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Re: Annual Municipal Audit

Accompanying this letter is a copy of the annual audit of the City of Florence, Mississippi, for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2018. A separate management letter was not written to the City in connection with this audit.

Sincerely,

Carley W. Moore

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CITY OF FLORENCE, MISSISSIPPI

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Independent Auditor's Report

To the Honorable Mayor and Board of Aldermen City of Florence, Mississippi

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, and each major fund of the City of Florence, Mississippi, as of and for the year ended September 30, 2018, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the City's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

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

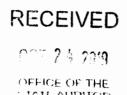
Auditor's Responsibility

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

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

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





Opinion

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, and each major fund of the City of Florence, Mississippi as of September 30, 2018, and the respective changes in financial position and, where applicable, cash flows thereof for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Other Matters

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis on pages 3-8, budgetary comparison information on pages 35-36, schedule of the City's proportionate share of the net pension liability on page 37, and the schedule of the City's contributions on page 38 be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

Other Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the City of Florence, Mississippi's basic financial statements. The other supplementary information is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements.

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

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with Government Auditing Standards, we have also issued our report dated September 17, 2019, on our consideration of City of Florence, Mississippi'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 of Florence, Mississippi's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

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September 17, 2019

The discussion and analysis of the City of Florence, Mississippi's ("City") financial performance provides an overall narrative review of the City's financial activities for the year ended September 30, 2018. The intent of this discussion and analysis is to look at the City's financial performance as a whole. Readers should also review the City's financial statements in conjunction with the notes to the financial statements to better understand the City's financial performance. A comparative analysis of government-wide data is included in this report.

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

- The net position of the City increased \$556,759 for 2018 and increased \$25,151 in 2017. The increase in net position for 2018 is the result of this year's operations of \$131,324 and a prior period adjustment of \$425435.
- General revenues accounted for \$2,484,741 and \$2,317,582 in revenue, or 49.6% and 47.9% of all revenues for 2018 and 2017, respectively. Program specific revenues in the form of charges for services and grants and contributions accounted for \$2,522,396 and \$2,520,129 in revenue, or 50.4% and 52.1% of all revenues for 2018 and 2017, respectively.
- Business-type activity water and sewer expenses were \$1,568,309 for 2018 while charges for services were \$1,804,111 and capital grants and contributions were \$159,717.
- Total liabilities for 2018 decreased by \$772,845 or 7.1% from 2017. This decrease was due to payments on long-term debt of \$627,053, an increase in current liabilities at year-end of \$22,754, a decrease in pension liability of \$219,595, and a decrease in compensated absences of \$11,039.
- The City implemented GASB Statement No. 68, Accounting and Financial Reporting for Pensions an amendment of GASB 27, during fiscal year 2015. The implementation resulted in a net pension liability reported in the amount of \$3,174,571 and \$3,394,166 for 2018 and 2017, respectively and total pension expense reported in the amount of \$527,601 and \$499,815 for 2018 and 2017, respectively.

OVERVIEW OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

This discussion and analysis serves as an introduction to the City's basic financial statements. The basic financial statements are comprised of government-wide financial statements, fund financial statements, notes to the financial statements, and required supplementary information.

Government-wide financial statements. The government-wide financial statements are designed to provide the reader with a broad overview of the City's finances. These statements consist of the statement of net position and the statement of activities, which are prepared using the flow of economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. The current year's revenues and expenses are taken into account regardless of when cash is received or paid.

The statement of net position presents information on all of the assets and deferred outflows of resources, and liabilities and deferred inflows 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.

The statement of activities presents information showing how the net position of the City 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.

The government-wide financial statements outline functions of the City that are principally supported by property taxes and intergovernmental revenues (governmental activities) and water, sewer, and sanitation

charges (business-type activities). The governmental activities of the City include general government, public safety, public works, culture and recreation, and interest on long-term debt.

Fund Financial Statements

A fund is a grouping of related accounts that is used to maintain control over resources that have been segregated for specific activities or objectives. The City uses fund accounting to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance-related legal requirements. All of the funds of the City can be divided into two categories: governmental and proprietary funds.

Governmental funds are used to account for essentially the same functions reported as governmental activities in the government-wide financial statements. However, governmental funds are accounted for using the modified accrual basis of accounting and the flow of current financial resources measurement focus. The approach focuses on near-term inflows and outflows of spendable resources, as well as balances of spendable resources available at year end. The governmental fund statements provide a detailed view of 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 current financing decisions. Both the governmental fund balance sheet and the governmental fund statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balances provide a reconciliation to facilitate this comparison between governmental funds and governmental activities.

Proprietary funds provide the same type of information as the government-wide financial statements, only in more detail. The City maintains one type of proprietary fund, the enterprise fund. The enterprise fund is used to report the same functions presented as business-type activities in the government-wide financial statements. The City uses the enterprise fund to account for its Water and Sewer operations as well as sanitation services.

Notes to Financial Statements

The notes provide additional information that is essential to a full understanding of the data provided in the government-wide and fund financial statements. The notes to the financial statements follow the financial statements section of this report.

Required Supplementary Information

In addition to the basic financial statements and accompanying notes, this report presents required supplementary information including budgetary comparison statements for the General Fund and the Park Fund and the schedule of the City's proportionate share of the net pension liability and the schedule of the City's contributions.

FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OF THE CITY

The statement of net position and the statement of activities report information about the City as a whole. The City's combined net position was \$6,955,024 and \$6,393,468 as of September 30, 2018 and 2017, respectively.

Table 1 provides a summary of the City's net position at September 30, 2018 and 2017 and Table 2 summarizes the changes in net position for the years ended September 30, 2018 and 2017.

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Table 1 - Condensed Statements of Net Position

		2018						2017							
			I	Business-		Total			l	Business-		Total			
	Go	vernmental		Type		Primary	Go	vernmental		Type		Primary			
	1	Activities	A	Activities	Government			Activities	Activities		G	overnment			
Assets:															
Current & other assets	\$	1,260,738	\$	3,881,420	\$	5,142,158	\$	1,150,435	\$	3,932,429	\$	5,082,864			
Capital assets, net		5,484,039		6,290,193		11,774,232		5,577,001		6,309,638	\$	11,886,639			
Total assets	\$	6,744,777	\$	10,171,613	\$	16,916,390	\$	6,727,436	\$	10,242,067	\$	16,969,503			
Deferred Outflows															
of Resources	\$	381,316	\$	17,651	\$	398,967	\$	343,725	\$	14,913	\$	358,638			
Liabilities:															
Current & other liabilities	\$	218,055	\$	862,990	\$	1,081,045	\$	228,053	\$	821,608	\$	1,049,661			
Long-term liabilities		4,246,274		4,769,581		9,015,855		4,467,943		5,352,141		9,820,084			
Total liabilities	\$	4,464,329	\$	5,632,571	\$	10,096,900	\$	4,695,996	\$	6,173,749	\$	10,869,745			
Deferred Outflows															
of Resources	\$	252,668	\$	10,769	\$	263,437	\$	58,105	\$	2,026	\$	60,131			
Net Position:															
Investment in capital assets, net															
of related debt	\$	4,364,166	\$	997,576	\$	5,361,742	\$	4,457,128	\$	457,502	\$	4,914,630			
Restricted		487,765		2,240,919		2,728,684		454,427		2,362,839		2,817,266			
Unrestricted		(2,442,832)		1,307,430		(1,135,402)		(2,594,495)		1,260,864		(1,333,631)			
Total net position	\$	2,409,099	\$	4,545,925	\$	6,955,024	\$	2,317,060	\$	4,081,205	\$	6,398,265			

The largest portion of the City's net position (77.1%) reflects net investment in capital assets (e.g., land, buildings, machinery, equipment and infrastructure), 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 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.

Table 2 - Condensed Statements of Changes in Net Position

				2018						2017		
			E	Business-		Total			E	Business-		Total
	Go	vernmental		Type		Primary	Go	Governmental		Type		Primary
	A	Activities	A	ctivities	G	overnment	Activities		Activities		G	overnment
Revenues:												
Program revenues:												
Charges for services	\$	490,233	\$	1,804,111	\$	2,294,344	\$	502,692	\$	1,757,238	\$	2,259,930
Operating grants		7,119		-		7,119		6,579		-		6,579
Capital grants												
& contributions		61,216		159,717		220,933		194,050		59,570		253,620
General revenues		2,432,282		52,459		2,484,741		2,291,560		26,022		2,317,582
Total revenues	\$	2,990,850	\$	2,016,287	\$	5,007,137	\$	2,994,881	\$	1,842,830	\$	4,837,711

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Condensed Statements of Changes in Net Position - continued

		2018						2017						
			I	Business-		Total			- 1	Business-		Total		
	Go	vernmental		Type		Primary		vemmental	Type		Primary			
	A	Activities		Activities	Government			Activities		Activities		Government		
Program expenses:														
General government	\$	842,430	\$	-	\$	842,430	\$	815,414	\$	-	\$	815,414		
Public safety		1,141,655		-		1,141,655		1,295,001		-		1,295,001		
Public services		412,559		-		412,559		413,381		-		413,381		
Culture & recreation		360,055		-		360,055		391,809		-		391,809		
Water & sewer		-		1,552,480		1,552,480		•		1,482,078		1,482,078		
Interest		39,033		-		39,033		46,336		-		46,336		
Pension expense		511,772		15,829		527,601		482,972		16,843		499,815		
Total expenses	\$	3,307,504	\$	1,568,309	\$	4,875,813	\$	3,444,913	\$	1,498,921	\$	4,943,834		
Change in net position	\$	(316,654)	_\$	447,978	\$	131,324	_\$	(450,032)	\$	343,909	\$	(106,123)		
Net postion, beginning,														
as previously reported	\$	2,317,060	\$	4,081,205	\$	6,398,265	\$	2,649,535	\$	3,723,579	\$	6,373,114		
Prior period adjustment		408,693		16,742		425,435		117,557		13,717		131,274		
Net position, beginning,														
as restated		2,725,753		4,097,947		6,823,700		2,767,092		3,737,296		6,504,388		
Net position, ending	\$	2,409,099	\$	4,545,925	\$	6,955,024	\$	2,317,060	\$	4,081,205	\$	6,398,265		

Governmental Activities. Revenues for the City's governmental activities for 2018 were \$2,990,850 compared to \$2,994,881 for 2017. Program revenues decreased 4.1% primarily as a result of a decrease in capital grants. General revenues are, for the most part, comprised of sales and use taxes, grants, and property taxes.

The cost of providing all governmental activities for 2018 was \$3,307,504 and for 2017 was \$3,444,913, a decrease of \$137,409 for 2018 and a decrease of \$117,207 for 2017. Of this amount, general government expenses increased \$27,016 for 2018 and decreased \$121,430 for 2017; public safety expenses decreased \$153,346 in 2018 and increased \$27,476 in 2017; public services expenses decreased \$822 in 2018 and decreased \$129,241 in 2017; culture and recreation expenses decreased \$31,754 in 2018 and increased \$19,471 in 2017; interest on long-term debt expenses decreased \$7,303 in 2018 and increased \$4,936 in 2017, and pension expense increased \$27,786 in 2018 and increased \$83,130 in 2017.

The City's largest programs are general government, public safety, public services, and culture and recreation. Expenses exceeding revenues are offset by general revenues generated by taxes, investment income and other general revenues.

Business-type Activities. Revenues for business-type activities are primarily comprised of charges for water and sewer services. Charges for services for the City's business-type activities were \$1,804,111 for 2018 and \$1,757,238 for 2017, an increase of \$46,873 for 2018 and an increase of \$248,373 for 2017.

The costs of these business-type activities were \$1,568,309 and \$1,498,921 for 2018 and 2017, respectively, an increase of \$69,388 in 2018 and an increase of \$248,075 in 2017.

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 current 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 the City's net resources available for spending at the end of the fiscal year.

The financial performance of the City as a whole is reflected in its governmental funds. As the City completed the year, its governmental funds reported a combined fund balance of \$1,105,954, an increase of \$120,298

. The fund balance consists of the following: \$4,713 or .4% which is restricted for specific purposes which are externally imposed, \$354,356 or 32.1% which is committed for specific purposes internally imposed by the City, \$1,388 or .1% which is assigned by the Board for specific purposes, and \$745,497 or 67.4% which is unassigned and available for spending for any purpose.

BUDGETARY HIGHLIGHTS

The City's budget is prepared according to Mississippi law and is based on accounting for certain transactions on a basis of cash receipts, disbursements, and encumbrances. The most significant budgeted fund is the General Fund.

Over the course of the year, the City revised the annual operating budget. Schedules showing the original and final budget amounts compared to the City's actual financial activity for the General Fund and Park Fund are provided in this report as required supplementary information.

CAPITAL ASSETS AND DEBT ADMINISTRATION

Capital assets

At September 30, 2018, the City's total capital assets were \$21,045,019 including land, construction in progress, buildings and improvements, infrastructure, machinery, equipment, furniture, and vehicles. This amount represents an increase of \$641,277 in 2018 from 2017 and an increase of \$761,861 in 2017 from 2016. The accumulated depreciation as of September 30, 2018 was \$9,270,788 and total depreciation expense for the year was \$797,289, resulting in total net capital assets of \$11,774,231.

Table 3 presents a summary of capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation, as of September 30, 2018 and 2017.

Table 3 - Summary of Capital Assets, Net of Accumulated Depreciation

		2018		2017							
	 vernmental Activities		Business- Total Type Primary C Activities Government		Governmental Activities			Business- Type Activities		Total Primary overnment	
Land	\$ 867,224	\$	-	\$	867,224	\$	867,224	\$	-	\$	867,224
Construction in progress	6,500		•		6,500		271,717		798,509		1,070,226
Buildings & improvements	4,381,068		6,236,082	1	0,617,150		4,109,534		5,447,886		9,557,420
Machinery, equipment,					-						-
& vehicles	229,247		54,110		283,357		324,526		63,243		387,769
Total	\$ 5,484,039	\$	6,290,192	\$ 1	1,774,231	\$	5,573,001	\$	6,309,638	\$	11,882,639

Additional information of the City's capital assets can be found in the notes to the financial statements included in this report.

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Debt Administration. At September 30, 2018 and 2017, the City had \$6,411,606 and \$7,046,037, respectively, in general obligation bonds and other long-term debt.

Table 4 presents outstanding notes and long-term obligations as of September 30, 2018 and 2017.

Table 4 - Outstanding Notes and Long-Term Obligations

				2018						2017		
			E	Bus iness-		Total			l	Business-		Total
	Go	vernmental		Type		Primary	Go	vernmental		Type		Primary
		Activities		Activities	G	overnment	Activities			Activities		overnment
General obligation bonds	\$	1,051,667	\$	1,758,333	\$	2,810,000	\$	1,106,667	\$	2,158,333	\$	3,265,000
Revenue bonds		-		3,260,000		3,260,000		-		3,380,000		3,380,000
Capital loans		68,206		274,284		342,490		77,079		313,803		390,882
Compensated absences		60,498		2,491		62,989		71,808		2,220		74,028
Total	\$	1,180,371	\$	5,295,108	\$	6,475,479	\$	1,255,554	\$	5,854,356	\$	7,109,910

Additional information of the City's long-term debt can be found in the notes to the financial statements included in this report.

CURRENT ISSUES

Public Works and Street Department. During FYE 2018, the City approved installation of SCADA System to monitor water distribution system remotely and more efficiently operate the water system within the City. Pump stations were rehabbed as needed.

Grants. Eagle Post Road Bike Path Project (MDOT 80/20 grant) was completed early spring 2018. The Florence Police Department continues to participate in the Justice Department and Homeland Security Grant Programs.

Planning and Development. Construction of a new water well to be located on the west side of the city is proposed in order to support any future commercial development in the area.

CONTACTING THE CITY'S FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

This financial report is designed to provide our citizens, taxpayers, creditors, and investors with a general overview of the City of Florence, Mississippi's finances and to show the City's accountability for the money it receives. If you have any questions about this report or need additional financial information, contact Carley Moore, City Clerk, at (601) 845-8856 or email CityClerk@CityofFlorence.comcastbiz.net.

CITY OF FLORENCE, MISSISSIPPI STATEMENT OF NET POSITION AS OF SEPTEMBER 30, 2018

	vernmental Activities	Business-Type Activities			Total
ASSETS					
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 518,235	\$	1,363,803	\$	1,882,038
Receivables (net of allowance for					
uncollectibles, where applicable):					
Accounts receivable	-		179,885		179,885
Ad valorem	32,108		-		32,108
Franchise tax	22,018		-		22,018
Current sales tax	200,612		· -		200,612
Due from other funds	-		96,813		96,813
Restricted cash and cash equivalents	487,765		2,240,919		2,728,684
Capital assets, net	 5,484,039		6,290,193		11,774,232
Total assets	6,744,777		10,171,613		16,916,390
DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES					
Deferred loss on bond refunding	-		8,676		8,676
Deferred outflows related to pension	 381,316		8,975		390,291
Total deferred outflows of resources	381,316		17,651		398,967

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CITY OF FLORENCE, MISSISSIPPI STATEMENT OF NET POSITION AS OF SEPTEMBER 30, 2018

	Governmental		Bu	siness-Type		
	A	ctivities		Activities		Total
	Go	vernmental	Bu	siness-Type		
	A	ctivities		Activities		Total
LIABILITIES						
Accounts payable	\$	56,302	\$	80,311	\$	136,613
Accrued interest payable		1,712		62,794		64,506
Due to other funds		96,773		-		96,773
Deposits payable		-		148,958		148,958
Noncurrent liabilities:						
Due within one year:						
Current portion of capital improvement loan		8,268		37,594		45,862
Current portion of bonds payable		55,000		533,333		588,333
Due in more than one year:						
Compensated absences		60,498		2,491		62,989
Capital improvement loan		59,938		236,690		296,628
Bonds payable		996,667		4,485,000		5,481,667
Net pension liability		3,129,171		45,400		3,174,571
Total liabilities		4,464,329		5,632,571		10,096,900
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES						
Developer construction advances		-		-		-
Deferred inflows related to pensions		252,668		10,769	_	263,437
Total deferred inflows of resources		252,668		10,769		263,437
NET POSITION						
Net investment in capital assets		4,364,166		997,576		5,361,742
Restricted		487,765		2,240,919		2,728,684
Unrestricted	(2,442,832)		1,307,430		(1,135,402)
Total net position	\$	2,409,099	\$	4,545,925	\$	6,955,024

CITY OF FLORENCE, MISSISSIPPI STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2018

		,	D		Net (Expenses) Revenues and Changes in Net Position					
			Program Revenues Operating	Capital	Primary Government					
		Charges for	Grants and	Grants and	Governmental	Business-Type	<u> </u>			
Functions / Programs:	Expenses	Services	Contributions	Contributions	Activities	Activities	Totals			
Governmental activities:	Expenses	Bervices	Contributions	Contributions	Activities	Activities	Totals			
General government	\$ 842,430	\$ 38,925	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (803,505)	\$ -	\$ (803,505)			
Public safety	1,141,655	374,488	7,119	23,638	(736,410)	J -	(736,410)			
Public safety Public services	412,559	374,466	7,119	37,578	(374,981)	-	(374,981)			
Culture and recreation	360,055	76,820	•	37,376	(283,235)	-	(283,235)			
	39,033	70,820	•	-	(39,033)	•	(39,033)			
Interest on long-term debt		-	-	-	, ,	-				
Pension expense	511,772	400 222	7 110	61.216	(511,772)		(511,772)			
Total governmental activities	3,307,504	490,233	7,119	61,216	(2,748,936)	-	(2,748,936)			
Business-type activities:										
Water and sewer	1,568,309	1,804,111	-	159,717	-	395,519	395,519			
Total business-type activities	1,568,309	1,804,111		159,717	•	395,519	395,519			
Total primary governmental	\$ 4,875,813	\$ 2,294,344	\$ 7,119	\$ 220,933	(2,748,936)	395,519	(2,353,417)			
	General r	evenues.								
	Taxes:									
		s taxes			1,237,540	_	1,237,540			
		alorem taxes			980,560	_	980,560			
		er taxes			193,650	_	193,650			
Comments of the Comments of th		ment income			5,199	36,517	41,716			
		loss) on disposal o	of assets		4,550	0	4,550			
*.	Other	ioss) on disposar c	or associs		10,783	15,942	26,725			
		neral revenues and	l transfers		2,432,282	52,459	2,484,741			
2	Change i	n net position			(316,654)	447,978	131,324			
<u></u>	Net posit	tion - beginning, a	s previously repor	rted	2,317,060	4,081,205	6,398,265			
Μ̈́		period adjustment			408,693	16,742	425,435			
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Ü	Net posi	tion - end of year			\$ 2,409,099	\$ 4,545,925	\$ 6,955,024			

CITY OF FLORENCE, MISSISSIPPI BALANCE SHEET - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS AS OF SEPTEMBER 30, 2018

	General Fund		Park Fund	G	Total overnmental Funds
ASSETS					
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 190,345	\$	327,890	\$	518,235
Receivables (net of allowance for					
uncollectibles, where applicable):					
Ad valorem	32,108		-		32,108
Current sales tax	145,880		54,732		200,612
Franchise tax	22,018		-		22,018
Restricted assets:					
Cash and cash equivalents	 487,765		-	_	487,765
Total Assets	\$ 878,116	\$	382,622	\$	1,260,738
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES					
Liabilities:					
Accounts payable	\$ 45,547	\$	10,755	\$	56,302
Accrued interest payable	1,712		-		1,712
Due to other funds	 96,773				96,773
Total Liabilities	 144,032		10,755	_	154,787
Fund Balances:					
Restricted	4,713		-		4,713
Committed	354,356		-		354,356
Assigned	1,388		-		1,388
Unassigned	373,627		371,870		745,497
Total Fund Balances	734,084		371,870		1,105,954
Total Liabilities and Fund Balances	\$ 878,116	_\$_	382,625	\$	1,260,741

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CITY OF FLORENCE, MISSISSIPPI RECONCILIATION OF THE GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS BALANCE SHEET TO THE STATEMENT OF NET POSITION AS OF SEPTEMBER 30, 2018

	\$	1,105,954
\$ 8,266,865 (2,782,826)		5,484,039
		128,648
\$ (60,498) (68,206) (1,051,667) (3,129,171)		(4,309,542)
	\$ (60,498) (68,206) (1,051,667)	\$ 8,266,865 (2,782,826) \$ (60,498) (68,206) (1,051,667)

Net position of governmental activities



2,409,099

CITY OF FLORENCE, MISSISSIPPI STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMTBER 30, 2018

	 General Fund	 Park Fund	Go	Total overnmental Funds
Revenues:				
Taxes	\$ 980,560	\$ -	\$	980,560
Licenses and permits	201,758	-		201,758
Federal and State shared revenues	982,026	354,666		1,336,692
Fines and forfeitures	374,488	-		374,488
Charges for services	-	76,820		76,820
Interest	5,199	-		5,199
Other	 5,832	9,500		15,332
Total Revenues	2,549,863	 440,986		2,990,849
Expenditures:				
Current (operating):				
General government	746,067	-		746,067
Public safety	1,198,106	-		1,198,106
Public services	400,745	-		400,745
Culture and recreation	4,442	339,213		343,655
Capital outlay	54,969	20,442		75,411
Debt service:				
Principal	67,534	-		67,534
Interest and fiscal charges	 39,033	 _		39,033
Total Expenditures	 2,510,896	 359,655		2,870,551
Net change in fund balances	38,967	81,331		120,298
Fund balances, beginning of year	 695,117	 290,539		985,656
Fund balances, end of year	\$ 734,084	\$ 371,870	\$	1,105,954

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CITY OF FLORENCE, MISSISSIPPI RECONCILIATION OF THE GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES TO THE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2018

Net change in fund balances - governmental funds		\$ 120,298
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of activities are different because:		
Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures; however, in the statement of activities, the cost of those assets is allocated over their useful lives and reported as depreciation expense. The change in net position differs from the change in fund balance by the amount that capital outlays exceed depreciation:		
Expenditures for capital assets Less current year depreciation	\$ 337,302 (294,082)	43,220
In the statement of activities, only the gain or loss on the sale of assets is reported, while in the governmental funds, the proceeds from the sale increases financial resources. Thus, the change in net position differs from the change in fund balance by the cost of the assets sold.		(4,550)
Certain expenses reported in the statement of activities do not require the use of current financial resources and; therefore, are not reported as expenditures in the governmental funds:		
Change in compensated absences Pension expense for the current period Interest expense		(511,772) (39,033)
Repayment of long-term debt is an expenditure in the governmental funds but the repayment reduces long-term liabilities in the statement of net position:		 75,183
Change in net position of governmental activities		\$ (316,654)

CITY OF FLORENCE, MISSISSIPPI STATEMENT OF NET POSITION - PROPRIETARY FUND AS OF SEPTEMBER 30, 2018

Γ	& Sewer und
ASSETS	
Current assets:	
Cash and cash equivalents \$ 1,	363,803
Receivables:	
	204,885
	(25,000)
Due from other funds	96,813
Total current assets1,	640,501
Noncurrent assets:	
Capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation 6,	290,193
Restricted cash 2,	240,919
Total noncurrent assets 8,	531,112
Total Assets 10,	171,613
DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES	0.656
Deferred loss on bond refunding	8,676
Deferred outflows related to pensions	8,975
Total Deferred Outflows of Resources	17,651
LIABILITIES	
Current liabilities:	
Accounts payable	80,311
Accrued interest payable	62,794
Current portion of capital improvement loan	37,594
	533,333
	714,032
Noncurrent liabilities:	
Compensated absences	2,491
•	148,958
	236,690
•	185,000
Net pension liability	45,400
	18,539
	32,571
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES	
Developer construction advances	-
Deferred inflows related to pensions	10,769
Total Deferred Inflows of Resources	10,769
NET POSITION	
	97,576
•	40,919
	07,430
	45,925

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CITY OF FLORENCE, MISSISSIPPI STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES AND CHANGES IN FUND NET POSITION - PROPRIETARY FUND FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2018

	Water & Sewe Fund	
Operating Revenues		
Charges for services	\$	1,804,111
Total operating revenues		1,804,111
Operating Expenses		
Personnel services		87,303
Supplies, services and other charges		869,842
Depreciation and amortization		450,576
Total operating expenses		1,407,721
Operating income		396,390
Nonoperating revenues (expenses)		
Capital grant		159,717
Interest income		36,517
Gain on sale of asset		-
Rental income		15,942
Interest expense and bond fees		(160,588)
Net nonoperating expenses		51,588
Change in net position		447,978
Net position - beginning, as previously reported		4,081,205
Prior period adjustment		16,742
Net position - beginning of year, as restated		4,097,947

CITY OF FLORENCE, MISSISSIPPI STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS - PROPRIETARY FUND FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2018

	Wa	ter & Sewer Fund
Cash flows from operating activities:		
Cash received from customers	\$	1,787,967
Cash payments for goods and services		(844,235)
Cash payments for personnel services		(79,530)
Net cash provided by operating activities		864,202
Cash flows from non-capital financing activities:		
Receipts from rental income		15,942
Net cash provided by non-capital financing activities		15,942
Cash flows from capital and related financing activities:		
Principal paid on notes payables		(559,519)
Interest paid on notes payable		(160,588)
Increase in compensated absences payable		271
Proceeds from capital grants		159,717
Acquisition and construction of capital assets		(431,132)
Net cash used by capital and related financing activities		(991,251)
Cash flows from investig activities:		
Interest on investments		36,517
Net cash provided by investing activities		36,517
Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents		(74,590)
Cash and cash equivalents, October 01, 2017		3,679,312
Cash and cash equivalents, September 30, 2018	\$	3,604,722

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CITY OF FLORENCE, MISSISSIPPI STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS - PROPRIETARY FUND FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2018

	Water & Sewer Fund		
Reconciliation of change in net position to net cash provided by operating activities:			
Operating income (loss)	\$	396,390	
Adjustments to reconcile operating income to			
net cash provided by operating activities:		16 740	
Prior period adjustment		16,742	
Gain on disposal of asset		0	
Depreciation		450,576	
Changes in assets and liabilities:			
(Increase) decrease in accounts receivables, net		(24,774)	
(Increase) decrease in other receivables		1,193	
(Increase) decrease in deferred outflows of resources		(2,738)	
Increase (decrease) in accounts payable		11,228	
Increase (decrease) in accrued interest payable		7,448	
Increase (decrease) in customer meter deposits		8,630	
Increase (decrease) in net pension liability		(9,236)	
Increase (decrease) in deferred inflows of resources		8,743	
Net cash provided by operating activities	\$	864,202	

Note 1 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

The City of Florence, Mississippi ("City") was incorporated in 1905 in Rankin County, Mississippi. The City operates under a mayor-board of aldermen form of government that provides all of the rights and privileges provided by statute for municipalities. The accounting policies of the City conform to generally accepted accounting principles as applicable to governments.

Some organizations are included as component units because of their fiscal dependency on the primary government. An organization is fiscally dependent on the primary government if it is unable to adopt its own budget, levy taxes or set rates or charges, or issue bonded debt without approval by the primary government.

Based on the application of the criteria above, no component units of the City were identified.

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 activities of the primary government. Governmental activities, which normally are supported by taxes and intergovernmental revenues, are reported separately from business-type activities, which primarily rely on fees and charges for services.

The statement of net position is designed to display the financial position of the primary government (governmental and business-type activities) and its component units. Governments will report all capital assets, including infrastructure, in the government-wide statement of net position and will report depreciation expense in the statement of activities.

The government-wide statement of activities reports expenses and revenues in a format that focuses on the cost of each of the government's functions. Direct expenses are those that are clearly identifiable with a specific activity or program. Program revenues include (1) charges to customers or applicants who purchase, use or directly benefit from goods, services, or privileges provided by a given activity or program, and (2) grants and contributions restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular activity or program. Taxes and other items not properly included among program revenues are reported as general revenues.

Separate financial statements are provided for governmental funds and proprietary funds. Major individual governmental funds and major individual enterprise funds are reported as separate columns in the fund financial statements.

Fund financial statements display the financial transactions and accounts of the City based on funds. The operation of each fund is considered to be an independent accounting entity. The fund financial statements also include a reconcilement to the government-wide statement.

Measurement Focus, Basis of Accounting and Financial Statement Presentation

The accounting and financial treatment applied to a fund is determined by its measurement focus. The government-wide financial statements, proprietary fund financial statements, and the fiduciary fund financial statements are all reported using the *economic resources measurement focus* and the accrual basis of accounting. Under this focus and basis, revenues are recorded when earned and expenses are recorded when a liability is incurred, regardless of when the cash is received or expended.

Property tax, sales tax, franchise tax, intergovernmental revenue, and investment earnings are considered to be susceptible to accrual and have been recognized as revenues of the current fiscal period. All other revenue items are considered to be measurable and available when cash is received.

All governmental funds are accounted for using the current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. Under the modified accrual basis of accounting, revenues are recognized as soon as they are both measurable and available. The City considers revenues to be available if they are collected within 60 days of the end of the current fiscal year; taxpayer assessed income and sales taxes are considered "measurable" when received by intermediary collecting governments and are recognized as revenue at that time. Expenditures are generally recognized under the modified accrual basis of accounting when the related fund liability is incurred, if measurable, except for principal and interest payments on general long-term debt, which are recognized when due.

Major Governmental Funds

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

The Park Fund is used to account for proceeds of specific revenue sources that are restricted to expenditures for specified purposes.

Major Proprietary Fund

The Water and Sewer Fund is used to account for the operations of the City's water and wastewater systems and waste disposal, (a) that are financed and operated in a manner similar to private business enterprises - where the intent of the governing body is that the cost (expenses, including depreciation) of providing goods or services to the general public on a continuing basis be financed or recovered primarily through user charges: or (b) where the governing body has decided that periodic determination of revenues earned, expenses incurred, and/or net income is appropriate for capital maintenance, public policy, management control, accountability, or other purposes.

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. The principal operating revenues of the Water and Sewer Fund and the Sanitation Fund are charges to customers for sales and services. Operating expenses for enterprise funds include the cost of sales and services, administrative expenses, and depreciation on capital assets. All revenues and expenses not meeting this definition are reported as nonoperating revenues and expenses.

Fund Balance

Governmental fund balance is reported in five separate categories: Nonspendable, restricted, committed, assigned, and unassigned. When both restricted and unrestricted fund balance is available for use, it is the City's policy to use restricted fund balance first. When expenditures qualify for more than one unrestricted fund balance classification, it is the City's policy to use resources in the following order: Committed, assigned, and then unassigned.

Nonspendable fund balance - amounts that are not in nonspendable form (such as inventory) or are required to be maintained intact.

Restricted fund balance - amounts constrained to specific purposes by their providers (such as grantors, bondholders, and higher levels of government), through constitutional provisions, or by enabling legislation.

Committed fund balance - amounts constrained to specific purposes by the City itself, using its highest level of decision-making authority, the Board of Alderman. To be reported as committed, amounts cannot be used for any other purpose unless the City takes the same highest level action to remove or change the constraint.

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Assigned fund balance - amounts the City intends to use for a specific purpose. Intent can be expressed by the Board of Alderman or by an official to which the Board delegates.

Unassigned fund balance - amounts that are available for any purpose.

Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash on hand, demand deposits, and short-term investments with original maturities of three months or less from the date acquired by the City.

Receivables

Receivables, net of estimated uncollectible amounts, are reported in the governmental and proprietary financial statements for services and taxes. The estimated uncollectible amount is based on professional judgment and historical information.

Capital Assets

Capital assets purchased or acquired are carried at historical cost or estimated historical cost. Contributed assets are recorded at fair market value as of the date received. The City defines capital assets as assets with an initial cost of more than \$500 and an estimated useful life in excess of two years. The cost of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add value to the asset or materially extend asset lives are not capitalized.

Capital assets are depreciated using the straight line method over the following useful lives:

Computer Equipment and Peripherals	3 years
Vehicles and Equipment	5 years
Heavy Equipment	10 years
Furniture and Fixtures	7 years
Improvements other than Buildings	20 years
Infrastructure	20-50 years

Compensated Absences

The City records the vested portion of accumulated unused compensated absences at year-end based on each employee's accumulated unused hours and rate of pay. All compensated absences are accrued when incurred in the governmental-wide and proprietary fund financial statements. Compensated absences expected to be liquidated with expendable available financial resources is reported as an expenditure and a fund liability of the governmental fund that will make the payments.

Deferred Outflows and Inflows of Resources

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

In addition to liabilities, the statement of net position reports a separate section for deferred inflows of resources. This separate financial statement element, *deferred inflows of resources*, represents an acquisition of net position or fund balance that applies to a future period and so will not be recognized as an inflow of resources (revenue) until then.

Long-term Debt

In the government-wide financial statements and proprietary 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.

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Pensions

For purposes of measuring the net pension liability, deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions, and pension expense, information about the fiduciary net position of the Public Employees' Retirement System ("PERS") and additions to/deductions from PERS' fiduciary net position have been determined on the same basis as they are reported by PERS. 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.

Use of Estimates

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

Note 2 - Budget and Budgetary Accounting

The governmental fund types are budgeted in accordance with the laws of the State of Mississippi which require that municipalities budget on a modified-cash basis. Management follows these procedures in establishing the budgetary data reflected in the financial statements:

- 1. Prior to September 1, the Mayor submits to the Board of Aldermen a proposed operating budget for the fiscal year commencing the following October 1. The operating budget includes proposed expenditures and the means of financing them.
- 2. During September, the budget must be published in a newspaper published in the city (or the county if none is published by the city).
- 3. Prior to the adoption of the budget, at least one public hearing is held by the Board of Aldermen to provide the general public with an opportunity to comment on the taxing and spending plan incorporated in the proposed budget. The public hearing must be held at least one week prior to the adoption of the budget with advance notice and held outside normal working hours.
- 4. Prior to September 15, the budget is legally enacted through passage of an ordinance.
- 5. Routine budget revisions may be made by the Board as often as necessary. However, when a department's total budget has been revised up or down by ten percent (10%) or more, public notice must be given of the change. Also, during the first three months of office, while operating under the prior Board's budget, the new Board is limited to one revision if a deficit is evident.
- 6. The Board approves all budget transfers between departments and/or funds.
- Formal budgetary integration is employed as a management control device during the year for the various funds. Budgeting data presented is as originally adopted or amended by the Board of Aldermen.
- 8. Budgets for the various funds are not adopted on a basis consistent with generally accepted accounting principles but rather on a modified cash basis as required by State statutes.

Note 3 - Due To and Due From Other Funds

During the course of operations, numerous transactions occur between individual funds that may result in amounts owed between funds. Those related to goods and services type transactions are classified as "due to and from other funds."

Short-term interfund loans are reported as "interfund receivables and payables." Short-term amounts owed between funds are classified as "due to/from other funds" and are considered "available spendable resources". Long-term interfund loans (noncurrent portion) are reported as "advances from and to other funds."

Interfund receivables and payables between funds are eliminated in the government-wide financial statements on the statement of net position.

Note 4 - Fund Balance

Beginning with fiscal year ending September 30, 2011, the City implemented GASB Statement No. 54, "Fund Balance Reporting and Governmental Fund Type Definitions." This Statement provides more clearly defined fund balance categories to make the nature and extent of the constraints placed on the City's fund balances more transparent.

The following classifications describe the relative strength of the spending constraints:

Nonspendable fund balance - amounts that are not in nonspendable form (such as inventory) or are required to be maintained intact.

<u>Restricted fund balance</u> - amounts constrained to specific purposes by their providers (such as grantors, bondholders, and higher levels of government), through constitutional provisions, or by enabling legislation.

<u>Committed fund balance</u> -amounts constrained to specific purposes by the City itself, using its highest level of decision-making authority, the Board of Alderman. To be reported as committed, amounts cannot be used for any other purpose unless the City takes the same highest level action to remove or change the constraint.

<u>Assigned fund balance</u> - amounts the City intends to use for a specific purpose. Intent can be expressed by the Board of Alderman or by an official to which the Board delegates the City.

<u>Unassigned fund balance</u> - amounts that are available for any purpose. Only positive amounts are reported in governmental funds.

The City establishes (and modifies or rescinds) fund balance commitments by a Board order. Assigned fund balance is established by management's intention to use funds for specific purposes.

When an expenditure is incurred for purposes for which both restricted and unrestricted fund balance is available, the City considers restricted funds to have been spent first. When an expenditure is incurred for which committed, assigned, or unassigned fund balances are available, the City considers amounts to have been spent first out of committed funds, then assigned funds, then unassigned funds, as needed.

Note 5 - Cash Deposits

Custodial Credit Risk. The collateral for public entities' deposits in financial institutions is held in the name of the 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.

At September 30, 2018, the carrying amount of the City's deposits was \$4,610,722 and the bank balance was \$4,706,871. The difference of \$96,149 was principally due to outstanding checks.

All investments by the City of Florence during the year were in bank certificates of deposit.

Note 6 - Restricted, Committed, and Unassigned Fund Balance

In the water and sewer fund, cash accounts were required to be established for several purposes for compliance with the 2016 Series Revenue Bond agreement. Those accounts are restricted for the specific purposes for which they were created and total \$2,180,219. An amount related to a project of the water and sewer fund is also restricted in the amount of \$60,700. The total cash restricted for water and sewer purposes totals \$2,240,919.

The City also has cash in the general fund that is restricted by law or outside parties as follows:

	Go	Governmental		
	A	Activities		
Restricted:				
Drug Seizure	\$	4,713		
General Fund Reserve		127,308		
Total	\$	132,021		
Committed:				
Fire Truck	\$	166,796		
Stonebrook Reserve		0		
Municipal Fire		7,288		
Court Special Assessments		118,065		
City Hall Savings		62,207		
Total	\$	354,356		
Assigned:				
Park Savings	_\$_	1,388		

Note 7 - Other Required Individual Fund Disclosures

1. Individual fund interfund receivable and payable balances at September 30, 2018 were:

	D	Due From		(Due To)		et Balance
General Fund		-	\$	(96,773)	\$	(96,773)
Water & Sewer Fund		96,813		-		96,813
	\$	96,813	\$	(96,773)	\$	40_

The Water and Sewer Fund receivable includes an amount of \$106,201 related to a prior year bond issue and is not expected to be repaid within one year.

2. Reconciliation of Fund Balances on the budgetary basis to the GAAP basis:

Mississippi law requires that municipalities prepare budgets using the modified cash basis, which differs from GAAP basis. The budget and all transactions are presented in accordance with the City's method (modified cash basis) in the Budgetary Comparison Schedule -General Fund to provide a meaningful comparison of actual results with the budget. The major differences between budget and GAAP basis are that only expenditures relating to the 2018 fiscal year which are paid within the first 30 days after year end are included in the budget and all revenues are recognized for budgetary purposes when received. Budgetary and GAAP differences are shown as reconciling items on the budget comparison schedule.

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Note 8 - Capital Assets

A summary of changes in capital assets for governmental activities and business-type activities at September 30, 2018 is as follows:

	Balance 10/01/17	Imanagas	Decreases	Completed CIP	Balance 09/30/18
Governmental Activities	10/01/17	Increases	Decreases	CIP	09/30/18
Non-depreciable					
Land	\$ 867,224	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 867,224
Construction in progress	271,717	6,500	-	(271,717)	6,500
Total	1,138,941	6,500		(271,717)	873,724
Depreciable					
Buildings & improvements	5,509,491	128,536	-	271,717	5,909,744
Machinery, equipment &					
vehicles	1,407,517	122,715	(46,835)	-	1,483,397
Total	6,917,008	251,251	(46,835)	271,717	7,393,141
Less: accumulated					
depreciation:					
Buildings & improvements	1,399,957	128,719	-	-	1,528,676
Machinery, equipment &	1 000 001	217 004	(46, 825)		1 254 150
vehicles _	1,082,991	217,994 346,713	(46,835)		1,254,150 2,782,826
Total -	2,482,948		(40,833)		
Net book value	4,434,060	(95,462)		271,717	4,610,315
Governmental Activities, net	\$ 5,573,001	\$ (88,962)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,484,039
Business-type Activities					
Non-de preciable					
Construction in progress	\$ 798,509	\$ 343,877		\$ (1,142,386)	
Total _	798,509	343,877		(1,142,386)	
Depreciable					
Buildings & improvements	10,924,974	80,407	-	1,142,386	12,147,767
Machinery, equipment &			(7.60)		620 207
vehicles	624,310	6,846	(769)	1,142,386	630,387 12,778,154
Total _	11,549,284	87,253	(769)	1,142,380	12,776,134
Less: accumulated					
depreciation:	5 455 000	124 505			5.011.605
Buildings & improvements	5,477,088	434,597	-	-	5,911,685
Machinery, equipment & vehicles	561,067	15,979	(769)	_	576,277
Total	6,038,155	450,576	(769)		6,487,962
Net book value	5,511,129	(363,323)		1,142,386	6,290,192
Business-type Activities, net	\$ 6,309,638	\$ (19,446)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 6,290,192

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Note 9 - Long-Term Debt

Bonds and capital improvement loans payable at September 30, 2018 are comprised of the following:

	Governmental Activities	Business-type Activities
Bonds		
\$3,500,000 2016 Revenue Bond payable annually for 20 years to First National Bank of Clarksdale with installments ranging from \$120,000 to \$250,000, bearing interest ranging from 2.375% to 3.000%.	\$ -	\$ 3,260,000
\$2,580,000 2014 Revenue Bond payable semi-annually for 7 years to Peoples Bank with installments ranging from \$345,000 to \$395,000, bearing interest of 3.88% ranging from .75% to 2.25%.	-	1,525,000
\$1,000,000 General Obligation Bonds Series 2002-1 payable for 20 years to Trustmark Bank with installments ranging from \$20,000 to \$75,000, bearing interest of 4.4561%.	136,667	233,333
\$1,000,000 General Obligation Bonds, Series 2014 payable semi-annully for 20 years to Priority One Bank with installments ranging from \$20,000 to \$75,000, bearing interest ranging from .75% to 4.75%.	915,000	
Total Bonds	\$ 1,051,667	\$ 5,018,333
\$500,000 2002 Capital Improvement Loan for infrastructure improvements, of which the City drew \$470,982. The City makes monthly payments of \$2,259 to the Mississippi Development Authority, which includes of 2%, with the final payment due March 31, 2025. \$500,000 2003 Capital Improvement Loan for infrastructure improvements, of which the City drew \$388,926. The City makes monthly payments of \$2,529 to the Mississippi Development Authority, which includes of 2%, with the final payment due October 31, 2025.	\$ 68,206	\$ 118,672 155,612
Total Capital Improvement Loans Payable	\$ 68,206	\$ 274,284
Total Bonds and Capital Improvement Loans Payable	\$ 1,119,873	\$ 5,292,617

Transactions for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2018, including compensated absences, are summarized as follows:

	Balance 10/1/17 Additions		itions	Re	ductions	Balance 9/30/18		
Governmental Activities			-					-
Capital Improvement loans	\$	77,079	\$	-	\$	8,873	\$	68,206
General obligation bonds		1,106,667		-		55,000		1,051,667
Compensated absences		71,808				11,310		60,498
Total governmental activities		1,255,554				75,183		1,180,371

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	Balance			Balance
	10/1/17	Additions	Reductions	9/30/18
Business-type Activities				
General obligation bonds	2,158,333	-	400,000	1,758,333
Capital Improvement loans	313,803	-	39,519	274,284
Revenue Bonds-2016	3,380,000	-	120,000	3,260,000
Compensated absences	2,220	271		2,491
Total business-type activities	5,854,356	271	559,519	5,295,108
Total	\$ 7,109,910	\$ 271	\$ 634,702	\$ 6,475,479

Annual requirements to amortize loans and bonds outstanding as of September 30, 2018, including interest payments are as follows:

Year Ended 9/30	Government	ntal Activities Business-typ		pe Activities	
	Principal	Interest	Principal	Interest	Total
2019	65,101	37,053	570,927	139,086	812,167
2020	70,271	35,253	591,685	125,241	822,450
2021	72,112	33,110	605,791	110,831	821,844
2022	78,956	30,760	629,913	95,945	835,574
2023	79,136	28,105	240,717	79,430	320,147
2022-2026	221,029	94,054	736,253	261,077	1,312,413
2027-2031	320,000	73,755	980,000	221,781	1,595,536
2032-2036	150,000	10,500	940,000	72,000	1,172,500
Total	\$ 1,056,605	\$ 342,590	\$ 5,295,286	\$ 1,105,391	\$ 7,799,872

Note 10 - Property Tax

Property taxes attach as an enforceable lien on property as of January 1. Taxes are levied October 1 and are payable on or before February 1 (or in installments, plus interest, payable as follows: 50% due February 1; 25% due by May 1; and 25% due by August 1). All property taxes are collected and remitted to the City by the county tax collector.

Note 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 participates in State insurance funds for risks of loss for all liability and workers' compensation insurance. Settled claims resulting from these risks have not exceeded State insurance coverage in any of the past three fiscal years.

The City has joined with other municipalities to pool its risk as a member of the Mississippi Municipal Liability Plan and the Mississippi Municipal Workers' Compensation Pool, both of which are public entity risk pools. The City pays annual premiums to the liability plan and quarterly premiums to the pool for its workers' compensation coverage. The agreements establishing the pools provide that the pools will be self-sustaining through member premiums.

Note 12 - Prior Period Adjustment

The statement of activities includes an adjustment of \$425,435 to the beginning balance of net position for adjustments to pension expense, deferred outflows/inflows of resources related to pensions, and net pension liability for the prior period implementation of GASB 68.

Note 13 - Defined Benefit Pension Plan

Plan Description. The City contributes 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. Benefit provisions are established by State law and may be amended only by the State of Mississippi Legislature. PERS issues a publicly available financial report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information. That information may be obtained by writing to Public Employees' Retirement System, PERS Building, 429 Mississippi Street, Jackson, MS 39201-1005, by calling (601) 359-3589 or 1-800-444-PERS, or by visiting online at www.pers.ms.gov.

Benefits Provided. For the cost-sharing plan 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 2.00% 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 2.50% 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. A member may elect a reduced retirement allowance payable for life with the provision that, after death, a beneficiary receives benefits for life or for a specified number of years. 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. In the event of death prior to retirement of any member whose spouse and/or children are not entitled to a retirement allowance, the deceased member's accumulated contributions and interest are paid to the designated beneficiary. 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% compounded for each fiscal year thereafter.

Contributions. PERS members are required to contribute 9.00% of their annual covered salary and the City is required to contribute at an actuarially determined rate. The rate for the year ended September 30, 2017 was 15.75% of annual covered payroll. The contribution requirements of PERS members are established and may be amended only by the State of Mississippi Legislature. The City's contributions to PERS for the years ended September 30, 2018, 2017, and 2016 was \$191,347, \$205,092, and \$191,653, which was equal to the required contribution for each year.

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

At September 30, 2018, the City reported a liability of \$3,174,571 for its proportionate share of the net pension liability. The net pension liability was measured as of June 30, 2018, and the total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of that date. The City's proportion of the net pension liability was based on a projection of the City's long-term share of contributions to the pension plan relative to the projected contributions of all participating entities, actuarially determined. At June 30, 2018, the City's proportion was 0.0190 percent, which was an decrease of 0.0545 percent from its proportion measured as of June 30, 2017.

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Changes in net pension liability are recognized in pension expense with the following exceptions:

Differences Between Expected and Actual Experience

Differences between actual and expected experience with regard to economic or demographic factors were recognized in pension expense using a straight-line amortization method over the average of the expected remaining service lives of active and inactive members. For 2018, this was 3.90 years, which was an increase of .53 years from the prior year average of 3.37.

For the year ended September 30, 2018, the City recognized pension expense of \$527,601. Of this amount, \$511,772, was allocated to governmental activities and \$15,829, was allocated to business-type activities.

At September 30, 2018, the City reported deferred inflows of resources and deferred outflows of resources related to pensions from the following sources:

	Deferred Outflows of Resources	Deferred Inflows of Resources
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$ 35,732	\$ 10,068
Net difference between projected and actual		
earnings on pension plan investments	40,380	3,580
Change of assumptions	52,402	-
Changes in proportion and differences between City		
contributions and proportionate share of contributions	133,354	166,535
City contributions subsequent to the measurement date	45,141	
Total	\$ 307,009	\$180,183

The \$45,141 of deferred outflows of resources resulting from the City's contributions subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a reduction of the net pension liability in the year ending September 30, 2019. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources will be recognized in pension expense as follows:

Year ended September 30:

2019	\$ 160,483
2020	9,240
2021	(73,732)
2022	(14,276)
Total	\$ 81,715

Actuarial Assumptions. The total pension liability in the June 30, 2018 actuarial valuation was determined using the following actuarial assumptions, applied to all periods included in the measurement:

Inflation 3.00%

Salary increases 3.20 - 18.50%, including inflation

Investment rate of return 7.75% net of pension plan investment expense,

including inflation

The actuarial assumptions used in the June 30, 2018 valuation were based on the results of an actuarial experience study for the period July 1, 2013 – June 30, 20176. The experience report is dated April 18, 2017 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 allocation and best estimates of arithmetic real rates of return for each major asset class as of June 30, 2018 are summarized in the following table:

		Long-term
	Target	Expected Real
Asset Class	Allocation	Rate of Return
U.S. Broad	27%	4.60%
International equity	18%	4.50%
Emerging markets equity	4%	4.75%
Global	12%	4.75%
Fixed income	18%	0.75%
Real assets	10%	3.50%
Private equity	8%	5.10%
Emerging debt	2%	2.25%
Cash	1%	0.00%
Total	100%	

Discount Rate. The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability was 7.75%. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed that plan member contributions will be made at the current contribution rate (9%) and that employer contributions will be made at the current employer contribution rate (15.75%). 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.

Sensitivity of the City's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability to Changes in the Discount Rate. The following table presents the City's proportionate share of the net pension liability of PERS based on the June 30, 2017 actuarial calculations calculated using a discount rate of 1-percentage-point lower (6.75%) or 1-percentage-point higher (8.75%) than current rate:

		Discount Rate				
	19	% Decrease		Current	1	% Increase
		6.75%		7.75%		8.75%
City's proportional share of the net pension liability	\$	4,179,996	\$	3,174,571	\$	2,338,925

Plan Fiduciary Net Position. Detailed information about the Plan's fiduciary net position is available in the separately issued Public Employees' Retirement System of Mississippi financial report.

Note 14 - Limitation of Indebtedness:

Section 21-33-303, Miss. Code 1972 (Ann.), prohibits any municipality from issuing bonds secured by a pledge of its full faith and credit for the purposes authorized by law in an amount which, when added to the then outstanding bonded indebtedness of such municipality shall exceed either (a) fifteen percent (15%) of the assessed value of the taxable property within such municipality, according to the last completed assessment for taxation, or (b) ten percent (10%) of the assessment upon which taxes were levied for its fiscal year ending September 30, 1984, whichever is greater. In computing such indebtedness, there may be deducted all bonds or other evidence of indebtedness, heretofore or

hereafter issued, for school, water, sewer systems, gas and light and power purposes and for the construction of special improvements primarily chargeable to the property benefited, or for the purpose of paying the municipality's proportion of any betterment program, a portion of which is primarily chargeable to the property benefited.

However, in no case shall any municipality contract any indebtedness which, when added to all of the outstanding general obligation indebtedness, both bonded and floating, shall exceed either (a) twenty percent (20%) of the assessed value of all taxed property within such municipality according to the last completed assessment for taxation or (b) fifteen percent (15%) of the assessment upon which taxes were levied for its fiscal year ending September 30, 1984, whichever is greater. Nothing herein contained shall be construed to apply to contract obligations in any form heretofore or hereafter incurred by any municipality for school purposes or to contract obligations in any form heretofore or hereafter incurred by any municipality which are payable exclusively from the revenues of any municipally-owed utility, or to bonds issued by any municipality under the provisions of Sections 57-1-1 through 57-1-51, or to any special assessment improvement bonds issued by any municipality under the provisions of Section 21-41-1 through 21-41-53.

All bonds issued prior to July 1, 1990, pursuant to this chapter by any municipality for the purpose of the constructing, replacing, renovating or improving wastewater collection and treatment facilities in order to comply with an administrative order of the Mississippi Department of Natural Resources issued pursuant to the Federal Water Pollution Control Act and amendments thereto, are hereby exempt from the limitation imposed by this section, if the governing body of the municipality adopts an order, resolution or ordinance to the effect that the rates paid by the users of such facilities shall be increased to the extent necessary to provide sufficient funds for the payment of the principal of and interest on such bonds as each respectively becomes due and payable as well as the necessary expenses in connection with the operation and maintenance of such facilities.

The following is a schedule of limitations on the indebtedness of the City, at September 30, 2018:

Authorized Debt Limit:		5 Percent	20 Percent		
Assessed Valuation for the fiscal year ended					
September 30, 2018: \$ 36,458,412	\$	5,468,762	\$	7,291,682	
Present debt subject to debt limitation		(1,393,206)		(1,393,206)	
Margin for further general indebtedness	\$	4,075,556	\$	5,898,476	

Note 15 - Date of Management Review and Subsequent Event

Management has evaluated subsequent events through September 17, 2019, the date the financial statements were available to be issued and found that there were no material subsequent events to be disclosed.

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CITY OF FLORENCE, MISSISSIPPI BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE GENERAL FUND FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2018

Revenues:	Original Budget		Budget as Amended	Actual	Fin 1	Variances al Budgeted to Actual ver (Under)
		_			_	
Taxes	\$ 950,000	\$	981,258	\$ 980,560	\$	(698)
Licenses and permits	188,500		200,001	201,758		1,757
State shared revenues	972,273		1,002,586	982,026		(20,560)
Fines and forfeits	381,000		424,785	374,488		(50,297)
Other	 15,000		15,000	 11,031		(3,969)
Total revenues	 2,506,773		2,623,630	 2,549,863		(73,767)
Expenditures:						
General government	814,618		814,618	746,067		(68,551)
Public safety	1,363,391		1,363,391	1,198,106		(165,285)
Public service	474,608		474,608	400,745		(73,863)
Culture and recreation	5,000		5,000	4,442		(558)
Capital outlays	240,489		265,926	54,969		(210,957)
Debt service	102,110		102,110	106,567		4,457
Total expenditures	3,000,216		3,025,653	 2,510,896		(514,757)
Excess (deficiency) of revenues						
over (under) expenditures	\$ (493,443)	\$	(402,023)	 38,967	\$	440,990
Fund Balance, October 01, 2017				 695,117		
Fund Balance, September 30, 2018				\$ 734,084		

CITY OF FLORENCE, MISSISSIPPI BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE PARK FUND FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2018

		Original		udget as		Assess	Fina to	ariances l Budgeted Actual
Revenues:		Budget	A	mended		Actual	Ove	er (Under)
	\$	200.000	\$	254 122	\$	251 666	ď	543
Federal and state shared	Ф	300,000	Ф	354,123	Ф	354,666 76,820	\$	
Charges for services		75,325		84,027		•		(7,207)
Other		12,500		12,500		9,500		(3,000)
Total revenues		387,825		450,650		440,986		(9,664)
Expenditures:								
Culture and recreation		390,310		390,310		339,213		(51,097)
Debt service		-		-		-		-
Capital outlays		47,000		47,000		20,442		(26,558)
Total expenditures		437,310		437,310		359,655		(77,655)
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenditures	\$	(49,485)	_\$	13,340		81,331	\$	67,991
Fund Balance, October 01, 2017						290,539		
Fund Balance, September 30, 2018					\$	371,870		



CITY OF FLORENCE, MISSISSIPPI SCHEDULE OF THE CITY'S PROPORTIONATE SHARE OF THE NET PENSION LIABILITY MISSISSIPPI PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM LAST 10 FISCAL YEARS *

	2018	2017	2016	2015
City's proportion of the net pension liability	\$ 3,174,571	\$ 3,394,166	\$ 3,346,717	\$ 2,814,907
City's proportionate share of the net pension liability City's covered employee payroll	0.019086% \$ 1,218,800	0.020418% \$ 1,309,816	0.018736% \$ 1,198,603	0.01 8 210% \$ 1,137,670
City's proportionate share of the net pension liability as a percentage of its covered payroll	260.47%	259.13%	279.22%	247.43%
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability	62.54%	61.49%	57.47%	67.21%

CITY OF FLORENCE, MISSISSIPPI SCHEDULE OF THE CITY'S CONTRIBUTIONS MISSISSIPPI PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM LAST 10 FISCAL YEARS

	2018	2017	2016	2015
Contractually required contribution	\$ 191,347	\$ 199,326	\$ 191,653	\$ 180,762
Contributions in relation to the contractually required contribution	191,347	199,326	191,653	180,762
Contribution deficiency	\$ -	\$ -	\$	\$ -
City's covered-employee payroll	1,214,902	1,265,562	1,216,844	1,147,695
Contributions as a percentage of covered-employee payroll	15.75%	15.75%	15.75%	15.75%

CITY OF FLORENCE, MISSISSIPPI NOTES TO REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2017

Budgetary Comparison Schedules

NOTE A - BASIS OF PRESENTATION

The City's governmental fund types are budgeted in accordance with the laws of the State of Mississippi which require that municipalities budget on a modified-cash basis. Claims that have been incurred prior to the end of the year and that are paid within 30 days are recorded under the accrual basis. Prior year claims that are paid after 30 days revert to the cash basis. All revenue is accounted for under the cash basis. Capital project funds, however, are budgeted per project and do not lapse at year end. The required budgetary basis is therefore not considered to be in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. Governmental accounting requires that the "Budget to Actual" statement be prepared according to budgetary laws and the "Combined Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Fund Balance" be prepared according to the modified accrual basis (GAAP).

Pension Schedules

NOTE A- VALUATION DATE

Actuarially determined contribution rates are calculated as of June 30, three months prior to the end of the fiscal year in which contributions are reported.

NOTE B - CHANGES OF BENEFIT TERMS

None.

NOTE C - CHANGES OF ASSUMPTIONS

The expectation of the retired life mortality was changed to the RP-2014 Healthy Annuitant Blue Collar Mortality Table projected with Scale BB to 2022. Small adjustments were also made to the Mortality Table for disabled lives.

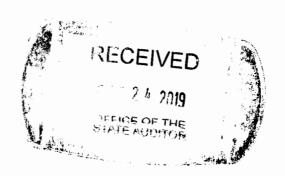
The wage inflation assumption was reduced from 3.75% to 3.25%.

Withdrawal rates, pre-retirement mortality rates, disability rates and service retirement rates were also adjusted to more closely reflect actual experience.

The percentage of active member disabilities assumed to be in the line of duty was increased from 6.00% to 7.00%.

NOTE D - DATA AVAILABLE AND PRESENTED

The required supplementary pension schedules are presented to illustrate the requirement to show information for ten years, as required by GASB 68. GASB 68 was implemented during the fiscal year ended September 30, 2015, and only reflects data for years for which trend information is available.



CITY OF FLORENCE, MISSISSIPPI SCHEDULE OF SURETY BONDS FOR MUNICIPAL OFFICIALS September 30, 2018

Name	Position	Company	 Bond
Robert Morris	Mayor	Municipal Program	\$ 50,000
all Board members	Aldermen (5)	Municipal Program	\$ 50,000 each
Linda C. Wigley	City Clerk	Western Surety	\$ 75,000
Richard Thomas	Police Chief	Western Surety	\$ 75,000
John Mickle	Park Director	Western Surety	\$ 50,000
Paula Eure	Park Secretary and Deputy Water Clerk	Western Surety	\$ 50,000
Debra Ross	Park Clerk	Western Surety	\$ 50,000
Dana Vaughn	Deputy Clerk	Western Surety	\$ 50,000
Julia Whittington	Deputy Clerk	Western Surety	\$ 50,000
Melissa J. Mccue	Court Clerk	Western Surety	\$ 75,000
Tiffany Matlock	Court Clerk	Western Surety	\$ 50,000
Tammie Roberson	Planning and Zoning Administrator	Western Surety	\$ 50,000
police officers	Police Department	Western Surety	\$ 25,000

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> Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting and on Compliance and Other Matters Based on an Audit of the Financial Statements Performed in Accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*

To the Honorable Mayor Board of Aldermen City of Florence, Mississippi

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of the governmental activities, the business activities, and each major fund of City of Florence, Mississippi ("City"), as of and for the year ended September 30, 2018, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the City's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated September 17, 2019.

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 entity's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected, on a timely basis. A significant deficiency is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses, or significant deficiencies. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses may exist 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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Independent Auditor's Special Report on Compliance with State Laws and Regulations

To the Honorable Mayor and Members of the Board of Aldermen City of Florence, Mississippi

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, and each major fund of the City of Florence, Mississippi ("City") as of and for the year ended September 30, 2018, which collectively comprise the City's basic financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated September 17, 2019. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America.

As required by the state legal compliance audit program prescribed by the Mississippi 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 basic financial statements disclosed no material instances of noncompliance with state laws and regulations.

This report is intended for the information of the City's management, Board of Aldermen, and the Office of the State Auditor and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties. However, this report is a matter of public record and its distribution is not limited.

Walhar Company CPAs P. C. Flowood, Mississippi September 17, 2019

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