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Re: Annual Municipal Audit FY2016

Dear Mr. Pickering:

Accompanying this letter are three copies (two bound and one electronic) of the annual audit of the City of Meridian, Mississippi, for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2016. In connection with this audit, a separate management letter was written to the city. Enclosed you will find two copies (one hard copy and one electronic) of this management letter along with the three previously mentioned audit reports.

Sincerely,

Percy Bland, III

Mayor

City of Meridian



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Management Letter

September 30, 2016



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CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS

The Honorable Mayor Percy Bland, III and Honorable Members of the City Council City of Meridian, Mississippi:

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, the aggregate discretely presented component units, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the City of Meridian, Mississippi ("City") as of and for the year ended September 30, 2016, 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, we considered the City's internal control over financial reporting ("internal control") as a basis for designing our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinions on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the City's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the City's internal control.

However, during our audit we became aware of certain matters that are opportunities for strengthening internal controls and operating efficiency. The memorandum that accompanies this letter summaries our comments and recommendations regarding those matters. We previously communicated to you about the City's internal control in our letter dated April 27, 2017. This letter does not affect our report dated April 27, 2017, on the financial statements of the City.

We will review the status of these comments during our next audit engagement. We have already discussed many of these comments and suggestions with various City personnel, and we will be pleased to discuss them in further detail at your convenience, to perform any additional study of these matters, or to assist you in implementing the recommendations.

To ensure that continuing attention is given to internal control matters, the Council members should periodically review prior years' management letters to ascertain if there are matters that need additional corrective action.

We wish to thank all employees for their support and assistance during our audit. This report is intended solely for the information and use of the Honorable Mayor, honorable members of the City Council, management, and others within the City, and is note intended to be, and should not be, used by anyone other than these specified parties.

Jackson, Mississippi April 27, 2017

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Independent Auditors' Findings and Recommendations
With Respect to Internal Controls
For the Year Ended September 30, 2016

The following findings and recommendations include conditions noted during the course of our audit for the year ended September 30, 2016.

BANK RECONCILIATIONS

Finding:

During our audit, we noted unreconciled differences on a few of the bank reconciliations that are in some cases carried over to future months. The majority of these reconciling items were determined to be credit card timing differences that are difficult to track down due to lack of supporting documentation. City personnel is working to solve the documentation issues in order to complete the reconciling process.

Recommendation:

Monthly bank account reconciliations are an important internal control procedure relating to the City's cash accounts. We recommend that the City implement policies and procedures that allow for timely reconciliation of all bank activities. Although these items may appear not to be material to the overall financial position of the City, it may obscure significant but offsetting items, such as bank errors or improperly recorded transactions, that would be a cause for investigation if the items were apparent. Unreconciled amounts should be investigated and not allowed to carry over from month to month.

BANK DEPOSITS

Finding:

During our audit, we noted instances in which cash deposits were not being made timely. In some cases, they are accumulated and deposited at later dates.

Recommendation:

Daily deposits of cash receipts not only reduce the risk of theft, misplacement, or misappropriation, but also makes the cash available for expenditures or investment. We recommend that the City implement policies and procedures to ensure that deposits are made on a daily basis both to improve cash flow and to reduce the risk of loss.

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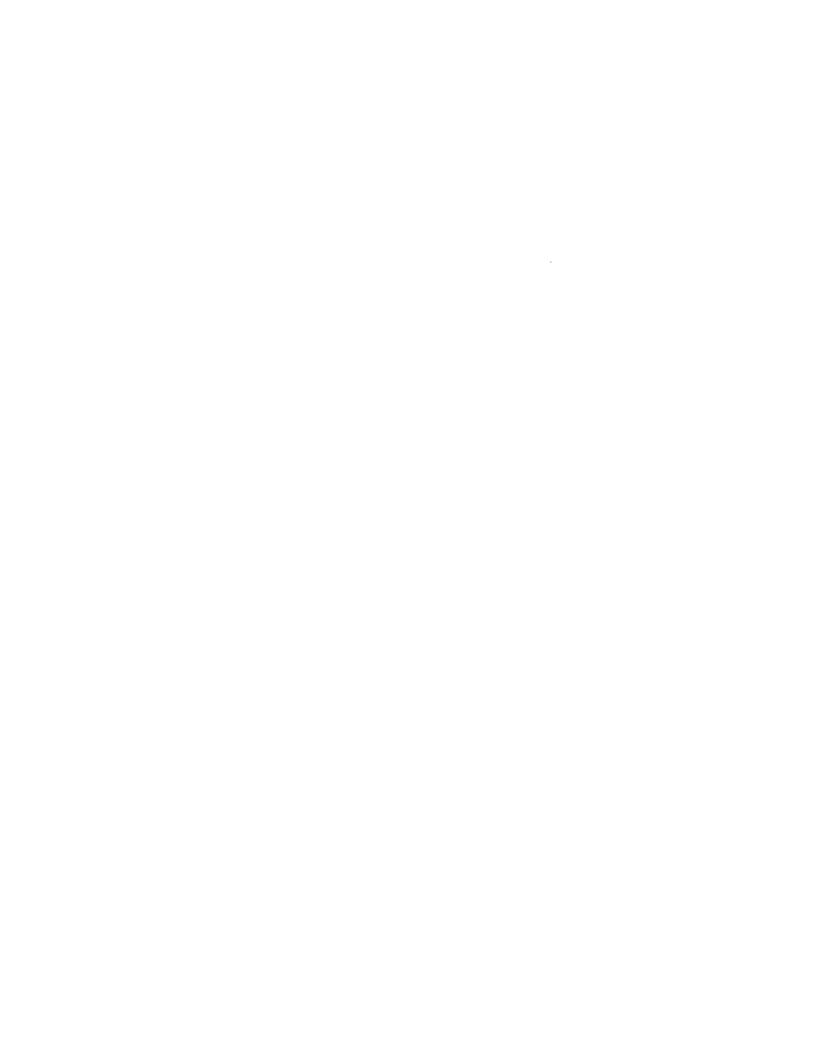
Finding:

During our audit, we noted that the overtime pay has increased over the past few years. There were instances noted in which the overtime is not documented on the employee automated time card, but instead summarized on a separate sheet. It was also noted that, in addition to regular and overtime, some employees receive stand-by pay or additional pay for part-time duties, all of which are documented on separate sheets from the automated time card. In some cases, it was difficult to determine the actual time of day worked for overtime and additional part-time hours.

Recommendation:

We recommend that the City implement policies and procedures for the continuous evaluation of the economic effects of overtime expense. We further recommend that the automated time cards be used to document each employee's workday from start to finish. The hours worked each day can then be summarized as to regular, overtime, stand-by, or part-time pay. These time cards should indicate clearly the time and date. All overtime should be approved by a supervisor. Any excessive overtime should be approved by management. Additionally, procedures should be implemented to ensure that all vacation and sick pay is properly approved and documented as taken.





COMPREHENSIVE ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT

FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2016

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Prepared by: Department of Finance and Records David Whitaker, Director

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Comprehensive Annual Financial Report For the Fiscal Year Ended September 30, 2016

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601 23rd Avenue P.O. Box 1430 Meridian, MS 39302-1430 www.meridianms.org April 27, 2017

To the Honorable Members of the City Council and Citizens of the City of Meridian, Mississippi:

State of Mississippi law requires that every municipality in the state shall have its books audited annually, prior to the close of the next succeeding fiscal year, either by a competent accountant approved by the State Auditor or by a certified public accountant. The audit shall be made in accordance with regulations promulgated by the State Auditor. Pursuant to that requirement, we hereby issue the comprehensive annual financial report of the City of Meridian, Mississippi ("City") for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2016.

This report consists of management's representations concerning the finances of the City. Consequently, management assumes full responsibility for the completeness and reliability of all of the information presented in this report. To provide a reasonable basis for making these representations, management of the City has established a comprehensive internal control framework that is designed both to protect the City's assets from loss, theft, or misuse and to compile sufficient reliable information for the preparation of the City's financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America ("GAAP"). Because the cost of internal controls should not outweigh their benefits, the City's comprehensive framework of internal controls has been designed to provide reasonable rather than absolute assurance that the financial statements will be free from material misstatement. As management, we assert that, to the best of our knowledge and belief, this financial report is complete and reliable in all material respects.

The City's financial statements have been audited in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America by Breazeale, Saunders & O'Neil, Ltd., a firm of licensed certified public accountants. The goal of the independent audit was to provide reasonable assurance that the financial statements of the City for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2016, are free of material misstatement. The independent audit involved examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements; assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management; and evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. The independent auditor concluded, based upon the audit, that there was a reasonable basis for rendering an unmodified opinion that the City's financial statements for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2016, are fairly presented in conformity with GAAP. The independent auditor's report is presented as the first component of the financial section of this report.



The independent audit of the financial statements of the City was part of a broader, federally mandated "Single Audit" designed to meet the special needs of federal grantor agencies. The standards governing Single Audit engagements require the independent auditor to report not only on the fair presentation of the financial statements but also on the audited government's internal controls and compliance with legal requirements, with special emphasis on internal controls and legal requirements involving the administration of federal awards. These reports are presented in the Single Audit section of this report.

GAAP require that management provide a narrative introduction, overview and analysis to accompany the basic financial statements in the form of Management's Discussion and Analysis ("MD&A"). This letter of transmittal is designed to complement MD&A and should be read in conjunction with it. The City's MD&A can be found immediately following the report of the independent auditors.

Profile of the Government

The City, incorporated in 1860, is located in east central Mississippi, and is the county seat of Lauderdale County. The City currently occupies a land area of approximately 54.3 square miles and has an official 2010 population of 41,148. The City is empowered to levy a property tax on real and personal properties, utilities and motor vehicles located within its boundaries. It is also empowered by state statute to extend its corporate limits by annexation, which occurs periodically when deemed appropriate by the governing authorities and approved by the appropriate court of jurisdiction.

The City has operated under the mayor-council form of government since 1985. Legislative authority is vested in a part-time governing city council consisting of five council members elected by wards. The city council is responsible, among other things, for passing ordinances, adopting the budget and hiring an independent accountant to provide a full and complete examination of all books of the City at the end of each fiscal year. Executive authority is vested in a full-time mayor elected at-large. The mayor is responsible, among other things, for enforcing the charter and ordinances of the municipality and all general laws applicable thereto, for overseeing day-to-day operation of the City, appointing the heads of the various departments subject to council confirmation, annually reporting to council and the public on the work of the previous year, making recommendations for action by the council and supervising all of the departments of the City. The mayor may approve ordinances adopted by the council or veto such action within ten (10) business days, stating the reasons for such veto. No ordinance so vetoed shall take effect unless council within ten (10) business days resolves to override the veto by a vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the members present and voting to override. If the mayor takes no action to approve or veto an ordinance, there is a period of fifteen (15) business days before the ordinance could become effective. The mayor and council serve concurrent, four-year terms.

The City provides a full range of services, including police and fire protection; general administration; construction and maintenance of streets, drainage ways and other infrastructure; waste and trash collection and disposal; water and sewer services; community and economic

development services; and recreational activities and cultural events. Discretely presented component units are reported in a separate column in the combined financial statements to emphasize that they are legally separate from the primary government and to differentiate their financial position, results of operations and cash flows from those of the primary government. The Meridian Airport Authority, the Meridian Transportation Commission, the Meridian and Bonita Lakes Development Authority and the Meridian Urban Renewal Authority are reported as discretely presented component units.

The annual budget serves as the foundation for the City's financial planning and control. All departments of the City submit requests for appropriations to the mayor in May of each year. The mayor uses the requests as a starting point for developing a proposed budget. The mayor then presents this proposed budget to the council for review in July. The council is required to hold a public hearing on the proposed budget and to adopt a final budget no later than September 15. The budget is prepared by fund and department. The level of budgetary control (that is, the level at which expenditures cannot legally exceed the appropriated amount) is adopted by major expenditure classifications within departments or funds. These major classifications are: personnel services, supplies and expenses, capital outlay, and transfers and other charges. Department heads, with approval from the Chief Administrative Officer, may make transfers of appropriations within one of the major classifications within a department. A transfer of appropriations between classifications, however, requires a budget amendment approved by the council.

Factors Affecting Financial Condition

The information presented in the financial statements is perhaps best understood when it is considered from the broader perspective of the specific environment within which the City operates.

Local economy. The City continues to have a diverse economy with industries ranging from electronic music and sound equipment to aircraft parts and steel fabrication to distribution centers for office products, flower bulbs, and beverages. Meridian is the center of a large trade area and continues to meet the medical, retail, industrial, cultural and recreational needs of hundreds of thousands of people in east Mississippi and west Alabama.

Meridian is the sixth largest city in the state of Mississippi and is located at the intersection of five US highways and two major interstates: I-20, which runs from western Texas to South Carolina and I-59, which connects southeast Louisiana to northern Georgia. The Meridian Regional Airport offers commercial airline service with daily flights to and from Dallas/Fort Worth International Airport and its 10,003 foot runway is the longest public-use runway in the state. The City is also served by two Class I railroads and two short line railroads.

The City serves as a regional health center, with five hospitals that employ over 6,000 healthcare professionals and staff. The federal government has a major presence in the area with the Meridian Naval Air Station ("NAS Meridian"), which provides training for both naval carrier



pilots and technical training for various enlisted personnel. NAS Meridian also provides the RCTA or Regional Counter-Drug Training Academy. The RCTA offers training for a variety of law enforcement entities from throughout the southeast in the war on drugs. Meridian is also home to the Complex, which is home to the 186th Air Refueling Wing.

The City's Public Safety and Training Facility is situated on approximately 99 acres and is recognized as a Level 2 law enforcement academy by the Mississippi Police Board of Standards and Training. The facility provides training in a variety of courses for multiple entities both from within the state and out of state. Additionally, the Public Safety Training Facility has a three-story drill tower with live fire capabilities, a driving track, firing ranges and a working Amtrak rail site complete with rail cars. The facility is one of the only active training sites in the country for passenger rail rescue courses. The City is also included in a nine county regional response team that serves central Mississippi. The team is part of a 27 county task force that is supported by the Mississippi Department of Homeland Security.

Long-term financial planning. With the current economic conditions, there is a greater emphasis on the provision of basic services. Revenue is allocated as needed toward the basic governmental services of water and sewer and public safety. Emphasis is placed on long term financing and grant procurement to address capital needs of the water and sewer system and law enforcement.

Relevant financial policies. In addition to the establishment of a comprehensive internal control framework and formal budgetary procedures, the City's management is also committed to conservatism in projecting annual revenues and allocating one time revenues. These policies prevent drastic reductions due to under budgeted or unbudgeted costs and ensure that operating expenses are not increased for one time revenues.

Major initiatives. Significant projects to be addressed include continued replacement and maintenance of aging water and sewer plants and lines to be financed through grants and bond issues.

Awards and Acknowledgements

The Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada ("GFOA") awarded a Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting to the City for its comprehensive annual financial report ("CAFR") for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2015. This was the twentieth consecutive year that the City has achieved this prestigious award. In order to be awarded a Certificate of Achievement, the City published an easily readable and efficiently organized CAFR. This report satisfied both GAAP and applicable legal requirements.

A Certificate of Achievement is valid for a period of one year only. We believe that our current CAFR continues to meet the Certificate of Achievement Program's requirements and we are submitting it to the GFOA to determine its eligibility for another certificate.

The preparation of this report would not have been possible without the efficient and dedicated services of the entire staff of the Finance and Records Department. We would like to express our

The preparation of this report would not have been possible without the efficient and dedicated services of the entire staff of the Finance and Records Department. We would like to express our appreciation to all members of the department who assisted and contributed to the preparation of this report. Credit also must be given to the city council for its unfailing support for maintaining the highest standards of professionalism in the management of the City's finances.

Sincerely,

Percy Bland, III

Mayor

David Whitaker CFO/City Clerk

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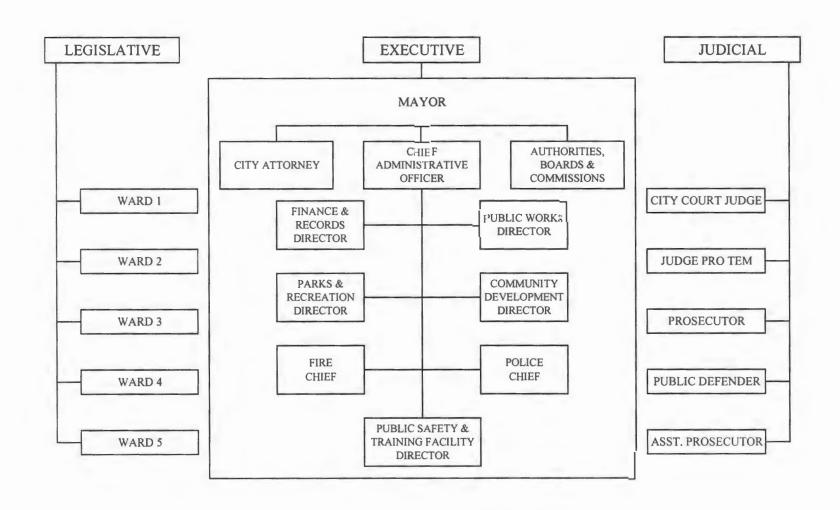
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Executive Director/CEO

Organizational Structure September 30, 2016



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CITY OF MERIDIAN, MISSISSIPPI Listing of City Officials September 30, 2016

Elected Officials

Mayor	Percy Bland, III
Council Member - Ward 1	George M Thomas
Council Member - Ward 2	K. Dustin Markham
Council Member - Ward 3	Barbara Henson
Council Member - Ward 4	Kim Houston
Council Member - Ward 5	Randy Hammon
Appointed Officials	D' 1' - M Al'
Chief Administrative Officer	Richie McAlister
Finance & Records Director/City Clerk	David Whitaker
Public Works Director	Hugh Smith
Parks & Recreation Director	Kelvin McGruder
Community Development Director	H. C. Partridge, Jr.
Fire Chief	Anthony Clayton
Police Chief	Benny Dubose
Public Safety & Training Facility Director	Buck Roberts
City Attorney	Bill Hammack

FINANCIAL SECTION

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

The Honorable Mayor Percy Bland, III and Honorable Members of the City Council City of Meridian, Mississippi:

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, the aggregate discretely presented component units, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the City of Meridian, Mississippi ("City"), as of and for the year ended September 30, 2016, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the City's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

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

Auditors' Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audit. We did not audit the financial statements of the Meridian Airport Authority, which represent 85.67 percent, 88.52 percent, and 98.06 percent, respectively, of the assets, net position, and program revenues of the discretely presented component units. 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 this component unit, 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 auditors' judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditors consider internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness

The Honorable Mayor Percy Bland, III and Honorable Members of the City Council City of Meridian, Mississippi Page two

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 the 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 aggregate discretely presented component units, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the City, as of September 30, 2016, and the respective changes in financial position and, where applicable, cash flows thereof and the respective budgetary comparison for the general fund and special revenue fund for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Other Matters

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis on pages 17 through 26 and the pension required supplementary information on pages 110 through 115 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's basic financial statements. The introductory section, combining and individual nonmajor fund financial statements and schedules, other supplementary information, and statistical section are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements. The schedule of expenditures of federal awards is presented for purposes of additional analysis as required by Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations Part 200, Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards, and is also not a required part of the basic financial statements.

The Honorable Mayor Percy Bland, III and Honorable Members of the City Council City of Meridian, Mississippi Page three

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

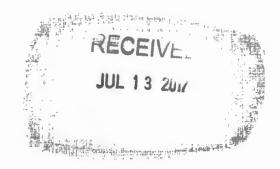
The introductory and statistical sections have not been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and, accordingly, we do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on them.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with Government Auditing Standards, we have also issued our report dated April 27, 2017, on our consideration of the City'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 the City's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Jackson, Mississippi

April 27, 2017



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Management's Discussion and Analysis Fiscal Year Ended September 30, 2016

As management of the City of Meridian, Mississippi ("City"), we offer readers of the City's financial statements this narrative overview and analysis of the financial activities of the City for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2016. We encourage readers to consider the information presented here in conjunction with additional information that we have furnished in our letter of transmittal, which can be found on pages 3 - 7 of this report. All amounts, unless otherwise indicated, are expressed in thousands of dollars.

Financial Highlights

- The assets of the City exceeded its liabilities at the close of the most recent fiscal year by \$71,591 (net position). Of this amount, the \$(34,394) deficit unrestricted net position is due to the City's \$58,995 net pension liability recognized as a result of the fiscal year 2015 implementation of GASB Statement No. 68, Accounting and Financial Reporting for Pensions: An Amendment of GASB Statement No. 27.
- The City's total net position increased by \$1,793. This increase in net position is largely
 attributable to capital grants and contributions for culture and recreation and public works
 in the amounts of \$598 and \$515, respectively, and a \$425 increase in property tax
 revenues.
- As of the close of the current fiscal year, the City's governmental funds reported combined ending fund balances of \$24,086, an increase of \$4,449 in comparison with the prior year. Approximately 28 percent of this total amount, \$6,628, is available for spending at the City's discretion (unassigned fund balance).
- At the end of the current fiscal year, the unassigned fund balance for the general fund was \$6,628 or 20 percent of total general fund expenditures.
- The City's total debt increased by \$4,647 (9.9 percent) during the current fiscal year. The
 increase is due to a \$7,500 bond issue for the purchase of paving equipment and street
 paving, plus \$2,017 in loans for the purchase of standard fleet vehicle and a sewer
 vacuum truck. This was offset by the payment of \$4,870 in outstanding debt.

Overview of the Financial Statements

This discussion and analysis is intended to serve as an introduction to the City's basic financial statements. 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 themselves.

Government-wide financial statements. The government-wide financial statements are designed to provide readers with a broad overview of the City's finances, in a manner similar to a private-sector business.

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

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The statement of activities presents information showing how the City's net position changed during the most recent fiscal year. All changes in net position are reported as soon as the underlying event giving rise to the change occurs, regardless of the timing of related cash flows. Thus, revenues and expenses are reported in this statement for some items that will only result in cash flows in future fiscal periods (e.g., uncollected taxes and earned but unused vacation leave).

Both of the government-wide financial statements distinguish functions of the City that are principally supported by taxes and intergovernmental revenues (governmental activities) from other functions that are intended to recover all or a significant portion of their costs through user fees and charges (business-type activities). The governmental activities of the City include general government, public safety, public works, culture and recreation, and economic development. The business-type activities of the City include water and sewer services, waste collection and disposal, a golf course, Union Station, and citywide concessions.

The government-wide financial statements include not only the City itself (known as the *primary government*), but also the following legally separate entities for which the City is financially accountable: (1) Meridian Airport Authority, (2) Meridian Urban Renewal Authority (3) The Meridian Transportation Commission, and (4) Meridian and Bonita Lakes Development Authority. Financial information for these *component units* is reported separately from the financial information presented for the primary government itself.

The government-wide financial statements can be found on pages 28 - 31 of this report.

Fund financial statements. A fund is a grouping of related accounts that is used to maintain control over resources that have been segregated for specific activities or objectives. The City, like other state and local governments, uses fund accounting to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance-related legal requirements. All of the funds of the City can be divided into three categories: governmental funds, proprietary funds, and fiduciary 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 may be useful in evaluating the City's near-term financing requirements.

Because the focus of governmental funds is narrower than that of the government-wide financial statements, it is useful to compare the information presented for *governmental funds* with similar information presented for *governmental activities* in the government-wide financial statements. By doing so, readers may better understand the long-term impact of the City's near-term financing decisions. Both the governmental funds balance sheet and the governmental funds statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balances provide a reconciliation to facilitate this comparison between *governmental funds* and *governmental activities*.

The City maintains 17 individual governmental funds. Information is presented separately in the governmental funds balance sheet and in the governmental funds statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balances for the general fund, debt service fund, special revenue fund, and the 2016 General Obligation Bonds fund, which are considered to be major funds. Data from the other 13 nonmajor governmental funds are combined into a single, aggregate presentation. Individual fund data for each of these nonmajor governmental funds is provided in the form of *combining statements* elsewhere in this report.

The City adopts an annual appropriated budget for its general fund. A budgetary comparison statement has been provided for the general fund to demonstrate compliance with this budget.

The basic governmental funds financial statements can be found on pages 32 - 41 of this report.

Proprietary funds. The City maintains two different types of proprietary funds. Enterprise funds are used to report the same functions presented as business-type activities in the government-wide financial statements. The City uses enterprise funds to account for its water and sewer fund, waste collection and disposal fund, golf course fund, Union Station fund and a citywide concessions fund. Internal service funds are an accounting device used to accumulate and allocate costs internally among the City's various functions. The City uses internal service funds (1) to account for service and maintenance costs for its fleet of vehicles, (2) to account for office supplies, (3) to account for health and life insurance claims, and (4) to account for unemployment insurance and claims. Because these services predominantly benefit governmental rather than business-type functions, they have been included within governmental activities in the government-wide financial statements.

Proprietary funds provide the same type of information as the government-wide financial statements, only in more detail. The proprietary fund financial statements provide separate information for the business-type activities of the water and sewer fund and the waste collection and disposal fund, which are considered to be major funds of the City. Data from the nonmajor enterprise funds are combined into a single, aggregate presentation. The internal service funds are also combined into a single, aggregate presentation in the proprietary fund financial statements. Individual fund data for the three nonmajor enterprise funds and the four internal service funds is provided in the form of *combining statements* elsewhere in this report.

The basic proprietary funds financial statements can be found on pages 42 - 47 of this report.

Fiduciary funds. Fiduciary funds are used to account for resources held for the benefit of parties outside the government. Fiduciary funds are *not* reflected in the government-wide financial statements because the resources of those funds are *not* available to support the City's own programs. The accounting used for fiduciary funds is much like that used for proprietary funds.

The basic fiduciary funds financial statement can be found on page 48 of this report.

Notes to the financial statements. The notes provide additional information that is essential to a full understanding of the data provided in the government-wide and fund financial statements. The notes to the financial statements can be found on pages 51 - 108 of this report.

Other information. In addition to the basic financial statements and accompanying notes, this report also presents certain *required supplementary information* concerning the City's defined benefit pension plans. This required supplementary information can be found on pages 109 - 115 of this report.

The combining statements referred to earlier in connection with nonmajor governmental funds, nonmajor enterprise funds, internal service funds, fiduciary funds, and nonmajor component units are presented immediately following the required supplementary information on pensions. Combining and individual fund statements and schedules can be found on pages 117 - 145 of this report.

Government-wide Financial Analysis

The following table presents the City's net positions at September 30, 2016 compared to September 30, 2015.

City of Meridian's Net Position

	Governmental		Busine	ess-type			
		Activities		Activities		Total	
Description		<u>2016</u>	2015	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>
Current and other assets	\$	30,314	24,639	25,388	23,135	55,702	47,774
Capital assets, net		93,258	93,659	33,286	30,775	126,544	124,434
Total assets		123,572	118,298	58,674	53,910	182,246	172,208
Deferred outflows of resources		10,376	6,832	1,629	1,057	12,005	7,889
Long-term liabilities outstanding		95,644	83,819	17,597	18,271	113,241	102,090
Other liabilities		5,850	4,586	2,858	2,706	8,708	7,292
Total liabilities		101,494	88,405	20,455	20,977	121,949	109,382
Deferred inflows of resources		584	757	127	160	711	917
Net position:							
Net investment in capital assets		65,945	66,592	25,555	21,704	91,500	88,296
Restricted		5,329	4,783	9,156	7,647	14,485	12,430
Unrestricted (deficit)		(39,404)	(35,407)	5,010	4,479	(34,394)	(30,928)
Total net position	\$	31,870	35,968	39,721	33,830	71,591	69,798

As noted earlier, net position may serve over time as a useful indicator of a government's financial position. In the case of the City, assets exceeded liabilities by \$71,591 at the close of the most recent fiscal year.

By far the largest portion of the City's net position (128 percent) reflects its investment in capital assets (e.g., land, buildings, infrastructure, machinery, and equipment), less any related debt used to acquire those assets that is 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 its capital assets is reported net of related debt, it should be noted that the resources needed to repay this debt must be provided from other sources, since the capital assets themselves cannot be used to liquidate these liabilities.

An additional portion of the City's net position (20 percent) represents resources that are subject to external restrictions on how they may be used. The remaining balance of \$(34,394) in *deficit unrestricted net position* is due to the City's \$58,995 net pension liability discussed in note 10.

At the end of the current fiscal year, the City was able to report positive balances in total net position, both for the City as a whole, as well as for its separate governmental activities. The City's business-type activities also reported a positive total net position as a whole. The same situation held true for the prior fiscal year.

There was an increase of \$1,509 in restricted net position reported in connection with the City's business-type activities. This is a result of a \$380 increase in funds available for debt service and a \$1,129 increase in funds authorized for capital projects in the water and sewer fund.

The City's net position increased \$1,793 during the current fiscal year. This increase in net position is largely attributable to capital grants and contributions for culture and recreation and public works in the amounts of \$598 and \$515, respectively, and a \$425 increase in property tax revenues.

The following table presents the City's a summary of the changes in net position for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2016 compared to the fiscal year ended September 30, 2015.

City of Meridian's Changes in Net Position

			nmental ivities	Business-type Activities		Total	
Description		2016	2015	2016	2015	2016	2015
Revenues:							
Program revenues:							
Charges for services Operating grants	\$	1,676	1,744	16,156	15,391	17,832	17,135
and contributions		586	733	-	-	586	733
Capital grants and contributions		1,156	378	1,748	1,611	2,904	1,989
General revenues:							
Property taxes		14,932	14,466	16	57	14,948	14,523
Other taxes		17,730	18,490	-	-	17,730	18,490
Grants and contributions not							
restricted to specific programs		70	80	-	-	70	80
Unrestricted investment earnings		78	60	123	116	201	176
Total revenues		36,228	35,951	18,043	17,175	54,271	53,126
Expenses:							
General government		9,120	9,234	-	-	9,120	9,234
Public safety		16,855	16,054	-	_	16,855	16,054
Public works		8,459	7,934	-	_	8,459	7,934
Culture and recreation		3,122	2,500	-	_	3,122	2,500
Economic development		1	1	-	-	1	1
Interest on long-term debt		1,334	1,565	-	-	1,334	1,565
Sanitation		-	-	1,891	1,849	1,891	1,849
Water and sewer		-	-	10,921	10,449	10,921	10,449
Golf Course, Union Station							
and Concessions		_		775	708	775	708
Total expenses		38,891	37,288	13,587	13,006	52,478	50,294
Excess (deficiency) of revenues							
over (under) expenses							
before transfers		(2,663)	(1,337)	4,456	4,169	1,793	2,832
Transfers		(1,435)	266	_1,435	(266)	-	
Change in net position		(4,098)	(1,071)	5,891	3,903	1,793	2,832
Net position - beginning		35,968	37,039	33,830	29,927	69,798	66,966
Net position - ending	\$	31,870	35,968	39,721	33,830	71,591	69,798

Governmental activities. Governmental activities decreased the City's net position by \$4,098. Key elements of these changes in net position are as follows:

- Property taxes increased \$466 or three percent in 2016 compared to 2015. This increase
 in property tax receipts is primarily due to a \$5,573 or two percent increase in the 2016
 taxable assessed value.
- Charges for services decreased \$68 or four percent in 2016 compared to 2015. This was mostly due to a \$175 decrease in general government charges for services.
- Operating grants and contributions decreased \$147 or 20 percent in 2016 compared to 2015. This decrease was largely due to a \$137 decrease in operating grants for public safety.
- Capital grants and contributions increased \$778 or 206 percent in 2016 compared to 2015. This was due to a \$515 increase in capital grants for public works and a \$598 increase for culture and recreation offset by a decrease of \$335 in grants for public safety.
- Other taxes (which include sales taxes) decreased \$760 or four percent.
- Total revenues increased \$277 or one percent. This was mainly due to a \$778 increase in in capital grants and contributions.
- Total expenses increased \$1,603 or four percent. This was primarily due to an \$801 increase in public safety expenditures, \$525 increase in public works expenditures, and \$622 increase in culture and recreation expenditures, offset by a \$114 decrease in general government expenditures.

Business-type activities. Business-type activities increased the City's net position by \$5,891. This is primarily due to \$13,993 in water and sewer charges for services plus \$1,748 in water and sewer capital grants and contributions, offset by \$10,921 in water and sewer expenses.

Financial Analysis of the City's Funds

As noted earlier, the City uses fund accounting to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance-related legal requirements.

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. In particular, unassigned fund balance may serve as a useful measure of a government's net resources available for spending at the end of the fiscal year.

At the end of the current fiscal year, the City's governmental funds reported combined ending fund balances of \$24,086, an increase of \$4,449 in comparison with the prior year. Of this total, \$14,744 is restricted due to external limitations on its use, such as by debt covenants, legal restrictions, or intention of grantors or donors. A total of \$319 is considered nonspendable because it has been used for inventory and assets held for resale. A total of \$1,953 has been assigned, meaning there are limitations resulting from its intended use. A total of \$442 has been committed through formal action of the City Council for construction or acquisition of capital assets. The remaining \$6,628 of the fund balance is unassigned, which is available for spending at the City's discretion.

The general fund is the chief operating fund of the City. At the end of the current fiscal year, unassigned fund balance of the general fund was \$6,628, while total fund balance was \$8,891. As a measure of the general fund's liquidity, it may be useful to compare both unassigned fund balance and total fund balance to the total fund expenditures. Unassigned fund balance represents 20 percent of total general fund expenditures, while total fund balance represents 28 percent of that same amount. The fund balance of the City's general fund decreased by \$2,294 during the current fiscal year. This was primarily due to a \$2,272 increase in public safety expenditures.

The debt service fund has a total fund balance of \$3,946, all of which is restricted for the payment of debt service. The net increase of \$591 during the current year in the debt service fund is a result of the timing of payment due dates of long-term debt.

The special revenue fund's total fund balance is \$1,003 at the end of the current fiscal year. \$642 of the special revenue fund balance is restricted. The remaining special revenue fund balance of \$361 is committed or assigned. The fund balance of the special revenue fund increased \$12 during the current fiscal year. This increase is largely due to an increase in local contributions.

The 2016 General Obligation Bonds fund has a total fund balance of \$6,972, all of which is restricted for paving projects throughout the City. The fund balance of the 2016 General Obligation Bonds fund increased \$6,972 during the current fiscal year. This increase represents proceeds of the \$7,500 bond issue less bond issue costs and expenditures for street paving projects.

Proprietary funds. The City's proprietary funds provide the same type of information found in the government-wide financial statements, but in more detail.

Unrestricted net position of the water and sewer fund at the end of the year amounted to \$5,037, and those for the waste collection and disposal fund amounted to \$374. The total decrease in net position for the waste collection and disposal fund is \$51 and the water and sewer fund net position increased by \$5,727.

General Fund Budgetary Highlights

There was an increase of \$94 between the original budget and the final amended budget in total expenditures. Changes within the levels of expenditures can be briefly summarized as follows:

	Increase
Description	(Decrease)
General government	\$ (1,855)
Finance and records	400
Community development	205
Parks and recreation	617
Public works	219
Police	(190)
Fire	623
Public safety & training facility	74
Arts District Parking Garage	1
Total	\$ 94

Actual revenues were under the final amended budget by \$34.

The final amended budgeted expenditures exceeded the actual in all departments. Differences between the final amended budgeted expenditures and actual are as follows:

	Ac	tual Under
Description		Budget
General government	\$	633
Finance and records		105
Community development		122
Parks and recreation		40
Public works		185
Police		364
Fire		339
Public safety & training facility		62
Arts district parking garage		1
Total	\$	1,851

Capital Asset and Debt Administration

Capital assets. The City's investment in capital assets for its governmental and business-type activities as of September 30, 2016, amounts to \$126,544 (net of accumulated depreciation). This investment in capital assets includes land, buildings and system, improvements, machinery and equipment, park facilities, roads, highways, and bridges.

Major capital asset events during the current fiscal year included the following:

- Continued engineering and survey of 5th Street for the replacement of sidewalks, curb cuts, and pedestrian crossings and installation of decorative lighting and landscaping.
- Continued replacement of South Waste Water Treatment Plant air blowers, digester blowers, process pumps, and associated electrical upgrades.
- Construction of a new community center at Velma Young Park.
- Public street improvements and construction of an access drive to the newly constructed Fairfield Inn just off Highway 80.
- Emergency repair of a collapsed drainage structure located within a City drainage easement o North Frontage Road.

City of Meridian's Capital Assets (net of depreciation)

		nmental ivities	Business-type Activities		Total	
Description	<u>2016</u>	2015	<u>2016</u>	2015	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>
Land \$	8,203	7,997	324	250	8,527	8,247
Right of ways	3	3	30	30	33	33
Collections - historical treasures	141	141	-	_	141	141
Building and system	31,993	32,797	28,696	26,869	60,689	59,666
Improvements other than buildings	2,382	2,478	191	31	2,573	2,509
Machinery and equipment	6,094	4,094	1,540	1,350	7,634	5,444
Infrastructure	43,355	45,869	-	-	43,355	45,869
Construction in progress	1,087	280	2,505	2,245	3,592	2,525
Total \$	93,258	93,659	33,286	30,775	126,544	124,434

Additional information on the City's capital assets can be found in note 5 on pages 76 - 79 of this report.

Long-term debt. At the end of the current fiscal year, the City had total bonded debt outstanding of \$40,505. Of this amount, \$36,105 comprises debt backed by the full faith and credit of the City, \$730 is special obligation bonds, \$3,155 is tax increment financing bonds and \$515 is special assessment debt for which the City is liable in the event of default by the property owners subject to the assessment.

The City's total bonded debt increased by \$4,430 (12 percent) during the current fiscal year. The increase is due to the issuance of new bonds exceeding retirements.

City of Meridian's Outstanding Debt General Obligation and Revenue Bonds

		Governmental Activities			ess-type vities	Total	
Description		2016	<u>2015</u>	2016	2015	2016	2015
General obligation bonds Special obligation bonds Limited obligation tax	\$	36,105 730	31,090 810	-	-	36,105 730	31,090 810
increment financing bonds Special assessment debt with		3,155	3,390	-	-	3,155	3,390
governmental commitment		515	785		-	515	<u>785</u>
Total	\$	40,505	36,075	_		40,505	36,075

The City maintains excellent bond ratings for both general obligation and revenue bond debt. The general obligation bonds maintain an "Aa3" rating from Moody's Investors Service and an "A+" rating from Standard and Poor's Ratings Services.

State statutes limit the amount of general obligation debt a government entity may issue to 15 percent of its total assessed valuation. The current debt limitation of the City is \$52,283 which is significantly in excess of the City's net outstanding general obligation debt of \$34,663 applicable to the debt limitation.

Additional information on the City's long-term debt can be found in note 8 on pages 84 - 89 of this report.

Economic Factors and Next Year's Budgets and Rates

- The unemployment rate for the City is currently 4.9 percent, which is a decrease from the rate of 7.2 percent a year ago. The statewide average is 4.6 percent as compared to the national average of 5.2 percent.
- The revitalization of the City continued with the issuance of 568 building permits with a construction value of \$39 million.

- Inflationary trends in the City are slightly lower than the national average. The change in CPI in the past year for the City was an increase of 1.3 percent versus the national average which increased 1.5 percent.
- Sales tax collections year-to-date in fiscal year 2017 are down 1.4 percent from the
 previous fiscal year. During the first six months of fiscal year 2017, the City has
 received \$6,993 in sales tax collections, compared to \$7,092 received during the same
 period of fiscal year 2016.

All of these factors were considered in preparing the City's budget for the 2017 fiscal year.

During the current fiscal year, unassigned fund balance in the general fund decreased to \$6,628. The City has appropriated \$4,764 of this amount for spending in the 2017 fiscal year budget.

Requests for Information

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 the Office of the Chief Financial Officer, City of Meridian, P. O. Box 1430, Meridian, Mississippi 39302.

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Statement of Net Position September 30, 2016

	(Governmental	Business-type		Component
		Activities	<u>Activities</u>	Total	<u>Units</u>
<u>ASSETS</u>					
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	7,826,550	8,378,261	16,204,811	1,390,611
Investments		1,350,000	-	1,350,000	-
Receivables, net:					
Taxes		1,263,423	-	1,263,423	-
Accounts		739,746	2,145,997	2,885,743	985,845
Special assessments		440,548	-	440,548	
Intergovernmental		142,695	2,667,668	2,810,363	13,269
Interest		4,631	-	4,631	48,721
Contribution		-	-	-	7,863
Miscellaneous		96,866	6,624	103,490	-
Due from component units		4,570	-	4,570	-
Internal balances		(85,895)	85,895	-	_
Inventory		52,421	625,509	677,930	418,269
Prepaid items		254,493	69,916	324,409	49,669
Temporarily restricted assets:		20 1,175	0,,,,,	021,109	,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,
Cash and investments		17,284,160	11,407,833	28,691,993	116,801
Taxes receivable		35,365	-	35,365	
Intergovernmental receivables		806,930	_	806,930	-
Leverage loans receivable		-	_	-	5,691,198
Assets held for resale		97,802	_	97,802	-
Capital assets not being depreciated:		77,002		77,002	
Land		8,202,705	324,320	8,527,025	2,468,621
Right of ways		2,600	30,610	33,210	_,,,
Collections - historical treasures		141,250	-	141,250	-
Construction in progress		1,086,737	2,505,029	3,591,766	376,874
Capital assets net of		1,000,757	2,303,027	3,371,700	370,071
accumulated depreciation:					
Buildings		31,993,320	-	31,993,320	13,641,972
Water and sewer system		-	28,695,946	28,695,946	10,011,7.2
Improvements other than buildings		2,381,498	190,869	2,572,367	15,145,487
Machinery and equipment		6,094,370	1,539,481	7,633,851	243,398
Infrastructure		43,355,297	1,557,401	43,355,297	210,000
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Total assets		123,572,082	58,673,958	182,246,040	40,598,598
DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES					
Deferred loss on refundings		358,531		358,531	
Deferred outflows related to net pension liability		10,017,352	1,628,869	11,646,221	892,905
Total deferred outflows of resources					
total deferred outflows of resources		10,375,883	1,628,869	12,004,752	892,905
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Statement of Net Position September 30, 2016

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	-	Governmental	Business-type		Component
		Activities	Activities	Total	Units
<u>LIABILITIES</u>					
Accounts payable and					
other current liabilities	\$	1,945,012	888,623	2,833,635	703,606
Accrued interest		457,726	-	457,726	-
Accrued salaries		486,124	115,716	601,840	_
Accrued sales tax		-	15,332	15,332	-
Liabilities payable from restricted assets		2,961,677	1,837,569	4,799,246	-
Unearned revenue		-	-	-	3,319
Noncurrent liabilities:					
Due within one year:					
Bonds, loans and leases payable		4,176,192	26,277	4,202,469	170,905
Bonds and loans payable from					
restricted assets		-	1,245,596	1,245,596	-
Compensated absences		340,872	44,859	385,731	25,379
Claims and judgments		389,722	-	389,722	-
Due in more than one year:					
Bonds, loans and leases payable		38,923,724	8,325,523	47,249,247	2,894,095
Compensated absences		681,743	91,078	772,821	166,452
Net pension liability		51,131,326	7,864,042	58,995,368	5,358,749
Total liabilities		101,494,118	20,454,615	121,948,733	9,322,505
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES					
Deferred gain on refundings		-	26,690	26,690	
Deferred inflows related to net pension liability		583,655	100,984	684,639	14,240
Total deferred inflows of resources		583,655	127,674	711,329	14,240
NET POSITION					
Net investment in capital assets		65,945,511	25,554,894	91,500,405	30,876,352
Restricted for:					
Debt service		3,488,315	7,950,088	11,438,403	-
Sowashee Creek maintenance		292,542	-	292,542	-
Construction/acquisition of capital assets		676,813	1,205,484	1,882,297	116,801
Flood damage repairs		229,476	-	229,476	-
Purposes of grantors/donors		640,697	-	640,697	-
Law enforcement		1,394	-	1,394	-
Unrestricted (deficit)		(39,404,556)	5,010,072	(34,394,484)	1,161,605
Total net position	\$	31,870,192	39,720,538	71,590,730	32,154,758

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

Statement of Activities
For the Fiscal Year Ended September 30, 2016

		Program Revenues				
			Operating	Capital		
		Charges for	Grants and	Grants and		
Functions/Programs	Expenses	Services	Contributions	Contributions		
Primary government:						
Governmental activities:						
General government	\$ 9,120,009	402,350	-	-		
Public safety	16,854,708	1,048,556	509,978	43,939		
Public works	8,459,437	-	-	514,832		
Culture and recreation	3,121,931	224,747	76,193	597,825		
Economic development	701	-	-	-		
Interest on long-term debt	1,334,686	-				
Total governmental activities	38,891,472	1,675,653	586,171	1,156,596		
Business-type activities:						
Water and sewer	10,920,790	13,992,613	-	1,747,869		
Waste collection and disposal	1,891,379	1,867,543	-	-		
Golf course	423,266	224,169	-	-		
Union Station	316,658	44,553	-	-		
Concessions	35,210	26,738	-			
Total business-type activities	13,587,303	16,155,616	-	1,747,869		
Total primary government	\$ 52,478,775	17,831,269	586,171	2,904,465		
Component units:						
Meridian Airport Authority	\$ 10,363,775	9,784,524	65,777	378,655		
Nonmajor component units	139,897	194,866	7,871			
Total component units	\$ 10,503,672	9,979,390	73,648	378,655		

General revenues:

Property taxes

Sales taxes

Franchise taxes

County road taxes

Motor fuel taxes

Grants and contributions not restricted to specific programs

Unrestricted investment earnings

Transfers

Total general revenues and transfers

Change in net position

Net position, October 1, 2015

Net position, September 30, 2016

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

Net (Expense)	Revenue and	Changes in	n Net Posi	tion
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	imary Governme	ent	Commen
Governmental	Business-type	Total	Component
Activities	Activities	<u>Total</u>	<u>Units</u>
(8,717,659)	_	(8,717,659)	
(15,252,235)		(15,252,235)	_
(7,944,605)	1	(7,944,605)	_
(2,223,166)	_	(2,223,166)	
(701)	_	(701)	
(1,334,686)	-	(1,334,686)	
(35,473,052)	-	(35,473,052)	_
_	4,819,692	4,819,692	
-	(23,836)	(23,836)	
-	(199,097)	(199,097)	
-	(272,105)	(272,105)	
	(8,472)	(8,472)	
-	4,316,182	4,316,182	-
(35,473,052)	4,316,182	(31,156,870)	
-		-	(134,819
	-		62,840
			(71,979
14,932,624	15,805	14,948,429	
14,431,185	-	14,431,185	
2,554,711	-	2,554,711	
714,242	-	714,242	-
30,584	-	30,584	-
69,770	-	69,770	
77,643	122,886	200,529	2,952
(1,435,489)	1,435,489	-	-
31,375,270	1,574,180	32,949,450	2,952
(4,097,782)	5,890,362	1,792,580	(69,027
35,967,974	33,830,176	69,798,150	32,223,785
31,870,192	39,720,538	71,590,730	32,154,758

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CITY OF MERIDIAN, MISSISSIPPI Balance Sheet

Balance Sheet Governmental Funds September 30, 2016

<u>ASSETS</u>	General	Debt <u>Service</u>	Special <u>Revenue</u>	2016 General Obligation Bonds	Nonmajor Governmental <u>Funds</u>	Total Governmental <u>Funds</u>
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 6,971,531	-	6,829			6,978,360
Investments	1,350,000	-	-	~	-	1,350,000
Receivables, net:		·				
Taxes	1,263,423	-	-	_	-	1,263,423
Accounts	739,746	-	-	-	-	739,746
Intergovernmental	142,695	-	-	-	-	142,695
Interest	856	3,775	-	-	-	4,631
Miscellaneous	79,992	-	-	-	-	79,992
Due from other funds	266,620		52,678	-	-	319,298
Due from component units	4,570	-	-	-	-	4,570
Prepaid items	221,134	-	-	-	-	221,134
Asset held for resale	97,802	-	-	-	-	97,802
Restricted assets:						
Cash and cash equivalents	284,983	3,509,401	2,331,578	7,329,038	3,429,160	16,884,160
Investments	-	400,000	-	-	-	400,000
Receivables, net:						
Taxes	-	35,365	-	-	-	35,365
Special assessments receivable	-	440,548	-	-	-	440,548
Intergovernmental receivables	-		388,630	-	418,300	806,930
Total assets	\$ 11,423,352	4.389.089	2.779.715	7.329.038	3.847.460	29.768.654

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Balance Sheet Governmental Funds September 30, 2016

LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS OF	General	Debt Service	Special Revenue	2016 General Obligation Bonds	Nonmajor Governmental <u>Funds</u>	Total Governmental <u>Funds</u>
RESOURCES, AND FUND BALANCES						
Liabilities:						
Accounts payable	\$ 998,05	9 -	1,403	-	-	999,462
Accrued salaries	486,12	4 -	-	-	-	486,124
Due to other funds	673,17	2 -	24,139	-	97,106	794,417
Liabilities payable from restricted assets:						
Accounts payable		- 2,500	1,729,386	356,606	566,484	2,654,976
Deposits payable	284,98	3 -	-	-		284,983
Unearned revenue		·	21,718			21,718
Total liabilities	2,442,33	2,500	1,776,646	356,606	663,590	5,241,680
Deferred inflows of resources -						
Unavailable revenue - special assessments		440,548				440,548
Fund balances:						
Nonspendable:						
Prepaid items	221,13	4 -	-	-	-	221,134
Asset held for resale	97,80	2 -	-	-	-	97,802
Restricted for:						
Sowashee Creek maintenance		-	-	-	292,542	292,542
Construction/acquisition of capital assets			-	-	1,469,589	1,469,589
Flood damage repairs			-	-	229,476	229,476
Paving and sidewalk projects			-	6,972,432	1,192,263	8,164,695
Debt service		- 3,946,041	-	-	-	3,946,041
Purposes of grantors/donors			640,697	-	-	640,697
Law enforcement			1,394	-	-	1,394
Committed to:						
Construction/acquisition of capital assets	96,40	2 -	-	-	-	96,402
Urban renewal and redevelopment			345,556	-	-	345,556
Assigned to:						
General government activities	1,041,68	- 5	-	-	-	1,041,685
Public safety			6,829	-	-	6,829
Public works	777,56		-	-	-	777,565
Sports events and other recreation	118,17		8,593	-	-	126,765
Unassigned	6,628,25		-			6,628,254
Total fund balances	8,981,01	<u>3,946,041</u>	1,003,069	6,972,432	3,183,8:70	24,086,426
Total liabilities, deferred inflows						20 2/2 /2
of resources, and fund balances	\$ 11.423.35	4.389.089	2.779.715	7.329.038	3,847,460	29.768.654

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

Reconciliation of the Balance Sheet of Governmental Funds to the Statement of Net Position September 30, 2016

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

Fund balances - total governmental funds	\$ 24,086,426
Capital assets used in governmental activities are not current financial resources and, therefore, are not reported in the governmental funds balance sheet.	93,257,777
Other long-term assets (special assessments) are not available to pay for current-period expenditures and, therefore, are deferred in the governmental funds balance sheet.	440,548
Long-term liabilities, including related deferred outflows and deferred inflows, are not due and payable in the current period and, therefore, are not reported in the governmental funds balance sheet.	(86,275,718)
Internal service funds are used to charge the costs of certain activities, such as garage services, office supplies, and unemployment compensation to individual funds. The assets and liabilities of the internal service funds are included in governmental activities in the statement of net position (net of amount allocated to business-type activities of \$30,063).	<u>361,</u> 159
Net position of governmental activities	\$ 31,870,192

Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances Governmental Funds

For the Fiscal Year Ended September 30, 2016

					2016		
					General	Nonmajor	Total
			Debt	Special	Obligation	-	Governmental
		General	Service	Revenue	Bonds	Funds	Funds
Revenues:		Otheran	Beivice	revenue	Donas	runus	runus
Taxes:							
Property	\$	10,153,490	4,599,772	_	_	_	14,753,262
Sales	Ф	14,431,185	4,399,112	_	-	-	14,733,202
Franchise			-	-	-	-	
County road		2,554,711	-	-	-	-	2,554,711
Motor fuel		714,242	-	-	-		714,242
		30,584	-	-	-	-	30,584
Licenses and permits		299,100	-	416 226	-	042 (02	299,100
Intergovernmental		333,674	-	415,775	-	843,693	1,593,142
Charges for services		224,747	-		-	-	224,747
Fines and forfeitures		786,624	-	261,932	-	-	1,048,556
Special assessments		-	73,717	-	-	-	73,717
Payments in lieu of taxes		137,153	-	-	-	-	137,153
Local contributions		-	-	83,803	~	-	83,803
Interest on investments		38,253	18,128	1,490	10,268	9,504	77,643
Interest costs and damages		58,812	-	-	-	-	58,812
Miscellaneous		136,212	_	12,954	-		149,166
Total revenues		29,898,787	4,691,617	775,954	10,268	853,197	36,229,823
Expenditures:							
Current:							
General government		7,629,287	_	-	_	_	7,629,287
Public safety		16,882,114	_	745,108	-	_	17,627,222
Public works		4,977,267	_	-	-	_	4,977,267
Culture and recreation		2,902,195	_	23,039	_	_	2,925,234
Economic development		_,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,		701	_		701
Capital outlay			_	, , ,	390,614	1,651,575	2,042,189
Debt service:					370,014	1,031,073	2,012,107
Principal retirement		90,305	3,152,963				3,243,268
Interest and fiscal charges		6,847	1,384,952	-	_	-	1,391,799
Bond issuance costs		0,047	1,364,732	-	147 222	-	
		32,488,015	4,537,915	768,848	<u>147,222</u> 537,836	1,651,575	147,222 39,984,189
Total expenditures		32,488,013	4,337,913		337,830	1,031,373	39,904,109
Excess (deficiency) of revenues							
over (under) expenditures		(2,589,228)	153,702	7,106	(527,568)	(798,378)	(3,754,366)
Other financing sources (uses):							
Transfers in		645,500	437,600	5,000	-	1,952,826	3,040,926
Transfers out		(1,428,949)	_	-	-	(2,924,807)	(4,353,756)
General obligation bonds issued		-	-	-	7,500,000	-	7,500,000
Loan proceeds		1,078,338	-	-	-	938,177	2,016,515
Total other financing sources (uses)		294,889	437,600	5,000	7,500,000	(33,804)	8,203,685
Net change in fund balances		(2,294,339)	591,302	12,106	6,972,432	(832,182)	4,449,319
Fund balances, October 1, 2015		11,275,353	3,354,739	990,963	-	4,016,052	19,637,107
Fund balances, September 30, 2016	\$	8,981,014	3,946,041	1,003,069	6,972,432	3,183,870	24,086,426

Reconciliation of the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances of Governmental Funds to the Statement of Activities

For the Fiscal Year Ended September 30, 2016

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

Net change in fund balances - total governmental funds	\$ 4,449,319
Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures. However, in the statement of activities the cost of those assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives and reported as depreciation expense. This is the amount by which depreciation exceeded capital outlays in the current period.	(325,406)
Governmental funds do not report contributed capital assets because they do not provide current financial resources. However, in the statement of activities the fair values of contributed capital assets are recorded as capital contributions.	135,592
Governmental funds only report the disposal of capital assets to the extent proceeds are received from the sale. In the statement of activities, a gain or loss is reported for each disposal. This is the cost of the capital assets disposed of.	(43,259)
Governmental funds do not report contributions of capital assets to enterprise funds because they do not require the use of current financial resources. However, in the statement of activities the net carrying amount of these contributions are recorded as transfers.	(167,659)
Special assessment revenues related to prior periods reported as revenues in the governmental funds are not reported as revenues in the statement of activities.	(90,320)
The issuance of long-term debt (e.g. bonds, leases) provides current financial resources to governmental funds, while the repayment of the principal of long-term debt consumes the current financial resources of governmental funds. Neither transaction, however, has any effect on net position. Also, governmental funds report the effect of premiums, discounts, and similar items when debt is first issued, whereas these amounts are deferred and amortized in the statement of activities. This amount is the net effect of these differences in the treatment of long-term debt and related items.	(6,263,976)
Governmental funds report pension plan payments as expenditures as paid, whereas these amounts along with other changes in the net pension liability are deferred and amortized in the statement of activities.	(1,474,586)
Some expenses reported in the statement of activities do not require the use of current financial resources and, therefore, are not reported as expenditures in governmental funds.	(335,640)
Internal service funds are used to charge the costs of certain activities, such as garage services, office supplies, and unemployment compensation to individual funds. The net loss of the internal service funds are reported with governmental activities (net of amount allocated to business-type activities of \$1,022).	18,153
Change in net position of governmental activities	\$ (4,097,782)

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General Fund

Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances -Budget and Actual (Budgetary Basis) For the Fiscal Year Ended September 30, 2016

			Actual (Budgetary	Variance with Final Budget -
	Budget	ted Amounts	Basis)	Positive
	Original	Final	Amounts	(Negative)
Revenues:				
Taxes:				
Ad valorem	\$ 9,530,177		10,068,396	538,219
Sales	14,600,000	14,600,000	14,184,075	(415,925)
County road	700,000	700,000	713,473	13,473
Gasoline	25,000	25,000	30,584	5,584
Payment in lieu of taxes	100,000	100,000	124,857	24,857
Intergovernmental:				
Alcoholic beverage	50,000	50,000	50,675	675
State Fire Insurance Fund	210,000	210,000	263,904	53,904
Municipal aid	20,000	20,000	20,520	520
Franchise:				
Mississippi Power Company	2,000,000	2,000,000	1,971,620	(28,380)
Atmos Energy	130,000	130,000	124,831	(5,169)
Comcast Cable Company	450,000	450,000	461,227	11,227
East Mississippi Electric Power Assn.	50,000	50,000	52,848	2,848
Contact Network, Inc.			5,511	5,511
Telepak Networks, Inc.			7,616	7,616
Fines and forfeitures	1,000,000	1,000,000	786,624	(213,376)
Licenses and permits:				
Privilege license	140,000	140,000	133,825	(6,175)
Building and allied permits	110,000	110,000	165,275	55,275
Charges for services:				
Garbage collection	1,865,000	1,865,000	1,844,925	(20,075)
Recreation	125,000	125,000	104,704	(20,296)
Enterprise Funds	645,500	645,500	645,500	_
Training fees	91,901	74,041	109,966	35,925
Miscellaneous	325,000	325,000	233,528	(91,472)
Interest on investments	50,000	50,000	37,991	(12,009)
Interest costs and damages	100,000	100,000	123,505	23,505
Total revenues	32,317,578	32,299,718	32,265,980	(33,738)
Expenditures:				
General government:				
Personnel services	1,491,330	1,338,330	1,247,183	91,147
Supplies and expenses	1,024,717	1,248,717	1,073,990	174,727
Transfers and other charges	3,051,940	1,125,552	758,000	367,552
Total general government	5,567,987	3,712,599	3,079,173	633,426
				(Continued)

General Fund

Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances -Budget and Actual (Budgetary Basis) For the Fiscal Year Ended September 30, 2016

			Actual (Budgetary	Variance with Final Budget -
	Budgeted		Basis)	Positive
	Original	Final	Amounts	(Negative)
Expenditures (continued):				
Finance and records:				
Personnel services	\$ 1,218,761	1,218,761	1,207,737	11,024
Supplies and expenses	1,470,118	1,720,118	1,673,733	46,385
Capital outlay	62,000	192,000	146,498	45,502
Transfers and other charges	35,000	55,000	53,188	1,812
Total finance and records	2,785,879	3,185,879	3,081,156	104,723
Community development:				
Personnel services	1,279,813	1,329,813	1,319,411	10,402
Supplies and expenses	261,789	263,789	204,508	59,281
Capital outlay	46,100	46,100	23,430	22,670
Transfers and other charges	288,132	440,932	410,931	30,001
Total community development	1,875,834	2,080,634	1,958,280	122,354
Parks and recreation:				
Personnel services	1,646,933	1,741,933	1,729,871	12,062
Supplies and expenses	773,290	948,638	936,263	12,375
Capital outlay	53,700	197,600	181,803	15,797
Transfers and other charges	375,000	577,852	577,852	
Total parks and recreation	2,848,923	3,466,023	3,425,789	40,234
Public works:				
Personnel services	3,372,397	3,272,397	3,189,966	82,431
Supplies and expenses	1,432,651	1,442,729	1,405,768	36,961
Capital outlay	607,480	850,657	845,539	5,118
Transfers and other charges	1,958,000	2,024,488	1,964,556	59,932
Total public works	7,370,528	7,590,271	7,405,829	184,442
Police:				
Personnel services	6,194,586	5,994,586	5,879,694	114,892
Supplies and expenses	1,875,884	1,885,884	1,692,545	193,339
Capital outlay	455,250	455,250	436,789	18,461
Transfers and other charges	61,000	61,000	23,500	37,500
Total police	8,586,720	8,396,720	8,032,528	364,192
Fire:				
Personnel services	6,106,328	6,456,328	6,388,606	67,722
Supplies and expenses	824,845	892,705	729,733	162,972
Capital outlay	229,333	434,333	329,172	105,161
Transfers and other charges	16,450	16,450	13,550	2,900
Total fire	7,176,956	7,799,816	7,461,061	338,755
				(Continued)

General Fund

Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances -Budget and Actual (Budgetary Basis) For the Fiscal Year Ended September 30, 2016

			Actual (Budgetary	Variance with Final Budget -
		d Amounts	Basis)	Positive
	Original	<u>Final</u>	Amounts	(Negative)
Expenditures (continued):				
Public Safety & Training Facility:				
Personnel services	\$ 235,458	235,458	221,013	14,445
Supplies and expenses	149,661	211,452	169,760	41,692
Capital outlay		12,000	<u>6,523</u>	5,477
Total public safety				
& training facility	385,119	458,910	397,296	61,614
Arts District Parking Garage -				
Supplies and expenses	60,109	61,109	60,329	780
Total expenditures	36,658,055	36,751,961	34,901,441	1,850,520
Net change in fund balances	\$ (4,340,477)	(4,452,243)	(2,635,461)	1,816,782
Fund balances, October 1, 2015			11,541,786	
Fund balances, September 30, 2016		\$	8,906,325	



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Special Revenue Fund
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances Budget and Actual (Budgetary Basis)
For the Fiscal Year Ended September 30, 2016

			Actual (Budgetary	Variance with Final Budget -
	Budgeted	Amounts	Basis)	Positive
	Original	Final	Amounts	(Negative)
Revenues	\$ 1,320,000	1,320,000	677,505	(642,495)
Expenditures -				
Project costs	3,000,000	3,000,000	761,570	2,238,430
Net change in fund balances	\$ (1,680,000)	(1,680,000)	(84,065)	1,595,935
Fund balances, October 1, 2015			1,012,292	
Fund balances, September 30, 2016		\$	928,227	

Statement of Net Position Proprietary Funds September 30, 2016

		Dusines	o tumo A otiviti	ica Enternric	e Funds	Governmental Activities -
	-	Dusines	Waste	ies - Enterpris Nonmajor	Total	Internal
		Water	Collection	Enterprise	Enterprise	Service
		& Sewer	& Disposal	Funds	Funds	Funds
ASSETS		& Sewer	& Dispusar	Funds	<u>r unus</u>	rungs
ASSETS						
Current assets:						
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	7,837,661	441,104	99,496	8,378,261	848,190
Restricted cash, cash equivalents						
and investments:						
Customer deposits		932,908	-	-	932,908	-
Revenue bond construction funds		1,413,177	-	-	1,413,177	-
Other construction funds		946,059	-	-	946,059	-
Revenue bond debt service account		7,957,961	-	-	7,957,961	-
Receivables:		- 0/0 // -	221 121		0.504.051	
Accounts		2,363,415	221,436	-	2,584,851	-
Less allowance for uncollectibles		(438,854)	-	-	(438,854)	-
Intergovernmental		2,667,668	-		2,667,668	14.074
Miscellaneous		- 0.77		6,624	6,624	16,874
Due from other funds		2,076	4,436	271,109	277,621	419,287
Inventory		619,193	-	6,316	625,509	52,421
Prepaid items		67,832	-	2,084	69,916	-
Total current assets		24,369,096	666,976	385,629	25,421,701	1,336,772
Noncurrent assets:						
Restricted cash, cash equivalents						
and investments:						
Revenue bond contingent account		78,864	-	-	78,864	-
Revenue bond depreciation account		78,864	-	-	78,864	-
Total restricted cash, cash						
equivalents and investments		157,728	-		157,728	
Capital assets:						
Land		324,320	-		324,320	-
Right of ways		30,610	-	-	30,610	
Buildings		-	_	126,628	126,628	-
Water and sewer system		104,719,031		-	104,719,031	_
Improvements other than buildings		-	-	438,053	438,053	-
Machinery and equipment		4,870,860	19,626	361,884	5,252,370	-
Construction in progress		2,505,029		-	2,505,029	-
Total capital assets		112,449,850	19,626	926,565	113,396,041	_
Less accumulated depreciation		(79,430,229)	(17,663)	(661,894)	(80,109,786)	_
Capital assets (net of		(1),130,22)	(17,003)	(001,071)	(00,10>,700)	
-		22 010 621	1.0/2	264 671	22 206 255	
accumulated depreciation)		33,019,621	1,963	264,671	33,286,255	-
Total noncurrent assets		33,177,349	1,963	264,671	33,443,983	-
Total assets		57,546,445	668,939	650,300	58,865,684	1,336,772
DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES						
Deferred outflows related to net pension liability		1,437,336	27,583	163,950	1,628,869	-

Statement of Net Position Proprietary Funds September 30, 2016

		Busine	ss-type Activiti	ies - Enteroris	e Funds	Governmenta Activities -
		Water	Waste Collection	Nonmajor Enterprise	Total Enterprise	Internal Service
I IADII ITIES		& Sewer	& Disposal	Funds	Funds	Funds
<u>LIABILITIES</u>						
Current liabilities:						
Accounts payable	\$	695,402	178,233	14,988	888,623	945,550
Liabilities payable from restricted assets:						
Customer deposits		932,908	-	-	932,908	-
Accounts payable		739,060	-	-	739,060	-
Promissory loans		1,245,596	-	-	1,245,596	-
Interest payable		165,601	-	-	165,601	-
Accrued liabilities:						
Payroll		83,703	6,560	25,453	115,716	-
Compensated absences		44,859	-	-	44,859	-
Sales tax		13,793	-	1,539	15,332	-
Due to other funds		73,737	601	147,451	221,789	-
Current portion of capital leases		26,191		86	26,277	
Total current liabilities		4,020,850	185,394	189,517	4,395,761	945,550
Noncurrent liabilities:						
Compensated absences		91,078		_	91,078	
Promissory loans (plus unamortized		,			,	
premium of \$529,282)		8,325,523	_	-	8,325,523	_
Net pension liability		6,949,922	133,005	781,115	7,864,042	-
Total noncurrent liabilities		15,366,523	133,005	781,115	16,280,643	
Total liabilities		19,387,373	318,399	970,632	20,676,404	945,550
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES						
Deferred gain on refundings		26,690		-	26,690	
Deferred inflows related to net pension liability		89,003	1,711	10,270	100,984	-
Total deferred inflows of resources		115,693	1,711	10,270	127,674	
NET POSITION						
Net investment in capital assets		25,288,346	1,963	264,585	25,554,894	
Restricted for:						
Debt service		7,950,088	-	-	7,950,088	-
Capital projects		1,205,484	-	-	1,205,484	-
Unrestricted (deficit)		5,036,797	374,449	(431,237)	4,980,009	391,222
Total net position	\$	39,480,715	376,412	(166,652)	39,690,475	391,222
Reconciliation to government-wide statement of n	et posi	tion:				
Adjustment to reflect the consolidation of internal sactivities related to enterprise funds	service	funds			30,063	
,						
Net position of business-type activities				\$	39,720,538	

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Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Position Proprietary Funds For the Fiscal Year Ended September 30, 2016

Busin-stype Activities - Enterprise Total Water Sewer Waste Vollection Enterprise Senterprise Enterprise Senterprise Enterprise Senterprise Enterprise Sewer Sew	Governmental
Water & Sewer Collection & Enterprise & Enterprise & Funds Enterprise Funds Operating revenues: Charges for sales and services: Water sales \$ 6,774,282 - - 6,774,282 Sewer charges 6,661,853 - - 6,661,853 Tap fees 32,345 - - 32,345 Garbage collection fees - 1,819,116 - 1,819,116 Out-of-county tonnage - 48,427 - 48,427 Memberships - - 36,975 36,975 Green fees - - 71,451 71,451 Cart rental - - 59,259 59,259 Concessions - - 82,563 82,563 Internal service charges - - 44,553 44,553 Miscellaneous 524,133 - 659 524,792	Activities -
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Internal service charges - - - - - - 44,553 44,553 Miscellaneous 524,133 - 659 524,792	-
Rental income 44,553 44,553 Miscellaneous 524,133 - 659 524,792	4 102 222
Miscellaneous <u>524,133</u> - <u>659</u> <u>524,792</u>	4,103,222
	17545
Total approxima revenues 13 007 613 1 267 543 705 460 16 155 616	17,545
Total operating revenues 13,772,013 1,607,543 275,400 10,155,010	4,120,767
Operating expenses:	
Personnel services 3,667,359 69,408 407,459 4,144,226	-
Supplies and materials 503,082 1,161 77,767 582,010	516,170
Rent and utilities 1,173,041 651 77,706 1,251,398	-
Operation, maintenance, and repairs 780,703 1,204 88,208 870,115	32,149
Garbage disposal services - 1,815,092 - 1,815,092	-
Depreciation and amortization 2,536,194 - 18,450 2,554,644	2 (02 4(7
Claims paid	3,603,467
Miscellaneous 1,951,710 3,863 105,528 2,061,101	-
Total operating expenses <u>10,612,089</u> <u>1,891,379</u> <u>775,118</u> <u>13,278,586</u>	4,151,786
Operating income (loss) 3,380,524 (23,836) (479,658) 2,877,030	(31,019)
Nonoperating revenues (expenses):	
Ad valorem taxes - 15,805 - 15,805	-
Interest income 121,032 1,521 333 122,886	3,150
Interest expense (292,167) - (16) (292,183)	-
Loss on disposal of capital asset (15,512) - (15,512)	
Total nonoperating revenues (expenses) (186,647) 17,326 317 (169,004)	3,150
Income (loss) before capital	
contributions and transfers 3,193,877 (6,510) (479,341) 2,708,026	(27,869)
Capital contributions and transfers:	
Capital contributions 1,747,869 - 167,659 1,915,528	-
Transfers in 1,386,726 - 526,604 1,913,330	45,000
Transfers out (601,500) (44,000) - (645,500)	-
Total capital contributions and transfers $\underline{2,5.33,095}$ $\underline{(44,000)}$ $\underline{694,263}$ $\underline{3,183,358}$	45,000
Change in net position 5,726,972 (50,510) 214,922 5,891,384	17,131
Net position, October 1, 2015 33,753,743 426,922 (381,574)	374,091
Net position, September 30, 2016 \$ 39,480,715 376,412 (166,652)	391,222
Reconciliation to government-wide statement of activities:	
Adjustment to reflect the consolidation of internal service funds activities related to enterprise funds (1,022)	
Change in net position of business-type activities \$ 5,890,362	

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

CITY OF MERIDIAN, MISSISSIPPI Statement of Cash Flows Proprietary Funds
For the Fiscal Year Ended September 30, 2016

	Ducino	us tuma Activiti	as Entarprise	Funde	Governmental Activities -
	Water	waste Collection	Nonmajor Enterprise	Total Enterprise	Internal Service
	& Sewer	& Disposal	Funds	Funds	Funds
Cash flows from operating activities:					
Receipts from customers and users	\$ 13,966,240	1,844,511	298,989	16,109,740	-
Receipts from internal users	-		-	-	3,776,597
Payments to suppliers	(4,072,809)	(1,917,528)	(297,935)	(6,288,272)	(3,744,759)
Payments to employees	(3,365,026)	(61,021)	(360,636)	(3,786,683)	
Net cash provided by (used in)					
operating activities	6,528,405	(134,038)	(359,582)	6,034,785	31,838
Cash flows from noncapital financing activities:					
Ad valorem taxes received	-	15,805	-	15,805	•
Transfers to other funds	(601,500)	(44,000)	-	(645,500)	-
Transfers from other funds	1,386,726		364,524	1,751,250	45,000
Net cash provided by (used in)					
noncapital financing activities	785,226	(28,195)	364,524	1,121,555	45,000
Cash flows from capital and related					
financing activities:					
Acquisition and construction of capital assets	(4,812,447)	-	(19,678)	(4,832,125)	-
Payments on long-term debt:					
Promissory notes	(1,525,000)	-	-	(1,525,000)	-
Capital lease payments	(101,011)	-	(332)	(101,343)	-
Interest paid on debt	(345,133)	-	(16)	(345,149)	-
Net cash used in capital and					
related financing activities	(6,783,591)	-	(20,026)	(6,803,617)	
Cash flows from investing activities -					
Interest received	121,032	1,521	333	122,886	3,150
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	651,072	(160,712)	(14,751)	475,609	79,988
Cash and cash equivalents, October 1, 2015					
(including \$11,317,617 in restricted accounts)	18,594,422	601,816	114,247	19,310,485	768,202
Cash and cash equivalents, September 30, 2016					-
(including \$11,407,833 in restricted accounts)	\$ 19,245,494	441,104	99,496	19,786,094	848,190

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Statement of Cash Flows
Proprietary Funds
For the Fiscal Year Ended September 30, 2016

	Business-type Activities - Enterprise Funds				Governmental Activities -	
		Dusine	Waste	Nonmajor	Total	Internal
		Water	Collection	Enterprise	Enterprise	Service
		& Sewer	& Disposal	Funds	<u>Funds</u>	Funds
Reconciliation of operating income (loss) to net						
cash provided by (used in) operating activities:						
Operating income (loss)	\$	3,380,524	(23,836)	(479,658)	2,877,030	(31,019)
Adjustments to reconcile operating income (loss) to						
net cash provided by (used in) operating activities:						
Depreciation and amortization		2,536,194		18,450	2,554,644	-
Changes in assets and liabilities:		_,,		,	_,,	
Accounts receivable		(66,607)	(23,594)	3,529	(86,672)	
Receivables - miscellaneous		-	-	-	-	(16,874)
Due from other funds		(2,076)	562	-	(1,514)	(327,296)
Inventory		(10,751)	_	11,433	682	2,026
Prepaid items		5,046	-	(48)	4,998	-
Deferred outflows related to net pension liability		(504,968)	(9,690)	(57,571)	(572,229)	-
Accounts payable		289,025	(96,158)	(42,815)	150,052	405,001
Accrued liabilities		(75,681)	990	232	(74,459)	-
Customer deposits		42,310	-	-	42,310	-
Due to other funds		50,663	601	82,446	133,710	-
Deferred inflows related to net pension liability		(26,375)	(508)	107,463	80,580	-
Net pension liability		911,101	17,595	(3,043)	925,653	-
Total adjustments		3,147,881	(110,202)	120,076	3,157,755	62,857
Net cash provided by (used in)						
operating activities	\$	6,528,405	(134,038)	(359,582)	6,034,785	31,838
operating activities	•	3,020,100	(10.1,000)	(00),000)	3,00	51,
Noncash investing, capital, and financing activities:						
Amortization of debt premium/discount	\$	(63,514)	•		(63,514)	-
Amortization of gain/loss on debt refunding	\$	(2,859)			(2,859)	
Amortization of gambioss on debt retaining	Ψ	(2,037)			(2,00)	
Capital assets transferred from the general fund	\$		-	167,659	167,659	
Capital assets contributed by developers	\$	81,086		-	81,086	-

Statement of Fiduciary Assets and Liabilities Fiduciary Funds September 30, 2016

	Agency Funds
<u>ASSETS</u>	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 1,365,363
Intergovernmental receivables -	
County	193,885
Total assets	\$ 1,559,248
<u>LIABILITIES</u>	
Intergovernmental payables:	
Schools	\$ 1,324,238
PERS	195,880
State	39,130
Total liabilities	\$ 1,559,248

Statement of Net Position Component Units September 30, 2016

	Meridian Airport Authority	Nonmajor Component <u>Units</u>	Total Component <u>Units</u>
<u>ASSETS</u>			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 1,321,574	69,037	1,390,611
Receivables:			
Accounts	985,845	-	985,845
Intergovernmental:			
Federal	9,364	-	9,364
State	3,905	-	3,905
Interest	•	48,721	48,721
Contribution	-	7,863	7,863
Inventory	418,269	-	418,269
Prepaid items	49,669	-	49,669
Restricted assets - cash	116,801	-	116,801
MLEC leverage loans receivable	-	5,691,198	5,691,198
Capital assets not being depreciated:			
Land	2,468,621	-	2,468,621
Construction in progress	376,874	-	376,874
Capital assets (net of accumulated depreciation):			
Buildings	13,641,972	-	13,641,972
Improvements other than buildings	15,145,487	-	15,145,487
Machinery and equipment	243,398	-	243,398
Total assets	34,781,779	5,816,819	40,598,598
DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES			
Deferred outflows related to net pension liability	892,905	-	892,905
LIABILITIES			
Accounts payable	641,705	33,504	675,209
Accrued liabilities	-	28,397	28,397
Unearned revenue	3,319	-	3,319
Noncurrent liabilities:			,
Due within one year - Note payable RECEIVED	87,916	82,989	170,905
Compensated absences	25,379	-	25,379
Due in more than one year: JUL 1 3 2017			,
Note payable	912,084	1,982,011	2,894,095
Compensated absences	166 452	-	166,452
Net pension liability	5,358,749		5,358,749
Total liabilities	7,195,604	2,126,901	9,322,505
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES			
Deferred inflows related to net pension liability	14,240		14,240
NET POSITION			
	20.000.000		20.076.353
Invested in capital assets, net of related debt	30,876,352	-	30,876,352
Restricted for capital projects	116,801	2 (00 010	116,801
Unrestricted (deficit)	(2,528,313)	3,689,918	1,161,605
Total net position	\$ 28,464,840	3,689,918	32,154,758

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

Statement of Activities
Component Units
For the Fiscal Year Ended September 30, 2016

			Program Revenues			Net (Expense) Revenue and Changes in Net Position		
Functions/Programs		Expenses	Charges for Services	Operating Grants and Contributions	Capital Grants and Contributions	Meridian Airport Authority	Nonmajor Component <u>Units</u>	Total
Component units:								
Meridian Airport Authority	\$	10,363,775	9,784,524	65,777	378,655	(134,819)	-	(134,819)
Nonmajor component units		139,897	194,866	7,871		-	62,840	62,840
Total component units	\$	10,503,672	9,979,390	73,648	378,655	(134,819)	62,840	(71,979)
		C						
General reven Interest incom					2,911	41	2,952	
	Change in net position			(131,908)	62,881	(69,027)		
	Net position, October 1, 201		5		28,596,748	3,627,037	32,223,785	
Net position,			September 30, 2	2016	\$	28,464,840	3,689,918	32,154,758

Notes to Financial Statements September 30, 2016

(1) Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

(a) Reporting Entity

The City of Meridian, Mississippi ("City") is a municipal corporation governed by an elected mayor and a five-member council. It provides the following services as authorized by its charter: public safety (police and fire), highways and streets, sanitation, health and social services, culture and recreation, public improvements, planning and zoning, and general administrative services.

As required by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, the accompanying financial statements present the City (the primary government) and its component units, entities for which the City is considered to be financially accountable.

Government Accounting Standards Board ("GASB") has set forth criteria to be considered in determining financial accountability. "Financial accountability" is the benchmark for determining which organizations are component units of a primary government. Financial accountability exists when an organization is fiscally dependent on a primary government, or when a primary government has appointed a voting majority of the governing body of a legally separate organization and (1) is able to impose its will on that organization or (2) there is a potential for the organization to provide specific financial benefits to, or impose specific financial burdens on, the primary government. GASB provides additional guidance to determine whether certain organizations for which the primary government is not financially accountable should be reported as component units based on the nature and significance of their relationship with the primary government. Generally, it requires reporting, as discretely presented component units, organizations that raise and hold economic resources for the direct benefit of the primary government.

Discretely presented component units are reported in a separate column in the government-wide financial statements to emphasize that they are legally separate from the City. The component units discussed below are included in the City's reporting entity because of the significance of their operational or financial relationships with the City.

Major Discretely Presented Component Unit -

Meridian Airport Authority

Meridian Airport Authority ("MAA") was established by the City on March 17, 1992, in accordance with Title 61, Chapter 3, Article V of the Mississippi Code of 1972 to manage the local airport facilities within the City's jurisdiction. MAA

Notes to Financial Statements September 30, 2016

(1) Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

(a) Reporting Entity (Continued)

has a five-member Board appointed by the City's Mayor and approved by the City Council. Also, the City has the ability to impose its will upon MAA because it has reserved the right to unilaterally abolish MAA at its discretion.

Nonmajor Discretely Presented Component Units:

Meridian Urban Renewal Authority

Meridian Urban Renewal Authority ("MURA") was established by resolution of the City on April 17, 2012, pursuant to Title 43, Chapter 35, Article 1 of the Mississippi Code of 1972 to undertake and carry out urban renewal projects in accordance with an urban renewal plan adopted by the City. MURA has a five-member board appointed by the City's Mayor and approved by the City Council, members of which may be removed at the will of the City. The City has reserved the right to unilaterally abolish MURA at its discretion.

The Meridian Transportation Commission

The Meridian Transportation Commission ("MTC") was created by the City on November 7, 1972, in accordance with Title 21, Chapter 27, Article 13 of the Mississippi Code of 1972 to manage the local mass transit system of the City and to provide public transportation systems and facilities. MTC has a five-member board appointed by the City's Mayor and approved by the City Council, members of which may be removed at the will of the City. The City finances a significant portion of MTC's annual operations; therefore, MTC is considered financially dependent on the City. Effective February 29, 2012, MTC's board elected to discontinue all transportation services. All vehicles were transferred to the Mississippi Department of Transportation.

Meridian and Bonita Lakes Development Authority

Meridian and Bonita Lakes Development Authority ("MBLDA") was created by resolution of the City Council on August 6, 1991. As such, it is a political subdivision for the purpose of constructing or leasing a convention center and/or coliseum facility and of developing and operating any improvements, land or structure and commercial activities compatible with a sustained and viable tourism industry within the City of Meridian, the County of Lauderdale or the general geographic region. MBLDA has a nine-member board appointed by the City's Mayor and approved by the City Council. Also, the City has the ability to impose its will upon MBLDA because it has reserved the right to unilaterally abolish MBLDA at its discretion.

Notes to Financial Statements September 30, 2016

(1) Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

(a) Reporting Entity (Continued)

MAA and MTC have September 30 year ends, whereas MURA and MBLDA have a December 31 year end.

Complete financial statements for each of the individual component units may be obtained at the entities' administrative offices as follows:

Meridian Airport Authority 2811A U.S. Highway 11 South Meridian, Mississippi

Meridian Urban Renewal Authority 723 23rd Avenue Meridian, Mississippi

The Meridian Transportation Commission P.O. Box 1430 Meridian, Mississippi

Meridian and Bonita Lakes Development Authority 723 23rd Avenue Meridian, Mississippi

Related Organizations:

With approval of the City Council, the City's Mayor is responsible for appointing a voting majority of members to the boards and commissions listed below. The City also makes other types of ministerial approvals for these organizations; however, the City's accountability for these organizations does not extend beyond making the appointments or approvals.

Following is a list of related organizations:

- Building Code Board of Adjustments and Appeals/Board of Adjustments and Appeals for Elimination or Repair of Unsafe Buildings
- Civil Service Commission
- Election Commission
- Electrical Examining Board
- Historic Preservation Commission

Notes to Financial Statements September 30, 2016

(1) Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

(a) Reporting Entity (Continued)

- Housing Authority of the City of Meridian
- Housing Board of Adjustments and Appeals
- Mechanical Board
- Trustees of Meridian Community College District
- Trustees of Meridian Municipal Separate School District
- Meridian Planning Commission
- Meridian Public Improvement Corporation
- The Meridian Railroad Museum Advisory Board
- Taxicab Advisory Board
- Tree Commission

(b) 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 nonfiduciary activities of the primary government and its component units. Governmental activities, which normally are supported by taxes and intergovernmental revenues, are reported separately from business-type activities, which rely to a significant extent on fees and charges for support. Likewise, the primary government is reported separately from certain legally separate component units for which the primary government is financially accountable.

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

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

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(1) Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

(c) <u>Measurement Focus, Basis of Accounting, and Financial Statement Presentation</u>

The government-wide financial statements are reported using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting, as are the proprietary fund and fiduciary fund financial statements. (Agency funds, however, do not have a measurement focus since they do not report equity or present an operating statement reporting changes in equity.) 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.

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 City considers revenues to be available if they are collected within 60 days of the end of the current fiscal period. Expenditures generally are recorded when a liability is incurred, as under accrual accounting. However, debt service expenditures, as well as expenditures related to compensated absences and claims and judgments, are recorded only when payment is due. General capital asset acquisitions are reported as expenditures in governmental funds. Expenditure-driven grants are recognized as revenue when the qualifying expenditures have been incurred and all other grant requirements have been met.

Property taxes, sales and liquor taxes, franchise fees, licenses and interest associated with the current fiscal period are all considered to be susceptible to accrual and so have been recognized as revenues of the current fiscal period. Only the portion of special assessments receivable due within the current fiscal period is considered to be susceptible to accrual as revenue of the current fiscal period. All other revenue items are considered to be measurable and available only when cash is received by the City.

The City reports the following major governmental funds:

The **general fund** is the City's primary operating fund. It accounts for all financial resources of the general government, except those required to be accounted for in another fund.



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(1) Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

(c) <u>Measurement Focus, Basis of Accounting, and Financial Statement Presentation (Continued)</u>

The debt service fund accounts for the resources accumulated and payments made for principal and interest on long-term general obligation debt of governmental funds.

The special revenue fund accounts for specific revenue sources that are legally restricted to expenditures for public safety, culture and recreation, and economic development. Revenue sources for this fund are provided mainly from grants and contributions and from narcotic related forfeitures.

The 2016 General Obligation Bonds capital project fund accounts for the proceeds and disbursements of the 2016 general obligation bonds to be used for acquisition and construction of major capital facilities and improvements.

The City reports the following major proprietary funds:

The water and sewer fund accounts for the provision of water and sewer services to residents of the City. Activities of the fund include administration, operations and maintenance of the water and sewer system, and billing and collection activities. The fund also accounts for the accumulation of resources for, and the payment of, long-term debt principal and interest for water and sewer debt.

The waste collection and disposal fund accounts for operations of solid waste collection and disposal services.

Additionally, the City reports the following fund types:

The **capital projects funds** account for the acquisition and construction of the City's major capital facilities and improvements, other than those financed by proprietary funds.

The internal service funds which account for the garage and fuel supply, office supply, health and life insurance, and unemployment compensation provided to departments of the City and to other governmental units on a cost reimbursement basis.

The agency funds which account for dedicated property tax assessments and collections forwarded to the Public Employees' Retirement System ("PERS"), Meridian Community College, and Meridian Separate School District; and state fines and fees collected by the City Municipal Court for the State of

Notes to Financial Statements September 30, 2016

(1) Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

(c) <u>Measurement Focus, Basis of Accounting, and Financial Statement</u> Presentation (Continued)

Mississippi. These resources are held by the City in a purely custodial capacity (assets equal liabilities). Agency funds involve only the receipt, temporary investment, and remittance of fiduciary resources (property collections and fines and fees) to individuals, organizations, or other governments.

The accompanying financial statements reflect the elimination of interfund activity with the exception of the charges to the City's proprietary funds. These amounts are shown on the statement of net position as internal balances.

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.

Proprietary funds distinguish operating revenues and expenses from nonoperating items. Operating revenues and expenses generally result from providing services and producing and delivering goods in connection with a proprietary fund's principal ongoing operations. All other revenues and expenses are reported as nonoperating.

(d) Use of Estimates in the Preparation of Financial Statements

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 disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

(e) Cash and Cash Equivalents and Investments

Cash and cash equivalents include demand deposit accounts, petty cash, and certificates of deposit with an original maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition.

State statutes authorize the City to invest in obligations of the U.S. Treasury, State of Mississippi, or of any county or municipality of the State of Mississippi.

Investments are represented by certificates of deposits and are stated at cost, plus accrued interest.

Notes to Financial Statements September 30, 2016

(1) Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

(f) Receivables and Payables

Activity between funds that are representative of lending/borrowing arrangements outstanding at the end of the fiscal year are referred to as either "due to/from other funds" (i.e., the current portion of interfund loans) or "advances to/from other funds" (i.e., the non-current portion of interfund loans). All other outstanding balances between funds are reported as "due to/from other funds". Any residual balances outstanding between the governmental activities and the business-type activities are reported in the government-wide financial statements as "internal balances".

All accounts receivable are shown net of an allowance for uncollectible amounts, where applicable. This allowance is based on the average write-offs over the past ten years.

Property taxes attach as an enforcement lien on property as of January 1. Taxes are levied in September of the prior year and are payable in three installments on February 1 (1/2), May 1 (1/4), and August 1 (1/4). Taxes are considered past due after February 1, at which time the applicable property is subject to penalties and interest. Property with delinquent assessments is sold at a public sale each August.

The City has an agreement with Lauderdale County pursuant to which the tax collector of Lauderdale County has assumed the duty and responsibility for billing and collecting all City and Meridian Municipal Separate School District ad valorem taxes including, but not limited to, all taxes on real property, personal property, public utilities property and special taxes and assessments assessed by the City. The County disburses collections due the City and Meridian Separate School District to the City and the City disburses the funds due the Meridian Separate School District to the District.

The City recognizes tax revenues upon collection from the county tax collector. In addition, the City makes an accrual for amounts collected by the county tax collector as of September 30 and remitted to the City within 30 days after year-end.

Notes to Financial Statements September 30, 2016

(1) Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

(f) Receivables and Payables (Continued)

The tax rate of the City is expressed in terms of mills (ten mills equal one cent). For the year ended September 30, 2016, the City's 2016 combined tax rate for general governmental services and other municipal purposes was 120.66 or \$120.66 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation, expressed as follows:

		Mills	
Description	2016	<u>2015</u>	(Decrease)
General	29.75	29.51	.24
Solid waste fund	.18	.18	_
Fire and police disability retirement			
fund (closed)	5.67	5.67	-
General municipal retirement			
fund (closed)	2.12	2.12	-
Debt service (general bonds and interest)	13.12	13.36	(.24)
Meridian Separate School District	62.82	62.82	-
Meridian Community College	7.00	7.00	
Total mills	120.66	120.66	-

(g) Inventories and Prepaid Items

Inventories are valued at the lower of cost or market using the first-in/first-out ("FIFO") method. The cost is recorded as an expenditure at the time individual inventory items are consumed rather than when purchased.

Certain payments to vendors reflect costs applicable to future accounting periods and are recorded as prepaid items in both government-wide and fund financial statements using the consumption method.

(h) Assets Held for Resale

Property acquired through tax forfeitures are recognized as assets and stated at the lower of cost or net realizable value and are offset by a nonspendable fund balance. Upon final disposition or a decline in the value of the property, gain or loss is charged or credited to operations.

Notes to Financial Statements September 30, 2016

(1) Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

(i) Restricted Assets

Certain proceeds of the City's enterprise fund water and sewer revenue bonds, as well as certain resources set aside for their repayment, are classified as restricted assets on the statement of net position because their use is limited by applicable bond covenants. Revenues collected from operations of the system are transferred to various accounts established pursuant to the revenue bond ordinance. Certain other assets are classified as restricted because their use is limited by parties external to the City, including citizens, grantors, other governments, and courts. Restrictions may also be imposed by laws through constitutional provisions or legally enforceable enabling legislation.

The "revenue bond operation and maintenance" account receives sufficient amounts to provide for the payment of current expenses to be paid each month, plus any prior month deficiencies. The "revenue bond construction" accounts are used to report those proceeds of revenue bond issuances that are restricted for use in construction. The "revenue bond current debt service" account is used to segregate resources accumulated for debt service payments over the next twelve months. The "revenue bond contingent" account is used to report resources set aside to pay for unforeseen contingencies arising from the operation and maintenance of the system, including the construction of reasonable and proper improvements, betterments and extensions, upon written certification of the engineers. The "revenue bond depreciation" account is used to report resources set aside to pay for replacing such parts of the system as may need replacement in order to keep the system operating in an economical and efficient manner, upon written certification of the engineers. Any surplus remaining after all deposits and transfers required and allowed by the bond resolution are to be used solely for purposes pertaining to the system. As of September 30, 2016, all accounts required under the bond resolution were fully funded as required.

(j) Capital Assets

Capital assets, which include property, plant, equipment, and infrastructure assets (e.g., roads, bridges, sidewalks, and similar items), are reported in the applicable governmental or business-type activities column in the government-wide financial statements. Capital assets are defined by the government as assets with an initial individual cost as outlined below and an estimated useful life in excess of one year.

Notes to Financial Statements September 30, 2016

(1) Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

(j) Capital Assets (Continued)

Capital asset thresholds are as follows:

Property Class

Land and infrastructure	No minimum cost threshold
Buildings	\$50,000
Improvements other than buildings	\$25,000
Machinery and equipment	\$5,000

Cost Threshold

Capital assets are recorded at historical cost or estimated historical cost if purchased or constructed. Donated capital assets are recorded at their estimated fair value at the date of donation.

In accordance with Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 34, general government infrastructure assets have been capitalized retroactively to 1980 at estimated historical costs.

The costs of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of the asset or materially extend the asset's life are not capitalized.

Major outlays for capital assets and improvements are capitalized as projects are constructed. Interest incurred during the construction phase of capital assets of business-type activities is included as part of the capitalized value of the assets constructed. The total interest expense incurred in the business-type activities during the current fiscal year was \$317,931. Of this amount, \$24,748 was included as part of the cost of capital assets under construction.

Capital assets of the component units are generally reported using the same policies as the City.

Capital assets of the City are depreciated using the straight-line method over the following estimated useful lives:

Property Class	Years
Buildings	20 - 40
Water and sewer system	20 - 40
Improvements other than buildings	20
Machinery and equipment	3 - 25
Infrastructure	20 - 50

Notes to Financial Statements September 30, 2016

(1) Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

(k) Compensated Absences

Annual and eligible sick leave are accrued when incurred in the government-wide and proprietary financial statements. A liability for these amounts is reported in governmental funds only if they have matured, for example, as a result of employee resignations and retirements.

There is no limit to the accumulation of annual or sick leave. Upon termination of employment, each employee shall be paid for not more than 30 days of accrued annual leave. No payment will be made for accrued sick leave upon termination, with an exception for a transitional provision described below and also for an employee who presents medical evidence that a physical condition is such that he/she can no longer work in a capacity of City employment, in which case he/she may be paid for not more than 120 days of accumulated sick leave.

All full-time employees accrue credit for annual and sick leave as follows:

Period of Accrual Rate of	Accrual Rate of Hours per Year			
Continuous Service Hours per Year	Annual	Sick Leave		
1 month to 3 years	144	96		
37 months to 8 years	168	84		
97 months to 15 years	192	72		
Over 15 years	216	60		

Upon retirement or death, those full-time employees employed at October 1, 1991, with less than 30 years continuous service will be compensated, in cash, at their regular rate of pay for 1/2 of their accumulated sick leave. Employees with 30 years or more continuous service will be compensated, in cash, at their regular rate of pay, for 3/4 of their accumulated sick leave. Accrual of sick leave for this provision is limited to 180 days and shall not exceed the number of hours of sick leave actually accrued as of October 1, 1991.

(l) Long-term Obligations/Unamortized Premiums and Discounts

In the government-wide financial statements and proprietary fund types in the fund financial statements, long-term debt and other long-term obligations are reported as liabilities in the applicable governmental activities, business-type activities or proprietary fund type statement of net position. Bond premiums and discounts are amortized over the life of the bonds using the straight-line method. Bonds payable are reported net of the applicable bond premium or discount.

Notes to Financial Statements September 30, 2016

(1) Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

(I) Long-term Obligations/Unamortized Premiums and Discounts (Continued)

In the fund financial statements, governmental fund types recognize bond premiums and discounts during the current period. The face amount of debt issued is reported as other financing sources. Premiums received on debt issuances are reported as other financing sources while discounts on debt issuances are reported as other financing uses.

(m) Other Post-Employment Benefits

The City does not provide post-employment health or dental care benefits for any retirees or their dependents.

(n) Deferred Outflows/Inflows of Resources

In addition to assets, the statement of net position will sometimes report a separate section for deferred outflows of resources. This separate financial statement element represents a consumption of net position that applies to a future period(s) and so will not be recognized as an outflow of resources (expense/expenditure) until then. The City has the following items that qualify for reporting in this category:

Deferred loss on refunding reported in the government-wide statement of net position — a deferred loss on refunding results from the difference in the reacquisition price of refunded debt and its carrying value. This amount is deferred and amortized over the shorter of the life of the refunded or refunding debt.

Deferred outflows related to net pension liability reported in the government-wide statement of net position and the proprietary funds statement of net position – the City has four pension related items that qualify for reporting in this category – see note 10 for further details.

In addition to liabilities, the statement of net position will sometimes report a separate section for deferred inflows of resources. This separate financial statement element represents an acquisition of net position that applies to a future period(s) and so will not be recognized as an inflow of resources (revenue) until that time. The City has the following items that qualify for reporting in this category:

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Notes to Financial Statements September 30, 2016

(1) Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

(n) Deferred Outflows/Inflows of Resources (Continued)

Deferred gain on refunding reported in the government-wide statement of net position and the proprietary funds statement of net position – a deferred gain on refunding results from the difference in the reacquisition price of refunded debt and its carrying value. This amount is deferred and amortized over the shorter of the life of the refunded or refunding debt.

Deferred inflows related to net pension liability reported in the government-wide statement of net position and the proprietary funds statement of net position – the City's change in proportionate share of the net pension liability is reported in this category – see note 10 for further details.

Unavailable revenue - special assessments arising under the modified accrual basis of accounting and reported only in the governmental funds balance sheet — unavailable revenues from special assessments are deferred and recognized as an inflow of resources in the period that the amount becomes available.

(o) Pensions

For purposes of measuring the net pension liability and deferred outflows/inflows of resources relating to pensions and pension expense/expenditures, information about the fiduciary net position of the City's pension plans with the Public Employees' Retirement System of Mississippi ("PERS") and the Mississippi Municipal Retirement Systems ("MMRS") and the additions to/deductions from the plans' fiduciary net position have been determined on the same basis as they are reported by PERS and MMRS. For this purpose, the benefit payments (including refunds of employee contributions) are recognized when due and payable in accordance with the benefit terms. Investments are reported at fair value.

(p) Fund Balances/Net Position

On the government-wide and proprietary fund statement of net position, the City reports net position in the following three categories:

Net investment in capital assets — consists of capital assets net of accumulated depreciation reduced by the outstanding balances of any bonds, notes, or other borrowings that are attributable to the acquisition, construction, or improvement of those assets.

Notes to Financial Statements September 30, 2016

(1) Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

(p) Fund Balances/Net Position (Continued)

Restricted – consists of assets, less any related liabilities, restricted externally by creditors, grantors, contributors, or imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.

Unrestricted – consists of net position that is not classified as net investment in capital assets or restricted.

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

On the fund financial statements, the governmental funds balance sheet reports assets in excess of liabilities as fund balances. The fund balances are segregated into the following classifications indicating the extent to which the City is bound to honor constraints on the specific purposes for which those funds can be spent:

Nonspendable – the fund balance is reported as nonspendable when the resources are either not in spendable form or are legally or contractually required to be maintained intact.

Restricted – the fund balance is reported as restricted when constraints placed on the resources are (a) externally imposed by creditors (such as through debt covenants), grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments; or (b) imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.

Committed – the fund balance is reported as committed for amounts that can only be used for specific purposes as a result of constraints imposed by the adoption of a formal action by the City Council. The City Council is the highest level of decision making authority and issues equally binding orders, ordinances, and resolutions. City Council orders establish a fund balance commitment by authorizing contracts or allocating funds to specific projects. Committed amounts cannot be modified or uncommitted except by removing the constraints through the same formal action by City Council.

Assigned – the fund balance is reported as assigned for resources that are constrained by the City's intent to be used for specific purposes, but are neither restricted nor committed. Intent can be expressed by the City Council or authorized by the City Clerk and Chief Administrative Officer through the purchase order process. Unlike commitments, assignments generally only exist temporarily and do not require additional action to be taken for the removal of the assignment.

Notes to Financial Statements September 30, 2016

(1) Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

(p) Fund Balances/Net Position (Continued)

Unassigned – the unassigned fund balance is the residual classification for the general fund. This classification represents general fund balance that is not otherwise reported as nonspendable, restricted, committed, or assigned to specific purposes. This classification is also used to report any negative fund balance in other governmental funds.

When fund balance resources are available for specific purposes in more than one classification, it is the City's policy to use the most restrictive fund balance first in the following order: restricted, committed, assigned, and then unassigned as needed.

(q) New Accounting Pronouncements

Effective for fiscal year 2016, the City implemented the following new standards issued by GASB:

GASB Statement No. 72, Fair Value Measurement and Application, effective for financial statement periods beginning after June 15, 2015 – this statement addresses accounting and financial reporting issues related to fair value measurements. This statement provides guidance for determining a fair value measurement for financial reporting purposes and for applying fair value to certain investments and disclosures related to all fair value measurements.

GASB Statement No. 73, Accounting and Financial Reporting for Pensions and Related Assets That are not within the Scope of GASB Statement 68, and Amendments to Certain Provisions of GASB Statements 67 and 68, effective for financial statement periods beginning after June 15, 2015 – this statement establishes requirements for defined benefit pensions and defined contribution pensions that are not within the scope of Statement No. 68, Accounting and Financial Reporting for Pensions. It also amends certain provisions and clarifies the applications of certain provisions of Statement 67, Financial Reporting for Pension Plans and Statement 68. The implementation of this statement did not have a significant impact on the City's basic financial statements.

GASB Statement No. 76, The Hierarchy of Generally Accepted Accounting Principles for State and Local Governments, effective for financial statement periods beginning after June 15, 2015 – the objective of this statement is to identify, in the context of the current governmental financial reporting environment, the hierarchy of generally accepted accounting principles.

Notes to Financial Statements September 30, 2016

(1) Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

(q) New Accounting Pronouncements (Continued)

The City is currently analyzing its accounting practices to determine the potential impact on the basic financial statements for the following GASB Statements becoming effective in future periods:

GASB Statement No. 77, Tax Abatement Disclosures, effective for financial statement periods beginning after December 15, 2015 – The requirements of this Statement improve financial reporting by giving users of financial statements essential information that is not consistently or comprehensively reported to the public at present. Disclosure of information about the nature and magnitude of tax abatements will make these transactions more transparent to financial statement users. As a result, users will be better equipped to understand (1) how tax abatements affect a government's future ability to raise resources and meet its financial obligations and (2) the impact those abatements have on a government's financial position and economic condition.

GASB Statement No. 82, Pension Issues – An Amendment of GASB Statements No. 67, No. 68, and No. 73, effective for financial statement periods beginning after June 15, 2016 – The requirements of this Statement will improve financial reporting by enhancing consistency in the application of financial reporting requirements to certain pension issues.

(r) Financial Statement Format

Comparative total data for the prior year have been presented in selected sections of the accompanying financial statements in order to provide an understanding of the changes in the City's financial position and operations. For consistency, certain 2015 financial statement amounts have been reclassified to conform with the 2016 financial statement presentation. Such reclassifications had no material effect on the City's financial position, changes in financial position, or cash flows.

The "increase/(decrease)" columns in the financial statements and footnotes are presented only to facilitate financial analysis and understanding. Data in these columns are not required disclosures and do not present financial position, changes in financial position, or cash flows in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Notes to Financial Statements September 30, 2016

(2) Reconciliation of Government-Wide and Fund Financial Statements

(a) Explanation of Certain Differences Between the Governmental Fund Balance Sheet and the Government-Wide Statement of Net Position

The governmental fund balance sheet includes a reconciliation between fund balances – total governmental funds and net position – governmental activities as reported in the government-wide statement of net position. One element of that reconciliation explains that "long-term liabilities, including related deferred outflows and deferred inflows, are not due and payable in the current period and, therefore, are not reported in the governmental funds balance sheet". The details of this difference are as follows:

Description	Amount
Bonds payable	\$ (40,505,000)
Premium on refunded debt issue	(423,595)
Promissory loans payable	(2,076,889)
Accrued interest payable	(457,726)
Capital leases payable	(94,432)
Compensated absences	(1,022,615)
Claims and judgments	(389,722)
Net pension liability	(51,131,326)
Deferred inflows/outflows	
related to net pension liability	9,433,697
Deferred loss on refunding	358,531
Prepaid insurance on bond issue	33,359
Net adjustment to reduce fund balances – total governmental funds to arrive at net	
position – governmental activities	\$ (86,275,718)

Another element of that reconciliation explains that "Internal service funds are used to charge the costs of certain activities, such as garage services, office supplies, and unemployment compensation to individual funds. The assets and liabilities of the internal service funds are included in governmental activities in the statement of net position". The details of this difference are as follows:

Description	Amount
Net position of the internal service funds	\$ 391,222
Less internal payable representing charges in excess of cost to business-type activities	(30,063)
Net adjustment to increase fund balances – total governmental funds to arrive at net position – governmental activities	\$ _361,159

Notes to Financial Statements September 30, 2016

(2) Reconciliation of Government-Wide and Fund Financial Statements (Continued)

(b) Explanation of Certain Differences Between the Governmental Fund Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances and the Government-Wide Statement of Activities

The governmental fund statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balances includes a reconciliation between net change in fund balances – total governmental funds and change in net position of governmental activities as reported in the government-wide statement of activities. One element of that reconciliation explains that "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". The details of this difference are as follows:

<u>Description</u>		Amount
Capital outlay	\$	4,586,728
Depreciation expense		(4,912,134)
Net adjustment to reduce net change in		
fund balances - total governmental		
funds to arrive at change in net	•	(225 406)
position of governmental activities	2	(323,400)

Another element of that reconciliation explains that "Governmental funds do not report contributed capital assets because they do not provide current financial resources. However, in the statement of activities the fair values of contributed capital assets are recorded as capital contributions". The details of this difference are as follows:

<u>Description</u>	Amount
Infrastructure contributed by developers	\$ 118,379
Forfeited vehicles	17,213
Net adjustment to increase net change in	
fund balances - total governmental	
funds to arrive at change in net position	
of governmental activities	\$ 135,592

Notes to Financial Statements September 30, 2016

(2) Reconciliation of Government-Wide and Fund Financial Statements (Continued)

(b) Explanation of Certain Differences Between the Governmental Fund Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances and the Government-Wide Statement of Activities (Continued)

Another element of that reconciliation explains that "The issuance of long-term debt (e.g. bonds, leases) provides current financial resources to governmental funds, while the repayment of the principal of long-term debt consumes the current financial resources of governmental funds. Neither transaction, however, has any effect on net position. Also, governmental funds report the effect of premiums, discounts, and similar items when debt is first issued, whereas these amounts are deferred and amortized in the statement of activities". The details of this difference are as follows:

Description	Amount
Principal retirement of long-term debt Amortization of bond premiums, prepaid	\$ 3,243,268
insurance, and deferred loss on refunding	9,271
Issuance of general obligation bonds	(7,500,000)
Proceeds from promissory loans	(2,016,515)
Net adjustment to reduce net change in	
fund balances - total governmental	
funds to arrive at change in net	
position of governmental activities	\$ (6,263,976)

Another element of that reconciliation explains that "some expenses reported in the statement of activities do not require the use of current financial resources and, therefore, are not reported as expenditures in governmental funds". The details of this difference are as follows:

Description	Amount
Compensated absences Accrued interest expense Claims and judgments	\$ (73) 40,771 (376,338)
Net adjustment to reduce net change in fund balances — total governmental funds to arrive at change in net position of governmental activities	\$ (335,640)

Notes to Financial Statements September 30, 2016

(2) Reconciliation of Government-Wide and Fund Financial Statements (Continued)

(b) Explanation of Certain Differences Between the Governmental Fund Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances and the Government-Wide Statement of Activities (Continued)

Another element of that reconciliation explains that "Internal service funds are used to charge the costs of certain activities, such as garage services, office supplies, and unemployment compensation to individual funds. The net revenue of the internal service funds is reported with governmental activities". The details of this difference are as follows:

Description	Amount
Change in net position of the internal service funds	\$ 17,131
Loss from charges to business-type activities	1,022
Net adjustment to increase net change in fund balances – total governmental funds to arrive at change in net position of governmental activities	\$ 18,153

(c) <u>Explanation of Certain Differences Between the Proprietary Fund Statement</u> of Net Position and the Government-Wide Statement of Net Position

The proprietary fund statement of net position includes a reconciliation between net position – total enterprise funds and the net position of business-type activities as reported in the government-wide statement of net position. The description of the sole element of that reconciliation is "adjustment to reflect the consolidation of internal service funds activities related to enterprise funds". The details of this difference are as follows:

Description	Amount
Internal receivable representing charges in excess of cost to business-type activities:	
Prior year	\$ 31,085
Current year activities	(1,022)
Net adjustment to increase net position – total enterprise funds to arrive at net	
position – business-type activities	\$ 30,063

Notes to Financial Statements September 30, 2016

(3) Stewardship, Compliance and Accountability

(a) Budgetary Information

The City adopts annual budgets for all governmental, proprietary and fiduciary funds on a basis consistent with state law, the more significant of which is discussed below. For 2016, the original total budgeted expenditures were \$97,209,091 and were increased by amendments to \$104,921,742.

The City adopts annual budgets in accordance with statutory requirements established by the Mississippi Municipal Budget Law, Section 21-35-1, Mississippi Code Ann. (1972), Chapter 35 of Title 21 and regulatory requirements established by Section 21-35-29, Mississippi Code Ann. (1972). State law requires revenues and expenditures to be budgeted as follows: revenues which should be credited to the budget are those which are legally receipted (cash basis) from October 1 through September 30 at the minimum legal level required by the state auditor; expenditures which should be charged to the budget are those which are legally budgeted and disbursed during the fiscal year or within 30 days The purpose level or object (personnel services, supplies and expenses, capital outlay, and transfers and other charges) is the minimum legal level determined by the State Auditor where expenditures may not exceed appropriations. The City adopts budgets for capital project and internal service funds by fund type as a whole rather than by individual funds. A governing authority may, at its discretion, adopt an annual budget at a more detailed level if Expenditures for uncompleted improvements in progress of it so desires. construction may be charged to the budget at any time. Penalties for exceeding the budget apply at the legal level (lowest level adopted by the governing authority) except for capital outlay, election expenses and payment of emergency warrants. All appropriations lapse 30 days after year-end. Appropriations paid after this period must be budgeted again during the next budget year. State law requires all funds receiving revenues from the municipality, funds which will require approval from the governing authorities for expenditures to be made, proprietary funds and funds confiscated and forfeited in connection with drug and liquor cases to have an adopted budget. Fiduciary funds do not require board approval to make disbursements.

The City's appropriated budget is adopted by fund, function and object. State law allows a governing authority to revise its budget at any time except in specific situations as defined in Mississippi Municipal Budget Law, Section 21-35-25. Budget revisions that result in more than a 10 percent change in the department's original budget must be published. This publication must explain the revision, including the amounts, need and purpose. Management may amend the budget without the approval of the City Council for expenditures falling in different accounts within the level at which the City Council adopts its budget. The City

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(3) Stewardship, Compliance and Accountability (Continued)

(a) Budgetary Information (Continued)

Council may, by unanimous vote, make expenditures, borrow money or incur liabilities necessary to meet any emergency as defined by state statute without further notice or hearing and may revise the budget accordingly.

The budget process is initiated by the Mayor, who, with the assistance of management, formulates a proposed operating budget for the next fiscal year and submits it to the City Council for discussion and approval. Public notice is given regarding public budget hearings to obtain taxpayer comments. After discussion of the proposed budget and after a consensus is reached, the budget is adopted by council ordinance no later than September 15 of each year. In the event the proposed budget is not adopted by September 15, no expenditure may be authorized nor any warrant issued, except for bonds, notes, debt and interest, after October 1 in each year, unless and until such time as the budget is adopted.

(b) Budget/GAAP Reconciliation

The following schedule reconciles the amounts on the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances - Budget and Actual (Budgetary Basis) to the amounts on the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances:

Description	General <u>Fund</u>	Revenue Fund
Net change in fund balances – budgetary basis	\$ (2,635,461)	(84,065)
Basis differences: Net accrued revenues and related receivables	(954,004)	76,155
Net accrued expenditures and related liabilities	1,295,126	20,016
Net change in fund balances – GAAP basis	\$ <u>(2,294,339)</u>	12,106

(c) Deficit Net Position

The Golf Course fund (nonmajor enterprise fund) had a deficit net position at September 30, 2016, of \$226,504. This deficit is largely due to the inclusion of the net pension liability as a result of the implementation of GASB 68 and 71 in fiscal year 2015. The City will work to develop a plan to reduce this deficit.

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(3) Stewardship, Compliance and Accountability (Continued)

(c) <u>Deficit Net Position (Continued)</u>

The Meridian Transportation Commission (a nonmajor component unit) had a deficit net position of \$14,261 as of September 30, 2016. This deficit will be provided for from future contributions.

(4) <u>Deposits and Investments</u>

Deposits

Custodial credit risk: 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 it. At year end, the City's carrying amount of deposits was \$45,696,078 and the bank balance was \$46,298,723. The entire bank balance was covered by federal depository insurance or collateralized in accordance with state law. The collateral for public entities' deposits in financial institutions are held in the name of the Mississippi State Treasurer under a program established by the Mississippi State Legislature and is governed by Section 27-105-5 Miss. Code Ann. (1972). Under this program, the City's funds are protected through a collateral pool administered by the State Treasurer. Financial institutions holding deposits of public funds must pledge securities as collateral against those deposits. In the event of failure of a financial institution, securities pledged by that institution would be liquidated by the State Treasurer to replace the public deposits not covered by the Federal Depository Insurance Corporation.

The carrying amount of deposits for discretely presented component units was \$1,507,412 and the bank balance was \$1,618,582. These bank balances were covered by federal depository insurance or collateralized in accordance with State law as described above.

Investments

At year end, the City's investment balances, reported at fair value, and maturities were as follows:

Description	Fair <u>Value</u>	Maturity Date (Within One Year)
Unrestricted certificates of deposit:		
Citizens National Bank	\$ 675,000	12/25/2016
Community Bank	675,000	12/29/2016
Total unrestricted	1,350,000	
Restricted certificates of deposit -		
Citizens National Bank	400,000	3/10/2017
Total investments	\$ 1,750,000	

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(4) Deposits and Investments (Continued)

Interest rate risk: Interest rate risk is the risk that changes in interest rates will adversely affect the fair value of an investment. Investments held for longer periods are subject to increased risk of adverse interest rate changes. The City's investment policy is limited to complying with the State's investment statutes. The State law has not addressed an interest rate risk; however, the City's policy is to hold all investments to maturity, thereby reducing any interest rate risk.

Credit risk: The City and its component units are allowed, by State statute, to invest excess funds in any bonds or other direct obligations of the United States of America, of the State of Mississippi, or of any county or municipality of Mississippi, when such county or municipal bonds have been properly approved; or in obligations issued or guaranteed in full as to principal and interest by the United States of America which are subject to a repurchase agreement with a qualified depository; or in interest-bearing time certificates of deposit with any financial institution approved for the deposit of state funds. It is the City's policy to limit its investments to those allowed by the State statute.

Concentration of credit risk: The City complies with the State statute regarding investments; as a result, concentration risk is limited.

Custodial credit risk: For an investment, this is the risk that, in the event of the 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. To minimize this risk, the City's requires that all negotiable instruments be held in safekeeping in the trust department of a bank. The City's investments are insured or registered, or are securities held by the City or its agent in the City's name.

A reconciliation of cash and investments as shown on the government-wide statement of net position for the primary government follows:

Description	Amount
Cash on hand	\$ 3,940
Cash with trustee	1,912,149
Carrying amount of deposits (including certificates	
of deposits)	45,696,078
Total cash and investments	\$ 47,612,167
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 16,204,811
Cash and investments – restricted	28,691,993
Investments	1,350,000
Total reported on the government- wide statement of net position	46,246,804
Cash and cash equivalents reported on the statement of fiduciary assets and liabilities not included on	
the government-wide statement of net position	1,365,363
Total reported	\$ 47,612,167

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(5) Capital Assets

Primary government:

Capital asset activity for the year ended September 30, 2016, was as follows:

	Balance October 1, 2015	Increases	<u>Decreases</u>	Balance September 30, 2016
Governmental activities:				
Capital assets, not being depreciated:				
Land	\$ 7,997,605	210,400	5,300	8,202,705
Right of ways	2,600	-	-	2,600
Collections - historical treasures	141,250	-	-	141,250
Construction-in-progress	279,516	1,168,973	361,752	1,086,737
Total capital assets, not being depreciated	8,420,971	1,379,373	367,052	9,433,292
Capital assets, being depreciated:				
Buildings	42,966,626	6,400	-	42,973,026
Improvements other than buildings	5,200,537	259,787	162,852	5,297,472
Machinery and equipment	17,136,807	2,855,077	414,385	19,577,499
Infrastructure	110,748,994	583,435		111,332,429
Total capital assets, being depreciated	176,052,964	3,704,699	577,237	179,180,426
Less accumulated depreciation for:				
Buildings	10,169,825	809,881	-	10,979,706
Improvements other than buildings	2,722,794	193,180	-	2,915,974
Machinery and equipment	13,043,223	811,525	371,619	13,483,129
Infrastructure	64,879,584	3,097,548	-	67,977,132
Total accumulated depreciation	90,815,426	4,912,134	371,619	95,355,941
Total capital assets, being depreciated, net	85,237,538	(1,207,435)	205,618	83,824,485
Total governmental activities				
capital assets, net	\$ 93,658,509	171,938	572,670	93,257,777

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(5) Capital Assets (Continued)

	Balance October 1, 2015	<u>Increases</u>	<u>Decreases</u>	Balance September 30, 2016
Business-type activities:				
Capital assets, not being depreciated:				
Land	\$ 249,787	74,533	_	324,320
Right of ways	30,610	_	-	30,610
Construction-in-progress	2,244,826	3,806,048	3,545,845	2,505,029
Total capital assets, not being depreciated	2,525,223	3,880,581	3,545,845	2,859,959
Capital assets, being depreciated:				
Buildings	126,628	-		126,628
Water and sewer system	100,646,298	4,072,733	-	104,719,031
Improvements other than buildings	275,201	162,852	-	438,053
Machinery and equipment	4,830,371	529,191	107,192	5,252,370
Total capital assets, being depreciated	105,878,498	4,764,776	107,192	110,536,082
Less accumulated depreciation for:				
Buildings	125,678	950	-	126,628
Water and sewer system	73,778,463	2,244,622	-	76,023,085
Improvements other than buildings	243,926	3,258		247,184
Machinery and equipment	3,480,113	324,456	91,680	3,712,889
Total accumulated depreciation	77,628,180	2,573,286	91,680	80,109,786
Total capital assets, being depreciated, net	28,250,318	2,191,490	15,512	30,426,296
Total business-type activities				
capital assets, net	\$ 30,775,541	6,072,071	3,561,357	33,286,255

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(5) Capital Assets (Continued)

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

	Amount
Governmental activities:	
General government	\$ 773,417
Public safety	640,746
Public works	3,412,303
Culture and recreation	85,668
Total depreciation expense - governmental activities	\$ 4,912,134
Business-type activities:	
Water and sewer department	\$ 2,536,194
Golf course	16,234
Union Station	2,216
Total depreciation expense - business-type activities	\$ 2,554,644
Construction-in-progress is composed of:	
Governmental activities:	
Velma Young Community Center	\$ 500,497
5th Street pedestrian enhancement	317,064
Access draive at Fairfield Inn	251,176
Work order and asset management assessment	18,000
Total governmental activities	1,086,737
Business-type activities:	
Drainage structure collapse evaluation	1,411,165
Wastewater treatment plant air	
blowers and electrical upgrade	1,018,322
Water treatment plant upgrades	
at B Street and North Plant	75,542
Total business-type activities	2,505,029
Total construction-in-progress	\$ 3,591,766

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(5) Capital Assets (Continued)

Discretely presented component units:

Capital asset activity for the year ended September 30, 2016, was as follows:

	Balance October 1, 2015	<u>Increases</u>	Decreases	Balance September 30, 2016
Meridian Airport Authority:				
Capital assets, not being depreciated:				
Land	\$ 2,427,975	40,646	-	2,468,621
Construction-in-progress	1,590,630	1,463,911	2,677,667	376,874
Total capital assets, not being depreciated	4,018,605	1,504,557	2,677,667	2,845,495
Capital assets, being depreciated:				
Buildings	15,899,951	1,207,925	-	17,107,876
Improvements other than buildings	30,440,459	1,429,139	-	31,869,598
Machinery and equipment	2,219,118	461,839	_	2,680,957
Total capital assets, being depreciated	48,559,528	3,098,903		51,658,431
Less accumulated depreciation for:				
Buildings	2,860,158	605,746	-	3,465,904
Improvements other than buildings	15,303,456	1,420,655	-	16,724,111
Machinery and equipment	2,177,407	260,152	-	2,437,559
Total accumulated depreciation	20,341,021	2,286,553		22,627,574
Total capital assets, being depreciated, net	28,218,507	812,350		29,030,857
Total Meridian Airport Authority	\$ 32,237,112	2,316,907	2,677,667	31,876,352
Nonmajor component units:				
Capital assets, being depreciated:				
Machinery and equipment	\$ 57,217	-	-	57,217
Less accumulated depreciation	57,217	_		57,217
Total nonmajor component units	\$			

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(6) Interfund Receivables, Payables, and Transfers

The composition of interfund balances as of September 30, 2016, is as follows:

Due to/from other funds:

Receivable fund	Payable fund	Amount
General Fund	Special Revenue Fund	\$ 22,063
	Nonmajor Governmental Funds	97,106
	Nonmajor Enterprise Funds	147,451
Special Revenue Funds	General Fund	52,678
Water & Sewer Fund	Special Revenue Fund	2,076
Waste Collection & Disposal Fund	General Fund	4,436
Nonmajor Enterprise Funds	General Fund	271,109
Internal Service Funds	General Fund	344,949
	Water & Sewer Fund	73,737
	Waste Collection & Disposal Fund	601
Total due to/from other funds		\$ <u>1,016,206</u>
Due to primary government	Due from component units	
General Fund	Meridian Airport Authority	\$3,905
	Meridian Transportation Commission	\$ 665

These balances represent temporary timing differences related to (1) routine advances to provide funds for operations and grant projects that require expenditures prior to reimbursement and (2) routine charges due to internal service funds from various City departments for service and maintenance of City vehicles, office supplies, health and life insurance claims and unemployment insurance and claims.

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(6) Interfund Receivables, Payables and Transfers (Continued)

Interfund transfers:

					Transfe	ers in:			
Transfers out:		General Fund	Debt Service Fund	Special Revenue <u>Fund</u>	Nonmajor Governmental <u>Funds</u>	Water & Sewer Fund	Nonmajor Enterprise Funds	Internal Service Funds	Total transfers out
General Fund Nonmajor	\$		437,600	5,000	414,745	-	526,604	45,000	1,428,949
Governmental Funds		-	-		1,538,081	1,386,726	-	-	2,924,807
Water & Sewer Fund	6	501,500	-	-	-	-	-	-	601,500
Waste Collection & Disposal Fund	_	44,000			•				44,000
Total transfers in	\$ 6	45,500	437,600	5,000	1,952,826	1,386,726	526,604	45,000	4,999,256
General Fund*						\$	167,659		167,659
								\$	5,166,915

^{*} The general fund transferred capital assets to a nonmajor enterprise fund. This transfer was recorded in the governmental activities on the government-wide statement of activities. This transfer was recorded in the nonmajor enterprise fund statement of revenues, expenses and changes in net position as a capital contribution. This transfer was not recorded in the general fund statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balances because governmental funds do not report capital assets. A summary of the transfer follows:

<u>Description</u>		Amount
Cost of assets transferred Accumulated depreciation	\$	186,300 (18,641)
Net carrying value of assets transferred	\$.	167,659

Transfers are used to (1) move revenues from the general fund to capital projects to fund authorized projects and (2) transfer support from one fund to another.

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(7) <u>Leases</u>

Capital Leases

The City leases certain trucks and equipment which qualify as capital leases for accounting purposes and, therefore, were recorded as of the lease inception date at the present value of future minimum lease payments in the governmental and business-type activities.

A summary of leased equipment capitalized in the financial statements at September 30, 2016, follows:

Description	Governmental Activities		
Machinery and equipment Less accumulated depreciation	\$ 829,453 (817,635)	1,056,641 (628,347)	
Total leased equipment capitalized	\$ 11,818	428,294	

The future minimum lease obligations and the net present value of minimum lease commitments at September 30, 2016, follows:

Year Ending September 30,	Activities	Business-type Activities
2017 2018 2019	\$ 44,974 25,925 25,925	26,535
Total minimum lease commitments	96,824	26,535
Less amount representing imputed interest	(2,392)	(258)
Present value of minimum lease payments	94,432	26,277
Current portion of obligations under capital leases	_(45,422)	_(26,277)
Obligations under capital leases, less current installments	\$ 49,010	

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(7) <u>Leases (Continued)</u>

Operating Leases

The City leases premises for use as a law enforcement center. This lease term expires in May, 2033. The City also leases golf carts for the public golf course. This lease term expires in October, 2019. Costs for these leases totaled \$327,800 for the year ended September 30, 2016.

Meridian Airport Authority (a discretely presented component unit) leases refueling trucks for use in the operations of Meridian Aviation with monthly lease payments beginning May, 2015. This lease term expires in May, 2018. Costs for this lease totaled \$46,041 for the year ended September 30, 2016.

The future minimum lease payments for the operating leases at September 30, 2016, are as follows:

	City of Meridian	Meridian Airport Authority
\$	327,800	45,000
	327,800	26,250
	327,800	-
	306,900	-
	305,000	-
	1,525,000	-
	1,525,000	-
	508,333	
•	5 153 633	71,250
		Meridian \$ 327,800 327,800 327,800 306,900 305,000 1,525,000 1,525,000 508,333

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(8) Long-Term Liabilities

A summary of long-term liabilities at September 30, 2016, follows:

	Interest Rates	Ámou <u>nt</u>
Governmental activities:		
Outstanding bonds:		
General government	1.2 - 5.5%	\$ 36,105,000
Special obligation bonds - parking facilities	3.3 - 5.375%	730,000
Limited obligation bonds - tax increment financing	5.0 -8.75%	3,155,000
Special assessment debt with City commitment	4.8 - 6.0%	515,000
Plus unamortized premium on debt refunding		423,595
Other debt:		
Promissory loans	.25 - 1.42%	2,076,889
Capital leases	3.77 - 5.87%	94,432
Compensated absences		1,022,615
Claims and judgments		389,722
Net pension liability		51,131,326
Total governmental activities		95,643,579
Less current portion payable		(4,906,786)
Governmental activities, net		\$ 90,736,793
Business-type activities:		
Water & sewer promissory loans	.5 - 4.0%	\$ 8,978,323
Plus unamortized premium on debt refunding		592,796
Total promissory loans		9,571,119
Capital leases	5.87%	26,277
Compensated absences		135,937
Net pension liability		7,864,042
Total business-type activities		17,597,375
Less current portion payable		(1,316,732)
Business activities, net		\$ 16,280,643
Discretely presented component units:		
Promissory loans	2.83% - 5.5%	\$ 3,065,000
Compensated absences		191,831
Net pension liability		5,358,749
Total discretely presented component units		8,615,580
Less current portion payable		(196,284)
Discretely presented component units, net		\$ 8,419,296

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(8) Long-Term Liabilities (Continued)

A summary of annual debt service requirements to maturity for general obligation bonds, special obligation bonds, limited obligation bonds, special assessment debt, certificates of participation, promissory loans and revenue bonds follows:

		Governmental Activities				
Year Ending September 30,	General Obligation Bonds	Special Obligation Bonds	Limited Obligations <u>Borrds</u>	Special Assessment <u>Debt</u>	Promissory <u>Loans</u>	Total
2017	\$ 4,444,637	124,238	514,625	137,875	267,654	5,489,029
2018	4,449,744	124,669	512,375	137,645	463,686	5,688,119
2019	3,947,044	129,831	513,375	136,255	430,323	5,156,828
2020	3,979,708	129,456	512,156	139,490	427,281	5,188,091
2021	4,014,184	128,813	513,531	42,040	375,389	5,073,957
2022-2026	17,550,086	259,619	1,945,094	-	199,095	19,953,894
2027-2031	4,237,314		-			4,237,314
Total	\$ 42,622,717	896,626	4,511,156	593,305	2,163,428	50,787,232
Interest included in above totals	\$ 6,517,717	1 6 6,626	1,356,156	78,305	86,539	8,205,343

Year Ending Promissory Prom September 30, Loans Lo	issory <u>ans</u>
2017 \$ 1,424,944 3	11,101
2018 1,510,625 3	11,101
2019 1,101,625 3	11,100
2020 1,105,675 3	11,100
2021 988,825 3	11,099
2022-2026 3,033,201 1,5	55,498
2027-2031 481,875 9	74,423
2032-2036 481,875 1	95,714
2037-2041 48,187	
Total \$ 10,176,832 4,2	81,136
Interest included	
in above totals \$ 1,198,509 1,2	16,136

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(8) Long-Term Liabilities (Continued)

A summary of changes in the long-term liabilities during the year ended September 30, 2016, follows:

Description	October 1, 2015	Additions	Deletions	September 30, <u>2016</u>	Due Within One Year
Governmental activities:					
Bonds payable:					
General obligation debt	\$ 31,090,000	7,500,000	2,485,000	36,105,000	3,390,000
Special obligation bonds	810,000	-	80,000	730,000	85,000
Limited obligation bonds	3,390,000	-	235,000	3,155,000	255,000
Special assessment with					
City commitment	785,000	-	270,000	515,000	110,000
Unamortized premiums/discounts	474,689	-	51,094	423,595	51,094
Total bonds payable	36,549,689	7,500,000	3,121,094	40,928,595	3,891,094
Promissory loans	143,337	2,016,515	82,963	2,076,889	239,676
Capital leases	184,737	-	90,305	94,432	45,422
Compensated absences	1,022,542	1,102,633	1,102,560	1,022,615	340,872
Claims and judgments	13,384	1,065,193	688,855	389,722	389,722
Net pension liability	45,905,399	5,225,927		51,131,326	
Governmental activities					
long-term liabilities	\$ 83,819,088	16,910,268	5,085,777	95,643,579	4,906,786
Business-type activities:					
Promissory loans	\$ 10,503,323	-	1,525,000	8,978,323	1,182,082
Unamortized premiums/discounts	656,310	-	63,514	592,796	63,514
Capital leases	127,620	-	101,343	26,277	26,277
Compensated absences	155,840	48,793	68,696	135,937	44,859
Net pension liability	6,827,883	1,036,159	_	7,864,042	
Business-type activities					
long-term liabilities	\$ 18,270,976	1,084,952	1,758,553	17,597,375	1,316,732
Discretely presented component units:					
Meridian Airport Authority:					
Promissory loans	\$ 1,000,219	-	219	1,000,000	87,916
Compensated absences	165,194	36,392	9,755	191,831	25,379
Net pension liability	4,637,408	721,341	-	5,358,749	-
Meridian Urban Renewal Authority -					
Promissory loans	2,143,576	-	78,576	2,065,000	82,989
Discretely presented					
component units	\$ 7,946,397	757,733	88,550	8,615,580	196,284

For governmental activities, compensated absences, pension obligation, and claims and judgments are generally liquidated by the general fund.

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(8) <u>Long-Term Liabilities (Continued)</u>

General Obligation Bonds

The City issues general obligation bonds to provide funds for the acquisition and construction of major capital facilities. General obligation bonds are direct obligations and pledge the full faith and credit of the City. The original amount of outstanding general obligation bonds issued in prior years is \$47,170,000.

During fiscal year 2016, the City issued general obligation bonds in the amount of \$7,500,000. The proceeds from this bond issue will be used for the purchase of paving equipment and for the paving of various City streets.

Special Obligation Bonds

During fiscal year 2003, the City issued \$1,500,000 in special obligation bonds to provide funds for the costs of constructing the performing arts and educational/conference center parking facilities. These bonds are special obligations of the City payable from revenues raised from operations of the parking facility and annual appropriations of general funds by the City for that purpose. As of fiscal year 2012, the City no longer charges fees for the parking facilities; the bonds are paid solely from general fund appropriations.

Limited Obligation Bonds

The original amount of outstanding tax increment limited obligation bonds issued by the City in prior years to provide funds for the costs of constructing certain infrastructure improvements is \$4,300,000. These bonds are payable from and secured by a pledge of taxes levied on the incremental increase in the assessed value of the project and certain sales tax revenues. The City entered into an interlocal agreement with Lauderdale County, whereby the County has also pledged additional ad valorem tax revenues generated by the project to provide a pro rata portion of annual debt service on the bonds. As a result, the bonds are not a general obligation of the City.

Special Assessment Debt

The City issues special assessment bonds to provide financing for certain capital street improvements to benefit specific taxpayers. Special assessment bonds are direct obligations and pledge the full faith and credit of the City. Annual debt service is provided through collection of special assessments on benefited property and ad valorem taxes levied for debt service. The original amount of outstanding special assessment bonds issued in prior years is \$3,625,000.

Promissory Loans

In fiscal year 2001, the City entered into a \$1,000,000 capital improvements loan from the Mississippi Development Authority to provide drainage and flood control improvements at the South Industrial Park.

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(8) Long-Term Liabilities (Continued)

In fiscal year 2013, the City entered into a loan agreement whereby the Mississippi Development Bank issued Mississippi Development Bank Special Obligation Refunding Bonds and loaned the proceeds in the amount of \$12,415,000 to the City for the refunding of the Series 1995, 1997, and 2000 Water and Sewer Revenue Bonds and the Series 1998, 2001B and 2004 Water and Sewer Promissory Loans. As a result of this refunding, all of the refunded bonds/loans were fully redeemed in fiscal year 2013, with the exception of the 2004 Water and Sewer Promissory Loan. The Mississippi Development Bank bonds underlying this loan were considered fully defeased in substance, and the liability was removed from the City's financial statements. The outstanding balance on the defeased bonds were fully redeemed in July, 2014. This refunding resulted in a decrease in future debt service payments of \$407,116 and resulted in an economic gain of \$401,991.

In fiscal year 2011, the City entered into a \$210,000 energy conservation loan agreement with the Mississippi Development Authority to provide for the installation of various energy conservation measures during the renovation of the City Hall.

During fiscal year 2012, the City entered into an \$8,411,225 (subsequently amended to \$8,955,225) loan agreement with the Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality through the EPA Clean Water State Revolving Fund Program. The proceeds from this note are to be used for the rehabilitation of the South Wastewater Treatment Plant. The City has drawn \$1,608,323 against these loan funds as of September 30, 2016.

In April, 2016, the City entered into a \$1,000,000 promissory loan with Citizens National Bank of which the City has drawn down \$938,177 to provide funds for the purchase of twenty standard fleet vehicles and a sewer vacuum truck.

In August, 2016, the City entered into a \$1,078,338 promissory loan with Citizens National Bank to provide funds for the purchase of a fire truck with a 100 foot aerial ladder apparatus.

Letter of Credit

The City maintains a \$600,000 unsecured irrevocable letter of credit with Citizens National Bank. This letter of credit was issued for a fee of \$6,075 in favor of Travelers Indemnity Company for support of the City's deductible for workers compensation claims. This letter of credit expires August 1, 2017, with an automatic extension for one year. As of September 30, 2016, the City had no outstanding balance on this letter of credit. The interest rate is set at one-quarter of 1.0 percent quarterly plus \$75.

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(8) Long-Term Liabilities (Continued)

Pledged Revenues

The City has formally committed to secure certain debt issued by the City with specific future revenues. A summary of these debt issues as of September 30, 2016, and the related revenues pledged follows:

Debt Issue	Current Year Revenue <u>Received</u>	Current Year Principal and Interest	Debt Service as a % of Pledged Revenue
Limited obligation bonds:			
Crossroads improvements	\$ 480,731	480,375	99.93%
Riverbirch improvements	35,125	34,750	98.93%
Special assessment debt -			
paving projects	314,094	313,555	99.83%

Interlocal Cooperation Agreement

During fiscal year 2014, the City entered into an Interlocal Cooperation Agreement with Lauderdale County, Mississippi ("County") for joint and cooperative action relating to the financing for construction of infrastructure improvements and facilities as an inducement to CertainTeed, Inc. for locating industrial facilities in the City and County which will increase employment opportunities in the area. The agreement includes the City and County jointly funding the debt service of the \$700,000 capital improvement loan granted to Lauderdale County from the Mississippi Development Authority. The City's share totals \$405,555, including principal and interest. The City remits to the County \$40,556 annually through May, 2025.

Discretely Presented Component Units:

During fiscal year 2015, the Meridian Airport Authority ("MAA") entered into a 2.83 percent promissory loan agreement in the amount of \$1,000,219 for the purchase of property adjacent to MAA. In the event that the City abolishes MAA, the title to this real property of MAA, as well as the promissory note, would revert to the City. This loan was converted to a tax-exempt bond in November, 2015. The tax-exempt bond is payable from resources derived from operations, but is supported by the full faith and credit of the Meridian Airport Authority.

In October 2013, the Meridian Urban Renewal Authority entered issued senior taxable urban renewal revenue bonds in the amount of \$2,355,000 to fund a portion of leveraged loans made to fund the construction of the law enforcement center. This bond issue is secured by and payable solely out of revenues derived from payments received on the leveraged loans.

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(9) Lessor Operating Leases

The City of Meridian and Meridian Airport Authority (a discretely presented component unit) lease space to others under various lease agreements. A summary of minimum future rental income on these leases as of September 30, 2016, and for each of the next five years and in aggregate, follows:

Year Ending September 30,	City of Meridian	Meridian Airport <u>Authority</u>
2017	\$ 65,659	168,449
2018	60,404	86,074
2019	25,990	73,207
2020	23,672	65,227
2021	17,784	57,247
2022-2026	14,900	133,932
2027-2031	500	33,293
2032-2036	500	17,860
2037-2041	500	17,860
2042-2046	500	17,860
2047-2051	500	6,422
2052-2056	500	-
2057-2061	500	-
2062-2066	100	
Total minimum future rentals	\$ 212,009	677,431

(10) Defined Benefit Pension Plans

Cost-Sharing Multiple-Employer Defined Benefit Pension Plan - Public Employees
Retirement System

General information about the Plan

Plan Description

The City and its component unit, the Meridian Airport Authority ("MAA") contribute to the Public Employees' Retirement System of Mississippi ("PERS"), a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan. PERS provides retirement and disability benefits, annual cost-of-living adjustments, and death benefits to plan members and beneficiaries. Plan provisions and the Board of Trustees' authority to determine contribution rates are established by Miss. Code Ann. Section 25-11-1 et seq. (1972, as amended) and may be amended only by the Mississippi Legislature. PERS issues a

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(10) Defined Benefit Pension Plans (Continued)

<u>Cost-Sharing Multiple-Employer Defined Benefit Pension Plan - Public Employees</u> <u>Retirement System (Continued)</u>

publicly available financial report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information. That report may be obtained by writing to Public Employees' Retirement System of Mississippi, PERS Building, 429 Mississippi Street, Jackson, MS, 39201 or by calling (601) 359-3589 or 1-800-444-PERS.

Benefits Provided

Membership in PERS is a condition of employment granted upon hiring for qualifying City and MAA employees. Participating members who are vested and retire at or after age 60 or those who retire regardless of age with at least 30 years of creditable service (25 years of creditable service for employees who became members of PERS before July 1, 2011) are entitled, upon application, to an annual retirement allowance payable monthly for life in an amount equal to 2.0 percent of their average compensation for each year of creditable service up to and including 30 years (25 years for those who became members of PERS before July 1, 2011), plus 2.5 percent for each additional year of creditable service with an actuarial reduction in the benefit for each year of creditable service below 30 years or the number of years in age that the member is below 65, whichever is less. Average compensation is the average of the employee's earnings during the four highest compensated years of creditable service. Benefits vest upon completion of eight years of membership service (four years of membership service for those who became members of PERS before July 1, 2007). PERS also provides certain death and disability benefits. A Cost-of-Living Adjustment ("COLA") payment is made to eligible retirees and beneficiaries. The COLA is equal to 3.0 percent of the annual retirement allowance for each full fiscal year of retirement up to the year in which the retired member reaches age 60 (55 for those who became members of PERS before July 1, 2011), with 3.0 percent compounded for each fiscal year thereafter. Plan provisions are established and may be amended only by the State of Mississippi Legislature.

Contributions

PERS members are required to contribute 9.00% of their annual covered salary and the employers are required to contribute at an actuarially determined rate. The employers' rate as of September 30, 2016, was 15.75% of annual covered payroll. The contribution requirements of PERS members and employers are established and may be amended only by the State of Mississippi Legislature.

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(10) <u>Defined Benefit Pension Plans (Continued)</u>

<u>Cost-Sharing Multiple-Employer Defined Benefit Pension Plan - Public Employees</u> Retirement System (Continued)

A summary of the City's and MAA's contributions to PERS for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2016, follows:

Description	City of <u>Meridian</u>	Meridian Airport Authority
Employer contributions	\$ <u>2,742,339</u>	358,128
Contribution rate	<u>15.75</u> %	<u>15.75</u> %

Pension Liabilities, Pension Expense, and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to Pensions

At September 30, 2016, the City and MAA reported a liability for their proportionate share of the net pension liability of the plan as follows:

Description	City of Meridian	Meridian Airport Authority	
Net pension liability	\$ <u>46,442,492</u>	5,358,749	

The net pension liability was measured as of June 30, 2016, 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 and MAA's proportion of the net pension liability were based on the ratio of their actual contributions to the pension plan relative to the total actual contributions of all participating entities for the fiscal year.

The City's and MAA's proportionate share of the plan's net pension liability at June 30, 2016 and 2015 were as follows:

<u>Description</u>	City of Meridian	Meridian Airport <u>Authority</u>
Proportionate share – June 30, 2016	0.26%	0.03%
Proportionate share – June 30, 2015	0.25%	0.03%
Increase (decrease)	0.01%	

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(10) Defined Benefit Pension Plans (Continued)

<u>Cost-Sharing Multiple-Employer Defined Benefit Pension Plan - Public Employees</u> Retirement System (Continued)

For the year ended September 30, 2016, the City and MAA recognized pension expense of \$6,720,019 and \$551,700, respectively. At September 30, 2016, the City and MAA reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions from the following sources:

City of Meridian

	Deferred Outflows	Deferred Inflows
Description	of Resources	of Resources
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$ 1,142,230	-
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on plan investments	5,365,789	-
Changes of assumptions	2,105,192	123,413
Changes in proportion City contributions subsequent to the	1,101,607	561,226
measurement date	702,127	_
Totals	\$ <u>10,416,945</u>	684,639

Meridian Airport Authority

Description Differences between expected and	Ou	ferred tflows esources	Deferred Inflows of Resource	S
actual experience	\$ 1	49,470	-	
Net difference between projected and				
actual earnings on plan investments	3	63,029	_	
Changes of assumptions	2	252,623	14,240	
MAA contributions subsequent to the				
measurement date	_1	27,783		
Totals	\$ <u>8</u>	392,905	14,240	

The above deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources represent the unamortized portion of changes to net pension liability to be recognized in future periods in a systematic and rational manner.

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(10) Defined Benefit Pension Plans (Continued)

<u>Cost-Sharing Multiple-Employer</u> <u>Defined Benefit Pension Plan - Public Employees</u> Retirement System (Continued)

The amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources related to pensions resulting from contributions subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a reduction of the net pension liability in the year ended September 30, 2017.

Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions will be recognized in pension expense as follows:

Year Ending September 30,	City of Meridian	Meridian Airport <u>Authority</u>
2017	\$ 3,302,439	260,688
2018	2,989,875	196,279
2019	1,820,384	188,052
2020	917,481	105,863
Total	\$ 9,030,179	750,882

Actuarial Assumptions

The total pension liability in the June 30, 2016, actuarial valuation was determined using the following actuarial assumptions, applied to all periods included in the measurement:

Description	Assumptions		
Inflation	3.00%		
Salary increases	3.75 - 19.00%, including inflation		
Investment rate of return	7.75%, net of pension plan investment expense, including inflation		

Mortality rates were based on the RP-2014 Healthy Annuitant Blue Collar Table projected with Scale BB to 2016, with males rates set forward one year.

The actuarial assumptions used in the June 30, 2016, valuation were based on the results of an actuarial experience study for the period July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2014. The experience report is dated May 4, 2015.

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(10) Defined Benefit Pension Plans (Continued)

<u>Cost-Sharing Multiple-Employer Defined Benefit Pension Plan - Public Employees</u> Retirement System (Continued)

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

The target asset allocation and best estimates of arithmetic real rates of return for each major asset class as of June 30, 2016, are summarized as follows:

Asset Class	Target Allocation	Long-term Expected Real Rate of Return
U.S. Broad	34.00%	5.20%
International equity	19.00	5.00
Emerging markets equity	8.00	5.45
Fixed income	20.00	0.25
Real assets	10.00	4.00
Private equity	8.00	6.15
Cash	1.00	(0.50)
Total	100.00%	

Discount Rate

The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability was 7.75 percent. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed that plan member contributions will be made at the current contribution rate (9.00 percent) and that employer contributions will be made at the current employer contribution rate (15.75 percent). Based on those assumptions, the pension plan's fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make all projected future benefit payments of current plan members. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was applied to all periods of projected benefit payments to determine the total pension liability.

Notes to Financial Statements September 30, 2016

(10) Defined Benefit Pension Plans (Continued)

<u>Cost-Sharing Multiple-Employer Defined Benefit Pension Plan - Public Employees</u> Retirement System (Continued)

Sensitivity of the Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability to Changes in the Discount Rate

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

Description	1% Decrease (6.75%)	Current Discount Rate (7.75%)	1% Increase (8.75%)
City's proportionate share of the net pension liability	\$ <u>59,549,688</u>	46,442,492	35,567,769
MAA's proportionate share of the net pension liability	\$ <u>6,871,118</u>	5,358,749	4,103,973

Pension Plan Fiduciary Net Position

Detailed information about the pension plan's fiduciary net position is available in the separately issued PERS financial report.

<u>Agent Multiple-Employer Defined Benefit Pension Plan – Mississippi Municipal</u> Retirement Systems

General information about the Plan

Plan Description

The City also participates in the Mississippi Municipal Retirement Systems ("MMRS") Meridian General Plan and Meridian Fire and Police Plan which have been closed to new participants since July 1, 1976. MMRS is an agent multiple-employer defined benefit plan administered by PERS. MMRS was designed to provide retirement benefits for general municipal employees, as well as firefighters and police officers. The City is one of two cities providing retirement benefits to general municipal employees and one of

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(10) Defined Benefit Pension Plans (Continued)

Agent Multiple-Employer Defined Benefit Pension Plan - Mississippi Municipal Retirement Systems (Continued)

seventeen cities providing retirement benefits to firefighters and police officers. Plan provisions are established by Miss. Code Ann. §21-29-1 et seq. (1972, as amended) and annual local and private legislation. Statutes may be amended only by the Mississippi Legislature. PERS issues a publicly available report entitled the Report on the Annual Valuation of the Mississippi Municipal Retirement Systems. That report may be obtained by writing to Public Employees' Retirement System of Mississippi, PERS Building, 429 Mississippi Street, Jackson, MS, 39201 or by calling (601) 359-3589 or 1-800-444-PERS.

Benefits Provided

Membership in the MMRS is comprised of employees who were hired prior to July 1, 1976, and includes only those eligible employees of the City who did not opt to become a member of PERS. MMRS provides retirement, disability, and death benefits to plan members and their beneficiaries.

A retirement allowance is payable to any member who retires and has completed at least 20 years of creditable service, regardless of age. Any general employee member who has attained age 70 and any firefighter or police officer who has attained age 65 shall be retired forthwith. The annual retirement allowance payable to a retired member is equal to (1) 50.0 percent of average compensation, plus (2) 1.7 percent of average compensation for each year of credited service over 20. The aggregate amount of (1) and (2) shall not exceed 66.6 percent of average compensation, regardless of service.

A disability retirement allowance is payable to any member who is not eligible for a service retirement benefit, but who becomes totally and permanently disabled regardless of creditable service, if the disability is due to causes in the performance of duty. If the disability is not due to causes in the performance of duty, the member must have completed at least five years of creditable service to be eligible for disability retirement. The annual disability retirement allowance payable is equal to 50.0 percent of the member's salary at the time of retirement, if the disability is due to causes in the performance of duty. If the disability is not due to causes in the performance of duty, the allowance is equal to 2.5 percent times credited service, not in excess of 20 years, times the member's salary at the time of retirement for firefighters and police officers, and average compensation for general employees.

A death benefit is payable upon the death of a member under the following conditions: (a) the member has retired; (b) the member is eligible to retire; (c) the death is in the line of duty; or (d) the death is not in the line of duty, but occurs after the member has five

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(10) Defined Benefit Pension Plans (Continued)

Agent Multiple-Employer Defined Benefit Pension Plan – Mississippi Municipal Retirement Systems (Continued)

years of credited service. The death benefit is payable to the surviving spouse and to children under age 18, to dependent children through age 23 when full-time students, and to dependent children of any age if handicapped. The annual benefit payable, under all conditions in the case of firefighters and police officers and under other than condition (c) in the case of general employees is equal to 2.5 percent of average compensation for each year of credited service up to 20 and 1.7 percent of average compensation for each year over 20, with a maximum benefit of 66.67 percent of average compensation. For general members under condition (c), the annual benefit payable is equal to 50.0 percent of salary at the time of death.

Upon a member's termination of employment for any reason before retirement, the member's accumulated contributions are refunded. Upon the death of a member who is not eligible for any other death benefit, the member's accumulated contributions are paid to the member's beneficiary.

The minimum monthly allowance paid to members for all retirement and death benefits is \$600.

The allowances of certain retired members are adjusted annually by a Cost-of-Living Adjustment ("COLA") on the basis of the annual percentage change in each fiscal year of the Consumer Price Index. All retirees and beneficiaries who were receiving a retirement allowance as of June 30, 1999, were granted a 3.9 percent ad-hoc benefit increase.

At June 30, 2016 (measurement date), the following employees were covered by the plans:

<u>Description</u>	Meridian <u>General</u>	Meridian Fire & <u>Police</u>
Active employees	1	-
Inactive members or their beneficiaries currently receiving benefits	42	138
Inactive members entitled to but not yet receiving benefits	-	
Total	43	<u>138</u>

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(10) Defined Benefit Pension Plans (Continued)

<u>Agent Multiple-Employer Defined Benefit Pension Plan – Mississippi Municipal Retirement Systems (Continued)</u>

Contributions

Funding policies for MMRS are established by Mississippi statutes. Employer contributions are paid through an annual millage rate on the assessed property values of the City. For the year ended September 30, 2016, the City levied 7.79 mills to help fund MMRS. These millage rates are determined through review of each plan's benefit structure during the MMRS annual actuarial valuation and certification by the actuary as to the funding level required of the City.

During fiscal year 2016, the Meridian Fire and Police employees' contribution rate was ten percent of covered payroll and Meridian General employees' contribution rate was seven percent of covered payroll. The City's contributions to the Meridian General Plan and the Meridian Fire and Police Plan for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2016, were \$713,276 and \$1,907,593, respectively.

Net Pension Liability

The City's net pension liability for each plan is measured as the total pension liability, less the pension plan's fiduciary net position. The net pension liability of the plans was measured as of June 30, 2016, and the total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of that date.

Actuarial Assumptions

Description

#Includes wage inflation at

Cost of living adjustments

The total pension liabilities in the June 30, 2016, actuarial valuations were determined using the following actuarial information and assumptions:

Assumptions

Valuation date June 30, 2016 Actuarial cost method Entry age Amortization method Level dollar closed Remaining amortization period 18 years Asset valuation method 5-year smoothed market Actuarial assumptions: Investment rate of return* 7.75% Projected salary increases# 4.00% - 5.50% *Includes price inflation at 3.00%

3.75%

None

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(10) <u>Defined Benefit Pension Plans (Continued)</u>

<u>Agent Multiple-Employer Defined Benefit Pension Plan – Mississippi Municipal</u> Retirement Systems (Continued)

The underlying mortality assumptions and all other actuarial assumptions used in the June 30, 2016 valuation were adopted by the PERS Board of Trustees when the Experience Investigation for the Four-Year Period Ending June 30, 2014, was adopted on April 21, 2015. Further details can be found on the PERS website (www.pers.ms.gov).

Discount Rate

The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability was 7.75 percent. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed that plan member contributions will be made at the current contribution rate (7.0 percent for Meridian General Employees) and that employer contributions will be made at the current employer contribution rate (7.79 mills). Based on those assumptions, the pension plan's fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make all projected future benefit payments of current plan members. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was applied to all periods of projected benefit payments to determine the total pension liability.

Changes in Net Pension Liability

Changes in the City's net pension liability for each pan for the year ended September 30, 2016 were as follows:

	Meridian General Plan			
	7	Total Pension <u>Liability</u>	Plan Fiduciary Net Position	Net Pension <u>Liability</u>
Balance at September 30, 2015	\$	6,753,803	2,994,686	3,759,117
Changes for the year:				
Interest		495,938	-	495,938
Difference between expected				
and actual experience		(108,041)	_	(108,041)
Contributions – employer		_	722,557	(722,557)
Contributions – employee		-	5,581	(5,581)
Net investment income		-	44,792	(44,792)
Benefit payments, including refunds				, , ,
of employee contributions		(709,204)	(709,204)	-
Administrative expense		_	(14,451)	14,451
Other changes		-	9,284	(9,284)
Net changes		(321,307)	58,559	(379,866)
Balance at September 30, 2016	\$	6,432,496	3,053,245	3,379,251

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(10) Defined Benefit Pension Plans (Continued)

<u>Agent Multiple-Employer Defined Benefit Pension Plan – Mississippi Municipal</u> Retirement Systems (Continued)

	Meridian Fire & Police Plan		
	Total Pension <u>Liability</u>	Plan Fiduciary Net Position	Net Pension <u>Liability</u>
Balance at September 30, 2015	\$ 18,469,686	8,140,591	10,329,095
Changes for the year:			
Interest	1,356,255	-	1,356,255
Difference between expected			
and actual experience	(577,858)	-	(577,858)
Contributions – employer	-	1,937,647	(1,937,647)
Net investment income	_	11,593	(11,593)
Benefit payments, including refunds	S		` ' '
of employee contributions	(1,939,245)	(1,939,245)	-
Administrative expense	-	(38,753)	38,753
Other changes	-	23,380	(23,380)
Net changes	(1,160,848)	(5,378)	(1,155,470)
Balance at September 30, 2016	\$ 17,308,838	8,135,213	9,173,625

Sensitivity of the Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability to Changes in the Discount Rate

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

Description	1% Decrease (6.75%)	Current Discount Rate (7.75%)	1% Increase (8.75%)
Meridian General	\$ <u>3,855,812</u>	3,379,251	2,962,646
Meridian Fire and Police	\$ <u>10,532,000</u>	9,173,625	7,994,202

Pension Plan Fiduciary Net Position

Detailed information about the pension plans' fiduciary net position is available in the separately issued PERS and MMRS financial reports.

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(10) <u>Defined Benefit Pension Plans (Continued)</u>

<u>Agent Multiple-Employer Defined Benefit Pension Plan – Mississippi Municipal</u> <u>Retirement Systems (Continued)</u>

Pension Liabilities, Pension Expense, and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to Pensions

For the year ended September 30, 2016, each plan recognized pension expense as follows:

	Meridian	Meridian Fire &
Description	General	Police
Pension expense	\$ 220,746	364,556

At September 30, 2016, the plans reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions from the following sources:

Description	Deferred Outflows of Resources	Deferred Inflows of Resources
Meridian General:		
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on plan investments City contributions subsequent to the	\$ 234,069	-
measurement date	73,835	
Total Meridian General	\$ 307,904	
Meridian Fire and Police:		
Net difference between projected and		
actual earnings on plan investments	\$ 723,899	-
City contributions subsequent to the		
measurement date	197,473	-
Total Meridian Fire and Police	\$ <u>921,372</u>	_

The above deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources represent the unamortized portion of changes to net pension liability to be recognized in future periods in a systematic and rational manner.

The amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources related to pensions resulting from contributions subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a reduction of the net pension liability in the year ended September 30, 2017.

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(10) Defined Benefit Pension Plans (Continued)

<u>Agent Multiple-Employer Defined Benefit Pension Plan – Mississippi Municipal</u> <u>Retirement Systems (Continued)</u>

Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions will be recognized in pension expense as follows:

Year Ending September 30,	1	Meridian <u>General</u>	Meridian Fire & <u>Police</u>
2017	\$	65,525	200,118
2018		65,525	200,118
2019		65,525	200,116
2020		37,494	123,547
Total	\$	234,069	723,899

Payable to Pension Plan

As of September 30, 2016, the City reported a payable of \$475,803 for the outstanding amount of contributions to the pension plans required for the year ended September 30, 2016.

Summary of Pension Plan Balances

The City's pension related balances presented on the Statement of Net Position as of September 30, 2016, by individual plan are as follows:

Deferred outflows related to	PERS	Meridian General	Meridian Fire & <u>Police</u>	Totals
net pension liability	\$ 10,416,945	307,904	921,372	11,646,221
Net pension liability	\$ 46,442,492	3,379,251	9,173,625	58,995,368
Deferred inflows related to net pension liability	\$ 684,639	_		684,639
Pension expense	\$ 6,720,019	364,556	220,746	7,305,321

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(11) Risk Management

The City is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees; and natural disasters. The City carries commercial insurance to protect against these and other types of risks, except medical claims of City employees and their covered dependents. Coverage limits vary by exposure/policy and are decided on from examination of the number and types of prior claims, as well as from monitoring of judicial decisions, awards and trend factors. Premiums are paid from the general fund, water and sewer fund, golf course fund and Union Station fund, as well as the appropriate department within each fund and by component units. There were no significant reductions in insurance coverage in fiscal 2016, from the prior year. Settled claims have not exceeded commercial coverage in any of the past several years.

Liabilities are reported when it is probable that a loss has occurred and the amount of the loss can be reasonably estimated. Since the City is insured for losses above the self-insured retention ("SIR"), its insurers have the responsibility of reserving, discounting, and making other similar calculations. The aggregate SIR claims, which include incurred but not reported ("IBNR") claims, were derived by obtaining an average of the four most recent years of loss histories and increasing this average by approximately one standard deviation above the mean to determine claim liabilities.

Changes in the balances of claims liabilities during the fiscal years ended September 30, 2016 and 2015, follows:

Description	2016	<u>2015</u>
Unpaid claims, beginning of year	\$ 13,384	220,029
Incurred claims (including IBNR's)	1,065,193	473,080
Claim payments	(688,855)	(679,725)
Unpaid claims, end of year	\$ 389,722	13,384

Effective October 1, 2004, the City contracts with a third party administrator to administer a partially self-insured health plan. The City moved from a fully insured contract and, based on historical projections, maintains the same level of funding. Aggregate (\$1,000,000) and specific (\$100,000 per participant) stop-loss insurance coverages were obtained to guard against any large unforeseen claim losses. Fully insured transplant coverage was also secured to allow transplants to be fully insured outside of specific and aggregate insurance limits. This plan also provides life insurance on each employee for \$25,000 double indemnity. The City established the health and life insurance reserve fund ("the Fund") in the internal service fund group to account for this activity.

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(11) Risk Management (Continued)

Claim payments plus an administrative charge are drafted by the third-party administrator who approves and processes all claims. The Fund collects interfund premiums from insured funds and departments, including amounts withheld from employee payroll for dependent coverage. Interfund premiums are based on the insured funds' claims experience and are adjusted to cover all reported claims. Claims settlement and loss expenses are accrued in the Fund for the settlement value of claims reported and estimated value of claims incurred but not reported, up to stop-loss. No actuarial study has been performed on the Fund.

Changes in the balances of claims liabilities during the fiscal years ended September 30, 2016 and 2015, follows:

Description	2016	2015
Unpaid claims, beginning of year	\$ 490,405	486,361
Incurred claims (including IBNR's)	2,357,357	1,511,028
Claim payments	(1,971,071)	(1,506,984)
Unpaid claims, end of year	\$ 876,691	490,405

(12) Pollution Remediation

In May, 2014, the United States Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA") notified the City that it has violated the Clean Water Act ("CWA") due in large part to Sewer System Overflows ("SSOs") from the City's sanitary wastewater collection and treatment system during wet weather. The City is responding to EPA's claims. Capital expenditures and increased operational expenditures related to the sewer system may be required as part of that response. Such expenditures may require significant increases in rates for sewer system services. The final outcome of this matter cannot be determined at this time.

(13) Contingent Liabilities

Litigation

The City is a defendant in various litigation arising out of normal business activities. Although the City carries commercial insurance to protect itself against damage claims, it is possible that the ultimate resolution of cases may exceed the City's insured limits. Management, with the advice of legal counsel, is of the opinion that the ultimate resolution of these matters will not have a material adverse effect on the financial statements.

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(13) Contingent Liabilities (Continued)

Federally Assisted Programs - Compliance Audits

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

(14) Construction and Other Significant Commitments

The City has approved projects at the South Waste Water Treatment Plant, including (1) the replacement of plant air blowers and digester blowers, addition of variable frequency drives for improved air control, upgrades to the air distributions system, replacement of process pumps, and associated electrical; and (2) electrical upgrades, including the replacement of generator No. 1 and associated automatic transfer switch, replacement of motor control centers, replacement of underground conduits and wires, and new overhead and underground conduits and wires. The total estimated cost of these projects is \$8,955,225 and is being funded by a Water Pollution Control Revolving Loan Fund agreement through the Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality.

The City has committed to a contract to replace sidewalks, curb cuts, and pedestrian crossings and to install decorative lighting and landscaping along 5th Street, approximately between 23rd Avenue and 26th Avenue, as well as portions of 25th Avenue. The estimated construction cost of this project is \$1,415,000 and will be funded \$415,000 from local funds and \$1,000,000 from grant funds provided through the Mississippi Department of Transportation.

The City has committed to invest up to \$400,000 in public street improvements and construction of an access drive to the newly constructed Fairfield Inn just off Highway 80. The project includes clearing and grubbing, placing of gravel and lighting, and a traffic study required by the Mississippi Department of Transportation.

The City has committed to a contract for construction of a new community center at Velma Young Park. The estimated cost of this project is \$1,845,000 and will be funded \$895,000 from local funds, \$300,000 from Lauderdale County, \$50,000 from the Meridian Housing Authority and \$600,000 from a Community Development Block Grant provided through the Mississippi Development Authority.

The City has committed to an emergency repair contract totaling \$1,031,675 and emergency professional services contracts totaling \$197,254, due to the unexpected collapse of a drainage structure located on North Frontage Road. The collapsed structure is located within a City drainage easement and created a risk of significant flood to a large area of commercial development. The City has applied for grants for the funding of these repairs.

Notes to Financial Statements September 30, 2016

(14) Construction and Other Significant Commitments (Continued)

The City has executed a lease agreement for a new law enforcement center. The lease term began in May, 2013, upon occupancy of the premises and will continue for twenty years with an option to purchase (at fair market value) the premises upon expiration of the primary lease term. The base rental is \$305,000 annually for the first five years and will be adjusted every five years thereafter according to the Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage and Clerical Workers ("CPI-U").

The City has pledged to contribute \$1,000,000 over a ten-year period beginning in fiscal year 2015, towards the START Campaign for the Mississippi Arts and Entertainment Center ("Center"). The second contribution of \$100,000 was made during fiscal year 2016. The Center was approved by the Mississippi State Legislature and is scheduled to open in the spring of 2018, as the Mississippi Arts and Entertainment Experience in downtown Meridian, Mississippi. The Center's purpose is to capture the essence of Mississippi's legacy in the arts and to celebrate the richness and depth of that legacy and the Mississippians who created it.

In August, 2016, the citizens of the City of Meridian approved a special two percent (2%) prepared food and beverage tax that will be levied within the City and pledged to pay up to \$20,000,000 in bonds issued for the construction and operation of the Mississippi Arts and Entertainment Center ("Center"). The special tax will be levied beginning November, 2016, and will be rescinded once the bonds are paid in full. Any funds remaining shall be used for the operation, support, repair, maintenance and improvement of the Center.

Other significant commitments include encumbrances outstanding for the general fund as follows:

Description Encumbrance
Amount

General fund assigned for various governmental services \$\frac{1,937,421}{}

(15) Solid Waste Management Services Accounting

The City contracts its solid waste collection and disposal needs to a private contractor. Pursuant to Section 17-17-347 of the Mississippi Code Ann. (1972), each unit of local government, beginning with fiscal year end 1992, shall determine during its regular audit the full and complete cost for solid waste management within the service area of the unit of local government for the previous fiscal year and shall update the full and complete cost every year thereafter. The City is in compliance with this requirement. These costs are accounted for in the waste collection and disposal enterprise fund.

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(16) Subsequent Events

Events that occur after the statement of net position date, but before the financial statements are available to be issued must be evaluated for recognition or disclosure. The effects of subsequent events that provide evidence about conditions that existed at the statement of net position date require recognition in the financial statements. Subsequent events that provide evidence about conditions that existed after the statement of net position date require disclosure in the notes to the financial statements. Management evaluated the activity of the City through April 27, 2017, (the date the financial statements were available to be issued) and noted the following items which require disclosure in the notes to the financial statements.

In November, 2016, the special two percent (2%) prepared food and beverage tax approved by the citizens of the City of Meridian was levied within the City. Proceeds from the special tax are pledged to pay up to \$20,000,000 in bonds issued for the construction and operation of the Mississippi Arts and Entertainment Center. The tax levy will be rescinded once the bonds are paid in full.

In February, 2017, the City directed the sale and award of \$20,000,000 in General Obligation Bonds, Series 2017. The purpose of this bond issue is to provide funds for the construction of the Mississippi Arts and Entertainment Experience. The bonds will be paid from a special two percent (2%) prepared food and beverage tax collected by the City.

REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

CITY OF MERIDIAN, MISSISSIPPI

Required Supplementary Information
Public Employees' Retirement System of Mississippi
Schedule of the City's Proportionate Share of Net Pension Liability
Last Ten Fiscal Years¹

	2016	<u>2015</u>
City's proportion of the net pension liability	0.260207%	0.253100%
City's proportionate share of the net pension liability	\$ 46,442,492	38,645,070
City's covered-employee payroll	\$ 16,646,173	15,812,876
City's proportionate share of the net pension liability as a percentage of its covered-employee payroll	279.00%	244.39%
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability	57.47%	61.70%

¹GASB 68 was implemented in fiscal year 2015, information is not available to present a full ten years. The City has presented information for the years in which it is available.

²The amounts presented were determined as of the measurement date of June 30 of the fiscal year presented.

CITY OF MERIDIAN, MISSISSIPPI

Required Supplementary Information
Public Employees' Retirement System of Mississippi
Schedule of the City's Contributions
Last Ten Fiscal Years¹

	2016	2015
Statutorily required contribution	\$ 2,742,339	2,508,000
Contributions in relation to the statutorily required contribution	2,742,339	2,508,000
Annual contribution deficiency (excess)	\$	-
City's covered-employee payroll	\$ 17,411,778	15,923,801
Contributions as a percentage of covered-employee payroll	15.75%	15.75%

Notes to schedule

Changes of benefit terms: Effective July 1, 2016, the interest rate on employer contributions shall be calculated based on the money market rate as published by the Wall Street Journal on December 31 of each preceding year with a minimum rate of one percent and a maximum rate of five percent.

Changes of assumptions: In 2016, the assumed rate of interest credited to employee contributions was changed from 3.50% to 2.00%.

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Required Supplementary Information
Mississippi Municipal Retirement Systems Meridian General Plan
Schedule of Changes in Net Pension Liability and Related Ratios
Last Ten Fiscal Years¹

	2016	<u>2015</u>
Measurement period fiscal year end ²	6/30/2016	6/30/2015
Total pension liability:		
Interest	\$ 495,938	517,472
Difference between expected and actual experience	(108,041)	(79,725)
Changes of assumptions	-	212,270
Benefit payments, including refunds of employee contributions	(709,204)	(729,218)
Net change in total pension liability	(321,307)	(79,201)
Total pension liability, beginning	6,753,803	6,833,004
Total pension liability, ending (a)	\$ 6,432,496	6,753,803
Plan fiduciary net position:		
Contributions - employer	\$ 722,557	729,047
Contributions - employee	5,581	4,767
Net investment income	44,792	92,425
Benefit payments, including refunds of employee contributions	(709,204)	(729,218)
Administrative expense	(14,451)	(14,581)
Other	9,284	-
Net change in plan fiduciary net position	58,559	82,440
Plan fiduciary net position, beginning	2,994,686	2,912,246
Plan fiduciary net position, ending (b)	\$ 3,053,245	2,994,686
Plan net pension liability - ending (a-b)	\$ 3,379,251	3,759,117
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of total pension liability	47.47%	44.34%
Covered employee payroll ³	N/A	N/A
Net pension liability as a percentage of covered employee payroll ³	N/A	N/A

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Notes to schedule

Changes of benefit terms: There were no changes to benefit provisions since the last valuation.

Changes of assumptions: There were no changes in actuarial assumptions since the last valuation.

²The amounts presented were determined as of the measurement date of June 30 of the fiscal year presented.

³Payroll related information is not provided because this plan is closed to new entrants and there is only one remaining active member in the Meridian General plan.

Required Supplementary Information
Mississippi Municipal Retirement Systems Meridian General Plan
Schedule of the City's Contributions
Last Ten Fiscal Years¹

		2016	2015
Actuarially determined contribution ²	\$	722,557	729,047
Contributions in relation to the actuarially required contribution ²	-	722,557	729,047
Contribution deficiency (excess)	\$ _	•	
City's covered-employee payroll ³	\$	N/A	N/A
Contributions as a percentage of covered-employee payroll ³		N/A	N/A

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Notes to schedule

Actuarially determined contribution rates are calculated as of June 30, two years prior to the end of the fiscal year in which contributions are reported. Contributions for the fiscal year ended September, 30, 2016 were based on the June 30, 2014 actuarial valuation.

Methods and assumptions used to determine contribution rates:

Actuarial cost method	Ultimate Asset Reserve
Amortization method	N/A
Remaining amortization period	N/A
Asset valuation method	Five year smoothed market
Inflation	3.50%
Salary increases	4.50 - 6.00%, including inflation
Investment rate of return	8.00%, net of pension plan investment expense, including inflation

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Required Supplementary Information
Mississippi Municipal Retirement Systems Meridian Fire & Police Plan
Schedule of Changes in Net Pension Liability and Related Ratios
Last Ten Fiscal Years¹

	<u>2016</u>	2015
Measurement period fiscal year end ²	6/30/2016	6/30/2015
Total pension liability:		
Interest \$	1,356,255	1,404,037
Difference between expected and actual experience	(577,858)	(8,930)
Changes of assumptions	-	525,288
Benefit payments, including refunds of employee contributions	(1,939,245)	(2,002,352)
Net change in total pension liability	(1,160,848)	(81,957)
Total pension liability, beginning	18,469,686	18,551,643
Total pension liability, ending (a)	17,308,838	18,469,686
Plan fiduciary net position:		
Contributions - employer \$	1,937,647	1,809,952
Net investment income	11,593	256,985
Benefit payments, including refunds of employee contributions	(1,939,245)	(2,002,352)
Administrative expense	(38,753)	(36,199)
Other	23,380	•
Net change in plan fiduciary net position	(5,378)	28,386
Plan fiduciary net position, beginning	8,140,591	8,112,205
Plan fiduciary net position, ending (b)	8,135,213	8,140,591
Plan net pension liability - ending (a-b)	9,173,625	10,329,095
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of total pension liability	47.00%	44.08%
Covered employee payroll ³	N/A	N/A
Net pension liability as a percentage of covered employee payroll ³	N/A	N/A

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Notes to schedule

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Required Supplementary Information
Mississippi Municipal Retirement Systems Meridian Fire & Police Plan
Schedule of the City's Contributions
Last Ten Fiscal Years¹

	2016	<u>2015</u>
Actuarially determined contribution ²	\$ 1,937,647	1,809,952
Contributions in relation to the actuarially required contribution ²	1,937,647	1,809,952
Contribution deficiency (excess)	\$	-
City's covered-employee payroll ³	\$ N/A	N/A
Contributions as a percentage of covered-employee payroll ³	N/A	N/A

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Notes to schedule

Actuarially determined contribution rates are calculated as of June 30, two years prior to the end of the fiscal year in which contributions are reported. Contributions for the fiscal year ended September, 30, 2016 were based on the June 30, 2014 actuarial valuation.

Methods and assumptions used to determine contribution rates:

Actuarial cost method	Ultimate Asset Reserve
Amortization method	N/A
Remaining amortization period	N/A
Asset valuation method	Five year smoothed market
Inflation	3.50%
Salary increases	4.50 - 6.00%, including inflation
Investment rate of return	8.00%, net of pension plan investment expense, including inflation

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COMBINING AND INDIVIDUAL FUND STATEMENTS AND SCHEDULES



NONMAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS

Capital Projects Funds

Capital projects funds are used to account for the acquisition and construction of major capital facilities other than those financed by proprietary and trust funds.

Sowashee Project – This fund was originally used to account for construction of the water drainage project along Sowashee Creek in the City's jurisdiction and is currently accounting for maintenance costs of the same. The financing for this project was from general obligation bonds, U. S. Army Corp of Engineers, and the Pat Harrison Waterway District.

2003 General Obligation Bonds – This fund is used to account for the proceeds and disbursements of the 2003 general obligation public improvement bonds.

2003 Flood Damage – This fund is used to account for grant revenues used for repairing areas damaged by floods in 2003.

City Hall Improvements – This fund is used to account for the bond proceeds used to fund the renovation and restoration of City Hall.

Safe Routes to School Project – This fund is used to account for grant revenues for sidewalk improvements between Carver Middle School, Harris Elementary School, and the Boys and Girls Club; plus activities to promote pedestrian safety and reduce speeds in the Carver Middle, Harris Elementary, Oakland Heights Elementary, and Crestwood Elementary school zones.

2011 General Obligation Bonds – This fund is used to account for the proceeds and disbursements of the 2011 general obligation bonds.

35th Avenue and 40th Street Bridge Replacement – This fund is used to account for the local and grant revenues used for replacement of bridges on 35th Avenue and on 40th Street over Gallagher Creek.

2012 General Obligation Bonds – This fund is used to account for the proceeds and disbursements from the 2012 general obligation bonds.

Downtown Streetscape – This fund is used to account for the local and grant revenues used to replace sidewalks, curb cuts, pedestrian crossings and install decorative lighting and landscaping along 5th Street approximately between 23rd Avenue and 26th Avenue, as well as portions of 25th Avenue.

Highway 39 Signalization – This fund is used to account for the local and grant revenues used to upgrade traffic signals along Highway 39 at its intersection with Old Country Club Road and its intersection with Windmill Drive.

NONMAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS

Capital Projects Funds (Continued)

Velma Young Community Center – This fund is used to account for the local and grant revenues used to construct a new community center at Velma Young Park.

Drainage Structure Collapse Emergency – This fund is used to account for bond proceeds used for emergency repairs and professional services due to the unexpected collapse of a drainage structure located on North Frontage Road.

2016 Vehicle Loan – This fund is used to account for the proceeds and disbursements from the fiscal year 2016 vehicle loan. The loan proceeds were used to purchase standard fleet vehicles and specialty vehicles for public works and the fire department.

Combining Balance Sheet Nonmajor Governmental Funds Nonmajor Capital Projects Funds September 30, 2016

ACCETS	Sowashee Project	2003 General Obligation Bonds	2003 Flood Damage	City Hall Improvements	Safe Routes to School Project	2011 General Obligation Bonds
ASSETS						
Restricted assets:						
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 295,442	-	77,397	138,154	-	1,206
Intergovernmental receivables			-	-	94,365	-
Total assets	\$ 295,442	-	77,397	138,154	94,365	1,206
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES						
Liabilities:						
Due to other funds	\$ -	-	-	-	87,540	-
Liabilities payable from restricted assets -						
Accounts payable	2,900	-	-		6,753	-
Total liabilities	2,900	-	-		94,293	
Fund balances:						
Restricted for:						
Sowashee Creek maintenance	292,542	-	-	-	-	-
Construction/acquisition of capital assets	-	-	-	138,154	-	1,206
Damage repairs	-	-	77,397	-	-	-
Paving and sidewalk projects		-			72	-
Total fund balances	292,542		77,397	130,154	72	1206
Total liabilities and fund balances	\$ 295,442		77,397	138,154	94,365	I,206

35th Avenue & 40th Street Bridge Replacement	2012 General Obligation Bonds	Downtown Streetscape	Highway 39 Signalization	Velma Young Community <u>Center</u>	Drainage Structure Collapse Emergency	2016 Vehicle <u>Loan</u>	Total Nonmajor Capital Projects Funds
42,742	1,128,657	172,646 150,774	34,744 2,198	852,078 170,963	194,988	491,106	3,429,160 418,300
42,742	1,128,657	323,420	36,942	1,023,041	194,988	491,106	3,847,460
-	-	-	9,566	-	-	-	97,106
•	70,900	188,986	-	174,425	42,909	79,611	566,484
	70,900	188,986	9,566	174,425	42,909	79,611	663,590
			_				292,542
42,742	-		27,376	848,616		411,495	1,469,589
-	-	-	-	-	152,079	-	229,476
	1,057,757	134,434	-	-			1,192,263
42,742	1,057,757	134,434	27,376	848,616	152,079	411,495	3,183,870
42,742	1,128,657	323,420	36,942	1,023,041	194,988	491,106	3,847,460

Combining Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances
Nonmajor Governmental Funds
Nonmajor Capital Projects Funds
For the Fiscal Year Ended September 30, 2016

	Sowashee Project	2003 General Obligation Bonds	2003 Flood Damage	City Hall Improvements	Safe Routes to School Project	2011 General Obligation Bonds
Revenues:	-					
Intergovernmental -						
Federal	\$		-	-	26,726	1040
Interest on investments	878	195	217	387		1,243
Total revenues	878	195	217	387	26,726	1,243
Expenditures:						
Construction contracts	-	-	-	-	-	-
Engineering and other	35,460	-		-	26,726	
Total expenditures	35,460	-			26,726	
Excess (deficiency) of revenues						
over (under) expenditures	(34,582)	195	217	387	-	1,243
Other financing sources (uses):						
Transfers in	-	-		-	-	-
Transfers out	-	(208,898)	-	-	-	(1,329,183)
Loan proceeds		-		-		
Total other financing sources (uses)	-	(208,898)	-	-		(1,329,183)
Net change in fund balances	(34,582)	(208,703)	217	387	-	(1,327,940)
Fund Balances, October 1, 2015	327,124	208,703	77,180	137,767	72	1,329,146
Fund balances, September 30, 2016	\$ 292,542		77,397	138,154	72	1,206

35th Avenue & 40th Street Bridge Replacement	2012 General Obligation Bonds	Downtown Streetscape	Highway 39 Signalization	Velma Young Community <u>Center</u>	Drainage Structure Collapse Emergency	2016 Vehicle <u>Loan</u>	Total Nonmajor Capital Projects <u>Funds</u>
•	-	150,774	245,679	420,514	-	-	843,693
119	3,161	490	46	2,044	724	-	9,504
119	3,161	151,264	245,725	422,558	724		853,197
-	70,900	154,640	255,384	410,514	-	526,682	1,418,120
		37,755	25,086	108,428	-	-	233,455
•	70,900	192,395	280,470	518,942		526,682	1,651,575
119	(67,739)	(41,131)	(34,745)	(96,384)	724	(526,682)	(798,378)
-	-	-	34,745	380,000	1,538,081	-	1,952,826
-		-	-	-	(1,386,726)	029 177	(2,924,807)
			24.745	200,000	161 266	938,177	938,177
	•		34,745	380,000	151,355	938,177	(33,804)
119	(67,739)	(41,131)	-	283,616	152,079	411,495	(832,182)
42,623	1,125,496	175,565	27,376	565,000	-		4,016,052
42,742	1,057,757	134,434	27,376	848,616	152,079	411,495	3,183,870

CITY OF MERIDIAN, MISSISSIPPI

Debt Service Fund
Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances Budget and Actual (Budgetary Basis)
For the Fiscal Year Ended September 30, 2016

	Budgeted	l Amounts	Actual (Budgetary Basis)	Variance with Final Budget - Positive
	Original	Final	Amounts	(Negative)
Revenues	\$ 4,700,000	4,800,000	5,116,606	316,606
Expenditures - debt service	4,700,000	4,800,000	4,524,425	275,575
Net change in fund balances	\$ 	_	592,181	592,181
Fund Balance, October 1, 2015			3,354,739	
Fund Balance, September 30, 2016			\$ 3,946,920	

CITY OF MERIDIAN, MISSISSIPPI

Capital Projects Funds
Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances Budget and Actual (Budgetary Basis)
For the Fiscal Year Ended September 30, 2016

		Budgeted	Amounts	Actual (Budgetary Basis)	Variance with Final Budget - Positive
	9	Original	Final	Amounts	(Negative)
Revenues	\$	1,112,000	7,112,000	9,331,033	2,219,033
Expenditures - capital outlay		3,000,000	9,000,000	6,227,773	2,772,227
Net change in fund balances	\$	(1,888,000)	(1,888,000)	3,103,260	4,991,260
Fund balance, October 1, 2015				4,687,803	
Fund balance, September 30, 2016			9	7,791,063	

CITY OF MERIDIAN, MISSISSIPPI
Schedule of General Fund Expenditures
By Departments and Divisions
For the Fiscal Year Ended September 30, 2016
(With Comparative Totals for the Fiscal Year Ended September 30, 2015)

	Executive, Legislative and Judicial	Finance and Records	Community Development	Fire Department	Police Department	Public Safety & Training Facility
Personnel services:	e 940 901	929 292	814,788	3,701,682	3,737,451	146,357
Salaries - regular	\$ 849,801 878	838,282 3,288	63	830,123	430,420	140,557
Salaries - overtime	37,809	9,258	127,031	13,606	40,094	10,948
Salaries - temporaries	349,725	336,599	361,064	1,760,279	1,642,939	58,093
Fringe benefits		1,187,427	1,302,946	6,305,690	5,850,904	215,398
Total personnel services	1,238,213	1,107,427	1,302,940	0,303,090	3,830,904	21.5,570
Contractual services and supplies:	6 555	8,667	3,128	2,389	4,396	698
Supplies - office	6,555 591	3,872	3,713	4,578	52,361	42,649
Supplies - operating Supplies - household	391	6,175	1,701	13,523	4,556	1,000
Supplies - industriold Supplies - uniforms and clothing	1,168	0,175	5,964	28,206	65,228	778
Supplies - materials direct	1,100		5,507	20,200		-
Materials - small tools and workorders	338	124	1,970	1,384	984	959
Professional services	575,365	169,786	3,945	765	433,785	2,223
Telephone	4,953	96,167	14,172	8,616	22,410	3,630
Postage	182	774	3,503	61	1,874	
Travel	14,576	16,110	12,617	26,548	28,553	
Freight		-	-	221	-	-
Advertising and publishing	7,378	5,237	1,869	-	42	
Printing and binding	1,462	2,231	275	356	3,022	-
Insurance	116,585	37,500	37,592	182,687	318,340	18,333
Utilities	2,601	1,137,103	11,493	96,279	47,427	35,700
Operating and maintenance - buildings	5,188	35,386	3,670	47,703	18,258	10,026
Operating and maintenance - grounds	2,401	250	408			174
Operating and maintenance - equipment	2,917	12,554	1,572	15,506	5,478	1,406
Operating and maintenance - vehicles	636	76,663	31,828	76,561	390,150	8,061
Operating and maintenance - computer services	10,497	79,438	34,492	61,826	85,400	24,173
Rentals	3,130	9,444	2,318	1,227	220 124	313
Judgments and claims	9,791	2,425	4,616 4,419	105,030 1,347	220,134 2,744	313
Dues and subscriptions Public relations	24,676 40,947	2,423	1,803	3,355	2,567	-
Refunds	40,547	1,010	800	3,333	2,507	
Job training	3,384	6,137	6,484	36,358	26,920	5,416
Safety	-	-	-	39,972		1,118
Hospital and medical	9,375	-	-	22,861	17,083	-
Total contractual services & supplies	844,696	1,707,053	194,352	777,359	1,751,712	156,657
Capital outlay:					7	
Land		_		205,000	_	-
Buildings			-	25,930	305,000	
Machinery and equipment	10,000	74,170	(194)	33,310	64,016	6,523
Improvement other than buildings		-	-	-	-	-
Vehicles			35,989	1,097,379	56,236	
Total capital outlay	16,300	74,170	35,795	1,361,619	425,252	6,523
Debt service:						
Principal		68,007		-	22,298	-
Interest	-	3,219			3,628	
Total debt service		71,226	-	-	25,926	-
Transfers and other charges:						
Transfer to other funds	532,345	-	371,604	-	5,000	-
Special projects	5,580	54,701	363,048	12,500	12,500	-
Miscellaneous contributions	553,000	-	-		6,000	-
Loss on disposal of assets		-	-	-	-	-
Other projects and charges	•			-	-	
Total transfers and other charges	1,090,925	54,701	734,652	12,500	23,500	
Total General Fund expenditures - 2016	3,183,834	3,094,577	2,267,745	8,457,168	8,077,294	378,578
Total General Fund expenditures - 2015	4,948,707	2,905,666	1,662,946	6,920,358	7,586,202	334,233
Increase (decrease)	\$ (1,764,873)	188,911	604,799	1,536,810	491,092	44,345
	(1,104,013)	100,711	501,177	.,550,010		. 1,5-15

	Parks,	Arts District		Totals	
Public	Recreation &	Parking			Increase
Works	Cultural Affairs	Garage	2016	2015	(Decrease)
2,010,099	753,667		12,852,127	11,915,571	936,556
50,617	21,977	-	1,337,366	1,206,523	130,843
168,692	492,884	-	900,322	997,279	(96,957)
903,462	431,837		5,843,998	4,934,152	909,846
3,132,870	1,700,365	-	20,933,813	19,053,525	1,880,288
1,950	1,102	-	28,885	26,148	2,737
86,596	80,135	318	274,813	269,734	5,079
3,639	14,911	-	45,505	50,877	(5,372)
6,385	4,627	-	112,356	116,436	(4,080)
245,403	15,008	-	260,411	201,977	58,434
11,093	6,833	-	23,685	19,096	4,589
137,781	89,379	-	1,413,029	1,507,139	(94,110)
6,935	6,284	702	163,869	149,910	13,959
810	2,090	35	9,329	1,507	7,822
6,443	4,532	-	109,379	64,054	45,325
(327)	•	-	(106)	1,156	(1,262)
1,174	501	-	16,201	13,626	2,575
-	2,301	-	9,647	16,924	(7,277)
268,825	77,385	11,061	1,068,308	1,052,964	15,344
76,737	205,000	22,886	1,635,226	1,769,181	(133,955)
27,772	54,587	20,082	222,672	199,381	23,291
4,855	110,602	649	119,339	61,473	57,866
52,092	87,856	2,573	181,954	153,898	28,056
263,299	36,499		883,697	924,168	(40,471)
31,533	16,897	-	344,256	344,148	108
32,907	2,963	-	51,989	47,784	4,205
(12,762)	63,402	-	390,524	646,886	(256,362)
2,775	475	-	38,861	50,258	(11,397)
	-	-	48,672	154,003	(105,331)
-	-	-	1,810	4,632	(2,822)
1,869	1,915	-	88,483	65,204	23,279
17,446	3,797	-	62,333	38,915	23,418
200		-	49,519	39,383	10,136
1,275,430	889,081	58,306	7,654,646	7,990,862	(336,216)
		-	205,000		205,000
16,642	-	-	347,572	305,000	42,572
359,225	51,762	-	598,812	572,769	26,043
-	212,802	-	212,802	12,281	200,521
35,681	-	-	1,225,285	-	1,225,285
411,548	264,564		2,589,471	890,050	1,699,421
-		-	90,305	250,806	(160,501)
-	-	-	6,847	10,997	(4,150)
-	-		97,152	261,803	(164,651)
-	520,000		1,428,949	1,372,039	56,910
134,730	48,185	-	631,244	202,327	428,917
-	-	-	559,000	380,828	178,172
-	-	-		1,290,380	(1,290,380)
22,689		_	22,689	24,811	(2,122)
157,419	568,185	_	2,641,882	3,270,385	(628,503)
4,977,267	3,422,195	58,306	33,916,964	31,466,625	2,450,339
4,571,955	2,486,038	50,520	31,466,625	31,130,023	2, 130,337
405,312	936,157	7,786	2,450,339		

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NONMAJOR ENTERPRISE FUNDS

Enterprise funds are used to account for operations that are financed and operated in a manner similar to private business enterprises - where the intent of the government's council is that the costs of providing goods or services to the general public on a continuing basis be financed or recovered primarily through user charges, or where the government's council has decided that periodic determination of net income is appropriate for accountability purposes.

Golf Course - This fund is used to account for the activities of the City's public golf course.

Union Station – This fund reflects the operating results of the multi-modal facility located in the downtown area of the City.

Concessions – This fund is used to account for the activities of the City's Highland Park Carousel concessions and concession stands at the softball parks.

CITY OF MERIDIAN, MISSISSIPPI Combining Statement of Net Position Nonmajor Enterprise Funds September 30, 2016

	Golf Course	Union Station	Concessions	Total Nonmajor Enterprise <u>Funds</u>
ASSETS				
Current assets:	6 4 (07	1.117	02 (02	00.406
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 4,687	1,116	93,693	99,496 6,624
Receivables - miscellaneous	•	6,624 271,109	-	271,109
Due from general fund	5 104	2/1,109	1,212	6,316
Inventory	5,104 676	1,408	1,212	2,084
Prepaid items				
Total current assets	10,467	280,257	94,905	385,629
Capital assets:				
Buildings	126,628	-	-	126,628
Improvements other than buildings	431,753	6,300	-	438,053
Machinery and equipment	301,110	60,774	-	361,884
Total capital assets	859,491	67,074	-	926,565
Less accumulated depreciation	(603,949)	(57,945)	_	(661,894)
Capital assets (net of				
accumulated depreciation)	255,542	9,129		264,671
Total assets	266,009	289,386	94,905	650,300
DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES				
Deferred outflows related to net pension liability	110,942	41,975	11,033	163,950
LIABILITIES				
Current liabilities:				
Accounts payable	4,853	9,620	515	14,988
Accrued liabilities:		ŕ		
Payroll	19,515	5,529	409	25,453
Sales tax	1,310	-	229	1,539
Due to other funds	32,077	115,374	-	147,451
Current portion of capital leases	86		-	86
Total current liabilities	57,841	130,523	1,153	189,517
Noncurrent liabilities -				
Net pension liability	538,768	189,148	53,199	781,115
Total liabilities	596,609	319,671	54,352	970,632
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES				
Deferred inflows related to net pension liability	6,846	2,739	685	10,270
NET POSITION				
Net investment in capital assets	255,456	9,129	-	264,585
Unrestricted (deficit)	(481,960)	(178)	50,901	(431,237)
Total net position	\$ (226.504)	8,951	50,901	(166,652)

SCHEDULE 13

CITY OF MERIDIAN, MISSISSIPPI

Combining Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Net Position Nonmajor Enterprise Funds For the Fiscal Year Ended September 30, 2016

	Golf Course	Union Station	Concessions	Total Nonmajor Enterprise Funds
Operating revenues:				
Charges for sales and services:				
Memberships	\$ 36,975	-	-	36,975
Green fees	71,451	-	-	71,451
Cart rental	59,259	-	-	59,259
Concessions	56,409	-	26,154	82,563
Rental income		44,553	-	44,553
Miscellaneous	75		584	659
Total operating revenues	224,169	44,553	26,738	295,460
Operating expenses:				
Personnel services	270,420	115,212	21,827	407,459
Supplies and materials	58,539	6,658	12,570	77,767
Rent and utilities	16,857	60,849	-	77,706
Operation, maintenance, and repairs	53,402	34,806	-	88,208
Depreciation	16,234	2,216	-	18,450
Miscellaneous	7,798	96,917	813	105,528
Total operating expenses	423,250	316,658	35,210	775,118
Operating loss	(199,081)	(272,105)	(8,472)	(479,658)
Nonoperating revenues (expenses):				
Interest income	61	-	272	333
Interest expense	(16)	-	_	(16)
Total nonoperating revenues (expenses)	45		272	317
Loss before capital contributions and transfers	(199,036)	(272,105)	(8,200)	(479,341)
Capital contributions and transfers:				
Capital contributions	167,659	-	-	167,659
Transfers in	160,000	366,604		526,604
Total capital contributions and transfers	327,659	366,604	_	694,263
Change in net position	128,623	94,499	(8,200)	214,922
Net position, October 1, 2015	(355,127)	(85,548)	59,101	(381,574)
Net position, September 30, 2016	\$ (226,504)	8,951	50,901	(166,652)

SCHEDULE 14

CITY OF MERIDIAN, MISSISSIPPI

Combining Statement of Cash Flows Nonmajor Enterprise Funds For the Fiscal Year Ended September 30, 2016

	Golf Course	Union <u>Station</u>	Concessions	Total Nonmajor Enterprise <u>Funds</u>
Cash flows from operating activities:				200 000
Receipts from customers and users	\$ 224,169	48,082	26,738	298,989
Payments to suppliers	(133,346)	(150,786)	(13,803)	(297,935)
Payments to employees	(240,536)	(100,987)	(19,113)	(360,636)
Net cash used in operating activities	(149,713)	(203,691)	(6,178)	(359,582)
Cash flows from noncapital financing activities -				
Transfers from other funds	160,000	204,524	-	364,524
Cash flows from capital and related financing activities:				
Acquisition of capital assets	(19,678)	-		(19,678)
Principal payments - capital lease	(332)	-	-	(332)
Interest payments - capital lease	(16)			(16)
Net cash used in capital and				
related financing activities	(20,026)	-	-	(20,026)
Cash flows from investing activities -				
Interest received	61		272	333
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	(9,678)	833	(5,906)	(14,751)
Cash and cash equivalents, October 1, 2015	14,365	283	99,599	114,247
Cash and cash equivalents, September 30, 2016	\$ 4,687	1,116	93,693	99,496
Reconciliation of operating loss to				
net cash used in operating activities:				
Operating loss	\$ (199,081)	(272,105)	(8,472)	(479,658)
Adjustments to reconcile operating loss				
to net cash used in operating activities:				
Depreciation	16,234	2,216	-	18,450
Changes in assets and liabilities:				
Accounts receivable	-	3,529		3,529
Inventory	11,135	-	298	11,433
Prepaid items	(27)	(21)	-	(48)
Deferred outflows related to net pension liability	(38,982)	(14,714)	(3,875)	(57,571)
Accounts payable	(40, 142)	(1,915)	(758)	(42,815)
Accrued liabilities	1,496	(1,059)	(205)	232
Due to other funds	32,066	50,380		82,446
Net pension liability	69,617	30,809	7,037	107,463
Deferred inflows related to net pension liability	(2,029)	(811)	(203)	(3,043)
Total adjustments	49,368	68,414	2,294.	120,076
Net cash used in operating activities	\$ (149,713)	(203,691)	(6,178)	(359,582)
Noncash investing, capital, and financing activities -				
Noncash capital contributions -	1/8/80			1/5 /80
Capital assets transferred from the general fund	\$ 167,659	•	-	167,659

INTERNAL SERVICE FUNDS

Internal service funds are used to account for the financing of goods or services provided by one department or agency to other departments or agencies of the City and to other governmental units on a cost reimbursement basis.

Municipal Supply Fund - This fund is used to account for City garage and fuel activity.

Municipal Office Supply Fund – This fund is used to account for City office supply activity.

Health and Life Insurance Reserve Fund – This fund is used to account for the receipts, insurance premiums, and disbursements of claims paid by the City for employee health and life insurance.

Unemployment Compensation Fund – This fund is used to account for the claims paid by the City for unemployment compensation.

Combining Statement of Net Position Internal Service Funds September 30, 2016

<u>ASSETS</u>	Municipal Supply	Municipal Office Supply	Health and Life Insurance <u>Reserve</u>	Unemployment Compensation	Total Internal Service <u>Funds</u>
Current assets:					
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 153,095	47,372	616,347	31,376	848,190
Receivables - miscellaneous			16,874	-	16,874
Due from other funds:					
General fund	58,101	-	286,848	-	344,949
Water and sewer fund	23,165	-	50,572	-	73,737
Waste collection & disposal fund	601	-	-	-	601
Inventory	<u>50,</u> 129	2,292		-	52,421
Total current assets	285,091	49,664	970,641	31,376	1,336,772
LIABILITIES					
Current liabilities -					
Accounts payable	68,859		876,691		945,550
Total current liabilities	68,859		876,691		945,550
NET POSITION					
Unrestricted	\$ 216,232	49,664	93,950	31,376	391,222

SCHEDULE 16

CITY OF MERIDIAN, MISSISSIPPI

Combining Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Position
Internal Service Funds
For the Fiscal Year Ended September 30, 2016

	Municipal Supply	Municipal Office Supply	Health and Life Insurance Reserve	Unemployment Compensation	Total Internal Service <u>Funds</u>
Operating revenues:					
Charges for sales and services	\$ 508,946	2,730	-	-	511,676
Premiums	-	-	3,591,546	-	3,591,546
Reinsurance reimbursement	-	_	17,545	-	17,545
Total operating revenues	508,946	2,730	3,609,091		4,120,767
Operating expenses:					
Administration fees	-	-	32,149	-	32,149
Costs of sales and services	516,342	(172)	-	-	516,170
Claims paid		-	3,579,520	23,947	3,603,467
Total operating expenses	516,342	(172)	3,611,669	_23,947	4,151,786
Operating income (loss)	(7,396)	2,902	(2,578)	(23,947)	(31,019)
Nonoperating revenues -					
Interest income	369	132	2,578	71	3,150
Income (loss) before transfers in	(7,027)	3,034	-	(23,876)	(27,869)
Transfers in				45,000	45,000
Change in net position	(7,027)	3,034	-	21,124	17,131
Net position, October 1, 2015	223,259	46,630	93,950	10,252	374,091
Net position, September 30, 2016	\$ 216,232	49,664	93,950	31,376	391,222

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SCHEDULE 17

CITY OF MERIDIAN, MISSISSIPPI

Combining Statement of Cash Flows Internal Service Funds For the Fiscal Year Ended September 30, 2016

	Municipal <u>Supply</u>	Municipal Office Supply	Health and Life Insurance Reserve	Unemployment Compensation	Total Internal Service Funds
Cash flows from operating activities:					
Receipts from internal users	\$ 519,070	2,730	3,254,797	-	3,776,597
Payments to suppliers	(490,867)	(4,561)	(3,225,384)	(23,947)	(3,744,759)
Net cash provided by (used in)					
operating activities	28,203	(1,831)	29,413	(23,947)	31,838
Cash flows from noncapital financing activities -					
Transfers from other funds	-	-	-	45,000	45,000
Cash flows from investing activities -					
Interest received	369	132	2,578	71	3,150
Net increase (decrease) in					
cash and cash equivalents	28,572	(1,699)	31,991	21,124	79,988
Cash and cash equivalents, October 1, 2015	124,523	49,071	584,356	10,252	768,202
Cash and cash equivalents, September 30, 2016	\$ 153,095	47,372	616,347	31,376	848,190
Reconciliation of operating income (loss) to net					
cash provided by (used in) operating activities:	0 (5000)	2 222	(0.550)	(00.045)	(21.010)
Operating income (loss)	\$ (7,396)	2,902	(2,578)	(23,947)	(31,019)
Adjustments to reconcile operating income (loss) to					
net cash provided by (used in) operating activities: Changes in assets and liabilities:					
Receivables - miscellaneous			(16,874)	_	(16,874)
Due from other funds	10,124	_	(337,420)		(327,296)
Inventory	2,073	(47)	(337,120)		2,026
Accounts payable	23,402	(4,686)	386,285		405,001
Total adjustments	35,599	(4,733)	31,991	-	62,857
Net cash provided by (used in)					
operating activities	\$ 28,203	(1,831)	29,413	(23,947)	31,838

FIDUCIARY FUNDS

Agency Funds

Agency funds are used to account for assets held by the City as an agent for individuals, private organizations, other governments and/or other funds.

Firemen & Policemen Disability & Relief – This fund is used to account for the dedicated property tax assessment and collections forwarded to the Public Employees' Retirement System ("PERS") for a closed fire and policemen retirement system managed by PERS.

General Retirement – This fund is used to account for the dedicated property tax assessment and collections forwarded to PERS for a closed municipal employee retirement system managed by PERS.

Meridian Community College – This fund is used to account for property tax collections and disbursements to Meridian Community College to be used for its operations.

Meridian Separate School District – This fund is used to account for property tax collections and disbursements to Meridian Separate School District to be used for operation and maintenance.

State Police Fines & Fees – This fund is used to account for state fines and fees collected by the City Municipal Court for the State of Mississippi.

Meridian Separate School District Bonds & Interest – This fund is used to account for property tax collections and disbursements to Meridian Separate School District to be used for debt service reduction.

SCHEDULE 18

CITY OF MERIDIAN, MISSISSIPPI Combining Statement of Fiduciary Assets and Liabilities Agency Funds September 30, 2016

<u>ASSETS</u>	Firemen & Policemen Disability & Relief	General <u>Retirement</u>	Meridian Community <u>College</u>	Meridian Separate School <u>District</u>	State Police Fines & Fees	Meridian Separate School District Bonds & <u>Interest</u>	Total Agency <u>Funds</u>
Cash and cash equivalents Intergovernmental receivables -	\$ 127,814	47,789	108,643	918,134	39,130	123,853	1,365,363
County	14,759	5,518	17,004	137,220		19,384	193,885
Total assets	\$ 142,573	53,307	125,647	1,055,354	39,130	143,237	1,559,248
<u>LIABILITIES</u>							
Intergovernmental payables:							
Schools	\$ -	-	125,647	1,055,354	-	143,237	1,324,238
PERS	142,573	53,307	-	-	-	-	195,880
State			-		39,130	-	39,130
Total liabilities	\$ 142,573	53,307	125,647	1,055,354	39,130	143,237	1,559,248

SCHEDULE 19 (Page 1 of 3)

CITY OF MERIDIAN, MISSISSIPPI

Combining Statement of Changes in Fiduciary Assets and Liabilities
Agency Funds
For the Fiscal Year Ended September 30, 2016

	Balance October 1, 2015	Additions	<u>Deletions</u>	Balance September 30, 2016
	Fire	men & Policeme	n Disability &	Relief
<u>ASSETS</u>				
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 124,142	1,907,593	1,903,921	127,814
Intergovernmental - county	12,896	14,759	12,896	14,759
Total assets	\$ 137,038	1,922,352	1,916,817	142,573
LIABILITIES				
Intergovernmental - PERS	\$ 137,038	1,922,352	1,916,817	142,573
		General R	etirement	
ASSETS				
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 44,202	713,276	709,689	47,789
Intergovernmental - county	4,853	5,518	4,853	5,518
Total assets	\$ 49,055	718,794	714,542	53,307
LIABILITIES				
Intergovernmental - PERS	\$ 49,055	718,794	714,542	53,307
		Meridian Comr	nunity College	
ASSETS			-	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 102,556	2,272,070	2,265,983	108,643
Intergovernmental - county	15,101	17,004	15,101	17,004
Total assets	\$ 117,657	2,289,074	2,281,084	125,647
LIABILITIES				
Intergovernmental - schools	\$ 117,657	2,289,074	2,281,084	125,647
				(Continued)

SCHEDULE 19 (Page 2 of 3)

CITY OF MERIDIAN, MISSISSIPPI

Combining Statement of Changes in Fiduciary Assets and Liabilities
Agency Funds
For the Fiscal Year Ended September 30, 2016

		Balance October 1, 2015	Additions	<u>Deletions</u>	Balance September 30, 2016
A CODE TO		N	1eridian Separat	te School Distr	ict
<u>ASSETS</u>					
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	877,187	17,948,302	17,907,355	918,134
Intergovernmental - county		118,327	137,220	118,327	137,220
Total assets	\$	995,514	18,085,522	18,025,682	1,055,354
LIABILITIES					
Intergovernmental - schools	\$	995,514	18,085,522	18,025,682	1,055,354
			State Police I	Fines & Fees	
<u>ASSETS</u>					
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	71,976	722,242	755,088	39,130
LIABILITIES					
Intergovernmental - state	\$	71,976	722,242	755,088	39,130
		Meridian	Separate School	District Bonds	& Interest
ASSETS	-			2.00.100	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	116,914	2,590,160	2,583,221	123,853
Intergovernmental - county	•	17,215	19,384	17,215	19,384
Total assets	\$	134,129	2,609,544	2,600,436	143,237
LIABILITIES					
Intergovernmental - schools	\$	134,129	2,609,544	2,600,436	143,237
					(Continued)

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CITY OF MERIDIAN, MISSISSIPPI

Combining Statement of Changes in Fiduciary Assets and Liabilities
Agency Funds
For the Fiscal Year Ended September 30, 2016

	Balance October 1, 2015	Additions	Deletions	Balance September 30, 2016
		Total Age	ncy Funds	
<u>ASSETS</u>				
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 1,336,977	26,153,643	26,125,257	1,365,363
Intergovernmental receivables	168,392	193,885	168,392	193,885
Total assets	\$ 1,505,369	26,347,528	26,293,649	1,559,248
LIABILITIES				
Intergovernmental payables	\$ 1,505,369	26,347,528	26,293,649	1,559,248

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NONMAJOR COMPONENT UNITS

Meridian Urban Renewal Authority – Meridian Urban Renewal Authority ("MURA") (a discretely presented component unit) is a legally separate entity established by resolution of the City Council of the City of Meridian. MURA was established to undertake and carry out urban renewal projects within an urban renewal area which the City Council of the City of Meridian has determined to be a slum area, or a blighted area, or a combination thereof and has designated as appropriate for an urban renewal project, in accordance with an urban renewal plan adopted by the City of Meridian.

The Meridian Transportation Commission – The Meridian Transportation Commission ("MTC") (a discretely presented component unit) is a legally separate entity established by resolution of the City Council of the City of Meridian. MTC was established to account for and manage the local public mass transit system.

Meridian and Bonita Lakes Development Authority – Meridian and Bonita Lakes Development Authority ("MBLDA") (a discretely presented component unit) is a legally separate entity established by resolution of the City Council of the City of Meridian. As such, it is a political subdivision for the purposes of constructing or leasing a convention center and/or coliseum facility and of developing and operating any improvements, lands or structures and commercial activities compatible with a sustained and viable tourism industry within the City of Meridian, the County of Lauderdale or the general geographic region.

Additional information regarding component unit status can be found in note 1(a) of the notes to the financial statements.

Combining Statement of Net Position Nonmajor Component Units September 30, 2016

<u>ASSETS</u>		Meridian Urban Renewal <u>Authority</u>	The Meridian Transportation <u>Commission</u>	Meridian and Bonita Lakes Development <u>Authority</u>	Total Nonmajor Component <u>Units</u>
Current assets:					
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	60,287	4	8,750	69,037
Receivables:	Ψ	00,207		0,750	0,037
Interest		48,721	-	-	48,721
Contribution			7,863	-	7,863
Total current assets		109,008	7,863	8,750	125,621
MLEC leverage loans receivable		5,691,198	-		5,691,198
Total assets		5,800,206	7,863	8,750	5,816,819
<u>LIABILITIES</u>				,	
Current liabilities:					
Current portion of note payable		82,989	-	-	82,989
Accounts payable		9,212	22,124	2,168	33,504
Accrued interest		28,397			28,397
Total current liabilities		120,598	22,124	2,168	144,890
Noncurrent liabilities -					
Note payable, less current portion		1,982,011	-	-	1,982,011
Total liabilities		2,102,609	22,124	<u>2,168</u>	2,126,901
NET POSITION					
Unrestricted (deficit)		3,697,597	(14,261)	6,582	3,689,918
Total net position	\$	3,697,597	(14,261)	6,582	3,689,918

Combining Statement of Activities
Nonmajor Component Units
For the Fiscal Year Ended September 30, 2016

Net (Expense) Revenue **Program Revenues** and Changes in Net Position Meridian and Meridian The Total **Operating** Capital Urban Meridian **Bonita Lakes** Nonmajor Charges for Grants and Grants and Renewal Transportation Development Component Functions/Programs Services Authority Units Contributions Contributions Authority Commission Expenses Nonmajor component units: Meridian Urban Renewal Authority 129,866 194,866 8 65,008 65,008 The Meridian Transportation Commission 7,863 7,863 Meridian and Bonita Lakes Development Authority 2,168 (2,168)(2,168)7,871 65,008 (2,168)Total nonmajor component units 139,897 194,866 62,840 General revenues -40 Interest income 41 65,048 (2,167)Change in net position 62,881 Net position (deficit), October 1, 2015 3,632,549 (14,261) 8,749 3,627,037 3,697,597 (14,261)6,582 Net position (deficit), September 30, 2016 3,689,918

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CITY OF MERIDIAN, MISSISSIPPI

Schedule Reconciling Original Ad Valorem
Tax Rolls to Fund Collections
For the Fiscal Year Ended September 30, 2016

		Assessed	3.6000.00				Ad Valorem Taxes
Ch. Cha. 11		<u>Value</u>	<u>Miilage</u>				Taxes
City of Meridian:	\$	224,025,539	50.84			\$	11,389,458
Realty	P	53,052,864	50.84			Ф	2,697,208
Personal property - other than auto Public utilities		32,616,615	50.84				1,658,229
Personal autos - 2014 rates		818,041	50.84				41,589
Personal autos - 2014 rates Personal autos - 2015 rates		4,993,758	50.84				253,883
Personal autos - 2015 rates		28,840,889	50.84				1,466,271
Total City of Meridian valuation	\$	344,347,706	30.04				17,506,638
Less homestead exemption allowed							(960,967)
Total City ad valorem taxes							16,545,671
							20,010,011
Adjustments to original tax roll: Lauderdale County tax collector refund				\$	(25,066)		
Realty				Ψ	(13,210)		
Personal					(16,931)		
Homestead exemption					(10,206)		(65,413)
					(10,200)		(05,415)
Add (deduct): Actual homestead reimbursement					584,230		
Motor vehicle rent tax					87,094		
					124,857		
Payments in lieu of taxes					87,094		
Prior year tax collections Mobile homes					6,114		
Aircraft					9,213		898,602
Total City to account for							17,378,860
Separate School District:							
Realty	\$	216,809,577	69.82				15,137,645
Personal property - other than auto		56,621,827	69.82				3,953,336
Public utilities		46,055,761	69.82				3,215,613
Personal autos - 2014 rates		766,591	69.82				53,523
Personal autos - 2015 rates		4,669,720	69.82				326,040
Personal autos - 2016 rates		27,259,368	69.82				1,903,249
Total Separate School District valuation	\$	<i>352</i> , 182,844					24,589,406
Less homestead exemption allowed							(1,790,794)
Total Separate School District ad valorem taxes							22,798,612
Adjustments to original tax roll:							
Lauderdale County tax collector refund					(32,218)		
Realty					(14,730)		
Personal					(6,379)		
Homestead exemption					(9,448)		(62,775)
Add (deduct):							
Prior year tax collections					113,345		
Mobile homes					20,495		133,840
Total Separate School District to account for							22,869,677
Total City of Meridian and Separate School Distric	t to ac	count for				\$	40,248,537
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CITY OF MERIDIAN, MISSISSIPPI

Schedule Reconciling Original Ad Valorem
Tax Rolls to Fund Collections
For the Fiscal Year Ended September 30, 2016

	Taxes	Homestead Reimbursement	Total
Accounted for as follows:			
General Fund	\$ 9,724,453	343,942	10,068,395
General Fund - Pilot	124,856	-	124,856
General Bond and Interest	4,264,589	150,769	4,415,358
School Bond and Interest	2,590,160		2,590,160
Police and Fire Disability	1,842,436	65,157	1,907,593
General Retirement	688,914	24,362	713,276
School Fund	20,072,115	_	20,072,115
Total accounted for	\$ 39,307,523	584,230	39,891,753
Balance represented by:			
Real property held from tax sale			4,651
Unpaid personal property			91,720
Sold to state			43,826
Tax collector's commission			202,228
Held by tax collector			14,359
Total ad valorem taxes		\$	40,248,537

SCHEDULE 23

CITY OF MERIDIAN, MISSISSIPPI

Schedule of Investments September 30, 2016

	Issue <u>Date</u>	Maturity <u>Date</u>	Interest Rate	Amount
General fund - unrestricted:				
Certificate of deposit	06/28/16	12/25/16	0.15%	\$ 675,000
Certificate of deposit	06/29/16	12/29/16	0.35%	675,000
Total general fund investments - unrestricted				\$ 1,350,000
Debt service fund - restricted -				
Certificate of deposit	11/10/15	03/10/17	1.06%	\$ 400,000

Schedule of Surety Bonds for Municipal Officials September 30, 2016

Name	Position	Insurance Company	 Bond	
Percy Bland, III	Mayor	Travelers	\$ 100,000	*
George M Thomas	Councilman	Western Surety Company	100,000	
K. Dustin Markham	Councilman	Western Surety Company	100,000	
Barbara Henson	Councilwoman	Western Surety Company	100,000	
Kim Houston	Councilwoman	Western Surety Company	100,000	
Randy Hammon	Councilman	Western Surety Company	100,000	
Richie McAlister	Chief Administrative Officer	Western Surety Company	50,000	
David Whitaker	City Clerk/CFO	Western Surety Company	50,000	
Brandye Latimer	Assistant Director, Finance & Record/Deputy Clerk	Western Surety Company	50,000	
Benny Dubose	Police Chief	Western Surety Company	50,000	
Hugh Smith	Public Works Director	Western Surety Company	50,000	
Blanket Policy	All city employees	Travelers	100,000	

^{*} Bond coverage for the City's Mayor represents coverage under the blanket bond for all City employees.

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CITY OF MERIDIAN, MISSISSIPPI Schedule of Changes in Long-Term Debt For the Fiscal Year Ended September 30, 2016

Governmental activities:	Date of Issue	Interest <u>Rate</u>		Amount of Original <u>Issue</u>	Balance October 1, 2015	Principal Payments	New <u>Issues</u>	Balance September 30. 2016
Public Improvement of 2006	06/01/2006	4.00-5.50%	\$	10,000,000	1,485,000	475,000	_	1,010,000
Water and Sewer Improvement of 2007	04/01/2007	3.75-5.25%	Ψ	3,600,000	2,525,000	165,000	_	2,360,000
Public Improvement of 2008	04/22/2008	2.90-3.65%		1,000,000	605,000	65,000	_	540,000
Public Improvement of 2009	06/01/2009	3.50-4.00%		10,000,000	7,895,000	410,000	-	7,485,000
Refunding Bonds of 2011	06/30/2011	2.00-2.50%		3,960,000	1,510,000	490,000	-	1,020,000
Public Improvement of 2011	03/01/2011	3.10-4.40%		4,500,000	3,875,000	175,000	-	3,700,000
Public Improvement of 2012	04/12/2012	1.90-2.70%		4,500,000	3,800,000	365,000	-	3,435,000
Water and Sewer Improvement of 2013	03/05/2014	2.20%		1,200,000	985,000	110,000	-	875,000
Refunding Bonds of 2014	08/14/2014	2.0-3.0%		8,410,000	8,410,000	230,000	-	8,180,000
Public Improvement of 2016	03/24/2016	1.2-1.625%		7,500,000		-	7,500,000	7,500,000
Total general obligations bonds				54,670,000	31,090,000	2,485,000	7,500,000	36,105,000
Special Obligation Bonds 2003B	07/01/2003	3.30-5.375%		1,500,000	810,000	80,000		730,000
Total special obligation bonds				1,500,000	810,000	80,000	-	730,000
Limited Obligation Tax Increment Bonds	12/17/2009	8.75%		4,000,000	3,195,000	210,000		2,985,000
Limited Obligation Tax Increment Bonds	03/01/2010	5.00%		300,000	195,000	25,000		170,000
Total tax increment bonds				4,300,000	3,390,000	235,000		3,155,000
Capital improvements loan	06/01/2001	3.00%		1,000,000	52,888	52,888		
Energy Conservation Loan	03/01/2011	0.25%		210,000	90,449	30,075	-	60,374
Vehicle loan	04/28/2016	1.42%		938,177	-	-	938,177	938,177
Fire truck loan	08/18/2016	1.42%		1,078,338		-	1,078,338	1,078,338
Total promissory loans				3,226,515	143,337	82,963	2,016,515	2,076,889
Special Assessment Public Improvement	06/01/1996	5.60%		2,000,000	165,000	165,000	-	-
Special Assessment Public Improvement	06/01/2000	5.50-6.00%		1,125,000	415,000	75,000	-	340,000
Special Assessment Public Imp 2001	08/01/2001	4.80-5.10%		500,000	205,000	30,000		175,000
Total special assessment				3,625,000	785,000	270,000		515,000
CitiCapital lease - energy saving equipment	05/21/2002	5.87%		709,066	90,275	68,007	-	22,268
Municipal Asset Management - tasers	06/22/2015	3.77%		120,387	94,462	22,298	-	72,164
Total capital leases				829,453	184,737	90,305	-	94,432
Total governmental activities			\$	68,150,968	36,403,074	3,243,268	9,516,515	42,676,321
Business-type activities:								
Water and sewer promissory loan	01/31/2013	0.50-4.0%	\$	12,415,000	8,895,000	1,525,000	-	7,370,000
EPA Clean Water State Revolving Fund Loan	10/01/2010	1.75%		8,955,225	1,608,323	-		1,608,323
Total promissory loans				21,370,225	10,503,323	1,525,000	-	8,978,323
CitiCapital lease - energy saving equipment	05/21/2002	5.87%		1,053,181	127,202	101,011	-	26,191
CitiCapital lease - energy saving equipment	05/21/2002	5.87%		3,460	418	332		86
Total capital leases				1,056,641	127,620	101,343		26,277
Total business-type activities			\$	22,426,866	10,630,943	1,626,343	_	9,004,600

Schedule of Long-Term Debt Maturities September 30, 2016

	Date of	Interest	Amount of Original	Balance September 30,	-
	Issue	Rate	Issue	2016	2017
Governmental activities:	2000				
Public Improvement of 2006	06/01/2006	4.00-5.50%	\$ 10,000,000	1,010,000	495,000
Water and Sewer Improvement of 2007	04/01/2007	3.75-5.25%	3,600,000	2,360,000	170,000
Public Improvement of 2008	04/22/2008	2.90-3.65%	1,000,000	540,000	70,000
Public Improvement of 2009	06/01/2009	3.50-4.00%	10,000,000	7,485,000	425,000
Refunding Bonds of 2011	06/30/2011	2.00-2.50%	3,960,000	1,020,000	500,000
Public Improvement of 2011	03/01/2011	3.10-4.40%	4,500,000	3,700,000	180,000
Public Improvement of 2012	04/12/2012	1.90-2.70%	4,500,000	3,435,000	380,000
Water and Sewer Improvement of 2013	03/05/2014	2.20%	1,200,000	875,000	115,000
Refunding Bonds of 2014	08/14/2014	2.0-3.0%	8,410,000	8,180,000	400,000
Public Improvement of 2016	03/24/2016	1.2-1.625%	7,500,000	7,500,000	655,000
Total general obligations bonds			54,670,000	36,105,000	3,390,000
Special Obligation Bonds 2003B	07/01/2003	3.30-5.375%	1,500,000	730,000	85,000
Total special obligation bonds			1,500,000	730,000	85,000
Limited Obligation Tax Increment Bonds	12/17/2009	8.75%	4,000,000	2,985,000	230,000
Limited Obligation Tax Increment Bonds	03/01/2010	5.00%	300,000	170,000	25,000
Total tax increment bonds			4,300,000	3,155,000	255,000
Energy Conservation Loan	03/01/2011	0.25%	210,000	60,374	30,150
Vehicle loan	04/28/2016	1.42%	938,177	938,177	191,555
Fire truck loan	08/18/2016	1.42%	1,078,338	1,078,338	17,972
Total promissory loans			2,226,515	2,076,889	239,677
Special Assessment Public Improvement	06/01/2000	5.50-6.00%	1,125,000	340,000	80,000
Special Assessment Public Imp 2001	08/01/2001	4.80-5.10%	500,000	175,000	30,000
Total special assessment			1,625,000	515,000	110,000
CitiCapital Lease - energy saving equipment	05/21/2002	5.87%	709,066	22,268	22,268
Municipal Asset Management - tasers	06/22/2015	3.77%	120,387	72,164	23,154
Total capital leases			829,453	94,432	45,422
Total governmental activities			\$ 65,150,968	42,676,321	4,125,099
Business-type activities:					
Water and sewer promissory loan	01/31/2013	0.50-4.0%	\$ 12,415,000	7,370,000	1,165,000
EPA Clean Water State Revolving Fund Loan	10/01/2010	1.75%	8,955,225	1,608,323	17,082
Total promissory loans			21,370,225	8,978,323	1,182,082
CitiCapital lease - energy saving equipment	05/21/2002	5.87%	1,053,181	26,191	26,191
CitiCapital lease - energy saving equipment	05/21/2002	5.87%	3,460	86	86
Total capital leases			1,056,641	26,277	26,277
Total business-type activities			\$ 22,426,866	9,004,600	1,208,359

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	2018	<u>2019</u>	2020	<u>2021</u>	2026	2031	2036	2041
	515,000							
	180,000	185,000	195,000	205,000	1 160 000	265 000	-	-
					1,160,000	265,000	-	-
	70,000	75,000	75,000	80,000	170,000	2 150 000	-	-
	445,000	470,000	495,000	515,000	2,985,000	2,150,000	-	-
	520,000	105 000	205 000	215 000	1 220 000	1 405 000	-	-
	190,000	195,000	205,000	215,000	1,220,000	1,495,000	-	-
	395,000	405,000	420,000	435,000	1,400,000	-	*	-
	120,000	120,000	125,000	130,000	265,000	-	-	-
	410,000	970,000	1,000,000	1,035,000	4,365,000	-	-	-
	675,000	695,000	715,000	735,000	4,025,000	-	_	
	3,520,000	3,115,000	3,230,000	3,350,000	15,590,000	3,910,000	-	
	90,000	100,000	105,000	110,000	240,000		-	
	90,000	100,000	105,000	110,000	240,000	-	-	
	250,000	270,000	295,000	325,000	1,615,000	-	-	
	25,000	30,000	30,000	30,000	30,000	-		-
	275,000	300,000	325,000	355,000	1,645,000			
	30,224							
	194,603	197,423	200,274	154,322		_	_	
	215,668	215,668	215,668	215,668	197,694		-	-
	440,495	413,091	415,942	369,990	197,694		-	-
	80,000	85,000	95,000					
	35,000	35,000	35,000	40,000				
	115,000	120,000	130,000	40,000	-	-		
	24.042	24.067	-	-	-	-	-	-
	24,043	24,967			-			
	24,043	24,967	-	-	-			
	4,464,538	4,073,058	4,205,942	4,224,990	17,672,694	3,910,000	-	-
	1,225,000	865,000	895,000	805,000	2,415,000		-	-
	69,080	70,299	71,539	72,801	383,728	418,792	457,059	47,943
	1,294,080	935,299	966,539	877,801	2,798,728	418,792	457,059	47,943
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		-	-	-	-	-	-	-
				•		46		
	1,294,080	935,299	966,539	877,801	2,798,728	418,792	457,059	47,943
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STATISTICAL SECTION

This part of the City's comprehensive annual financial report presents detailed information as a context for understanding what the information in the financial statements, note disclosures and required supplementary information says about the City's overall financial health.

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CITY OF MERIDIAN, MISSISSIPPI Net Position by Component Last Ten Fiscal Years (accrual basis of accounting) (amounts expressed in thousands)

	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Governmental activities:										
Net investment in capital assets	\$ 48,799	\$ 50,692	\$ 75,492	\$ 72,823	\$ 74,694	\$ 75,049	\$ 69,358	\$ 68,410	\$ 66,592	\$ 65,945
Restricted	6,881	5,810	6,429	6,985	6,519	5,755	3,538	3,572	4,783	5,329
Unrestricted	3,920	4,076	3,700	4,198	2,324	3,721	5,118	4,398	(35,407)	(39,404)
Total governmental activities net position	\$ 59,600	\$ 60,578	\$ 85,621	\$ 84,006	\$ 83,537	\$ 84,525	\$ 78,014	\$ 76,380	\$ 35,968	\$ 31,870
Business-type activities:										
Net investment in capital assets	\$ 18,938	\$ 17,684	\$ 19,326	\$ 19,767	\$ 19,795	\$ 20,841	\$ 18,824	\$ 20,214	\$ 21,704	\$ 25,555
Restricted	7,509	7,717	5,441	4,354	5,151	5,657	6,619	7,076	7,647	9,156
Unrestricted	3,354	3,167	2,253	2,682	3,825	4,179	6,528	8,350	4,479	5,010
Total business-type activities net position	\$ 29,801	\$ 28,568	\$ 27,020	\$ 26,803	\$ 28,771	\$ 30,677	\$ 31,971	\$ 35,640	\$ 33,830	\$ 39,721
Primary government:										
Net investment in capital assets	\$ 67,737	\$ 68,376	\$ 94,818	\$ 92,590	\$ 94,489	\$ 95,890	\$ 88,182	\$ 88,624	\$ 88,296	\$ 91,500
Restricted	14,390	13,527	11,870	11,339	11,670	11,412	10,157	10,648	12,430	14,485
Unrestricted	7,274	7,243	5,953	6,880	6,149	7,900	11,646	12,748	(30,928)	(34,394)
Total primary government net position	\$ 89,401	\$ 89,146	\$112,641	\$110,809	\$112,308	\$115,202	\$109,985	\$112,020	\$ 69,798	\$ 71,591

Source: Audit Reports - Statement of Net Position

Note: Fiscal year 2012 was restated for the effects of the GASB Statement 65 early implementation in fiscal year 2013.

CITY OF MERIDIAN, MISSISSIPPI Changes in Net Position Last Ten Fiscal Years (accrual basis of accounting) (amounts expressed in thousands)

		<u>2007</u>		2008		2009		2010		2011		2012		2013		2014		<u>2015</u>		2016
Expenses																				
Governmental activities:																				
General government		\$ 6,526		7,211	\$	7,017	\$	8,825	\$	6,907	\$	6,852	\$	7,385	\$	7,899	\$	9,234	\$	9,120
Public safety		15,037	7	15,017		16,010		16,238		15,528		15,584		16,486		16,394		16,054		16,855
Public works		6,896)	6,573		7,482		8,198		7,896		7,695		12,022		7,864		7,934		8,459
Culture and recreation		2,156)	2,390		2,307		2,284		3,223		2,051		2,250		2,509		2,500		3,122
Economic development		98	3	134		22		2,976		124		169		2,115		21		1		1
Interest on long-term debt		1,918	3	1,772		1,615		2,071		2,061		1,908		1,835		1,706		1,565		1,334
Total governmental activities expenses		32,631		33,097	_	34,453	_	40,592		35,739	_	34,259	_	42,093		36,393	_	37,288	_	38,891
Business-type activities:																				
Water and sewer		12,218	3	12,078		12,557		12,161		11,742		11,765		11,788		10,625		10,449		10,921
Waste collection and disposal		2,380)	2,401		2,526		2,466		1,825		1,876		1,905		1,881		1,849		1,891
Golf course		400)	419		418		397		446		466		423		435		379		423
Union Station		323		331		388		352		364		353		366		235		295		317
Concessions		26	,	32		29		29		28		27		27		28		34		35
Total business-type activities expenses		15,347		15,261		15,918	_	15,405		14,405	_	14,487		14,509	_	13,204		13,006		13,587
Total primary government expenses		\$ 47,978	\$	48,358	\$	50,371	\$	55,997	\$	50,144	\$	48,746	\$	56,602	\$	49,597	\$	50,294	\$	52,478
Program revenues																				
Governmental activities:																				
Charges for services:																				
General government		\$ 587	\$	640	\$	581	\$	355	\$	501	\$	412	\$	705	\$	336	\$	577	\$	
Public safety		2,856	,	1,730		1,590		1,220		1,037		1,039		950		860		988		1,049
Culture and recreation		164		180		173		376		182		327		136		166		179		225
Operating grants and contributions		2,194	ļ	1,379		1,572		1,645		608		515		1,261		992		733		586
Capital grants and contributions		250		500		1,497		3,699		1,654		1,786		265		314		378		1,156
Total governmental activities			_						-										_	
program revenues		6,051		4,429	_	5,413		7,295	_	3,982	_	4,079	_	3,317	_	2,668	_	2,855	_	3,418
Business-type activities:																				
Charges for services:																				
Water and sewer		10,907	,	11,125		11,715		12,145		12,404		13,187		13,553		13,699		13,284		13,993
Waste collection and disposal		1,560)	1,570		1,611		1,870		1,828		1,871		1,838		1,887		1,850		1,868
Golf course		324		318		284		271		249		296		271		244		179		224
Union Station		114		103		80		84		81		64		42		41		47		44
Concessions		35		43		44		46		42		35		38		27		31		27
Capital grants and contributions	+	740		87	-	65	_	-	_	328	_	1,314	_	148	_	47		1,611	_	1,748
Total business-type activities program revenues		13,680		13,246		13,799		14,416		14,932		16,767		15,890		15,945		17,002		17,904
Total primary government																				

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Changes in Net Position
Last Ten Fiscal Years
(accrual basis of accounting)
(amounts expressed in thousands)

	_	2007	_	2008		2009	_	2010		2011		2012	_	2013	_	2014		2015	2016
Net (expense)/revenue										مست									
Governmental activities	\$	(26,580)	\$	(28,668)	\$	(29,040)	\$	(33,297)	\$	(31,757)	\$	(30,180)	\$	(38,776)	\$	(33,725)	\$	(34,433)	\$ (35,473)
Business-type activities	-	(1,667)	_	(2,015)	-	(2,119)	_	(989)	_	527	_	2,280	_	1,381	*****	2,741	_	3,996	4,317
Total primary government																			
net (expense)/revenue	<u>s</u>	(28,247)	\$	(30,683)	\$	(31,159)	<u>\$</u>	(34,286)	\$	(31,230)	\$	(27,900)	\$	(37,395)	\$	(30,984)	\$	(30,437)	\$ (31,156)
General revenues and other changes in net position Governmental activities:																			
Taxes:																			
Property taxes	\$	10,098	\$	10,826	\$	12,085	\$	14,173	\$	14,722	\$	14,439	\$	13,767	\$	14,232	\$	14,466	\$ 14,932
Sales taxes		13,574		14,166		13,744		13,502		13,708		14,082		14,682		14,901		14,845	14,431
Franchise taxes		2,587		2,568		2,744		2,647		2,529		2,462		2,643		2,955		2,922	2,555
County road taxes		1,040		1,042		1,194		1,224		982		781		752		678		692	714
Motor fuel taxes		19		19		19		19		19		20		20		20		31	30
Unrestricted grants and contributions		65		70		74		73		70		75		77		78		80	70
Unrestricted investment earnings		1,131		628		146		196		194		123		79		63		60	78
Special item - annexed property		-		-		23,549		-				-		-		-		-	-
Transfers	_	(3,182)		327	_	528	_	(152)	_	(936)		66	_	245	_	(836)	_	266	(1,435)
Total governmental activities general																			
revenues and other changes in net position		25,332	_	29,646	_	54,083	_	31,682		31,288	_	32,048	-	32,265	_	32,091	_	33,362	31,375
Business-type activities:																			
Property taxes		811		810		999		506		400		40		71		49		57	16
Unrestricted investment earnings		480		299		100		114		105		103		86		43		116	123
Transfers		3,182	_	(327)	_	(528)		152	_	936	_	(66)	_	(245)	_	836	_	(266)	1,435
Total business-type activities general																			
revenues and other changes in net position		4,473	_	782	_	571	-	772	_	1,441	-	77	_	(88)	_	928	_	(93)	1,574
Total primary government general																			
revenues and other changes in net position	5	29,805	\$	30,428	\$	54,654	\$	32,454	\$	32,729	\$	32,125	\$	32,177	\$	33,019	\$	33,269	\$ 32,949
Change in net position																			
Governmental activities	\$	(1,248)	\$	978	\$	25,043	\$	(1,615)	\$	(469)	\$	1,868	\$	(6,511)	\$	(1,634)	\$	(1,071)	\$ (4,098)
Business-type activities	**	2,806	_	(1,233)	-	(1,548)	_	(217)	_	1,968	_	2,357		1,293	_	3,669	_	3,903	5,891
Total primary government																			
change in net position	3	1,558	\$	(255)	\$	23,495	\$	(1,832)	\$	1,499	\$	4,225	\$	(5,218)	\$	2,035	\$	2,832	\$ 1,793

Source: Audit Reports - Statement of Activities

Note: Fiscal year 2012 was restated for the effects of the GASB Statement 65 early implementation in fiscal year 2013.

Governmental Activities Tax Revenues by Source
Last Ten Fiscal Years
(accrual basis of accounting)
(amounts expressed in thousands)

Fiscal <u>Year</u>	P	roperty <u>Tax</u>	Sales <u>Tax</u>	Fr	anchise <u>Tax</u>	County Road <u>Tax</u>	I	Motor Fuel <u>Tax</u>	<u>Total</u>
2007	\$	10,098	\$ 13,574	\$	2,587	\$ 1,040	\$	19	\$ 27,318
2008		10,826	14,166		2,568	1,042		19	28,621
2009		12,085	13,744		2,744	1,194		19	29,786
2010		14,173	13,502		2,647	1,224		19	31,565
2011		14,722	13,708		2,529	982		19	31,960
2012		14,439	14,082		2,462	781		20	31,784
2013		13,767	14,682		2,643	752		20	31,864
2014		14,232	14,901		2,955	678		20	32,786
2015		14,466	14,845		2,922	692		31	32,956
2016		14,932	14,431		2,555	714		30	32,662

Source: Audit Reports - Statement of Activities

	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
General fund:										
Nonspendable	\$ 1,297	\$ 1,297	\$ 1,469	\$ 1,454	\$ 1,571	\$ 1,594	\$ 1,678	\$ 1,597	\$ 321	\$ 319
Committed	486	515	339	220	151	2	12	-	71	96
Assigned	141	742	677	1,011	1,204	1,931	1,889	1,799	1,917	1,938
Unassigned	6,753	5,618	4,275	5,684	6,433	7,582	8,341	8,371	8,966	6,628
Total general fund	\$ 8.677	\$ 8.172	\$ 6.760	\$ 8.369	\$ 9.359	\$11.109	\$11.920	\$11.767	\$ 11.275	\$ 8.981
All other governmental funds:										
Restricted	\$14,947	\$11,544	\$16,857	\$12,992	\$11,194	\$13,457	\$ 6,875	\$ 6,788	\$ 7,999	\$ 14,744
Committed	-	-	-	347	344	345	345	345	345	346
Assigned	17	16	12	24	16	30	21	30	18	15
Total all other										
governmental funds	\$14.964	\$11.560	\$16.869	\$13.363	\$11.554	\$13,832	\$ 7.241	\$ 7.163	\$ 8.362	\$ 15,105

Source: Audit Reports - Governmental Funds Balance Sheet

Note: Fiscal years 2007 through 2010 have been reclassified with the implementation of GASB Statement 54 in fiscal year 2011.

Fiscal year 2012 was restated for the effects of the GASB Statement 65 early implementation in fiscal year 2013.

Changes in Fund Balances of Governmental Funds
Last Ten Fiscal Years
(modified accrual basis of accounting)
(amounts expressed in thousands)

	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Revenues:										
Taxes	\$ 24,562	\$ 25,889	\$ 26,859	\$ 28,716	\$ 29,113	\$ 29,196	\$ 28,999	\$ 29,579	\$ 29,746	\$ 29,929
Franchise	2,587	2,568	2,744	2,647	2,529	2,462	2,644	2,955	2,922	2,555
Licenses and permits	373	386	256	301	271	251	251	296	277	299
Intergovernmental	2,203	1,514	1,951	3,888	2,257	1,513	1,588	1,354	1,177	1,593
Charges for services	164	180	173	375	182	157	136	166	179	225
Fines and forfeitures	2,855	1,730	1,580	1,219	1,037	1,039	950	860	988	1,049
Special assessments	75	86	67	74	72	74	69	72	73	74
Payments in lieu of taxes	77	66	67	68	152	156	100	150	93	137
Local contributions	307	434	98	461	55	-	7	12	14	83
Investment earnings	1,131	628	146	196	193	123	79	63	60	78
Interest costs and damages	92	99	117	132	169	141	126	104	197	59
Miscellaneous	234	302	389	85	268	301	573	63	299	149
Total revenues	34,660	33,882	34,447	38,162	36,298	35,413	35,522	35,674	36,025	36,230
Expenditures:										
General government	6,033	6,760	6,836	7,634	6,711	6,200	6,407	6,617	7,034	7,630
Public safety	15,684	14,731	16,117	14,732	15,144	15,352	16,811	16,008	15,083	17,627
Public works	4,425	4,146	4,671	4,441	4,422	4,195	4,206	4,933	4,572	4,977
Culture and recreation	2,065	2,484	2,639	3,406	2,673	2,186	2,175	2,492	2,341	2,925
Economic development	98	134	118	3,201	158	231	2,127	230	1	1
Other	150	56	42	11	19	23	23	-	-	-
Capital outlay	2,772	5,868	5,860	6,071	5,657	2,221	4,357	470	415	2,042
Debt service:										
Principal	3,019	3,467	3,062	3,498	3,687	3,682	4,020	3,675	3,466	3,243
Interest	1,736	1,790	1,555	1,982	2,043	1,995	1,885	1,773	1,471	1,392
Bond issuance costs	86	36	165	304	240	110		328		147
Total expenditures	36,068	39,472	41,065	45,280	40,754	36,195	42,011	36,526	34,383	39,984
Excess (deficiency) of revenues										
over (under) expenditures	(1,408)	(5,590)	(6,618)	(7,118)	(4,456)	(782)	(6,489)	(852)	1,642	(3,754)

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CITY OF MERIDIAN, MISSISSIPPI

Changes in Fund Balances of Governmental Funds
Last Ten Fiscal Years
(modified accrual basis of accounting)
(amounts expressed in thousands)

	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Other financing sources (uses):										
Transfers in	\$ 4,531	\$ 9,599	\$ 10,304	\$ 6,017	\$ 2,448	\$ 2,236	\$ 3,583	\$ 2,182	\$ 1,622	\$ 3,041
Transfers out	(7,733)	(9,283)	(9,789)	(6,197)	(3,447)	(2,234)	(3,350)	(3,034)	(1,387)	(4,354)
Bonds issued	3,600	1,000	10,000	4,300	8,460	4,500	-	9,610	-	7,500
Negotiable notes and loans issued	-	-	-	1,100	-	210	-	-	-	2,016
Capital leases	690	365	-	-	-	-	476	-	120	-
Premium on refunding bonds issued		-	-	-	71	-	-	491	-	-
Principal retirement from refunding bond proceeds	-	-	-	-	(3,895)	-	-	(3,110)	-	-
Payment to bond escrow agent	-	-			-	-	-	(5,518)		-
Loss on disposal of asset	-		-		-			-	(1,290)	-
Total other financing										
source (uses)	1,088	1,681	10,515	5,220	3,637	4,712	709	621	(935)	8,203
Net change in fund balance	\$ (320)	\$ (3,909)	\$ 3,897	\$ (1,898)	\$ (819)	\$ 3,930	\$ (5,780)	\$ (231)	\$ 707	\$ 4,449
Debt service as a percentage of noncapital expenditures	15.0%	16.0%	13.7%	14.5%	16.5%	17.2%	14.4%	15.6%	14.7%	13.1%

Source: Audit Report - Governmental Funds Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances

Note: Fiscal year 2012 was restated for the effects of the GASB Statement 65 early implementation in fiscal year 2013.

General Government Tax Revenues by Source
Last Ten Fiscal Years
(modified accrual basis of accounting)
(amounts expressed in thousands)

Fiscal <u>Year</u>	Property <u>Tax</u>	Sales <u>Tax</u> ¹	Franchise <u>Tax</u>	County Road <u>Tax</u>	Motor Fuel <u>Tax</u>	<u>Total</u>
2007	\$ 9,929	\$ 13,574	\$ 2,587	\$ 1,040	\$ 19	\$ 27,149
2008	10,662	14,166	2,568	1,042	19	28,457
2009	11,902	13,744	2,744	1,194	19	29,603
2010	13,971	13,502	2,647	1,224	19	31,363
2011	14,404	13,708	2,529	982	19	31,642
2012	14,313	14,082	2,462	781	20	31,658
2013	13,545	14,682	2,644	752	20	31,643
2014	13,980	14,901	2,955	678	20	32,534
2015	14,178	14,845	2,922	692	31	32,668
2016	14,753	14,431	2,555	714	31	32,484

Source: Audit Report - Governmental Funds Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances

¹Sales tax is not an "own-source revenue" of the City. Sales taxes are levied by the State of Mississippi at a rate of seven percent. The State of Mississippi levies and collects all sales taxes in the state and then remits 18.5 percent of the 7 percent levied to each city based on their portion of sales taxes generated from sales within their city. Principal payer information is not currently made available to the cities.

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SCHEDULE 33

CITY OF MERIDIAN, MISSISSIPPI

Assessed Value and Estimated Actual Value of Taxable Property

Last Ten Fiscal Years

(amounts expressed in thousands)

Fiscal									I	Less:		Total	Total]	Estimated	Assessed
Year		Real P	rop	erty		Personal	Pro	perty	Tax	Exempt	7	Caxable	Direct		Actual	Value as a
Ended	Re	sidential	Co	mmercial	1	Motor]	Real	A	ssessed	Tax		Taxable	Percentage of
September 30,	P	roperty	Ī	Property	\mathbf{V}	ehicles		Other	Pr	operty		<u>Value</u>	Rate		<u>Value</u>	Actual Value
2007	\$	59,190	\$	124,049	\$	34,299	\$	43,847	\$	2,527	\$	258,858	50.08	\$	1,662,921	15.57%
2008		60,176		123,601		32,352		44,701		3,139		257,691	53.08		1,657,190	15.55%
2009		76,714		154,532		32,355		49,060		5,131		307,530	50.84		2,002,797	15.36%
2010		87,063		170,953		31,722		56,584		4,120		342,202	50.84		2,234,043	15.32%
2011		87,731		171,111		30,877		53,247		3,973		338,993	50.84		2,221,081	15.26%
2012		86,209		171,700		31,118		53,388		6,845		335,570	50.84		2,195,722	15.28%
2013		83,798		169,181		31,818		52,750		6,725		330,822	50.84		2,161,650	15.30%
2014		84,862		171,468		33,023		51,816		8,101		333,068	50.84		2,177,062	15.30%
2015		84,100		168,020		33,316		53,182		4,052		334,566	50.84		2,212,754	15.12%
2016		85,130		175,714		34,653		53,053		4,202		344,348	50.84		2,250,804	15.30%

Source: Lauderdale County real and personal property tax rolls.

Note: During 2008, all property in Lauderdale County was reappraised and resulted in an increase in assessed values.

During 2009, the City annexed approximately 9 square miles into the City which resulted in an increase in assessed values.

Property Tax Rates - Direct and Overlapping Governments

Last Ten Fiscal Years

(per \$1,000 of assessed value)

									Overlapping R	ates			
		Ci	ity of Meridi	an		Lau	derdale Cou	inty	Meridian S	eparate Sch	ool District		
			Special								Total		
		Debt	Revenue	Solid	Total		Debt	Total		Debt	School	Meridian	
Fiscal	Operating	Service	Pension	Waste	City	Operating	Service	County	Operating	Service	District	Community	Total
Year	Millage	Millage	Millage	Millage	Millage	Millage	Millage	Millage	Millage	Millage	Millage	College	Millage
2007	26.51	11.17	8.40	4.00	50.08	39.27	8.40	47.67	54.00	1.87	55.87	7.00	160.62
2008	29.23	11.19	8.66	4.00	53.08	40.66	7.78	48.44	54.40	6.68	61.08	7.00	169.60
2009	25.71	12.38	8.75	4.00	50.84	39.66	10.95	50.61	49.89	6.09	55.98	7.00	164.43
2010	29.92	11.88	7.44	1.60	50.84	39.36	7.47	46.83	51.42	5.81	57.23	7.00	161.90
2011	29.65	12.41	7.48	1.30	50.84	41.66	9.12	50.78	54.84	5.67	60.51	7.00	169.13
2012	28.72	13.24	7.93	0.95	50.84	41.66	9.12	50.78	54.84	5.47	60.31	7.00	168.93
2013	29.34	13.12	7.92	0.46	50.84	41.66	9.12	50.78	54.84	6.31	61.15	7.00	169.77
2014	29.72	13.17	7.77	0.18	50.84	41.66	9.12	50.78	54.84	7.98	62.82	7.00	171.44
2015	29.51	13.36	7.79	0.18	50.84	41.66	9.12	50.78	54.84	7.98	62.82	7.00	171.44
2016	29.75	13.12	7.79	0.18	50.84	41.66	9.12	50.78	54.84	7.98	62.82	7.00	171.44

Source: Office of the City Clerk.

Note: The above table represents millage rates which are one-thousandth of a dollar.

Principal Property Taxpayers Current and Nine Years Ago (amounts expressed in thousands)

		2016	5		2007	7
Taxpayer	Taxable Assessed Value	Rank	Percentage of Total Taxable Assessed <u>Value</u>	Taxable Assessed <u>Value</u>	Rank	Percentage of Total Taxable Assessed <u>Value</u>
Mississippi Power Company	\$ 22,071	1	6.40%	\$ 10,514	1	4.06%
Wal-Mart Supercenters	8,129	2	2.36%	5,513	4	2.13%
Bonita Lakes Mall/Bonita Properties, Inc./CBL	7,066	3	2.05%	7,473	2	2.89%
Avery Dennison Corporation	4,669	4	1.35%			
Anderson Regional Medical Center	4,473	5	1.30%	3,048	6	1.18%
Meridian Crossroads	3,289	6	0.96%			
AT&T	2,996	7	0.87%	7,341	3	2.84%
Mississippi Valley Gas Company	2,779	8	0.81%			
Norfolk Southern Railway Company	2,700	9	0.78%	1,903	8	0.74%
Rush Health Systems	1,923	10	0.56%	1,507	10	0.58%
Meridian HMA/Riley Hospital				4,346	5	1.68%
Peavey Electronics Corporation				2,713	7	1.05%
Atmos Energy Corporation				1,841	9	0.71%
Totals	\$ 60,095		17.44%	\$ 46,199		<u>17.86%</u>

Source: Lauderdale County real and personal property tax rolls.

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SCHEDULE 36

CITY OF MERIDIAN, MISSISSIPPI

Property Tax Levies and Collections
Last Ten Fiscal Years
(amounts expressed in thousands)

Collected within the

Fiscal Year	Total Tax	Fiscal Year	of the Levy	Collections	Total Collections to Date				
Ended September 30,	Levy for Fiscal Year	Amount	Percentage of Levy	(Refunds) in Subsequent Years	Amount	Percentage of Levy			
2007	\$ 12,850	\$ 12,745	99.18%	\$ 30	\$ 12,775	99.42%			
2008	13,570	13,505	99.52%	54	13,559	99.92%			
2009	15,634	15,462	98.90%	76	15,538	99.39%			
2010	16,960	16,824	99.20%	43	16,867	99.45%			
2011	16,956	16,766	98.88%	71	16,837	99.30%			
2012	16,938	16,540	97.65%	(46)	16,494	97.38%			
2013	16,111	15,971	99.13%	17	15,988	99.24%			
2014	16,704	16,424	98.32%	(30)	16,394	98.14%			
2015	16,961	16,832	99.24%	64	16,896	99.62%			
2016	17,379	17,315	99.63%	-	17,315	99.63%			

Source: Schedule Reconciling Original Ad Valorem Tax Rolls to Fund Collections.

Ratios of Outstanding Debt by Type Last Ten Fiscal Years

(amounts expressed in thousands, except per capita amount)

				Governmen	tal Activities				Business-T	ype Activities					
Fiscal <u>Year</u>	General Obligation Bonds	Special Obligation Bonds	Limited Obligation Bonds	Special Assessment Bonds	Unamortized Premiums (Discounts)	Promissory <u>Loans</u>	Taxable Negotiable <u>Notes</u>	Capital <u>Leases</u>	Water & Sewer Revenue Bonds	Water & Sewer Promissory Loans	Unamortized Premiums (Discounts)	Capital <u>Leases</u>	Total Primary Government	Percentage of Personal <u>Income²</u>	Per Capita
2007	\$ 21,415	\$ 6,085	\$ 2,960	\$ 3,520	\$ -	\$ 632	\$ 1,005	\$ 1,309	\$ 11,260	\$ 15,051	\$ (587)	\$ 896	\$ 63,546	5.65%	\$ 1,605
2008	20,985	5,835	2,135	3,245	-	566	774	1,283	9,955	13,973	(507)	785	59,029	4.93%	1,492
2009	29,555	5,565	1,770	2,955	-	500	529	887	8,575	12,858	(426)	673	63,441	5.41%	1,598
2010	27,750	5,280	5,680	2,650	-	431	1,372	500	6,090	11,697	(345)	554	61,659	5.03%	1,498
2011	31,170	4,985	5,100	1,720	(140)	359	880	326	5,420	10,520	(266)	479	60,553	4.77%	1,472
2012	33,520	4,670	4,475	1,505	(63)	467	660	272	4,705	10,913	(19)	398	61,503	4.49%	1,504
2013	31,270	4,340	3,800	1,280	(59)	361	440	533		14,163	666	313	57,107	3.98%	1,396
2014	33,430	885	3,605	1,040	525	254	220	315	-	11,968	720	223	53,185	3.86%	1,323
2015	31,090	810	3,390	785	475	143	-	185	-	10,503	656	128	48,165	3.53%	1,214
2016	36,105	730	3,155	515	424	2,077	-	94	-	8,978	593	26	52,697	3.86%	1,329

Note: Details regarding the City's outstanding debt can be found in the notes to the financial statements.

Fiscal year 2012 was restated for the effects of the GASB Statement 65 early implementation in fiscal year 2013.

¹For fiscal years 2007 to 2011, prior to implementation of GASB 65 unamortized bond issuance costs on refunding debt are included in this amount.

²See the Schedule of Demographic and Economic Statistics for personal income and population data.

Ratios of General Obligation Bonded Debt Outstanding
Last Ten Fiscal Years
(amounts expressed in thousands, except per capital amount)

General Obligation Bonds			Total	Percentage of Estimated Actual Taxable Value of Property	Pær <u>Capita²</u>
\$ 21,415	\$ -	\$ 554	\$ 20,861	1.25%	\$ 527
20,985	-	589	20,396	1.23%	515
29,555	_	720	28,835	1.44%	726
27,750	-	695	27,055	1.21%	658
31,170	69	855	30,384	1.37%	738
33,520	58	899	32,679	1.49%	799
31,270	48	852	30,466	1.41%	745
33,430	526	701	33,255	1.53%	827
31,090	475	918	30,647	1.39%	773
36,105	424	1,442	35,087	1.56%	885
	S 21,415 20,985 29,555 27,750 31,170 33,520 31,270 33,430 31,090	General Obligation Bonds Unamortized Premiums (Discounts) \$ 21,415 \$ - 20,985 29,555 - 27,750 31,170 69 33,520 58 31,270 48 33,430 526 31,090 475	Bonds Premiums (Discounts) Debt Service Fund \$ 21,415 \$ - \$ 554 20,985 - 589 29,555 - 720 27,750 - 695 31,170 69 855 33,520 58 899 31,270 48 852 33,430 526 701 31,090 475 918	General Obligation Unamortized Premiums Available in Debt Service Bonds (Discounts) Fund Total \$ 21,415 \$ - \$ 554 \$ 20,861 20,985 - 589 20,396 29,555 - 720 28,835 27,750 - 695 27,055 31,170 69 855 30,384 33,520 58 899 32,679 31,270 48 852 30,466 33,430 526 701 33,255 31,090 475 918 30,647	General Obligation Unamortized Premiums Available in Debt Service Value¹ of Property Bonds (Discounts) Fund Total Property \$ 21,415 \$ - \$ 554 \$ 20,861 1.25% 20,985 - 589 20,396 1.23% 29,555 - 720 28,835 1.44% 27,750 - 695 27,055 1.21% 31,170 69 855 30,384 1.37% 33,520 58 899 32,679 1.49% 31,270 48 852 30,466 1.41% 33,430 526 701 33,255 1.53% 31,090 475 918 30,647 1.39%

Note: Details regarding the City's outstanding debt can be found in the notes to the financial statements. Fiscal year 2012 was restated for the effects of the GASB Statement 65 early implementation in fiscal year 2013.

¹See the Schedule of Assessed Value and Estimated Actual Value of Taxable Property for property value data.

²See the Schedule of Demographic and Economic Statistics for population data.

Direct and Overlapping Governmental Activities Debt As of September 30, 2016 (amounts expressed in thousands)

Governmental Unit	Debt Outstanding	Estimated Percentage Applicable ¹	Estimated Share of Overlapping Debt
Debt repaid with property taxes: County	\$ 42,275	46.96%	\$ 19,852
Debt repaid with property taxes: School	18,845	87.92%	16,569
Subtotal, overlapping debt	61,120		36,421
City of Meridian direct debt	43,100	100.00%	43,100
Total direct and overlapping debt	\$ 104,220		\$ 79,521

Source: Office of the City Clerk, Meridian Separate School District and Chancery Clerk.

Note:

Overlapping governments are those that coincide, at least in part, with the geographic boundaries of the City. This schedule estimates the portion of the outstanding debt of those overlapping governments that is borne by the residents and businesses of the City. This process recognizes that, when considering the City's ability to issue and repay long-term debt, the entire debt burden borne by the residents and businesses should be taken into account. However, this does not imply that every taxpayer is a resident, and therefore responsible for repaying the debt, of each overlapping government.

¹The percentage of overlapping debt applicable is estimated using taxable assessed property values. Applicable percentages were estimated by determining the portion of the county's taxable assessed value that is within the City's boundaries and dividing it by the county's total taxable value.

Legal Debt Margin Information Last Ten Fiscal Years (amounts expressed in thousands)

									Fisca	al y	ear								
		2007		2008		2009		2010	2011		2012		2013		2014		2015		2016
Debt Limit	\$	39,208	\$	39,125	\$	46,899	\$	51,948	\$ 51,445	\$	51,362	\$	50,632	\$	51,175	\$	50,793	\$	52,283
Total net debt applicable to limit	_	20,861	_	20,396	_	28,835	_	27,055	 30,315	_	32,621	_	30,418	_	32,729	_	30,172	_	34,663
Legal debt margin	\$	18,347	\$	18,729	\$	18,064	\$	24,893	\$ 21,130	\$	18,741	\$	20,214	\$	18,446	\$	20,621	\$	17,620
Total net debt applicable to the limit as a percentage of debt limit		53.21%		52.13%		61.48%		52.08%	58.93%		63.51%		60.08%		63.96%		59,40%		66.30%
										Le	gal Debt	Ma	argin Cal	cul	ation for	Fis	scal Year	201	6:
											sessed vald back:		mpt real p	orop	erty			\$	344,348 4,202
											Tota	al a	ssessed v	alu	e			\$	348,550
											,		6 of total		essed valu	ıe)		\$	52,283
										De	General	ob	to limit: ligation bount set as	ond					36,105
											repay	mer	nt of gene	ral	obligation	ı de	ebt	_	(1,442)
											Tot	al n	et debt a	ppl	icable to	lim	ıit	_	34,663
											Leg	al c	lebt mar	gin				\$	17,620

Note: Under state finance law, the City's outstanding general obligation debt should not exceed 15 percent of total assessed property value. By law, the general obligation debt subject to the limitation may be offset by amounts set aside for repaying general obligation bonds.

SCHEDULE 41

CITY OF MERIDIAN, MISSISSIPPI

Pledged-Revenue Bond Coverage
Last Ten Fiscal Years
(amounts expressed in thousands)

Fiscal	Water & Sewer Charges	Less		Av	Net ailable			Debt	t Service		
Year	and Other	Expen	ises ¹	Re	evenue	Pr	incipal	In	terest	<u> Total</u>	Coverage
2007	\$ 10,907	\$ 7,	,016	\$	3,891	\$	2,230	\$	1,298	\$ 3,528	110.29%
2008	11,125	6,	,976		4,149		2,345		1,193	3,538	117.27%
2009	11,715	7,	,510		4,205		2,455		1,072	3,527	119.22%
2010	12,145	7,	,239		4,906		3,605		963	4,568	107.40%
2011	12,404	7,	,017		5,387		1,840		789	2,629	204.91%
2012	13,187	7,	,544		5,643		1,930		706	2,636	214.07%
2013	13,553	7.	,569		5,984		2,042		652	2,694	222.12%
2014	13,699	7	,647		6,052		2,195		437	2,632	229.94%
2015	13,284	7	,511		5,773		1,465		355	1,820	317.20%
2016	13,993	8	,076		5,917		1,525		297	1,822	324.75%

Source: Audit Reports - Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Position - Proprietary Funds.

Note: Details regarding the City's outstanding debt can be found in the notes to the financial statements.

¹Total operating expenses exclusive of depreciation and amortization expense.

Demographic and Economic Statistics
Last Ten Fiscal Years

Fiscal <u>Year</u>	Population ¹	Personal Income (amounts expressed in thousands) ²	Per Capita Personal <u>Income²</u>	Median Age ³	School Enrollment ⁴	Unemployment Rate ⁵
2007	39,596	\$ 3,015,930	\$ 28,415	36.5	6,630	8.6%
2008	39,572	3,233,755	30,270	36.6	6,612	9.1%
2009	39,695	3,172,001	29,515	36.2	6,461	12.7%
2010	41,148	3,200,882	29,764	35.7	6,418	14.8%
2011	41,146	3,319,247	30,873	34.9	6,250	14.6%
2012	40,894	3,591,963	33,515	34.8	6,209	12.6%
2013	40,921	3,747,649	35,037	33.9	6,168	11.9%
2014	40,196	3,638,085	34,257	35.0	5,880	10.0%
2015	39,661	3,593,079	34,384	34.8	5,664	8.5%
2016	39,661	3,593,079	34,384	34.8	5,555	7.3%

Sources: ¹U.S. Census Bureau, 2010-2015 Estimates of the Resident Population for Incorporated Places at www.census.gov.

Per capita personal income estimates reflect population estimates available as of January, 2016.

Note: Education level in years of formal schooling is not included on this schedule because the information was not available.

²U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of Economic Analysis website at www.bea.gov.

⁵U.S. Census Bureau, 2010-2015 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates at www.census.gov.

⁴Mississippi Assessment and Accountability Reporting System of the Mississippi Department of Education's website: http://reports.mde.k12.ms.us/data/; and Office of the Superintendent, Meridian Public School District; November 2016.

⁵Mississippi Department of Employment Security "Annual Labor Force Report" at www.mdes.ms.gov.

SCHEDULE 43

CITY OF MERIDIAN, MISSISSIPPI Principal Employers

Principal Employers
Current and Nine Years Ago

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			Percentage of Total City	- तेस्त हुन्। जा		Percentage of Total City
<u>Taxpayer</u>	Employees	Rank	Employment	Employees	Rank	Employment
Rush Foundation Hospital	2,465	1	16.81%	2,500	1	16.91%
Anderson Regional Medical Center	1,343	2	9.16%	1,475	2	9.98%
Mississippi Air National Guard	1,200	3	8.19%	1,180	4	7.98%
Meridian Public Schools	1,000	4	6.82%	1,350	3	9.13%
East Mississippi State Hospital	943	5	6.43%	1,100	5	7.44%
Walmart Supercenters	695	6	4.74%	745	7	5.04%
City of Meridian	530	7	3.62%	540	8	3.65%
Alliance Health Center	350	8	2.39%			
Meridian Community College	325	9	2.22%	515	9	3.48%
Avery Dennison Corporation	250	10	1.71%			
Peavey Electronics Corporation				1,000	6	6.76%
Riley Memorial Hospital				460	10	3.11%
Totals	9,101		62.09%	10,865		73.48%

Source: East Mississippi Business Development Corporation

Full-time Equivalent City Government Employees by Function Last Ten Fiscal Years

	Full-time Equivalent Employees as of September 30,									
	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Function										
General government	49	54	49	50	46	59	47	48	49	59
Public safety:										
Police:										
Officers	112	105	111	108	109	108	100	92	90	77
Civilians	14	18	19	15	15	19	17	13	18	24
Fire:										
Firefighters and officers	106	98	101	108	112	114	106	103	97	110
Civilians	8	9	9	11	10	11	9	7	9	9
Highways and streets	70	72	72	60	65	57	56	55	67	65
Sanitation	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Culture and recreation	49	49	49	56	42	42	40	39	32	30
Water	44	50	48	47	48	48	45	39	39	31
Sewer	45	45	46	44	42	39	36	31	31	37
Golf course	3	3	3	5	7	8	8	10	8	9
Union Station	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
Municipal Garage	11	14	14	13	11	11	11	10	10	10
Homeland Security	6	5	5	5	4	5	4	4	3	3
Community Development	20	19	19	19	16	16	18	18	22	23
Totals	540	544	548	544	530	540	500	472	478	490

Source: City's payroll department.

Operating Indicators by Function Last Ten Fiscal Years

	Fiscal Year									
	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Function										
Police:										
Physical arrests	4,289	4,785	4,967	4,952	5,089	6,254	5,847	3,917	4,012	3,838
Parking violations	6,481	5,565	6,088	5,329	4,347	3,699	3,186	2,027	1,960	1,972
Traffic violations	10,763	12,663	10,816	8,676	12,089	9,533	9,163	8,801	8,366	6,719
Fire:										
Number calls answered	3,209	3,357	1,666	1,636	2,070	1,550	1,621	1,596	1,456	1,625
Inspections	3,673	2,907	2,814	1,375	1,810	2,053	1,414	2,365	2,573	2,002
Highways and streets:										
Street resurfacing (miles)	1	-	-	-	-	4	19	19	-	22
Potholes repaired ¹	277	351	352	271	394	1,003	936	1,191	364	803
Culture and recreation:										
Meridian Activity Center/Velma										
Young Park/Highland Park classes	1,175	1,194	1,215	1,290	1,255	1,248	1,594	1,624	1,652	1,978
Water:										
New connections	93	88	45	30	50	28	46	88	46	28
Water leak repairs	1,130	823	1,190	1,291	1,344	1,196	644	640	564	595
Average daily consumption										
(millions of gallons)	5.079	5.221	4.447	4.211	5.033	5.066	5.236	5.453	5.640	5.722
Wastewater:										
Average daily sewerage treatment										
(millions of gallons)	6.350	9.230	5.730	7.100	6.390	7.060	8.380	6.130	6.490	7.140

Source: Various City departments.

¹For fiscal years 2012 through 2016, the City calculated the number of potholes repaired based on an average number of potholes repaired in a week. The number of potholes repaired for fiscal years 2007 through 2011 is based on the number of service orders issued for pothole repair.

Capital Asset Statistics by Function Last Ten Fiscal Years

	Fiscal Year									
	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Function										
Public safety:										
Police:										
Stations	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Patrol Units	67	77	73	84	84	88	86	93	90	84
Fire stations	7	8	8	8	7	8	8	8	8	8
Highways and streets:										
Streets (miles)	306.83	307.50	330.35	330.35	330.35	330.35	330.35	330.35	330.35	330.35
Streetlights	6,400	6,411	6,570	6,589	6,603	6,639	6,693	6,729	6,735	6,752
Traffic signals	121	120	120	120	117	117	117	117	117	120
Culture and recreation:										
Parks acreage	443	443	443	443	443	443	443	443	443	443
Parks	17	17	17	17	17	17	17	17	17	17
Swimming pools	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
Tennis courts	18	18	18	18	18	16	16	16	16	16
Community centers	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
Softball/Baseball fields	18	18	18	18	18	18	18	18	19	19
Soccer fields	12	12	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14
Golf course	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Splash pad	-		-		-		-	-	-	1
Water:										
Water mains (miles)	428	428	429	429	430	430	430	430	431	432
Fire hydrants	2,105	2,113	2,131	2,136	2,141	2,180	2,180	2,181	2,183	2,186
Maximum daily capacity										
(thousands of gallons)	14,500	14,500	14,500	14,500	14,500	13,952	13,952	13,952	13,952	13,952
Sewer:										
Sanitary sewers (miles)	444	444	445	445	445	445	445	445	445	445
Storm sewers (miles)	200	225	225	225	225	225	225	225	225	225
Maximum daily treatment capacity (thousands of gallons)	14,000	14,000	14,000	14,000	14,000	14,000	14,000	14,000	14,000	14,000

Source: Various City departments.

SINGLE AUDIT SECTION

The single audit section contains audit reports on internal control and compliance matters resulting from the single audit procedures conducted in accordance with the Office of Management and Budget Uniform Guidance. An additional report on compliance with state law required by the Office of State Auditor is also presented.

CITY OF MERIDIAN, MISSISSIPPI Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards For the Fiscal Year Ended September 30, 2016

Federal Grantor/Pass-through Grantor/Program Title	Federal CFDA Number	Pass-through Grantor's Number/ Federal Contract	Program or Award Amount	Accrued (Unearned) Revenue 9/30/2015	Federal Receipts	Federal Share Disbursements/ Expenditures	Accrued (Unearned) Revenue 9/30/2016	Cumulative Federal Receipts	Cumulative Federal Share Disbursements/ Expenditures	Fund Type
U. S. Department of Housing & Urban Development										
Pass-through Mississippi Development Authority:	14 220	R-110-258-02-GZ	6 2 500 000	£ 1 000 000	•	6 1 /// 703	\$ 2,667,668	\$ 804,601	\$ 3,472,269	Enterprise fund
Katrina CDBG Downtown Drainage Improvements	14.228	1131-14-258-PF-01	\$ 3,500,000 600,000	\$ 1,000,886	\$ - 249,551	\$ 1,666,782 420,514	170,963	254,551	425,514	
Velma Young Community Center Improvements	14.228	1131-14-238-PF-01	600,000	•						Capital project
Total U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Developme	ent			1,000,886	249,551	2,087,296	2,838,631	1,059,152	3,897,783	
U. S. Department of Justice Pass-through Mississippi Department of Public Safety:										
MS Stop Violence Against Women Program	16.013	14SL2221	31,961	6,593	24,053	17,460		24,053	24,053	Special revenue
MS Stop Violence Against Women Program	16.013	15SL2221	34,845	-	-	-	-			Special revenue
Bulletproof Vests Partnership	16.607	2013BUBX13068660	7,235	(5,631)		5,631		5,631	5,631	Special revenue
Bulletproof Vests Partnership	16.607	2014BUBX14074534	8,685	-	3,360	8,213	4,853	3,360	8,213	Special revenue
Bulletproof Vests Partnership	16.607	2015BUBX15078506	5,126	-	-	57	57	-	57	Special revenue
Total U.S. Department of Justice				962	27,413	31,361	4,910	33,044	37,954	
U. S. Department of Transportation Pass-through Mississippi Department of Public Safety:										
Police Traffic Services	20.600	15-PT-222-1	34,340	21,717	22,239	522	-	22,239	22,239	Special revenue
Police Traffic Services	20.600	16-PT-222-1	15,419		1,343	1,839	496	1,343	1,839	Special revenue
DUI Enforcement	20.607	15-ST-222-1	84,305	25,651	25,651		-	44,506	44,506	Special revenue
NHTSA Impaired Driving	20.600	154AL-2016-ST-22-21	51,289	-	32,863	35,496	2,633	32,863	35,496	Special revenue
Pass-through Mississippi Department of Transportation:										
Safe Routes to School Project	20.205	SRSP-0320-00(023) & (024)	800,626	67,639	-	26,726	94,365	645,114	739,479	Capital project
Downtown (5th Street) Streetscape	20.205	STP-7234-00(001)	1,000,000			150,774	150,774	-	150,774	Capital project
Old Highway 80 Pedestrian Improvements	20.205	STP-7243-00(002)	700,000	-				-	-	Capital project
Highway 39 Signals	20,205	STP-0074-00(020)	350,000	•	243,481	245,679	2,198	243,481	245,679	Capital project
Total U.S. Department of Transportation				115,007	325,577	461,036	250,466	989,546	1,240,012	
U. S. Department of Health and Human Services Pass-through Mississippi State Department of Health -										
Fire Academy for Kids	93.758	2B010T009032-14	500	500	500		-	500	500	Special revenue
Mayor's Health Council	93.758	2B010T009032-15	3,000	-	-	775	775		775	Special revenue
Total U.S. Department of Health and Human Services				500	500	775	775	500	1,275	

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Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards For the Fiscal Year Ended September 30, 2016

Federal Grantor/Pass-through <u>Grantor/Program Title</u>	Federal CFDA <u>Number</u>	Pass-through Grantor's Number/ Federal Contract	Program or Award Amount	Accrued (Unearned) Revenue 9/30/2015	Federal Receipts	Federal Share Disbursements/ Expenditures	Accrued (Unearned) Revenue 9/30/2016	Cumulative Federal <u>Receipts</u>	Cumulative Federal Share Disbursements/ Expenditures	Fund <u>Type</u>
U. S. Department of Homeland Security										
Pass-through Mississippi Department of Public Safety:										
Hurricane Ivan Clean Up	97.036	FEMA-1550-MS-DR	\$ 661,805	\$ 157,631	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 157,631	\$ 504,174	\$ 661,805	Special revenue
Homeland Security - Training	97.073	13HS258	75,000	75,000	75,000			75,000	75,000	Special revenue
Homeland Security - Equipment	97.073	13HS258T	8,000	8,000	8,000		-	8,000	8,000	Special revenue
Homeland Security - Training	97.073	14HS258	75,000	19,524	75,000	33,758	(21,718)	75,000	53,282	Special revenue
Homeland Security - Training	97.073	14HS258T	37,000	-	37,000	37,000		37,000	37,000	Special revenue
Homeland Security - Training	97.073	15HS258	75,000	-	-	44,873	44,873		44,873	Special revenue
Homeland Security - Training	97.073	15HS258T	16,000	-		-	-	-	-	Special revenue
Total U.S. Department of Homeland Security				260,155	195,000	115,631	180,786	699,174	879,960	
Total federal financial assistance				\$ 1,377,510	\$ 798,041	\$ 2,696,099	\$ 3,275,568	\$ 2,781,416	\$ 6,056,984	

¹ The beginning accrued revenue and cumulative Federal share disbursements/expenditures for this grant have been adjusted to reflect all grant-related expenditures that have been requested for reimbursement and received from the grant.

Notes to the Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards For the Fiscal Year Ended September 30, 2016

(1) Basis of Presentation

The accompanying schedule of expenditures of federal awards ("schedule") includes the federal award activity of the City of Meridian, Mississippi ("City") under programs of the federal government for the year ended September 30, 2016. The information in this schedule is presented in accordance with the requirements of Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations Part 200, Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards ("Uniform Guidance"). Because the schedule presents only a selected portion of the operations of the City, it is not intended to, and does not present, the financial position, changes in net position, or cash flows of the City.

(2) Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Expenditures reported on the schedule are reported on the modified accrual basis of accounting. Such expenditures are recognized following the cost principles contained in the Uniform Guidance and/or OMB Circular A-87, Cost Principles for State, Local, and Indian Tribal Governments, as applicable, wherein certain types of expenditures are not allowable or are limited as to reimbursement.

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

The Honorable Mayor Percy Bland, III and Honorable Members of the City Council City of Meridian, Mississippi:

We have audited 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, the financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, the aggregate discretely presented component units, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the City of Meridian, Mississippi ("City") as of and for the year ended September 30, 2016, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the City's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated April 27, 2017. Our report includes a reference to other auditors who audited the financial statements of the Meridian Airport Authority, as described in our report on the City's financial statements. This report does not include the results of the other auditors' testing of internal control over financial reporting or compliance and other matters that are reported on separately by those auditors.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

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

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

Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the City'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 City'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 City's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

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Jackson, Mississippi April 27, 2017

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT ON COMPLIANCE FOR EACH MAJOR PROGRAM AND ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER COMPLIANCE REQUIRED BY THE UNIFORM GUIDANCE

The Honorable Mayor Percy Bland, III and Honorable Members of the City Council City of Meridian, Mississippi:

Report on Compliance for Each Major Federal Program

We have audited City of Meridian, Mississippi's ("City") compliance with the types of compliance requirements described in *OMB Compliance Supplement* that could have a direct and material effect on each of the City's major federal programs for the year ended September 30, 2016. The City's major federal programs are identified in the summary of auditors' results section of the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs.

Management's Responsibility

Management is responsible for compliance with federal statutes, regulations, and the terms and conditions of its federal awards applicable to its federal programs.

Auditors' Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on compliance for each of the City's major federal programs based on our audit of the types of compliance requirements referred to above. We conducted our audit of compliance in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America; the standards applicable to financial audits contained in Government Auditing Standards, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States; and the audit requirements of Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations Part 200, Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards ("Uniform Guidance"). Those standards and the Uniform Guidance require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether noncompliance with the types of compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on a major federal program occurred. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence about the City's compliance with those requirements and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.

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We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion on compliance for each major federal program. However, our audit does not provide a legal determination of the City's compliance.

Opinion on Each Major Federal Program

In our opinion, the City complied, in all material respects, with the types of compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on each of its major federal programs for the year ended September 30, 2016.

Report on Internal Control Over Compliance

Management of the City is responsible for establishing and maintaining effective internal control over compliance with the types of compliance requirements referred to above. In planning and performing our audit of compliance, we considered the City's internal control over compliance with the types of requirements that could have a direct and material effect on each major federal program to determine the auditing procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing an opinion on compliance for each major federal program and to test and report on internal control over compliance in accordance with the Uniform Guidance, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of internal control over compliance. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the City's internal control over compliance.

A deficiency in internal control over compliance exists when the design or operation of a control over compliance does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, noncompliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program on a timely basis. A material weakness in internal control over compliance is a deficiency, or combination of deficiencies, in internal control over compliance, such that there is a reasonable possibility that material noncompliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program will not be prevented, or detected and corrected, on a timely basis. A significant deficiency in internal control over compliance is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control over compliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program that is less severe than a material weakness in internal control over compliance, yet important enough to merit attention of those charged with governance.

Our consideration of internal control over compliance was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control over compliance that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies. We did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over compliance that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses may exist that have not been identified.

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The purpose of this report on internal control over compliance is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over compliance and the results of that testing based on the requirements of the Uniform Guidance. Accordingly, this report is not suitable for any other purpose.

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Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs For the Fiscal Year Ended September 30, 2016

Section I - Summary of Auditors' Results

Financial.	Statements
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Type of auditors' report issued: Unmodified

Internal control over financial reporting:

Material weaknesses identified?

Reportable conditions identified that are not considered to be material weaknesses?

None reported

Noncompliance material to financial statements noted?

Federal Awards

Internal control over major programs:

Material weaknesses identified?

No

 Reportable conditions identified that are not considered to be material weaknesses?
 None reported

Type of auditors' report issued on compliance for major programs:

Unmodified

Any audit findings disclosed that are required to be reported in accordance with 2 CFR section 200.516(a)?

Identification of major program tested:

CFDA Number Name of Federal Program or Cluster

14.228 Community Development Block Grants

Dollar threshold used to distinguish between type A and type B programs: \$ 750,000

Auditee determined to be a low-risk auditee? Yes

Continued

Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs For the Fiscal Year Ended September 30, 2016

Section II - Findings - Financial Statements Audit

No significant deficiencies, material weaknesses, or instances of noncompliance related to the financial statements were reported.

Section III - Findings and Questioned Costs - Major Federal Award Programs Audit

No audit findings required to be reported in accordance with 2 CFR section 200.516(a) were reported.

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT ON COMPLIANCE WITH STATE OF MISSISSIPPI OFFICE OF THE STATE AUDITOR REQUIREMENTS

The Honorable Mayor Percy Bland, III and Honorable Members of the City Council City of Meridian, Mississippi:

We have audited 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, the financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, the aggregate discretely presented component units, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the City of Meridian, Mississippi ("City") as of and for the year ended September 30, 2016, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the City's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated April 27, 2017. Our report includes a reference to other auditors who audited the financial statements of the Meridian Airport Authority, as described in our report on the City's financial statements. This report does not include the results of the other auditors' testing of internal control over financial reporting or compliance and other matters that are reported on separately by those auditors.

As required by the state legal compliance audit program prescribed by the Office of the State Auditor, we have also performed procedures to test compliance with certain state laws and regulations. However, providing an opinion on compliance with state laws and regulations was not an objective of our audit and, accordingly, we do not express such an opinion.

The results of those procedures and our audit of the City's basic financial statements disclosed no material instances of noncompliance with state laws and regulations.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the Honorable Mayor, Honorable Members of the City Council, management, the State Auditor's Office and appropriate federal awarding agencies and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

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Jackson, Mississippi April 27, 2017