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CITY OF PURVIS, MISSISSIPPI

Statement of Cash Receipts and Disbursements and Supplementary Information

For the Year Ended September 30, 2022

CITY OF PURVIS, MISSISSIPPI

Purvis, Mississippi

PUBLIC OFFICIALS

Mr. Roger Herrin,
Mayor

Ms. Catherine Kemp,
City Clerk

BOARD OF ALDERMEN

Mr. Wendell Hudson
Ms. Donna Bielstein
Ms. Deborah Ferrell
Mr. Vernon Hartfield
Ms. Jerry Smith

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

Board of Aldermen
City of Purvis, Mississippi

Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

Opinions

We have audited the accompanying statement of cash receipts and disbursements of the governmental activities, business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the City of Purvis, Mississippi (the "City") for the year ended September 30, 2022, and the related notes to the financial statement.

In our opinion, the financial statement referred to above presents fairly, in all material respects, the cash receipts and disbursements of the governmental activities, business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information for the year ended September 30, 2022, in accordance with the cash basis of accounting described in Note 1.

Basis for Opinions

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. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of the City of Purvis, Mississippi, and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

Basis of Accounting

We draw attention to Note 1 of the financial statement, which describes the basis of accounting. The financial statement is prepared on the cash basis of accounting, which is a basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Our opinion is not modified with respect to that matter.

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statement in accordance with the cash basis of accounting described in Note 1, and for determining that the cash basis of accounting is an acceptable basis for the preparation of the financial statement in the circumstances. Management is also responsible for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statement that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statement as a whole is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditors' report that includes our opinions. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and *Government Auditing Standards* will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statement.

In performing an audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and *Government Auditing Standards*, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statement, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statement.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit 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 City's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statement.
- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the City's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit, significant audit findings, and certain internal control related matters that we identified during the audit.

Supplementary Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statement as a whole. The accompanying supplementary information, as listed in the table of contents, is presented for purposes of additional analysis as required by the State of Mississippi, Office of the State Auditor, and is not a required part of the financial statement. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statement. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statement and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statement or to the financial statement itself, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the supplementary information is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the financial statement as a whole.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated July 28, 2023, 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 solely 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 the effectiveness of the City's 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.

Carr, Riggs & Ingram, L.L.C.

Laurel, Mississippi
July 28, 2023

City of Purvis, Mississippi
Statement of Cash Receipts and Disbursements
Governmental and Business-Type Activities

	Governmental Activities				Business-type Activities
	Major Funds		Other Governmental Funds	Total	Major Fund
	General Fund	City Hall Fund			Water and Sewer Fund
<i>Year Ended September 30, 2022</i>					
Receipts					
Taxes					
General property taxes	\$ 775,880	\$ -	\$ 34,214	\$ 810,094	\$ 90,544
Penalties and interest on delinquent taxes	5,604	-	-	5,604	-
Licenses, permits, and fees	213,625	-	-	213,625	-
Intergovernmental revenues:					
General municipal aid	1,083	-	-	1,083	-
Road and bridge tax	118,099	-	-	118,099	-
Sales tax	1,197,585	-	-	1,197,585	-
Gasoline tax	5,929	-	-	5,929	-
Homestead exemption	35,314	-	-	35,314	-
Rail car tax	2,647	-	-	2,647	-
Fire protection	24,128	-	-	24,128	-
Modernization tax	-	-	178,101	178,101	-
Grant funds	-	700,000	294,031	994,031	-
Charges for services:					
Garbage collection	130,554	-	-	130,554	-
Water and sewer utility	-	-	-	-	534,257
Fines and forfeitures:					
Court fines and fees	27,416	-	-	27,416	-
Interest	48,114	5,484	9,687	63,285	19,051
Miscellaneous receipts	55,246	-	-	55,246	4,878
Total receipts	\$ 2,641,224	\$ 705,484	\$ 516,033	\$ 3,862,741	\$ 648,730

(Continued)

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this financial statement.

City of Purvis, Mississippi
Statement of Cash Receipts and Disbursements (Continued)
Governmental and Business-Type Activities

	Governmental Activities				Business-type
	Major Funds			Total	Activities
	General Fund	City Hall Fund	Other Governmental Funds		Major Fund Water and Sewer Fund
<i>Year Ended September 30, 2022</i>					
Disbursements					
General government	\$ 836,317	\$ 373,528	\$ -	\$ 1,209,845	\$ -
Public safety:					
Police	1,000,578	-	-	1,000,578	-
Fire	54,128	-	-	54,128	-
Public works:					
Street and sanitation	564,878	-	7,500	572,378	-
Culture and recreation:					
Parks	-	-	12,110	12,110	-
Libraries	21,912	-	-	21,912	-
Enterprise:					
Water and sewer utility	-	-	-	-	542,571
Redemption of principal	-	-	-	-	51,845
Interest on debt	-	-	-	-	5,959
Total disbursements	2,477,813	373,528	19,610	2,870,951	600,375
Excess of receipts over disbursements	163,411	331,956	496,423	991,790	48,355
Other financing sources (uses)					
Transfers in (out)	(30,569)	-	-	(30,569)	30,569
Proceeds from the sale of assets	2,892	-	-	2,892	-
Insurance proceeds	1,115	-	-	1,115	65,329
Total other financing sources (uses)	(26,562)	-	-	(26,562)	95,898
Excess of receipts and other financing sources over disbursements and other financing uses	136,849	331,956	496,423	965,228	144,253
Cash basis fund balance - beginning of year	4,717,893	-	583,749	5,301,642	1,430,225
Cash basis fund balance - end of year	\$ 4,854,742	\$ 331,956	\$ 1,080,172	\$ 6,266,870	\$ 1,574,478

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this financial statement.

NOTE 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

General Information

The City of Purvis, Mississippi (the "City"), incorporated February 25, 1988, operates under the mayor/board of aldermen form of government and provides services as authorized by law. These services include the following:

- General administration
- Public safety
- Public works
- Parks and recreation
- Water and sewer utilities

Financial Report Entity

The financial statement for the City consists of all the funds of the City. In evaluating how to define the City for financial reporting purposes, management considered all potential component units. The decision whether to include a potential component unit in the reporting entity was made by applying the criteria set forth in accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. The application of these criteria provides for identification of any entities for which the City is financially accountable and other organizations that the nature and significance of their relationship with the City are such that exclusion would cause the City's financial statement to be misleading or incomplete. As such, the City does not report any component units for the year ended September 30, 2022.

Fund Accounting

The accounts of the City are organized on the basis of funds, each of which is considered a separate accounting entity. The City's resources are allocated to and accounted for in individual funds based upon the purposes for which they are to be spent and the means by which spending activities are controlled. The emphasis is on major governmental and enterprise funds reported as separate columns in the statement of cash receipts and disbursements, and all remaining governmental and enterprise funds are aggregated and reported as nonmajor funds.

The City reports the following major governmental fund:

General Fund – This 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.

City Hall Fund – This fund is used to account for grant funds received for the construction of the City's new city hall.

NOTE 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Fund Accounting

The City reports the following major enterprise fund:

Water and Sewer Fund – This fund is used to account for the operations of the City’s water and sewer system which is intended to be self-supporting from user charges.

Additionally, the City reports special revenue funds which are used to account for the proceeds of specific revenue sources that are restricted for specified purposes other than capital projects.

Basis of Accounting

The financial statement is prepared on the cash basis, as prescribed by the State of Mississippi Office of the State Auditor. Consequently, certain revenues are recognized when received rather than when earned and certain expenses are recognized when paid rather than when the obligation is incurred.

Budgetary Information

Annual budgets are adopted for governmental funds and the enterprise fund. The appropriated budgets are prepared by fund, function, and department. The department is the legal level of budgetary control. The City Clerk may make transfers within a function. Transfers between functions require the approval of the Board of Alderman. All appropriations lapse at year-end.

For the year ended September 30, 2022, expenditures exceeded appropriations by \$24,128 for the fire function, \$15,416 for the library function, and \$30,569 for transfers out in the General Fund.

Cash and Cash Equivalents

The City’s cash and cash equivalents are considered to be cash on hand, demand deposits, and short-term certificates of deposit.

Compensated Absences

Based on the City's personnel policy, full-time employees can earn vacation benefits based on their years of service as follows:

Years of Service	Vacation
1 - 10	2 weeks or 80 hours
> 10	3 weeks or 120 hours

NOTE 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Compensated Absences (Continued)

Vacation days cannot be carried over beyond December 31st of each year. Unused vacation will be paid to the employee at the end of the year. Full-time employees accumulate sick pay at the rate of 8 hours per month, or 96 hours per year, with accumulation limited to 40 days or 320 hours. Employees are not paid for unused sick leave upon termination.

Fund Balance Flow Assumptions

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

The City is reporting the following restricted cash basis fund balance in accordance with grant provisions and other state laws and regulations as of September 30, 2022:

September 30, 2022

Governmental activities	
City Hall Fund - grant	\$ 331,956
Other Governmental Funds	
Park Fund	53,572
Fire Fund	56,867
Modernization Tax Fund - infrastructure	331,879
CARES Act Fund - grant	51,976
American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Fund - grant	585,878

Property Tax Revenue

Property taxes are levied annually for the upcoming fiscal year beginning October 1st on property values assessed as of the previous January 1st. Such levy, which establishes a lien against the underlying property, is made by the City in September before the beginning of the fiscal year. Property tax statements on real property are typically mailed in December each year, with the taxes due annually on February 1st. All taxes are collected and remitted to the City by Lamar County. Property with delinquent taxes as of August are subject to sale for collection of such taxes. Property taxes, as well as delinquent tax payments, are recognized in the year they are collected.

NOTE 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Subsequent Events

Management has evaluated subsequent events through the date that the financial statements were available to be issued, July 28, 2023, and determined there were no events that occurred that required disclosure. No subsequent events occurring after this date have been evaluated for inclusion in these financial statements.

NOTE 2: CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

Custodial credit risk is defined as the risk that, in the event of the failure of a financial institution, the City will not be able to recover deposits or collateral securities that are in the possession of an outside party. Although the City does not have a policy for custodial credit risk, the Mississippi State Treasurer manages this risk for public entity deposits held in qualified public depositories. All of the City's deposits are held in qualified public depositories. The City has deposits with financial institutions totaling \$7,869,364 as of September 30, 2022.

The Office of the State Treasurer's Collateral Division ensures the protection of state funds deposited by agencies in certain Treasury-approved financial institutions. The collateral for public entity deposits in these 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, Mississippi Code. Under this program, the entity'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 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.

NOTE 3: DEBT

The City has utilized loans, as well as other financing available under the State of Mississippi Revolving Fund (SRF) loan program, to provide funds for qualified water and sewer projects. Monthly principal and interest payments for the repayment of the SRF loans are deducted from the City's monthly sales tax payments from the Mississippi Department of Revenue which have been pledged to secure the loan. Water and sewer revenues have been pledged to secure the capital loan. The following loans were outstanding as of September 30, 2022:

Business-type Activities	Original Borrowing	Interest Rate	Monthly Payments	Final Maturity	Balance 9/30/2022
SRF loan - water and sewer	\$ 508,344	1.75%	\$2,547	2025	\$ 67,397
Capital loan - water and sewer	448,637	2.00%	2,270	2031	208,322

City of Purvis, Mississippi
Notes to Financial Statement

NOTE 3: DEBT (CONTINUED)

Changes in long-term debt for the year ended September 30, 2022, is as follows:

<i>Year Ended September 30, 2022</i>	Beginning Balance	Additions	Reductions	Ending Balance	Due Within One Year
Long-term Debt:					
SRF loan - water and sewer	\$ 96,510	\$ -	\$ 29,113	\$ 67,397	\$ 29,627
Capital loan - water and sewer	231,054	-	22,732	208,322	23,266
Total long-term debt	\$ 327,564	\$ -	\$ 51,845	\$ 275,719	\$ 52,893

The debt service requirements for the outstanding loans are as follows:

<i>Year Ended September 30,</i>	Principal	Interest
2023	\$ 52,893	\$ 4,911
2024	53,885	3,919
2025	31,836	3,042
2026	24,704	2,531
2027	25,202	2,033
2028-2031	87,199	3,044
Total	\$ 275,719	\$ 19,480

Pursuant to Section 21-33-303, Mississippi Code, the City is subject to limitations of indebtedness. "No municipality shall hereafter issue 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 ended September 30, 1984, whichever is greater. In computing such indebtedness, there may be deducted all bonds or other evidences of indebtedness, heretofore or hereafter issued, for school, water, sewerage 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 (20%) of the assessed value of all taxable 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 ended September 30, 1984, whichever is greater.

NOTE 3: DEBT (CONTINUED)

The following is a schedule of limitations on the indebtedness of the City at September 30, 2022:

Debt Limitation	15 Percent	20 Percent
Assessed value as of September 30, 2022 (\$11,666,394 times applicable percentage)	\$ 1,749,959	\$ 2,333,279
Present debt subject to 15% limitation	-	-
Present debt subject to 20% limitation including debt subject to 15% limitation	-	-
Margin for further debt under respective debt limits	\$ 1,749,959	\$ 2,333,279

NOTE 4: RETIREMENT PLAN

Plan Description

The City contributes to the Public Employees' Retirement System of Mississippi (PERS), a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan. Plan provisions and the PERS Board of Trustees' authority to determine contribution rates 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 report may be obtained by writing to Public Employee Retirement System, PERS Building, 429 Mississippi Street, Jackson, MS 39201-1005, or by calling (601) 359-3589 or 1-800-444-PERS.

Benefits Provided

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 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 2.50 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. 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).

NOTE 4: RETIREMENT PLAN (CONTINUED)

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 member who terminates employment and who is not eligible to receive monthly retirement benefits may request a full refund of accumulated member contributions plus interest. Upon withdrawal of contributions, a member forfeits service credit represented by those contributions.

A cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) payment is made to eligible retirees and beneficiaries. The COLA is equal to 3.00 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 3.00 percent compounded for each fiscal year thereafter.

Funding Policy

PERS members and employers are statutorily required to contribute certain percentages of salaries and wages as specified by the Board of Trustees. The current contribution rate is 17.4% for employer contributions and 9% for members. The City's contributions to PERS for the fiscal years ended September 30, 2022, 2021, and 2020 were \$169,462, \$170,164, and \$149,404, respectively, equal to the required contributions for each year.

NOTE 5: 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 two separate risk pools to provide coverage for possible losses due to these risks.

- Mississippi Municipal Workers' Compensation Group – This pool formed under the Mississippi Workers' Compensation Act provides coverage through a risk-sharing pool for claims arising from injuries to employees. The City is jointly and severally liable for obligations of the group. Each member contributes quarterly to a fund held in trust. The funds in the trust account are used to pay claims up to \$250,000. For claims exceeding \$250,000, purchased insurance will pay the excess up to the statutory limit. If total claims during a year were to deplete the trust account, then the pool members would be required to pay for the deficiencies.
- Mississippi Municipal Liability Plan – This is an insurance-purchasing pool. The City, along with the other municipalities as a group, purchase insurance to insure against losses. Settled claims resulting from these insured risks have not exceeded the City's insurance coverage in any of the past three fiscal years.

NOTE 6: PURVIS VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

The Purvis Volunteer Fire Department has contracted with Lamar County (the “County”) for fire protection services, pursuant to the authority of Section 83-1-37 and 83-1-39, Mississippi Code. According to the contract, the County will provide fire protection and other emergency services to the residents of the City. The City has conveyed to the County all real property, vehicles, trucks, and equipment used by Fire Department. If the contract is terminated, said property shall revert to the City. For the duration of the contract, the City will remit to the county insurance rebates and fire protection taxes levied.

NOTE 7: RELATED-PARTY TRANSACTION

During the year, the City received a contribution of \$30,000 from a member of the Board of Alderman for the purchase of land. The land was purchased during the year for \$34,000.

NOTE 8: COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES

The City has entered into a contract for the construction of a new city hall in the amount of \$1.7 million. At September 30, 2022, the City has paid the contractor \$445,150, with a remaining balance of \$1,254,850 committed under this contract.

City of Purvis, Mississippi
Schedule of Capital Assets – All Funds

<i>Year Ended September 30, 2022</i>	Beginning Balance	Additions	Deletions	Ending Balance
Governmental activities:				
Land and easements	\$ 398,979	\$ 34,000	\$ -	\$ 432,979
Buildings and improvements	322,703	-	-	322,703
Furniture, fixtures, and equipment	497,700	14,400	-	512,100
Motor vehicles	682,379	37,525	-	719,904
Infrastructure	1,373,965	-	-	1,373,965
Construction in progress	21,188	580,852	-	602,040
Total governmental activities capital assets	\$ 3,296,914	\$ 666,777	\$ -	\$ 3,963,691
Business-type activities:				
Land and easements	\$ 11,384	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 11,384
Buildings and improvements	790,757	-	-	790,757
Furniture, fixtures, and equipment	498,507	-	-	498,507
Motor vehicles	143,725	-	-	143,725
Infrastructure	7,154,495	43,296	-	7,197,791
Construction in progress	-	12,543	-	12,543
Total business-type activities capital assets	\$ 8,598,868	\$ 55,839	\$ -	\$ 8,654,707

City of Purvis, Mississippi
Schedule of Long-Term Debt – All Funds

<i>Year Ended September 30, 2022</i>	Beginning Balance	Additions	Reductions	Ending Balance
Long-term Debt:				
SRF loan - water and sewer	\$ 96,510	\$ -	\$ 29,113	\$ 67,397
Capital loan - water and sewer	231,054	-	22,732	208,322
Total long-term debt	\$ 327,564	\$ -	\$ 51,845	\$ 275,719

City of Purvis, Mississippi
Schedule of Surety and Fidelity Bonds – All Funds

Name	Position	Surety/Fidelity	Bond Amount
Roger Herrin	Mayor	Zurich **	\$ 100,000
Roger Herrin	Mayor	MS Municipal Bond Program	50,000
Wendell Hudson	Mayor- Protem	MS Municipal Bond Program	50,000
Wendell Hudson	Mayor- Protem	Zurich **	20,000
Deborah Ferrell	Alderman	MS Municipal Bond Program	50,000
Jerry Smith	Alderman	MS Municipal Bond Program	50,000
Leon Hartfield	Alderman	MS Municipal Bond Program	50,000
Donna Bielstein	Alderman	MS Municipal Bond Program	50,000
Catherine Kemp	City Clerk	Briarfield Insurance Company	50,000
Cheryl Woods	Deputy City Clerk	RLI Insurance Company	50,000
Brenda Owens	Deputy City Clerk	RLI Insurance Company	50,000
Kirsten Sones	Court Clerk	Zurich **	50,000
Joey Walker	Police Chief	Zurich **	50,000
Various (8)	Police Officers	Zurich **	25,000
Cheryl Woods	Deputy City Clerk	Zurich **	10,000
Brenda Owens	Deputy City Clerk	Zurich **	10,000

** These are fidelity bonds.



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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*

Board of Aldermen
City of Purvis, 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 statement of cash receipts and disbursements of the governmental activities, business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the City of Purvis, Mississippi, for the year ended September 30, 2022, and the related notes to the financial statement, and have issued our report thereon dated July 28, 2023.

Report on 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) as a basis for designing 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 and therefore, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that were not identified. We identified a certain deficiency in internal control,

described in the accompanying schedule of findings as Finding 2022-001 that we consider to be a material weakness.

Report on 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 financial statements. 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 an instance of noncompliance or other matter that is required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards* and which is described in the accompanying schedule of findings as Finding 2022-002.

City's Response to Findings

Government Auditing Standards requires the auditor to perform limited procedures on the City's response to the findings identified in our audit and described in the accompanying schedule of findings. The City's response was not subjected to the other auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and, accordingly, we express no opinion on the response.

Purpose of this Report

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

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT ON COMPLIANCE WITH STATE LAWS AND REGULATIONS

Board of Aldermen
City of Purvis, Mississippi

We have audited the statement of cash receipts and disbursements of the City of Purvis, Mississippi (the "City") for the year ended September 30, 2022, and have issued our report thereon dated July 28, 2023. 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 Office of the State Auditor, we performed tests of compliance with certain provisions of state laws and regulations. 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 an instance of noncompliance with state budgetary laws and regulations. See Finding 2022-002 in the accompany schedule of findings.

This report is intended for the information and use of the City's management and the State of Mississippi 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.

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Finding 2022-001 – Financial Reporting

Criteria: Management is responsible for designing, implementing, establishing, and maintaining effective internal controls relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and for evaluating and monitoring ongoing activities to help ensure that appropriate goals and objectives are met and ensuring that management and financial information is reliable and properly reported.

Condition: Our procedures disclosed internal controls over financial reporting were inadequate to prevent, or detect and correct misstatements in the accounting records. Some of the misstatements identified were as follows:

- Prior year audit entries not recorded.
- Transfer in/out between funds for debt service payments was not recorded.
- Insurance proceeds recorded in the incorrect fund.
- Cash receipts being offset with cash disbursements, rather than recording them at gross.
- Interfund receivables and payables did not reconcile.
- Meter deposits did not reconcile to supporting subsidiary ledger.

Cause: Inadequate review and oversight of the accounting records.

Effect: Amounts reported in the financial statements were inaccurate and, as a result, material audit adjustments were required.

Recommendation: We recommend that the City develop monthly and annual closing procedures to prevent and detect possible errors in the accounting records on a timely basis. These processes and procedures should include reconciling beginning cash fund balance to the audited financial statement at the conclusion of the audit, performing a monthly reconciliation of interfund receivables and payables, performing a monthly reconciliation of meter deposits to the subsidiary ledger, and reviewing monthly budget to actual reports and general ledger activity to ensure proper reporting of cash receipts and disbursements.

Management's Response: We agree with the finding and will incorporate these changes in the next fiscal year.

Finding 2022-002 - Budget

Criteria: In accordance with Section 21-35-15, expenditures shall not exceed budget estimates, measured at the lowest level adopted in the budget, except for capital outlay, election expenses and payment of emergency warrants.

Condition: Our procedures disclosed expenditures exceeded appropriations by \$24,128 for the fire function, \$15,416 for the library function, and \$30,569 for transfers out in the General Fund.

Cause: Inadequate monitoring of budget to actual financial statements.

Effect: Not in compliance with the Mississippi Code.

Recommendation: We recommend the City monitor the budget throughout the entire year, and amend the budget as necessary for any expenditures in excess of appropriations.

Management's Response: We agree with the finding and will incorporate these changes in the next fiscal year.