

**CITY OF ALBANY,
NEW YORK**

**AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
AND
SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**

Year ended December 31, 2020

CITY OF ALBANY, NEW YORK

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Members of the City Council
City of Albany, New York

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, the aggregate discretely presented component units, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the City of Albany, New York (the City), as of and for the year ended December 31, 2020, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the City's basic financial statements as listed in the accompanying 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 did not audit the financial statements of the Albany Parking Authority, the Albany Water Board and Albany Municipal Water Finance Authority, the Albany Industrial Development Agency, and certain other component units which collectively represent approximately 69% and 87%, respectively, of the assets and revenues of the aggregate discretely presented component units. Those financial statements were audited by other auditors whose reports have been furnished to us, and our opinion, insofar as it relates to the amounts included for those aggregate discretely presented component units, is based solely on the reports of the other auditors. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement.

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

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

Opinions

In our opinion, based on our audit and the reports of other auditors, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, the aggregate discretely presented component units, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the City of Albany, New York, as of December 31, 2020, and the respective changes in financial position for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Other Matters

Change in Accounting Principle

As discussed in Note 1 to the financial statements, effective January 1, 2020, the City adopted Governmental Accounting Standards Board ("GASB") Statement No. 84, *Fiduciary Activities*. Our opinion is not modified with respect to this matter.

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis and budgetary comparison information on pages 3 through 16 and 54 and other required supplementary information on pages 55 through 59 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, which 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.

UHY LLP

Albany, New York
December 15, 2021

Management Discussion & Analysis

OVERVIEW

The Management Discussion and Analysis (MD&A) of the City of Albany, New York is an introduction to the major activities affecting the operation of the City and an overview and analysis of the City's financial statements for the calendar year that ended December 31, 2020. It also provides comparative analysis of the City's overall financial position and results of operations as compared to those reported in the City's financial statements for the calendar year ended December 31, 2019.

The information contained in this MD&A should be considered in conjunction with the information contained in the government-wide financial statements, the governmental funds financial statements, and footnotes to the governmental funds financial statements.

The City's financial statements are prepared using generally accepted accounting principles and are presented in a format prescribed by the Government Accounting Standards Board's (GASB) Statement No. 34 "State and Local Government Financial Statements and MD&A" and other related statements.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

In accordance with required reporting standards, the City's financial statements include 1) *government-wide* financial statements and 2) *governmental funds* financial statements.

Government-Wide Financial Statements

Statement of Net Position
Statement of Activities

The *Statement of Net Position* includes Assets, Deferred Outflows of Resources, Liabilities and Deferred Inflows of Resources of the City as a whole, with the difference between Assets plus Deferred Outflows of Resources and Liabilities plus Deferred Inflows of Resources reported as Net Position. The *Statement of Activities* presents financial information as to how the City's Net Position changed during the fiscal year, with all changes being reported as the underlying event occurs, regardless of the timing of cash flows. Over time, increases or decreases in the City's Net Position are one indicator of whether its financial position is deteriorating or strengthening. However, in contrast to commercial enterprises, the City has no goal of accumulating net position. The *Statement of Net Position* and the *Statement of Activities* delineate between the primary government (the City of Albany, plus the Albany Community Development Agency) and the City's component units¹. Component units are legally separate from the City, but because the City has some financial accountability for them, they are reported in the City's financial statements. Both statements utilize the accrual basis of accounting, the same accounting method used by most private-sector organizations.

Governmental Funds Financial Statements

Balance Sheet
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances

The Governmental Funds Financial Statements consist of a *Balance Sheet*, and a *Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances*. The *Balance Sheet* includes short-term assets such as cash, and short-term liabilities such as accounts payable, but it does not include long-term liabilities such as bonds payable, or capital assets, such as land and buildings. The *Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances* report only those revenues and expenditures that were collected in cash or paid with cash during the current period or shortly after the end of the year. The Fund Financial Statements provide financial information about the most significant funds of the City. Governmental Funds focus on near-term inflows, outflows, and resources still available at the end of the fiscal year. This measurement focus is known as the modified accrual basis of accounting.

¹ The component units consist of the Albany Water Board and Albany Municipal Water Finance Authority, the Albany Parking Authority, the Albany Industrial Development Agency, the Albany Port Commission, the three Business Improvement Districts and the City of Albany Capital Resource Corporation. Financial information from these entities has been reported in the City's financial statements. Copies of the complete financial reports for the component units can be obtained by contacting the Treasurer's office of the City of Albany.

Reconciliation of Government-wide Financial Statements with Governmental Funds Financial Statements

Many financial transactions are treated differently on the governmental funds financial statements and the government-wide financial statements. The basic financial statements contain a reconciliation of these items and a full explanation of these differences is contained in Note 2 of the Notes to Financial Statements.

Reconciliation of Balance Sheet with Statement of Net Position

Balances and activities accounted for in the *Balance Sheet* (governmental funds financial statements) and those accounted for in the *Statement of Net Position* (government-wide financial statements) are substantially different because the measurement focus differs between the two statements. For example, long-term liabilities, including bonds payable, vacation, sick time, pending and estimated judgments, and claims are included in the *Statement of Net Position*, but not included in the *Balance Sheet* because they are paid over many years and not with currently available funds.

Net capital assets (fixed assets and infrastructure, minus accumulated depreciation) are reflected in the *Statement of Net Position*, but are not reported on the *Balance Sheet*. Long-term liabilities, such as bonds and loans payable, accrued post-employment benefit obligation, and other long-term liabilities, are not reported as liabilities on the *Balance Sheet* but are reflected in the *Statement of Net Position*.

Reconciliation of Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances with Statement of Activities

The *Revenues, Expenditures, and Fund Balances* reported in the *Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances - Governmental Funds* differ from those reported on the *Statement of Activities* (government-wide financial statements) in several respects:

- Capital outlays are shown as expenditures on the *Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances - Governmental Funds*. However, only the depreciation expense of capital assets is reported on the *Statement of Activities*.
- Vacation expenses, employee retirement benefits, and judgments and claims are expensed as they are paid on the *Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances - Governmental Funds*. However, the *Statement of Activities* shows those expenses incurred during the reporting period. Long-term debt principal paid is reported as an expenditure on the *Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances - Governmental Funds*, but is not reported as an expenditure on the *Statement of Activities*. Rather, principal paid is reported as a reduction of the bonds and loans payable liability in the *Statement of Net Position*. Long-term debt interest is reported as an expenditure when the interest is paid on the *Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances - Governmental Funds*. Interest expense reported in the *Statement of Activities* is the interest expense incurred during the year, irrespective of when the interest is paid.

OVERVIEW OF THE CITY'S FINANCIAL POSITION

City of Albany Highlights

The General Fund revenues for 2020 totaled \$168.7 million and were under the final budget by \$12.1 million. The General Fund expenses totaled \$175.4 million and were \$5.4 million lower than the final budget. While the 2020 City budget did not anticipate a change in the fund balance, the fund balance actually decreased \$8.9 million for the year. The \$6.7 million deficiency of revenues over expenses is added to other financing uses of \$2.2 million which resulted in the fund balance ending the year at \$16.8 million. The unassigned fund balance was at \$10.2 million surplus by year end.

Government-Wide Financial Statements

Statement of Net Position

Primary government total liabilities and deferred inflows of resources exceeded total assets and deferred outflows of resources by \$469.2 million. This resulted in a decrease of net position of approximately \$52.2 million from 2019. Most of this decrease is related to the reporting requirements related to the deferred inflows related to post employment benefit obligation (increased by \$95.5 million).

Total assets (\$344.9 million) increased from 2019 by \$6.8 million. The primary areas that increased are accounts receivable, net (increased by \$1.7 million), due from other governments (increased by \$3.6 million) and capital assets, net (increased by \$14.3 million). The areas that decreased are cash and cash equivalents (decreased by \$6.5 million), cash and cash equivalents – restricted (decreased by \$4.8 million) and due from component units (decreased by \$1.7 million). The increase in accounts receivable, net is the result of an increase in waste collection fees and demolition fees billed. The increase in due from other governments is related funds due to the City from federal and state public safety grants and capital projects. The increase in capital assets, net is primarily the result of the continued purchase of the street lights. The decrease in cash and cash equivalents was primarily related to the ongoing purchase of the street lights. The decrease in cash and cash equivalents – restricted was from the use of most of the debt reserve for 2020 debt service requirements to off-set the loss of revenue to the City as a result of the pandemic. The decrease in due from component units is the result of receiving money due to the City before the end of the year.

Total liabilities (\$869.6 million) decreased by \$9.3 million from 2019. The primary liabilities which decreased were bonds and loans payable (decreased by \$17.8 million) and accrued post-employment benefit obligation (decreased by \$106.9 million). The primary liabilities which increased were accounts payable and accrued expenses (increased by \$1.2 million), unearned revenue (increased by \$1.2 million), due to other governments (increased by \$5.8 million), due to component units (increased by \$3.7 million), bond and revenue anticipation notes payable (increased by \$14.9 million), net pension liability (increased by \$71.3 million), compensated absences (increased by \$3.3 million) and judgements and claims (increased by \$16.1 million).

Bonds and loans payable decreased as a result of paying down the outstanding principal on debt and not issuing additional bonds. The decrease in accrued post-employment benefit obligation is related to changes in actuarial assumptions related to the GASB 75 requirements. The increase in unearned revenue is directly related to the increase in landfill, notes and mortgage loans receivables. Due to other governments increased as a result of not paying PILOT and property tax money to local governments until the beginning of 2021. Due to component units increased from not transferring money due to the Albany Water Board before the end of the year. Bond and revenue anticipation notes payable increased as a result of issuing additional bond anticipation notes. Net pension liability increased as a result of an increase in the City's proportionate share of the net pension liability. The increase in compensated absences is related to lower amounts of accrued time used due to the pandemic and fewer employees taking vacations which resulted in increases in earned vacation and sick leave. Judgements and claims increased from larger potential claim settlements currently in litigation.

The City of Albany's large Post-Employment Benefit Projected Actuarial Accrued liability (\$502.7 million) is driven by the health care plan which has traditionally been extended to retirees.

Deferred outflows of resources increased by \$18.9 million from 2019, deferred inflows of resources increased by \$87.1 million which was directly related to the post-employment liability noted above and the net pension liability which increased by \$71.3 million mainly as a result of an increase in the City's proportionate share of the New York State and Local Retirement System based on an actuarial valuation.

Of the net position, \$164.4 million is net invested in capital assets, and \$3.8 million is restricted for program specific activities and for debt service, leaving a deficit balance in unrestricted net position of \$637.4 million – an increase deficit from 2019 of \$82.3 million. The total net position decreased by \$52.2 million. Most of this increase in the deficit is related to the decrease in total fund balance – governmental funds (decreased by \$37.6 million).

Total capital assets including property and equipment after depreciation are valued at \$235.8 million, with increases of approximately \$33.1 million of additions to capital assets. Approximately \$19.3 million of capital assets are not subject to depreciation, including approximately \$2.0 million of land, and \$17.3 million of construction in progress which is related to the purchase of the street lights project and state and federally funded transportation projects. A more detailed description of capital assets is found in Footnote 7.

Governmental Activities - Primary Government
Net Position at December 31, 2020
(in Millions)

	2020	2019	Increase/ (Decrease)
Total assets	\$ 344.9	\$ 338.1	\$ 6.8
Total deferred outflows of resources	157.0	138.2	18.8
Total liabilities	869.6	878.9	(9.3)
Total deferred inflows of resources	<u>101.5</u>	<u>14.4</u>	<u>87.1</u>
Excess (deficiency) of assets and deferred outflows of resources over liabilities and deferred inflows of resources	<u>(469.2)</u>	<u>(417.0)</u>	<u>(52.2)</u>
Net invested in capital assets	164.4	132.3	32.1
Restricted for debt service and program activities	3.8	5.8	(2.0)
Unrestricted (deficiency)	<u>(637.4)</u>	<u>(555.1)</u>	<u>(82.3)</u>
Total Net Position (deficiency)	<u>\$ (469.2)</u>	<u>\$ (417.0)</u>	<u>\$ (52.2)</u>

Component Units

Total assets and deferred outflows of resources exceeded total liabilities and deferred inflows of resources by \$147.6 million – an increase of \$7.8 million from 2019. Total assets and deferred outflows of resources (\$269.1 million) increased by \$31.5 million. Net invested in capital assets decreased by \$1.1 million.

Total liabilities and deferred inflows of resources (\$121.5 million) increased by \$23.7 million. Bonds and notes payable increased \$18.5 million.

Total net position increased \$7.8 million from 2019 to 2020 due mostly to a significant increase in net position of the Albany Water Board and the Albany Port District Commission primarily related to an increase in cash and cash equivalents, restricted and net invested in capital assets.

Governmental Activities - Component Units
Net Assets at December 31, 2020
(in Millions)

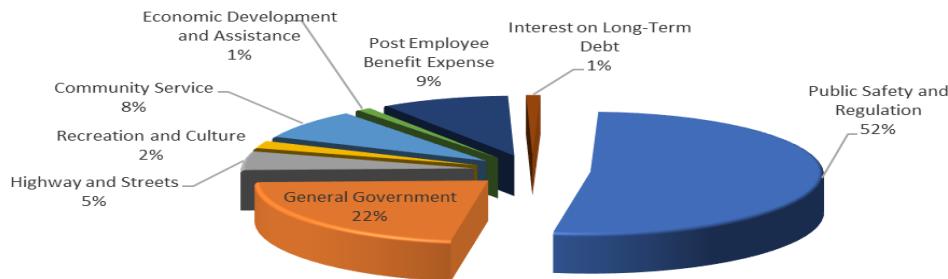
	2020	2019	Increase/ (Decrease)
Total assets and deferred outflows of resources	\$ 269.1	\$ 237.6	\$ 31.5
Total liabilities and deferred inflows of resources	<u>121.5</u>	<u>97.8</u>	<u>23.7</u>
Excess of assets and deferred outflows of resources over liabilities and deferred inflows of resources	<u>147.6</u>	<u>122.2</u>	<u>7.8</u>
Net invested in capital assets	101.6	102.7	(1.1)
Restricted for debt service and program activities	0.6	2.9	(2.3)
Unrestricted	<u>45.4</u>	<u>34.2</u>	<u>11.2</u>
Total Net Position	<u>\$ 147.6</u>	<u>\$ 122.2</u>	<u>\$ 7.8</u>

Statement of Activities

The *Statement of Activities*: The Statement of Activities describes the cost of the major governmental functions and compares the costs of these functions with revenue attributable to these activities.

<u>Governmental Functions</u>	Governmental Activities - Expenses (in Millions)			% of Change
	2020	2019	Increase/ (Decrease)	
Public safety and regulation	\$ 120.8	\$ 105.4	\$ 15.4	15%
General government	50.9	28.5	22.4	79%
Highway and streets	13.0	14.8	(1.8)	-12%
Recreation and culture	4.1	6.0	(1.9)	-32%
Community service	18.2	17.0	1.2	7%
Economic development and assistance	3.5	2.5	1.0	40%
Post employment benefit expense	21.0	24.2	(3.2)	-13%
Interest on long-term debt	2.8	3.0	(0.2)	-7%
Total	\$ 234.3	\$ 201.4	\$ 32.9	16%

Functional Expenses – Primary Government



Public Safety accounts for 52 percent of expenses, while General Government is at 22 percent and Community Services accounts for 8 percent. Post-Employment Benefits which consist of retiree health care costs as well as the accrued liability for health care costs for active employees upon retirement, accounts for 9 percent of expenses.

Expenses increased from 2019 by \$32.9 million.

Public Safety and Regulation expenses of \$120.8 million increased by \$15.4 million and are offset by \$13.9 million in charges for services and operating grants, GIVE grant, police court security, urban security, truancy, and motor vehicle theft prevention programs. General Government expenses of \$50.9 million increased by \$22.4 million and are offset by \$2.6 million in charges for services most of which came from permit, license and inspection fees. General Government expenses are also offset by \$11.2 million; \$10.8 million of this is the result of the Capital City Funding revenue received from the State of New York. Highway and Streets expenses of \$13.0 million decreased by \$1.8 million and are offset by \$3.3 million in charges for services and \$3.7 million in capital grants and contributions. Community Service expenses of \$18.2 million increased by \$1.2 million and are offset by \$3.1 million in grants related to the Albany Community Development Agency and \$5.7 million in charges for services, the largest part of which is revenue generated from private companies and other localities who use the city-owned regional landfill. Interest on long-term debt of \$2.8 million decreased by \$0.2 million. Post-Employment benefit expenses \$21.0 million decreased by \$3.2 million. The decrease in these expenses are related to changes in the actuarial estimates for retiree healthcare costs and related benefits.

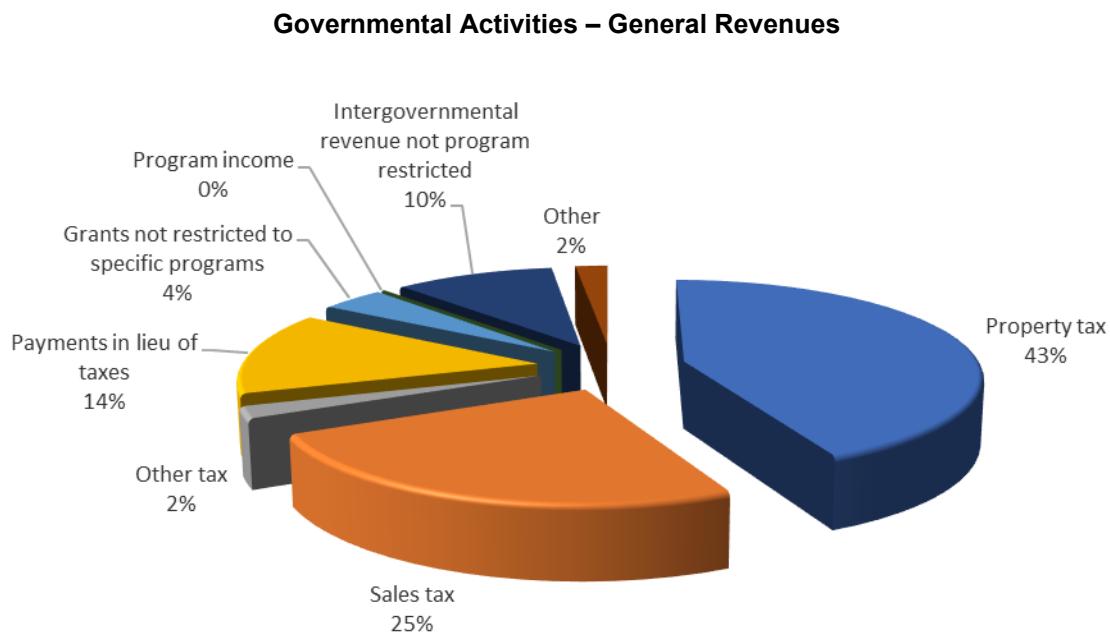
Revenues decreased from 2019 by \$4.4 million.

Total general revenues (\$135.6 million) decreased by \$4.4 million. Property taxes (\$58.5 million) increased slightly by \$0.2 million mostly from fewer Supreme Court orders reducing property tax bills. Sales tax revenue (\$34.1 million) decreased by \$2.5 million as result of the pandemic slowing the economy down. Payments in lieu of taxes (\$19.3 million) decreased by \$1.4 million primarily from a decrease in voluntary payments. Grants not restricted to specific programs (\$4.9 million) decreased by \$0.2 million. Program income remained flat (\$0.1 million). Other tax (\$2.7 million) remained flat with no change, intergovernmental revenue not program restricted (\$13.7 million) decreased by \$0.6 million and other revenue (\$2.3 million) increased by \$0.1 million mostly from an increase in federal and state grants.

Governmental Activities - General Revenues
(in Millions)

Revenues	2020	2019	Increase/ (Decrease)	% of Change
Property tax	\$ 58.5	\$ 58.3	\$ 0.2	0%
Sales tax	34.1	36.6	(2.5)	-7%
Other tax	2.7	2.7	-	0%
Payments in lieu of taxes	19.3	20.7	(1.4)	-7%
Grants not restricted to specific programs	4.9	5.1	(0.2)	-4%
Program income	0.1	0.1	-	0%
Intergovernmental revenue not program restricted	13.7	14.3	(0.6)	-4%
Other	2.3	2.2	0.1	5%
Total General Revenues	\$ 135.6	\$ 140.0	\$ (4.4)	-3%

The following chart indicates the relative percentages of general revenues:



Component Units

Operating revenues of the Component Units totaled \$47.6 million, which is a decrease of \$4.2 million from 2019. The overall operating expenses of the Component Units totaled \$50.4 million – an increase of \$4.9 million. The Water Board/Water Authority accounts for the majority of the overall revenues and expenses among the component units. The following is a summary of the relative revenues and expenses of the component units, which excludes the Albany Community Development Agency because it is a blended component unit and is therefore included with the Primary Government in the *Statement of Activities*.

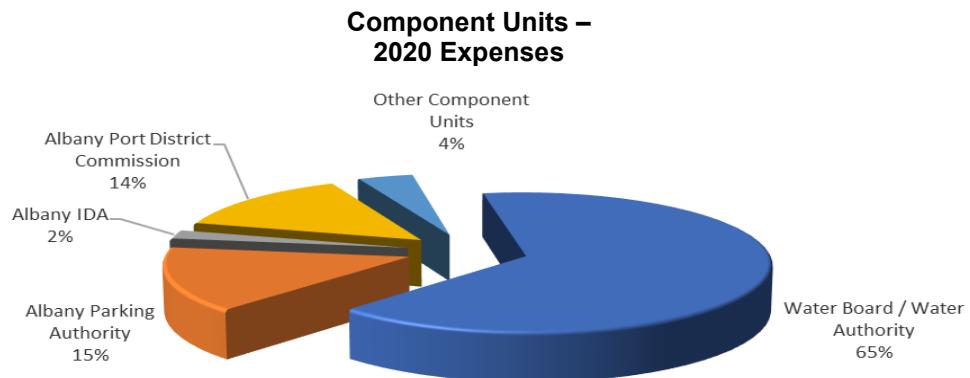
The following table indicates the relative value of operating revenues for the component units:

Component Units	Component Units - Operating Revenues <i>(in Millions)</i>			Increase / (Decrease)	% of Change
	2020	2019			
Water Board / Water Authority	\$ 33.7	\$ 34.3		\$ (0.6)	-2%
Albany Parking Authority	6.3	8.5		(2.2)	-26%
Albany IDA	0.4	1.7		(1.3)	-76%
Albany Port District Commission	5.2	5.1		0.1	2%
Other component units	2.0	2.2		(0.2)	-9%
Total	<u>\$ 47.6</u>	<u>\$ 51.8</u>		<u>\$ (4.2)</u>	<u>-8%</u>

The following table indicates the relative value of operating expenses (including depreciation) for the component units:

Component Units	Component Units - Operating Expenses <i>(in Millions)</i>			Increase / (Decrease)	% of Change
	2020	2019			
Water Board / Water Authority	\$ 33.0	\$ 29.7		\$ 3.3	11%
Albany Parking Authority	7.4	7.1		0.3	4%
Albany IDA	1.0	0.8		0.2	25%
Albany Port District Commission	6.9	6.0		0.9	15%
Other component units	2.1	1.9		0.2	11%
Total	<u>\$ 50.4</u>	<u>\$ 45.5</u>		<u>\$ 4.9</u>	<u>11%</u>

The following chart indicates the relative percentage of expenses (including depreciation) for the Component units.



Governmental Funds Financial Statements

Governmental Funds Balance Sheet

Assets decreased by \$8.0 million with the largest decrease (\$6.5 million) in cash and cash equivalents which is the result of the continued purchase of the street lights from National Grid and not issuing bonds in 2020. The other significant decrease was cash and cash equivalents – restricted decreased (\$4.8 million). This decrease is related to the use of most of the City's debt reserve for 2020 debt service requirements to off-set the loss of revenue as a result of the pandemic's negative impact on the economy. Overall, there were many variances year over year which resulted in a decrease in the total assets. These variances were explained previously in the Statement of Net Position.

Total liabilities and deferred inflows of resources increased by \$29.6 million due mostly to an increase of \$14.9 million related to issuing additional bond anticipation notes for capital projects. Due to other component units increased \$3.7 million as a result of not reimbursing the Albany Water Board funds by the end of the year. Due to other governments increased \$5.8 million from not paying the County of Albany property tax funds until the next year. The other liability variances were explained previously in the Statement of Net Position.

The City's fund balance is classified as: non-spendable, restricted, committed, assigned and unassigned. The City's General Fund Balance at year-end was \$16.8 million. The non-spendable portion consists of \$2.7 million in prepayments, primarily to the state retirement plan. The restricted fund balance includes \$0.5 million for debt service, \$0.9 million for landfill post closure expenses, \$0.4 million for the solid waste management facility, and \$1.9 million for other purposes. There is no assigned fund balance to be appropriated to the 2021 budget. The unassigned general fund balance totals a surplus of \$10.2 million.

Governmental Funds - Balance Sheet
(*in Millions*)

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>Increase / (Decrease)</u>
Total assets and deferred outflows of resources	\$ 117.1	\$ 125.1	\$ (8.0)
Total liabilities and deferred inflows of resources	123.3	93.7	29.6
Total fund balance (deficiency)	\$ (6.2)	\$ 31.4	\$ (37.6)

Combined Statement of Revenue and Expenditures -- Budget to Actual

CITY OF ALBANY, NEW YORK

COMBINED STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, MODIFIED BUDGET AND ACTUAL - GENERAL AND SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS (in Millions)

	General Fund				Special Revenue Fund											
			Original Budget	Modified Budget	Actual			Original Budget	Modified Budget	Actual	Final Budget					
REVENUES																
Real property taxes	\$ 58.6	\$ 58.6	\$ 58.5	\$ (0.1)	\$ 0.0	\$ 0.0	\$ 0.0	\$ 0.0	\$ 0.0	\$ 0.0						
Sales and use taxes	36.5	36.5	34.1	(2.4)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0						
Other taxes	2.8	2.8	2.7	(0.1)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0						
Payments in lieu of taxes	20.0	20.0	19.3	(0.7)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0						
Intergovernmental revenue	30.1	32.9	29.2	(3.7)	2.7	3.0	2.4	2.4	(0.6)							
Charges for services	11.8	11.8	10.4	(1.4)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0						
Fines, interest and penalties	5.5	5.5	4.8	(0.7)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0						
Use of money and properties	0.7	0.7	0.3	(0.4)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0						
Licenses and permits	3.8	5.3	5.4	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0						
Other revenues	6.6	6.7	4.0	(2.7)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0						
Total revenues	<u>176.4</u>	<u>180.8</u>	<u>168.7</u>	<u>(12.1)</u>	<u>2.7</u>	<u>3.0</u>	<u>2.4</u>	<u>(0.6)</u>								
EXPENDITURES																
Public safety and regulation	97.0	99.6	100.5	0.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0						
General government	26.4	27.3	24.6	(2.7)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0						
Highways and streets	5.6	6.0	4.7	(1.3)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0						
Recreation and culture	4.4	5.2	2.5	(2.7)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0						
Community service	8.1	7.4	7.0	(0.4)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0						
Economic development and assistance	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.7	3.0	2.5	2.5	(0.5)							
Employee benefits	11.3	11.7	15.1	3.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0						
Debt service	23.6	23.6	21.0	(2.6)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0						
Total expenditures	<u>176.4</u>	<u>180.8</u>	<u>175.4</u>	<u>(5.4)</u>	<u>2.7</u>	<u>3.0</u>	<u>2.5</u>	<u>(0.5)</u>								
Excess (deficiency) of revenues and appropriated fund balance over expenditures	0.0	0.0	(6.7)	(6.7)	0.0	0.0	(0.1)	(0.1)								
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)																
Transfers	0.0	0.0	(2.2)	(2.2)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0						
Premium on bond anticipation notes issued	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0						
Total other financing sources (uses)	<u>0.0</u>	<u>0.0</u>	<u>(2.2)</u>	<u>(2.2)</u>	<u>0.0</u>	<u>0.0</u>	<u>0.0</u>	<u>0.0</u>								
Excess (deficiency) of revenues, appropriated fund balance and other financing sources over expenditures and other financing uses	<u>\$ 0.0</u>	<u>\$ 0.0</u>	<u>\$ (8.9)</u>	<u>\$ (8.9)</u>	<u>\$ 0.0</u>	<u>\$ 0.0</u>	<u>\$ (0.1)</u>	<u>\$ (0.1)</u>								

The City's budget, which is effective on January 1st, is proposed by the Mayor prior to October 1st and is enacted by the Common Council by November 30th. This is the *Original Budget*. Changes to the budget throughout the year are made by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, composed of the Mayor, the Treasurer, the Chief City Auditor, the President of the Common Council, and the Corporation Counsel. This is the *Modified Budget*. *Actual* reflects the operational results, including any audit adjustments. In this analysis actual is compared to final budget.

Revenues

General Fund revenues (excluding other financing sources) totaled \$168.7 million, which was \$12.1 million less than the final adopted budget and \$9.2 million lower than 2019. The variances in revenue include the following:

Real property taxes were slightly below budget by \$0.1 million for 2020. The actual revenue totaled \$58.5 which was an increase of \$0.2 million as a result of fewer Supreme Court Orders reducing property tax payments.

Sales and use taxes revenue was \$2.4 million under budget and \$2.5 million less than 2019, which is directly related to the negative impact the pandemic had on the economy.

Other taxes were \$0.1 million under budget. Other tax revenue ended the year the same as 2019 at \$2.7 million. This category includes penalties on property taxes, utility gross receipts taxes and franchise fees.

Payments in lieu of taxes finished the year lower than budget by \$0.7 million and it was \$1.4 million less than 2019. This category was under budget primarily as a result of not receiving payments from some voluntary PILOTS. The actual total was lower in 2020 due to receiving some past due payments in 2019.

Intergovernmental revenue was \$3.7 million lower than budget and \$2.9 million less than 2019. As a result of the pandemic the State of NY had to lower some of the money the City was expecting. Some of the revenue in this category is derived from state grants the can vary from year to year.

Charges for services were \$1.4 million lower than budget and \$1.4 million less than 2019. Most of this decrease is related to lower landfill revenues from less received in tipping fees and lower coupon sales.

Fines, interest and penalties ended the year \$0.7 million under budget and at \$0.5 million less than 2019. Most of this revenue is derived from parking violation fines, handicap parking fees, parking surcharges and traffic violation fines. The pandemic reduced the number of vehicles commuting to the city which resulted in fewer tickets issued.

Use of money and properties was \$0.4 million lower than budget and \$1.2 million less than 2019. The decrease is primarily related to earning less interest income on cash balances and lower sales of City owned property in 2020.

Licenses and permits finished the year \$0.1 million over budget and \$1.1 million more than 2019. Revenues from demolition charges, street opening permits and safety inspection permits were higher than last year.

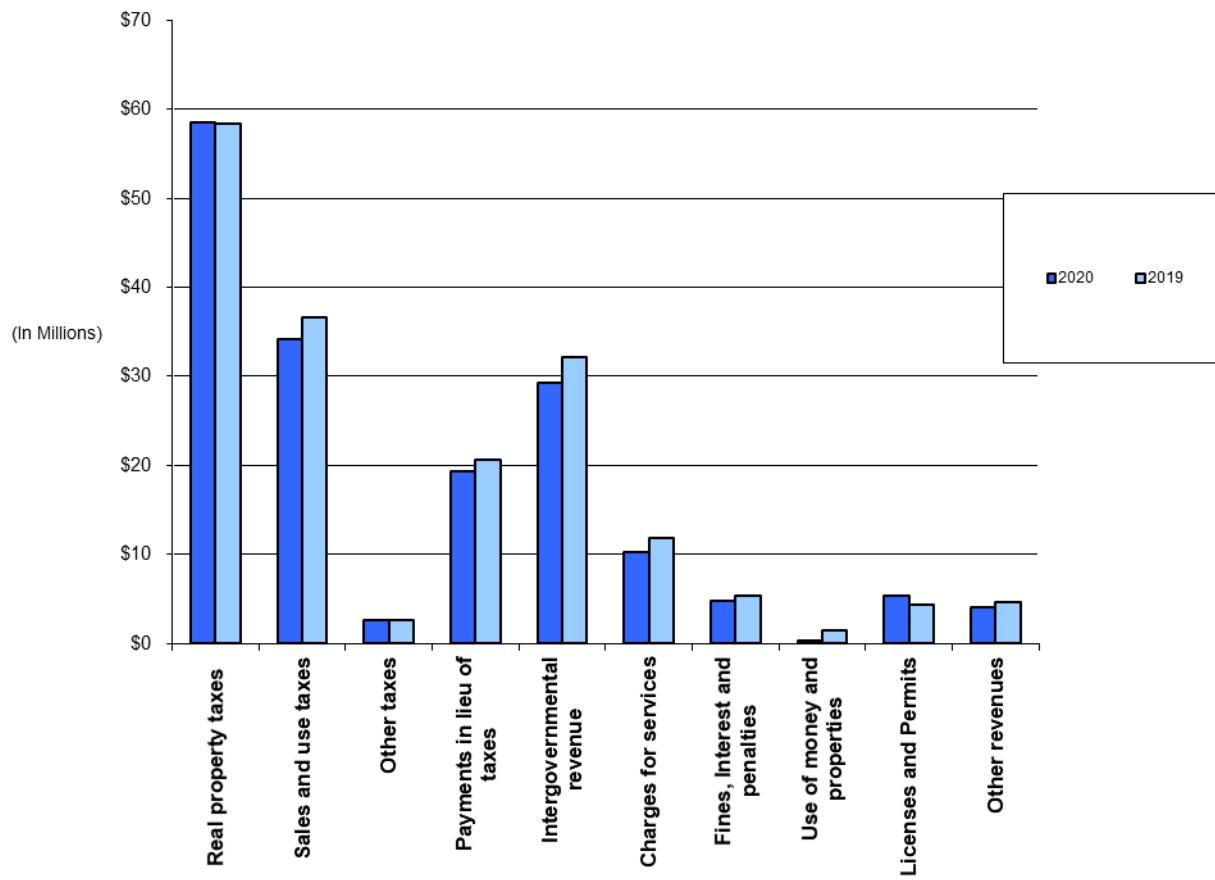
Other revenues were \$2.7 million under budget and \$0.6 million lower than 2019. The primary decrease in revenue was related to the City canceling virtually all of its public events and concerts as a result of the pandemic. The rest of the revenue in this category is derived from grants and the timing and amounts received vary from year to year.

Governmental Funds - General Fund Revenues 2020 to 2019 Variance

(In Millions)

<u>Revenues</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u> <u>Over/(Under)</u>	
			<u>2019</u>	<u>2019</u>
Real property taxes	\$ 58.5	\$ 58.3	\$ 0.2	
Sales and use taxes	34.1	36.6	(2.5)	
Other taxes	2.7	2.7	0.0	
Payments in lieu of taxes	19.3	20.7	(1.4)	
Intergovernmental revenue	29.2	32.1	(2.9)	
Charges for services	10.4	11.8	(1.4)	
Fines, interest and penalties	4.8	5.3	(0.5)	
Use of money and properties	0.3	1.5	(1.2)	
Licenses and permits	5.4	4.3	1.1	
Other revenues	4.0	4.6	(0.6)	
Total revenues	<u>\$ 168.7</u>	<u>\$ 177.9</u>	<u>\$ (9.2)</u>	

Governmental Funds – General Fund Revenues 2020 to 2019 Variance



Expenses

Total expenditures of \$175.4 million were \$5.4 million lower than the final budget but \$2.9 million higher than 2019.

Public safety and regulation spending (\$100.5 million) was \$0.9 million higher than the final budget and was \$2.6 million more than 2019. The increase is mostly related to police department and fire department overtime, salaries and related expenses were higher compared to last year. Most of the increase in overtime was related to an increase in the workload in the fire department due to COVID.

General government spending (\$24.6 million) which was \$2.7 million less than final budget but ended the year \$1.4 million higher than 2019. Most of the increase is related to contracted payments to the Albany Parking Authority, equipment expenses and PPE supplies due to the pandemic. Some of the increase is related to an increase in salaries which were included in the budget.

Highway and streets spending (\$4.7 million) was below budget by \$1.3 million for 2020. Actual expenses were \$2.2 million less than 2019. This category includes street light expenses which decreased by over \$1.6 million from the City purchasing the street lights from National Grid.

Recreation and culture spending (\$2.5 million) was under budget by \$2.7 million and \$1.9 million lower than 2019. Recreation programs expenses decreased as a result of the pandemic and all had to be canceled. These include the summer youth program, boxing, swimming pools, Bleecker Stadium and various outdoor entertainment events.

Community service spending (\$7.0 million) was \$0.4 million less than final budget and \$0.2 million less than 2019. Landfill waste collection and recycling expenses and landfill disposal expenses along with the Division of Planning decreased by \$0.2 million from 2019 mostly from decreases in post closure landfill expenses and salary and related expenses.

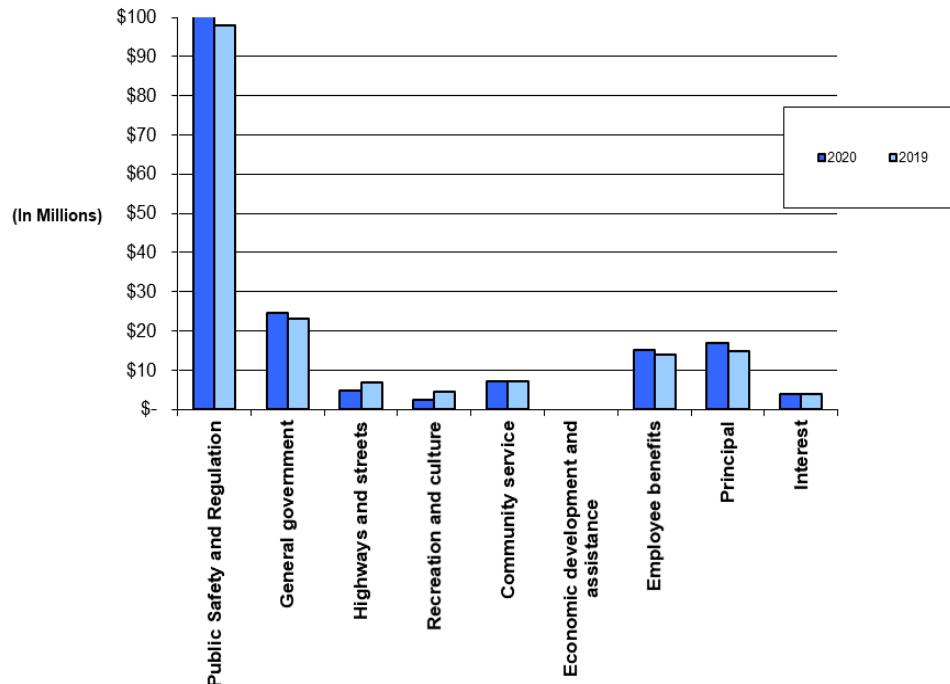
Employee benefits expense (\$15.1 million) was \$3.4 million over budget and \$1.1 million higher when compared to last year. Most of the increase is related to retiree health insurance expense was higher than 2019. The City is self-insured and pays the actual claims for employees in the Empire Blue Cross plan. These expenses can vary widely from year to year. Actual expenses related to these claims resulted in an increase of \$0.9 million in costs from last year. There were also slight increases in worker's compensation expenses and unemployment expenses.

Debt service payments (\$21.0 million) was \$2.6 million below budget although it was \$2.1 million higher than 2019. Most of the increase is related the increase in the paydown on the bond anticipation notes from 2019.

Governmental Funds - General Fund Expense 2020 to 2019 Variance
(In Millions)

Expenditures	2020	2019	2020 Over/(Under) 2019
Public safety and regulation	\$ 100.5	\$ 97.9	\$ 2.6
General government	24.6	23.2	1.4
Highways and streets	4.7	6.9	(2.2)
Recreation and culture	2.5	4.4	(1.9)
Community service	7.0	7.2	(0.2)
Economic development and assistance	0.0	0.0	0.0
Employee benefits	15.1	14.0	1.1
Principal	17.0	14.9	2.1
Interest	4.0	4.0	0.0
 Total expenditures	 \$ 175.4	 \$ 172.5	 \$ 2.9
Excess of operating revenues over expenditures	\$ (6.7)	\$ 5.4	\$ (12.1)

General Government – General Fund Expenditures 2020 to 2019 Variance



DEBT

The City's long-term debt and short-term debt are described in detail in Notes 13-14.

In March 2020, the City issued various BANS of approximately \$44,673,000 at an interest rate of between 1.29% and 2.25%.

The proceeds of the notes, along with available funds were used to redeem a portion of the \$29,799,600 BANS issued in June 2019 and matured on March 27, 2020 and to provide new funds for the expenses of current capital projects including the landfill expansion.

Capital Leases

The City entered into no new capital lease agreements in 2020.

Debt Ceiling

Of the outstanding indebtedness at March 4, 2021 approximately \$99,922,619 was subject to the statutory debt limit, using approximately 29% of the City's \$342,324,571 statutory debt limit.

CREDIT RATINGS AND BOND INSURANCE

Standard and Poor's latest rating for the bonds is A+ (with a stable outlook). All outstanding debt is backed by insurance policies from municipal insurance companies except issues secured through the New York State Environmental Facilities Corporation (EFC).

CAPITAL ACQUISITION AND CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITIES

During 2020 the City expended approximately \$35.5 million on capital projects and acquisitions. This includes the landfill expansion and Federal and State funds for transportation and infrastructure projects, funds secured through General Obligation Bonds and Bond Anticipation Notes, and appropriations from the City's General Fund. The following are the approximate amounts of some of the major sources of capital expenditures:

<u>Capital Acquisition, Construction and Expenditures</u>	
Buildings and Infrastructure Improvements	\$ 16.0 Million
Street and Sidewalk Construction	\$ 7.5 Million
Dept. of General Services Vehicles and Equipment	\$ 3.9 Million
Recreation	\$ 0.4 Million
Landfill Equipment and Expansion	\$ 0.6 Million
Public Safety Equipment	\$ 5.6 Million
Local Economic Development	\$ 1.5 Million

This Annual Financial Report is intended to provide information on the City of Albany's operations and is available to all with an interest in the financial matters related to the City of Albany, New York. Questions concerning any of the information provided in this report or any request for additional information should be either in writing or by e-mail.

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CITY OF ALBANY, NEW YORK
STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
December 31, 2020

	Primary Government	Component Units
ASSETS		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 46,130,128	\$ 7,573,195
Cash and cash equivalents - restricted	1,492,827	34,579,176
Investments	-	10,542,846
Investments, restricted	-	4,417,608
Taxes receivable	4,731,633	-
Accounts receivable, net	6,253,074	9,823,788
Notes and other receivables	675,000	2,732,015
Mortgage loans receivable	7,476,960	131,970
Due from primary government	-	2,723,037
Due from other governments	17,268,007	3,633,568
Due from component units	23,440,623	-
Prepaid and other assets	1,084,583	694,399
Property held for investment, lease or sale	522,913	-
Capital assets, net	235,813,951	187,805,754
Total assets	344,889,699	264,657,356
DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES		
Deferred outflows resulting from refunding of debt, net	188,992	218,220
Deferred outflows related to net pension liability	72,976,293	2,238,437
Deferred outflows related to accrued post employment benefit obligation	83,876,423	1,992,289
Total deferred outflows of resources	157,041,708	4,448,946
LIABILITIES		
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	12,149,574	13,528,271
Accrued interest payable	757,380	186,596
Line of credit	-	50,000
Unearned revenue	8,471,908	193,817
Due to other governments	25,290,600	3,598,858
Due to primary government	-	131,970
Due to component units	22,783,052	-
Other liabilities	177,727	158,201
Bond and revenue anticipation notes payable	44,672,720	-
Bonds and loans payable	71,920,723	86,151,724
Accrued post employment benefit obligation	502,676,525	11,680,273
Net pension liability	102,569,140	2,990,820
Compensated absences	23,100,476	-
Due to NYS Retirement System	10,148,336	-
Judgments and claims	34,873,875	-
Landfill post-closure costs	9,993,227	-
Retainage payable on long-term contracts	28,513	-
Capital lease obligations	-	424,365
Total liabilities	869,613,776	119,094,895
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES		
Deferred inflows related to net pension liability	5,992,029	2,239,597
Deferred inflows related to sales of future revenue	-	200,000
Deferred inflows related to accrued post employment benefit obligation	95,554,509	-
Total deferred inflows of resources	101,546,538	2,439,597
NET POSITION		
Net invested in capital assets	164,416,141	101,601,840
Restricted for:		
Program specific activities	3,289,311	591,267
Debt service	482,867	-
Unrestricted (deficiency)	(637,417,226)	45,378,703
Total net position (deficiency)	<u><u>\$469,228,907)</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 147,571,810</u></u>

See notes to financial statements.

CITY OF ALBANY, NEW YORK
STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
For the Year Ended December 31, 2020

Functions/Programs	Expenses	Charges for Services	Operating Grants and Contributions	Capital Grants and Contributions	Net (Expense) Revenue and Changes in Net Position	
					Primary Government	Component Units
Primary Government:						
Public safety and regulation	\$ 120,771,993	\$ 11,527,336	\$ 2,394,921	\$ -	\$ (106,849,736)	\$ -
General government	50,892,532	2,618,046	11,247,417	-	(37,027,069)	-
Highways and streets	13,034,791	3,325,007	-	3,708,642	(6,001,142)	-
Recreation and culture	4,069,870	966,290	-	-	(3,103,580)	-
Community service	18,214,231	5,674,442	3,085,263	-	(9,454,526)	-
Economic development and assistance	3,540,760	-	-	-	(3,540,760)	-
Post employment benefit expense	21,030,423	-	-	-	(21,030,423)	-
Interest on long-term debt	2,776,775	-	-	-	(2,776,775)	-
Total governmental activities	<u>234,331,375</u>	<u>24,111,121</u>	<u>16,727,601</u>	<u>3,708,642</u>	<u>(189,784,011)</u>	<u>-</u>
Component Units:						
Albany Water Board and Municipal Water Finance Authority	33,032,139	33,668,458	4,500,843	-	-	5,137,162
Albany Parking Authority	7,398,875	6,351,705	-	-	-	(1,047,170)
Albany Industrial Development Agency	962,306	389,056	-	-	-	(573,250)
Albany Port District Commission	6,879,140	5,166,964	4,339,705	-	-	2,627,529
Other component units	2,090,238	1,975,804	-	50,000	-	(64,434)
Total component units	<u>\$ 50,362,698</u>	<u>\$ 47,551,987</u>	<u>\$ 8,840,548</u>	<u>\$ 50,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>6,079,837</u>
General Revenues:						
Property tax				58,469,001		-
Sales tax				34,098,653		-
Other tax				2,676,032		-
Payments in lieu of taxes				19,273,374		-
Grants not restricted to specific programs				4,863,351		-
Program income				125,623		-
Intergovernmental revenue not program-restricted				13,700,324		-
Gain on sale of capital assets				150,325	1,056,239	
Other revenues				1,942,177	-	
Unrestricted investment earnings				274,554	627,151	
Total general revenues				<u>135,573,414</u>	<u>1,683,390</u>	
Change in net position				(54,210,597)	7,763,227	
Net position (deficiency), beginning of year				(416,993,080)	139,808,583	
Cumulative effect of a change in application of accounting principle				1,974,770	-	
Net position (deficiency), beginning of year, adjusted				(415,018,310)	139,808,583	
Net position (deficiency), end of year				<u>\$ (469,228,907)</u>	<u>\$ 147,571,810</u>	

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CITY OF ALBANY, NEW YORK
BALANCE SHEET - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
December 31, 2020

	General	Special Revenue	Capital Projects	Other Governmental Fund	Total Governmental Funds
ASSETS AND DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES					
Assets					
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 18,047,742	\$ 462,196	\$ 25,221,834	\$ 2,398,356	\$ 46,130,128
Cash and cash equivalents - restricted	1,492,827	-	-	-	1,492,827
Taxes receivable	4,731,633	-	-	-	4,731,633
Accounts receivable, net	5,822,412	-	-	-	5,822,412
Landfill receivable, net	430,662	-	-	-	430,662
Notes receivable	675,000	-	-	-	675,000
Mortgage loans receivable	-	-	-	7,476,960	7,476,960
Due from other funds	5,762,972	-	-	9,965	5,772,937
Due from component units	23,440,623	-	-	-	23,440,623
Due from federal and state governments	3,593,993	10,645	1,770,292	1,771,320	7,146,250
Due from other governments	10,121,757	-	-	-	10,121,757
Other assets	3,793,417	-	-	50,294	3,843,711
Total assets	77,913,038	472,841	26,992,126	11,706,895	117,084,900
Deferred outflows of resources	-	-	-	-	-
Total assets plus deferred outflows of resources	<u>\$ 77,913,038</u>	<u>\$ 472,841</u>	<u>\$ 26,992,126</u>	<u>\$ 11,706,895</u>	<u>\$ 117,084,900</u>
LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES AND FUND BALANCES					
Liabilities					
Bond and revenue anticipation notes payable	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 44,672,720	\$ -	\$ 44,672,720
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	11,283,561	451,948	2,148,747	1,527,057	15,411,313
Due to other funds	2,135	353,069	4,800,626	617,107	5,772,937
Due to component units	22,783,052	-	-	-	22,783,052
Due to other governments	25,290,600	-	-	-	25,290,600
Unearned revenue	927,378	130,139	-	7,414,391	8,471,908
Other liabilities	177,727	-	-	-	177,727
Total liabilities	60,464,453	935,156	51,622,093	9,558,555	122,580,257
Deferred inflows of resources related to unavailable revenue	675,000	-	-	-	675,000
Fund Balances					
Nonspendable:					
Prepayments	2,759,128	-	-	3,725	2,762,853
Restricted for:					
Debt Service	482,867	-	-	-	482,867
Landfill Postclosure	931,771	-	-	-	931,771
Solid Waste Management Facility	434,703	-	-	-	434,703
PEG Access Fund	173,897	-	-	-	173,897
Other specific purposes	1,748,940	-	-	-	1,748,940
Committed for:					
ACCESS program	-	-	-	207,225	207,225
Strategic acquisition	-	-	-	40,148	40,148
Choose Albany Program	-	-	-	54,364	54,364
Neighborhood Commercial Façade Program	-	-	-	75,000	75,000
West Hill Neighborhood Strategic Plan	-	-	-	35,000	35,000
Vacant Buildings	-	-	-	288,945	288,945
Rehabilitation Assistance Program	-	-	-	135,868	135,868
Land Bank	-	-	-	50,000	50,000
Fire Victims Relocation Program	-	-	-	80,663	80,663
Assigned for:					
Other purposes	-	-	-	1,177,402	1,177,402
Unassigned balances (deficiency):	10,242,279	(462,315)	(24,629,967)	-	(14,850,003)
Total fund balances (deficiency)	16,773,585	(462,315)	(24,629,967)	2,148,340	(6,170,357)
Total liabilities, deferred inflows of resources and fund balances	<u>\$ 77,913,038</u>	<u>\$ 472,841</u>	<u>\$ 26,992,126</u>	<u>\$ 11,706,895</u>	<u>\$ 117,084,900</u>

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CITY OF ALBANY, NEW YORK
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND
CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
For the Year Ended December 31, 2020

	General	Special Revenue	Capital Projects	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
REVENUES					
Real property taxes	\$ 58,469,001	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 58,469,001
Sales and use taxes	34,098,653	-	-	-	34,098,653
Other taxes	2,676,032	-	-	-	2,676,032
Payments in lieu of taxes	19,273,374	-	-	-	19,273,374
Intergovernmental revenue	29,197,678	2,410,792	3,708,642	5,311,816	40,628,928
Charges for services	10,393,066	-	-	125,623	10,518,689
Fines, interest and penalties	4,844,315	-	-	-	4,844,315
Uses of money and properties	361,802	-	-	-	361,802
License and permits	5,360,888	-	-	-	5,360,888
Other revenues	3,984,735	-	-	6,132	3,990,867
Total revenues	<u>168,659,544</u>	<u>2,410,792</u>	<u>3,708,642</u>	<u>5,443,571</u>	<u>180,222,549</u>
EXPENDITURES					
Public safety and regulation	100,445,272	-	5,613,293	-	106,058,565
General government	24,633,111	-	19,929,167	-	44,562,278
Highways and streets	4,741,494	-	7,465,827	-	12,207,321
Recreation and culture	2,496,117	-	477,094	-	2,973,211
Community service	6,944,776	-	1,435,661	6,211,155	14,591,592
Economic development and assistance	-	2,471,387	713,159	-	3,184,546
Employee benefits	15,062,593	-	-	-	15,062,593
Debt service:					
Principal	17,005,000	-	-	72,601	17,077,601
Interest	4,018,260	-	-	8,052	4,026,312
Total expenditures	<u>175,346,623</u>	<u>2,471,387</u>	<u>35,634,201</u>	<u>6,291,808</u>	<u>219,744,019</u>
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	<u>(6,687,079)</u>	<u>(60,595)</u>	<u>(31,925,559)</u>	<u>(848,237)</u>	<u>(39,521,470)</u>
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)					
Transfers in	271,275	-	2,509,000	-	2,780,275
Transfers out	(2,509,000)	-	(271,275)	-	(2,780,275)
Total other financing sources (uses)	<u>(2,237,725)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,237,725</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Net change in fund balance	<u>(8,924,804)</u>	<u>(60,595)</u>	<u>(29,687,834)</u>	<u>(848,237)</u>	<u>(39,521,470)</u>
FUND BALANCE (DEFICIENCY), beginning of year	23,723,619	(401,720)	5,057,867	2,996,577	31,376,343
Cumulative effect of a change in application of accounting principle	1,974,770	-	-	-	1,974,770
FUND BALANCE (DEFICIENCY), beginning of year, adjusted	<u>25,698,389</u>	<u>(401,720)</u>	<u>5,057,867</u>	<u>2,996,577</u>	<u>33,351,113</u>
FUND BALANCE (DEFICIENCY), end of year	<u>\$ 16,773,585</u>	<u>\$ (462,315)</u>	<u>\$ (24,629,967)</u>	<u>\$ 2,148,340</u>	<u>\$ (6,170,357)</u>

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CITY OF ALBANY, NEW YORK
RECONCILIATION OF THE BALANCE SHEET - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
WITH THE STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
December 31, 2020

Total fund balance (deficiency) - governmental funds \$ (6,170,357)

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

Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and therefore are not reported as assets in governmental funds.

Property held for sale	522,913
Cost of capital assets	590,930,542
Accumulated depreciation	<u>(355,116,591)</u> 236,336,864

Other long-term assets that are not available to pay for current period expenditures:

Notes receivable	<u>675,000</u>	675,000
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Long-term liabilities, including bonds payable, that are not due and payable in the current period are not reported as liabilities in the funds. Long-term liabilities not due and payable at year end consist of:

Bonds and loans payable	(69,768,832)
Bond Premium	(2,151,891)
Deferred outflow relating to bond refunding	188,992
Due to NYS Retirement System	(10,148,336)
Net pension liability	(102,569,140)
Accrued post employment benefit obligation	(502,676,525)
Accrued interest on bonds	(757,380)
Compensated absences	(23,100,476)
Landfill closure and postclosure obligation	(9,993,227)
Retainage payable on long-term contracts	(28,513)
Judgments and claims	<u>(34,873,875)</u> (755,879,203)

Interest payments on long-term liabilities, that are not due and payable in the current period, are recorded in the funds as prepaid expenses, however are not reported as assets in the statement of net position. Prepaid expenses relating to net pension liability are recorded in the funds, however are included in deferred outflows of resources in the statement of net position. Accrued expenses relating to net pension liability are recorded in the funds, however are not included in the statement of net position. Deferred outflows and inflows of resources related to net pension liability and accrued post employment benefit obligation are not recorded in the funds.

Prepaid expenses	(2,759,128)
Accrued expenses	3,261,739
Deferred outflows and inflows	<u>55,306,178</u> 55,808,789
Net position (deficiency) of governmental activities	<u>\$ (469,228,907)</u>

CITY OF ALBANY, NEW YORK
RECONCILIATION OF THE STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES,
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
WITH THE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
For the Year Ended December 31, 2020

Total net change in fund balance - governmental funds \$ (39,521,470)

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

Capital outlays to purchase or build capital assets are reported in governmental funds as expenditures. However, for governmental activities those costs are shown in the statement of net assets and allocated over their estimated useful lives as annual depreciation expenses in the statement of activities. This is the amount by which capital outlays exceed depreciation in the period.

Capital outlays	33,137,317	
Depreciation expense	(18,759,461)	
Loss on disposal of assets and other	<u>(76,771)</u>	14,301,085

In the statement of activities, certain operating expenses are measured by the amounts incurred during the year. In the governmental funds, however, expenditures for these items are measured by the amount of financial resources used (essentially, the amounts actually paid). Thus, the change in net assets differs from the change in fund balance as follows:

Compensated absences	(3,278,893)	
Landfill closure and postclosure costs	(299,510)	
Retainage incurred in current year	(28,513)	
Retainage incurred in prior year	50,844	
Judgments and claims	<u>(16,116,618)</u>	(19,672,690)

The issuance of long-term debt (e.g. bonds, leases) provides current financial resources to government funds, while the repayment of the principal of long-term debt consumes the current financial resources of government funds. Neither transaction, however, has any effect on net assets.

Amortization of Bond Premium	714,158	
Amortization of Deferred Outflow resulting from refunding of debt	(115,633)	
Principal repaid	<u>17,077,601</u>	17,676,126

Accrued post employment benefit obligation liability increases long-term liabilities in the statement of net assets and related expenditures in the statement of activities, but not to governmental funds. Net post employment benefit contribution is an expenditure in governmental funds, but the contribution reduces long-term liabilities in the statement of net assets. This is the amount by which accrued post employment benefit liability adjustment exceeds the contribution.

Accrued post employment benefit liability adjustment	90,149,455	
Changes in deferred inflows and outflows of resources	(116,847,352)	
Post employment benefit contribution paid	<u>16,738,048</u>	(9,959,849)

Interest on long-term debt in the statement of activities differs from the amount reported in the governmental funds because interest is recorded as an expenditure in the funds when it is due, and thus requires the use of current financial resources. In the statement of activities, however, interest expense is recognized as the interest accrues, regardless of when it is due.

651,012

Revenues in the statement of activities that do not provide current financial resources are not reported as revenues in the funds. (25,000)

Changes in prepaids, accrued liabilities, deferred inflows and outflows of resources related to net pension liability.

(17,659,811)

Change in net position of governmental activities

\$ (54,210,597)

CITY OF ALBANY

COMBINING STATEMENT OF NET POSITION – DISCRETELY PRESENTED COMPONENT UNITS

December 31, 2020

	Albany Water Board and Municipal Water Finance Authority	Albany Parking Authority	City of Albany Industrial Development Agency	Albany Port District Commission	Other Component Units	Totals
ASSETS						
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 1,384,783	\$ 1,547,861	\$ 2,866,253	\$ 919,559	\$ 854,739	\$ 7,573,195
Cash and cash equivalents, restricted	33,306,365	1,222,811	50,000	-	-	34,579,176
Investments	9,578,504	150,343	-	499,970	314,029	10,542,846
Investments, restricted	4,417,608	-	-	-	-	4,417,608
Accounts receivable, net	8,938,103	40,889	19,500	490,396	334,900	9,823,788
Notes and other receivables	-	-	-	2,045,672	686,343	2,732,015
Mortgage loans receivable	-	-	131,970	-	-	131,970
Due from primary government	2,225,486	421,940	-	-	75,611	2,723,037
Due from other governments	3,633,568	-	-	-	-	3,633,568
Prepaid and other assets	595,270	7,316	-	50,649	41,164	694,399
Capital assets, net	96,856,672	12,629,148	3,987	75,562,834	2,753,113	187,805,754
Total assets	<u>160,936,359</u>	<u>16,020,308</u>	<u>3,071,710</u>	<u>79,569,080</u>	<u>5,059,899</u>	<u>264,657,356</u>
DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES						
Deferred outflows resulting from refunding of debt, net	-	218,220	-	-	-	218,220
Deferred outflows related to net pension liability	-	1,341,622	-	896,815	-	2,238,437
Deferred outflows related to accrued post employment benefit obligation	-	1,992,289	-	-	-	1,992,289
Total deferred outflows of resources	<u>-</u>	<u>3,552,131</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>896,815</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4,448,946</u>
LIABILITIES						
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	10,445,733	189,621	82,420	2,688,899	121,598	13,528,271
Current maturities of long-term debt	4,345,545	1,240,000	-	1,144,978	499,203	7,229,726
Current installments of capital lease obligation	-	182,452	-	-	9,260	191,712
Accrued interest payable	-	177,165	-	-	9,431	186,596
Line of credit	50,000	-	-	-	-	50,000
Due to primary government	-	-	131,970	-	-	131,970
Due to other governments	3,598,858	-	-	-	-	3,598,858
Unearned revenues	-	91,769	50,000	52,048	-	193,817
Other liabilities	-	-	-	108,201	50,000	158,201
Accrued post employment benefit obligation	-	8,430,724	-	3,249,549	-	11,680,273
Net pension liability	-	1,833,455	-	1,157,365	-	2,990,820
Capital lease obligation, less current installments	-	220,029	-	-	12,624	232,653
Bonds and notes payable	67,199,615	6,704,674	-	3,706,913	1,310,796	78,921,998
Total liabilities	<u>85,639,751</u>	<u>19,069,889</u>	<u>264,390</u>	<u>12,107,953</u>	<u>2,012,912</u>	<u>119,094,895</u>
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES						
Deferred inflows related to net pension liability	-	1,011,195	-	1,228,402	-	2,239,597
Deferred inflows related to sales of future revenues	200,000	-	-	-	-	200,000
Total deferred inflows of resources	<u>200,000</u>	<u>1,011,195</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,228,402</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,439,597</u>
NET POSITION (DEFICIENCY)						
Net invested in capital assets	25,311,512	5,569,586	-	70,710,943	9,799	101,601,840
Restricted	-	405,107	-	-	186,160	591,267
Unrestricted (deficiency)	49,785,096	(6,483,338)	2,807,320	(3,581,403)	2,851,028	45,378,703
Total net position (deficiency)	<u>\$ 75,096,608</u>	<u>\$ (508,645)</u>	<u>\$ 2,807,320</u>	<u>\$ 67,129,540</u>	<u>\$ 3,046,987</u>	<u>\$ 147,571,810</u>

See notes to financial statements.

CITY OF ALBANY

COMBINING STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES – DISCRETELY PRESENTED COMPONENT UNITS

December 31, 2020

	Albany Water Board and Municipal Water Finance Authority	Albany Parking Authority	City of Albany Industrial Development Agency	Albany Port District Commission	Other Component Units	Totals
Operating revenue	\$ 33,668,458	\$ 6,351,705	\$ 389,056	\$ 5,166,964	\$ 1,975,804	\$ 47,551,987
Operating expenses						
Costs of services	-	4,635,032	639,715	671,119	1,600,020	7,545,886
Source of supply and purification	4,156,537	-	-	-	-	4,156,537
Transmission and distribution	4,581,763	-	-	-	-	4,581,763
General and administrative	6,524,846	168,810	-	2,976,654	388,443	10,058,753
Real estate taxes paid to other governments	1,683,209	-	-	-	-	1,683,209
Sewer contract	8,247,630	-	-	-	-	8,247,630
Depreciation and amortization	6,897,665	1,176,322	704	2,649,939	-	10,724,630
Grants	-	-	321,887	-	-	321,887
Miscellaneous	-	1,004,593	-	-	-	1,004,593
Total operating expenses	<u>32,091,650</u>	<u>6,984,757</u>	<u>962,306</u>	<u>6,297,712</u>	<u>1,988,463</u>	<u>48,324,888</u>
Excess (deficiency) of operating revenue over expenses before nonoperating (expenses) revenue	<u>1,576,808</u>	<u>(633,052)</u>	<u>(573,250)</u>	<u>(1,130,748)</u>	<u>(12,659)</u>	<u>(772,901)</u>
Nonoperating (expenses) revenue						
Amortization of bond insurance premiums	-	(48,048)	-	-	-	(48,048)
Decrease in fair value of investments	(43,575)	-	-	-	-	(43,575)
Interest income	583,648	12,917	23,196	7,378	12	627,151
Interest expense	(896,914)	(366,070)	-	(177,698)	(101,775)	(1,542,457)
Gain on sale of assets	16,662	4,331	-	1,035,246	-	1,056,239
Municipal Support Agreement Costs	-	-	-	(159,616)	-	(159,616)
Waterfront development expenses	-	-	-	(244,114)	-	(244,114)
Net nonoperating (expenses) revenue	<u>(340,179)</u>	<u>(396,870)</u>	<u>23,196</u>	<u>461,196</u>	<u>(101,763)</u>	<u>(354,420)</u>
Excess (deficiency) of revenue over expenses before transfers	<u>1,236,629</u>	<u>(1,029,922)</u>	<u>(550,054)</u>	<u>(669,552)</u>	<u>(114,422)</u>	<u>(1,127,321)</u>
Grant funding and contributions	<u>4,500,843</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4,339,705</u>	<u>50,000</u>	<u>8,890,548</u>
Excess (deficiency) of revenue over expenses	<u>5,737,472</u>	<u>(1,029,922)</u>	<u>(550,054)</u>	<u>3,670,153</u>	<u>(64,422)</u>	<u>7,763,227</u>
NET POSITION (DEFICIENCY), beginning of year	<u>69,359,136</u>	<u>521,277</u>	<u>3,357,374</u>	<u>63,459,387</u>	<u>3,111,409</u>	<u>139,808,583</u>
NET POSITION (DEFICIENCY), end of year	<u>\$ 75,096,608</u>	<u>\$ (508,645)</u>	<u>\$ 2,807,320</u>	<u>\$ 67,129,540</u>	<u>\$ 3,046,987</u>	<u>\$ 147,571,810</u>

See notes to financial statements.

CITY OF ALBANY
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
December 31, 2020

NOTE 1 — SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

A. *Reporting Entity*

The City of Albany, New York (City) was established in 1614, chartered in 1686, and is governed by a Mayor and the City's Common Council. The City, as the primary government, performs local governmental functions within its jurisdiction, including general governmental support, public safety, culture and recreation, transportation, health, and economic assistance and opportunity.

The financial statements of the City have been prepared in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP), promulgated by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB), which is the primary standard-setting body for establishing state and local governmental accounting and financial reporting principles.

In preparing financial statements in conformity with GAAP, management is required to make certain estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities, the disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements, and the reported amounts of revenue and expenditures during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

As required by GAAP, these financial statements present the City and its component units, entities for which the City is considered to be financially accountable. Blended component units, although legally separate entities are, in substance, part of the City's operations and accordingly data from these units are combined with the data of the primary government. Discretely presented component units, on the other hand, are reported in a separate column in the government-wide financial statements to emphasize they are legally separate from the City.

The decision to include a component unit in the City's reporting entity is based on several criteria, including legal standing, fiscal dependency, financial accountability, selection of governing authority and ability to significantly influence operations. Based on the application of these criteria, the following is a brief review of significant entities considered in determining the City's reporting entity. Complete financial statements of the individual component units can be obtained from their respective administrative offices.

The City's component units are legally separate entities that are not operating departments of the City. The component units are managed independently, largely outside the appropriated budget process, and their powers generally are vested in a governing board. The governing boards of the component units are either entirely or partially appointed by the mayor.

Substantially all of the financial data was derived from audited annual financial statements and summarized in the financial statements. Additional information about each of the component units can be obtained from their annual financial statements.

Fund Balance Classifications

Fund balances are classified as follows:

Nonspendable - This classification includes amounts that cannot be spent because they are either (a) not in spendable form or (b) are legally or contractually required to be maintained intact.

CITY OF ALBANY
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
December 31, 2020

NOTE 1 — SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

A. Reporting Entity (Continued)

Fund Balance Classifications (Continued)

Restricted - This classification includes amounts for which constraints have been placed on the use of the resources either (a) externally imposed by creditors (such as through a debt covenant), grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments, or (b) imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.

Committed - This classification includes amounts that can be used only for specific purposes pursuant to constraints imposed by formal action of the Common Council.

Assigned - This classification includes amounts that are constrained by the City's intent to be used for a specific purpose but are neither restricted nor committed. This intent can be expressed by the Common Council or through the Common Council delegating this responsibility to the Agency director through the budgetary process. This classification also includes the remaining positive fund balance for all governmental funds except for the General Fund.

Unassigned - This classification includes the residual fund balance for the General Fund. The Unassigned classification would also include negative residual fund balance of any other governmental fund that cannot be eliminated by offsetting of Assigned fund balance amounts.

The City would typically use restricted fund balances first, followed by committed resources, and then Assigned resources, as appropriate opportunities arise, but reserves the right to selectively spend Unassigned resources first to defer the use of these other classified funds.

Blended Component Unit

Albany Community Development Agency (ACDA or the Agency) is a public benefit corporation established by State law and governed by a seven-member board of directors who are City officials. The objectives of ACDA are to provide a suitable living environment and to expand economic opportunities for persons of low and moderate income within the City. ACDA has been designated by the City to undertake community development programs on behalf of the City and to administer federal community development block grant programs.

The City has the ability to significantly influence operations, select the governing board and participate in fiscal management, accordingly, ACDA is treated as a blended component unit of the City and its activities are included as a special revenue fund of the primary government and reported separately as an other governmental fund in the governmental fund statements.

Discretely Presented Component Units

The following discretely presented component units are reported in a separate column to emphasize that they are legally separate from the City:

CITY OF ALBANY
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
December 31, 2020

NOTE 1 — SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

A. Reporting Entity (Continued)

Discretely Presented Component Units (Continued)

Albany Water Board and Albany Municipal Water Finance Authority

The City of Albany Water and Sewer System (the System) provides water supply and distribution, and the collection and disposal of sewage for the City. The System began operations in February 1988, and consists of two legally separate and independent entities, the Albany Municipal Water Finance Authority (the Authority) and the Albany Water Board (the Board).

The Authority, a public benefit corporation, was established in 1986 for the purpose of issuing revenue bonds to pay for the purchase, future improvement, and construction of the System. Among its powers, the Authority may borrow money, issue debt, and require that the Board charge and collect sufficient rates to pay the costs of operating and financing the System. The Authority consists of seven members, two members of which are appointed by the Governor of New York State and five members of which are appointed by the Mayor of the City.

The Board, a corporate municipal instrumentality, was established in 1986 with the power to set and collect water and sewer fees in the amounts sufficient to pay the debt service on the bonds of the Authority, as well as to provide for the costs of the operation and maintenance of the System. The primary responsibility of the Board is to charge, collect, and enforce rates and other charges for the System. The Board consists of five members who are appointed by the Mayor of the City.

Albany Parking Authority

The Albany Parking Authority (the Parking Authority) was established in 1982 as a public benefit corporation of the State of New York. The Authority's existence is for a period of fifteen years, and thereafter until all of its liabilities have been met, and its bonds have been discharged. All rights and properties shall pass to the City upon the cessation of the Authority's existence. The Parking Authority is authorized to construct, operate and maintain areas or places in the City for the parking or storing of motor vehicles and is governed by a board of directors, which consists of five members appointed by the Mayor of the City with the advice and consent of the City Common Council.

City of Albany Industrial Development Agency

The City of Albany Industrial Development Agency (IDA) is a public benefit corporation established July 1, 1983 under the mandate of Article 18-A, "New York State Industrial Development Agency Act," of New York State general municipal law.

The IDA was established to promote and assist in acquiring or constructing various business and recreational facilities and, in the process, advance the job opportunities, health, general prosperity and economic welfare of the people of the City of Albany. A function of the IDA is to authorize the issuance of industrial revenue bonds for industrial development projects. The IDA reviews and determines whether to recommend approval of those applicants wishing to obtain financing. The IDA receives application fees from applicants and closing fees from those accepted for industrial revenue financing. The IDA is governed by a seven-member board of directors appointed by the City Common Council.

CITY OF ALBANY
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
December 31, 2020

NOTE 1 — SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

A. Reporting Entity (Continued)

Discretely Presented Component Units (Continued)

Albany Port District Commission

The Albany Port District Commission (the Commission) was established in 1925 by Chapter 192 of the Laws of the State of New York (the State). The law, as amended through December 31, 1986, grants the Commission regulatory powers over the development and operations of the port facilities of the Albany Port District (the Port). The Commission is a public corporation with perpetual existence and has the right of eminent domain, with the power to construct, develop and operate Port facilities including a terminal railroad; to fix fees, rates, rentals and other charges for its facilities; to regulate and supervise the construction and operations of Port facilities by private enterprise; to issue bonds and notes and to do all things necessary to make the Port useful and productive.

The Laws of 1925 provide that the municipalities of Albany and Rensselaer be assessed for the Commission's deficit, if any, from operations and financing. A reapportionment determination made April 1, 1932 established the rates of 88 percent for Albany and 12 percent for Rensselaer. These rates are still in effect and although the rates are subject to change under the provisions of the law, in recent years, there have been no such changes.

Lark Street Area District Management Association, Inc.

Lark Street Area District Management Association, Inc. (Association) is a tax exempt organization organized in 1996 under the Not-for-Profit Corporation Laws of New York State. The Association was created to execute responsibilities of a Comprehensive Business Improvement District. These responsibilities include but are not limited to administration, project development, public relations and public improvements in the Lark Street business improvement district. The Association may be dissolved by legislative body with all the assets reverting back to the City.

City of Albany Capital Resource Corporation

The City of Albany Capital Resource Corporation (CRC) is a non-profit organization that was formed in April 2010 under the Not-for-Profit Corporation Law of New York State. The primary purpose of the CRC is to promote community and economic development and the creation of jobs in the non-profit and for-profit sectors for the citizens of the City of Albany by developing and providing programs for not-for-profit institutions, manufacturing and industrial businesses, and other entities to access low interest tax-exempt and non-tax-exempt financing for their eligible projects. The Directors of the CRC are appointed by the City of Albany's governing body.

Central District Management Association, Inc.

The Central District Management Association, Inc. doing business as the Central Business Improvement District, Inc. (CBID) is a non-profit organization formed in January 1998 under the Not-for-Profit Corporation Law of New York State. The primary purpose of the CBID is to promote the preservation and development of the Central Avenue business corridor of the City of Albany and to make the area more attractive and accessible. To this end the CBID will work to enhance the public perception of the Central Avenue business corridor through overseeing and managing the appearance, security and cleanliness of the business improvement district. The CBID may be dissolved by legislative body with all the assets reverting back to the City.

CITY OF ALBANY
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
December 31, 2020

NOTE 1 — SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

A. Reporting Entity (Continued)

Discretely Presented Component Units (Continued)

Downtown Albany Restoration Program, Inc.

Downtown Albany Restoration Program, Inc. d/b/a Downtown Albany Business Improvement District, Inc. (BID) is a tax-exempt organization organized in 1996 under the Not-for-Profit Corporation Law of New York State. BID was created to execute the responsibility of a comprehensive business improvement district. These responsibilities include but are not limited to administration, project development, public relations and public improvements in the downtown business improvement district. The BID may be dissolved by legislative body with all the assets reverting back to the City.

The Association, CRC, CBID, and BID have been combined for financial statement reporting purposes and are reported as “other component units” in the combining statement of net position and combining statement of activities.

Entities excluded from the reporting entity:

Albany Housing Authority

The Albany Housing Authority (Housing Authority) was established by state statute. The Mayor of the City of Albany appoints the Board of Directors of the Housing Authority; however, the City is not financially accountable for the Housing Authority, the City cannot significantly influence the activities of the Housing Authority and the Housing Authority does not provide specific financial benefits to or impose specific financial burdens on the City.

Albany City School District

The Albany City School District (the School District) operates the elementary and high schools in the City. The City is not accountable for the School District as the School District has the authority to levy taxes and School District Board members are elected officials.

B. Government-Wide and Fund Financial Statements

The government-wide financial statements (the statement of net position and the statement of activities) report information on all of the nonfiduciary activities of the City and its component units. The effect of interfund, but not interprimary government and component unit, transactions have generally been eliminated from these financial statements. Governmental activities, which normally are supported by taxes and intergovernmental revenues, are reported separately from business-type activities, which rely, to a significant extent on fees and charges for support. The City's activities are all classified as governmental activities. The primary government is reported separately from certain legally separate component units for which the City is financially accountable.

CITY OF ALBANY
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
December 31, 2020

NOTE 1 — SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

B. Government-Wide and Fund Financial Statements (Continued)

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

Separate financial statements are provided for governmental funds.

Major individual governmental funds are reported in separate columns in the fund financial statements.

C. Measurement Focus, Basis of Accounting and Basis of Presentation

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

Governmental fund financial statements are reported using the current financial resources measurement focus and modified accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recognized when they are both measurable and available. Revenues are considered to be available when they are collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to pay liabilities of the current period. For this purpose, the City considers revenues to be available if they are collected within one year. Expenditures are generally recorded when a liability is incurred, in the same manner as accrual accounting. However, debt service expenditures, as well as expenditures related to compensated absences, postemployment benefit obligations, claims and judgments and similar long-term liabilities are recorded only when payment is due.

Property taxes, sales taxes, licenses and other fees are all recognized as revenues of the current period. Special assessments are recorded as receivable and deferred revenue at the time the related project is completed and levied. Revenue is recognized as assessments become measurable and available, normally as received.

The City reports the following major governmental funds:

Governmental fund types

General Fund – The General Fund is the principal fund of the City. All financial transactions related to revenue and expenditures for delivery of those services traditionally provided by a municipal government, which are not accounted for in other funds, are accounted for in the General Fund.

CITY OF ALBANY
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
December 31, 2020

NOTE 1 — SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

C. Measurement Focus, Basis of Accounting and Basis of Presentation (Continued)

Special Revenue Funds – These funds account for the proceeds of specific revenue sources (other than major capital projects that are legally restricted to expenditures for specified purposes). The following Special Revenue Funds operate within financial limits of an annual budget adopted by the City Council. Special Revenue Funds of the City include the following:

Special Grant Fund – Used to account for the use of state and federal monies received under the Workforce Investment Act.

Miscellaneous Special Revenue Fund – Principally used to account for the use of state and federal monies received under the Corporation for National and Community Services program as well as Department of Justice and other youth and recreational funds.

Capital Projects Fund – Resources used to construct or acquire capital improvements, and general fixed assets are accounted for in this fund. Resources are derived principally from proceeds of long-term debt and Federal and State aid.

Other governmental fund

Albany Community Development Agency (ACDA) is a public benefit corporation, which has been designated by the City to undertake community development programs on behalf of the City and to administer federal community development block grant programs. As previously discussed, it is accounted for as a blended component unit of the City.

Private sector standards of accounting and financial reporting issued prior to December 1, 1989, generally are followed in the government-wide financial statements to the extent that those standards do not conflict with or contradict guidance of GASB.

Amounts reported as program revenues include charges to customers or applicants for goods, services or privileges provided, operating grants and contributions, and capital grants and charges, including special assessments. Internally dedicated resources are reported as general revenues, which includes all taxes.

D. Assets, Liabilities and Net Position

Cash and Investments

The City's investment policies must comply with State statutes as well as their own written investment policy. City monies must be deposited into Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) insured commercial banks or trust companies located within the State. The City is authorized to use money market accounts and certificates of deposit. Permissible investments include obligations of the United States Treasurer, and United States agencies that are backed by the full faith and credit of the United States, repurchase agreements, and with the permission of the State Comptroller, obligations of New York State or its localities.

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NOTE 1 — SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

D. Assets, Liabilities and Net Position (Continued)

Deposits in excess of the FDIC limits are required to be fully collateralized by obligations of New York State or Federal agencies, the principal and interest of which are guaranteed by the United States or obligations of New York State local governments. The securities are held in a separate, segregated account in the name of the financial institution for the benefit of the City.

The City considers highly liquid investments (including restricted assets) with an original maturity date of three months or less, and money market accounts to be cash equivalents.

Receivables and Payables

Activities between funds that are representative of lending/borrowing arrangements outstanding at the end of the year are referred to as either due to/from other funds or advances to/from other funds.

All landfill and other accounts receivable are shown net of an appropriate allowance for uncollectible accounts, where such a provision is required.

Inventories and Prepaid Items

The City does not maintain inventories of supplies and records expenditures when purchased rather than when consumed. Likewise, it records payments to vendors for prepaid expenses as expenditures when paid.

Restricted Assets

Restricted assets, which consist principally of cash and cash equivalents, are assets to be used for the reduction of future debt service payments and to provide resources to offset the costs of future capital improvements.

Capital Assets

Capital assets, which include property, plant, equipment and infrastructure assets (including roads, bridges, sidewalks and similar items) are reported in the government-wide financial statements. Capital assets are defined by the City as assets with an initial individual cost of \$5,000 or more and an estimated life of three years or more. These assets are recorded at historical cost or estimated historical cost if purchased or constructed.

Normal maintenance and repair costs that do not add to the value of the asset or materially extend their lives are not capitalized.

Major classes of capital assets are depreciated using the straight-line method over various useful lives. Useful lives for the major classes of capital assets are summarized as follows:

Buildings, capital leases and improvements	20 - 50 years
Machinery and equipment	3 - 20 years
Infrastructure	up to 30 years

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NOTE 1 — SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

D. Assets, Liabilities and Net Position (Continued)

Compensated Absences

Employees earn vacation and sick leave as they provide service. Pursuant to collective bargaining agreements, they may accumulate (subject to certain limitations) unused time earned and, upon retirement, termination or death, may be compensated for such accumulated time. In addition, certain employees may accumulate unused sick time earned and upon retirement, termination, or death, may be compensated for such accumulated time. The cost of accumulated vacation pay and sick time expected to be paid from future expendable resources of the Governmental Funds are accounted for as a liability in the General Long-Term Debt Account Group and recognized in the respective Governmental Funds when the expenditures are paid.

Leave paid in the current period is reported as an expenditure in the fund financial statements. All accumulated leave, including that which is not expected to be liquidated with expendable available financial resources, is reported in the government-wide financial statements.

Retirement Benefits

The City of Albany provides retirement benefits for its employees through contributions to the New York State Employees' Retirement System (ERS) and the New York State Police and Fire Retirement System (PFRS). These retirement programs provide various plans and options, some of which require employee contributions.

The City uses GASB Statement No. 68, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Pensions* (GASB 68) to recognize the net pension asset (liability), deferred outflows and deferred inflows of resources, pension expense (benefit), and information about and changes in the fiduciary net position on the same basis as reported by the respective defined benefit pension plans.

Judgments and Claims

The liability for claims in process represents estimates for all known workers' compensation claims and probable legal settlements at year end.

Deferred Revenue

Deferred revenues principally represent unpaid loan balances resulting from various community development home loan programs operated by the City. When loan payments are received, revenue is recognized to the extent of principal received. When grant funds are reloaned, a corresponding expenditure is recorded. When the allowance for loan losses is increased, a corresponding decrease in the amount of deferred revenue is made in the same period, the effect of which is to reduce the overall amount of funds available for future loans.

Long-Term Obligations

In the government-wide financial statements, long-term debt and other long-term obligations are recognized as liabilities in the statement of net position. Bond premiums and discounts are deferred and amortized over the life of the bonds.

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NOTE 1 — SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

D. Assets, Liabilities and Net Position (Continued)

Long-Term Obligations (Continued)

In the fund financial statements, bond premiums and discounts are reported in the current period. The face amount of debt issued is reported as other financing sources. Payments on such debt are recognized as expenditures in the period made. Premiums and discounts are reported as other financing sources or use and issuance costs are reported as debt service expenditures.

Deferred Outflows/Inflows of Resources

In addition to assets, the statement of financial position will sometimes report a separate section for deferred outflows of resources. This separate financial statement element, deferred outflows of resources, represents a consumption of net position or fund balance that applies to a future period(s) and thus, will not be recognized as an outflow of resources (expense/expenditure) until then. In the government-wide financial statements, the City has three items that qualify for reporting in this category: the deferred charge on refunding, deferred outflows of resources related to net pension liability, and deferred outflows of resources related to accrued post-employment benefit obligation (OPEB). A deferred charge on refunding results from the difference in the carrying value of refunded debt and its reacquisition price. This amount is deferred and amortized over the shorter of the life of the refunded or refunding debt. Deferred outflows of resources related to net pension liability and OPEB are detailed in Note 12 and 15, respectively.

In addition to liabilities, the statement of financial position will sometimes report a separate section for deferred inflows of resources. This separate financial statement element, deferred inflows of resources, represents an acquisition of net position or fund balance that applies to a future period(s) and so will not be recognized as an inflow of resources (revenue) until that time. In the government-wide financial statements, the City has deferred inflows related to the net pension liability (see Note 12). The City also has one type of item which arises only under a modified accrual basis of accounting that qualifies for reporting in this category. Accordingly, this item, unavailable revenue, is reported only in the governmental funds balance sheet.

E. Tax Abatements

The City has several real property tax abatement agreements with various entities that generally follow along two methods from two different enabling sources which are used for two different general purposes, with a few agreements that overlap the categories. These agreements all call for a form of Payment In Lieu of Taxes (PILOT) in return for a 100% abatement of real property taxes.

Generally the tax abatements are issued under the NYS Private Housing Finance Law (PHFL) or the City of Albany Industrial Development Agency (CAIDA), incorporated pursuant to State Law. There are also separate PILOT agreements with NYS (19-a PILOTs) that are not included for the purposes of GASB 77, *Tax Abatement Disclosures*.

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NOTE 1 — SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

E. Tax Abatements (Continued)

PILOT agreements are in place under both categories, with shelter rents (a percentage of the rents from the housing) being the predominant PILOT method for PHFL agreements, and payments of a percentage of taxable assessed value being the predominant PILOT method for IDA agreements. The PHFL properties are mostly organized under the Albany Housing Authority, which is a separate, but component unit of the City of Albany. These properties contain almost exclusively “affordable housing” units. The IDA properties are commercial properties comprised of a mix of hotel, office, retail, and both market rate and affordable apartment units.

The total assessed value of all shelter rent properties, including the IDA shelter rent properties, is approximately \$369,000,000 for the Property Tax Year, with a taxable assessed value of approximately \$57,000,000. The total PILOT payments on these properties to date was approximately \$969,000 to the City and County combined. This value is an expression of what the total value of collected shelter rents would be if they were collected and apportioned as taxes. This constitutes approximately a \$5,000,000 abatement of County/City property taxes.

The total assessed value of Commercial (almost exclusively IDA) properties is approximately \$238,000,000 for the Property Tax Year and approximately \$306,000,000 for the School Tax Year, with taxable assessed values of approximately \$69,000,000 and \$96,000,000 respectively. The total PILOT payments on these properties to date were approximately \$1,600,000, \$416,000, \$3,000,000 and \$196,000 to the City, County, School and Library Districts respectively. This constitutes approximately a \$4,000,000 abatement of County/City property taxes and a \$6,400,000 abatement of school/library taxes.

Copies of the agreements may be obtained from the Darius Shahinfar, Albany City Treasurer, City Hall, 24 Eagle St., Rm. 109, Albany, NY 12207, dshahinfar@albanyny.gov.

F. Change in Accounting Principle

Effective January 1, 2020, the City adopted GASB Statement No. 84, *Fiduciary Activities*. GASB Statement No. 84 improves guidance regarding the identification of fiduciary activities for accounting and financial reporting purposes and how those activities should be reported. The City previously reported the activity of the Agency Fund as a fiduciary fund. After applying the new criteria for determining the activities that should be reported under a fiduciary fund under GASB Statement No. 84, the City determined that the treatment of some of its old agency fund accounts are no longer valid and are more appropriately reported in the general fund. As a result, the general fund reports a restated beginning fund balance as follows:

Fund balance, beginning of year, as previously reported	\$ 23,723,619
Cumulative effect of change in accounting principle	<u>1,974,770</u>
Fund balance, beginning of year, adjusted	<u>\$ 25,698,389</u>

The primary government reports a restated beginning net position (deficiency) as follows:

Net position (deficiency), beginning of year, as previously reported	\$ (416,993,080)
Cumulative effect of change in accounting principle	<u>1,974,770</u>
Net position (deficiency), beginning of year, adjusted	<u>\$ (415,018,310)</u>

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NOTE 2 — EXPLANATION OF CERTAIN DIFFERENCES BETWEEN GOVERNMENT-WIDE STATEMENTS AND GOVERNMENTAL FUND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Due to the differences in the measurement focus and basis of accounting used in the governmental fund statements and the government-wide statements, certain financial transactions are treated differently. The basic financial statements contain a full reconciliation of these items. The differences result primarily from the economic focus of the statement of activities, compared with the current financial resources focus of the governmental funds.

A. Total Fund Balances of Governmental Funds vs. Net Position of Governmental Activities

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

B. Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance vs. Statement of Activities

Differences between the governmental funds statement of revenues, expenditures and changes in fund balance and the statement of activities fall into one of three broad categories. The amounts shown below represent:

i. Long-term revenue and expense differences:

Long-term revenue differences arise because governmental funds report revenues only when they are considered "available", whereas the statement of activities reports revenues when earned. Differences in long-term expenses arise because governmental funds report on a modified accrual basis, whereas the accrual basis of accounting is used on the statement of activities.

ii. Capital related differences:

Capital related differences include the difference between proceeds for the sale of capital assets reported on governmental fund statements and the gain or loss on the sale of assets as reported on the statement of activities, and the difference between recording an expenditure for the purchase of capital items in the governmental fund statements and depreciation expense on those items as recorded in the statement of activities.

iii. Long-term liability transaction differences:

Long-term liability transaction differences relate principally to bonds, post-employment benefits and accrued compensated absences. Both interest and principal payments on bonds and other long-term debt are recorded as expenditures in the governmental fund statements, whereas interest payments are recorded in the statement of activities as incurred, and principal payments are recorded as a reduction of liabilities in the statement of net position.

Employees earn vacation and sick leave as they provide service. They may accumulate (subject to certain limitations) unused time earned and, upon retirement, termination or death, may be compensated for such accumulated time. The cost of vacation pay and sick time are recognized in the statement of revenues, expenditures and changes in fund balance when the expenditures are paid. The cost of vacation and sick time earned within the reporting period, including that which is not expected to be paid with expendable available financial resources, is reported in the government-wide financial statements as a liability and expensed in the statement of activities.

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NOTE 2 — EXPLANATION OF CERTAIN DIFFERENCES BETWEEN GOVERNMENT-WIDE STATEMENTS AND GOVERNMENTAL FUND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

B. Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance vs. Statement of Activities (Continued)

iii. Long-term liability transaction differences (continued):

Employees earn retirement benefits as they provide service. The benefit is based on factors such as the applicable employee agreement, the employees' hiring date and the number of years of service to the City. The costs of retirement benefits are recognized in the statement of revenues, expenditures and changes in fund balance when the expenditures are paid. Pension benefits are accounted for in accordance with GASB Statement No. 68, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Pensions* and are reported in the government-wide financial statements as a liability/asset, deferred outflows of resources/deferred inflows of resources and expensed in the statement of activities accordingly. Other postemployment benefits are accounted for in accordance with GASB Statement No. 75, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Postemployment Benefits Other Than Pensions* and are reported in the government-wide financial statements as a liability and expensed in the statement of activities accordingly.

NOTE 3 — STEWARDSHIP, COMPLIANCE AND ACCOUNTABILITY

Budgetary Information

Pursuant to Article 6 of the Second Class Cities Law of the State of New York and its own charter, the City legally adopts calendar year budgets for the General and Special Revenue Funds. Any amendments to the original budget during the year require the approval of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment.

The appropriated budget is prepared by fund, function and department, encumbrance accounting is employed in governmental funds. Encumbrances (such as purchase orders) outstanding at year end are reported as reservations of fund balances and do not constitute expenditures or liabilities because the commitments will be reappropriated and honored during the subsequent year.

NOTE 4 — CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AND CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS - RESTRICTED

At December 31, 2020, cash and cash equivalents and cash and cash equivalents - restricted are comprised of interest bearing and non-interest bearing deposits in various financial institutions.

It is the City's policy for all deposits to be secured by collateral valued at market or par, whichever is lower, less the amount of Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) insurance. At December 31, 2020, all cash and cash equivalents, as well as restricted cash and cash equivalents in excess of FDIC insurance, were fully collateralized by securities in the name of the financial institution held in a separate account.

The City has approximately \$1,493,000 in cash and cash equivalents that have been restricted as follows:

General Fund	
Debt service	\$ 483,000
Landfill postclosure	932,000
NYS Power Authority grant	<u>78,000</u>
	<u><u>\$ 1,493,000</u></u>

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NOTE 4 — CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AND CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS - RESTRICTED (Continued)

The City's investment policy attempts to limit exposure to losses arising from interest rate risk, credit risk, custodial risk, and concentration of credit risk. Further, statutes authorize the City to invest in obligations of New York State, the United States Government and its agencies, and repurchase agreements collateralized by U.S. obligations.

NOTE 5 — LANDFILL RECEIVABLE

The City currently has one landfill accepting waste from various public and private entities. These entities are billed monthly based on the tonnage deposited at the landfill for the previous month. At December 31, 2020, the City had outstanding landfill receivables of approximately \$542,000, with an allowance of approximately \$111,000.

NOTE 6 — PROPERTY TAXES

Property taxes are levied and payable in January. Any property taxes not paid by the following December 31 are purchased without recourse by the County of Albany. Accordingly, the total levy is considered measurable and available, and there is no allowance for uncollectible property taxes at December 31, 2020.

The taxable assessed value of real property, as adjusted by New York State, included in the tax levy of 2019 (revenue in 2020), was \$4,848,616,640. The effective tax rate on this value is \$10.81 per thousand for residential and \$14.22 per thousand for non-residential properties. The constitutional tax limit is 2% of the 5-year average of the full value assessment. The 2019 levy represents approximately 61% of the constitutional tax limit. The taxable assessed value of real property included in the tax levy of 2020 (revenue in 2021), was \$4,808,353,283. The effective tax rate on this value is \$11.02 per thousand for residential and \$14.22 per thousand for non-residential properties. The 2020 levy represents approximately 60% of the constitutional tax limit.

NOTE 7 — CAPITAL ASSETS

Property and equipment is comprised of the following:

	Balance January 1, 2020	Additions	Deletions and Reclassifications	Balance December 31, 2020
Capital assets not being depreciated:				
Land and land improvements	\$ 1,979,669	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,979,669
Construction in process	25,108,892	24,216,630	(32,043,245)	17,282,277
	<u>27,088,561</u>	<u>24,216,630</u>	<u>(32,043,245)</u>	<u>19,261,946</u>
Capital assets being depreciated:				
Buildings, capital leases, and improvements	60,745,960	22,737	-	60,768,697
Machinery and equipment	81,174,290	8,372,707	(1,009,746)	88,537,251
Infrastructure	389,794,161	32,568,487	-	422,362,648
	<u>531,714,411</u>	<u>40,963,931</u>	<u>(1,009,746)</u>	<u>571,668,596</u>
Less accumulated depreciation for:				
Buildings, capital leases, and improvements	32,901,837	1,538,869	36,922	34,477,628
Machinery and equipment	63,274,259	4,736,287	(969,760)	67,040,786
Infrastructure	241,114,009	12,484,305	(137)	253,598,177
	<u>337,290,105</u>	<u>18,759,461</u>	<u>(932,975)</u>	<u>355,116,591</u>
Total capital assets, net	<u><u>\$ 221,512,867</u></u>			<u><u>\$ 235,813,951</u></u>

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NOTE 7 — CAPITAL ASSETS (Continued)

Depreciation expense was approximately \$18,759,000 for the year ended December 31, 2020. In the statement of activities, depreciation expense is allocated to each function as follows:

Function/Programs	Depreciation Expense
Public safety and regulation	\$ 3,635,000
General government	5,628,000
Highway and streets	5,116,000
Recreation and culture	816,000
Community service	3,165,000
Economic development and assistance	399,000
	<u>\$ 18,759,000</u>

NOTE 8 — NOTES RECEIVABLE

Notes receivable of \$675,000 reported in the fund financial statements and the government-wide financial statements as of December 31, 2020 represent a term note with The Palace Performing Arts Center, Inc. The repayment terms require annual payments of \$25,000.

In the fund financial statements, the above amount has been reflected as deferred inflows of resources since the amounts apply to a future period and so will not be recognized as an inflow of resources until that time.

NOTE 9 — MORTGAGE LOANS RECEIVABLE AND DEFERRED REVENUES

The City, through its blended component unit ACDA, lends monies received through Federal grants (principally HUD, CDBG, and HOME) to individuals, businesses, and non-profit agencies at low interest rates to fund the acquisition and rehabilitation of low-income housing and other community development projects in the City. Loan disbursements are recorded as grant expenditures and loan repayments are recorded as program income. Mortgage loans receivable and the related deferred revenue account consist of principal to be collected in future periods or principal amounts that are forgiven annually in accordance with grant provisions.

Interest rates and loan periods are determined using criteria established by the granting agency. Interest rates on these loans range between 0% and 8% and loan periods are either for a period of up to 15 years or deferred and forgiven as long as the beneficiary is in compliance with the loan agreement.

In 2011, the Agency initiated a Choose Albany revolving loan fund utilizing general funds. The revolving loan fund promotes home ownership in Albany and was for 8% of the purchase price up to \$15,000. The loan can be utilized for down payment assistance or closing costs. The loans have a ten year term with zero percent interest. In 2019, the Choose Albany program was changed for new loans to be 5% of the purchase price up to \$8,500 and forgiven over the term of the loan as long as the beneficiary is in compliance with the loan agreement.

The balance of mortgage loans receivable, net of related allowances, is comprised of the following at December 31, 2020:

Program	Balance
HUD	\$3,438,933
HUD, forgivable grant loans	3,975,357
Choose Albany, net of allowance	<u>62,670</u>
	<u>\$7,476,960</u>

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NOTE 10 — INTERFUND RECEIVABLES AND PAYABLES

A summary of interfund receivables and payables at December 31, **2020** is as follows:

Fund	Due From Other Funds	Due To Other Funds
General	\$ 5,762,972	\$ 2,135
Special Revenue	-	353,069
Capital Projects	-	4,800,626
Albany Community Development Agency	<u>9,965</u>	<u>617,107</u>
	<u>\$ 5,772,937</u>	<u>\$ 5,772,937</u>

NOTE 11 — DUE FROM/TO COMPONENT UNITS

The City has reported approximately \$658,000 as the amount due from the Component Units, net at December 31, 2020. The Component Units reported approximately net \$2,591,000 as the amount due from the primary government, net. The net difference as reported by the City and its Component Units is approximately \$3,249,000 which is primarily caused by timing difference related to the recording of tax assessment adjustments. Other activity giving rise to difference in amounts due between the City and the Component Units relates to payroll, benefits, grant reimbursements and other administrative costs paid for by the City and reimbursed to the City by the Component Units or paid for by the Component Units and reimbursed by the City.

NOTE 12 — PENSION PLANS

The City of Albany participates in the New York State and Local Employees' Retirement System (ERS), the New York State and Local Police and Fire Retirement System (PFRS) and the Public Employees' Group Life Insurance Plan (collectively, the Systems). These are cost-sharing multi-employer retirement systems. The Systems provide retirement benefits as well as death and disability benefits. Obligations of employers and employees to contribute and benefits to employees are governed by the New York State Retirement and Social Security Law (NYSRSSL). As set forth in the NYSRSSL, the Comptroller of the State of New York (Comptroller) serves as sole trustee and administrative head of the Systems. The Comptroller shall adopt and may amend rules and regulations for the administration and transaction of the business of the Systems and for the custody and control of their funds. The Systems issue a publicly available financial report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information. That report may be obtained by writing to the New York State and Local Retirement Systems, NYS Comptroller State Office Building, 110 State Street, Albany, NY 12207.

The Systems are contributory at a rate of 3% of salary, except for employees who joined before July 27, 1976 and Tier 3 and 4 members with ten or more years of membership, or ten years of credited service for whom no contribution is required. Employee contributions are deducted from their salaries and remitted on a current basis to the Systems. Employer contributions are actuarially determined for the Systems.

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NOTE 12 — PENSION PLANS (Continued)

The City of Albany is required to contribute at an actuarially determined rate. Since 2012, the City of Albany has elected to amortize a portion of its retirement contributions in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 57, laws of 2013 and Chapter 57, laws of 2010. In 2020, the City elected to amortize approximately \$653,000 of its calculated pension contribution to the retirement system for its fiscal year ended December 31, 2020. The City's contributions made to the Systems were equal to 100 percent of the minimum required contributions. At December 31, 2020, approximately \$10,148,000 was deferred and recorded as due to New York State Retirement System in the statement of net position (Note 14(c)).

Net Pension Liability, Pension Expense, and Deferred Outflows and Deferred Inflows of Resources

At December 31, 2020, the City reported the following liability for its proportionate share of the net pension liability for each of the plans.

	PFRS	ERS
Actuarial Valuation Date	April 1, 2019	April 1, 2019
Net Pension Asset (Liability)	\$(73,510,222)	\$(29,058,918)
Proportionate Share of the Plan's		
Total Net Pension Liability	1.3753243%	0.1097367%
Proportionate Share of Pension Expense	\$ 26,177,221	\$ 9,864,968

The PFRS and ERS net pension liability was measured as of March 31, 2020, and the total pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of April 1, 2019. The City's proportion of the net pension liability was based on the ratio of its actuarially determined employer contribution to PFRS's and ERS's total actuarially determined employer contribution for the fiscal year ended on the measurement date.

At December 31, 2020, the City reported deferred outflows and deferred inflows of resources as follows:

	PFRS		ERS	
	Deferred Outflows of Resources	Deferred Inflows of Resources	Deferred Outflows of Resources	Deferred Inflows of Resources
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$ 4,895,006	\$ 1,231,288	\$ 1,710,235	\$ -
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on pension plan investments	33,103,966	-	14,897,014	-
Changes in assumptions	6,283,346	-	585,109	505,232
Changes in proportion and differences between City contributions and proportionate share of contributions	189,691	3,241,896	-	1,013,613
City contributions subsequent to the measurement date	11,311,926	-	-	-
	\$ 55,783,935	\$ 4,473,184	\$ 17,192,358	\$ 1,518,845

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NOTE 12 — PENSION PLANS (Continued)

Net Pension Liability, Pension Expense, and Deferred Outflows and Deferred Inflows of Resources (Continued)

Contributions subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a reduction of the net pension liability in the year ended March 31, 2021 for PFRS and ERS. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions will be recognized in pension expense as follows:

Year Ended March 31,	PFRS	ERS
2021	\$ 8,124,299	\$ 2,370,238
2022	9,305,044	3,888,724
2023	12,009,007	5,185,625
2024	10,253,112	4,228,926
2025	<u>307,363</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u><u>\$ 39,998,825</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 15,673,513</u></u>

Actuarial Assumptions

The total pension liability for the December 31, 2020 measurement date was determined by using an actuarial valuation as of January 1, 2020. These actuarial valuations for both ERS and PFRS used the following actuarial assumptions:

Actuarial cost method – Entry age normal

Inflation – 2.5%

Salary increases – 4.2% in ERS, 5.0% in PFRS, indexed by service

Investment rate of return – 6.8% compounded annually, net of investment expense, including inflation

Cost of living adjustments – 1.3% annually

Mortality – Based on the plan's experience from April 1, 2010 – March 31, 2015 with adjustments for mortality improvements based on the Society of Actuaries' Scale MP-2014

Discount rate – 6.8%

The long-term expected rate of return on the Systems' pension plan investments was determined using a building-block method in accordance with Actuarial Standard of Practice No. 27, Selection of Economic Assumptions for Measuring Pension Obligations. Consideration was given to expected future real rates of return (expected returns, net of pension plan investment expense and inflation) for each major asset class as well as historical investment data and plan performance.

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NOTE 12 — PENSION PLANS (Continued)

Investment Asset Allocation

Best estimates of arithmetic real rates of return for each major asset class included in the target asset allocations as of the applicable valuation dates are summarized as follows:

Asset Class	Target Allocation	Long-Term Expected Real Rate of Return
Domestic equities	36%	4.05%
International equities	14%	6.15%
Private equities	10%	6.75%
Real estate	10%	4.95%
Absolute return strategies	2%	3.25%
Opportunistic portfolio	3%	4.65%
Real assets	3%	5.95%
Bonds and mortgages	17%	0.75%
Cash	1%	0.00%
Inflation-Indexed bonds	4%	0.50%
	<u>100%</u>	

Discount Rate

The discount rate projection of cash flows assumed that contributions from plan members will be made at the current member contribution rates and that contributions from employers will be made at statutorily required rates, actuarially determined. Based on those assumptions, the Systems' 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 asset / (liability).

The following presents the City's proportionate share of its net pension asset (liability) calculated using the discount rate of 6.8% (ERS and PFRS) and the impact of using a discount rate that is 1% lower or higher than the current rate.

	1.0% Decrease	Discount Rate	1.0% Increase
City's proportionate share of the PFRS net pension asset (liability)	<u><u>\$ (131,437,775)</u></u>	<u><u>\$ (73,510,222)</u></u>	<u><u>\$ (21,634,788)</u></u>
City's proportionate share of the ERS net pension asset (liability)	<u><u>\$ (53,331,320)</u></u>	<u><u>\$ (29,058,918)</u></u>	<u><u>\$ (6,703,934)</u></u>

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NOTE 13 — NOTES PAYABLE

The City may issue Bond Anticipation Notes (BANs), in anticipation of proceeds from the subsequent sale of bonds. These notes are recorded as current liabilities of the funds that will actually receive the proceeds from the issuance of bonds. State law requires that BANs issued for capital purposes be converted to long-term financing within five years.

In March 2020, the City issued approximately \$44,673,000 in BANs. The BANs are due March 26, 2021. Approximately \$36,173,000 of the BANs carry an interest rate of 2.25% and \$8,500,000 of the BANs carry an interest rate of 1.29%. The proceeds of the BANs, along with available funds, were used to redeem the \$29,799,600 BANs that were issued in 2019 and matured March 27, 2020, and also provide new funds for various capital purposes and improvements. These BANs were subsequently redeemed in March 2021 (see Note 16 – Subsequent Events).

Interest expense on BANs totaled approximately \$559,000 for the year ended December 31, 2020.

NOTE 14 — INDEBTEDNESS

Indebtedness of the City include loans, certain accruals, and serial and Environmental Facilities Corporation (EFC) bonds. Bonds are guaranteed by the full faith and credit of the City.

The following is a summary of certain long-term liability transactions of the City for the year ended December 31, 2020:

	Balance January 1, 2020	New Issues/ Increase in Estimates	Payments/ Decrease in Estimates	Balance December 31, 2020
Bonds	\$ 86,660,000	\$ -	\$ (17,005,000)	\$ 69,655,000
Premiums on Bonds	2,866,049	-	(714,158)	2,151,891
Loans payable (ACDA)	186,433	-	(72,601)	113,832
Post employment benefit obligation (Note 14)	609,564,028	-	(106,887,503)	502,676,525
Vacation/sick pay obligations	19,821,583	3,278,893	-	23,100,476
Due to NYS Retirement System	11,323,026	605,509	(1,780,199)	10,148,336
Net pension liability	31,236,871	86,077,129	(14,744,860)	102,569,140
Litigation and contingent liabilities	18,757,257	20,526,875	(4,410,257)	34,873,875
Landfill closure and postclosure care costs	9,693,717	299,510	-	9,993,227
Retainage payable on long-term contracts	50,844	-	(22,331)	28,513
Total	\$ 790,159,808	\$ 110,787,916	\$ (145,636,909)	\$ 755,310,815

Of the total outstanding indebtedness of the City at December 31, 2020, approximately \$114,328,000 was subject to the statutory debt limit. Amounts subject to the statutory debt limit include bonds and bond anticipation notes payable. This represents approximately 33% of the City's \$345,232,062 statutory debt limit.

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NOTE 14 — INDEBTEDNESS (Continued)

(a) Bonds

Serial and New York State Environmental Facilities (EFC) bonds, the proceeds of which have been used primarily to provide funds for various capital projects, consists of the following at December 31, 2020:

Interest Rate	Date Issued	Maturity Date	Amount of Original Issue	Outstanding December 31, 2020	Annual Principal Installments (Range)
Serial Bonds					
4.00 - 5.00%	2011	2025	\$ 11,075,000	\$ 1,610,000	\$195,000 - 775,000
3.00%	2011	2021	7,922,026	890,000	\$890,000
4.00%	2012	2021	10,010,248	1,240,000	\$1,240,000
2.00%	2016	2023	10,210,000	5,390,000	\$1,760,000 - 1,835,000
2.00%	2016	2025	13,474,579	7,495,000	\$1,310,000 - 1,665,000
4.00%	2018	2028	33,310,417	27,475,000	\$2,855,000 - 3,725,000
3.00%	2019	2034	26,000,000	24,995,000	\$1,435,000 - 2,185,000
EFC Bonds					
4.912 - 5.002%	2012	2022	2,730,000	<u>560,000</u>	\$275,000-285,000
				\$ 69,655,000	
Add: Unamortized Premiums					
				<u>2,151,891</u>	
				\$ 71,806,891	

The following are details of bonds outstanding at December 31, 2020:

In March 2011, the City issued \$12,775,000 in General Obligation Refunding Bonds. The Bonds carry interest rates ranging from 3.00% to 5.00% and a premium of \$1,017,305. The final bond issue matures on August 1, 2025. The proceeds of the Bonds were to advance refund \$1,735,000 of outstanding 1997 General Obligation Bonds with interest rates ranging from 4.8% to 5.0%, \$5,565,000 of outstanding 2000 General Obligation Bonds, with interest rates ranging from 5.00% to 5.50%, and \$5,955,000 of outstanding 2001 General Obligation Bonds with interest rates ranging from 4.125% to 5.000%.

In July 2011, the City issued \$7,922,026 in General Obligation Bonds. The Bonds carry interest rates ranging from 1.50% to 3.00%. The final bond issue matured on July 1, 2021.

In July 2012, the City issued \$34,037,827 in General Obligation Bonds. The Bonds carry interest rates ranging from 2.00% to 4.00%. The final bond issue matured on July 1, 2021. The proceeds of the Bonds, along with available funds, were used to redeem part of the \$46,471,326 BANs issued in 2011 and matured July 6, 2012 and also provided new funds for the purchase of land, equipment and vehicle purchases as well as costs associated with the expansion of the City's landfill.

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NOTE 14 — INDEBTEDNESS (Continued)

(a) Bonds (continued)

In July 2013, the City issued \$9,890,000 in General Obligation Bonds. The Bonds carry interest rates ranging from 3.00% to 4.50%. The final bond matured on July 1, 2020.

In May 2015, the City issued \$9,215,000 in General Obligation Refunding Bonds. The issue included \$4,545,000 in tax exempt bonds and \$4,670,000 in federally taxable bonds. The 2015 tax exempt Bonds matured on June 1, 2018. The 2015 taxable bonds bear interest rates from 2.00% - 4.00% and matured on June 1, 2020. The proceeds of the Bonds were to advance refund \$4,630,000 in outstanding callable principal of 2006 tax exempt General Obligation Bonds with interest rates ranging from 4.00% - 4.125% and \$4,495,000 in outstanding callable principal of 2006 federally taxable General Obligation Bonds bearing interest of 5.25%.

In July 2016, the City issued \$10,210,000 in General Obligation Refunding Bonds. The bonds carry interest rates ranging from 1.50% - 5.00%. The issue matures on July 1, 2023. The proceeds of the Bonds are to advance refund \$9,830,000 in outstanding 2009 General Obligation Bonds with interest rates ranging from 3.50% – 4.25%.

In June 2016, the City issued \$13,474,579 in General Obligation Serial Bonds. The Bonds carry an interest rate of 2.00%. The Bonds have maturity dates ranging from June 15, 2017 through June 15, 2025. The proceeds of the Bonds, along with available funds, were used to redeem \$16,089,085 of the \$43,425,299 BANs that were issued in 2015 and matured July 1, 2016.

In June 2018, the City issued \$33,310,417 in General Obligation Serial Bonds. The Bonds carry an interest rate of 4.00%. The Bonds have maturity dates ranging from June 15, 2019 through June 15, 2028. The proceeds of the Bonds, along with available funds, were used to redeem \$39,390,417 of the \$44,596,417 BANs that were issued in 2017 and matured June 29, 2018.

In January 2019, the City issued \$26,000,000 in General Obligation Serial Bonds. The Bonds carry an interest rate of 3.0%, with a premium of \$376,109. The Bonds have maturity dates ranging from January 15, 2020 through January 15, 2034. The proceeds of the Bonds will provide new monies for the purchase of streetlights and conversion to LED.

In March of 2011, EFC completed a refinancing initiative on behalf of the City of Albany that initially financed projects through the State Clean Water and Drinking Water Revolving Funds (SRF) Series 2000B. The EFC refunding reduced the City's future interest cost on the SRF financing that was funded through the Series 2000B bonds. This resulted in refunded principal in the amount of \$3,995,000 from EFC with interest rate of 0.807% maturing in 2020.

In June of 2012, EFC completed a refinancing initiative on behalf of the City of Albany that initially financed projects through the State Clean Water and Drinking Water Revolving Funds (SRF) Series 2002A. The EFC refunding reduced the City's future interest cost on the SRF financing that was funded through the Series 2002A bonds. This resulted in refunded principal in the amount of \$2,730,000 from EFC with interest rates ranging from 4.132% to 5.002% maturing in 2022.

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NOTE 14 — INDEBTEDNESS (Continued)

(a) Bonds (continued)

Future maturities of general long-term debt as of December 31, 2020 are as follows:

Year Ending December 31	Principal	Interest	Total
2021	\$ 11,405,000	\$ 2,213,994	\$ 13,618,994
2022	8,950,000	1,830,468	10,780,468
2023	8,315,000	1,552,400	9,867,400
2024	6,295,000	1,285,550	7,580,550
2025	6,515,000	1,069,400	7,584,400
2026-2034	28,175,000	3,113,300	31,288,300
	\$ 69,655,000	\$ 11,065,112	\$ 80,720,112

Interest expense for bonds was approximately \$3,066,000 for the year ended December 31, 2020.

(b) Loans payable

Loans payable are further broken down as follows:

	Balance January 1, 2020	New Issues/ Increase in Estimates	Retirement/ Decrease in Estimates	Balance December 31, 2020
Note payable (1)	\$ 57,419	\$ -	\$ (12,594)	\$ 44,825
Note payable (2)	129,014	-	(60,007)	69,007
	\$186,433	\$ -	\$ (72,601)	\$113,832

- (1) Note payable from CAC to fund improvements made to one of the Agency's properties located at 388 Clinton Avenue. The note is collateralized by a mortgage agreement on the building located at 388 Clinton Avenue. The note is being amortized over a period of twenty years, with monthly principal and interest payments. The interest rate for the first five years of the note is fixed at 4% and is subject to every five years thereafter to prime plus 1%.
- (2) During 2011, the Agency borrowed the sum of \$500,000 from the Capitalize Albany Corporation to purchase property at 25 Delaware Avenue. The note is collateralized by a mortgage agreement on the property located at 25 Delaware Avenue. The note is being paid over a period of ten years, with monthly principal and interest payments. The balance is due in full at the time of sale or change in ownership of the property. The interest rate is 5.75%. The property acquired was recorded as property held for sale and included in other assets in the statement of net position.

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NOTE 14 — INDEBTEDNESS (Continued)

(c) Due to New York State and Local Retirement System

Each year from 2011 through 2020, the City elected to defer part of their New York State Pension contributions. The deferred portions of the contributions are amortized over twelve or ten years, depending on the year of deferral, at rates of 1.60% - 3.99%.

A summary of future NYSLRS payment obligations as of December 31, 2020 is as follows:

Year Ending December 31	Principal	Interest	Total
2021	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
2022	1,878,302	338,399	2,216,701
2023	1,734,848	274,913	2,009,761
2024	1,331,366	217,007	1,548,373
2025	1,377,402	170,971	1,548,373
2026-2030	3,521,469	293,497	3,814,966
2031-2033	304,949	11,361	316,310
	<u>\$10,148,336</u>	<u>\$1,306,148</u>	<u>\$ 11,454,484</u>

(d) Litigation and contingent liabilities

(1) Judgments and Claims

There are various suits and claims pending against the City during its normal course of business. In the aggregate, these claims seek monetary damages in significant amounts. The City has recognized an accrued liability of approximately \$17,286,000 related to judgments and claims where the outcome of such litigation has been determined to result in probable loss to the City. Litigation where loss to the City is reasonably possible has not been accrued; however, City officials and Corporation Counsel estimate such loss exposure up to \$650,000. The outcome of the remaining claims cannot be determined at this time.

(2) Workers' Compensation Claims

The City self-insures workers' compensation claims. The City and its component units, with the exception of the BID, the Association, and the CBID, all participate in the self-insurance program.

Under the program, the City utilizes a program administrator to process claims as they occur. A liability for unpaid claims based upon individual case estimates for claims incurred as well as claims incurred but not reported (IBNR) at December 31, 2020 has been recorded in the caption "Judgments and Claims." This liability is the City's best estimate based on available information. Changes in the reported liability for 2020 are as follows:

	Balance as of January 1 2020	Current Year Claims and Changes in Estimates	Claim Payments	Balance as of December 31, 2020
Workers' compensation liability	<u>\$ 17,851,172</u>	<u>\$ 4,147,092</u>	<u>(\$4,410,257)</u>	<u>\$ 17,588,007</u>

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NOTE 14 — INDEBTEDNESS (Continued)

(d) *Litigation and contingent liabilities (continued)*

(3) *Grant Programs*

City

The City participates in a number of grant programs. These programs are subject to financial and compliance audits by the grantors or their representatives. The audits of these programs may be conducted periodically in accordance with grantor requirements. Accordingly, the City's compliance with applicable grant requirements will be established at some future date. The amounts of expenditures that may be disallowed by the granting agencies cannot be determined at this time, although the City believes, based upon its review of current activity and prior experience, the amount of such disallowances, if any, will be minimal.

ACDA

The Agency receives a major portion of its annual revenues through Federal and New York State grants. Any significant reduction in grant funding levels could have a negative impact on the Agency and the services it offers. The Agency's grant funding is typically awarded for specific programs or purposes and is subject to review and audit by the grantor agencies or their designee. Such audits could lead to a request for reimbursement to the grantor agency for expenditures disallowed under terms of the applicable grant. Management believes that all grant funds were expended in accordance with applicable terms and does not expect any significant disallowance claims will be made by grantor agencies.

(e) *Landfill closure and post closure care costs*

The City has four landfills, three of which stopped accepting waste prior to December 1993. The fourth, Albany Interim Landfill (AIL), together with its expansions added in 2010 and 2012, is still accepting waste at December 31, 2020. In June 2009, the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) issued a renewal permit to the City to continue operations of the existing landfill through June 2019. The City applied for an extension for this permit, which is currently under review by the NYSDEC. The existing permit does not expire until the NYSDEC has made a final decision on the renewal application.

State and federal laws and regulations require the City to place a final cover on its landfill when it stops accepting waste and to perform certain maintenance and monitoring functions at the site for thirty years after closure. Closure and post closure care costs will be paid only near or after the date that the landfill stops accepting waste. The City reports closure and post closure care costs based on landfill capacity used as of each balance sheet date.

Accrued landfill closure and post closure care costs of approximately \$9,993,000 at December 31, 2020, represent the cumulative amount reported to date based on the use of 100 percent of the estimated capacity of all previously closed landfills and 90 percent of the estimated capacity of the AIL as determined by an independent engineer. The estimated remaining life of the AIL is approximately 3.9 years. The City will recognize the remaining estimated cost of closure and post closure care of \$1,082,000 as the remaining AIL capacity is filled. These amounts are based on what it would cost to perform all closure and post closure care in 2020. Actual cost may be higher due to inflation, changes in technology, or changes in regulations.

The City currently has restricted cash of approximately \$932,000 for payment of closure and post closure care costs.

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NOTE 15 — OTHER POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS

City

In addition to providing pension benefits (see Note 12), the City also provides health care benefits for retired employees, their dependents and certain survivors. Substantially all of the City's employees, as well as employees of the Albany Water Board, may become eligible for those benefits if they reach normal retirement age while working for the City.

The City follows GASB Statement No. 75, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Postemployment Benefits Other Than Pensions*. This statement establishes standards for the recognition, measurement, and display of other postemployment benefits (retiree health insurance) expenses and related liabilities and note disclosure.

Plan Description

The City administers its Retiree Medical Plan (the Plan) as a single-employer defined benefit other postemployment benefit (OPEB) plan. The Plan provides for the continuation of medical benefits to certain qualifying retirees of the City and the Albany Water Board, and their dependents and certain survivors and can be amended by action of the City. The Plan does not currently issue a stand-alone financial report since there are no assets legally segregated for the sole purpose of paying benefits under the Plan.

Funding Policy

The obligations of the Plan members, employers and other entities are established by the City. The required contribution rates of the employer and the members vary depending on the retiree's hiring date and number of years of service to the City. There are no assets accumulated in a trust that meet all of the criteria of GASB 75, paragraph 4, to pay benefits. The City currently contributes enough money to the Plan to satisfy current obligations on a pay-as-you-go basis, with the possibility of prefunding additional benefits if so determined by the City. The costs of administering the plan are paid by the City.

Employees Covered by Benefit Terms

Inactive employees or beneficiaries currently receiving benefit payments	1,347
Inactive employees or beneficiaries entitled to but not yet receiving benefit payments	-
Active employees	<u>1,192</u>
	<u><u>2,539</u></u>

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NOTE 15 — OTHER POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS (Continued)

Actuarial Methods and Assumptions

Actuarial valuations of an ongoing plan involve estimates of the value of reported amounts and assumptions about the probability of occurrence of events far into the future. Examples include assumptions about future employment, mortality, and the healthcare cost trend. Amounts determined regarding the funded status of the plan and the annual required contributions of the employer are subject to continual revision as actual results are compared with past expectations and new estimates are made about the future. Projections of benefits for financial reporting purposes are based on the substantive plan and include the types of benefits provided at the time of each valuation and the historical pattern of sharing of benefit costs (if any) between the employer and plan members to that point. The actuarial methods and assumptions used include techniques that are designed to reduce the effects of short-term volatility in actuarial accrued liabilities and the actuarial value of assets, consistent with the long-term perspective of the calculations.

The City's total OPEB liability, as of December 31, 2020, was measured as of December 31, 2020 and was determined by an actuarial valuation as of January 1, 2020.

The following actuarial assumptions applied to all periods included in the measurement, unless otherwise specified:

Salary increases – 3.0%

Discount rate 12/31/2020 – 2.02%

Discount rate 12/31/2019 – 2.9%

Healthcare cost trend rates: 7.00% decreasing to an ultimate rate of 4.50% by 2032.

The discount rate was based on an average of the Fidelity General Obligation 20-Year AA Municipal Bond Index, the Bond Buyer 20 Bond GO, and S&P Municipal Bond 20 Year High Grade Rate Index.

Mortality rates were based on the Society of Actuaries' Pub-2010 mortality tables with adjustments for mortality improvements based on the most current Society of Actuaries Mortality Improvement Scale MP-2019.

Changes in the Total OPEB Liability

Beginning balance	<u>\$ 609,564,028</u>
Changes for the year:	
Service cost	6,872,668
Interest	12,144,139
Changes of benefit terms	-
Differences between expected and actual experience	-
Changes of assumptions or other inputs	(109,166,262)
Benefit payments	(16,738,048)
Net changes	<u>\$ (106,887,503)</u>
Ending balance	<u>\$ 502,676,525</u>

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NOTE 15 — OTHER POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS (Continued)

Sensitivity of the Total OPEB Liability to Changes in the Discount Rate and Healthcare Cost Trend Rates

The following presents the total OPEB liability of the City, as well as what the City's total OPEB liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate and healthcare cost trend rates that are 1-percentage-point lower or 1-percentage-point higher than the current discount rate and healthcare cost trend rates:

	1.0% Decrease	Current Discount Rate	1.0% Increase
Total OPEB Liability	<u>\$ 624,547,663</u>	<u>\$ 502,676,525</u>	<u>\$ 415,590,872</u>
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	1.0% Decrease	Current Healthcare Trend Rates	1.0% Increase
Total OPEB Liability	<u>\$ 412,602,624</u>	<u>\$ 502,676,525</u>	<u>\$ 628,145,754</u>

OPEB Expense, Deferred Outflows of Resources, and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to OPEB

For the year ended December 31, 2020, the City recognized OPEB expense of \$26,697,897.

At December 31, 2020, the City reported deferred outflows and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB as follows:

Deferred Outflows of Resources

Differences between expected and actual experience	\$ -
Changes of assumptions or other inputs	<u>83,876,423</u>
Total deferred outflows of resources	<u>\$ 83,876,423</u>

Deferred Inflows

Differences between expected and actual experience	\$ -
Changes of assumptions or other inputs	<u>95,554,509</u>
Total deferred Inflows	<u>\$ 95,554,509</u>

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NOTE 15 — OTHER POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS (Continued)

OPEB Expense, Deferred Outflows of Resources, and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to OPEB (Continued)

Amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources will be recognized in OPEB expense as follows:

<u>Year Ended</u>	
2021	\$ 321,208
2022	321,208
2023	321,208
2024	321,208
2025	321,208
Thereafter	<u>(13,284,126)</u>
	<u><u>\$(11,678,086)</u></u>

NOTE 16 — SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

Subsequent events have been evaluated through December 15, 2021, which is the date the financial statements were available to be issued.

In March 2021, the City issued \$59,304,275 in BANs. The BANs are due March 25, 2022. The BANs carry an interest rate of 3.00%.

The proceeds of the BANs, along with available funds, were used to redeem the \$44,672,719 BANs that were issued in 2020 and matured March 26, 2021, and also provide new funds for various capital purposes and improvements.

NOTE 17 — RISKS AND UNCERTAINTIES

Global and domestic responses to the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic continue to rapidly evolve. The initial effect, which centered around global financial markets, has since spread to all businesses.

In response to the pandemic, The American Rescue Plan Act (the Act) of 2021 established the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund (CSFRF) and Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund (CLFRF) which provides assistance to eligible state, local, territorial, and Tribal governments. The City was allocated approximately \$80,700,000 as part of the Act to help replace lost revenues, cover COVID related expenses, and reverse the economic impacts of the pandemic.

The City is projected to face significant revenue impacts due to the pandemic between 2020 and 2024 that will require the majority of the American Rescue Plan funding. Beyond this much-needed relief for fiscal stress and operations, a portion of the stimulus package will be set aside to ensure resources get to where they are needed to restart Albany, re-open businesses, prevent evictions, and strengthen the community's not-for-profit organizations. In March 2021, a COVID Recovery Task Force was established to ensure the City of Albany equitably and strategically maximizes the resources available to our residents, businesses, and community organizations.

The full extent of COVID-19's effect on the City's operational and financial performance will depend on future developments, including the duration, spread, and intensity of the pandemic, the impact of the additional funding, and changes to the political and economic environment, all of which are uncertain considering the rapidly evolving landscape.

REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

CITY OF ALBANY, NEW YORK

SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND MODIFIED BUDGET AND ACTUAL – GENERAL AND SPECIAL REVENUE FUND

For the Year Ended December 31, 2020

	General Fund				Special Revenue Fund			
	Original Budget	Final Adopted Budget	Actual	Actual Over (Under) Final Budget	Original Budget	Final Adopted Budget	Actual	Actual Over (Under) Final Budget
REVENUES								
Real property taxes	\$ 58,550,000	\$ 58,550,000	\$ 58,469,001	\$ (80,999)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Sales and use taxes	36,546,243	36,546,243	34,098,653	(2,447,590)	-	-	-	-
Other taxes	2,808,060	2,808,060	2,676,032	(132,028)	-	-	-	-
Payments in lieu of taxes	20,003,760	20,003,760	19,273,374	(730,386)	-	-	-	-
Intergovernmental revenue	30,057,343	32,920,180	29,197,678	(3,722,502)	2,689,445	3,039,445	2,410,792	(628,653)
Charges for services	11,821,855	11,821,855	10,393,066	(1,428,789)	-	-	-	-
Fines, interest and penalties	5,475,000	5,475,000	4,844,315	(630,685)	-	-	-	-
Use of money and properties	694,080	694,080	361,802	(332,278)	-	-	-	-
Licenses and permits	3,858,750	5,291,911	5,360,888	68,977	-	-	-	-
Other revenues	6,608,960	6,746,158	3,984,735	(2,761,423)	-	-	-	-
Total revenues	176,424,051	180,857,247	168,659,544	(12,197,703)	2,689,445	3,039,445	2,410,792	(628,653)
EXPENDITURES								
Public safety and regulation	97,002,000	99,619,443	100,445,272	825,829	-	-	-	-
General government	26,361,572	27,293,454	24,633,111	(2,660,343)	-	-	-	-
Highways and streets	5,620,943	5,960,016	4,741,494	(1,218,522)	-	-	-	-
Recreation and culture	4,405,628	5,225,617	2,496,117	(2,729,500)	-	-	-	-
Community service	8,101,378	7,352,986	6,944,776	(408,210)	-	-	-	-
Economic development and assistance	-	-	-	-	2,689,445	3,039,445	2,471,387	(568,058)
Employee benefits	11,298,930	11,772,131	15,062,593	3,290,462	-	-	-	-
Debt service	23,633,600	23,633,600	21,023,260	(2,610,340)	-	-	-	-
Total expenditures	176,424,051	180,857,247	175,346,623	(5,510,624)	2,689,445	3,039,445	2,471,387	(568,058)
Excess (deficiency) of revenues and appropriated fund balance over expenditures	-	-	(6,687,079)	(6,687,079)	-	-	(60,595)	(60,595)
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)								
Transfers	-	-	(2,237,725)	(2,237,725)	-	-	-	-
Premium on bonds and bond anticipation notes issued	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total other financing sources (uses)	-	-	(2,237,725)	(2,237,725)	-	-	-	-
Excess (deficiency) of revenues, appropriated fund balance and other financing sources over expenditures and other financing uses	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (8,924,804)	\$ (8,924,804)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (60,595)	\$ (60,595)

CITY OF ALBANY, NEW YORK

SCHEDULE OF THE CITY'S PROPORTIONATE SHARE OF THE NET PENSION ASSET / (LIABILITY) NEW YORK STATE POLICE AND FIRE RETIREMENT SYSTEM

As of the measurement date of March 31,	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
City's proportion of the net pension liability	1.375324%	1.389398%	1.369718%	1.454527%	1.408760%	1.465709%
City's proportionate share of the net pension liability	\$(73,510,222)	\$(23,301,086)	\$(13,844,521)	\$(30,147,273)	\$(41,710,392)	\$ (4,034,505)
City's covered-employee payroll	\$ 49,687,812	\$ 47,463,780	\$ 47,463,780	\$ 49,618,689	\$ 45,463,467	\$ 48,692,865
City's proportionate share of the net pension liability as a percentage of its covered-employee payroll	147.94%	49.09%	29.17%	60.76%	91.74%	8.29%
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability	<u>84.86%</u>	<u>95.09%</u>	<u>96.93%</u>	<u>93.50%</u>	<u>90.20%</u>	<u>97.90%</u>

Data prior to 2015 is unavailable.

The following is a summary of assumption changes:

	2020	2019	2016	2015
Inflation	2.5%	2.5%	2.5%	2.7%
Salary increases	5.0%	5.0%	4.5%	6.0%
Cost of living adjustments	1.3%	1.3%	1.3%	1.4%
Investment rate of return	6.8%	7.0%	7.0%	7.5%
Discount rate	6.8%	7.0%	7.0%	7.5%

No changes to assumptions from 2016 through 2018.

CITY OF ALBANY, NEW YORK
SCHEDULE OF CONTRIBUTIONS
NEW YORK STATE POLICE AND FIRE RETIREMENT SYSTEM
(LAST 10 FISCAL YEARS)

March 31,	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011
Contractually required contribution	\$ 10,821,054	\$ 10,855,351	\$ 10,718,641	\$ 12,145,867	\$ 10,552,391	\$ 12,094,801	\$ 13,912,995	\$ 11,250,128	\$ 8,931,589	\$ 7,911,276
Contribution in relation to the contractually required contribution	(10,821,054)	(10,855,351)	(10,718,641)	(12,145,867)	(10,552,391)	(12,094,801)	(13,912,995)	(11,250,128)	(8,931,589)	(7,911,276)
Contribution deficiency (excess)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
City's covered-employee payroll	\$ 49,687,812	\$ 50,033,104	\$ 47,463,780	\$ 49,618,689	\$ 45,463,467	\$ 48,692,865	\$ 49,765,799	\$ 45,236,096	\$ 45,132,856	\$ 47,211,057
Contributions as a percentage of covered-employee payroll	21.78%	21.70%	22.58%	24.48%	23.21%	24.84%	27.96%	24.87%	19.79%	16.76%

CITY OF ALBANY, NEW YORK

SCHEDULE OF THE CITY'S PROPORTIONATE SHARE OF THE NET PENSION ASSET / (LIABILITY) NEW YORK STATE AND LOCAL EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM

As of the measurement date of March 31,	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
City's proportion of the net pension liability	0.109737%	0.112003%	0.112700%	0.113703%	0.119550%	0.132978%
City's proportionate share of the net pension liability	\$ (29,058,918)	\$ (7,935,785)	\$ (3,637,344)	\$ (10,683,797)	\$ (19,188,066)	\$ (4,492,317)
City's covered-employee payroll	\$ 29,446,468	\$ 28,245,346	\$ 28,245,346	\$ 27,923,236	\$ 27,697,230	\$ 31,518,901
City's proportionate share of the net pension liability as a percentage of its covered-employee payroll	98.68%	28.10%	12.88%	38.26%	69.28%	14.25%
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability	<u>86.39%</u>	<u>96.27%</u>	<u>98.24%</u>	<u>94.70%</u>	<u>90.70%</u>	<u>99.00%</u>

Data prior to 2015 is unavailable.

The following is a summary of assumption changes:

	2020	2019	2016	2015
Inflation	2.5%	2.5%	2.5%	2.7%
Salary increases	4.2%	4.2%	3.8%	4.9%
Cost of living adjustments	1.3%	1.3%	1.3%	1.4%
Investment rate of return	6.8%	7.0%	7.0%	7.5%
Discount rate	6.8%	7.0%	7.0%	7.5%

No changes to assumptions from 2016 through 2018.

CITY OF ALBANY, NEW YORK
SCHEDULE OF CONTRIBUTIONS
NEW YORK STATE AND LOCAL EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM
(LAST 10 FISCAL YEARS)

March 31,	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011
Contractually required contribution	\$ 3,924,727	\$ 3,968,528	\$ 3,982,586	\$ 4,880,229	\$ 4,859,954	\$ 6,368,984	\$ 6,424,534	\$ 5,449,165	\$ 4,539,660	\$ 3,619,931
Contribution in relation to the contractually required contribution	(3,924,727)	(3,968,528)	(3,982,586)	(4,880,229)	(4,859,954)	(6,368,984)	(6,424,534)	(5,449,165)	(4,539,660)	(3,619,931)
Contribution deficiency (excess)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
City's covered-employee payroll	\$ 29,446,468	\$ 28,973,481	\$ 28,245,346	\$ 27,923,236	\$ 27,697,230	\$ 31,518,901	\$ 30,963,158	\$ 30,566,919	\$ 31,109,237	\$ 32,607,589
Contributions as a percentage of covered-employee payroll	13.33%	13.70%	14.10%	17.48%	17.55%	20.21%	20.75%	17.83%	14.59%	11.10%

CITY OF ALBANY, NEW YORK

SCHEDULE OF CHANGES IN THE CITY'S TOTAL OPEB LIABILITY AND RELATED RATIOS

	2020	2019	2018
Total OPEB liability			
Service cost	\$ 6,872,668	\$ 5,092,227	\$ 4,083,647
Interest	12,144,139	17,248,279	18,084,292
Changes of benefit terms	-	-	-
Differences between expected and actual experience	-	-	-
Changes of assumptions or other inputs	(109,166,262)	111,742,345	-
Benefit payments	(16,738,048)	(15,089,450)	(14,999,483)
Net changes in total OPEB liability	\$ (106,887,503)	\$ 118,993,401	\$ 7,168,456
Total OPEB liability - beginning	<u>\$ 609,564,028</u>	<u>\$ 490,570,627</u>	<u>\$ 483,402,171</u>
Total OPEB liability - ending	<u>\$ 502,676,525</u>	<u>\$ 609,564,028</u>	<u>\$ 490,570,627</u>

Data prior to 2018 is unavailable.

The following is a summary of assumption changes:

	2020	2019	2018
Discount rate	2.02%	2.90%	3.80%