

CITY of CAMDEN  
Camden, South Carolina

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS and  
REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION  
For the Year Ended June 30, 2024

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## Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

### ***Opinions***

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, major funds and the aggregate remaining fund information of City of Camden, South Carolina as of and for the year ended June 30, 2024, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, the major funds and the aggregate remaining fund information of City of Camden, South Carolina as of June 30, 2024, and the respective changes in financial position, and where applicable, cash flows thereof for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

### ***Basis for Opinions***

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in the *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of City of Camden, South Carolina, and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

### ***Responsibilities of Management 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.

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about City of Camden, South Carolina's ability to continue as a going concern for twelve months beyond the financial statement date, including any currently known information that may raise substantial doubt shortly thereafter.

## ***Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements***

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

In performing an audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of City of Camden, South Carolina's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.
- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events considered in the aggregate, which raise substantial doubt about City of Camden, South Carolina's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

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

### **Other Matters**

#### ***Required Supplementary Information***

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis, budgetary comparison information, the schedule of City's contributions and the schedule of City's proportionate share of the net pension liability be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Management has omitted the management's discussion and analysis that accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require to be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. Our opinion on the basic financial statements is not affected by this missing information. 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.

### *Supplemental Information*

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the basic financial statements. The supplementary schedules, as listed in the table of contents, are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements.

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

### ***Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards***

In accordance with Government Auditing Standards, we have also issued our report dated January 16, 2025, on our consideration of City of Camden, South Carolina's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of City of Camden, South Carolina's internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with Government Auditing Standards in considering City of Camden, South Carolina's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

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January 16, 2025

**CITY OF CAMDEN, SOUTH CAROLINA  
MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS  
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024**

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**MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS**

Our discussion and analysis of the City of Camden's financial performance and statistics summarizes the City's annual report for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024. **Please read this document in conjunction with the City's basic audited financial statements. References to relevant pages are included in the following narrative.**

**City Highlights**

The City of Camden is the county seat of Kershaw County, South Carolina. The current population, as stated in the 2020 census, is approximately 7,788. City population growth since the 2020 census is estimated to have increased by fifteen (15) percent. The City is located approximately 30 miles east of Columbia, SC.

Business activity in Fiscal Year 2024 remained steady with the City seeing the opening of several new retail outlets and restaurants. Businesses at the shopping complexes known as "River Oaks", the "Camden Square" shopping center formally known as the Bi-Lo Center, and the Hwy 521 corridor near I-20 continued to do well. The retail sales portion of the increase in private sector businesses has strengthened the effect of the local option sales tax. All revenue generated from this local option sales tax is required to be used as a credit to property tax.

The City's hospitality tax exceeded budgeted revenue by 13% in FY 2024 and has increased by 36% since FY 2021, enhancing tourism, recreational and cultural activities. The tax is applied to the sale of prepared food and beverage. Council's desire to focus on tourism allows our tourism department to continue to promote Camden in a positive light as a destination for the wide variety of resources the City and County have to offer.

During the 2024 fiscal year, the City continued successful emphasis on increased visitation and events as well as the Economic Development of The City of Camden.

The five-year property re-appraisal will occur during the 2024 year and will affect the taxes collected for the fiscal year ending in June of 2024. The estimated appraisal values have changed over the past five years as follows:

2020	\$ 776,831,073
2021	\$ 777,786,947
2022	\$ 834,529,775
2023	\$ 973,082,643
2024	\$1,019,558,293

The proprietary fund comprises the electric system, water system and sewer system. The customer base has been very stable over the past few years. The number of customers for water (7400) and sewer (4800) which have grown from previous year levels. The electric system has approximately 11,000 customers.

Fiscal year 2024 saw the completion of the new Prestage Farms project which the City of Camden will be providing sewage treatment to. Usage of approximately 500,000 gallons per month is expected.

In July 2024, City Council appointed Mr. Matt DeWitt as City Manager for the City of Camden. Matt has over 20 years of public administration experience, with 15 years of municipal service, and 7 of those coming as City Manager for the City of Newberry, SC. Prior to coming to Camden, Dewitt was the utility director of a fast-growing municipality in Lexington County, SC. Matt received his Master's in Public Administration from Clemson University, holds an additional Master's degree from Troy University in Alabama, and received his undergraduate degree from Newberry College. Matt looks forward to helping shape and grow the future in Camden, SC and thinks the future is looking very bright.

**Using This Annual Report**

This annual report comprises a series of financial statements pertaining to both the City as a whole (government-wide) and the major individual funds. Information concerning the City as a whole is found in the Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities on pages 11 and 12 of the audited financial statements. The major individual funds are the governmental fund and the proprietary fund.

The financial statements for governmental activities are pages 13 through 16 of the audited financial statements. These statements tell how services were financed in the short term as well as what is reserved for future spending.

The proprietary fund statements are pages 17 through 18 of the audited financial statements. The proprietary fund statements report the business-like operations in more detail than the government-wide statements. A detailed cash flow statement is provided about the City's proprietary fund, the most financially significant fund, on page 19.

## **Government-Wide Financial Statements**

The analysis of the City as a whole begins on this page of the report. The government-wide financial statements are designed to be corporate-like in that all governmental and business-type activities are consolidated into columns and are added for a total Primary Government. The Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities report information about the City as a whole and about its activities in a way that helps answer the following question. Is the City better off or worse off as a result of the current year's activities. The statements include all assets and all liabilities using the accrual basis of accounting, which is similar to the accounting used by most private sector companies. Accruals of the current year's revenues and expenses are taken into account regardless of when cash is received or paid.

Over time, increases or decreases in the City's net position indicate whether its financial health is improving or deteriorating. We must also consider other nonfinancial factors, such as changes in the City's property tax base and the condition of the City's capital assets, to assess the overall health of the City.

## **Fund Financial Statements**

**Governmental funds:** Most of the City's basic services are reported in the governmental fund statements, which focus on how money flows in and out of the governmental fund. The financial plan or budget is typically developed on the basis of sources and uses of liquid resources. The flow and availability of liquid resources is a clear and appropriate focus of any analysis of a government. The supplemental governmental fund financial statements on pages 49, 50 and 51 allow a detailed review of budgetary compliance associated with current year sources and uses.

**Proprietary funds:** When the City charges customers for the services it provides, whether to outside customers or to customers within the City, these services are reported in a proprietary fund. Proprietary funds are consolidated in the City-wide Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities. In addition, the City's proprietary fund (business type fund) is reported in more detail with a cash flow statement on page 18 and a supplemental statement of revenues and expenses on page 59 of the audited financial statements. Page 60 presents a budget versus actual comparison for this fund.

## **Net Position of the City as a Whole**

The following information is a condensed Statement of Net Position with discussion about the current year's changes from last year's total net position.

The City's combined net position changed from a year ago, increasing from \$85,814,855 at the end of fiscal year 2023 to \$104,674,034 at year-end 2024. This \$18,859,179 or 22% increase in net position is a result of current year's activities.

### **NET POSITION as of 6/30/24**

	Governmental Activities		Proprietary Fund Activities		Total Primary Government	
	2024	2023	2024	2023	2024	2023
Current and other assets	\$14,470,976	\$ 12,617,399	\$ 14,006,425	\$ 6,522,590	\$ 28,477,401	\$ 19,139,989
Receivables	1,343,444	1,471,881	4,883,743	3,856,355	6,227,187	5,328,236
Non-Current assets	805,798	543,119	2,325,021	2,641,761	3,130,819	3,184,880
Other assets	384,888	110,913	2,176,844	2,739,227	2,561,732	2,850,140
Capital assets	25,551,945	22,726,199	116,340,965	117,629,858	141,892,910	140,356,057
Assets	42,557,051	37,469,511	139,732,998	133,389,791	182,290,049	170,859,302
Deferred Outflow	2,986,181	3,872,560	1,207,413	1,694,679	4,193,594	5,567,239
Total assets/outflow	<u>\$45,543,232</u>	<u>\$ 41,342,071</u>	<u>\$ 140,940,411</u>	<u>\$ 135,084,470</u>	<u>\$ 186,483,643</u>	<u>\$ 176,426,541</u>
Current liabilities	\$ 2,428,469	\$ 1,681,154	\$ 7,992,510	\$ 7,591,210	\$ 10,420,979	\$ 9,272,364
Long term liabilities	19,433,289	23,352,598	40,627,381	46,695,679	60,060,670	70,048,277
Liabilities	21,861,758	25,033,752	48,619,891	54,286,889	70,481,649	79,320,641
Deferred Inflow	3,782,266	3,263,181	7,545,694	8,027,864	11,327,960	11,291,045
Total liabilities/inflow	<u>\$25,644,024</u>	<u>\$ 28,296,933</u>	<u>\$ 56,165,585</u>	<u>\$ 62,314,753</u>	<u>\$ 81,809,609</u>	<u>\$ 90,611,686</u>
Net position:						
Investment in capital assets	\$19,129,342	\$ 17,764,611	\$ 76,356,770	\$ 73,296,468	\$ 95,486,112	\$ 91,061,079
Restricted for debt service	264,230	252,518	1,771,142	2,091,847	2,035,372	2,344,365
Restricted for special purposes	177,845	167,902	-	-	177,845	167,902
Unrestricted	327,791	(5,139,893)	6,646,914	(2,618,598)	6,974,705	(7,758,491)
Total net position	<u>\$19,899,208</u>	<u>\$ 13,045,138</u>	<u>\$ 84,774,826</u>	<u>\$ 72,769,717</u>	<u>\$ 104,674,034</u>	<u>\$ 85,814,855</u>

### **Governmental Fund Budgetary Highlights**

The General Fund budget for the fiscal year 2024 was \$14,151,827. This was an increase of \$2,059,585 from the previous year. During the year, certain variances developed as follows: Property tax collections were \$238,671 more than budgeted. This was due to a decrease in the local option sales tax credit increasing property tax collections. Local Option Sales Tax of \$207,703 more than budget. Business licenses fees were \$633,371 more than budgeted. Grants in the amount of \$365,730 were received from Federal, State, and local agencies. The total expenditures, including all account variances, were \$294,4720 less than the cash-operating budget. The expense unfavorable budget combined with the income overage of \$1,077,518 resulted in a net actual gain on budget of \$1,372,238. Other revenue gains include grant money to cover expenditures, insurance reimbursements and other small variances from budget.

### **Discussion of Changes in Governmental Fund Net Position**

The net position of the City governmental fund had increased by \$6,854,070 to a balance of \$19,899,208 in 2024 from \$13,045,138 in 2023.

The increase in fund balance is a net income increase in general fund of \$7,354,070 less a prior period adjustment of \$500,000.

The City's capital outlay in 2024 was \$4,044,365 and recorded \$1,218,619 as depreciation expense. The difference is an increase to net position in the amount of \$2,825,746. The primary additions to capital assets were various sidewalk and street improvements of \$1,532,258, the purchase of a Firetruck for \$881,957, the purchase of radio system for \$855,530 and the purchase of six vehicles for \$365,446.

Additional debt this year was \$2,500,000 and repayments of debt in the amount of \$1,038,985 decreasing net position.

The net amount in compensated absences decreased by \$56,074 from \$197,349 in 2023 to \$141,275 in 2024. This change increased net position. Also, the decrease in net OPEB liability due to changes in post-employment benefits increased the net position in the amount of \$4,351,287 and the current year decrease of net pension liabilities of \$255,280 increased the net position.

### **Summary:**

	<b>Contribution to Net Position</b>	
	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
Fund Balance Improvement (Decline)	\$ 1,326,698	\$ 3,433,041
Net Capital Asset Investment	2,825,746	(817,839)
Net (Increase) Decrease in Debt	(1,461,015)	(42,746)
OPEB Obligations (GASB 45)	4,351,287	(608,836)
GASB 68 Implementation	255,280	154,295
(Increase) Decrease in Compensated Absences	56,074	659
Net Change	<u>\$ 7,354,070</u>	<u>\$ 2,118,574</u>

### **Discussion of Changes in Proprietary Fund Net Position**

The net position of the City proprietary fund had increased by \$12,005,109 or 17%, from \$72,769,717 in 2023 to \$84,774,826 in 2024. This can be analyzed in greater detail on the Statements of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Position on page 17 of the audited financial statements.

A \$10,325,375 contribution to operating income was recorded by the electric division. This gain was \$4,118,774 more than the business plan had anticipated. Electric revenues were less than budget by \$1,322,568. Operating costs of the electric division were \$5,441,342 less than budgeted. Purchased power was \$659,133 less than budget. Other operating and maintenance costs were \$1,499,202 more than the budgeted amount.

A \$1,788,189 contribution to operating income was recorded by the water division. This was \$11,252 more than budgeted. The water division revenues were less than budget by \$341,807.

A \$1,786,766 gain was posted to operating income by the sewer division. This was \$1,313,958 more budgeted. Sewer division revenue was more than budget by \$1,690,269.



Other net operating income totaled \$1,260,317. This was \$463,317 more than the budgeted plan.

The City policy to transfer funds annually to the governmental fund reduced the proprietary fund retained earnings by \$2,266,000.

**Summary:**

Division	Contribution to Net Position	
	2024	2023
Electric Department	\$ 10,325,375	\$ 7,180,366
Water Department	1,788,189	879,713
Sewer Department	1,786,766	718,926
Other Operating Income	1,260,317	5,204,773
Non-operating Rev. (Exp.)	(770,138)	(600,392)
Transfers Out	(2,266,000)	(2,066,000)
Net Change	<u>\$ 12,124,509</u>	<u>\$ 11,317,386</u>

**City-wide Summary:**

	Change in Net Position	
	2024	2023
Governmental Fund	\$ 7,354,070	\$ 2,118,574
Proprietary Fund	\$ 12,124,509	\$ 11,317,386
Total City of Camden	<u>\$ 19,478,579</u>	<u>\$ 13,435,960</u>

**Summary of Revenues and Expenses  
Changes in Net Position as of 06/30/24**

	Governmental Activity		Proprietary Activity		Total	
	2024	2023	2024	2023	2024	2023
<b>Revenues:</b>						
Taxes	\$ 7,512,004	\$ 6,897,348	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 7,512,004	\$ 6,897,348
Licenses and Permits	4,078,887	3,032,710	-	-	4,078,887	3,032,710
Intergovernmental	887,867	841,745	-	-	887,867	841,745
Charge for Services	2,379,133	2,276,319	-	-	2,379,133	2,276,319
Fines	182,010	150,645	-	-	182,010	150,645
Miscellaneous	1,096,155	1,243,056	-	-	1,096,155	1,243,056
Electric Revenue	-	-	28,033,501	29,775,663	28,033,501	29,775,663
Water Revenue	-	-	5,184,269	4,269,007	5,184,269	4,269,007
Sewer Revenue	-	-	4,940,269	2,978,455	4,940,269	2,978,455
Other Operating	-	-	1,193,429	983,943	1,193,429	983,943
Interest Income	-	-	393,079	298,334	393,079	298,334
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<u>16,136,056</u>	<u>14,441,823</u>	<u>39,744,547</u>	<u>38,305,402</u>	<u>55,880,603</u>	<u>52,747,225</u>
<b>Expenses:</b>						
General Government	3,487,581	3,206,825	-	-	3,487,581	3,206,825
Public Safety	6,330,624	6,388,984	-	-	6,330,624	6,388,984
Highways and Streets	2,943,252	1,277,588	-	-	2,943,252	1,277,588
Sanitation	1,611,294	1,743,124	-	-	1,611,294	1,743,124
Culture and Recreation	1,708,858	1,712,800	-	-	1,708,858	1,712,800
Non-Departmental	3,541,382	1,450,145	-	-	3,541,382	1,450,145
Electric Cost	-	-	17,708,126	22,595,297	17,708,126	22,595,297
Water Cost	-	-	3,396,080	3,389,294	3,396,080	3,389,294
Sewer Cost	-	-	3,153,503	2,259,529	3,153,503	2,259,529
Loss on Disposal of Assets	-	-	-	-	-	-
Interest Expense	-	-	1,163,217	600,392	1,163,217	600,392
<b>Total Expense</b>	<u>19,622,991</u>	<u>15,779,466</u>	<u>25,420,926</u>	<u>28,844,512</u>	<u>45,043,917</u>	<u>44,623,978</u>
Income before Transfers	(3,486,935)	(1,337,643)	14,323,621	9,460,890	10,836,686	8,123,247
Transfers In/ (Out)	2,266,000	2,066,000	(2,266,000)	(2,066,000)	-	-
Sale of Assets	47,633	1,829,684	-	-	47,633	1,829,684
Grant Income	-	-	66,888	3,922,496	66,888	3,922,496
Fund Bal Changes pg 16	6,027,372	(1,314,467)	-	-	6,027,372	(1,314,467)
Capital Financing	2,500,000	875,000	-	-	2,500,000	875,000
Change in Net Position	7,354,070	2,118,574	12,124,509	11,317,386	19,478,579	13,435,960
Beginning Net Position	13,045,138	10,926,564	72,769,717	60,369,805	85,814,855	71,296,369
Prior Period Adjustment	(500,000)	-	(119,400)	1,082,526	(619,400)	1,082,526
Ending Net Position	<u>\$ 19,899,208</u>	<u>\$ 13,045,138</u>	<u>\$ 84,774,826</u>	<u>\$ 72,769,717</u>	<u>\$ 104,674,034</u>	<u>\$ 85,814,855</u>

## **Restricted Assets and Other Reserves**

As a result of providing utility service to approximately 11,000 customers, the City maintains a reserve to cover un-collectable debt. The reserve fund for bad debts was \$467,429 as of June 30, 2024. Additionally, the utility fund customer deposits are maintained as a restricted reserve. This amount was \$968,623 as of June 30, 2024. The City Council passed an ordinance for a tax millage increase beginning in 2002. A portion of the tax increase is specifically restricted for road paving. As of June 30, 2024, the road paving reserve balance was \$421,554. City Council also restricted funds for capital projects. The capital projects fund balance was \$628,736 as of June 30, 2024. The City sold a watershed property during the year 2001. The principal balance amount of the sale, \$925,500, could not be spent without an authorizing resolution. In March 2011, City Council approved the reduction of the watershed account by the amount of \$375,000 to be used for the purchase of property from the Kershaw County School District. In May 2011, City Council approved the sale of a portion of the property purchased in the amount of \$113,631 and resolved that the sale proceeds be placed into the watershed restricted account. This purchase and sale of property resulted in a net balance of \$664,131 in the restricted watershed property account. In March 2011, City Council approved the reduction of the watershed account amount by \$363,967 to be used for the purchase of property on Campbell Street. In June of 2014, City Council approved the reduction of the watershed account amount by \$212,000 to be used to purchase property located at the corner of Broad St. and Rutledge (Maxway Property). In September 2015, the property known as Pine Tree Hill School was sold to Kershaw Health for \$266,720. This was placed back into the restricted account and resulted in a balance of \$270,281 in the restricted watershed property account at June 2024.

A local hospitality tax in the amount of 2% went into effect December 2009. City Council resolved to restrict the hospitality tax to tourism related expenditures. The balance in the hospitality tax fund was \$1,602,338 as of June 30, 2024.

Local option sales tax (1.0%) must be used to offset property taxes levied on the citizens of the City. Each year the balance of local option tax receipts less tax credits given to the taxpayers is reserved for the next year tax credits. The reserve was \$541,568 as of June 30, 2024.

### **Summary of Capital Assets**

As of 06/30/24

(Net of Depreciation)

	Governmental Activity		Proprietary Activity		Total	
	2024	2023	2024	2023	2024	2023
Land and Improvements	\$ 3,401,534	\$ 3,207,235	\$ 426,157	\$ 426,157	\$ 3,827,691	\$ 3,633,392
Buildings and Improvements	11,998,598	13,127,488	140,226	148,089	12,138,824	13,275,577
Equipment	1,044,670	112,455	-	-	1,044,670	112,455
Streets, Sidewalks, Etc.	5,896,410	4,303,260	-	-	5,896,410	4,303,260
Automotive Equipment	3,210,733	1,975,761	538,955	670,054	3,749,688	2,645,815
Electric System	-	-	41,107,557	41,059,340	41,107,557	41,059,340
Water System	-	-	19,475,710	20,036,355	19,475,710	20,036,355
Sewer System	-	-	19,771,723	20,508,131	19,771,723	20,508,131
Electric Instruments	-	-	271,841	324,982	271,841	324,982
Water Instruments	-	-	482,547	524,086	482,547	524,086
Sewer Instruments	-	-	61,479	134,329	61,479	134,329
Office Machines	-	-	-	-	-	-
Wastewater Treatment Plant	-	-	25,949,155	27,257,839	25,949,155	27,257,839
Total	25,551,945	22,726,199	108,225,350	111,089,362	133,777,295	133,815,561
Construction in Progress	-	-	8,115,615	6,522,496	8,115,615	6,522,496
Total	\$ 25,551,945	\$ 22,726,199	\$ 116,340,965	\$ 117,611,858	\$ 141,892,910	\$ 140,338,057

Please refer to Note 3 of the following audited financial statements for a review of capital asset transactions.

## **Operating Cash**

The City maintains one consolidated checking account for the combined governmental fund and proprietary fund. The City's general ledger accounting system separates all transactions and applies cash transactions to the appropriate individual fund. The consolidated cash balance is \$7,336,367 as of June 30, 2024. Other general fund liquid investments totaled \$3,681,261 at year-end. As of June 30, 2024, the general fund unrestricted operating cash adjusted for receivables and payables is \$8,925,322. The excess unrestricted cash excludes the deferred revenue already received for the upcoming fiscal year. Based on cash needs for the fiscal year 2023/2024 this balance will support the City for 235 days. The proprietary fund operating cash and investment balances adjusted for receivables is \$20,424,614 which allows 224 days of excess working cash.

### **City-wide Debt**

The City has an excellent payment record. The City has never defaulted on the payment of debt principal or interest. Although we show increases in City wide net assets for the current year's activities, we continue to reflect a strong financial position net of debt for future capital expenditures and street paving. Restricted funds totaling \$1,771,142 are funds reserved in lieu of debt in order to provide services. City staff and Council face the needs of a community with very old infrastructure and very high service expectations.

### **Governmental Fund Debt**

The total debt of the City is relatively low in proportion to the taxable property in relation to other South Carolina municipalities. The governmental fund has \$2,653,000 outstanding in revenue bond debt. At June 30, 2024, the governmental fund had a \$3,769,603 balance of capital lease/bond debt. The annual amount of principal paid for all general fund debt was \$1,038,985 for fiscal year 2024.

### **Proprietary Fund Long Term Debt**

The proprietary fund currently has a balance, as of June 30, 2024, of \$40,080,000 committed to long term debt.

History-Old debt is comprised of four issues of combined public utility revenue bonds. The largest bond issue during 1997 was used to build a 6.0 MGD state of the art water treatment plant near Lake Wateree. The 1997 bond was refunded with a 2004 issue.

A series 2002 revenue bond was issued for major repairs to the electric system, water lines and sewer system in the amount of \$4,200,000. A bond issue for \$6,000,000 was issued during fiscal year 2004. In November 2007, a revenue bond for continued infrastructure repairs was issued in the amount of \$1,273,000. A revenue bond 2011A, in the amount of \$475,000 was issued to refund a portion of the 1997 Bond during the 2011 fiscal year. A portion of the Series 2004 Bond was advance refunded through the issuance of the Series 2014A Bond. The advance refunding extinguished \$3,695,000 of the 2004 Bond. Series 2015 and 2016 was issued for major electric underground projects and repairs in the total amount of \$13,080,000. SRF Funding in the amount of \$12,325,986 for water and sewer renovations to include the area of Kendall Mill Village and the SCDOT Bypass. In 2018, Revenue Bond Series 2018 was issued for various projects in communities in the City in the amount of \$6,758,000. In 2019, SRF funded advances for loans for the communities of Kirkwood and Ehrenclou areas in the amount of 4,046,726.

The debt balance for the construction of a new wastewater treatment plant was \$25,563,913 at June 30, 2020. A revenue bond was issued during fiscal year 2010 in the amount of \$3,000,000 for engineering, planning, design, and infrastructure related to the new wastewater treatment plant. The debt will be serviced as needed by rate increases for combined utility services with the payments that began September 2016. The debt amount for the upgrades and rehabilitation of several electric projects in beginning in 2015/2016 was \$13,080,000 with an interest rate of 2.4% with a 15-year term.

In September 2020, the City refinanced all proprietary debt at a lower interest rate with the exception of the Series 2012A bond, the Series 2013A bond and the Series 2014A bond. After refinancing the debt, the amount needed to service the combined utility system debt annually for the next five years is approximately \$6,550,048. The following debt coverage ratios have been in place for the last three years.

#### **Long Term Debt Service Coverage Proprietary Fund**

	2022	2023	2024
Net Income	\$ 1,273,806	\$ 13,383,386	\$14,389,632
Depreciation	5,572,714	5,602,916	5,737,805
Grant Income	-	(3,922,496)	(66,888)
Interest Expense on Bonds	953,424	600,392	1,163,217
Net Available for Debt From Operations	<u>\$ 7,799,944</u>	<u>\$ 15,664,198</u>	<u>\$21,223,766</u>
 Total Debt Service Requirement	 <u>\$ 6,751,387</u>	 <u>\$ 6,437,060</u>	 <u>\$ 6,358,103</u>
Coverage Ratio	1.16	2.43	3.34

The debt coverage ratio was 3.34 in 2024, allowing the City to meet the required debt coverage ratio. The City implemented the following changes beginning in the June 30, 2024 fiscal year to insure that the City continues to meet the debt service requirement.

1-Implemented a Fuel Service Adjustment on all electric consumption to pass through the rising costs of natural gas used to produce purchased power.

2-Approved an electric rate increase of 10%

#### Summary of Outstanding Debt

	Governmental Activity		Proprietary Activity		Total City	
	2024	2023	2024	2023	2024	2023
Bond Obligations	\$ 2,653,000	\$ 3,008,000	\$ 40,080,000	\$ 44,525,000	\$ 42,733,000	\$ 47,533,000
Capital Leases	3,769,603	1,953,588	-	-	3,769,603	1,953,588
 Total	 \$ 6,422,603	 \$ 4,961,588	 \$ 40,080,000	 \$ 44,525,000	 \$ 46,502,603	 \$ 49,486,588

**Please refer to pages 31 through 33 (Note # 4 and # 5) of the audited financial statements for a detailed presentation of the City-wide debt.**

**\*Calculation of debt service was determined using financial information prior to transfers. Prior years' coverage has been restated to reflect debt service calculation prior to transfers.**

#### Financial Contact

This financial report is designed to provide our citizens, taxpayers, customers, and investors and creditors with a general overview of the City's finances and to show the City's accountability for the money it receives. If you need additional financial information, contact the Director of Finance, City of Camden, 1000 Lyttleton Street, P.O. Box 7002, Camden, South Carolina 29021.

## CITY of CAMDEN, SOUTH CAROLINA

STATEMENT of NET POSITION  
June 30, 2024

	Primary Government		
	Governmental Activities	Business-Type Activities	Total
ASSETS			
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 10,012,960	\$ 9,907,430	\$ 19,920,390
Certificates of Deposit	776,755	-	776,755
Investments	3,681,261	4,098,995	7,780,256
Receivable:			
Accounts Receivable, Net	-	4,647,047	4,647,047
Taxes, Net	718,044	-	718,044
Miscellaneous	625,400	236,696	862,096
Inventory	104,697	1,966,256	2,070,953
Prepays	280,191	210,588	490,779
Restricted Assets:			
Cash	541,568	-	541,568
Certificates of Deposit	-	553,879	553,879
Investments	264,230	1,771,142	2,035,372
Capital Assets:			
Land, Historical Collections and Construction in Progress	3,401,534	8,617,529	12,019,063
Other Capital Assets, Net of Accumulated Depreciation	22,150,411	107,723,436	129,873,847
Total Capital Assets, Net of Depreciation	25,551,945	116,340,965	141,892,910
Total Assets	42,557,051	139,732,998	182,290,049
DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES			
Deferred Outflows Related to Pension Liability	2,986,181	1,111,608	4,097,789
Deferred Charges-Bonds	-	95,805	95,805
Total Deferred Outflow of Resources	2,986,181	1,207,413	4,193,594
LIABILITIES			
Accounts Payable	973,669	1,312,138	2,285,807
Accrued Liabilities	472,023	126,416	598,439
Notes and Lease Obligations Payable, Current	636,777	-	636,777
Bonds Payable, Current	346,000	4,945,000	5,291,000
Liabilities Payable from Restricted Assets			
Customer Deposits	-	968,623	968,623
Accrued Interest Payable	-	640,333	640,333
Compensated Absences, Non-Current	141,275	72,251	213,526
OPEB Obligation	3,407,271	464,628	3,871,899
Net Pension Liability	10,444,917	4,955,502	15,400,419
Notes and Lease Obligations Payable, Non-Current	3,132,826	-	3,132,826
Bonds Payable, Non-Current	2,307,000	35,135,000	37,442,000
Total Liabilities	21,861,758	48,619,891	70,481,649
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES			
Unearned Revenue	1,629,713	1,000,000	2,629,713
Deferred Inflows Related to Pension Liability	2,152,553	1,025,491	3,178,044
Deferred Gain on Bond Refunding	-	5,520,203	5,520,203
Total Deferred Inflow of Resources	3,782,266	7,545,694	11,327,960
NET POSITION			
Net Investment in Capital Assets	19,129,342	76,356,770	95,486,112
Restricted for:			
Law Enforcement	91,811	-	91,811
Special Purposes	86,034	-	86,034
Debt Service	264,230	1,771,142	2,035,372
Unrestricted	327,791	6,646,914	6,974,705
Total Net Position	\$ 19,899,208	\$ 84,774,826	\$ 104,674,034

The Accompanying Notes are an Integral Part of These Financial Statements

CITY of CAMDEN, SOUTH CAROLINA

STATEMENT of ACTIVITIES  
For the Year Ended June 30, 2024

	Program Revenues				Net (Expense) Revenue and Changes in Net Position		
	Expenses	Charges for Services	Operating Grants and Contributions	Capital Grants and Contributions	Governmental Activities	Business-Type Activities	Total
FUNCTIONS/PROGRAMS							
Primary Government:							
General Government	\$ 2,032,923	\$ 3,083,551	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,050,628	\$ -	\$ 1,050,628
Public Safety							
Police	2,910,844	182,010	365,730	-	(2,363,104)	-	(2,363,104)
Fire	2,559,019	692,779	-	-	(1,866,240)	-	(1,866,240)
Highways and Streets	1,486,512	-	-	-	(1,486,512)	-	(1,486,512)
Sanitation	1,649,081	1,686,354	-	-	37,273	-	37,273
Culture and Recreation	457,240	2,098	-	100,000	(355,142)	-	(355,142)
Total Governmental Activities	11,095,619	5,646,792	365,730	100,000	(4,983,097)	-	(4,983,097)
Business-Type Activities:							
Electric Charges	17,708,126	28,033,501	-	-	-	10,325,375	10,325,375
Water Charges	3,396,080	5,184,269	-	-	-	1,788,189	1,788,189
Sewer Charges	3,153,503	4,940,269	-	66,888	-	1,853,654	1,853,654
Total Business-Type Activities	24,257,709	38,158,039	-	66,888	-	13,967,218	13,967,218
Total Primary Government	\$ 35,353,328	\$ 43,804,831	\$ 365,730	\$ 166,888	(4,983,097)	13,967,218	8,984,121
					Primary Government		
General Revenues:							
Taxes:							
Property Taxes					7,512,004	-	7,512,004
Franchise Taxes					995,336	-	995,336
Intergovernmental Revenues					522,137	-	522,137
Unrestricted Investment Earnings					219,722	393,079	612,801
Sale of Assets					47,633	-	47,633
Miscellaneous					774,335	1,193,429	1,967,764
Less Interest Expense					-	(1,163,217)	(1,163,217)
Transfers - Internal Activities					2,266,000	(2,266,000)	-
Total General Revenues, Special Items and Transfers					12,337,167	(1,842,709)	10,494,458
Change in Net Position					7,354,070	12,124,509	19,478,579
Net Position, Beginning of Year					13,045,138	72,769,717	85,814,855
Prior Period Adjustment Note 13					(500,000)	(119,400)	(619,400)
Net Position, End of Year					\$ 19,899,208	\$ 84,774,826	\$ 104,674,034

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## CITY of CAMDEN, SOUTH CAROLINA

## BALANCE SHEET – GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS

June 30, 2024

	General	Special Revenue	Capital Project Funds	Total Governmental Funds
<b>ASSETS</b>				
Assets				
Cash	\$ 7,135,052	\$ 1,761,150	\$ 1,116,758	\$ 10,012,960
Restricted Cash	541,568	-	-	541,568
Certificates of Deposit	776,755	-	-	776,755
Investments	3,681,261	-	-	3,681,261
Restricted Investments	-	264,230	-	264,230
Receivables (Net)				
Taxes	619,721	98,323	-	718,044
Miscellaneous	625,400	-	-	625,400
Inventory	104,697	-	-	104,697
Prepays	280,191	-	-	280,191
Total Assets	<u>\$ 13,764,645</u>	<u>\$ 2,123,703</u>	<u>\$ 1,116,758</u>	<u>\$ 17,005,106</u>
<b>LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES and FUND BALANCE</b>				
Liabilities				
Accounts Payable	\$ 897,832	\$ 39,369	\$ 36,468	\$ 973,669
Accrued Liabilities	244,442	227,581	-	472,023
Total Liabilities	<u>1,142,274</u>	<u>266,950</u>	<u>36,468</u>	<u>1,445,692</u>
Deferred Inflows of Resources				
Unearned Revenue Due to Lost Reserve	541,568	-	-	541,568
Unearned Revenue Due to Impact Fees	687,746	-	-	687,746
Unearned Revenue Other	296,158	74,241	30,000	400,399
Total Deferred Inflows of Resources	<u>1,525,472</u>	<u>74,241</u>	<u>30,000</u>	<u>1,629,713</u>
<b>FUND BALANCE</b>				
Fund Balance				
Nonspendable	104,697	-	-	104,697
Restricted	-	1,775,816	-	1,775,816
Committed	250,926	-	1,050,290	1,301,216
Assigned	-	6,696	-	6,696
Unassigned	10,741,276	-	-	10,741,276
Total Fund Balance	<u>11,096,899</u>	<u>1,782,512</u>	<u>1,050,290</u>	<u>13,929,701</u>
Total Liabilities, Deferred Inflows of Resources, and Fund Balance	<u>\$ 13,764,645</u>	<u>\$ 2,123,703</u>	<u>\$ 1,116,758</u>	<u>\$ 17,005,106</u>

The Accompanying Notes are an Integral Part of These Financial Statements

CITY of CAMDEN, SOUTH CAROLINA

RECONCILIATION of the GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS BALANCE SHEET  
to the STATEMENT of NET POSITION  
June 30, 2024

Total Fund Balance for Governmental Funds		\$ 13,929,701
Total Net Position reported for governmental activities in the statement of net position is different because:		
Capital assets of \$46,408,955 net of accumulated depreciation of \$20,857,010 are not financial resources and, therefore, are not reported in the funds. (See Note 3 for additional detail).		25,551,945
Other postemployment benefits liability related to City's other postemployment benefits benefits plan are not recorded in the governmental funds but are recorded in the Statement of Net Position. OPEB Liability		(3,407,271)
The City's proportionate shares of the net pension liability, deferred outflows of resources, and deferred inflows of resources related to its participation in the State retirement plans are not recorded in the governmental funds but are recorded in the Statement of Net Position.		
Deferred outflows-pension		2,986,181
Net Pension Liability		(10,444,917)
Deferred inflows-pension		(2,152,553)
Long-term liabilities are not due and payable in the current period and, therefore, are not reported in the governmental funds:		
Compensated Absences	\$ (141,275)	
Governmental Leases and Bonds Payable	(6,422,603)	(6,563,878)
Total Net Position of Governmental Activities		<u>\$ 19,899,208</u>



CITY of CAMDEN, SOUTH CAROLINA

STATEMENT of REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, and CHANGES in FUND BALANCE  
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS  
For the Year Ended June 30, 2024

	General	Special Revenue	Capital Project Funds	Total Governmental Funds
REVENUES				
Taxes	\$ 4,603,229	\$ 1,576,460	\$ 1,332,315	\$ 7,512,004
Licenses and Permits	4,078,707	180	-	4,078,887
Intergovernmental Revenues	887,043	824	-	887,867
Charges for Services	2,379,133	-	-	2,379,133
Fines and Forfeits	170,052	11,958	-	182,010
Other Grants	-	100,000	-	100,000
Miscellaneous Revenues	792,048	204,107	-	996,155
Total Revenues	<u>12,910,212</u>	<u>1,893,529</u>	<u>1,332,315</u>	<u>16,136,056</u>
EXPENDITURES				
Current:				
General Government	3,487,580	-	-	3,487,580
Public Safety	6,318,666	11,958	-	6,330,624
Highways and Streets	1,369,281	-	1,573,971	2,943,252
Sanitation	1,611,294	-	-	1,611,294
Culture and Recreation	305,711	1,403,147	-	1,708,858
Non-Departmental	764,575	80,255	2,696,553	3,541,383
Total Expenditures	<u>13,857,107</u>	<u>1,495,360</u>	<u>4,270,524</u>	<u>19,622,991</u>
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) of REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	<u>(946,895)</u>	<u>398,169</u>	<u>(2,938,209)</u>	<u>(3,486,935)</u>
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)				
Transfer In	2,266,000	-	-	2,266,000
Sale of Assets	47,633	-	-	47,633
Capital Financing	-	-	2,500,000	2,500,000
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	<u>2,313,633</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,500,000</u>	<u>4,813,633</u>
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues and Other Sources over Expenditures and Other Uses	1,366,738	398,169	(438,209)	1,326,698
FUND BALANCE, Beginning of Year	10,230,161	1,384,343	1,488,499	13,103,003
Prior Period Adjustment, Note 13	(500,000)	-	-	(500,000)
FUND BALANCE, End of Year	<u>\$ 11,096,899</u>	<u>\$ 1,782,512</u>	<u>\$ 1,050,290</u>	<u>\$ 13,929,701</u>

CITY of CAMDEN, SOUTH CAROLINA

RECONCILIATION of the GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS STATEMENT of REVENUES,  
EXPENDITURES, and CHANGES in FUND BALANCES to the STATEMENT of ACTIVITIES  
For the Year Ended June 30, 2024

Net Changes in Fund Balances - Total Governmental Funds	\$ 1,326,698
The change in net position reported for governmental activities in the statement of activities is different because:	
Governmental funds report capital as expenditures. However, in the statement of activities, the cost of those assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives and reported as depreciation expense. This is the amount by which depreciation of \$1,218,619 were less than additions of \$4,044,365 in the current period.	2,825,746
The proceeds of debt issuances provide current financial resources to governmental funds, but issuing debt increases long-term liabilities in the statement of net position. Repayment of debt principal is an expenditure in the governmental funds, but the repayment reduces long-term liabilities in the statement of net position. There were financing proceeds of \$2,500,000 and repayments of \$1,038,985. Also see Note 5 for additional detail.	(1,461,015)
Some expenses reported in the statement of activities do not require the use of current financial resources and are not reported as expenditures in governmental funds. These include:	
Net decrease in compensated absences.	56,074
Net decrease in net pension liability expenses.	255,280
Net decrease in net OPEB Obligation.	<u>4,351,287</u>
Changes in Net Position of Governmental Activities	<u>\$ 7,354,070</u>

## CITY of CAMDEN, SOUTH CAROLINA

## STATEMENT of NET POSITION - PROPRIETARY FUND

June 30, 2024

## ASSETS

## CURRENT ASSETS

Cash	\$ 9,907,430
Investments	4,098,995
Water and Lights Accounts Receivable, Net	4,647,047
Miscellaneous Receivables	236,696
Inventories	1,966,256
Prepays	210,588
Total Current Assets	<u>21,067,012</u>

## NON-CURRENT ASSETS

## RESTRICTED ASSETS

Certificates of Deposit - Customer Deposits	553,879
Investments - Reserve Bond Investment	1,771,142
Total Restricted Assets	<u>2,325,021</u>

## CAPITAL ASSETS

Construction in Process	8,115,613
Buildings and Land	879,406
Furniture, Fixtures and Equipment	3,974,365
Electric System	71,641,885
Water System	41,968,506
Sewer and Wastewater System	73,051,249
Sub-Total	<u>199,631,024</u>
Less Accumulated Depreciation	<u>(83,290,059)</u>
Total Capital Assets	<u>116,340,965</u>
Total Non-Current Assets	<u>118,665,986</u>
Total Assets	<u>139,732,998</u>

## DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES

Deferred Outflows Related to Pension Liability	1,111,608
Deferred Charges-Bonds	95,805
Total Deferred Outflows of Resources	<u>1,207,413</u>

## LIABILITIES

## CURRENT LIABILITIES

Accounts Payable	1,312,138
Other Current Liabilities	126,416
Bonds Payable, Current	4,945,000
Total Current Liabilities	<u>6,383,554</u>

## NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES

Accrued Vacation Pay	72,251
OPEB Obligation	464,628
Net Pension Liability	4,955,502
Payable from Restricted Assets	
Customer Deposits	968,623
Accrued Interest Payable	640,333
Bonds Payable, Non-Current	35,135,000
Total Non-Current Liabilities	<u>42,236,337</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>48,619,891</u>

## DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES

Deferred Revenue Related to Stabilization Fund	1,000,000
Deferred Inflows Related to Pension Liability	1,025,491
Deferred Gain on Bond Refunding	5,520,203
Total Deferred Inflows of Resources	<u>7,545,694</u>

## NET POSITION

Net Investment in Capital Assets	76,356,770
Restricted for Debt Service	1,771,142
Unrestricted	6,646,914
Total Net Position	<u>\$ 84,774,826</u>

The Accompanying Notes are an Integral Part of These Financial Statements

CITY of CAMDEN, SOUTH CAROLINA

STATEMENT of REVENUES, EXPENSES and CHANGES in NET POSITION -  
 PROPRIETARY FUND  
 For the Year Ended June 30, 2024

OPERATING REVENUES

Charges for Services:

Electric Charges	\$ 28,033,501
Water Charges	5,184,269
Sewer Charges	<u>4,940,269</u>
Total Operating Revenues	<u>38,158,039</u>

OPERATING EXPENSES

Personnel Services	2,800,324
Maintenance, Operations, and Contractual Services	14,920,599
Materials and Supplies	799,857
Depreciation & Amortization	<u>5,737,806</u>
Total Operating Expenses	<u>24,258,586</u>
Operating Income	<u>13,899,453</u>

NON-OPERATING REVENUE (EXPENSE)

Interest Income	393,079
Interest Expense	(1,163,217)
Other Revenue (Expense)	1,193,429
Grant Income	<u>66,888</u>
Total Non-Operating Revenue (Expense)	<u>490,179</u>

Income (Loss) before Contributions and Transfers 14,389,632

OPERATING TRANSFERS and CONTRIBUTIONS

Transfers to Other Funds	<u>(2,266,000)</u>
Change in Net Position	12,123,632
NET POSITION, Beginning of Year	72,769,717
Prior Period Adjustment See Note 13	<u>(119,400)</u>
NET POSITION, End of Year	<u>\$ 84,773,949</u>

CITY of CAMDEN, SOUTH CAROLINA

STATEMENT of CASH FLOWS - PROPRIETARY FUND  
For the Year Ended June 30, 2024

CASH FLOWS from OPERATING ACTIVITIES:

Cash Received from Customers	\$ 37,091,188
Cash Payments to Suppliers for Goods and Services	(16,022,267)
Cash Payments to Employees for Services	<u>(3,232,970)</u>
Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities	<u>17,835,951</u>

CASH FLOWS from NON-CAPITAL FINANCING ACTIVITIES:

Other Non-Operating Revenue	1,260,317
Reclassification of Restricted Cash	207,180
Operating Transfers Out	<u>(2,266,000)</u>
Net Cash Used in Non-Capital Financing Activities	<u>(798,503)</u>

CASH FLOWS from CAPITAL and RELATED FINANCING ACTIVITIES:

Purchase of Assets	(4,448,912)
Principal Paid on Revenue Bond Maturities	(4,445,000)
Interest Paid on Debt Service	<u>(1,163,217)</u>
Net Cash Used in Capital and Related Financing Activities	<u>(10,057,129)</u>

CASH FLOWS from INVESTING ACTIVITIES:

Interest and Dividends on Investments	<u>393,079</u>
Net Cash Provided by Investing Activities	<u>393,079</u>
Net Increase in Cash and Cash Equivalents	7,373,398
Cash and Cash Equivalents at Beginning of Year	<u>2,533,155</u>
Cash and Cash Equivalents at End of Year	<u>\$ 9,906,553</u>

RECONCILIATION of OPERATING INCOME to

NET CASH PROVIDED by OPERATING ACTIVITIES:

Operating Income	\$ 13,899,453
Adjustments to Reconcile Operating Income to	
Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities:	
Amortization	85,215
Depreciation	5,652,591
Bad Debt Expense	93,013
Changes in Assets and Liabilities:	
Accounts Receivable	(1,436,955)
Miscellaneous Accounts Receivable	316,553
Inventory	528,689
Prepays	33,694
Deferred Pension Outflow	391,461
Deferred Charges	95,805
Accounts Payable	(669,633)
Interest Payable	476,203
OPEB Obligation	(712,757)
Net Pension Liability	(529,947)
Other Liabilities	41,185
Customer Deposits	53,551
Deferred Gain	(1,358,416)
Deferred Pension Inflows	<u>876,246</u>
Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities	<u>\$ 17,835,951</u>

CITY of CAMDEN, SOUTH CAROLINA

NOTES to FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

June 30, 2024

NOTE 1 SUMMARY of SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The City of Camden, South Carolina (the "City") operates under the council-city manager form of government and provides the following services: public safety (police, fire, and code enforcement), utilities (water, sewer and electric), sanitation, maintenance, culture-recreation, public improvements, and general administrative services.

The City's financial statements were prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America for governmental entities (GAAP). The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is responsible for establishing GAAP for state and local governments through its pronouncements (Statements and Interpretations). The more significant accounting policies established in GAAP and used by the City are discussed below.

A. Principles Determining Scope of Reporting Entity

The financial statements of the City consist only of the funds of the City. The City has no oversight responsibility for any other governmental entity since no other entities are considered to be controlled by or dependent on the City. Control or dependence is determined on the basis of budget adoption, taxing authority, funding, and appointment of the respective governing board.

B. Basic Financial Statements - Government-Wide Statements

The City's basic financial statements include both government-wide (reporting the City as a whole) and fund financial statements (reporting the City's major funds). Both the government-wide and fund financial statements categorize primary activities as either governmental or business type. The City's public safety, sanitation, maintenance, culture-recreation, public improvements, and general administrative services are classified as governmental activities. The City's utility services are classified as business-type activities.

In the government-wide Statement of Net Position, both the governmental and business-type activities columns (a) are presented on a consolidated basis by column, (b) and are reported on a full accrual, economic resource basis, which recognizes all long-term assets and receivables as well as long-term debt and obligations. The City's net position is reported in three parts—net investments in capital assets, restricted net position, and unrestricted net position. The City first utilizes restricted resources to finance qualifying activities.

The government-wide Statement of Activities reports both the gross and net cost of each of the City's functions and business-type activities. The functions are also supported by general government revenues (property, sales and use taxes, certain intergovernmental revenues, fines, permits and charges, etc.). The Statement of Activities reduces gross expenses (including depreciation) by related program revenues, operating and capital grants. Program revenues must be directly associated with the function or a business-type activity. Operating grants include operating-specific and discretionary grants while the capital grants column reflects capital-specific grants.

The net costs (by function or business-type activity) are normally covered by general revenue (property, sales taxes, intergovernmental revenues, interest income, etc.).

The City does not allocate indirect costs.

This government-wide focus is more on the sustainability of the City as an entity and the change in the City's net position resulting from the current year's activities.

## NOTE 1 SUMMARY of SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

### C. Basic Financial Statements - Fund Financial Statements

The financial transactions of the City are reported in individual funds in the fund financial statements. Each fund is accounted for by providing a separate set of self-balancing accounts that comprises its assets, liabilities, fund equity, revenues, and expenditures/expenses. The various funds are reported by generic classification within the financial statements.

The following fund types are used by the City:

#### 1. Governmental Funds

The focus of the governmental funds' measurement (in the fund statements) is upon determination of financial position and changes in financial position (sources, uses, and balances of financial resources) rather than upon net income. The following is a description of the governmental funds of the City.

- a. General fund is the general operating fund of the City. It is used to account for all financial resources except those required to be accounted for in another fund.
- b. Special revenue funds are used to account for the proceeds of specific revenue sources that are restricted to expenditures for specified purposes.
- c. Capital project funds are used to account for the construction, rehabilitation, and acquisition of capital assets, such as buildings, equipment, and roads.

#### 2. Proprietary Funds

The focus of the proprietary funds' measurement is upon determination of operating income, changes in net position, financial position, and cash flows. The generally accepted accounting principles applicable are those similar to businesses in the private sector. The following is a description of the proprietary funds of the City:

- a. Proprietary funds are required to be used to account for operations for which a fee is charged to external users for goods or services and the activity (a) is financed with debt that is solely secured by a pledge of the net revenues, (b) has third party requirements that the cost of providing services, including capital costs, be recovered with fees and charges or (c) establishes fees and charges based on a pricing policy designed to recover similar costs.

### D. Basis of Accounting

The government-wide statement reports using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting generally including the reclassification or elimination of internal activity (between or within funds). Proprietary fund financial statements also report using this same focus and basis of accounting although internal activity is not eliminated in these statements. Revenues are recorded when a liability is incurred, regardless of the timing of related cash flows. Property tax revenues are recognized in the year for which they are levied while grants are recognized when grantor eligibility requirements are met.

Governmental fund financial statements report using the current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recognized when they are both measurable and available. Available means collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to pay current liabilities. The City considers revenues to be available if they are collected within 60 days of the end of the fiscal year. Expenditures are recorded when the related fund liability is incurred, except for general obligation bond principal and interest which are reported as expenditures in the year due.

## NOTE 1 SUMMARY of SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

### D. Basis of Accounting (CONTINUED)

Major revenue sources susceptible to accrual include sales and use taxes, motel taxes, property taxes, franchise taxes (fees), intergovernmental revenues, and investment income. In general, other revenues are recognized when cash is received.

Operating income reported in proprietary fund financial statements include revenues and expenses related to the primary, continuing operations of the fund. Principal operating expenses are the costs of providing goods or services and include administrative expenses and depreciation of capital assets. Other revenues and expenses are classified as non-operating in the financial statements.

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

### E. Budgets and Budgetary Accounting

The annual budget for the General Fund, Local Tax Fund and Capital Project Fund is prepared in accordance with the basis of accounting utilized by that fund. The budget for the Proprietary Fund is adopted under a basis consistent with GAAP, except that depreciation, certain capital expenses, nonoperating income and certain nonoperating expense items are not considered.

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

1. The City Manager submits a proposed operating budget for the fiscal year to the City Council. The operating budget includes proposed expenditures and the means of financing them.
2. Prior to July 1, the budget is legally enacted through passage of an ordinance.
3. The City Manager is authorized to transfer budgeted amounts within and between departments as necessary to achieve the goals of the budget. Any revisions that alter the total expenditures of any fund must be approved by the City Council.
4. Budgeted amounts reflected in the accompanying financial statements are as amended by Council.

#### Budget - Special Revenue

The City has not presented budget information for all of the special funds since budgetary control is maintained on an individual grant basis. Since grant periods may differ from the City's fiscal year, a comparison of budgetary information for the total special revenue fund would not be meaningful and has not been presented in the accompanying financial statements.

### F. Deposits and Investments

The City considers highly liquid investments (including restricted assets) with an original maturity of three months or less when purchased to be cash equivalents. Investments are recorded at fair value, except for investments with maturity of one year or less from date of purchase, which are stated at amortized cost. Fair value is based on quoted market prices.

Investment Credit Risk - The City has no investment policy that limits its investment choices other than the limitation of state law. The State of South Carolina General Statute permits the City to invest in the following types of instruments:



## NOTE 1 SUMMARY of SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

### F. Deposits and Investments (CONTINUED)

1. Obligations of the United States, and its agencies, the principal and interest of which is fully guaranteed by the United States.
2. Obligations issued by the Federal Financing Bank, Federal Farm Credit Bank, the Bank of Cooperatives, the Federal Intermediate Credit Bank, the Federal Land Banks, the Federal Home Loan Banks, the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation, the Federal National Mortgage Association, the Government National Mortgage Association, the Federal Housing Administration, and the Farmers Home Administration, if, at the time of investment, the obligor has a long-term unenhanced, unsecured debt rating in one of the top two ratings categories, without regard to the refinement or gradation of rating category by numerical modifier or otherwise, issued by at least two nationally recognized credit rating organizations.
3. (i) General obligations of the State of South Carolina or any of its political units; or (ii) revenue obligations of the State of South Carolina or its political units, if at the time of investment, the obligor has a long-term, unenhanced, unsecured debt rating in one of the top two ratings categories, without regard to a refinement or gradation of rating category by numerical modifier or otherwise, issued by at least two nationally recognized credit rating organizations.
4. Savings and Loan Associations to the extent that the same are insured by an agency of the federal government.
5. Certificates of deposit where the certificates are collaterally secured by securities of the type described in (1) and (2) above held by a third party as escrow agent or custodian, of a market value not less than the amount of the certificate of deposit so secured, including interest; provided, however, such collateral shall not be required to the extent the same are insured by an agency of the federal government.
6. Repurchase agreements when collateralized by securities as set forth in this section.
7. No load open-end or closed-end management type investment companies or investment trusts registered under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended, where the investment is made by a bank or trust company or savings and loan association or other financial institution when acting as trustee or agent for a bond or other debt issue of that local government unit, political subdivision, or county treasurer if the particular portfolio of the investment company or investment trust in which the investment is made (i) is limited to obligations described in items (1), (2), (3), and (6) of this subsection, and (ii) has among its objectives the attempt to maintain a constant net asset value of one dollar a share and to that end, value its assets by the amortized cost method.

### G. Inventories and Prepaids

Inventories in governmental funds and proprietary funds consist of expendable supplies held for consumption stated on a first-in, first-out basis. They are reported at lower of cost or net realizable value and are recorded as expenditures, at the time individual inventory items are used.

Prepaid record payments to vendors benefit future reporting periods and are also reported on the consumption basis. Both inventories and prepaid are similarly reported in government-wide and fund financial statements.

### H. Allowance for Uncollectible Accounts

Allowance for uncollectible accounts receivable in the proprietary fund at June 30, 2024 is \$467,429.

## NOTE 1 SUMMARY of SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

### I. Capital Assets, Depreciation, and Amortization

Capital assets purchased or acquired with an original cost of \$5,000 or more are stated at historical cost or estimated historical cost. Donated capital assets are stated at their fair value on the date donated. Additions, improvements, and other capital outlays that significantly extend the useful life of an asset are capitalized. Other costs incurred for repairs and maintenance are expensed as incurred. Depreciation on all assets is provided on the straight-line basis over the following estimated useful lives:

Buildings and Grounds	5 - 40
Improvements	2 - 40
Mobile Equipment	3 - 20
Furniture, Fixtures and Equipment	3 - 20

### J. Long-Term Debt, Deferred Debt Expense and Bond Discount/Premiums

In the government-wide and proprietary financial statements, outstanding debt is reported as liabilities. Bond insurance costs and the difference between the reacquisition price and the net carrying value of refunded debt are capitalized and amortized over the terms of the respective bonds using a method that approximates the effective interest method. Issuance costs are reported as expenditures.

The governmental fund financial statements recognize the proceeds of debt and premiums as other financing sources of the current period. Issuance costs are reported as expenditures.

### K. Fund Equity

The following classification describes the relative strength of the spending constraints placed on the purpose for which resources can be used:

- Nonspendable fund balance - amounts that are not in a spendable form (such as inventory and prepaid) or are required to be maintained intact,
- Restricted fund balance - amounts constrained to specific purposes by their providers (such as grantors, bondholders, and higher levels of government), through constitutional provision or by enabling legislation,
- Committed fund balance - amounts constrained to specific purpose by a government itself, using its highest level of decision-making authority; to be reported as committed, amounts cannot be used for any other purpose unless the government takes same highest-level action to remove or change the constraint,
- Assigned fund balance - amounts a government intends to use for a specific purpose; intent can be expressed by the governing body or by an official or body to which the governing body delegates the authority,
- Unassigned fund balance - amounts that are available for any purpose; positive amounts are reported only in the general fund.

#### Committed Fund Balance

City Council increased its tax millage specifically for road paving. The balance unspent at June 30, 2024 was \$421,554. City Council increased its tax millage specifically for capital. The balance unspent at June 30, 2024 was \$628,736. These previous two amounts are shown as committed in the Capital Projects Fund. City Council passed a 2% hospitality tax effective December 1, 2009 that is accounted for in the Special Revenue account as the Local Tax Fund.

## NOTE 1 SUMMARY of SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

### Committed Fund Balance (CONTINUED)

The fund balance of the local tax fund is \$1,213,488 includes the following commitment. City Council passed an ordinance committing \$250,926 of proceeds from the sale of its Watershed property that is included in the Local Tax Special Revenue. This money cannot be spent without an ordinance authorizing it by City Council and is recorded in the General Fund.

### Fund Transfers

City Council has passed an ordinance restricting the amount that can be transferred to other funds to twenty percent (20%) of capital assets, net of related debt.

Capital Assets, Net of Related Debt at June 30, 2024	<u>\$ 95,486,112</u>
Maximum Amount that can be Transferred during the Year Ended June 30, 2024	<u>\$ 19,097,222</u>
Amount Transferred from Water to General during the Year Ended June 30, 2024	<u>\$ 2,266,000</u>

### L. Revenue Recognition - Property Taxes

Property taxes attach as an enforceable lien on property as of January 1. Taxes are levied on October 1 and are due and payable on or before January 15 of the following year. All unpaid taxes become delinquent January 15 of the following year. City property tax revenues are recognized when levied. An allowance is established for delinquent taxes to the extent that their collectability is improbable.

#### Penalty Dates and Amounts

January 15 - 15%

March 15 - 5% execution cost of all unpaid taxes and Penalties.

September 1- 5% additional costs to amount of delinquent taxes, penalties, and costs then due.

Property tax revenues are recognized when they become available. Available includes those property tax receivables expected to be collected within sixty days after year end.

### M. Compensated Absences

All full-time, permanent employees of the City shall be entitled to two (2) weeks' annual leave per year. All employees who have been in the employment of the City for ten (10) years or more shall be entitled to three (3) weeks' annual leave per year. Two (2) weeks' leave is considered twice the number of hours, and three (3) weeks' leave thrice the number of hours an employee is normally required to work per week. The maximum amount that may be accrued is 360 hours for regular employees, 396 hours for police officers and 477 hours for firefighters hired before May 12, 1993. The maximum for employees hired after May 12, 1993 is 120 hours, 132 hours, and 159 hours. Each employee earns 80, 88 and 106 hours, respectively, of sick leave per year. The maximum amount of sick leave an employee may accumulate is 720 hours, 792 hours, and 954 hours respectively for 40 hours 44 hours and 53 hours per week employees hired after May 12, 1993, and for those employees who have waived the right to payment of one-half of their sick leave balances at retirement or upon death. Employees are not paid for the accumulated sick leave upon retirement or other termination. The City accrues a liability for compensated absences which meet the following criteria:

## NOTE 1 SUMMARY of SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

### M. Compensated Absences (CONTINUED)

3. Payment of the compensation is probable.
4. The amount can be reasonably estimated.

As of June 30, 2024, the liability for accrued vacation is \$213,526. The amount applicable to the Proprietary Fund is \$72,251 and the amount applicable to the General Fund is \$141,275. Compensated absences are reported as accrued in the government-wide and proprietary financial statements. Governmental funds report out only matured compensated absences payable to currently terminating employees and are included in the wages and benefits payable.

### N. Stablization Fund

During the year ended June 30, 2024, the City approved and allocated \$1,000,000 to a deferred liability for a stabilization fund. Per City Policy, the rate stabilization fund can be established when surpluses occur to provide a reserve that can be utilized to pay for future unanticipated changes in budgeted costs that otherwise may cause increases in rates charged to customers.

### O. Statement of Cash Flows

For the purposes of the statement of cash flows, the Enterprise Fund considers all highly liquid investments with a maturity of three months or less when purchased to be cash equivalents.

1. The City's obligation relating to employees' rights to receive compensation for future absences is attributable to employees' services already rendered.
2. The obligation related to rights that vest or accumulate.

### P. Accounting Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles requires the City's management to make estimates and assumptions. These estimates and assumptions affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosures of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

### Q. Grants

In the normal course of operations, the City receives grant funds from various federal and state agencies. The grant programs are subject to audit by agents of the granting authority, the purpose of which is to ensure compliance with conditions precedent to the granting of funds. Any liability for reimbursement which may arise as the result of these audits is not believed to be material.

## NOTE 2 DEPOSITS and INVESTMENTS

Deposits are shown at carrying value at June 30, 2024 as follows:

	Category			Bank Balance	Total Carrying Amount
	1	2	3		
Checking Accounts	\$ 1,254,255	\$ 16,625,583	\$ -	\$ 17,879,838	\$ 20,456,898
Savings Accounts	445,893	2,501,233	-	2,947,126	3,360
Certificates of Deposit	250,000	924,984	-	1,174,984	1,330,634
	<u>\$ 1,950,148</u>	<u>\$ 20,051,800</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 22,001,948</u>	<u>\$ 21,790,892</u>

## NOTE 2 DEPOSITS and INVESTMENTS (CONTINUED)

The City's deposits are categorized to indicate the level of risk assumed by the City at year end. Category 1 includes deposits that are insured or collateralized with securities held by the government or its agent in the government's name. Category 2 includes deposits that are collateralized with securities held by pledging financial institution's trust department or agent in the government's name. Category 3 includes uncollateralized deposits or deposits collateralized with securities held by the pledging financial institution or its trust department or agent but not in the City's name.

Investments are carried at fair value at June 30, 2024 as follows:

	Category			Fair Value
	1	2	3	
U.S. Government Securities	\$ -	\$ 2,035,372	\$ -	\$ 2,035,372
	\$ -	\$ 2,035,372	\$ -	
S.C. Local Government Investment Pool				
(Fair value substantially equivalent to the value of the pool shares)				\$ 7,780,256
Total				\$ 9,815,628

The City's investments are categorized to indicate the level of risk assumed by the City at June 30, 2024. Category 1 includes investments that are insured or registered for which the securities are held by the City or its agent in the City's name. Category 2 includes investments that are uninsured and unregistered, with the securities held by the counterparty's trust department or agent in the City's name. Category 3 includes investments that are uninsured and unregistered with securities held by the counterparty or by its trust department or agent but not in the City's name. The South Carolina Local Government Investment Pool is run by the State Treasurer's Office and can invest only in the same type of instruments allowed by the City.

The City entered into an agreement with a third-party financial institution (third party) whereby the City's trustee for its utility revenue bonds (bonds) is required to transfer the City's monthly debt service payments on the bonds to the third party for investment and the third party for its own benefit. Simultaneous to the transfer of the debt service payments, and as security for bondholders, the third party is required to deposit with the trustee an equivalent amount of direct, full faith and credit non-callable obligations of the United States of America or other securities which the trustee is permitted to invest in by the relevant bond ordinances.

A reconciliation of cash, cash equivalents and investments as shown in the combined statement of net position for the primary government as of June 30, 2024 is as follows:

Petty Cash and Other	\$ 1,700
Carrying Amount of Deposits	21,790,892
Carrying Amount of Investments	9,815,628
Total	\$ 31,608,220
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 19,920,390
Certificates of Deposit	776,755
Cash and Cash Equivalents - Local Option Sales Tax	541,568
Certificates of Deposit - Restricted for Customer Deposits	553,879
Investments	7,780,256
Investments - Restricted for Debt Service	2,035,372
Total	\$ 31,608,220

### NOTE 3 CAPITAL ASSETS

Capital asset activity for the year ended June 30, 2024, was as follows:

	Primary Government				
	Beginning Balance	Increases	Decreases	Transfers	Ending Balance
GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES:					
Capital Assets not Being Depreciated:					
Land	\$2,624,035	\$ 77,499	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,701,534
Historical Collections	700,000	-	-	-	700,000
Construction in Progress	-	-	-	-	-
Total Capital Assets not Being Depreciated	3,324,035	77,499	-	-	3,401,534
Other Capital Assets:					
Building and Improvements	21,457,695	47,100	-	-	21,504,795
Equipment	1,563,418	1,088,615	-	-	2,652,033
Automotive Equipment	7,789,757	1,298,893	-	-	9,088,650
Streets, Sidewalks, Etc.	8,229,685	1,532,258	-	-	9,761,943
Total Other Capital Assets at Historical Cost	39,040,555	3,966,866	-	-	43,007,421
Less Accumulated Depreciation for:					
Buildings and Improvements	(8,932,552)	(573,645)	-	-	(9,506,197)
Equipment	(1,450,965)	(156,398)	-	-	(1,607,363)
Automotive Equipment	(5,502,646)	(375,271)	-	-	(5,877,917)
Streets, Sidewalks, Etc.	(3,752,228)	(113,305)	-	-	(3,865,533)
Total Accumulated Depreciation	(19,638,391)	(1,218,619)	-	-	(20,857,010)
Other Capital Assets, Net	19,402,164	2,748,247	-	-	22,150,411
Governmental Activities Capital Assets, Net	\$ 22,726,199	\$ 2,825,746	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 25,551,945

# NOTE 3 CAPITAL ASSETS (CONTINUED)

	Primary Government				
	Beginning Balance	Increases	Decreases	Transfers	Ending Balance
BUSINESS-TYPE ACTIVITIES:					
Capital Assts not Being Depreciated:					
Land and Improvements	\$ 501,916	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 501,916
Construction in Progress	6,522,493	1,593,120	-	-	8,115,613
Total Capital Assets not Being Depreciated	7,024,409	1,593,120	-	-	8,617,529
Other Capital Assets:					
Electric System	68,809,972	1,881,986	-	-	70,691,958
Water System	40,166,312	725,599	-	-	40,891,911
Sewer System	32,843,447	248,207	-	-	33,091,654
Electric Instruments	949,927	-	-	-	949,927
Water Instruments	1,076,595	-	-	-	1,076,595
Sewer Instruments	835,539	-	-	-	835,539
Automotive Equipment	3,853,072	-	-	-	3,853,072
Office Machines	121,293	-	-	-	121,293
Buildings	377,490	-	-	-	377,490
Wastewater Treatment Plant	39,124,056	-	-	-	39,124,056
Total Other Capital Assets at Historical Cost	188,157,703	2,855,792	-	-	191,013,495
Less Accumulated Depreciation	(77,552,254)	(5,737,805)	-	-	(83,290,059)
Other Capital Assets, Net	110,605,449	(2,882,013)	-	-	107,723,436
Business-Type Activities Capital Assets, Net	\$117,629,858	\$ (1,288,893)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 116,340,965

Depreciation and amortization expense was charged to functions as follows for the year ended June 30, 2024:

GOVERNMENT ACTIVITIES:	
General Government	\$ 555,440
Public Safety	375,271
Highways and Streets	75,518
Sanitation	37,787
Culture and Recreation	174,603
Total Governmental Activities Depreciation Expense	<u>\$ 1,218,619</u>
BUSINESS-TYPE ACTIVITIES:	
Electric Department	\$ 2,025,876
Water Department	1,345,784
Sewer Department	2,366,145
Total Business-Type Activities Depreciation and Amortization Expense	<u>\$ 5,737,805</u>

#### NOTE 4 CHANGES in LONG-TERM DEBT-PROPRIETARY FUND

Long-term liability activity for the year ended June 30, 2024 was as follows:

	Balance 06/30/2023	Issued	Retired	Balance 06/30/2024	Due Within One Year
Combined Public Utility System Refunding Revenue Bond, Series 2013A	\$415,000	\$ -	\$ 415,000	\$ -	\$ -
Combined Public Utility System Refunding Revenue Bond, Series 2012A	-	-	-	-	-
Combined Public Utility System Refunding Revenue Bond, Series 2014A	1,150,000	-	1,150,000	-	-
Bond Improvements Fund, Series 2020	42,960,000	-	2,880,000	40,080,000	4,945,000
Total Revenue and Lease Obligations Payable	<u>\$44,525,000</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 4,445,000</u>	<u>\$ 40,080,000</u>	<u>\$ 4,945,000</u>

Long-Term Debt at June 30, 2024 consisted of the following:

Refunding and Improvement Revenue Bond, Series 2020 dated September 16, 2020, payable \$2,770,000 to \$6,495,000 each March 1, 2021 through 2031. Interest 2% to 5%.	\$ 40,080,000
Total	<u>\$ 40,080,000</u>

The annual requirements to amortize all bonds outstanding as of June 30, 2024 follow:

Year Ending	Series 2020B		Total	
	Principal	Interest	Principal	Interest
2025	4,945,000	1,816,400	4,945,000	1,816,400
2026	5,185,000	1,569,150	5,185,000	1,569,150
2027	5,455,000	1,309,900	5,455,000	1,309,900
2028	5,735,000	1,037,150	5,735,000	1,037,150
2029	6,010,000	750,400	6,010,000	750,400
2030-2032	12,750,000	769,800	12,750,000	769,800
Totals	<u>\$ 40,080,000</u>	<u>\$ 7,252,800</u>	<u>\$ 40,080,000</u>	<u>\$ 7,252,800</u>

The City met the required debt coverage ratio of 1.20 at June 30, 2024 with the ratio being 3.30. The City implemented the several changes to make sure the ratio would continue to comply in the year ended June 30, 2024 including rate increases.

A portion of the Series 1997 Bond was advance refunded through the issuance of the Series 2004 Bond. The advance refunding extinguished \$15,100,000 of the 1997 Bond. Because of this advance refunding, the City incurred a loss on retirement of debt of \$1,916,000. The City has been amortizing this loss over twenty years. A portion of the Series 2004 Bond was advance refunded through the issuance of the Series 2013A Bond. The advance refunding extinguished \$3,695,000 of the 2004 Bond. Because of this advance refunding, the City incurred a loss on retirement of debt of \$157,251. The City is amortizing this loss over ten years. The remaining portion of the Series 2004 Bond was refunded through the issuance of the Series 2014 A Bond. Because of this refunding, the City incurred a gain on retirement of debt of \$309,179. The City is amortizing this gain over ten years. In September 2020, the City refinanced all proprietary debt at a lower interest rate with the exception of the Series 2012A bond, the Series 2013A bond and the Series 2014B bond. This resulted in a bond premium of \$10,496,582 which is being amortized over 10 years using the effective interest method.

Amortization for the year ended June 30, 2024 was \$1,358,416 in the proprietary fund.



## NOTE 5 CHANGES in GOVERNMENTAL FUND DEBT

A summary of the Governmental Fund Debt at June 30, 2024 is as follows:

Lease Obligation Payable, July 1, Annually at 2.15% Interest	\$ 51,463
Bond Obligation Payable, Semiannually at 3.18% Interest	1,586,000
Bond Obligation Payable, Semiannually at 2.49% Interest	1,067,000
Lease Obligation Payable, January 1, Annually at 2.17% Interest	934,593
Lease Obligation Payable, June 1, Annually at 4.17% Interest	591,910
Lease Obligation Payable, June 1, Annually at 4.77% Interest	<u>2,191,637</u>
Total Lease and Bond Obligations	6,422,603
Liability for Compensated Absences	<u>141,275</u>
Total Long-Term Debt	<u>\$ 6,563,878</u>

The following is a summary of the changes at June 30, 2024, in General Fund Debt:

	Payable 06/30/2023	Additions	Reductions	Balance 06/30/2024	Due Within One Year
Bond Obligations	\$ 3,008,000	\$ -	\$ 355,000	\$ 2,653,000	\$ 346,000
Capital Leases	1,953,588	2,500,000	683,985	3,769,603	636,777
Total Bond & Lease Obligations	4,961,588	2,500,000	1,038,985	6,422,603	982,777
Compensated Absences	197,349	-	56,074	141,275	-
Total Governmental Activities					
Long-Term Debt	<u>\$ 5,158,937</u>	<u>\$ 2,500,000</u>	<u>\$ 1,095,059</u>	<u>\$ 6,563,878</u>	<u>\$ 982,777</u>

The annual Debt Service Retirements to maturity, including principal and interest are:

Year Ended June 30,	Principal	Interest
2025	\$ 982,777	\$ 227,620
2026	965,621	192,363
2027	1,000,716	156,866
2028	974,636	119,986
2029	1,010,329	84,287
2030-2034	1,488,524	66,073
Totals	<u>\$ 6,422,603</u>	<u>\$ 847,195</u>

The City entered into agreements to lease various equipment. Such agreements are, in substance, purchases (capital leases) and are reported as capital lease obligations. The following schedule presents future minimum lease payments as of June 30, 2024.

NOTE 5 CHANGES in GOVERNMENTAL FUND DEBT (CONTINUED)

<u>Year Ended June 30,</u>	<u>Total</u>
2025	\$ 767,394
2026	714,778
2027	714,502
2028	650,998
2029	650,800
2030-2034	814,194
	<u>4,312,666</u>
Less: Interest	(543,063)
Present Value of Minimum Lease Payments	<u>\$ 3,769,603</u>

The value of leased equipment less accumulated depreciation under capital leases at June 30, 2024 totals \$2,512,237. Amortization of leased equipment under capital leases is included with depreciation expense.

NOTE 6 POST-EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS

*Plan Description:* The City sponsors a defined benefit post-employment healthcare plan (the “OPEB” plan). In accordance with the South Carolina Code of Laws and the annual Appropriation Act, the City has autonomy in establishing retiree and post-employment benefits. The City provides certain health insurance benefits to certain active and retired City employees and certain surviving dependents or retirees. The City provides post-retirement healthcare insurance to all employees who retire from the City with fifteen or more years of service regardless of age and who were employed as of May 1992. The City pays 100% for medical and hospitalization insurance for pre-Medicare retirees and their dependents.

*Plan Membership:* As of July 1, 2022, the valuation date, forty-two (42) retirees, twenty-one (21) retiree spouses and fourteen (14) beneficiaries met the eligibility requirement for the plan. Coverage will continue until the qualified retiree becomes Medicare eligible.

*Plan Benefits and Contributions:* Employer and employee contribution rates are established by the State of South Carolina Employee Insurance Plan. The City currently funds the plan on a pay-as-you-go basis. As of July 1, 2022, the valuation date, the City pays 100% of the premium cost. For the year ended June 30, 2024, the City made contributions of approximately \$443,839.

The City implemented Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 75, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Postemployment Benefits Other Than Pensions*. GASB 75 governs the specifics of accounting for public OPEB plan obligations for participating employers. GASB 75 requires a liability for OPEB obligations, known as the Net OPEB Liability (Total OPEB Liability for unfunded plans), to be recognized on the balance sheets of participating employers. Changes in the Net (or Total) OPEB Liability will be immediately recognized as OPEB expense on the income statement or reported as deferred inflows or outflows of resources, depending on the nature of the change.

## NOTE 6 POST-EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS (CONTINUED)

Actuarial Assumptions and Method: Actuarial valuations of the OPEB Plan involve estimates of the reported amounts and assumptions about the probability of occurrence of events far into the future. Examples include assumptions about future employment, mortality, inflation, healthcare cost trend rates, and future salary changes. Amounts determined regarding the net OPEB liability 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 OPEB Plan (the plan as understood by the employer and its members) and include the types of benefits provided at the time of each valuation and the historical pattern of sharing of benefit costs 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 following tables provides a summary of the significant actuarial assumptions and methods used in the latest actuarial valuation for the OPEB Plan.

<b>Discount Rate</b>	<b>June 30, 2023</b>	<b>June 30, 2024</b>
Discount Rate:	3.65%	3.93%
20 Year Tax-Exempt Municipal Bond Yield	3.65%	3.93%
The discount rate was based on the Bond Buyer 20-Year Bond GO Index as of June 30, 2024.		

### Other Key Actuarial Assumptions

Valuation Date	July 1, 2022	July 1, 2022
Measurement Date	June 30, 2023	June 30, 2024
Inflation	2.30%	2.30%
	Pub. H-2010	Pub. H-2010
Mortality	Projected with MP - 2020	Projected with MP - 2020
Actuarial Cost Method	Entry Age Normal	Entry Age Normal

The demographic assumptions used are predominantly consistent with those used in the July 1, 2022 actuarial valuations of the South Carolina Retirement System.

*OPEB Liabilities, OPEB Expense, and Deferred Outflows/Inflows of Resources Related to OPEB:* The June 30, 2024 information was rolled forward using the June 30, 2023 measurement date.

<b>Changes in Total OPEB Liability and OPEB Expense</b>	<b>Increase or (Decrease)</b>
Balance as of June 30, 2023	\$ 8,816,543
Changes during Year:	
Service Cost	28,385
Interest on Total OPEB Funding	315,904
Effect of Plan Changes	(4,829,810)
Effect of Assumptions Changes or Inputs	(75,633)
Benefit Payments	(383,490)
Balance as of June 30, 2024	<u>\$ 3,871,899</u>

## NOTE 6 POST-EMPLOYMENT EMPLOYEE BENEFITS (CONTINUED)

Total OPEB Expense	
Service Cost	\$ 28,385
Interest on Total OPEB Funding	315,904
Effect of Plan Changes	(4,829,810)
Effect of Assumptions Changes or Inputs	(75,633)
Benefit Payments Paid thru City	(383,490)
Balance for the year ended June 30, 2024	<u>\$ (4,944,644)</u>

### Sensitivity Analysis

The following presents the City's Total OPEB Liability calculated using the discount rate of 3.93%. It also presents what the City's Total OPEB Liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate one percentage point lower (2.93%) and one percentage point higher (4.93%) than the current rate.

	1% Decrease 2.93%	Discount Rate 3.93%	1% Increase 4.93%
Total OPEB Liability	\$4,154,592	\$ 3,871,899	\$ 3,621,827

The following presents the City's Total OPEB Liability calculated using the current healthcare trend rates. It also presents what the City's Total OPEB Liability would be if it were calculated using healthcare trend rates that are one percentage point lower or one percentage point higher than the current rates.

	1% Decrease in Trend Rate	Current Trend Rate	1% Increase in Trend Rate
Total OPEB Liability	\$3,841,242	\$ 3,871,899	\$ 3,890,246

## NOTE 7 RETIREMENT PLAN

The South Carolina Public Employee Benefit Authority (PEBA), created July 1, 2012, is the state agency responsible for the administration and management of the various Retirement Systems and retirement programs of the state of South Carolina, including the State Optional Retirement Program and the S.C. Deferred Compensation Program, as well as the state's employee insurance programs. As such, PEBA is responsible for administering the South Carolina Retirement Systems' five defined benefit pension plans. PEBA has an 11-member Board of Directors, appointed by the Governor and General Assembly leadership, which serves as custodian, co-trustee and co-fiduciary of the Systems and the assets of the retirement trust funds. The Retirement System Investment Commission (Commission as the governing body, RSIC as the agency), created the General Assembly in 2005, has exclusive authority to invest and manage the retirement trust funds' assets. The Commission, and eight-member board, serves as co-trustee and co-fiduciary for the assets of the retirement trust funds. By law, the State Fiscal Accountability Authority (SFAA), which consists of five elected officials, also reviews certain PEBA Board decisions regarding the actuary of the Systems.

## NOTE 7 RETIREMENT PLAN (CONTINUED)

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

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

### Plan Descriptions

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

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

### Membership

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

SCRS - Generally, all employees of covered employers are required to participate in and contribute to the system as a condition of employment. This plan covers general employees and teachers and first-term individuals elected to the South Carolina General Assembly. An employee member of the system with an effective date of membership prior to July 1, 2012, is a Class Two member. An employee member of the system with an effective date of membership on or after July 1, 2012, is a Class Three member.

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

## NOTE 7 RETIREMENT PLAN (CONTINUED)

### Benefits

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

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

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

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

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

## NOTE 7 RETIREMENT PLAN (CONTINUED)

### Contributions

Actuarial valuations are performed annually by an external consulting actuary to ensure applicable contribution rates satisfy the funding parameters specified in Title 9 of the South Carolina Code of Laws. Under these provisions, SCRS contribution requirements must be sufficient to maintain an amortization period for the financing of the unfunded actuarial accrued liability (UAAL) over a period that does not exceed the number of years scheduled in state statute. Legislation in 2017 increased, but also established a ceiling for SCRS employee contribution rates. Effective July 1, 2017, employee rates were increased to a capped rate of 9.00 percent for SCRS and 9.75 percent for PORS. The legislation also increased employer contribution rates beginning July 1, 2017, for both SCRS and PORS until reaching 18.56 percent for SCRS and 21.24 percent for PORS. The legislation include a further provision that if the scheduled contributions are not sufficient to meet the funding periods set in state statute, the PEBA board would increase the employer contribution rates as necessary to meet the funding periods set for the applicable year.

Pension reform legislation modified statute such that the employer contribution rates for SCRS and PORS to be further increased, not to exceed one-half of one percent in any one year if necessary, in order to improve the funding of the plans. The statute set rates intended to reduce the unfunded liability of SCRS and PORS to the maximum amortization period of 20 years from 30 years over a ten-year schedule, as determined by the annual actuarial valuations of the plan. Finally, under the revised statute, the contribution rates for SCRS and PORS may not be decreased until the plans are at least 85 percent funded.

	SCRS Rates	PORS Rates
Employer Contribution Rate		
Retirement	18.41%	20.84%
Incidental Death Benefit	0.15%	0.20%
Accidental Death Contributions	0.00%	0.20%
Total	18.56%	21.24%
Employee Contribution Rate	9.00%	9.75%

The required contributions and percentages of amounts contributed to the Plans were as follows:

Year Ended	SCRS Contributions		PORS Contributions		Total
	Required	%Contributed	Required	%Contributed	
June 30 2024	\$ 870,692	100%	\$ 656,274	100%	\$ 1,526,966

Eligible payrolls covered under the Plans were as follows:

Year Ended	SCRS Payroll	PORS Payroll	Total
June 30 2024	\$ 4,691,228	\$ 3,089,804	\$ 7,781,032

## NOTE 7 RETIREMENT PLAN (CONTINUED)

### Actuarial Assumptions and Methods

Actuarial valuations of the ongoing plan involve estimates of the reported amounts and assumptions about the probability of occurrence of events far into the future. Examples include assumptions about future employment, mortality, and future salary increases. Amounts determined regarding the net pension liability are subject to continual revision as actual results are compared with past expectations and new estimates are made about the future. South Carolina state statute requires that an actuarial experience study be completed at least once in each five-year period. An experience report on the Systems was most recently issued for the period ending June 30, 2019.

The June 30, 2023, total pension liability (TPL), net pension liability (NPL), and sensitivity information shown in this report were determined by our consulting actuary, Gabriel, Roeder, Smith, and Company (GRS) and are based on an actuarial valuation performed as of July 1, 2022. The total pension liability was rolled-forward from the valuation date to the plans' fiscal year end, June 30, 2024, using generally accepted actuarial principles. There was no legislation enacted during the 2023 legislative session that had a material change in the benefit provisions for any of the systems.

The following table provides a summary of the actuarial assumptions and methods used to calculate the TPL as of June 30, 2023.

	SCRS	PORS
Actuarial cost method	Entry Age	Entry Age
Actuarial assumptions:		
Investment rate of return	7.0%	7.0%
Projected salary increases	3.0% to 11% (Varies by service)	3.5% to 10.5% (Varies by service)
Includes inflation at	2.25%	2.25%
Benefit adjustments	Lesser of 1% or \$500	Lesser of 1% or \$500

The post-retiree mortality assumption is dependent upon the member's job category and gender. The base mortality assumptions, the 2020 Public Retirees of South Carolina Mortality table (2020 PRSC), was developed using the Systems' mortality experience. These base rates are adjusted for future improvement in mortality using 80% of Scale UMP projected from the year 2020.

Assumptions used in the determination of the June 30, 2023, TPL are as follows:

Former Job Class	Males	Females
General Employees and Members of the General Assembly	2020 PRSC Males multiplied by 97%	multiplied by 107%



## NOTE 7 RETIREMENT PLAN (CONTINUED)

### Net Pension Liability

The NPL is calculated separately for each system and represents that particular system's TPL determined in accordance with GASB 67 less that system's fiduciary net position. NPL totals, as of June 30, 2023, for SCRS and PORS are presented below.

System	Total Pension Liability	Plan Fiduciary Net Position	Employer's Net Position Liability (Asset)	Plan Fiduciary Net Position as a % of the Total Pension Liability
SCRS	\$58,464,402,454	\$ 34,286,961,942	\$ 24,177,440,512	58.6%
PORS	\$ 9,450,021,576	\$ 6,405,925,370	\$ 3,044,096,206	67.8%

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

At June 30, 2024, the City reported a liability of \$10,444,917 and \$4,955,498 for its proportionate share of the net pension liability for the SCRS and PORS, respectively. The net pension liability was measured as of July 1, 2023, and the total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of that date. The City's proportion of the net pension liability was based on a projection of the City's long-term share of contributions to the pension plan relative to the projected contributions of all participating entities, actuarially determined. The City's proportion was .0394% for the SCRS and .1931% for the PORS.

For the year ended June 30, 2024, the City recognized pension expense of \$379,060 and \$633,012 for SCRS and PORS, respectively. At June 30, 2024, the City reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions from the following sources:

	Deferred Outflows of Resources	Deferred Inflows of Resources
Difference Between Expected and Actual Experience	\$ -	\$ 3,178,044
Liability Experience	2,570,824	-
City Contributions Subsequent to the Measurement Date	1,526,966	-
Total	\$ 4,097,790	\$ 3,178,044

The \$1,526,966 of deferred outflows of resources resulting from the City's contributions subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a reduction of the net pension liability in the year ending June 30, 2025. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources will be recognized in pension expense as follows:

Measurement Period Year Ended June 30,	Fiscal Year Ended June 30	
2024	2025	\$ (131,849)
2025	2026	(788,724)
2026	2027	325,089
2027	2028	(11,736)

## NOTE 7 RETIREMENT PLAN (CONTINUED)

### Long-term Expected Rate of Return

The long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments is based upon 20-year capital market assumptions. The long-term expected rates of return represent assumptions developed using an arithmetic building block approach primarily based on consensus expectations and market-based inputs. Expected returns are net of investment fees.

The expected returns, along with the expected inflation rate, form the basis for the target asset allocation adopted at the beginning of the 2023 fiscal year. The long-term expected rate of return is produced by weighting the expected future real rates of return by the target allocation percentage and adding expected inflation and is summarized in the table on the following page. For actuarial purposes, the 7 percent assumed annual investment rate of return used in the calculation of the TPL includes a 4.75 percent real rate of return and a 2.25 percent inflation component.

The target allocation and best estimates of real rates of return for each major asset class are summarized in the following table:

<b>Asset Class</b>	<b>Policy Target</b>	<b>Expected Arithmetic Real Rate of Return</b>	<b>Long Term Expected Portfolio Real Rate of Return</b>
<b>Public Equity</b>	46.0%	6.62%	3.04%
<b>Bonds</b>	26.0%	0.31%	0.08%
<b>Private Equity</b>	9.0%	10.91%	0.98%
<b>Private Debt</b>	7.0%	6.16%	0.43%
<b>Real Assets</b>	<b>12.0%</b>		
Real Estate	9.0%	6.41%	0.58%
Infrastructure	3.0%	6.62%	0.20%
Total Expected Real Return	100.0%		5.31%
Inflation for Actuarial Purposes			2.25%
			<b>7.56%</b>

### Discount Rate

The discount rate used to measure the TPL was 7 percent. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed that contributions from participating employers in SCRS and PORS will be made based on the actuarially determined rates based on provisions in the South Carolina Code of Laws. Based on those assumptions, the System's fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make all the projected future benefit payments of current plan members. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was applied to all periods of projected benefit payments to determine the TPL.

### Sensitivity Analysis

The following table presents the collective NPL of the participating employers calculated using the discount rate of 7 percent, as well as what the employers' NPL would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1 percent lower (6 percent) or 1 percent higher (8 percent) than the current rate.

<b>Sensitivity of the Net Pension Liability to Changes in the Discount Rate (In Thousands)</b>			
<b>System</b>	<b>1% Decrease (6%)</b>	<b>Current Discount Rate (7%)</b>	<b>1% Increase (8%)</b>
SCRS	\$ 12,302	\$ 9,521	\$ 7,210
PORS	8,293	5,879	3,902

NOTE 7 RETIREMENT PLAN (CONTINUED)

Additional Financial and Actuarial Information

Information contained in these Notes to the Schedules of Employer and Nonemployer Allocations and Schedules of Pension Amounts by Employer (Schedules) was compiled from the Systems' audited financial statements for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023, and the accounting valuation report as of June 30, 2023. Additional financial information supporting the preparation of the Schedules (including the unmodified audit opinion on the financial statements and required supplementary information) is available in the Systems' ACFR.

NOTE 8 COMPONENTS of RESTRICTED ASSETS

General Fund

Restricted Assets at June 30, 2024 were as follows:

	Local Option Sales Tax
Cash	<u>\$ 541,568</u>

Special Revenue Fund-Local Tax

	Revenue Bond Sinking and Revenue Fund
U.S. Government Securities	<u>\$ 264,230</u>

Proprietary Fund

Restricted Assets at June 30, 2024 were as follows:

	Revenue Bond Sinking and Revenue Fund	Customer Deposits	Total
Cash and Certificates of Deposits	\$ -	\$ 553,879	\$ 553,879
U.S. Government Securities	1,771,142	-	1,771,142
	<u>\$ 1,771,142</u>	<u>\$ 553,879</u>	<u>\$ 2,325,021</u>

The ordinance authorizing the Electric, Water and Sewer System revenue bonds requires that the City establish a sinking fund (Revenue Bond Sinking Fund) in an amount not less than the maximum annual requirement for the payment of principal and interest on all the revenue bonds except for the SRF loan. At June 30, 2024, the sinking fund balance is being funded to satisfy such bond ordinance requirements.

NOTE 9 INTERFUND TRANSACTION

Operating Transfers

During the course of normal operations, the City has numerous transactions between funds including expenditures and transfers of resources primarily to provide services. The governmental and proprietary type fund financial statements generally reflect such transactions as transfers. Transfers are used to (1) move revenues from the fund that statute or budget requires to collect them to the fund that statute or budget requires to expend them, (2) use unrestricted revenues collected in the general fund to finance various programs accounted for in other funds in accordance with budgetary authorizations.

Individual fund operating transfers for fiscal year 2024 were as follows:

<u>Fund</u>	<u>Transfer In</u>	<u>Transfer Out</u>
General	\$ 2,266,000	\$ -
Utility Fund	-	2,266,000
Totals	<u>\$ 2,266,000</u>	<u>\$ 2,266,000</u>

NOTE 10 CAPITALIZED INTEREST

The City capitalizes net interest costs as part of the cost of constructing various water and sewer projects when material. Interests earned on proceeds of the revenue bonds used for construction are offset against interest costs in determining the amount to be capitalized. Interest costs expensed in the proprietary fund for the year ended June 30, 2024, were \$1,993,345 and none was capitalized.

NOTE 11 COMMITMENTS and CONTINGENCIES

The City is a defendant in various lawsuits and asserted claims. Although the outcome of these lawsuits and asserted claims is not presently determinable, in the opinion of the City's attorney, the resolution of these matters will not have a material adverse effect on the financial condition of the City.

The City receives state and federal grants for specific purposes that are subject to review and audit by state and federal agencies. Such audits could result in a request for reimbursement by the state and federal agencies for expenditures disallowed under the terms and conditions of the appropriate agency. In the opinion of City management, such disallowances, if any, will not be significant.

NOTE 12 RISK MANAGEMENT

***Participation in Public Entity Risk Pools for Property and Casualty Insurance***

The City is participating in a Public Entity Risk Pools for Property and Casualty Insurance. The City has joined together with other municipalities in the state to form the South Carolina Municipal Insurance and Risk Financing Fund ("SCMIRF") and the South Carolina Municipal Insurance Trust ("SCMIT"), which are public entity risk pools currently operating as a common risk management and insurance program for general risk insurance and workers compensation, respectively. The City pays an annual premium to SCMIRF for its general risk insurance. For the year ended June 30, 2024, the City made premium payments totaling approximately \$497,251. SCMIRF is self-sustaining through member premiums and reinsures through commercial companies. SCMIRF's net position from its most recently issued audited financial statements at December 31, 2023 totaled approximately \$8,549,788. There were no significant reductions in coverage in the past fiscal year and there were no settlements exceeding insurance coverage in the past three fiscal years.

NOTE 12 RISK MANAGEMENT (CONTINUED)

The City pays an annual premium to SCMIT for its workers compensation insurance. For the year ended June 30, 2024, the City made premium payments totaling approximately \$250,322. The Trust uses reinsurance agreements to reduce its exposure to large workers' compensation losses. SCMIT's net position from its most recently issued audited financial statements at December 31, 2023, totaled approximately \$43,866,712. There were no significant reductions in coverage in the past fiscal year and there were no settlements exceeding insurance coverage in the past three fiscal years.

NOTE 13 PRIOR PERIOD ADJUSTMENT

During the audit, it was noted revenue from the sale of the clock tower of \$500,000 had been posted to income in the year ended June 30, 2023. However, there was a separate inducement agreement that if certain incentives were met by the purchaser, the \$500,000 would be refunded. As a result, we have reclassified the revenue to a payable. Also during the audit, we noted that a transfer of cash for \$119,400 had been posted to an income account in a prior year instead of transferring to close a cash account. This was corrected in the current year. The effect of the entries were:

Fund Financial Statements		
Increase (Decrease) in Fund Balance/Net Position		
Governmental Funds	Utility Fund	Total
\$ (500,000)	\$ (119,400)	\$ (619,400)

  

Government-Wide Financial Statements		
Increase (Decrease) in Net Position		
Governmental Activities	Business-Type Activities	Total
\$ (500,000)	\$ (119,400)	\$ (619,400)

NOTE 14 SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

The City evaluated all events or transactions that occurred after June 30, 2024, through the date the City issued these financial statements on January 16, 2025. During this period, the City did not have any material subsequent events that required recognition in the City's disclosures to the June 30, 2024, financial statements.

## REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

CITY of CAMDEN, SOUTH CAROLINA  
GENERAL FUND

STATEMENT of REVENUES, EXPENDITURES and CHANGES in  
FUND BALANCE - BUDGET (GAAP BASIS) and ACTUAL – GENERAL FUND  
For the Year Ended June 30, 2024

	Original Budget	Revised Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
REVENUES				
Taxes	\$ 4,364,558	\$ 4,364,558	\$ 4,603,229	\$ 238,671
Licenses and Permits	2,848,800	2,848,800	4,078,707	1,229,907
Intergovernmental Revenues	615,000	615,000	887,043	272,043
Charge for Services	2,330,262	2,330,262	2,379,133	48,871
Fines and Forfeits	124,000	124,000	170,052	46,052
Miscellaneous	894,707	894,707	792,048	(102,659)
Total Revenues	<u>11,177,327</u>	<u>11,177,327</u>	<u>12,910,212</u>	<u>1,732,885</u>
EXPENDITURES				
General Government	2,936,209	2,936,209	3,487,580	(551,371)
Public Safety	6,066,158	6,066,158	6,318,666	(252,508)
Highways and Streets	1,517,886	1,517,886	1,369,281	148,605
Sanitation	1,576,688	1,576,688	1,611,294	(34,606)
Culture and Recreation	455,934	455,934	305,711	150,223
Non-Departmental	1,598,952	1,598,952	764,575	834,377
Total Expenditures	<u>14,151,827</u>	<u>14,151,827</u>	<u>13,857,107</u>	<u>294,720</u>
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) of REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES	<u>(2,974,500)</u>	<u>(2,974,500)</u>	<u>(946,895)</u>	<u>2,027,605</u>
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)				
Capital Financing	-	-	-	-
Sale of Assets	703,000	703,000	47,633	(655,367)
Transfer In	2,266,000	2,266,000	2,266,000	-
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	<u>2,969,000</u>	<u>2,969,000</u>	<u>2,313,633</u>	<u>(655,367)</u>
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) of REVENUES and OTHER SOURCES OVER EXPENDITURES and OTHER USES	<u>\$ (5,500)</u>	<u>\$ (5,500)</u>	<u>1,366,738</u>	<u>\$ 1,372,238</u>
FUND BALANCE, Beginning of Year			10,230,161	
Prior Period Adjustment (Note 13)			<u>(500,000)</u>	
FUND BALANCE, End of Year			<u>\$11,096,899</u>	

CITY of CAMDEN, SOUTH CAROLINA  
LOCAL TAX FUND

STATEMENT of REVENUES, EXPENDITURES and CHANGES in  
FUND BALANCE - BUDGET (GAAP BASIS) and ACTUAL – LOCAL TAX FUND  
For the Year Ended June 30, 2024

	Original Budget	Revised Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
REVENUES				
Taxes	\$ 1,330,000	\$ 1,330,000	\$ 1,576,460	\$ 246,460
Licenses and Permits	7,500	7,500	180	(7,320)
Intergovernmental	35,000	35,000	824	(34,176)
Miscellaneous	160,800	160,800	214,533	53,733
Total Revenues	<u>1,533,300</u>	<u>1,533,300</u>	<u>1,791,997</u>	<u>258,697</u>
EXPENDITURES				
Culture and Recreation	<u>1,533,300</u>	<u>1,533,300</u>	<u>1,403,147</u>	<u>130,153</u>
Total Expenditures	<u>1,533,300</u>	<u>1,533,300</u>	<u>1,403,147</u>	<u>130,153</u>
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) of REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	388,850	<u>\$ 388,850</u>
FUND BALANCE, Beginning of Year			<u>1,213,488</u>	
FUND BALANCE, End of Year			<u>\$ 1,602,338</u>	



CITY of CAMDEN, SOUTH CAROLINA  
Camden, South Carolina

SCHEDULE of CHANGES in TOTAL OPEB LIABILITY and RELATED RATIOS  
Years Ended June 30,

	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017
Service Cost	\$ 28,385	\$ 25,832	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 34,518	\$ 56,447	\$ 54,538
Interest on Total OPEB Liability	315,904	234,232	201,581	201,581	269,308	435,177	582,918	585,844
Changes in Benefit Terms	(4,829,810)	-	-	-	-	(3,805,118)	-	-
Effect of Economic/Demographic Gains(Losses)	-	789,944	-	(738,323)	-	(4,605,050)	-	-
Effect of Assumption Changes or Inputs	(75,633)	85,667	-	62,616	1,573,411	243,616	(838,318)	-
Benefits Payments	<u>(383,490)</u>	<u>(443,839)</u>	<u>(523,222)</u>	<u>(399,413)</u>	<u>(430,982)</u>	<u>(416,864)</u>	<u>(748,639)</u>	<u>(703,566)</u>
Net Change in Total OPEB Liability	(4,944,644)	691,836	(321,641)	(873,539)	1,411,737	(8,113,721)	(947,592)	(63,184)
Total OPEB Liability, Beginning of Year	<u>8,816,543</u>	<u>8,124,707</u>	<u>8,446,348</u>	<u>9,319,887</u>	<u>7,908,150</u>	<u>16,021,871</u>	<u>16,969,463</u>	<u>17,032,647</u>
Total OPEB Liability, End of Year	<u>\$ 3,871,899</u>	<u>\$ 8,816,543</u>	<u>\$ 8,124,707</u>	<u>\$ 8,446,348</u>	<u>\$ 9,319,887</u>	<u>\$ 7,908,150</u>	<u>\$ 16,021,871</u>	<u>\$ 16,969,463</u>
Covered Payroll	\$ 292,045	\$ 292,045	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 953,700	\$ 953,700	\$ 4,687,338	\$ 4,573,013
Total OPEB Liability as a % of Covered Payroll	1325.79%	3018.90%	N/A	N/A	977.23%	829.21%	341.81%	371.08%

CITY of CAMDEN, SOUTH CAROLINA  
Camden, South Carolina

SCHEDULE of the CITY'S CONTRIBUTIONS  
South Carolina Retirement System  
Years Ended June 30,

	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
Statutorily Required Contributions	\$ 1,526,966	\$ 1,556,583	\$ 1,478,092	\$ 1,373,232	\$ 1,345,226	\$ 1,249,984	\$ 1,106,062	\$ 913,556	\$ 775,534	\$ 716,089
Contributions in Relation to Statutorily Required Contributions	1,526,966	1,556,583	1,478,092	1,373,232	1,345,226	1,249,984	1,106,062	913,556	775,534	716,089
Contribution Deficiency (Excess)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Reporting Unit's Covered-Employee Payroll	\$ 7,781,032	\$ 8,350,711	\$ 8,402,627	\$ 8,295,784	\$ 8,132,414	\$ 8,048,892	\$ 7,610,034	\$ 7,423,787	\$ 6,808,187	\$ 6,615,666
Contributions as a Percentage of Covered Employee Payroll	19.6%	18.6%	17.6%	16.6%	16.5%	15.5%	14.5%	12.3%	11.4%	10.8%

CITY of CAMDEN, SOUTH CAROLINA  
Camden, South Carolina

SCHEDULE of the CITY'S PROPORTIONATE  
SHARE of the NET PENSION LIABILITY  
South Carolina Retirement System  
Years Ended June 30,

	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
Reporting Unit's Proportion of SCRS Net Pension Liability (%)	0.0394%	0.0434%	0.0465%	0.0462%	0.0486%	0.0467%	0.0469%	0.0453%	0.0454%	0.0448%
Reporting Unit's Proportion of PORS Net Pension Liability (%)	0.1931%	0.2042%	0.2056%	0.1973%	0.2008%	0.1999%	0.2000%	0.1903%	0.1903%	0.1873%
Reporting Unit's Proportionate Share of Net Pension Liability	<u>\$ 15,400,414</u>	<u>\$ 16,651,156</u>	<u>\$ 15,349,864</u>	<u>\$ 18,355,857</u>	<u>\$ 16,861,558</u>	<u>\$ 16,136,286</u>	<u>\$ 16,033,664</u>	<u>\$ 14,496,705</u>	<u>\$ 12,764,031</u>	<u>\$ 11,302,929</u>
Reporting Unit's Covered Employee Payroll	<u>\$ 7,781,032</u>	<u>\$ 8,350,711</u>	<u>\$ 8,402,627</u>	<u>\$ 8,295,784</u>	<u>\$ 8,132,414</u>	<u>\$ 8,048,892</u>	<u>\$ 7,610,034</u>	<u>\$ 7,423,787</u>	<u>\$ 6,808,187</u>	<u>\$ 6,615,666</u>
Reporting Unit's Proportionate Share of Net Pension Liability as a Percentage of its Covered Employee Payroll (%)	197.9%	199.4%	182.7%	221.3%	207.3%	200.5%	210.7%	195.3%	187.5%	170.9%

## SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION (OPTIONAL)

## GENERAL FUND

CITY of CAMDEN, SOUTH CAROLINA  
GENERAL FUND

BALANCE SHEET  
June 30, 2024

ASSETS

Assets:

Cash	\$ 7,135,052
Restricted Cash	541,568
Certificates of Deposit	776,755
Investments	3,681,261
Receivables (Net of Allowance for Uncollectibles)	
Taxes	619,721
Miscellaneous	625,400
Inventory	104,697
Prepays	<u>280,191</u>
Total Assets	<u>\$ 13,764,645</u>

LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES, and FUND BALANCE

Liabilities:

Accounts Payable	\$ 897,832
Accrued Liabilities	<u>244,442</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>1,142,274</u>

Deferred Inflows of Resources:

Deferred Revenues	
Local Option Sales Tax	541,568
Impact Fees	687,746
Other	<u>296,158</u>
Total Deferred Inflows of Resources	<u>1,525,472</u>

Fund Balance

Nonspendable	104,697
Committed	250,926
Unassigned	<u>10,741,276</u>
Total Fund Balance	<u>11,096,899</u>

Total Liabilities, Deferred Inflows of Resources, and Fund Balance	<u><u>\$ 13,764,645</u></u>
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CITY of CAMDEN, SOUTH CAROLINA  
GENERAL FUND

STATEMENT of REVENUES COMPARED to BUDGET (GAAP BASIS)  
For the Year Ended June 30, 2024

	Revised Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
LOCAL SOURCES			
Property Taxes	\$ 1,869,558	\$ 1,786,925	\$ (82,633)
Vehicle Taxes	245,000	344,889	99,889
Local Option Sales Tax	2,200,000	2,407,703	207,703
Penalties and Delinquent Taxes	50,000	63,712	13,712
Fines and Forfeitures	124,000	170,052	46,052
Business Licenses	2,450,000	3,083,371	633,371
Franchise Fees	398,800	995,336	596,536
Fire Service	721,670	692,779	(28,891)
Sanitation	1,608,592	1,686,354	77,762
Archives	4,000	1,918	(2,082)
Sale of Assets	703,000	47,633	(655,367)
Interest	25,000	219,722	194,722
Miscellaneous	865,707	570,408	(295,299)
Sub-Total	<u>11,265,327</u>	<u>12,070,802</u>	<u>805,475</u>
STATE and LOCAL GOVERNMENT SOURCES			
Local Government Fund	175,000	191,605	16,605
Merchant's Inventory Tax	48,000	49,922	1,922
Grants and Donations	12,000	365,730	353,730
Accommodations	30,000	31,762	1,762
Kershaw County School Resource Officer	150,000	34,881	(115,119)
Kershaw County Road Maintenance Fee	200,000	213,143	13,143
Sub-Total	<u>615,000</u>	<u>887,043</u>	<u>272,043</u>
Total Revenues	<u>\$ 11,880,327</u>	<u>\$ 12,957,845</u>	<u>\$ 1,077,518</u>

CITY of CAMDEN, SOUTH CAROLINA  
GENERAL FUND

STATEMENT of EXPENDITURES COMPARED to BUDGET (GAAP BASIS)  
For the Year Ended June 30, 2024

	Budget	Actual	(Unfavorable)
GENERAL GOVERNMENT			
Legislature	\$ 217,895	\$ 202,610	\$ 15,285
Court	272,034	259,836	12,198
Legal	40,000	109,315	(69,315)
Administration	560,086	523,716	36,370
Finance	1,112,806	1,292,811	(180,005)
Zoning/Code Enforcement	170,500	495,045	(324,545)
Garage Services	163,811	189,427	(25,616)
Downtown Development	155,483	277,069	(121,586)
Planning	243,594	137,751	105,843
Sub-Total	<u>2,936,209</u>	<u>3,487,580</u>	<u>(551,371)</u>
PUBLIC SAFETY			
Police Department	3,755,678	3,838,977	(83,299)
Fire Department			
Administration	-	99,460	(99,460)
Fire Fighting	2,310,480	2,380,229	(69,749)
Sub-Total	<u>6,066,158</u>	<u>6,318,666</u>	<u>(252,508)</u>
HIGHWAYS and STREETS			
Streets Maintenance	515,178	511,502	3,676
Park Maintenance	1,002,708	857,779	144,929
Sub-Total	<u>1,517,886</u>	<u>1,369,281</u>	<u>148,605</u>
SANITATION			
Administration	31,845	4,915	26,930
Trash Collection	1,544,843	1,606,379	(61,536)
Sub-Total	<u>1,576,688</u>	<u>1,611,294</u>	<u>(34,606)</u>
CULTURE and RECREATION			
Community Promotion	117,000	104,000	13,000
Archives	338,934	201,711	137,223
Sub-Total	<u>455,934</u>	<u>305,711</u>	<u>150,223</u>
NON-DEPARTMENTAL			
Other Non-Departmental	1,598,952	764,575	834,377
Sub-Total	<u>1,598,952</u>	<u>764,575</u>	<u>834,377</u>
Totals	<u>\$ 14,151,827</u>	<u>\$ 13,857,107</u>	<u>\$ 294,720</u>

The Accompanying Notes are an Integral Part of These Financial Statements



## SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS

### **Special Revenue Funds**

The Special Revenue Funds are used by the City to account for the accumulation and disbursement of restricted resources. The following is a description of the City's Special Revenue Funds:

Local Tax Fund: to account for receipt and allocation of the City's hospitality tax and accommodation tax. Use of this tax is limited by state law. The City's hospitality tax rate is 2%.

Drug Fund: to account for proceeds from the sale of assets seized in connection with drug arrests. Revenues are restricted to law enforcement expenditures.

Police Department Recreation Fund: to account for voluntary contributions for police department recreation.

Fireman's Fund: to account for "one percent money" received from the State.

CITY of CAMDEN, SOUTH CAROLINA  
SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS

COMBINING BALANCE SHEET  
June 30, 2024

	Local Tax Fund	Drug Fund	Police Department Recreation Fund	Fireman's Fund	Total
<b>ASSETS</b>					
Cash	\$ 1,580,976	\$ 91,811	\$ 2,329	\$ 86,034	\$ 1,761,150
Restricted Investments	264,230	-	-	-	264,230
Accounts Receivable	98,323	-	-	-	98,323
Total Assets	<u>\$ 1,943,529</u>	<u>\$ 91,811</u>	<u>\$ 2,329</u>	<u>\$ 86,034</u>	<u>\$ 2,123,703</u>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>					
Accounts Payable	\$ 39,369	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 39,369
Accrued Salaries	227,581	-	-	-	227,581
Total Liabilities	<u>266,950</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>266,950</u>
<b>DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES</b>					
Unearned Revenue	74,241	-	-	-	74,241
Total Deferred Inflow of Resources	<u>74,241</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>74,241</u>
<b>FUND BALANCES</b>					
Restricted	1,602,338	91,811	(4,367)	86,034	1,775,816
Assigned	-	-	6,696	-	6,696
Total Fund Balances	<u>1,602,338</u>	<u>91,811</u>	<u>2,329</u>	<u>86,034</u>	<u>1,782,512</u>
Total Liabilities, Deferred Inflow of Resources, and Fund Balances	<u>\$ 1,943,529</u>	<u>\$ 91,811</u>	<u>\$ 2,329</u>	<u>\$ 86,034</u>	<u>\$ 2,123,703</u>

CITY of CAMDEN, SOUTH CAROLINA  
SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS

COMBINING STATEMENT of REVENUES, EXPENDITURES and CHANGES in FUND BALANCE  
For the Year Ended June 30, 2024

	Local Tax Fund	Drug Fund	Police Department Recreation Fund	Fireman's Fund	Victim's Assistance	Total
REVENUES						
Intergovernmental	\$ 824	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 824
Other Grants	100,000	-	-	-	-	100,000
Licenses and Permits	180	-	-	-	-	180
Local Taxes and Fees	1,576,460	-	-	-	-	1,576,460
Interest	-	186	1	57	-	244
Miscellaneous	114,533	-	300	89,030	11,958	215,821
Total Revenues	<u>1,791,997</u>	<u>186</u>	<u>301</u>	<u>89,087</u>	<u>11,958</u>	<u>1,893,529</u>
EXPENDITURES						
Public Safety	-	-	-	-	11,958	11,958
Culture and Recreation	1,403,147	-	-	-	-	1,403,147
Non-Departmental	-	-	925	79,330	-	80,255
Total Expenditures	<u>1,403,147</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>925</u>	<u>79,330</u>	<u>11,958</u>	<u>1,495,360</u>
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) of REVENUES over EXPENDITURES	388,850	186	(624)	9,757	-	398,169
FUND BALANCE, Beginning of Year	<u>1,213,488</u>	<u>91,625</u>	<u>2,953</u>	<u>76,277</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,384,343</u>
FUND BALANCE, End of Year	<u>\$ 1,602,338</u>	<u>\$ 91,811</u>	<u>\$ 2,329</u>	<u>\$ 86,034</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 1,782,512</u>

CITY OF CAMDEN, SOUTH CAROLINA  
STATEMENT of FINES and ASSESSMENTS  
For the Year Ended June 30, 2024

COURT FINES	
Court Fines Collected	\$ 170,052
Court Fines Retained by City	<u>(71,330)</u>
Court Fines Remitted to the State Treasurer	<u>\$ 98,722</u>
COURT ASSESSMENTS	
Court Assessments and Surcharges Collected	\$ 110,680
Court Assessments and Surcharges Retained by City	<u>(11,958)</u>
Court Assessments Remitted to the State Treasurer	<u>\$ 98,722</u>
VICTIMS SERVICES	
Court Assessments and Surcharges Allocated to Victim Services	\$ 11,958
Funds Allocated to Victim Services	
Victim Services Expenditures	<u>(11,958)</u>
Total	<u>\$ -</u>

## CAPITAL PROJECT FUNDS

### **Capital Project Funds**

The Capital Project Funds account for all resources used for the acquisition and/or construction of major capital facilities by the City. The following is a description of the City's Capital Project Funds:

Road Fund: to account for road paving and improvements funded by tax millage.

Project Improvement Fund: to account for special projects as approved by City Council, funded by tax millage.

CITY of CAMDEN, SOUTH CAROLINA  
CAPITAL PROJECT FUNDS

BALANCE SHEET  
June 30, 2024

ASSETS

Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 1,116,758
Total Assets	<u>\$ 1,116,758</u>

LIABILITIES

Accounts Payable	\$ 36,468
Total Liabilities	<u>36,468</u>

DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES

Unearned Revenue	<u>30,000</u>
Total Deferred Inflows of Resources	<u>30,000</u>

FUND BALANCE

Committed For:	
Roads	421,554
Project Improvement	<u>628,736</u>
Total Fund Balance	<u>1,050,290</u>
Total Liabilities, Deferred Inflows of Resources, and Fund Balance	<u>\$ 1,116,758</u>



CITY of CAMDEN, SOUTH CAROLINA  
CAPITAL PROJECT FUNDS

COMBINING STATEMENT of REVENUES, EXPENDITURES and CHANGES in FUND BALANCE  
For the Year Ended June 30, 2024

	Road Fund	Project Improvement Fund	Total Capital Projects
REVENUES			
Road Revenue	\$ 560,929	\$ -	\$ 560,929
Capital Revenue	-	770,153	770,153
Lease Income	-	2,500,000	2,500,000
Interest Income	-	1,233	1,233
Total Revenues	<u>560,929</u>	<u>3,271,386</u>	<u>3,832,315</u>
EXPENDITURES			
Highways and Streets	1,573,971	-	1,573,971
Non-Departmental	-	2,696,553	2,696,553
Total Expenditures	<u>1,573,971</u>	<u>2,696,553</u>	<u>4,270,524</u>
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over Expenditures	(1,013,042)	574,833	(438,209)
FUND BALANCE, Beginning of Year	<u>1,434,596</u>	<u>53,903</u>	<u>1,488,499</u>
FUND BALANCE, End of Year	<u>\$ 421,554</u>	<u>\$ 628,736</u>	<u>\$ 1,050,290</u>

## PROPRIETARY FUNDS

CITY of CAMDEN, SOUTH CAROLINA  
STATEMENT of NET POSITION  
June 30, 2024

ASSETS

CURRENT ASSETS

Cash	\$ 9,907,430
Investments	4,098,995
Water and Lights Accounts Receivable, Net	4,647,047
Grants Receivable	4,275
Miscellaneous Receivables	232,421
Inventories	1,966,256
Prepaid	210,588
Total Current Assets	<u>21,067,012</u>

NON-CURRENT ASSETS

RESTRICTED ASSETS

Certificates of Deposit - Customer Deposits	553,879
Investments - Reserve Bond Funds	1,771,142
Total Restricted Assets	<u>2,325,021</u>

CAPITAL ASSETS

Construction in Process	8,115,613
Buildings and Land	879,406
Furniture, Fixtures and Equipment	3,974,365
Electric System	71,641,885
Water System	41,968,506
Sewer and Wastewater System	73,051,249
Sub-Total	<u>199,631,024</u>
Less Accumulated Depreciation	<u>(83,290,059)</u>
Total Capital Assets	<u>116,340,965</u>
Total Non-Current Assets	<u>118,665,986</u>
Total Assets	<u>139,732,998</u>

DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES

Deferred Outflows Related to Pension Liability	1,111,608
Deferred Charges Bonds	95,805
Total Deferred Outflows of Resources	<u>1,207,413</u>

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CITY of CAMDEN, SOUTH CAROLINA  
STATEMENT of NET POSITION  
June 30, 2024

LIABILITIES

CURRENT LIABILITIES

Accounts Payable	1,312,138
Other Current Liabilities	126,416
Bonds Payable, Current	4,945,000
Total Current Liabilities	<u>6,383,554</u>

NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES

Accrued Vacation Pay	72,251
OPEB Obligation	464,628
Net Pension Liability	4,955,502
Payable from Restricted Assets	
Customer Deposits	968,623
Accrued Interest Payable	640,333
Bonds Payable, Non-Current	<u>35,135,000</u>
Total Non-Current Liabilities	<u>42,236,337</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>48,619,891</u>

DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES

Unearned Revenue	1,000,000
Deferred Inflows Related to Pension Liability	1,025,491
Deferred Gain on Bond Refunding	5,520,203
Total Deferred Inflows of Resources	<u>7,545,694</u>

NET POSITION

Net Investment in Capital Assets	76,356,770
Restricted for Debt Service	1,771,142
Unrestricted	6,646,914
Total Net Position	<u>\$ 84,774,826</u>

CITY of CAMDEN, SOUTH CAROLINA  
PROPRIETARY FUNDS

STATEMENT of REVENUES, EXPENSES and CHANGES in  
NET POSITION-BUDGET and ACTUAL (BUDGETARY BASIS)  
For the Year Ended June 30, 2024

	Revised Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
OPERATING REVENUES			
Electric Division	\$ 29,356,069	\$ 28,033,501	\$ (1,322,568)
Less: Direct Cost	23,149,468	17,708,126	5,441,342
Income from Electric Division	<u>6,206,601</u>	<u>10,325,375</u>	<u>4,118,774</u>
Water Division	5,526,076	5,184,269	(341,807)
Less: Direct Cost	3,749,139	3,396,080	353,059
Income from Water Division	<u>1,776,937</u>	<u>1,788,189</u>	<u>11,252</u>
Sewer Division	3,250,000	4,940,269	1,690,269
Less: Direct Cost	2,777,192	3,153,503	(376,311)
Income from Sewer Division	<u>472,808</u>	<u>1,786,766</u>	<u>1,313,958</u>
Operating Income	<u>8,456,346</u>	<u>13,900,330</u>	<u>5,443,984</u>
NON-OPERATING REVENUE (EXPENSE)			
Interest Income	25,000	393,079	368,079
Interest Expense	(7,012,346)	(1,163,217)	5,849,129
Loss on Disposal of Capital Assets	-	-	-
Other Revenue (Expenses)	<u>797,000</u>	<u>1,260,317</u>	<u>463,317</u>
Total Non-Operating Revenues (Expense)	<u>(6,190,346)</u>	<u>490,179</u>	<u>6,680,525</u>
Income (Loss) before Contributions and Transfers	<u>2,266,000</u>	<u>14,390,509</u>	<u>12,124,509</u>
Transfers Out	<u>(2,266,000)</u>	<u>(2,266,000)</u>	<u>-</u>
Net Transfers	<u>(2,266,000)</u>	<u>(2,266,000)</u>	<u>-</u>
Change in Net Position	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>12,124,509</u>	<u>\$ 12,124,509</u>
NET POSITION, Beginning of Year		72,769,717	
Prior Period Adjustment See Note 13		<u>(119,400)</u>	
NET POSITION, End of Year		<u>\$ 84,774,826</u>	

The Accompanying Notes are an Integral Part of These Financial Statements

CITY of CAMDEN, SOUTH CAROLINA  
PROPRIETARY FUNDS

STATEMENT of OTHER OPERATING INCOME -  
BUDGET and ACTUAL (BUDGETARY BASIS)  
For the Year Ended June 30, 2024

	Revised		Variance
	Budget	Actual	Favorable (Unfavorable)
Reconnections/Penalties	\$ 625,000	\$ 771,746	\$ 146,746
Setoff Debt Collections	5,000	6,733	1,733
Pole Rental	66,000	90,586	24,586
Handling and Return Fees	10,000	6,565	(3,435)
Use of Labor and Equipment	10,000	-	(10,000)
Miscellaneous	21,000	215,699	194,699
Septic Tank Hauler Fees	60,000	102,100	42,100
Grant Income	-	66,888	66,888
Total	<u>\$ 797,000</u>	<u>\$ 1,260,317</u>	<u>\$ 463,317</u>

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

To the City Council  
City of Camden  
Camden, South Carolina

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of City of Camden, South Carolina, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2024, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise City of Camden, South Carolina's basic financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated January 16, 2025.

### Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

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

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

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

## **Findings and Responses**

### **Financial Statement Preparation**

Condition – Based on the experience level of the accounting staff at the City of Camden, South Carolina, we drafted the financial statement and note disclosures.

Criteria – The financial statements are the responsibility of the City.

Cause – The accounting staff of the accounting firm drafts the financial statements and note disclosures.

Effect – The accounting staff firm drafting the financial statements requires additional procedures to be completed by management to ensure that management takes responsibility for the financial statements.

Recommendation – Management is provided with a preliminary draft and asked that they review the financial statements to determine the completeness and accuracy of the financial information. Management has reviewed the financial statements and approved them. Subsequent to approval, a final report was issued.

Response – Management will review the financial statements to determine the completeness and accuracy of the financial information and then approve the report.

### **Compliance and Other Matters**

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

### **City of Camden, South Carolina's Response to Findings**

City of Camden, South Carolina's response to the findings identified in our audit is described above. City of Camden, South Carolina's response was not subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and, accordingly, we express no opinion on it.

### **Other Matters**

We noted certain other matters that were reported to management of the City of Camden, South Carolina in a separate letter dated January 16, 2025.

### **Purpose of this Report**

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

*Cantey, Tiller, Pierce and Green, LLP*

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Camden, South Carolina

January 16, 2025