,154 and \$44,340 reported as deferred outflows of resources resulting from the City's contributions subsequent to the measurement date for the SCRS and PORS plans, respectively, during the year ended June 30, 2020 will be recognized as a reduction of the net pension liabilities in the year ending June 30, 2021.

Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions will be recognized in pension expense as follows for the SCRS and PORS plans, respectively:

For the SCRS plan, \$53,854 will be recognized for the fiscal year 2021 and \$16,355 for the fiscal year 2022. For fiscal year 2023 \$(2,339) will be recognized and \$3,767 will be recognized in 2024.

For the PORS plan, \$50,857 will be recognized for the fiscal year 2021 and \$33,568 for the fiscal year 2022. For fiscal year 2023 \$20,601 will be recognized and \$5,766 will be recognized in 2024.

Covered Payroll and Contributions

The payroll for City employees covered by the SCRS totaled \$565,565 and \$528,356 for the year ended June 30, 2020 and 2019, while the payroll for PORS covered employees totaled \$248,542 and \$286,956, respectively.

Notes to Financial Statements Year Ended June 30, 2020

Note 6 – Pension Plan Obligation, continued

Covered Payroll and Contributions, continued

The City's contributions to SCRS and PORS are summarized as follows:

		Emloyer		Employee						
Year Ended	Percent	SCRS		PORS	Percent		SCRS		PORS	
June 30, 2020	100%	\$ 87,154	\$	44,340	100%	\$	50,721	\$	24,233	
June 30, 2019	100%	\$ 76,136	\$	48,323	100%	\$	47,552	\$	27,978	
June 30, 2018	100%	\$ 72,002	\$	34,241	100%	\$	48,323	\$	21,077	

Note 7 – Post-Employment Benefits

As of June 30, 2020, the City does not offer any post-employment retirement benefits to its employees.

Note 8 – Risk Management

The City is exposed to various risks of loss relating to liability, theft or impairment of assets, errors or omissions, injuries to employees and natural disasters. Commercial liability and property insurance coverage is purchased to protect against losses from these risks. The City does not maintain a self-insurance fund.

During the fiscal year ended June 30, 2020, the City did not experience any significant uninsured claims. Accordingly, there was no liability or expense recorded for actual claims, and management does not believe any provision for unasserted claims is necessary.

Note 9 – Commitments and Contingencies

On February 20, 1997, the City and the custodian of its 1990 Sewer System Revenue Bond entered into a court-ordered agreement whereby the City is to remit sixty percent (60%) of the monthly sewer system revenues, except tap fees, to the bond custodian for application to debt service. Additionally, five percent (5%) of the monthly sewer system revenues are to be deposited into the Contingency fund and thirty-five percent (35%) will be available to the City for operation and maintenance of the sewer system. Under this agreement, the City has agreed to the above terms until the earlier of:

- 1. The bond maturity date of 2020, unless it is earlier retired, at which time the City's obligations under the bond will be deemed satisfied, or
- 2. The principal and interest payments by the City, including past payments, are brought current, or

Notes to Financial Statements Year Ended June 30, 2020

Note 9 - Commitments and Contingencies, continued

- 3. Default by the City in its performance under the terms of the agreement, or
- 4. The parties otherwise agree.

The effect of this agreement is to provide a settlement between the bond custodian and the City of New Ellenton in that the bond custodian has agreed not to seek the appointment of a receiver so long as the City of New Ellenton performs the obligations and responsibilities under the bond and bond ordinance as modified by the court-ordered settlement. As of June 30, 2020, the City was in compliance with the provisions of this agreement.

Note 10 – Subsequent Events

Subsequent events were evaluated through July 27, 2022, which is the date the financial statements were available to be issued.

On March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization (WHO) classified the COVID-19 outbreak as a pandemic and recommended containment and mitigation measures worldwide. As of the date of the report, management cannot reasonably estimate the length or severity of this pandemic, or the extent to which the disruption may materially impact the City's financial position, operations, and cash flows in the fiscal year 2021.

Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances - General Fund Budget and Actual Year Ended June 30, 2020

				2020						
	Budgete	ed A	mounts			_				
	Original		Final		Actual Amounts		Variance With Final Budget			
Revenues										
Local option sales tax \$	160,000	\$	160,000	\$	29,937	\$	(130,063)			
Licenses and permits	16,500		16,500		42,267		25,767			
State shared revenue	257,219		257,219		236,417		(20,802)			
Franchise fees	89,000		89,000		145,199		56,199			
Property taxes	475,000		475,000		448,389		(26,611)			
Fines and forfeitures	261,900		261,900		136,676		(125,224)			
Fire taxes	604,550		604,550		609,091		4,541			
Interest income	2,000		2,000		8,726		6,726			
Sanitation fees	120,000		120,000		116,392		(3,608)			
Grant revenues	-		-		16,713		16,713			
Other revenue and appropriation of fund										
balance	80,011		80,011		59,028		(20,983)			
Total revenues	2,066,180	•	2,066,180		1,848,835	•	(217,345)			
Expenditures										
Civic Center	30,000		30,000		20,025		9,975			
Fire department	319,450		319,450		358,492		(39,042)			
General government	371,747		371,747		336,135		35,612			
Library	4,100		4,100		4,713		(613)			
Police department	555,123		555,123		447,872		107,251			
Recreation department	26,000		26,000		26,798		(798)			
Sanitation department	87,000		87,000		90,610		(3,610)			
Streets and grounds	215,760		215,760		230,560		(14,800)			
Victims assistance	21,900		21,900		3,517		18,383			
Atomic City Festival	,,		,		11,408		(11,408)			
Debt service					11,.00		(11,100)			
Principal	169,647		169,647		169,647		_			
Interest	97,453		97,453		57,067		40,386			
Capital outlay	168,000		168,000		454,815		(286,815)			
Total expenditures	2,066,180		2,066,180		2,211,659		(145,479)			
Excess of revenues over expenditures	_		-		(362,824)		(362,824)			
Other Financing Sources (Uses)										
Transfers in (out)	_		_		(49,581)		(49,581)			
Proceeds from issuance of long term debt	_		_		415,000		415,000			
Net change in fund balances	_	•	_		2,595		2,595			
Fund balance, beginning of year	937,384	•	937,384		937,384		-			
Fund Balance, end of year \$	937,384	\$	937,384	\$	939,979	\$	2,595			
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City of New Ellenton

Schedule of Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability Employee Pension Plan Year Ended June 30, 2020

					Actual		
	Proportion of the	Propo	ortionate Share	(Covered	Net Pension Liability	Fiduciary Net Position
	Net Pension	of th	e Net Pension	1	Member	as a Percentage	as a Percentage of
System	Liability		Liability		Payroll	of Covered Payroll	Total Pension Liability
					_		
SCRS							
2015	0.001876%	\$	892,108	\$	695,156	128.33%	59.90%
2016	0.001499%	\$	879,619	\$	446,173	197.15%	56.99%
2017	0.001432%	\$	979,990	\$	464,827	210.83%	52.90%
2018	0.001520%	\$	1,015,948	\$	536,927	189.22%	53.30%
2019	0.002243%	\$	1,155,345	\$	528,356	218.67%	54.10%
2020	0.002135%	\$	1,152,688	\$	565,565	203.81%	54.40%
PORS							
2015	0.015620%	\$	298,938	\$	176,491	169.38%	67.50%
2016	0.013820%	\$	301,228	\$	161,361	186.68%	64.57%
2017	0.012290%	\$	311,707	\$	188,777	165.12%	60.40%
2018	0.014160%	\$	387,977	\$	216,170	179.48%	60.90%
2019	0.015233%	\$	431,630	\$	286,956	150.42%	61.70%
2020	0.018051%	\$	517,341	\$	248,542	208.15%	62.70%

Schedule of Contributions to Employee Pension Plan Year Ended June 30, 2020

	2020		2019		2018		2017		2016		2015
SCRS				_				-			
Contractually required contribution	\$ 87,154	\$	76,136	\$	72,002	\$	53,037	\$	48,677	\$	74,729
Contributions in relation to the contractually required contribution	87,154	_	76,136		72,002	_	53,037	_	48,677	_	74,729
Contribution deficiency (excess)	\$ -	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-
Covered payroll	\$ 565,565	\$	528,356	\$	536,927	\$	464,827	\$	446,173	\$	695,156
Contributions as a percentage of covered payroll	15.41%		14.41%		13.41%		11.41%		10.91%		10.75%
PORS											
Contractually required contribution	\$ 44,340	\$	48,323	\$	34,241	\$	26,127	\$	21,526	\$	22,961
Contributions in relation to the contractually required contribution	44,340		48,323		34,241		26,127		21,526		22,961
Contribution deficiency (excess)	\$ -	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-
Covered payroll	\$ 248,542	\$	286,956	\$	216,170	\$	188,777	\$	161,361	\$	176,491
Contributions as a percentage of covered payroll	17.84%		16.84%		15.84%		13.84%		13.34%		13.01%

City of New Ellenton Notes to Required Supplementary Information June 30, 2020

Note 1 - Budgets and Budgetary Accounting

The approved budget and amendments are legally enacted through passage of an ordinance authorizing the City Administrator to administer the budget and to transfer necessary appropriations among departments. Additional budget appropriations must be approved by Council.

Formal budgetary integration is employed as a management control device during the year for the General and Public Works Funds.

The legal level of budget is at the fund level for the City of New Ellenton. The budgetary comparison schedule displays detail at the department level as additional information.

Note 3 - Net Pension Liability

	SCRS	PORS
Valuation date	July 2, 2017	July 1, 2017
Actuarial cost method	Entry age normal	Entry age normal
Asset valuation method	5-year smoothed	5 yeaer-smoothed
Amortization method	Level percent of payroll	Level percent of payroll
Amortization Period as of the actuarial valuation date	30-year maximum, closed period	30- year maximum, closed period
Inflation rate	2.25%	2.25%
Salary increases	3.0% plus step-rate increases for members with less than 21 years of service.	3.5% plus step-rate increases for memebers with less than 15 years of service.
Investment rate of return	7.25%	7.25%
Mortality	The 2016 public retirees of South Carolina mortality tables for males and females, both projected at Scale AA from the year 2016. Male rates multiplied by 100% for non-educators and 92% for educators. Female rates multiplied by 111% for non-educators and 98% for educators.	The 2016 public retirees of South Carolina mortality tables for males and females, both projected at Scale AA from the year 2016. Male rates multiplied by 125% and female rates are multiplied by 111%.
	Contribution rate for fiscal year 2019 is	Contribution rate for fiscal year 2019 is
Comment on the development	determined in accordance with the	determined in accordance with the
of the actuarially determined and actual contribution rate	Retirement System Funding and Administration Act of 2017.	Retirement System Funding and Administration Act of 2017.

Schedule of Court Fines, Assessments and Surcharges Year Ended June 30, 2020

Court fines and assessments	
Court fines and assessments collected	\$ 72,316
Court fines and assessments remitted to	
State Treasurer	(63,223)
Total court fines and assessments retained	\$ 9,093
Surcharges and assessments retained for victims services	
Surcharges collected and retained	\$ 3,423
Assessments retained	5,670
Total surcharges and assessments retained for victims services	\$ 9,093
Funds allocated to victims services	
Carryover funds from prior years	\$ 45,522
Surcharges and assessments retained	9,093
Expenditures for victims services	(16,571)
Total unexpended victims rights assistance funds	\$ 38,044



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Independent Auditor's Report On Internal Control Over Financial Reporting And On Compliance And Other Matters Based On An Audit Of Financial Statements Performed In Accordance With Government Auditing Standards

The Honorable Mayor and Members of City Council City of New Ellenton New Ellenton, South Carolina

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the City of New Ellenton as of and for the year ended June 30, 2020, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the City of New Ellenton's basic financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated July 27, 2022.

Internal Control over Financial Reporting

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

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

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

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that have not been identified.

A *significant deficiency* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance. We consider the deficiency described in the accompanying schedule of findings to be a significant deficiency: 2020-1.

Compliance and Other Matters

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

Purpose of this Report

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

Highsmith & Highsmith, LLC

Highsmith & Highsmith, LLC Travelers Rest, South Carolina

July 27, 2022

Schedule of Findings Year Ended June 30, 2020

Section I – Summary of Auditor's Results

Financial Statements:

i. Type of auditor's report issued on the financial statements:

a.	Governmental activities	Unmodified
b.	General fund	Unmodified

ii. Internal control over financial reporting:

a. Material weaknesses identifiedb. Significant deficiencies identifiedYes

iii. Noncompliance material to the financial statements noted No

Section II – Findings – 2018 Financial Statement Audit

Significant Deficiency

2020-1

Condition: There is a lack of segregation of accounting duties that enables the same individuals to have access to both physical assets and the related accounting records or to all phases of a transaction.

Criteria: A fundamental concept of a system of good internal control is the segregation of duties.

Questioned Cost: none

Recommendation: Duties should be segregated to the extent possible. The City Council must remain involved in the financial affairs of the City to provide oversight and independent review functions.

Management's Response: Management does not anticipate hiring additional staff; however, in an attempt to segregate duties as much as possible with the available staff and to continue to maintain the appropriate involvement of the City Council in the activities of the City.

Schedule of Prior Year Audit Findings For the year ended June 30, 2020

2019-1

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Criteria: A fundamental concept of a system of good internal control is the segregation of duties.

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