

ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT



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For the Year Ended September 30, 2007

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INTRODUCTORY SECTION

PRINCIPAL CITY OFFICIALS

ORGANIZATIONAL CHART



CITY OF GADSDEN, ALABAMA
PRINCIPAL CITY OFFICIALS

September 30, 2007

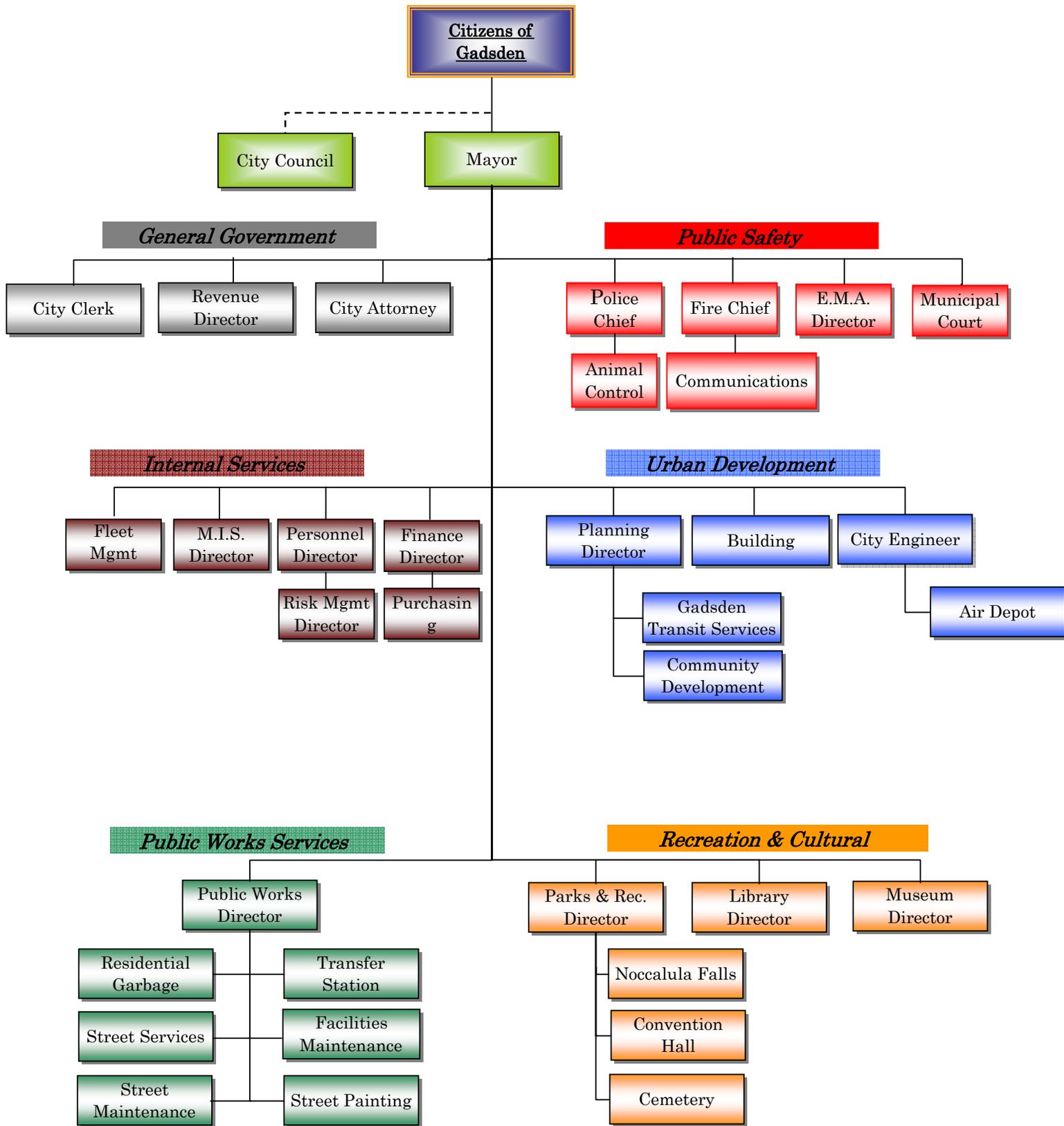
MAYOR

Sherman Guyton

CITY COUNCIL

Walt Higgins, District 1
J. R. Countryman, District 2
Robert Avery, District 3
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Bill C. Stewart, District 5
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Ben Reed, District 7 (President)

City of Gadsden Organization Chart





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Independent Auditors' Report

To the City Council
City of Gadsden, Alabama

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, the aggregate discretely presented component units, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the City of Gadsden, Alabama (the "City"), as of and for the year ended September 30, 2007, which collectively comprise the City's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents. These financial statements are the responsibility of the City's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit. We did not audit the financial statements of the Gadsden City Board of Education, or the Gadsden Airport Authority, which represent all of the assets and revenue of the component unit columns. Those financial statements were audited by other auditors whose reports have been furnished to us, and our opinion, insofar as it relates to the amounts included for the Gadsden City Board of Education and the Gadsden Airport Authority, is based on the report of the other auditors.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinions.

In our opinion, based on our audit and the report of other auditors, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, the aggregate discretely presented component units, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the City of Gadsden, Alabama, as of September 30, 2007, and the respective changes in financial position and cash flows, where applicable, thereof, for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

The management's discussion and analysis, budget to actual comparison - major funds, and schedule of pension plan funding progress are not required parts of the basic financial statements, but are supplementary information required by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. We have applied certain limited procedures, which consisted principally of inquiries of management regarding the methods of measurement and presentation of the required supplementary information. However, we did not audit the information and express no opinion on it.

Our audit was performed for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the City's basic financial statements. The accompanying information listed as the combining and individual fund statements and schedules and the statistical section in the table of contents is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements. The accompanying schedule of expenditures of federal and state awards is presented for purposes of additional analysis as required by U.S. Office of Management and Budget Circular A-133, *Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations*, and is not a required part of the basic financial statements. The combining and individual fund statements and schedules and schedule of expenditures of federal and state awards have been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole. The statistical section, as listed in the table of contents, has not been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and, accordingly, we express no opinion on them.

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated January 30, 2008, on our consideration of the City's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* and should be considered in assessing the results of our audit.

Borland Benefield, P.C.
Birmingham, Alabama
January 30, 2008

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City of Gadsden, Alabama

Management's Discussion and Analysis September 30, 2007

As management of the City of Gadsden, Alabama (the City), we present this narrative overview and analysis designed to assist readers of the City's financial statements for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2007. Our discussion and analysis focuses on significant financial issues, provides an overview of the City's financial activity, identifies changes in the City's financial position, identifies any material deviations from the financial plan (the approved budget), and identifies individual fund issues or concerns.

Financial Highlights

- The assets of the City of Gadsden exceed its liabilities at the close of the fiscal year ended September 30, 2007, by \$20,322,241 (*net assets*). The portion of net assets that may be used to meet the City's ongoing obligations to citizens and creditors (*unrestricted net assets*) reflects a deficit of \$30,226,341. The deficit is primarily the result of outstanding debt for schools and economic development, estimates for accrued leave, and claims and judgments that the City finances on a pay-as-you-go basis.
- The City's total net assets increased by \$18,182,253 in fiscal 2007. The main factors that influenced this increase were retroactively capitalized infrastructure assets, conveyance of the Cameron Development property from the Gadsden Airport Authority and various municipal improvements.
- As of the close of the current fiscal year, the City's governmental funds reported combined fund balances of \$22,319,170, an increase of \$1,297,524 from the prior year. Of this amount, \$8,443,833 or approximately 38% of total fund balances are available for spending at the City's discretion (*unreserved fund balances*).
- At the end of the current fiscal year, the unreserved fund balance of the General Fund (the City's primary operating fund) was \$6,837,610 or approximately 17% of total General Fund expenditures.
- The City's net long-term liabilities decreased by \$3,840,539 or 4%, primarily resulting from the amortization of existing debt, only a small increase in new capital lease obligations and accrued leave time.

Overview of the Financial Statements

This discussion and analysis is intended to serve as an introduction to the City's basic financial statements. The City's basic financial statements are comprised of three components: (1) government-wide financial statements, (2) fund financial statements, and (3) notes to the financial statements. This report also contains other supplementary information in addition to the basic financial statements themselves.

Government-wide Financial Statements

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

The *statement of net assets* presents information on all of the City's assets and liabilities, with the difference between the two reported as net assets. This statement combines governmental funds' current financial resources with capital assets and long-term obligations. Over time, increases or decreases in net assets may serve as a useful indicator of whether the financial position of the City is improving or deteriorating.

The *statement of activities* presents information focused on functions, and shows how the City's net assets changed during the most recent fiscal year. This is intended to summarize and simplify the user's analysis of revenue and expenses of various governmental services and/or subsidies to various business-type activities. All changes in net assets are reported as soon as the underlying event giving rise to the change occurs, regardless of the timing of related cash flows. Thus, revenue and expenses are reported in this statement for some items that will only result in cash flows in future fiscal periods (e.g., uncollected taxes and earned but unused employee leave).

Both of the government-wide financial statements distinguish functions of the City of Gadsden that are principally supported by taxes and intergovernmental revenue (*governmental activities*) from other functions that are intended to typically recover all or a significant portion of the cost of operation, including depreciation, through user fees and charges for services (*business-type activities*). The governmental activities of the City of Gadsden include general government, public safety, public works, urban development, recreation and cultural services, internal services, and non-departmental. The business-type activities of the City of Gadsden reflect private sector type operations and include air depot operations, garbage services, and the City's golf course.

The government-wide financial statements include not only the City itself (known as the *primary government*), but also the activities of its *component units*, the Gadsden Board of Education, and the Gadsden Airport Authority. A component unit is a legally separate organization over which the City can exercise influence and/or may be obligated to provide financial subsidies. The focus of the statements is clearly on the primary government and the presentation allows the readers to address the City's relative relationship with the component units. The Board of Education and the Airport Authority issue complete financial statements, which may be obtained by contacting the entities directly.

Fund Financial Statements

Traditional users of governmental financial statements will find the *Fund Financial Statements* presentation more familiar. The focus is on the City's major funds rather than the City as a whole. A *fund* is a grouping of related accounts that is used to maintain control over resources that have been segregated for specific activities or objectives. The City of Gadsden, like other state and local governments, uses fund accounting to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance-related legal requirements. Governmental, proprietary, and fiduciary are the three categories of fund types.

Governmental Funds:

The City of Gadsden maintains three individual *major governmental funds*. Information is presented separately in the governmental fund balance sheet and in the governmental fund statement of revenue, expenditures, and changes in fund balances for the general fund, the school ad valorem tax fund, and the capital improvements fund. Data from other governmental funds are combined into a single, *non-major governmental funds* aggregated presentation. Individual fund data for each of these nonmajor governmental funds is provided in the form of *combining statements* elsewhere in this report.

For management control of expenditures, the City of Gadsden adopts an annual appropriated budget for all funds with the exception of the golf course enterprise fund. A budgetary comparison statement has been provided as required supplementary information for the City's major governmental funds to demonstrate compliance with their budgets.

Proprietary Funds:

The City of Gadsden maintains two different types of proprietary funds. *Enterprise funds* are used to report the same functions presented as *business-type activities* in the government-wide financial statements. The City of Gadsden uses enterprise funds to provide for separate information for the Air Depot, Residential Garbage, and Golf Course activities, each of which is considered a major fund of the City. An *Internal service fund* is used to accumulate and allocate costs of workers' compensation and employee health care internally among the City's various functions. Because the internal service fund primarily benefits governmental rather than business-type activities, it has been included within governmental activities in the government-wide financial statements.

Notes to the Financial Statements:

The notes to the financial statements provided in this report convey additional essential information that will magnify the readers' understanding of the data in the government-wide and fund financial statements.

Other Information:

In addition to the basic financial statements and accompanying notes, this report also presents certain required supplementary information concerning budgetary comparisons and the City's progress in funding its obligations to provide pension benefits to its employees.

The combining and individual fund statements and schedules are presented immediately following the required supplementary information, and the other supplementary information section and single audit section represent the last two sections of this annual report.

Government-wide Financial Analysis

**Condensed Statements of Net Assets
As of September 30, 2007 and 2006**

	<u>Governmental Activities</u>		<u>Business-type Activities</u>		<u>Total Primary Government</u>	
	<u>2007</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2006</u>
Current and other assets	\$ 38,841,512	\$ 38,870,560	\$ 1,106,289	\$ 1,423,345	\$ 39,947,801	\$ 40,393,905
Capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation	<u>61,936,715</u>	<u>47,495,509</u>	<u>12,265,139</u>	<u>12,357,503</u>	<u>74,201,854</u>	<u>59,853,012</u>
Total Assets	<u>\$ 100,778,227</u>	<u>\$ 86,366,069</u>	<u>\$ 13,371,428</u>	<u>\$ 13,780,848</u>	<u>\$ 114,149,655</u>	<u>\$ 100,246,917</u>
Current and other liabilities	\$ 15,730,231	\$ 16,798,448	\$ 2,315,373	\$ 1,971,476	\$ 18,045,604	\$ 18,769,924
Long-term liabilities, net of current portion	<u>64,725,755</u>	<u>67,427,633</u>	<u>2,506,383</u>	<u>2,645,044</u>	<u>67,232,138</u>	<u>70,072,677</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>\$ 80,455,986</u>	<u>\$ 84,226,081</u>	<u>\$ 4,821,756</u>	<u>\$ 4,616,520</u>	<u>\$ 85,277,742</u>	<u>\$ 88,842,601</u>
Net Assets						
Invested in capital assets, net of related debt	\$ 44,957,412	\$ 29,245,427	\$ 10,725,141	\$ 10,697,504	\$ 55,682,553	\$ 39,942,931
Restricted	5,591,170	5,391,092	-	-	5,591,170	5,391,092
Unrestricted	<u>(30,226,341)</u>	<u>(32,496,531)</u>	<u>(2,175,469)</u>	<u>(1,533,176)</u>	<u>(32,401,810)</u>	<u>(34,029,707)</u>
Total Net Assets	<u>\$ 20,322,241</u>	<u>\$ 2,139,988</u>	<u>\$ 8,549,672</u>	<u>\$ 9,164,328</u>	<u>\$ 28,871,913</u>	<u>\$ 11,304,316</u>

The largest portion of the City's net assets reflects its investment in capital assets, less any related debt used to acquire those assets that is still outstanding. The City uses these capital assets to provide services to its citizens; consequently, these assets are not available for future spending. Although the City's investment in capital assets is reported net of related debt, it should be noted that the resources needed to repay this debt must be provided from other sources, since the capital assets themselves cannot be used to liquidate these liabilities.

The restricted portion of the City's net assets represents resources that are subject to external restrictions on how they are used.

The remaining unrestricted net assets reflect a deficit of \$30,226,341. This deficit is primarily the result of the following:

- Proceeds of the 2003-B general obligation warrants totaling approximately \$29,560,000 were transferred to the Board of Education during the current year. While the outstanding balance of this debt is reflected in the government-wide financial statements, the Board of Education is only expected to repay the City for a portion of the debt service payments.

- The City entered into a funding agreement with the Gadsden Airport Authority during the fiscal year ended September 30, 2004. The City's obligation under the funding agreement is shown as a liability in the financial statements, and is only partly offset by a receivable from the Airport Authority.
- Proceeds of the Honda Project Special Obligation Bonds totaling \$2,000,000 were spent in prior years for economic development purposes. While the outstanding balance of this debt is reflected in the government-wide financial statements, the City did not acquire any assets in this transaction.
- An estimate for accrued leave owed to employees totaling approximately \$2,479,494 and an estimate for workers' compensation and other claims and judgments payable totaling approximately \$1,927,233 are reflected in the government-wide financial statements. Rather than accumulating assets to liquidate these liabilities, the City funds them on a pay-as-you-go basis.

The deficit balance in unrestricted net assets of governmental activities is also affected by the fact that previous years' borrowings aided in the acquisition of various assets of the City's business-type activities, while the related debt is expected to be repaid from governmental activities and is reported as such.

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**Condensed Statements of Activities
For the Years Ended September 30, 2007 and 2006**

	Governmental Activities		Business-type Activities		Total Primary Government	
	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006
Revenue						
Program Revenue						
Charges for services	\$ 2,141,431	\$ 1,941,530	\$ 3,435,216	\$ 3,689,233	\$ 5,576,647	\$ 5,630,763
Operating grants and contributions	4,379,177	5,290,148	-	-	4,379,177	5,290,148
Cap grants and contributions	1,004,617	348,062	-	-	1,004,617	348,062
General Revenue						
Taxes	44,238,232	44,692,566	-	-	44,238,232	44,692,566
Licenses and permits	6,136,942	5,545,800	-	-	6,136,942	5,545,800
Unrestricted grants	-	383,462	-	-	-	383,462
Investment earnings	1,259,682	1,424,454	26,149	43,857	1,285,831	1,468,311
Gain on disposal of assets	92,382	180,923	7,752	40,909	100,134	221,832
Other general revenue	859,369	551,007	-	-	859,369	-
Contributions from component units	5,633,627	-	-	-	5,633,627	551,007
Total Revenue	65,745,459	60,357,952	3,469,117	3,773,999	69,214,576	64,131,951
Expenses						
Governmental Activities						
General government	2,392,781	2,075,680	-	-	2,392,781	2,075,680
Internal services	3,429,748	2,437,636	-	-	3,429,748	2,437,636
Public safety	21,074,353	18,396,207	-	-	21,074,353	18,396,207
Recreation and cultural services	8,725,834	7,511,637	-	-	8,725,834	7,511,637
Public works	5,169,966	5,261,618	-	-	5,169,966	5,261,618
Urban development	5,723,611	8,508,433	-	-	5,723,611	8,508,433
Non-departmental	4,402,049	3,648,053	-	-	4,402,049	3,648,053
Interest on long-term debt	3,615,964	3,469,296	-	-	3,615,964	3,469,296
Business-type Activities						
Airport-air depot	-	-	618,238	685,740	618,238	685,740
Garbage	-	-	2,813,150	3,016,560	2,813,150	3,016,560
Golf course	-	-	1,435,568	1,399,203	1,435,568	1,399,203
Total Expenses	54,534,306	51,308,560	4,866,956	5,101,503	59,401,262	56,410,063
Change in Net Assets Before Transfers and Special Items						
Transfers	(984,660)	(642,575)	984,660	642,575	-	-
Special items	(188,400)	(4,271,094)	(201,477)	-	(389,877)	(4,271,094)
Change in Net Assets	\$ 10,038,093	\$ 4,135,723	\$ (614,656)	\$ (684,929)	\$ 9,423,437	\$ 3,450,794

Governmental Activities - Governmental activities increased the City's net assets by \$10,038,093. Key elements of this increase are as follows:

- Program revenue and general revenue of governmental activities (excluding the internal service fund) exceeded expenses by more than \$11,211,153.
- Contributions from component units of \$5,633,627.
- Charges for services increased 10% due to increased activity and use of facilities and parks
- Licenses and permits increased 11% due largely to the inception of rental inspection fees

Business-Type Activities - Business-Type activities decreased the City's net assets by \$614,656. Key elements of this decrease are as follows:

- An operating loss in the Residential Garbage enterprise fund in excess of \$848,089
- An operating loss in the Golf Course enterprise fund in excess of \$545,337
- Operating income in the Airport Fund of over \$84,454
- Net operating transfers from governmental activities in excess of \$984,660

Fund Financial Analysis

Governmental Funds

The *General Fund* is the chief operating fund of the City. The total fund balance of the general fund increased by \$2,098,473 in 2007 to \$8,168,956. At the end of the current fiscal year, the *unreserved fund balance* was \$6,837,610, an increase of \$2,276,822. The City designates a portion of the unreserved fund balance for specific purposes. The balance designated at year end was \$568,901. As a measure of the general fund's liquidity, it may be useful to compare both unreserved fund balance and total fund balance to total fund expenditures. This is very useful in assessing the City's financing requirements. In particular, unreserved fund balance may serve as a useful measure of a government's net resources available for spending at the end of the fiscal year. Unreserved, undesignated fund balance represents 15% of total general fund expenditures, while total fund balance represents 20% of the total general fund expenditures.

**General Fund
Fund Balances
As of September 30, 2007 and 2006**

	Fund Balance		Increase
	2007	2006	(Decrease)
Reserved	\$ 1,331,346	\$ 1,509,695	\$ (178,349)
Unreserved, Designated	568,901	568,901	-
Unreserved, Undesignated	<u>6,268,709</u>	<u>3,991,887</u>	<u>2,276,822</u>
Total Fund Balance	<u>\$ 8,168,956</u>	<u>\$ 6,070,483</u>	<u>\$ 2,098,473</u>

There are several factors for the unreserved, undesignated fund balance of the City's general fund increasing by \$2,276,822, and the total fund balance increasing by \$2,098,473 during the current fiscal year. Revenue increased and was above estimated amounts while expenses were well-controlled and within budget. Also, unlike previous years, the general fund was not subject to any significant special and other one-time items and expenditures.

Enterprise Funds

The City's enterprise funds provide the same type of information found in the government-wide financial statements, but in more detail. The combined net assets of the enterprise funds were \$8,524,132, a decrease of \$598,334. The decrease includes non-cash depreciation expenses of approximately \$648,013. The following table compares enterprise funds' net assets with the previous year.

**Enterprise Funds
Net Assets
As of September 30, 2007 and 2006**

	Net Assets		Increase
	2007	2006	(Decrease)
Airport	\$ 1,026,670	\$ 1,228,454	\$ (201,784)
Garbage	109,671	37,685	71,986
Golf course	<u>7,387,791</u>	<u>7,856,327</u>	<u>(468,536)</u>
Total Net Assets	<u>\$ 8,524,132</u>	<u>\$ 9,122,466</u>	<u>\$ (598,334)</u>

Internal Service Fund

As previously mentioned, the City utilizes an internal service fund to accumulate and allocate the costs of workers' compensation and employee health care internally among the City's various functions. At the end of the current fiscal year, the net assets of the internal service fund were \$1,304,063, a decrease of \$262,308. The primary cause of this decrease was due to a decrease in rates as a result of the significant surplus built up from previous periods when revenue exceeded expenditures in anticipation of future claims.

**Internal Service Fund
Net Assets
As of September 30, 2007 and 2006**

	Net Assets		Increase
	2007	2006	(Decrease)
Invested in capital assets	\$ 517	\$ 1,236	\$ (719)
Unrestricted	<u>1,303,546</u>	<u>1,565,135</u>	<u>(261,589)</u>
Total Net Assets	<u>\$ 1,304,063</u>	<u>\$ 1,566,371</u>	<u>\$ (262,308)</u>

Budgetary Highlights

Differences between the general fund original budget and the final amended budget totaled \$2,396,267. The majority of the budget amendments involved the appropriation of designated as well as undesignated funds for specific needs during the fiscal year. Those needs included:

- \$600,000 for equipment purchases
- \$500,000 for debt service on short-term debt
- \$85,000 for FMV of Petro-Lube property
- \$35,200 for Holiday Wonderland
- \$30,000 for roof at Chamber of Commerce

**General Fund Budget
For the Year Ended September 30, 2007**

	Original <u>Budget</u>	Final <u>Budget</u>	Actual <u>Amounts</u>	From Final <u>Budget</u>
Revenue	\$43,172,771	\$43,176,201	\$44,065,894	\$ 889,693
Expenditures	41,929,323	44,209,832	40,896,372	3,313,460
Other sources (uses)	(786,070)	(820,258)	(986,049)	(165,791)
Special items	<u>-</u>	<u>85,000</u>	<u>85,000</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>\$ 457,378</u>	<u>\$(1,938,889)</u>	<u>\$ 2,098,473</u>	<u>\$ 4,037,362</u>

The variances from the final budget were primarily the result of actual revenue results exceeding budgeted amounts and projected expenditures substantially exceeding actual totals.

Capital Asset and Debt Administration

Capital Assets As of September 30, 2007 and 2006

	Governmental Activities		Business-type Activities		Total Primary Government	
	<u>2007</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2006</u>
Land	\$ 12,655,728	\$ 7,238,980	\$ 2,976,164	\$ 2,976,164	\$ 15,631,892	\$ 10,215,144
Buildings	7,365,521	6,551,369	4,930,020	5,214,059	12,295,541	11,765,428
Improvements other than buildings	6,172,658	1,814,792	3,494,534	3,716,701	9,667,192	5,531,493
Equipment	5,676,901	6,282,616	864,421	450,579	6,541,322	6,733,195
Infrastructure	19,484,675	11,720,156	-	-	19,484,675	11,720,156
Construction in progress	<u>10,581,232</u>	<u>13,887,596</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>10,581,232</u>	<u>13,887,596</u>
Net Total Capital Assets	<u>\$ 61,936,715</u>	<u>\$ 47,495,509</u>	<u>\$ 12,265,139</u>	<u>\$ 12,357,503</u>	<u>\$ 74,201,854</u>	<u>\$ 59,853,012</u>

This investment in capital assets includes land, buildings, improvements other than buildings, system improvements (drainage and streets) machinery and equipment, park facilities, roads, highways, and bridges. The total increase in the City's investment in capital assets for the current fiscal year was \$74,201,854 (an increase of \$14,441,206 for governmental activities and a decrease of \$92,364 for business-type activities). At September 30, 2007, the City completed its requirement to retroactively report infrastructure assets. Standards required that all infrastructure constructed prior to 2003 be reported in full in the financial statements by September 30, 2007. The City retroactively reported its street and roadway related infrastructure during the fiscal year ended September 30, 2007, a net total of just over \$8,000,000. In addition, property conveyed to the City from the Gadsden Airport Authority totaled approximately \$5,250,000. These large additions, along with those noted below, account for the significant increase.

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

Vehicles	\$ 1,398,847	Replacement of various city vehicles
Chestnut Street Streetscape	860,730	Improvements to existing street, including sidewalks & lighting
Street Improvements	776,980	Various street resurfacing projects
Stonewall Avenue	633,326	Purchase of land in flood zone for hazard mitigation
Soccer & Track Complex	413,284	Construction of soccer & track field at GCHS
Drainage Improvements	289,429	Various drainage improvement projects
Equipment	287,337	Capital expenditure for various equipment
Land	173,810	Purchase of riverfront property
Valley Road and McCoy Road	130,616	Construction of new bypass in North Gadsden
Noccalula Falls Park	130,233	Renovation of park & campgrounds

Debt Outstanding

Outstanding Debt As of September 30, 2007 and 2006

	2007	2006
Governmental		
GOW 2006	\$ 965,000	\$ 995,000
GOW 2005	14,790,000	15,625,000
GOW 2004-A	4,670,000	4,840,000
GOW 2003-A	7,800,000	7,975,000
GOW 2003-B	27,365,000	27,955,000
GOW 2002-A	2,885,000	3,395,000
GOW 2002-B	1,255,000	1,435,000
Less deferred amounts		
Issuance discounts	(456,223)	(480,837)
On refunding	(770,292)	(836,037)
Plus issuance premiums	123,935	132,482
Note payable	-	500,000
Note payable	2,836,054	2,933,724
Honda assistance	1,246,526	1,370,597
HUD Section 108 Loans	2,225,000	2,400,000
Capital leases	1,485,551	1,872,921
Compensated absences	2,479,494	1,962,263
Claims and judgments	1,927,233	1,773,533
Business-type		
GOW 2003	240,000	280,000
GOW 2005-B	1,300,000	1,400,000
Compensated absences	66,525	44,422
Landfill closure and post closure	1,129,582	1,083,822
Total Long-term Debt	<u>\$ 73,563,385</u>	<u>\$ 76,656,890</u>

State statutes limit the amount of general obligation debt a governmental entity may issue to twenty percent (20%) of its total assessed valuation. The current constitutional debt limitation for the City of Gadsden is \$75,090,100, which is significantly in excess of the City of Gadsden's outstanding general obligation debt less allowed exemptions of \$35,377,914. The resulting legal debt margin as of September 30, 2007, was \$34,684,883.

Economic Factors

The City relies primarily on taxes (sales and ad valorem) and fees (business licenses and occupational licenses) for their governmental activities. The primary source of revenue is sales taxes.

In the business-type and certain governmental activities (airport, garbage services, golf course, and recreational programs, etc.) the user pays a related fee or charge associated with the service.

The level of taxes, fees, and charges for services have a direct bearing on the City's ability to (a) annex additional land into its corporate limits and (b) encourage development (office, retail, residential and industrial) to choose to be located in the jurisdiction. The City places significant emphasis on encouraging both annexation and economic development.

Financial Information Contact

The City of Gadsden's financial statements are designed to present users (citizens, taxpayers, customers, investors and creditors) with a general overview of the City's finances. If you have questions about the report or need additional financial information, contact the Finance Department at 267 Broad Street, Gadsden, Alabama 35902.

CITY OF GADSDEN, ALABAMA

STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS
September 30, 2007

	Primary Government			Component Units	
	Governmental Activities	Business Type Activities	Total	Board of Education	Airport Authority
Assets					
Current Assets					
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 10,941,306	\$ 702,906	\$ 11,644,212	\$ 5,567,627	\$ 603,342
Investments	166,513	-	166,513	-	-
Receivables, net of allowances for uncollectibles	8,531,926	355,680	8,887,606	7,521,401	1,540,891
Internal balances	1,889,688	(1,889,688)	-	-	-
Due from primary government	-	-	-	-	6,720,000
Inventories	197,508	42,409	239,917	62,267	-
Prepays	474,819	5,294	480,113	5,825	75,543
Deferred charges	616,357	-	616,357	-	118,955
Restricted assets	1,448,166	-	1,448,166	-	622,042
Due from component units	14,575,229	-	14,575,229	-	-
Capital Assets, Net of Accumulated Depreciation					
Land	12,655,728	2,976,164	15,631,892	5,586,033	590,382
Buildings	7,365,521	4,930,020	12,295,541	5,971,451	3,502,748
Improvements	6,172,658	3,494,534	9,667,192	5,297,479	-
Equipment	5,676,901	864,421	6,541,322	3,423,854	-
Infrastructure	19,484,675	-	19,484,675	-	-
Construction in progress	10,581,232	-	10,581,232	39,325,412	16,599
Total Assets	\$ 100,778,227	\$ 11,481,740	\$ 112,259,967	\$ 72,761,349	\$ 13,790,502
Liabilities and Net Assets					
Current Liabilities					
Accounts payable and other current liabilities	\$ 1,753,226	\$ 125,770	1,878,996	\$ 550,772	\$ 43,318
Accrued payroll and related liabilities	677,380	44,124	721,504	2,722,003	-
Due to component units	7,196,661	-	7,196,661	-	-
Due to primary government	-	-	-	13,174,207	1,399,229
Deferred revenue	1,441	26,067	27,508	6,215,613	-
Noncurrent liabilities					
Due within one year	6,101,523	229,724	6,331,247	836,994	200,000
Due in more than one year	64,725,755	2,506,383	67,232,138	11,509,709	6,520,000
Total liabilities	80,455,986	2,932,068	83,388,054	35,009,298	8,162,547
Net Assets					
Invested in capital assets, net of related debt	44,957,412	10,725,141	55,682,553	34,083,319	4,109,729
Restricted					
Capital projects	1,821,421	-	1,821,421	4,799	-
Debt service	1,718,662	-	1,718,662	-	-
Economic development	482,729	-	482,729	-	-
Public safety	479,766	-	479,766	-	-
Recreation and cultural services					
Expendable	57,080	-	57,080	-	-
Nonexpendable	243,706	-	243,706	-	-
Other purposes	787,806	-	787,806	514,290	-
Unrestricted	(30,226,341)	(2,175,469)	(32,401,810)	3,149,643	1,518,226
Total net assets	20,322,241	8,549,672	28,871,913	37,752,051	5,627,955
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	\$ 100,778,227	\$ 11,481,740	\$ 112,259,967	\$ 72,761,349	\$ 13,790,502

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

CITY OF GADSDEN, ALABAMA

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

For the Year Ended September 30, 2007

Functions/Programs	Expenses	Program Revenue			Net Revenue (Expense) and Changes in Net Assets					
		Charges for Services	Operating Grants and Contributions	Capital Grants and Contributions	Primary Government			Component Units		
					Governmental Activities	Business-Type Activities	Total	Board of Education	Airport Authority	
Primary Government										
Governmental activities										
General government	\$ (2,392,781)	\$ -	\$ 130,111	\$ -	\$ (2,262,670)	\$ -	\$ (2,262,670)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Internal services	(3,429,748)	-	-	-	(3,429,748)	-	(3,429,748)	-	-	-
Public safety	(21,074,353)	828,650	1,224,475	-	(19,021,228)	-	(19,021,228)	-	-	-
Recreation and cultural services	(8,725,834)	1,019,726	263,311	61,141	(7,381,656)	-	(7,381,656)	-	-	-
Public works services	(5,169,966)	-	591,568	-	(4,578,398)	-	(4,578,398)	-	-	-
Urban development	(5,723,611)	293,055	2,169,712	943,476	(2,317,368)	-	(2,317,368)	-	-	-
Non-departmental	(4,402,049)	-	-	-	(4,402,049)	-	(4,402,049)	-	-	-
Interest on long-term debt	(3,615,964)	-	-	-	(3,615,964)	-	(3,615,964)	-	-	-
Total governmental activities	<u>(54,534,306)</u>	<u>2,141,431</u>	<u>4,379,177</u>	<u>1,004,617</u>	<u>(47,009,081)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(47,009,081)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Business-type activities										
Airport	(618,238)	594,674	-	-	-	(23,564)	(23,564)	-	-	-
Residential garbage	(2,813,150)	1,960,348	-	-	-	(852,802)	(852,802)	-	-	-
Golf course	(1,435,568)	880,194	-	-	-	(555,374)	(555,374)	-	-	-
Total business-type activities	<u>(4,866,956)</u>	<u>3,435,216</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(1,431,740)</u>	<u>(1,431,740)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Total Primary Government	<u>\$ (59,401,262)</u>	<u>\$ 5,576,647</u>	<u>\$ 4,379,177</u>	<u>\$ 1,004,617</u>	<u>(47,009,081)</u>	<u>(1,431,740)</u>	<u>(48,440,821)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Component Units										
Board of Education	<u>\$ (51,625,239)</u>	<u>\$ 3,256,341</u>	<u>\$ 42,303,150</u>	<u>\$ -</u>				<u>(6,065,748)</u>		
Airport Authority	<u>\$ (913,665)</u>	<u>\$ 34,127</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 522,644</u>						<u>(356,894)</u>
General Revenue										
Sales and use tax					25,022,818	-	25,022,818	1,958,108	-	-
Occupational license fee					12,617,448	-	12,617,448	-	-	-
Licenses and permits					6,136,942	-	6,136,942	-	-	-
Property tax					3,676,931	-	3,676,931	2,759,458	-	-
Gasoline tax					621,557	-	621,557	-	-	-
Tobacco tax					439,604	-	439,604	-	-	-
Beer tax					250,144	-	250,144	-	-	-
Lodging tax					573,245	-	573,245	-	-	-
Wine and liquor tax					237,506	-	237,506	-	-	-
Financial institution excise tax					313,867	-	313,867	-	-	-
Rental and leasing tax					485,112	-	485,112	-	-	-
City appropriations					-	-	-	1,116,175	-	-
Unrestricted investment earnings					1,259,682	26,149	1,285,831	53,648	144,410	-
Gain on sale of assets					92,382	7,752	100,134	-	84,641	-
Contributions from component unit					5,633,627	-	5,633,627	-	(5,633,627)	-
Other general revenue					859,369	-	859,369	256,718	-	-
Transfers					(984,660)	984,660	-	-	-	-
Special Items					(188,400)	(201,477)	(389,877)	-	484,090	-
Total General Revenue, Transfers and Special Items					<u>57,047,174</u>	<u>817,084</u>	<u>57,864,258</u>	<u>6,144,107</u>	<u>(4,920,486)</u>	
Change in net assets					<u>10,038,093</u>	<u>(614,656)</u>	<u>9,423,437</u>	<u>78,359</u>	<u>(5,277,380)</u>	
Net assets at beginning of year					2,139,987	9,164,328	11,304,315	37,673,692	10,354,836	
Prior period adjustment					8,144,161	-	8,144,161	-	550,499	
Net assets at beginning of year (as restated)					<u>10,284,148</u>	<u>9,164,328</u>	<u>19,448,476</u>	<u>37,673,692</u>	<u>10,905,335</u>	
Net assets at end of year					<u>\$ 20,322,241</u>	<u>\$ 8,549,672</u>	<u>\$ 28,871,913</u>	<u>\$ 37,752,051</u>	<u>\$ 5,627,955</u>	

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CITY OF GADSDEN, ALABAMA

BALANCE SHEET - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS

September 30, 2007

	<u>General</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Capital</u>	<u>Other</u>	<u>Total</u>
	<u>Fund</u>	<u>Ad Valorem</u>	<u>Improvements</u>	<u>Governmental</u>	<u>Governmental</u>
		<u>Tax Fund</u>	<u>Fund</u>	<u>Funds</u>	<u>Funds</u>
Assets					
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 4,455,830	\$ 511,454	\$ 499,090	\$ 3,371,180	8,837,554
Investments	-	-	-	166,513	166,513
Receivables, net of allowances for uncollectibles					
Taxes	4,888,412	1,104,192	533,827	1,112,016	7,638,447
Intergovernmental	9,618	-	-	657,860	667,478
Notes	112,500	-	-	-	112,500
Other	110,020	-	-	3,481	113,501
Due from other funds	2,207,604	-	-	-	2,207,604
Due from component units	-	-	14,340,908	234,321	14,575,229
Inventories	197,508	-	-	-	197,508
Restricted assets	-	-	-	1,448,166	1,448,166
Total Assets	<u>\$ 11,981,492</u>	<u>\$ 1,615,646</u>	<u>\$ 15,373,825</u>	<u>\$ 6,993,537</u>	<u>\$ 35,964,500</u>
Liabilities and Fund Balances					
Liabilities					
Accounts payable and other liabilities	\$ 1,089,886	\$ 25,221	\$ 76,475	\$ 96,521	\$ 1,288,103
Accrued payroll and related liabilities	649,863	-	-	24,822	674,685
Due to other funds	-	-	18,306	274,071	292,377
Due to component units	-	476,661	6,720,000	-	7,196,661
Deferred revenue	2,072,787	1,093,635	-	1,027,082	4,193,504
Total liabilities	<u>3,812,536</u>	<u>1,595,517</u>	<u>6,814,781</u>	<u>1,422,496</u>	<u>13,645,330</u>
Fund balances					
Reserved for compensated absences	292,991	-	-	-	292,991
Reserved for debt service	-	-	-	1,679,968	1,679,968
Reserved for encumbrances	67,088	-	313,726	774,780	1,155,594
Reserved for inventories	197,506	-	-	-	197,506
Reserved for legal claims	571,500	-	-	-	571,500
Reserved for noncurrent receivables	202,261	-	7,620,908	-	7,823,169
Reserved for library endowment	-	-	-	234,706	234,706
Unreserved, designated for future expenditures	568,901	-	404,211	946,791	1,919,903
Unreserved and undesignated	6,268,709	20,129	220,199	1,934,796	8,443,833
Total fund balance	<u>8,168,956</u>	<u>20,129</u>	<u>8,559,044</u>	<u>5,571,041</u>	<u>22,319,170</u>
Total Liabilities and Fund Balance	<u>\$ 11,981,492</u>	<u>\$ 1,615,646</u>	<u>\$ 15,373,825</u>	<u>\$ 6,993,537</u>	
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of net assets are different because:					
Capital assets used in governmental activities are not expendable, available financial resources and, therefore, are not reported in the funds					61,936,198
Internal service funds are used by management to charge the costs of workers' compensation and employee health insurance to individual funds. The assets and liabilities of the internal service fund are included in governmental activities in the statement of net assets					1,278,523
Certain revenue reported in the statement of activities is not available to pay the liabilities of the current year and, therefore, are deferred in the funds					4,192,063
Long-term liabilities are not due and payable in the current year and, therefore, are not reported in the funds					<u>(69,403,713)</u>
Net Assets of Governmental Activities					<u>\$ 20,322,241</u>

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CITY OF GADSDEN, ALABAMA

STATEMENT OF REVENUE, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
For the Year Ended September 30, 2007

	General Fund	School Ad Valorem Tax Fund	Capital Improvements Fund	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
Revenue					
Taxes	\$ 35,046,323	\$ 915,594	\$ 6,209,697	\$ 2,379,956	\$ 44,551,570
Licenses and permits	6,136,942	-	-	-	6,136,942
Intergovernmental	160,484	-	-	5,507,791	5,668,275
Charges for services	1,461,577	-	-	72,125	1,533,702
Fines and forfeitures	666,385	-	-	9,648	676,033
Other revenue	594,183	25,113	1,206,597	509,746	2,335,639
Total revenue	<u>44,065,894</u>	<u>940,707</u>	<u>7,416,294</u>	<u>8,479,266</u>	<u>60,902,161</u>
Expenditures					
Current					
General government	2,166,046	-	-	-	2,166,046
Internal services	3,279,645	-	13,675	4,369	3,297,689
Public safety	18,066,331	-	-	1,640,058	19,706,389
Recreation and cultural services	7,325,062	-	-	542,859	7,867,921
Public works services	4,581,324	-	-	244,000	4,825,324
Urban development	1,679,869	-	-	1,543,818	3,223,687
Non-departmental	872,991	-	-	-	872,991
Intergovernmental	1,538,782	692,313	1,260,221	-	3,491,316
Debt service					
Principal retirement	500,000	-	-	3,614,800	4,114,800
Interest and fiscal charges	8,871	-	-	3,503,127	3,511,998
Capital outlays	877,451	-	1,860,077	3,609,451	6,346,979
Total expenditures	<u>40,896,372</u>	<u>692,313</u>	<u>3,133,973</u>	<u>14,702,482</u>	<u>59,425,140</u>
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenue Over (Under) Expenditures	<u>3,169,522</u>	<u>248,394</u>	<u>4,282,321</u>	<u>(6,223,216)</u>	<u>1,477,021</u>
Other Financing Sources (Uses)					
Capital lease inception	-	-	340,686	-	340,686
Proceeds from sale of assets	82,217	-	-	15,011	97,228
Transfers	(1,068,266)	(237,837)	(5,520,635)	6,397,727	(429,011)
Total other financing sources (uses)	<u>(986,049)</u>	<u>(237,837)</u>	<u>(5,179,949)</u>	<u>6,412,738</u>	<u>8,903</u>
Special Items					
Transfers to component units	85,000	-	103,400	-	188,400
Total special items	<u>85,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>103,400</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>188,400</u>
Net Change in Fund Balances	2,098,473	10,557	(1,001,028)	189,522	1,297,524
Fund Balance - Beginning of Year	<u>6,070,483</u>	<u>9,572</u>	<u>9,560,072</u>	<u>5,381,519</u>	<u>21,021,646</u>
Fund Balance - End of Year	<u>\$ 8,168,956</u>	<u>\$ 20,129</u>	<u>\$ 8,559,044</u>	<u>\$ 5,571,041</u>	<u>\$ 22,319,170</u>

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CITY OF GADSDEN, ALABAMA
RECONCILIATION OF THE STATEMENT OF REVENUE, EXPENDITURES AND
CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES OF GOVERNMENTAL
FUNDS TO THE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
September 30, 2007

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

Net change in fund balance - total governmental funds	\$	1,297,524
Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures; however, in the statement of activities the cost of those assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives and reported as depreciation expense		6,302,610
In the statement of activities, a gain or loss is reported for each disposal of capital assets		(4,846)
Revenue is recognized in the governmental funds when they are both measurable and available to pay the liabilities of the current period. Revenues are recognized in the statement of activities when they are earned		(313,338)
The issuance of long-term debt provides current financial resources to governmental funds, while the repayment of the principal of long-term debt consumes the current financial resources of governmental funds. Neither transaction, however, has any effect on net assets. Also, governmental funds report the effect of issuance costs, premiums, discounts, and similar items when debt is first issued, whereas these amounts are deferred and amortized in the statement of activities		3,657,431
Some expenses reported in the statement of activities differ from amounts reported as expenditures in governmental funds		(655,302)
An internal service fund is used by management to charge the costs of workers' compensation and employee health insurance to individual funds. The net revenue of certain activities of the internal service fund is reported as governmental activities in the statement of activities		<u>(245,986)</u>
Change in Net Assets of Governmental Activities	\$	<u>10,038,093</u>

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

CITY OF GADSDEN, ALABAMA
STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS
PROPRIETARY FUNDS
September 30, 2007

	Business-Type Activities - Enterprise Funds				Governmental Activities - Internal Service Fund
	<u>Airport</u>	<u>Garbage</u>	<u>Golf</u>	<u>Totals</u>	
Assets					
Current Assets					
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 469,387	\$ 61,677	\$ 171,842	\$ 702,906	\$ 2,103,752
Receivables, net of allowances for uncollectibles					
Accounts	18,614	334,197	2,869	355,680	-
Inventories	-	-	42,409	42,409	-
Prepays	-	-	5,294	5,294	474,819
Total current assets	<u>488,001</u>	<u>395,874</u>	<u>222,414</u>	<u>1,106,289</u>	<u>2,578,571</u>
Capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation					
Land	111,470	267,134	2,597,560	2,976,164	-
Buildings	1,975,004	493,346	1,026,184	3,494,534	-
Improvements	71,289	232,010	4,626,721	4,930,020	-
Equipment	10,750	808,503	45,168	864,421	517
Total assets	<u>2,656,514</u>	<u>2,196,867</u>	<u>8,518,047</u>	<u>13,371,428</u>	<u>2,579,088</u>
Liabilities					
Current Liabilities					
Accounts payable and other current liabilities	45,024	55,935	24,811	125,770	38,156
Accrued payroll and related liabilities	3,549	24,374	16,201	44,124	2,694
Compensated absences payable	15,204	51,321	-	66,525	3,167
Claims and adjustments payable	-	-	-	-	1,231,008
Accrued landfill closure and post closure	-	23,199	-	23,199	-
Current portion of general obligation warrants	140,000	-	-	140,000	-
Deferred revenue	26,067	-	-	26,067	-
Due to other funds	-	825,984	1,089,244	1,915,228	-
Total current liabilities	<u>229,844</u>	<u>980,813</u>	<u>1,130,256</u>	<u>2,340,913</u>	<u>1,275,025</u>
Accrued landfill closure and post closure	-	1,106,383	-	1,106,383	-
General obligation warrants payable	1,400,000	-	-	1,400,000	-
Total liabilities	<u>1,629,844</u>	<u>2,087,196</u>	<u>1,130,256</u>	<u>4,847,296</u>	<u>1,275,025</u>
Net Assets					
Invested in capital assets, net of related debt	628,513	1,800,994	8,295,634	10,725,141	517
Unrestricted	398,157	(1,691,323)	(907,843)	(2,201,009)	1,303,546
Total net assets	<u>\$ 1,026,670</u>	<u>\$ 109,671</u>	<u>\$ 7,387,791</u>	<u>8,524,132</u>	<u>\$ 1,304,063</u>
Adjustment to reflect the consolidation of internal service fund activities related to enterprise funds				<u>25,540</u>	
Net Assets of Business Type Activities				<u>\$ 8,549,672</u>	

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

CITY OF GADSDEN, ALABAMA
STATEMENT OF REVENUE, EXPENSES AND CHANGES IN FUND NET ASSETS
PROPRIETARY FUNDS
For the Year Ended September 30, 2007

	Business-Type Activities - Enterprise Funds				Governmental
	<u>Airport</u>	<u>Garbage</u>	<u>Golf</u>	<u>Totals</u>	Activities - Internal Service Fund
Operating Revenue					
Charges for sales and services	\$ 594,674	\$ 1,960,348	\$ 880,194	\$ 3,435,216	\$ 6,238,800
Total operating revenue	<u>594,674</u>	<u>1,960,348</u>	<u>880,194</u>	<u>3,435,216</u>	<u>6,238,800</u>
Operating Expenses					
Cost of sales and services	382,941	2,608,224	1,105,010	4,096,175	6,500,389
Depreciation	<u>127,279</u>	<u>200,213</u>	<u>320,521</u>	<u>648,013</u>	<u>463</u>
Total operating expenses	<u>510,220</u>	<u>2,808,437</u>	<u>1,425,531</u>	<u>4,744,188</u>	<u>6,500,852</u>
Operating income (loss)	<u>84,454</u>	<u>(848,089)</u>	<u>(545,337)</u>	<u>(1,308,972)</u>	<u>(262,052)</u>
Nonoperating Revenue (Expenses)					
Interest revenue	21,685	4,464	-	26,149	-
Gain on sale of assets	-	7,752	-	7,752	-
Interest expense	<u>(106,446)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(106,446)</u>	<u>-</u>
Total nonoperating revenue (expenses)	<u>(84,761)</u>	<u>12,216</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(72,545)</u>	<u>-</u>
Net Income (Loss) Before Contributions Transfers and Special Items	<u>(307)</u>	<u>(835,873)</u>	<u>(545,337)</u>	<u>(1,381,517)</u>	<u>(262,052)</u>
Other Financing Sources (Uses)					
Operating transfers in	-	907,859	79,011	986,870	-
Operating transfers out	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(2,210)</u>	<u>(2,210)</u>	<u>(256)</u>
Total other financing sources (uses)	<u>-</u>	<u>907,859</u>	<u>76,801</u>	<u>984,660</u>	<u>(262,308)</u>
Special Item					
Transfer to component unit	<u>201,477</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>201,477</u>	<u>-</u>
Change in Net Assets	(201,784)	71,986	(468,536)	(598,334)	(262,308)
Net Assets - Beginning of Year	<u>1,228,454</u>	<u>37,685</u>	<u>7,856,327</u>		<u>1,566,371</u>
Net Assets - End of Year	<u>\$ 1,026,670</u>	<u>\$ 109,671</u>	<u>\$ 7,387,791</u>		<u>\$ 1,304,063</u>
Adjustment to reflect the consolidation of internal service fund activities related to enterprise funds				<u>(16,322)</u>	
Change In Net Assets of Business-Type Activities				<u>\$ (614,656)</u>	

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

CITY OF GADSDEN, ALABAMA

**STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
PROPRIETARY FUNDS
For the Year Ended September 30, 2007**

	Business-Type Activities - Enterprise Funds				Governmental
	Airport	Garbage	Golf	Totals	Activities - Internal Service Fund
Cash Flows From Operating Activities					
Receipts from customers and users	\$ 602,977	\$ 2,022,291	\$ 886,283	\$ 3,511,551	\$ 6,238,800
Payments to suppliers	(233,664)	(1,129,516)	(512,119)	(1,875,299)	(6,246,199)
Payments to employees	(195,420)	(1,277,622)	(456,689)	(1,929,731)	(148,115)
Net Cash From Operating Activities	<u>173,893</u>	<u>(384,847)</u>	<u>(82,525)</u>	<u>(293,479)</u>	<u>(155,514)</u>
Cash Flows From Noncapital Financing Activities					
Transfers from other funds	-	350,000	79,011	429,011	-
Transfer to component unit	(201,477)	-	-	(201,477)	-
Net Cash Flows From Noncapital Financing Activities	<u>(201,477)</u>	<u>350,000</u>	<u>79,011</u>	<u>227,534</u>	<u>-</u>
Cash Flows From Capital and Related Financing Activities					
Proceeds from warrant issue	-	-	-	-	-
Proceeds from sale of capital assets	-	7,751	-	7,751	-
Acquisition and construction of capital assets	-	-	-	-	-
Principal paid on capital debt	(140,000)	-	-	(140,000)	-
Interest paid on capital debt	(109,834)	-	-	(109,834)	-
Net Cash Flows From Capital and Related Financing Activities	<u>(249,834)</u>	<u>7,751</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(242,083)</u>	<u>-</u>
Cash Flows From Investing Activities					
Interest received	21,685	4,464	-	26,149	-
Net Increase (Decrease) In Cash and Cash Equivalents	<u>(255,733)</u>	<u>(22,632)</u>	<u>(3,514)</u>	<u>(281,879)</u>	<u>(155,514)</u>
Cash and Cash Equivalents - Beginning of Year	<u>725,120</u>	<u>84,309</u>	<u>175,356</u>	<u>984,785</u>	<u>2,259,266</u>
Cash and Cash Equivalents - End of Year	<u>\$ 469,387</u>	<u>\$ 61,677</u>	<u>\$ 171,842</u>	<u>\$ 702,906</u>	<u>\$ 2,103,752</u>
Reconciliation of Operating Income to Net Cash Flows From Operating Activities					
Operating income (loss)	\$ 84,454	\$ (848,089)	\$ (545,337)	\$ (1,308,972)	\$ (262,052)
Depreciation	127,279	200,213	320,521	648,013	463
Change in receivables	(17,764)	61,943	6,089	50,268	-
Change in due from other funds	-	-	-	-	-
Change in prepaids	-	-	(4,094)	(4,094)	85,869
Change in inventories	-	-	(10,996)	(10,996)	-
Change in accounts payable and other current liabilities	759	3,605	(5,951)	(1,587)	18,801
Change in due to other funds	(52,115)	133,967	156,394	238,246	-
Change in accrued payroll and related liabilities	18	845	849	1,712	(1,511)
Change in accrued compensated absences	5,195	16,908	-	22,103	2,916
Change in accrued landfill closure and post closure	-	45,761	-	45,761	-
Accrued liabilities	-	-	-	-	-
Deferred revenue	26,067	-	-	26,067	-
Net Cash Flows From Operating Activities	<u>\$ 173,893</u>	<u>\$ (384,847)</u>	<u>\$ (82,525)</u>	<u>\$ (293,479)</u>	<u>\$ (155,514)</u>

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

CITY OF GADSDEN, ALABAMA
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
September 30, 2007

Note 1 – Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Reporting Entity

The City of Gadsden (the “City”) is a municipal corporation which was incorporated on March 19, 1871. The City operates under the Mayor-Council form of government as provided by Act. No. 85-926 of the Alabama Legislature, now codified as Sections 11-43B-1 et seq. of the Code of Alabama 1975 (The Mayor-Council Act), and is comprised of a Mayor and a seven-member council (elected at large).

The financial statements of the City have been prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (“GAAP”) as applied to governmental units. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (“GASB”) is the accepted standard-setting body for establishing governmental accounting and financial reporting principles. The GASB periodically updates its codification of the existing Governmental Accounting and Financial Reporting Standards which, along with subsequent GASB pronouncements (Statements and Interpretations), constitutes the ultimate authority on GAAP for state and local governmental units. The more significant of the City’s accounting policies are described below.

As required by GAAP, these financial statements present the City and its component units, legally separate entities for which the City is considered to be financially accountable. The City has no blended component units. On the other hand, the City does have two discretely presented component units. The component units have September 30 year-ends.

- Gadsden Board of Education - The members of the Board of Education are appointed by the City and the Board of Education is an agency of the State of Alabama under the general supervision and financial jurisdiction of the Alabama State Department of Education. The City is obligated in some manner for the debt of the Board of Education and the City levies a property tax specifically for operations of the Board of Education.

Complete financial statements for the Board of Education may be obtained at the following administrative office:

Gadsden Board of Education
1026 Chestnut Street
P. O. Box 184
Gadsden, Alabama 35999

The Board of Education’s financial statements include certain long-term debt and related debt service expenditures of the City. In addition, the Board of Education’s financial statements include certain property tax revenue, receivables and deferred revenue of the City. No eliminations have been made to these amounts.

- Gadsden Airport Authority - The Airport Authority’s board members are appointed by the City and the City is obligated in some manner for the debt of the Airport Authority.

Complete financial statements for the Airport Authority may be obtained at the following administrative office:

Gadsden Airport Authority
P. O. Box 961
Gadsden, Alabama 35902

Related Organizations: The City is also responsible for appointing a voting majority of the boards of other organizations, but the City’s financial accountability for these organizations does not extend beyond making the appointments, or the financial resources and obligations of these organizations are immaterial. The City appointed a voting majority of the following boards: Gadsden Water Works and Sewer Board, Greater Gadsden Housing Authority, Gadsden Industrial Development Board, the Etowah-Gadsden Industrial Development Authority, the Forrest Cemetery Foundation, and others. These organizations are related organizations, which have not been included in the reporting entity.

CITY OF GADSDEN, ALABAMA

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)
September 30, 2007

Note 1 – Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

Government-Wide and Fund Financial Statements

The basic financial statements include both government-wide and fund financial statements. Government-wide financial statements focus on the City as a whole, and are designed to allow the users of financial reports to assess the City's *operational accountability*. The fund financial statements focus on major individual funds, and are designed to demonstrate the City's *fiscal accountability*. Operational accountability refers to the City's responsibility to report the extent to which it has met its operating objectives efficiently and effectively, using all resources available for that purpose, and whether it can continue to meet those objectives for the foreseeable future. Fiscal accountability is the City's responsibility to demonstrate that its actions in the current period have complied with public decisions concerning the raising and spending of public monies in the short term (usually one budgetary cycle or year).

For the most part, the effect of interfund activity has been removed from the government-wide financial statements. *Governmental activities*, which normally are supported by taxes and intergovernmental revenue, are reported separately from *business-type activities*, which rely to a significant extent on fees and charges for support. In addition, the primary government is reported separately from component units.

The government-wide statement of activities reflects both the gross and net costs per functional category (i.e., general government, public safety, etc.) by offsetting direct expenses with program revenue. Direct expenses are those that are clearly identifiable with a specific function. Program revenue includes 1) charges to customers or others who purchase, use, or directly benefit from goods, services or privileges provided by a given function, and 2) grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular function. Taxes and other items not properly included among program revenue are reported instead as general revenue.

The fund financial statements provide separate financial statements for governmental funds, proprietary funds, and fiduciary funds (even though fiduciary funds are excluded from the government-wide financial statements). The emphasis of the fund financial statements is on the City's major funds, and each major fund is reported in a separate column. Non-major funds of each type are summarized into a single column.

Measurement Focus, Basis of Accounting, and Financial Statement Presentation

The government-wide financial statements are reported using the *economic resources measurement focus* and the *accrual basis of accounting*, as are the proprietary fund and fiduciary fund financial statements. Revenue is recorded when earned and expenses are recorded when the related liability is incurred. Property taxes are recognized as revenue in the year for which they are levied. Grants and similar items are recognized as revenue as soon as all eligibility requirements imposed by the provider have been met.

Governmental fund financial statements are reported using the *current financial resources measurement focus* and the *modified accrual basis of accounting*. Revenue is recognized as soon as they are both measurable and available. Revenue is considered available when they are collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to pay liabilities of the current period. For this purpose, the City considers revenue to be available if they are collected within 60 days of the end of the current fiscal period. Expenditures generally are recorded when a liability is incurred. However, debt service expenditures, as well as expenditures related to compensated absences and claims and judgments, are recorded only when payment is due.

Property taxes, sales and use taxes, beer taxes, occupational taxes, lodging taxes, rental and leasing taxes, payments in lieu of taxes, intergovernmental revenue and interest associated with the current fiscal period are all considered to be susceptible to accrual and so have been recognized as revenue of the current fiscal year. All other revenue is considered to be measurable and available only when cash is received by the City.

CITY OF GADSDEN, ALABAMA

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)
September 30, 2007

Note 1 – Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

The City reports the following major governmental funds:

The **general fund** is the primary operating fund of the City. General tax revenue and other receipts that are not allocated by law or contractual agreement to some other fund are accounted for in this fund. Expenditures applicable to the general operations of the City are paid from the general fund.

The **school ad valorem tax fund** accounts for funds received from a 6-mill property tax that is earmarked for educational purposes.

The **capital improvements fund** accounts for the proceeds of certain capital debt and for the portion of sales and use taxes that are earmarked for capital purposes.

The City reports the following major proprietary funds:

The **airport fund** accounts for the activities of the Air Depot.

The **residential garbage fund** accounts for the activities of the City's residential garbage service, including waste disposal at the current landfill and future landfill closure and post closure care costs at all landfill sites.

The **golf course fund** accounts for the activities of Twin Bridges Golf Course.

Additionally, the City reports the following fund types:

The City's nonmajor **special revenue funds** are used to account for resources that are legally restricted to expenditure for specific purposes, not including those accounted for in capital projects funds or permanent funds.

Debt service funds account for the payment of principal and interest on long-term debt not being financed by proprietary funds.

The City's nonmajor **capital projects funds** account for the costs of constructing or acquiring capital assets and major improvements other than those financed by proprietary funds.

Permanent funds are used to report resources that are legally restricted to the extent that only earnings, and not principal, may be used for purposes that support the City's programs - that is, for the benefit of the City or its citizens.

An **internal service fund** accounts for the accumulation of funds and the allocation of claims arising from the City's self-insured workers' compensation program and for the accumulation of funds for the payment of employee health care costs.

Private-sector standards of accounting and financial reporting issued prior to December 1, 1989, generally are followed in both the government-wide and proprietary fund financial statements to the extent that those standards do not conflict with or contradict the guidance of the GASB. The City also has the option of following subsequent private-sector guidance for its business-type activities and enterprise funds, subject to this same limitation. The City has elected not to follow subsequent private-sector guidance.

CITY OF GADSDEN, ALABAMA

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

September 30, 2007

Note 1 – Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

Proprietary funds distinguish *operating* revenue and expenses from *nonoperating* items. Operating revenue and expenses generally result from providing services and producing and delivering goods in connection with a proprietary fund's principal ongoing operations. The principal operating revenue of the City's enterprise funds and internal service fund are charges to customers and users for sales and services. Operating expenses for enterprise funds and the internal service fund include the cost of sales and services and depreciation of capital assets. All revenue and expenses not meeting this definition are reported as nonoperating revenue and expenses.

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

Comparative total data for the prior year have been presented in the individual fund financial statements in order to provide an understanding of the changes in the financial position, operations and cash flows of the funds. Also, certain amounts presented in the prior year data have been reclassified in order to be consistent with the current year's presentation.

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect reported amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. Accordingly, actual results could differ from these estimates.

Assets, Liabilities, and Net Assets or Equity

Cash and Investments – Cash includes cash on hand, amounts in demand deposits, and short-term investments with a maturity date within three months of the date acquired by the City. State statutes authorize the City to invest in U.S. Government obligations, U.S. Government agency obligations, U.S. corporate stock, U.S. corporate debt, State of Alabama Government obligations, County Government obligations, and other Municipal Government obligations. All investments are reported at fair value.

For purposes of the statements of cash flows, cash and cash equivalents include short-term investments with an original maturity date of three months or less.

Receivables and Payables – Activity between funds that are representative of lending and borrowing arrangements, as well as all other outstanding balances between funds at year-end are referred to as either due to/from other funds (for the current portion) or advances to/from other funds (for the noncurrent portion). Any outstanding balances between governmental activities and business-type activities are reported in the government-wide statement of net assets as internal balances.

Advances to other funds are offset by a fund balance reserve in the fund financial statements to indicate that they are not available for appropriation and are not expendable available financial resources.

All receivables are shown net of an allowance for uncollectibles.

Property taxes are assessed by the Etowah County Tax Assessor and collected by the Etowah County Tax Collector. The Etowah County property tax calendar specifies the following actions on the following dates:

Levy (assessment date)	September 30
Lien date	September 30
Due date	October 1
Collection dates	October 1 to December 31
Delinquent date	January 1

Inventories and Prepaid Items – All inventories are valued at cost using the first in/first out method. Inventories of governmental funds are recorded as expenditures when consumed rather than when purchased.

CITY OF GADSDEN, ALABAMA

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)
September 30, 2007

Note 1 – Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

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

Deferred Charges – In the government-wide and proprietary fund financial statements, long-term debt issuance costs are deferred and amortized over the term of the related debt. In governmental fund financial statements, these costs are reported as expenditures in the year the debt is issued.

Restricted Assets – Certain proceeds of long-term debt, as well as certain resources set aside for its repayment, are classified as restricted assets because they are maintained in separate bank accounts and their use is limited by applicable debt agreements.

Capital Assets – Capital outlays are recorded as expenditures in governmental fund financial statements. In contrast, capital assets, which include land, buildings, improvements other than buildings, equipment, construction in progress, and infrastructure (e.g., roads, bridges, sidewalks and similar items), are reported in the government-wide and proprietary fund financial statements.

Capital assets are recorded at historical cost or estimated historical cost if purchased or constructed. Donated capital assets are recorded at estimated fair value at the date of donation. The cost of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of the asset or materially extend the asset’s life are not capitalized.

Interest incurred during the construction phase of major capital projects is included in the capitalized cost of assets in business-type activities. The total interest expense incurred by the City during the current fiscal year was \$3,729,188. None of this amount was included as part of construction cost.

Capital assets are defined by the City as assets with an estimated useful life in excess of one year and with an individual cost at least equal to the following amounts:

Land	\$	1
Buildings		50,000
Improvements other than buildings		50,000
Equipment		1,000
Infrastructure:		
Street construction and improvements		100,000
Bridges		100,000
Street resurfacing, sidewalks, drainage, etc.		50,000

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

Land	Not Depreciated
Construction in progress	Not Depreciated
Buildings	25 years
Improvements	25 years
Equipment	5-10 years
Infrastructure:	
Street construction and improvements	50 years
Bridges	30 years
Street resurfacing, sidewalks, drainage, etc.	10-25 years

Deferred Revenue – Deferred revenue in the government-wide and proprietary fund financial statements represent unearned revenue. Deferred revenue in the governmental fund financial statements represent unearned revenue and other revenue for which the “available” criterion has not been met.

CITY OF GADSDEN, ALABAMA

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

September 30, 2007

Note 1 – Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

Compensated Absences – City employees earn sick leave at the rate of one day per month of service. Each employee can accumulate up to sixty days of sick leave. Employees earn vacation leave at graduated rates based on their length of service. Each employee can accumulate up to twenty days of vacation leave and carry it over to the next year.

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

Long-Term Obligations – In the government-wide and proprietary fund financial statements, long-term debt and other long-term obligations are reported as liabilities in the applicable governmental activities, business-type activities, or proprietary fund. Premiums, discounts, and deferred amounts on refunding transactions are deferred and amortized over the life of the related debt using the straight-line method. Long-term debt is reported net of the unamortized portion of these amounts. Long-term obligations are not reported in governmental funds.

Net Assets/Fund Equity – Net assets are reported in the government-wide financial statements and are classified into the following categories:

- ♦ Invested in capital assets, net of related debt,
- ♦ Restricted, and
- ♦ Unrestricted.

Restricted net assets are those whose use by the City is subject to externally imposed stipulations that can be fulfilled by actions of the City or that expire with the passage of time. The government-wide statement of net assets reports \$5,591,170 of restricted net assets, of which \$750,995 is restricted by enabling legislation. Unrestricted net assets are not subject to external restrictions but may be designated for specific purposes by the City's management or the City council.

In the governmental fund financial statements, the City reports reservations of fund balance for amounts that are not available for appropriation or are legally restricted by outside parties for use for a specific purpose. Designations of fund balance represent tentative management plans that are subject to change.

Reclassifications – Certain accounts in the prior year financial statements have been reclassified for comparative purposes to conform with the presentation in the current year financial statements.

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CITY OF GADSDEN, ALABAMA

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

September 30, 2007

Note 2 – Reconciliation of Government-Wide and Fund Financial Statements

Explanation of certain differences between the governmental funds balance sheet and the government-wide statement of net assets:

The governmental funds balance sheet includes reconciliation between fund balance – total governmental funds and net assets – governmental activities as reported in the statement of net assets. One element of that reconciliation explains that long-term liabilities are not due and payable in the current year and, therefore, are not reported in the funds. The details of this difference are as follows:

General obligation warrants payable	\$ (59,730,000)
Less: Deferred charge on refunding (to be amortized as interest expense)	770,292
Deferred charge for issuance costs (to be amortized over the life of the debt)	616,357
Issuance discounts and premiums (to be amortized as interest expense)	332,288
Notes payable	(2,836,054)
Special obligation bonds	(1,246,526)
HUD Section 108 loans	(2,225,000)
Capital leases	(1,485,551)
Accrued interest payable	(426,967)
Compensated absences	(2,476,327)
Claims and judgments	<u>(696,225)</u>
Net adjustment to reduce fund balance - total governmental funds to arrive at net assets - governmental activities	<u>\$ (69,403,713)</u>

Explanation of certain differences between the governmental funds statement of revenue, expenditures and changes in fund balances and the government-wide statement of activities:

The governmental funds statement of revenue, expenditures and changes in fund balances includes reconciliation between Net Change in Fund Balances – total governmental funds, and changes in net assets of governmental activities as reported in the government-wide statement of activities. One element of that reconciliation explains that governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures. However, in the statement of activities the cost of those assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives and reported as depreciation expense. The details of this difference are as follows:

Capital outlay and contributions	\$ 10,769,934
Transfers to proprietary funds	(191,037)
Depreciation expense	<u>(4,276,287)</u>
Net adjustment to increase net change in fund balances - total governmental funds to arrive at changes in net assets of governmental activities	<u>\$ 6,302,610</u>

CITY OF GADSDEN, ALABAMA

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)
September 30, 2007

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

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

Debt issued or incurred:	
Capital lease inception	\$ (340,687)
Amortization of long-term debt issuance costs, premiums, discounts, etc.	(116,682)
Principal repayments	<u>4,114,800</u>
Net adjustment to increase net change in fund balances - total governmental funds to arrive at changes in net assets of governmental activities	<u>\$ 3,657,431</u>

Another element of that reconciliation states that some expenses reported in the statement of activities differ from amounts reported as expenditures in governmental funds. The details of this difference are as follows:

Compensated absences	\$ (514,315)
Claims and judgments	(153,700)
Accrued interest	<u>12,713</u>
Net adjustment to decrease net change in fund balances - total governmental funds to arrive at changes in net assets of governmental activities	<u>\$ (655,302)</u>

Note 3 – Stewardship, Compliance, and Accountability

Budgetary Information: The City follows these procedures in adopting its annual budgets:

1. The Mayor annually submits to the City Council a proposed Operating Budget for the general fund and special revenue funds for the fiscal year commencing October 1. The Operating Budget includes proposed expenditures and the means of financing them.
2. A public hearing is conducted to obtain taxpayer comments.
3. Prior to October 1, the budget is legally enacted through passage of an ordinance.
4. The Mayor is authorized to transfer budgeted amounts within departments within any fund; however, any revisions that alter the total expenditures of any fund or transfer between departments must be approved by City Council Ordinance.
5. Formal budgetary integration is employed as a management control device during the year.
6. Budgets are adopted on a basis consistent with generally accepted accounting principles except that budgets and budgetary schedules included in these financial statements are prepared using encumbrance accounting under which purchase orders, contracts, and other commitments for the expenditure of monies are recorded. At the end of the fiscal year, unencumbered appropriations automatically lapse.

CITY OF GADSDEN, ALABAMA

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

September 30, 2007

Note 3 – Stewardship, Compliance, and Accountability (continued)

7. The adopted Operating Budget is allotted to each department or agency of the City according to the Mayor-Council Act. Total appropriations may not be exceeded by expenditures unless the City Council amends the budget due to increased revenue or through a reduction of fund balance. This year's Operating Budget was amended as needed throughout the year by City Council action, provided adequate funds were available at the time of the amendment.

Excess of Expenditures Over Appropriations: During the fiscal year ended September 30, 2007, there were no expenditures in excess of appropriations in any fund (the legal level of budgetary control).

Note 4 – Deposits and Investments

Custodial Credit Risk – This is the risk that in the event of a bank failure, the City's deposits may not be returned to it. The City participates in a collateral risk pool (Security for Alabama Funds Enhancement (SAFE)) program. The pool is administered by the State of Alabama Office of the State Treasurer and was established to protect public deposits in excess of FDIC coverage. Bank deposits are collateralized by securities held in the risk pool. Under the SAFE program, participating banks pledge securities to the State Treasurer for the SAFE collateral pool.

Interest Rate Risk – The City does not have a formal investment policy that limits investment securities as a means of managing its exposure to fair-value losses arising from increasing interest rates.

The City's deposits, including certificates of deposit, were fully insured or collateralized as required by state statutes at September 30, 2007.

At September 30, 2007, the entire bank balance of the City's component unit, the Gadsden Board of Education, was fully covered by federal depository insurance or the SAFE Program.

Restricted assets held in trust for retirement of debt in accordance with applicable trust indentures and for other purposes consist of the following:

2005 G.O. Warrants	\$ 757,815
2003-B G.O. Warrants	311,885
2002-B G.O. Warrants	140,712
2003-A G.O. Warrants	87,390
2004 G.O. Warrants	73,324
2002-A G.O. Warrants	65,092
2006-A G.O. Warrants	6,902
Honda Project Assistance	<u>5,046</u>
	<u>\$ 1,448,166</u>

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September 30, 2007

Note 5 – Receivables

Receivables of the City’s individual major funds and non-major and internal service funds in the aggregate were as follows at year-end:

	<u>General</u>	<u>School Ad Valorem</u>	<u>Capital Improvements</u>	<u>Airport</u>
Taxes receivable	\$ 4,888,412	\$ 1,104,192	\$ 533,827	\$ -
Accounts receivable	-	-	-	18,614
Intergovernmental receivables	9,618	-	-	-
Notes and other receivables	<u>222,520</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Gross receivables	5,120,550	1,104,192	533,827	18,614
Allowance for uncollectibles	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Net receivables	<u>\$ 5,120,550</u>	<u>\$ 1,104,192</u>	<u>\$ 533,827</u>	<u>\$ 18,614</u>

	<u>Garbage</u>	<u>Golf</u>	<u>Nonmajor and Other</u>	<u>Total</u>
Taxes receivable	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,112,016	\$ 7,638,447
Accounts receivable	334,197	2,869	-	355,680
Intergovernmental receivables	-	-	657,860	667,478
Notes and other receivables	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,481</u>	<u>226,001</u>
Gross receivables	334,197	2,869	1,773,357	8,887,606
Allowance for uncollectibles	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Net receivables	<u>\$ 334,197</u>	<u>\$ 2,869</u>	<u>\$ 1,773,357</u>	<u>\$ 8,887,606</u>

The City reports revenue net of uncollectible amounts.

Total uncollectible amounts related to revenue of the Residential Garbage Fund for the current year were:

\$ 66,039

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September 30, 2007

Note 6 – Capital Assets

The following table summarizes the changes in capital assets during the year:

Governmental Activities

	Balance Beginning of Year	Prior Period Adjustments	Classification Reclasses	Adjusted Balance Beginning of Year	Additions/ Completions	Retirements Adjustments	Balance September 30, 2007
Capital assets not being depreciated							
Land	\$ 7,238,980	\$ -	\$ (119,676)	\$ 7,119,304	\$ 5,536,424	\$ -	\$ 12,655,728
Construction in progress	13,887,596	-	-	13,887,596	1,619,900	(4,926,264)	10,581,232
Total capital assets not being depreciated	<u>21,126,576</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(119,676)</u>	<u>21,006,900</u>	<u>7,156,324</u>	<u>(4,926,264)</u>	<u>23,236,960</u>
Capital assets being depreciated							
Buildings and capital facilities	32,493,744	(10,324)	-	32,483,420	1,356,931	-	33,840,351
Improvements	1,948,193	-	-	1,948,193	4,526,320	-	6,474,513
Equipment	23,583,710	11,657	-	23,595,367	1,774,997	(1,193,912)	24,176,452
Other infrastructures	20,694,219	12,173,969	119,676	32,987,864	1,181,083	-	34,168,947
Total capital assets being depreciated	<u>78,719,866</u>	<u>12,175,302</u>	<u>119,676</u>	<u>91,014,844</u>	<u>8,839,331</u>	<u>(1,193,912)</u>	<u>98,660,263</u>
Less accumulated depreciation for							
Buildings and capital facilities	25,942,375	(2,791)	-	25,939,584	535,246	-	26,474,830
Improvements	133,401	-	-	133,401	168,454	-	301,855
Equipment	17,301,094	5,411	-	17,306,505	2,160,471	(967,425)	18,499,551
Infrastructure	8,974,063	4,028,521	-	13,002,584	1,681,688	-	14,684,272
Total accumulated depreciation	<u>52,350,933</u>	<u>4,031,141</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>56,382,074</u>	<u>4,545,859</u>	<u>(967,425)</u>	<u>59,960,508</u>
Total capital assets being depreciated, net	<u>26,368,933</u>	<u>8,144,161</u>	<u>119,676</u>	<u>34,632,770</u>	<u>4,293,472</u>	<u>(226,487)</u>	<u>38,699,755</u>
Total capital assets, net	<u>\$ 47,495,509</u>	<u>\$ 8,144,161</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 55,639,670</u>	<u>\$ 11,449,796</u>	<u>\$ (5,152,751)</u>	<u>\$ 61,936,715</u>

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September 30, 2007

Note 6 – Capital Assets – continued

Business-type Activities

	Balance Beginning of Year	Prior Period Adjustments	Classification Reclasses	Adjusted Balance Beginning of Year	Additions/ Completions	Retirements Adjustments	Balance September 30, 2007
Capital assets not being depreciated							
Land	\$ 2,976,164	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,976,164	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,976,164
Total capital assets not being depreciated	2,976,164	-	-	2,976,164	-	-	2,976,164
Capital assets being depreciated							
Buildings/improvements to buildings	7,158,278	-	-	7,158,278	-	-	7,158,278
Improvements other than buildings	6,675,939	-	-	6,675,939	-	-	6,675,939
Equipment	3,745,746	-	-	3,745,746	660,824	(490,731)	3,915,839
Total capital assets being depreciated	17,579,963	-	-	17,579,963	660,824	(490,731)	17,750,056
Less accumulated depreciation for							
Buildings/improvements to buildings	3,441,577	-	-	3,441,577	222,167	-	3,663,744
Improvements to buildings	1,461,880	-	-	1,461,880	284,039	-	1,745,919
Equipment	3,295,167	-	-	3,295,167	216,122	(459,871)	3,051,418
Total accumulated depreciation	8,198,624	-	-	8,198,624	722,328	(459,871)	8,461,081
Total capital assets being depreciated, net	9,381,339	-	-	9,381,339	(61,504)	(30,860)	9,288,975
Total capital assets, net	\$ 12,357,503	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 12,357,503	\$ (61,504)	\$ (30,860)	\$ 12,265,139

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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)
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Note 6 – Capital Assets – continued

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

General government	\$ 35,917
Internal services	267,350
Public safety	944,773
Recreation and cultural services	609,647
Public works services	270,245
Urban development	2,147,892
Depreciation on the capital assets of the internal service fund	<u>463</u>
Total depreciation expense - governmental activities	<u>\$ 4,276,287</u>
Airport	\$ 127,279
Garbage	200,213
Golf Course	<u>320,521</u>
Total depreciation expense - business-type activities	<u>\$ 648,013</u>

Construction Commitments:

The City had active construction projects at the end of the fiscal year. At year end, the City's commitments related to these projects were as follows:

<u>Project</u>	<u>Spent-to-date</u>	<u>Remaining Commitment</u>
North Gadsden Park	\$ 208,959	\$ 6,852
Softball Field Renovations	110,050	20,167
Equipment	36,400	30,000
Broad Street Bridge Lighting	8,326	86,774
Stonewall Project	633,326	561,912
Banks Part	17,788	95,838
Barrie Center	18,880	11,119
Fire Department - Station # 1	29,450	245,400
City Hall / Police Building	54,829	18,322
Street Improvements	111,788	185,839
Bridge on Chestnut St over Black Creek	26,881	63,119
East Broad Street Park	822,882	91,720
Soccer & Track Complex	1,928,530	145,895
Library Renovations (Main)	2,796,825	74,192
Riverfront Development	2,143,030	113,050
Bait Shop	17,675	608,025
Museum of Art	61,931	63,859
Noccalula Falls Greenway	6,800	33,200
Wall Street (Mun Impr)	194,103	10,628
Tuscaloosa Avenue	<u>1,352,779</u>	<u>47,485</u>
	<u>\$ 10,581,232</u>	<u>\$ 2,513,396</u>

These projects are being funded primarily from the proceeds of capital debt and capital grants.

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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)
September 30, 2007

Note 6 – Capital Assets - continued

Discretely Presented Component Units:

Gadsden Board of Education

	<u>Beginning Balance</u>	<u>Increases</u>	<u>Retirements/ Reclassifications</u>	<u>Ending Balance</u>
Governmental activities				
Capital assets not being depreciated				
Land and land improvements	\$ 5,586,033	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,586,033
Construction in progress	<u>38,436,410</u>	<u>889,002</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>39,325,412</u>
Total capital assets not being depreciated	<u>44,022,443</u>	<u>889,002</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>44,911,445</u>
Other capital assets				
Buildings	21,781,476	-	-	21,781,476
Building improvements	14,601,032	-	-	14,601,032
Furniture and equipment	<u>8,135,159</u>	<u>137,037</u>	<u>(312,437)</u>	<u>7,959,759</u>
Total capital assets being depreciated	<u>44,517,667</u>	<u>137,037</u>	<u>(312,437)</u>	<u>44,342,267</u>
Less accumulated depreciation on				
Buildings	15,445,616	364,409	-	15,810,025
Building improvements	8,730,869	572,684	-	9,303,553
Furniture and equipment	<u>4,453,780</u>	<u>394,562</u>	<u>(312,437)</u>	<u>4,535,905</u>
Total accumulated depreciation	<u>28,630,265</u>	<u>1,331,655</u>	<u>(312,437)</u>	<u>29,649,483</u>
Total capital assets being depreciated, net	<u>15,887,402</u>	<u>(1,194,618)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>14,692,784</u>
Total governmental activities capital assets, net	<u>\$ 59,909,845</u>	<u>\$ (305,616)</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 59,604,229</u>
Depreciation expense was charged to governmental functions as follows:				
Instructional services				\$ 952,974
Instructional support services				178,095
Operation and maintenance services				16,085
Auxiliary services				161,972
General administrative services				<u>22,529</u>
Total governmental activities depreciation expense				<u>\$ 1,331,655</u>

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September 30, 2007

Note 6 – Capital Assets - continued

Discretely Presented Component Units:

Gadsden Airport Authority

	<u>Beginning Balance</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Retirements/ Reclassifications</u>	<u>Ending Balance</u>
Governmental activities				
Capital assets not being depreciated				
Land	\$ 590,740	\$ -	\$ 358	\$ 590,382
Land and land development costs - held for sale	<u>5,051,960</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>5,051,960</u>	<u>-</u>
Total capital assets not being depreciated	<u>5,642,700</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>5,052,318</u>	<u>590,382</u>
Other capital assets				
Airport runways	6,965,465	667,062	-	7,632,527
Buildings	175,800	1,050	-	176,850
Equipment	48,325	10,678	-	59,003
Improvements, other than building	838,148	99,828	-	937,976
Construction in progress	<u>110,996</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>94,397</u>	<u>16,599</u>
Total other capital assets at cost	<u>8,138,734</u>	<u>778,618</u>	<u>94,397</u>	<u>8,822,955</u>
Less accumulated depreciation for				-
Airport runways	4,675,497	130,082	-	4,805,579
Buildings	63,028	7,913	-	70,941
Equipment	48,325	346	-	48,671
Improvements, other than building	<u>339,415</u>	<u>39,002</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>378,417</u>
Total accumulated depreciation	<u>5,126,265</u>	<u>177,343</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>5,303,608</u>
Other capital assets, net	<u>3,012,469</u>	<u>601,275</u>	<u>94,397</u>	<u>3,519,347</u>
Business-type activities capital assets, net	<u>\$ 8,655,169</u>	<u>\$ 601,275</u>	<u>\$ 5,146,715</u>	<u>\$ 4,109,729</u>

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September 30, 2007

Note 7 – Interfund Receivables, Payables and Transfers

The following is a detailed listing of interfund balances at year-end:

	<u>Interfund Receivable</u>	<u>Interfund Payable</u>
Due to/from other funds		
General	\$ 2,207,604	\$ -
Golf course	-	1,089,244
Residential garbage	-	825,984
Community development	-	91,896
Chemical stockpile	-	97,774
Tobacco tax	-	48,305
Transportation and planning	-	26,412
Capital improvements	-	18,306
McKinney shelter program	-	7,312
Summer Food Service Grant	-	2,371
	<u>\$ 2,207,604</u>	<u>\$ 2,207,604</u>

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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)
September 30, 2007

Note 7 – Interfund Receivables, Payables and Transfers – continued

<u>Transfers From General Fund - Transfers To</u>	<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Residential Garbage	Operations	\$ 350,000
2002A GOW Debt Service	Debt Service	334,647
Capital Lease Obligation	Debt Service	65,828
Transit Grants	Operations	471,815
2005 GOW Debt Service	Debt Service	-
Golf Course	Operations	79,011
Aging Program Grant	Operations	61,321
Transportation and Planning	Operations	44,240
Other Restricted Funds	Operations	29,064
2006B GOW Debt Service	Debt Service	-
2000 GOW Debt Service	Debt Service	1,575
2003A GOW Debt Service	Debt Service	-
1999 GOW Debt Service	Debt Service	1,313
2004A GOW Debt Service	Debt Service	-
2003B GOW Debt Service	Debt Service	-
Total Transfers From General Fund		<u>1,438,814</u>
<u>Transfers From School Ad Valorem - Transfers To</u>		
2002B GOW Debt Service	Debt Service	<u>237,837</u>
<u>Transfers From Capital Improvements Fund - Transfers To</u>		
2003B GOW Debt Service	Debt Service	1,813,441
2005 GOW Debt Service	Debt Service	936,898
Airport Authority Warrant	Debt Service	699,954
2004A GOW Debt Service	Debt Service	424,313
Capital Lease Obligation	Debt Service	650,858
Honda Assistance Debt Service	Debt Service	194,640
Capital Projects	Capital Outlay	298,800
2006B GOW Debt Service	Debt Service	224,520
2006A GOW Debt Service	Debt Service	76,931
General Fund	Operations	92,500
2003A GOW Debt Service	Debt Service	<u>107,780</u>
Total Transfers From Capital Improvements Fund		<u>5,520,635</u>
<u>Transfers From Nonmajor Governmental Funds - Transfers To</u>		
2005 GOW Debt Service	Debt Service	500,000
2003A GOW Debt Service	Debt Service	400,000
General Fund	Operations	278,048
Resurfacing Fund	Capital Outlay	345,000
2002A GOW Debt Service	Debt Service	300,000
Capital Leases	Debt Service	88,244
General Fund	Operations	-
2006B GOW Debt Service	Debt Service	<u>38,294</u>
Total Transfers From Nonmajor Governmental Funds		<u>1,949,586</u>
<u>Transfers of Capital Assets - Transfers To/(From)</u>		
Golf Course		(2,210)
Residential Garbage		<u>557,859</u>
		<u>\$ 9,702,521</u>

In the fund financial statements, total transfers in are different from total transfers out because of the accounting treatment of transfers of capital assets between governmental activities and proprietary activities. No amounts are reported in governmental funds because the amounts do not involve transfers of expendable available financial resources. However, proprietary funds do report the transfers at the net book value of the capital assets transferred.

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Note 8 – Intra-Entity Receivables and Payables

Resource flows between the City and its discretely presented component units are reported as if they were external transactions - that is, as revenue and expenses. However, amounts payable and receivable between the City and its discretely presented component units or between those units are reported on a separate line in the statement of net assets.

Due From Component Units

On December 22, 2003, the City issued its \$29,560,000 General Obligation Warrants, Series 2003-B. These warrants were issued for the purpose of financing the costs of acquiring, constructing and equipping a new high school in connection with the consolidation of the Gadsden City Board of Education's existing three high schools. While the City is solely responsible for the debt service on these warrants, the City and the Board of Education executed a Funding Agreement that requires the Board of Education to make monthly payments to the City in the amount of \$75,000.

\$ 13,174,208

On August 26, 2004, the Gadsden Airport Authority issued its \$6,905,000 Taxable Airport Revenue Bonds, Series 2004. These bonds were issued for the purpose of financing the acquisition and construction of a mixed-use community south and southeast of the Gadsden Municipal Airport, including the acquisition of approximately 405 acres of land and the construction of roads, sidewalks, sewers, parks and other improvements, and financing the acquisition and construction of an automotive mold-making facility in the Gadsden Airport Industrial Park that the Airport Authority will lease to a manufacturer. As an integral part of the issuance of these bonds, the City and the Airport Authority executed a Funding Agreement which requires the City to make the debt service payments on the bonds on behalf of the Airport Authority (see Due to Component Units below) and requires the Airport Authority to pay to the City all amounts received under its lease of the automotive mold-making facility. The amount due from the Airport Authority under this Funding Agreement has been recorded at its estimated present value.

1,166,700

Other amounts loaned to and costs paid for the Airport Authority

234,321

Total Due From Component Units

\$ 14,575,229

Due To Component Units

The Taxable Airport Revenue Bonds, Series 2004 discussed above are demand bonds which may be tendered for payment by the bondholder in whole or in part on any business day at a purchase price equal to 100% of the principal amount tendered plus accrued interest. Should this occur, the Remarketing Agent will use its best efforts to remarket all tendered bonds. In the event of a failed remarketing, the City will be required under the Funding Agreement discussed above to pay the purchase price of the bonds. To provide temporary short-term financing for this contingency, the City has obtained an irrevocable letter of credit from a financial institution in the amount of \$6,984,455. Because the Funding Agreement requires the City to make all debt service payments on behalf of the Airport Authority, an amount due to the Airport Authority has been recorded at the current principal balance outstanding on the bonds.

\$ 6,720,000

School Ad Valorem Taxes receivable from taxpayers which are ultimately due to the Board of Education

476,661

Total Due to Component Units

\$ 7,196,661

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September 30, 2007

Note 9 – Long-term Liabilities

Changes in long-term liabilities during the year are summarized as follows:

	<u>Beginning Balance</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Reductions</u>	<u>Ending Balance</u>	<u>Due Within One Year</u>	<u>Due in More Than One Year</u>
Governmental Activities						
General Obligation Warrants, Series 2006	\$ 995,000	\$ -	\$ (30,000)	\$ 965,000	\$ 30,000	\$ 935,000
General Obligation Warrants, Series 2005	15,625,000	-	(835,000)	14,790,000	860,000	13,930,000
General Obligation Warrants, Series 2004-A	4,840,000	-	(170,000)	4,670,000	180,000	4,490,000
General Obligation Warrants, Series 2003-A	7,975,000	-	(175,000)	7,800,000	180,000	7,620,000
General Obligation Warrants, Series 2003-B	27,955,000	-	(590,000)	27,365,000	605,000	26,760,000
General Obligation Warrants, Series 2002-A	3,395,000	-	(510,000)	2,885,000	530,000	2,355,000
General Obligation Warrants, Series 2002-B	1,435,000	-	(180,000)	1,255,000	190,000	1,065,000
Less deferred amounts						
For issuance discounts	(480,837)	-	24,614	(456,223)	-	(456,223)
On refunding	(836,037)	-	65,745	(770,292)	-	(770,292)
Plus deferred amounts						
For issuance premiums	132,482	-	(8,547)	123,935	-	123,935
Total general obligation warrants	61,035,608	-	(2,408,188)	58,627,420	2,575,000	56,052,420
Note payable	500,000	-	(500,000)	-	-	-
Note payable	2,933,724	-	(97,670)	2,836,054	101,348	2,734,706
Special obligation bonds -						
Honda assistance	1,370,597	-	(124,071)	1,246,526	130,533	1,115,993
HUD Section 108 Loans	2,400,000	-	(175,000)	2,225,000	175,000	2,050,000
Capital leases	1,872,923	340,687	(728,059)	1,485,551	628,413	857,138
Compensated absences	1,962,263	517,231	-	2,479,494	563,996	1,915,498
Claims and judgments	1,773,533	153,700	-	1,927,233	1,927,233	-
Governmental activities long-term liabilities	<u>\$ 73,848,648</u>	<u>\$ 1,011,618</u>	<u>\$ (4,032,988)</u>	<u>\$ 70,827,278</u>	<u>\$ 6,101,523</u>	<u>\$ 64,725,755</u>
Business-Type Activities						
General Obligation Warrants, Series 2003	\$ 280,000	\$ -	\$ (40,000)	\$ 240,000	\$ 40,000	200,000
Taxable general obligation warrants, Series 2005-B	1,400,000	-	(100,000)	1,300,000	100,000	1,200,000
Compensated absences	44,422	22,103	-	66,525	66,525	-
Accrued landfill closure and post closure	1,083,821	45,761	-	1,129,582	23,199	1,106,383
Business-type activities long-term liabilities	<u>\$ 2,808,243</u>	<u>\$ 67,864</u>	<u>\$ (140,000)</u>	<u>\$ 2,736,107</u>	<u>\$ 229,724</u>	<u>\$ 2,506,383</u>

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Note 9 – Long-term Liabilities – continued

The City’s internal service fund primarily serves the governmental funds. Accordingly, its long-term liabilities are included as part of the long-term liabilities of governmental activities above.

Compensated absences and claims and judgments liabilities of governmental activities typically have been liquidated from the general fund in prior years.

General Obligation Warrants, Special Obligation Bonds and Notes Payable

The City issues long-term bonds and warrants to provide funds for the acquisition and construction of major capital facilities. The bonds and warrants have been issued for both governmental and business-type activities. General obligation debt represents direct obligations and pledges the full faith and credit of the City. These bonds and warrants are generally issued as serial bonds and warrants with varying amounts of principal maturing each year.

Governmental Activities:

General Obligation Warrants dated June 12, 2007, are due in annual principal installments ranging from \$30,000 to \$325,000 through November 20, 2025, with variable interest payable semi-annually	\$ 965,000
General Obligation Warrants dated June 1, 2005, are due in annual principal installments ranging from \$690,000 to \$1,285,000 through March 1, 2022, with interest payable semi-annually at rates varying from 2.65 percent to 5.00 percent	14,790,000
Taxable General Obligation Warrants dated January 21, 2005, are due in annual principal installments ranging from \$160,000 to \$415,000 through August 1, 2024, with interest payable semi-annually at rates varying from 4.00 percent to 6.00 percent	4,670,000
General Obligation Refunding Warrants dated December 22, 2003, are due in annual principal installments ranging from \$170,000 to \$495,000 through August 1, 2033, with interest payable semi-annually at rates varying from 1.50 percent to 4.80 percent	7,800,000
General Obligation Warrants dated December 22, 2003, are due in annual principal installments ranging from \$455,000 to \$1,785,000 through August 1, 2033, with interest payable semi-annually at rates varying from 1.10 percent to 5.125 percent	27,365,000
General Obligation Warrants dated June 1, 2002, are due in annual principal installments ranging from \$485,000 to \$625,000 through September 1, 2012, with interest payable semi-annually at rates varying from 2.50 percent to 4.20 percent	2,885,000
General Obligation Refunding Warrants dated June 1, 2002, are due in annual principal installments ranging from \$25,000 to \$230,000 through February 1, 2013, with interest payable semi-annually at rates varying from 2.90 percent to 4.30 percent	1,255,000
Special Obligation Bonds dated July 1, 2000, issued by the East Central Alabama Industrial Development Authority of which the City is liable for approximately \$2,000,000, are due in annual principal installments ranging from \$118,255 to \$184,814, through February 1, 2015, with interest payable semi-annually at rates varying from 4.5 percent to 5.5 percent	1,246,526
Note payable dated February 9, 2007, due in annual principal installments ranging from \$97,685 to \$907,840 through February 1, 2026, with interest payable semi-annually at 4.33 percent	2,836,054

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Note 9 – Long-term Liabilities – continued

Governmental Activities: - continued

HUD Section 108 Loans dated October 14, 2007, due in annual principal installments ranging from \$25,647 to \$322,672 through October 14, 2025, with interest payable semi-annually at LIBOR + 20 basis points \$ 800,000

HUD Section 108 Loans dated October 14, 2007, due in annual principal installments ranging from \$42,745 to \$537,787 through October 14, 2025, with interest payable semi-annually at LIBOR + 20 basis points 1,425,000

Total \$ 66,037,580

Business-type Activities:

General Obligation Warrants of 2007 dated April 28, 2005, are due in annual principal installments of \$100,000 beginning May 1, 2007 through May 1, 2020, with interest payable semi-annually at 6.51 percent \$ 1,300,000

General Obligation Airport Warrants of 2003 are due in annual principal installments of \$40,000 beginning June 23, 2003 through June 23, 2013, with interest payable annually at 6.22 percent 240,000

Total \$ 1,540,000

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Note 9 – Long-term Liabilities – continued

The following schedules show debt service to maturity for general obligation warrants, special obligation bonds and note payable outstanding at September 30, 2007:

	<u>Total</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2011</u>
Governmental Activities					
GOW, 2006 Series					
Principal	\$ 965,000	\$ 30,000	\$ 30,000	\$ 40,000	\$ 40,000
Interest	423,329	38,348	37,146	35,850	34,243
Total	<u>1,388,329</u>	<u>68,348</u>	<u>67,146</u>	<u>75,850</u>	<u>74,243</u>
GOW, 2005 Series					
Principal	14,790,000	860,000	885,000	905,000	940,000
Interest	4,730,483	564,555	539,240	512,390	484,245
Total	<u>19,520,483</u>	<u>1,424,555</u>	<u>1,424,240</u>	<u>1,417,390</u>	<u>1,424,245</u>
GOW, 2004-A Series					
Principal	4,670,000	180,000	185,000	195,000	205,000
Interest	2,782,620	259,380	252,180	244,780	235,030
Total	<u>7,452,620</u>	<u>439,380</u>	<u>437,180</u>	<u>439,780</u>	<u>440,030</u>
GOW, 2003-A Series					
Principal	7,800,000	180,000	180,000	185,000	195,000
Interest	5,753,100	343,680	339,180	334,050	328,315
Total	<u>13,553,100</u>	<u>523,680</u>	<u>519,180</u>	<u>519,050</u>	<u>523,315</u>
GOW, 2003-B Series					
Principal	27,365,000	605,000	620,000	640,000	655,000
Interest	21,244,655	1,264,788	1,249,663	1,231,993	1,212,153
Total	<u>48,609,655</u>	<u>1,869,788</u>	<u>1,869,663</u>	<u>1,871,993</u>	<u>1,867,153</u>
GOW, 2002-A Series					
Principal	2,885,000	530,000	555,000	575,000	600,000
Interest	302,585	56,418	95,218	73,850	50,850
Total	<u>3,187,585</u>	<u>586,418</u>	<u>650,218</u>	<u>648,850</u>	<u>650,850</u>
GOW, 2002-B Series					
Principal	1,255,000	190,000	195,000	205,000	215,000
Interest	162,056	47,120	39,899	32,045	23,538
Total	<u>1,417,056</u>	<u>237,120</u>	<u>234,899</u>	<u>237,045</u>	<u>238,538</u>
Special Obligation Bonds					
Honda Assistance					
Principal	1,246,527	130,533	136,995	143,457	150,565
Interest	311,304	64,552	58,025	51,107	43,934
Total	<u>1,557,831</u>	<u>195,085</u>	<u>195,020</u>	<u>194,564</u>	<u>194,499</u>
Note Payable					
Principal	-	-	-	-	-
Interest	-	-	-	-	-
Total	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Note Payable					
Principal	2,933,724	97,685	101,715	106,617	111,393
Interest	1,435,690	126,835	122,805	117,903	113,127
Total	<u>4,369,414</u>	<u>224,520</u>	<u>224,520</u>	<u>224,520</u>	<u>224,520</u>
HUD Section 108 Loan					
Principal	800,000	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000
Interest	181,640	40,220	35,210	30,250	25,260
Total	<u>981,640</u>	<u>140,220</u>	<u>135,210</u>	<u>130,250</u>	<u>125,260</u>
HUD Section 108 Loan					
Principal	1,425,000	75,000	75,000	75,000	75,000
Interest	770,120	75,920	71,963	68,243	64,500
Total	<u>2,195,120</u>	<u>150,920</u>	<u>146,963</u>	<u>143,243</u>	<u>139,500</u>
Total Governmental Activities					
Principal	66,135,251	2,978,218	3,063,710	3,170,074	3,286,958
Interest	38,097,582	2,881,816	2,840,529	2,732,461	2,615,195
Total	<u>\$ 104,232,833</u>	<u>\$ 5,860,034</u>	<u>\$ 5,904,239</u>	<u>\$ 5,902,535</u>	<u>\$ 5,902,153</u>

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September 30, 2007

Note 9 – Long-term Liabilities – continued

	<u>2012</u>	<u>2013-2017</u>	<u>2018-2022</u>	<u>2023-2027</u>	<u>2028-2032</u>	<u>2033-2036</u>
Governmental Activities						
GOW Series 2006						
Principal	\$ 40,000	\$ 230,000	\$ 295,000	\$ 260,000	\$ -	\$ -
Interest	32,641	137,672	85,807	21,622	-	-
Total	<u>72,641</u>	<u>367,672</u>	<u>380,807</u>	<u>281,622</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
GOW Series 2005						
Principal	965,000	5,375,000	4,860,000	-	-	-
Interest	454,235	1,717,218	458,600	-	-	-
Total	<u>1,419,235</u>	<u>7,092,218</u>	<u>5,318,600</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
GOW Series 2004-A						
Principal	215,000	1,240,000	1,645,000	805,000	-	-
Interest	224,780	946,400	546,870	73,200	-	-
Total	<u>439,780</u>	<u>2,186,400</u>	<u>2,191,870</u>	<u>878,200</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
GOW Series 2003-A						
Principal	200,000	1,115,000	1,370,000	1,710,000	2,170,000	495,000
Interest	321,685	1,490,323	1,237,933	893,295	440,880	23,760
Total	<u>521,685</u>	<u>2,605,323</u>	<u>2,607,933</u>	<u>2,603,295</u>	<u>2,610,880</u>	<u>518,760</u>
GOW Series 2003-B						
Principal	680,000	3,805,000	4,745,000	6,070,000	7,760,000	1,785,000
Interest	1,189,883	5,546,868	4,600,900	3,277,044	1,585,686	85,680
Total	<u>1,869,883</u>	<u>9,351,868</u>	<u>9,345,900</u>	<u>9,347,044</u>	<u>9,345,686</u>	<u>1,870,680</u>
GOW Series 2002-A						
Principal	625,000	-	-	-	-	-
Interest	26,250	-	-	-	-	-
Total	<u>651,250</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
GOW Series 2002-B						
Principal	220,000	230,000	-	-	-	-
Interest	14,510	4,945	-	-	-	-
Total	<u>234,510</u>	<u>234,945</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Special Obligation Bonds -						
Honda Assistance						
Principal	158,320	526,656	-	-	-	-
Interest	36,255	57,431	-	-	-	-
Total	<u>194,575</u>	<u>584,087</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Note Payable						
Principal	-	-	-	-	-	-
Interest	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Note Payable						
Principal	-	-	-	-	-	-
Interest	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
HUD Section 108 Loan						
Principal	100,000	400,000	-	-	-	-
Interest	20,240	30,460	-	-	-	-
Total	<u>120,240</u>	<u>430,460</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
HUD Section 108 Loan						
Principal	75,000	375,000	400,000	200,000	-	-
Interest	60,735	247,055	164,984	17,180	-	-
Total	<u>135,735</u>	<u>622,055</u>	<u>564,984</u>	<u>217,180</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Total Governmental Activities						
Principal	3,278,320	13,296,656	13,315,000	9,045,000	9,930,000	2,280,000
Interest	2,381,214	10,178,372	7,095,094	4,282,341	2,026,566	109,440
Total	<u>\$ 5,659,534</u>	<u>\$ 23,475,028</u>	<u>\$ 20,410,094</u>	<u>\$ 13,327,341</u>	<u>\$ 11,956,566</u>	<u>\$ 2,389,440</u>

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Note 9 – Long-term Liabilities – continued

	<u>Total</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>2012</u>
Business-type Activities						
GOW, Series 2003						
Principal	\$ 240,000	\$ 40,000	\$ 40,000	\$ 40,000	\$ 40,000	\$ 80,000
Interest	52,248	14,928	12,440	9,952	7,464	4,976
Total	<u>292,248</u>	<u>54,928</u>	<u>52,440</u>	<u>49,952</u>	<u>47,464</u>	<u>84,976</u>
GOW, Series 2005-B						
Principal	1,300,000	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000
Interest	601,144	86,014	79,205	72,605	66,004	59,567
Total	<u>1,901,144</u>	<u>186,014</u>	<u>179,205</u>	<u>172,605</u>	<u>166,004</u>	<u>159,567</u>
Total Business-type Activities						
Principal	1,540,000	140,000	140,000	140,000	140,000	140,000
Interest	653,392	100,969	91,645	82,557	73,468	65,543
Total	<u>2,193,392</u>	<u>240,969</u>	<u>231,645</u>	<u>222,557</u>	<u>213,468</u>	<u>205,543</u>
Total						
Principal	61,551,527	2,815,553	2,896,995	2,988,457	3,100,565	3,203,320
Interest	35,940,195	2,701,460	2,665,049	2,562,771	2,451,532	2,332,140
Total	<u>\$ 97,491,722</u>	<u>\$ 5,517,013</u>	<u>\$ 5,562,044</u>	<u>\$ 5,551,228</u>	<u>\$ 5,552,097</u>	<u>\$ 5,535,460</u>

	<u>2013-2017</u>	<u>2018-2022</u>	<u>2023-2027</u>	<u>2028-2032</u>	<u>2033-2036</u>
Business-type Activities					
GOW, Series 2003					
Principal	\$ 40,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Interest	2,488	-	-	-	-
Total	<u>42,488</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
GOW, Series 2005-B					
Principal	500,000	300,000	-	-	-
Interest	198,103	39,621	-	-	-
Total	<u>698,103</u>	<u>339,621</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Total Business-type Activities					
Principal	540,000	300,000	-	-	-
Interest	200,591	39,621	-	-	-
Total	<u>740,591</u>	<u>339,621</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Total					
Principal	12,831,656	12,920,000	8,585,000	9,930,000	2,280,000
Interest	9,963,774	6,883,923	4,243,539	2,026,566	109,440
Total	<u>\$ 22,795,430</u>	<u>\$ 19,803,923</u>	<u>\$ 12,828,539</u>	<u>\$ 11,956,566</u>	<u>\$ 2,389,440</u>

General Obligation Refunding

Due to favorable interest rates, during the year ended September 30, 2005, the City issued \$16,315,000 in general obligation warrants, of which \$16,123,400 was placed in an irrevocable trust for the purpose of generating resources for all future debt service payments through 2022 of series 1999 and 2000 bond issues. As a result, the refunded bonds are considered to be defeased and the liability has been removed. This advance refunding undertaken decreased total debt service payments over the next 20 years by a cash benefit of approximately \$378,000 and obtained an economic gain (difference between the present value of the debt service payments of the refunded and refunding bonds) of approximately \$286,000. As of September 30, 2007, \$13,640,000 of bonds are considered defeased.

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Note 9 – Long-term Liabilities – continued

Capital Leases

The City has entered into capital leases to finance the acquisition of computer equipment, vehicles and other equipment. These lease agreements are classified as capital leases for accounting purposes and, therefore, are reported as long-term liabilities at the present value of their future minimum lease payments.

The net carrying values of assets acquired under capital leases at year end were:

Governmental Activities	
Equipment	\$ 3,899,803
Less accumulated depreciation	<u>(1,282,512)</u>
Net carrying value	<u>\$ 2,617,291</u>

The future minimum lease payments and the net present value of these minimum lease payments were as follows at year end:

	Governmental Activities
Years ending September 30,	
2008	\$ 685,812
2009	452,098
2010	201,087
2011	122,609
2012	48,912
2013-2017	<u>105,976</u>
Total minimum lease payments	1,616,494
Less amounts representing interest	<u>(130,943)</u>
Present value of minimum lease payments	<u>\$ 1,485,551</u>

Claims and Judgments

The City is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; job-related illnesses and injuries to employees; and natural disasters. The City has established a limited risk management program for employee medical and workers' compensation. The City has purchased commercial insurance coverage for employee medical expenses exceeding \$50,000 per employee per year, and for workers' compensation claims exceeding \$300,000 per claim and for aggregate claims exceeding 275 percent of expected annual claims. The City has also purchased commercial insurance coverage for commercial general liability, automobile and property, public officials and other employee bonds, etc. with varying coverage amounts and deductibles. Settlements have not exceeded coverages in any of the last three fiscal years.

The liabilities for employee medical and workers' compensation claims are reported in the internal service fund. The liabilities for other legal claims (e.g. settlements of lawsuits against the City) are not reported as a fund liability until they become due and payable because they are paid from the general fund. The government-wide statement of net assets includes all liabilities for claims and judgments as part of long-term liabilities.

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September 30, 2007

Note 9 – Long-term Liabilities – continued

Liabilities for claims and judgments are reported when it is probable that a loss has occurred and the amount of the loss can be reasonably estimated. Liabilities include an amount for claims that have been incurred but not reported (“IBNRs”). The result of the process to estimate the claims liabilities is not an exact amount as it depends on many complex factors, such as inflation, changes in legal doctrines, and damage awards.

Accordingly, claims are reevaluated periodically to consider the effects of inflation, recent claim settlement trends (including frequency and amount of pay-outs), and other economic and social factors. The estimate of the claims liabilities also includes amounts for incremental claim adjustment expenses related to specific claims and other claim adjustment expenses regardless of whether allocated to specific claims. Estimated recoveries, for example from salvage or subrogation, are another component of the claims liabilities estimate. Changes in the balances of claims liabilities during the fiscal year were:

	Workers' Compensation and Medical Claims	Legal Claims	Total
Unpaid claims, beginning of year	\$ 1,231,008	\$ 542,525	\$ 1,773,533
Incurred claims (including IBNRs)	288,859	301,010	589,869
Claim payments	(288,859)	(147,310)	(436,169)
Liability estimate reduction	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Unpaid claims, end of year	<u>\$ 1,231,008</u>	<u>\$ 696,225</u>	<u>\$ 1,927,233</u>

The Board of Education is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees; and natural disasters. The Board of Education has insurance for its buildings and contents through the State Insurance Fund (“SIF”), Alabama Department of Finance, Division of Risk Management, which operates as a common risk management and insurance program for state-owned properties and boards of education. The Board of Education pays the annual premium based on the amount of coverage. The SIF is self-insured up to \$3.5 million per occurrence and purchases commercial insurance for claims in excess of \$3.5 million. Errors and omissions insurance is purchased from Alabama Risk Management for Schools (“ARMS”), a public entity risk pool. ARMS collects premiums and purchases commercial insurance for the amount of coverage requested by pool participants. The Board of Education purchases commercial insurance for fidelity bonds. Settled claims in the past three years have not exceeded the commercial insurance coverage.

The Board of Education’s employee health insurance is provided through the Public Education Employees’ Health Insurance Fund (“PEEHIF”), administered by the Public Education Employees’ Health Insurance Board. The fund was established to provide a uniform plan of health insurance for current and retired employees of state educational institutions and is self-sustaining. Monthly premiums for employee and dependent coverage are set annually by the plan’s actuary and are based on anticipated claims in the upcoming year, considering any remaining fund balance on hand available for claims. The Board of Education contributes the specified amount monthly to the PEEHIF for each employee. The Board of Education contribution is applied against the employees’ premium for the coverage selected and the employee pays any remaining premium.

The State Board of Adjustments is a state agency with which people can file claims against the Board of Education to collect reimbursement for damages when all other means have been exhausted. The Board of Education does not have insurance coverage for job-related injuries. Claims for employee job-related injuries may be filed with the State Board of Adjustment. The Board of Adjustment determines if a claim is valid and determines the proper amount of compensation. Payments are made from state appropriated funds at no cost to the Board of Education. Several such claims or related settlements have occurred in the past three years.

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Note 9 – Long-term Liabilities – continued

Landfill Closure and Post Closure Care Cost

State and federal laws and regulations require the City to place a final cover on its landfill sites when it stops accepting waste and to perform certain maintenance and monitoring functions at the site for thirty years after closure. Although closure and post closure care costs will be paid only near or after the date that the landfill stops accepting waste, the city reports a portion of these closure and post closure care costs as an operating expense of the residential garbage enterprise fund in each period based on landfill capacity used as of fiscal year end.

The \$1,129,583 reported as landfill closure and post closure care liability at September 30, 2007, represents the cumulative amount reported to date, based on the use of 58 percent of the estimated capacity of its Brunsway Drive site and post closure care costs for 26 remaining years at the Noccalula Falls sites. The City will recognize the remaining estimated cost of closure and post closure care of \$572,783 as the remaining estimated capacity of the Brunsway Drive site is filled. These amounts are based on what it would cost to perform all closure and post closure care in 2007. The City expects to close the Brunsway Drive site in the year 2026. Actual cost may be higher due to inflation, changes in technology, or changes in regulations.

The City met the Environmental Protection Agency's ("EPA") regulations regarding financial assurance provisions by meeting the EPA's financial test as of September 30, 2007.

Note 10 – Contingencies

Various lawsuits are pending against the City. In addition, numerous claims have been filed which have not yet resulted in lawsuits. In the opinion of the City Attorney, the potential adverse impact of all these claims, individually or in the aggregate, would not be material to the financial statements of the City.

The City and the Board of Education have received federal and state grants for specific purposes that are subject to review and audit by the grantor agencies. Such audits could lead to requests for reimbursements to the grantor agencies for expenditures disallowed under the terms of the grants. City management believes such disallowances, if any, will be immaterial.

Note 11 – Pension Funds

Employees' Retirement System of Alabama

Plan Description: The City contributes to the Employees' Retirement System of Alabama ("RSA"), an agent multiple-employer public employee retirement system that acts as a common investment and administrative agent for the various state agencies and departments.

Substantially all employees are members of the RSA. Membership is mandatory for covered or eligible employees. Benefits vest after 10 years of creditable service. Vested employees may retire with full benefits at age 60 or after 25 years of service. Retirement benefits are calculated by two methods with the retiree receiving payment under the method that yields the highest monthly benefit. The methods are (1) Minimum Guaranteed, and (2) Formula, of which the Formula method usually produces the highest monthly benefit. Under this method, retirees are allowed 2.0125 percent of their average final salary (best three of the last ten years) for each year of service. Disability retirement benefits are calculated in the same manner. Pre-retirement death benefits in the amount of the annual salary for the fiscal year preceding death are provided to Plan members.

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Note 11 – Pension Funds – continued

The RSA was established as of October 1, 1945, under the provisions of Act 515, Acts of Alabama 1945, for the purpose of providing retirement allowances and other specified benefits for State employees, State police, and on an elective basis to all cities, counties, towns and quasi-public organizations. The responsibility for general administration and operation of the RSA is vested in the Board of Control. Benefit provisions are established by the Code of Alabama 1975, Sections 36-27-1 through 36-27-103, as amended, Sections 36-27-120 through 36-27-139, as amended, and Sections 36-27B-1 through 36-27B-6. Authority to amend the plan rests with the Legislature of Alabama.

The Retirement Systems of Alabama issues a publicly available financial report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information for the RSA. That report may be obtained by writing to The Retirement Systems of Alabama, 135 South Union Street, Montgomery, Alabama 36130-2150.

Funding Policy: For the fiscal year 2007, the member contribution rate for state correctional officers, certified full-time firefighters, and certified full-time law enforcement officers remains at 6% of the employee’s compensation. Regular member contributions remain at 5% of employee compensation. The City is required to contribute at an actuarially determined rate, which is currently 24.54% of annual covered payroll. The contribution requirements of the plan members and the City are established and may be amended by the ERSA Board of Control.

Annual Pension Cost: The actuarial valuation is made annually one year in arrears. The most recent valuation was made as of September 30, 2006. The City’s annual pension cost for the year ended September 30, 2007, of \$4,666,330 was equal to the City’s required and actual contributions. The required contribution was determined as part of the September 30, 2006, actuarial valuation.

Actuarial Valuation Information:

Valuation date	9/30/2006
Actuarial cost method	Entry age
Amortization method	Level percent open
Remaining amortization period	13 years
Asset valuation method	5-year smoothed market
Actuarial assumptions:	
Investment rate of return *	8.00%
Projected salary increases *	4.61% – 7.75%
*Includes inflation at	4.50%
Cost-of-living adjustments	None

Trend Information

<u>Ended</u>	<u>Cost (APC)</u>	<u>APC Contributed</u>	<u>Obligation</u>
9/30/2003	\$ 3,187,378	100%	-
9/30/2004	3,855,798	100%	-
9/30/2005	4,006,289	100%	-
9/30/2006	4,249,298	100%	-

The Board of Education contributes to the Teachers’ Retirement System of Alabama (“TRSA”), a cost-sharing multiple-employer public retirement system for the various state-supported educational agencies and institutions. The plan is administered by RSA. Employees are required by statute to contribute 5 percent of their salary to the plan. The Board of Education is required to contribute the remaining amounts necessary to fund the plan.

CITY OF GADSDEN, ALABAMA

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

September 30, 2007

Note 11 – Pension Funds – continued

Deferred Compensation Plan

The City and Board of Education offer their employees a deferred compensation plan created in accordance with Internal Revenue Code Section 457. The deferred compensation plan RSA-1 is administered by the Retirement Systems of Alabama (“RSA”). The plan, available to all City and Board of Education employees participating in the Employees’ Retirement System, permits them to defer a portion of their salary until future years. Participation in the plan is optional.

The deferred compensation is not available to employees until termination, retirement, death or unforeseeable emergency. As of October 1, 1997, RSA amended the plan such that all amounts of compensation deferred under the plan, all property and rights purchased with those amounts, and all income attributable to those amounts, property or rights are held in trust for the exclusive benefit of plan participants and their beneficiaries. The assets of the plan cannot be diverted for any other purpose and, therefore, are not reflected in the City’s financial statements.

In addition, the City offers another Section 457 deferred compensation plan to its employees. All City employees are eligible to participate in this optional plan. The assets of the plan cannot be diverted for use by the City and, therefore, are not reflected in the City’s financial statements.

Other Post-Employment Benefits: The City also provides post-retirement health care, prescription drug, and life insurance benefits, in accordance with City statutes, to all retirees qualifying for benefits through the State of Alabama Retirement System and who, upon retirement, elect to remain on the group health program.

In the past, coverage has been extended to those employees who did not elect to participate in the RSA program when it was originally offered and participation was optional. If the employee has sufficient years of service to have retired from the City, but did not choose participation in the retirement program for eligibility purposes of this program, these employees have been considered retirees of the City.

The City is subsidizing the amount of validated claims for this division at approximately 61 percent for medical and hospitalization cost for eligible retirees and their dependents. This includes secondary payments of approved charges not paid by Medicare for those retirees and dependents covered by Medicare.

During the fiscal year ended September 30, 1991, the City adopted an ordinance that limits post-retirement health care benefits for all employees retiring after October 1, 1991. This ordinance specifically requires that any employee retiring before age 55 will pay 100 percent of the applicable premiums. Employees retiring due to medical disability or retiring between the ages of 55 and 65 will have their premiums subsidized by the City at \$150 per month for family coverage and \$65 for single coverage.

Expenditures for post-retirement health care benefits are recognized as retirees report claims. As of September 30, 2007, there were 180 former employees that were receiving benefits. The City finances the plan on a pay-as-you-go basis. For the year ended September 30, 2007, the City recognized \$1,347,032 of expenditures before retiree contributions of \$446,773.

CITY OF GADSDEN, ALABAMA

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

September 30, 2007

Note 12 – Special Items and Contributions

During the fiscal year 2007, the City had several special items occur, all related to transactions with the Gadsden Airport Authority. The City provided \$103,400 to the Authority to fund operations and \$201,477 for airport capital improvement projects. In addition, the City provided \$85,000, which approximated the fair market value of property conveyed to Petro-Lube by the Airport Authority. In accordance with Federal Aviation Administration regulations this money is restricted in its use. These items have been reported as a special items because they were a significant transaction, subject to managements control, and either unusual in nature or infrequent in occurrence.

In December 2006 the Gadsden Airport Authority voted to stop work on a planned residential community project. As a result of this vote, the Airport Authority conveyed land and related development costs to the City of \$5,257,977 and unspent funding of \$375,650. This transaction has been accounted for as contributions in the accompanying government-wide statement of activities.

Note 13 – Recently Issued Accounting Standards

The following recently issued accounting standards have been or will be adopted by the City in the fiscal period stated:

In April 2004, the GASB issued Statement No. 43, *Financial Reporting for Postemployment Benefit Plans Other Than Pension Plans*. GASB 43 establishes uniform financial reporting standards for postemployment benefit plans other than pension plans and supersedes the interim guidance included in GASB 26. The approach followed in GASB 43 generally is consistent with the approach adopted for pension plans in GASB 25, with modifications to reflect differences between pension plans and other postemployment benefits (“OPEB”) plans. GASB 43 is effective for the City’s fiscal year ending September 30, 2008, and its adoption is not expected to have a material effect on the City’s basic financial statements.

In July 2004, the GASB issued Statement No. 45, *Accounting and Financial Reporting by Employers for Postemployment Benefits Other Than Pensions*. GASB 45 establishes standards for the measurement, recognition, and display of OPEB expenses/expenditures and related liabilities (assets), note disclosures, and, if applicable, required supplementary information in the financial reports of state and local government employers. GASB 45 improves the relevance and usefulness of financial reporting by (a) requiring systematic, accrual-basis measurement and recognition of OPEB expense over a period that approximates employees’ years of service and (b) providing information about actuarial accrued liabilities associated with OPEB and whether and to what extent progress is being made in funding the plan. GASB 45 is effective for the City’s fiscal year ending September 30, 2009, and its effect on the City’s basic financial statements has not yet been determined.

In September 2006, the GASB issued Statement No. 48, *Sales and Pledges of Receivables and Future Revenues and Intra-Entity Transfers of Assets and Future Revenues*. GASB 48 clarifies the financial reporting of whether certain transactions should be regarded as a sale or as a collateralized borrowing resulting in a liability. GASB 48 is effective for the City’s fiscal year ending September 30, 2008, and its adoption is not expected to have a material effect on the City’s basic financial statements.

In November 2006, the GASB issued Statement No. 49, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Pollution Remediation Obligations*. GASB 49 addresses accounting and financial reporting standards for pollution (including contamination) remediation obligations, which are obligations to address the current or potential detrimental effects of existing pollution by participating in pollution remediation activities such as site assessments and cleanups. GASB 49 is effective for the City’s fiscal year ended September 30, 2009, and its effect on the City’s basic financial statements has not yet been determined.

CITY OF GADSDEN, ALABAMA

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

September 30, 2007

Note 13 – Recently Issued Accounting Standards – continued

In May 2007, the GASB issued Statement No. 50, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Pollution Remediation Obligations*. GASB 50 more closely aligns the financial reporting requirements for pensions with those for other postemployment benefits (OPEB) and, in doing so, enhances information disclosed in notes to financial statements or presented as required supplementary information (RSI) by pension plans and by employers that provide pension benefits. The reporting changes required by this Statement amend applicable note disclosure and RSI requirements of Statements No. 25, *Financial Reporting for Defined Benefit Pension Plans and Note Disclosures for Defined Contribution Plans*, and No. 27, *Accounting for Pensions by State and Local Governmental Employers*, to conform with requirements of Statements No. 43, *Financial Reporting for Postemployment Benefit Plans Other Than Pension Plans*, and No. 45, *Accounting and Financial Reporting by Employers for Postemployment Benefits Other Than Pensions*. GASB 50 is effective for the City's fiscal year ended September 30, 2008, and its adoption is not expected to have a material effect on the City's basic financial statements.

In June 2007, the GASB issued Statement No. 51, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Intangible Assets*. GASB 51 requires that all intangible assets not specifically excluded by its scope provisions be classified as capital assets. This includes items such as easements, water rights, timber rights, patents, trademarks, and computer software. GASB 51 is effective for the City's fiscal year ending September 30, 2010, and its effect on the City's basic financial statements has not yet been determined.

Note 14 – Prior Period Adjustment

In June 1999, the GASB unanimously approved GASB Statement No. 34, *Basic Financial Statements – and Management Discussion and Analysis – for State and Local Governments*. This statement provided for the most significant change in financial reporting in over twenty years and became effective for the City on October 1, 2002. As part of this statement, there was a new reporting requirement regarding the City's infrastructure (roads, bridges, drainage, traffic signals, etc.). This requirement allowed for an optional four-year delay until October 1, 2006 for retroactively capitalizing infrastructure assets that were acquired after September 30, 1980. The City has elected to retroactively report infrastructure assets in annual phases by infrastructure asset class beginning October 1, 2004. During the year ended September 30, 2007, the City retroactively capitalized street and roadway related infrastructure assets of \$8,144,161, net of accumulated depreciation of \$4,031,141. This has been accounted for as a prior period adjustment in the government-wide statement of activities.

CITY OF GADSDEN, ALABAMA

**GENERAL FUND
STATEMENT OF REVENUE, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN
FUND BALANCES - BUDGET AND ACTUAL
For the Year Ended September 30, 2007**

	<u>Budgeted Amounts</u>		<u>Actual Amounts</u>	<u>Variance from Final Budget- Positive (Negative)</u>
	<u>Original</u>	<u>Final</u>		
Revenue				
Taxes	\$ 34,652,000	\$ 34,652,000	\$ 35,046,323	\$ 394,323
Licenses and permits	5,620,500	5,620,500	6,136,942	516,442
Intergovernmental	182,878	182,878	160,484	(22,394)
Charges for services	1,246,500	1,246,500	1,461,577	215,077
Fines and forfeitures	625,000	625,000	666,385	41,385
Other revenue	845,893	849,323	594,183	(255,140)
Total revenue	<u>43,172,771</u>	<u>43,176,201</u>	<u>44,065,894</u>	<u>889,693</u>
Expenditures				
Current				
General government	2,276,575	2,438,743	2,166,046	272,697
Internal services	3,333,684	3,330,402	3,279,645	50,757
Public safety	18,415,756	18,537,038	18,066,331	470,707
Recreation and cultural services	7,652,992	7,779,955	7,325,062	454,893
Public works services	5,095,005	5,095,230	4,581,324	513,906
Urban development	1,948,061	1,980,102	1,679,869	300,233
Non-departmental	1,028,136	1,522,374	872,991	649,383
Intergovernmental	1,448,000	1,541,500	1,538,782	2,718
Debt service				
Principal	-	500,000	500,000	-
Interest and fiscal charges	10,928	10,928	8,871	2,057
Capital outlay	720,186	1,473,560	877,451	596,109
Total expenditures	<u>41,929,323</u>	<u>44,209,832</u>	<u>40,896,372</u>	<u>3,313,460</u>
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenue Over (Under) Expenditures	<u>1,243,448</u>	<u>(1,033,631)</u>	<u>3,169,522</u>	<u>4,203,153</u>
Other Financing Sources (Uses)				
Proceeds from the sale of assets	100,000	100,000	82,217	(17,783)
Transfers	(886,070)	(920,258)	(1,068,266)	(148,008)
Total other financing sources (uses)	<u>(786,070)</u>	<u>(820,258)</u>	<u>(986,049)</u>	<u>(165,791)</u>
Special Items				
Transfers to component units	-	85,000	85,000	-
Total special items	<u>-</u>	<u>85,000</u>	<u>85,000</u>	<u>-</u>
Net Change in Fund Balances	457,378	(1,938,889)	2,098,473	4,037,362
Fund Balance - Beginning of Year	<u>6,070,483</u>	<u>6,070,483</u>	<u>6,070,483</u>	<u>-</u>
Fund Balance - End of Year	<u>\$ 6,527,861</u>	<u>\$ 4,131,594</u>	<u>\$ 8,168,956</u>	<u>\$ 4,037,362</u>

CITY OF GADSDEN, ALABAMA
SCHOOL AD VALOREM TAX FUND
STATEMENT OF REVENUE, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN
FUND BALANCES - BUDGET AND ACTUAL
For the Year Ended September 30, 2007

	<u>Budgeted Amounts</u>		<u>Actual Amounts</u>	<u>Variance from Final Budget- Positive (Negative)</u>
	<u>Original</u>	<u>Final</u>		
Revenue				
Taxes	\$ 800,000	\$ 800,000	\$ 915,594	\$ 115,594
Other	<u>20,000</u>	<u>20,000</u>	<u>25,113</u>	<u>5,113</u>
Total revenue	<u>820,000</u>	<u>820,000</u>	<u>940,707</u>	<u>120,707</u>
Expenditures				
Intergovernmental	<u>686,376</u>	<u>686,376</u>	<u>692,313</u>	<u>(5,937)</u>
Total expenditures	<u>686,376</u>	<u>686,376</u>	<u>692,313</u>	<u>(5,937)</u>
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenue Over (Under) Expenditures	<u>133,624</u>	<u>133,624</u>	<u>248,394</u>	<u>126,644</u>
Other Financing Sources (Uses)				
Transfers	<u>(133,624)</u>	<u>(133,624)</u>	<u>(237,837)</u>	<u>(104,213)</u>
Total other financing sources (uses)	<u>(133,624)</u>	<u>(133,624)</u>	<u>(237,837)</u>	<u>(104,213)</u>
Net Change in Fund Balances	-	-	10,557	22,431
Fund Balance - Beginning of Year	<u>9,572</u>	<u>9,572</u>	<u>9,572</u>	<u>-</u>
Fund Balance - End of Year	<u>\$ 9,572</u>	<u>\$ 9,572</u>	<u>\$ 20,129</u>	<u>\$ 10,557</u>

CITY OF GADSDEN, ALABAMA
SCHEDULE OF PENSION PLAN FUNDING PROGRESS
September 30, 2007

Actuarial Valuation Date	Actuarial Value of Assets (a)	Actuarial Accrued Liability (AAL) Entry Age (b)	Unfunded AAL (UALL) (b-a)	Funded Ratio (a/b)	Covered Payroll (c)	UAAL Percentage of Covered Payroll (b-a)/c
9/30/1996	\$ 20,007,386	\$ 22,420,301	\$ 2,412,915	89.2%	\$ 8,100,877	29.8%
9/30/1997	26,094,111	24,407,043	(1,687,068)	106.9%	8,555,168	-19.7%
9/30/1998	27,874,155	27,067,430	(806,725)	103.0%	8,889,779	-9.1%
9/30/1999	29,921,618	29,260,670	(660,948)	102.3%	9,208,542	-7.2%
9/30/2000	31,540,596	30,853,684	(686,912)	102.2%	9,233,860	-7.4%
9/30/2001	32,401,858	32,404,526	2,668	100.0%	9,374,545	0.0%
9/30/2002	40,491,874	72,026,746	31,534,872	56.2%	17,354,447	181.7%
9/30/2003	43,842,694	76,321,773	32,479,079	54.4%	18,719,676	172.5%
9/30/2004	46,642,962	76,353,027	29,710,065	61.1%	18,283,540	162.5%
9/30/2005	49,780,583	88,970,788	39,190,205	56.0%	18,966,254	206.6%
9/30/2006	53,680,624	95,791,410	42,110,786	56.0%	19,335,171	217.8%

Note: The City's unfunded actuarial accrued liability was significantly affected during 2002 by the termination of the City's Policemen's and Firemen's Retirement Fund, which has a UALL in excess of \$30,000,000. In addition, the employees formerly covered by that plan are now covered by RSA, which explains the sharp increase in covered payroll during 2002.

CITY OF GADSDEN, ALABAMA
NONMAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
COMBINING BALANCE SHEET
September 30, 2007

	Special Revenue Funds													
	Total Nonmajor Funds	Special Auto Tax	State Gas Tax	Lodging Tax	Community Development	Ad Valorem Fire Tax	Library Grants	Tobacco Tax	Local Law Enforcement Block Grant	DARE Grant	Drug Task Force	Summer Food Service	Aging Program	Transportation and Planning
Assets														
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 3,371,180	\$ 20,977	\$ 35,281	\$ 299,157	\$ 72,003	\$ 343,773	\$ 71,646	\$ -	\$ 306	\$ 35	\$ 86,299	\$ -	\$ 5,177	\$ -
Investments	166,513	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Receivables														
Interest	3,481	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Taxes	1,112,016	-	-	28,803	-	1,046,951	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Intergovernmental	657,860	9,350	43,142	-	104,091	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,762	30,622
Due from component Units	234,321	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Restricted cash	1,448,166	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Assets	\$ 6,993,537	\$ 30,327	\$ 78,423	\$ 327,960	\$ 176,094	\$ 1,390,724	\$ 71,646	\$ -	\$ 306	\$ 35	\$ 86,299	\$ -	\$ 6,939	\$ 30,622
Liabilities and Fund Balances														
Liabilities														
Accounts payable and other liabilities	\$ 96,521	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 14,625	\$ 22,622	\$ 4,938	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,042	\$ 295
Accrued payroll and related liabilities	24,822	-	-	-	4,646	-	628	-	-	-	-	-	1,788	2,600
Due to other funds	274,071	-	-	-	91,897	-	-	48,305	-	-	-	2,371	-	26,412
Deferred revenue	1,027,082	-	-	-	-	1,025,641	-	-	-	-	1,441	-	-	-
Total liabilities	1,422,496	-	-	-	111,168	1,048,263	5,566	48,305	-	-	1,441	2,371	2,830	29,307
Fund Balances														
Reserved for encumbrances	775,180	-	-	-	-	101,648	7,585	-	-	-	-	-	-	553
Reserved for debt service	1,679,968	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Reserved for library endowment	234,706	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Unreserved, designated for future expenditures	946,791	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Unreserved and undesignated	1,934,396	30,327	78,423	327,960	64,926	240,813	58,495	(48,305)	306	35	84,858	(2,371)	4,109	762
Total fund balances	5,571,041	30,327	78,423	327,960	64,926	342,461	66,080	(48,305)	306	35	84,858	(2,371)	4,109	1,315
Total Liabilities and Fund Balances	\$ 6,993,537	\$ 30,327	\$ 78,423	\$ 327,960	\$ 176,094	\$ 1,390,724	\$ 71,646	\$ -	\$ 306	\$ 35	\$ 86,299	\$ -	\$ 6,939	\$ 30,622

CITY OF GADSDEN, ALABAMA

NONMAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS

COMBINING BALANCE SHEET (continued)

September 30, 2007

	Special Revenue Funds									Debt Service Funds	
	Gadsden Transit Service	McKinney Shelter	Chemical Stockpile	Emergency Management	Economic Development	Law Enforcement	Other Restricted Funds	Miscellaneous Grants	Total Special Revenue Funds	School	1999 GOW Debt Service
Assets											
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 271,212	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 53,581	\$ 12,050	\$ 403,750	\$ 3,905	\$ 1,679,152	\$ -	\$ -
Investments	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Receivables											
Interest	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Taxes	-	-	-	-	36,262	-	-	-	1,112,016	-	-
Intergovernmental	41,748	7,312	144,466	-	-	38,231	-	-	420,724	-	-
Due from component Units	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Restricted cash	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Assets	\$ 312,960	\$ 7,312	\$ 144,466	\$ -	\$ 89,843	\$ 50,281	\$ 403,750	\$ 3,905	\$ 3,211,892	\$ -	\$ -
Liabilities and Fund Balances											
Liabilities											
Accounts payable and other liabilities	\$ 2,880	\$ -	\$ 40,915	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,348	\$ -	\$ 89,665	\$ -	\$ -
Accrued payroll and related liabilities	11,208	-	3,952	-	-	-	-	-	24,822	-	-
Due to other funds	-	7,312	97,774	-	-	-	-	-	274,071	-	-
Deferred revenue	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,027,082	-	-
Total liabilities	<u>14,088</u>	<u>7,312</u>	<u>142,641</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,348</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,415,640</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Fund Balances											
Reserved for encumbrances	72,521	-	-	-	-	53,851	352,381	-	588,539	-	-
Reserved for debt service	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Reserved for library endowment	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Unreserved, designated for future expenditures	-	-	-	-	-	-	55,070	3,900	58,970	-	-
Unreserved and undesignated	<u>226,351</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,825</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>89,843</u>	<u>(3,570)</u>	<u>(6,049)</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>1,148,743</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Total fund balances	<u>298,872</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,825</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>89,843</u>	<u>50,281</u>	<u>401,402</u>	<u>3,905</u>	<u>1,796,252</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Total Liabilities and Fund Balances	\$ 312,960	\$ 7,312	\$ 144,466	\$ -	\$ 89,843	\$ 50,281	\$ 403,750	\$ 3,905	\$ 3,211,892	\$ -	\$ -

CITY OF GADSDEN, ALABAMA

NONMAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS

COMBINING BALANCE SHEET (continued)

September 30, 2007

	Debt Service Funds												Total Debt Service Funds
	2000 GOW Debt Service	Honda Assistance	2002A GOW Debt Service	2002B GOW Debt Service	2003A GOW Debt Service	2003B GOW Debt Service	2004A GOW Debt Service	Airport Authority	2005 GOW Debt Service	2006A GOW Debt Service	2006B GOW Debt Service	Capital Leases	
Assets													
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 38,294	\$ -	\$ 38,294
Investments	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Receivables													
Interest	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Taxes	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Intergovernmental	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Due from component Units	-	-	-	-	-	-	234,321	-	-	-	-	-	234,321
Restricted cash	-	5,046	65,092	140,712	87,390	311,885	73,324	-	757,815	6,902	-	-	1,448,166
Total Assets	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 5,046</u>	<u>\$ 65,092</u>	<u>\$ 140,712</u>	<u>\$ 87,390</u>	<u>\$ 311,885</u>	<u>\$ 73,324</u>	<u>\$ 234,321</u>	<u>\$ 757,815</u>	<u>\$ 6,902</u>	<u>\$ 38,294</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 1,720,781</u>
Liabilities and Fund Balances													
Liabilities													
Accounts payable and other liabilities	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,119	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,119
Accrued payroll and related liabilities	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Due to other funds	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Deferred revenue	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total liabilities	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,119</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,119</u>
Fund Balances													
Reserved for encumbrances	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	400	-	-	400
Reserved for debt service	-	5,046	65,092	140,712	87,390	311,885	73,324	232,202	757,815	6,502	-	-	1,679,968
Reserved for library endowment	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Unreserved, designated for future expenditures	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Unreserved and undesignated	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	38,294	-	38,294
Total fund balances	<u>-</u>	<u>5,046</u>	<u>65,092</u>	<u>140,712</u>	<u>87,390</u>	<u>311,885</u>	<u>73,324</u>	<u>232,202</u>	<u>757,815</u>	<u>6,902</u>	<u>38,294</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,718,662</u>
Total Liabilities and Fund Balances	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 5,046</u>	<u>\$ 65,092</u>	<u>\$ 140,712</u>	<u>\$ 87,390</u>	<u>\$ 311,885</u>	<u>\$ 73,324</u>	<u>\$ 234,321</u>	<u>\$ 757,815</u>	<u>\$ 6,902</u>	<u>\$ 38,294</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 1,720,781</u>

CITY OF GADSDEN, ALABAMA

NONMAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS

COMBINING BALANCE SHEET (continued)

September 30, 2007

	Capital Projects Funds									Permanent Funds			
	Municipal Capital Improvements Funds	Capital Project Funds	Resurfacing Project 1999	1999 GOW Capital Project	2003A GOW Capital Project	2004A GOW Capital Project	2006A GOW Capital Project	2007B GOW Capital Project	Total Capital Project Funds	Nell Thomas Library	Library Endowment	Allison B. Rains	Total Permanent Funds
Assets													
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 82,361	\$ 704,400	\$ 252,278	\$ 4,454	\$ 187,021	\$ 18,170	\$ 340,338	\$ -	\$ 1,589,022	\$ 27,718	\$ 28,431	\$ 8,563	\$ 64,712
Investments	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	141,763	24,750	-	166,513
Receivables													
Interest	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,842	639	-	3,481
Taxes	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Intergovernmental	-	237,136	-	-	-	-	-	-	237,136	-	-	-	-
Due from component Units	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Restricted cash	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Assets	<u>\$ 82,361</u>	<u>\$ 941,536</u>	<u>\$ 252,278</u>	<u>\$ 4,454</u>	<u>\$ 187,021</u>	<u>\$ 18,170</u>	<u>\$ 340,338</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 1,826,158</u>	<u>\$ 172,323</u>	<u>\$ 53,820</u>	<u>\$ 8,563</u>	<u>\$ 234,706</u>
Liabilities and Fund Balances													
Liabilities													
Accounts payable and other liabilities	\$ -	\$ 249	\$ 3,629	\$ 56	\$ 1	\$ -	\$ 802	\$ -	4,737	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	-
Accrued payroll and related liabilities	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Due to other funds	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Deferred revenue	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total liabilities	<u>-</u>	<u>249</u>	<u>3,629</u>	<u>56</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>802</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4,737</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Fund Balances													
Reserved for encumbrances	-	117,563	9,314	3,174	-	-	56,190	-	186,241	-	-	-	-
Reserved for debt service	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Reserved for library endowment	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	172,323	53,820	8,563	234,706
Unreserved, designated for future expenditures	-	621,323	-	1,087	29,087	-	236,324	-	887,821	-	-	-	-
Unreserved and undesignated	<u>82,361</u>	<u>202,401</u>	<u>239,335</u>	<u>137</u>	<u>157,933</u>	<u>18,170</u>	<u>47,022</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>747,359</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Total fund balances	<u>82,361</u>	<u>941,287</u>	<u>248,649</u>	<u>4,398</u>	<u>187,020</u>	<u>18,170</u>	<u>339,536</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,821,421</u>	<u>172,323</u>	<u>53,820</u>	<u>8,563</u>	<u>234,706</u>
Total Liabilities and Fund Balances	<u>\$ 82,361</u>	<u>\$ 941,536</u>	<u>\$ 252,278</u>	<u>\$ 4,454</u>	<u>\$ 187,021</u>	<u>\$ 18,170</u>	<u>\$ 340,338</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 1,826,158</u>	<u>\$ 172,323</u>	<u>\$ 53,820</u>	<u>\$ 8,563</u>	<u>\$ 234,706</u>

CITY OF GADSDEN, ALABAMA
NONMAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
COMBINING STATEMENT OF REVENUE, EXPENDITURES
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
For the Year Ended September 30, 2007

	Special Revenue Funds												
	Total Nonmajor Funds	Special Auto Tax	State Gas Tax	Lodging Tax	Community Development	Ad Valorem Fire Tax	Library Grants	Tobacco Tax	Local Law Enforcement Block Grant	DARE Grant	Drug Task Force	Summer Food Service	Aging Program
Revenue													
Taxes	\$ 2,379,956	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 229,298	\$ -	\$ 911,140	\$ -	\$ 439,604	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Intergovernmental	5,507,791	113,201	478,368	-	1,360,469	-	152,906	-	-	1	-	86,631	21,779
Charges for services	72,125	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Fines and forfeitures	9,648	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other	509,746	1,258	1,873	11,011	77,554	23,056	12,073	670	306	1,284	72,019	-	2,297
Total revenue	<u>8,479,266</u>	<u>114,459</u>	<u>480,241</u>	<u>240,309</u>	<u>1,438,023</u>	<u>934,196</u>	<u>164,979</u>	<u>440,274</u>	<u>306</u>	<u>1,285</u>	<u>72,019</u>	<u>86,631</u>	<u>24,076</u>
Expenditures													
Current													
Internal services	4,369	-	-	-	4,369	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Public safety	1,640,058	-	-	-	-	479,086	-	-	-	2,512	37,948	-	-
Recreation and cultural services	542,859	-	-	-	-	-	195,708	-	-	-	-	87,594	84,430
Public works services	244,000	-	244,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Urban development	1,543,818	-	-	-	473,654	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Debt service													
Principal	3,614,800	-	-	-	175,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Interest and fiscal charges	3,503,127	-	-	-	110,151	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Capital outlays	3,609,451	-	-	-	729,354	377,196	10,189	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total expenditures	<u>14,702,482</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>244,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,492,528</u>	<u>856,282</u>	<u>205,897</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,512</u>	<u>37,948</u>	<u>87,594</u>	<u>84,430</u>
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenue Over (Under) Expenditures	<u>(6,223,216)</u>	<u>114,459</u>	<u>236,241</u>	<u>240,309</u>	<u>(54,505)</u>	<u>77,914</u>	<u>(40,918)</u>	<u>440,274</u>	<u>306</u>	<u>(1,227)</u>	<u>34,071</u>	<u>(963)</u>	<u>(60,354)</u>
Other Financing Sources (Uses)													
Proceeds from sale of assets	15,011	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Transfers	6,397,727	(114,000)	(231,000)	(176,463)	-	(88,244)	-	(500,000)	-	-	-	-	61,321
Total other financing sources (uses)	<u>6,412,738</u>	<u>(114,000)</u>	<u>(231,000)</u>	<u>(176,463)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(88,244)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(500,000)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>61,321</u>
Special Items													
Transfers to component units	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Net Change in Fund Balances	189,522	459	5,241	63,846	(54,505)	(10,330)	(40,918)	(59,726)	306	(1,227)	34,071	(963)	967
Fund Balances - Beginning of Year	<u>5,381,519</u>	<u>29,868</u>	<u>73,182</u>	<u>264,114</u>	<u>119,431</u>	<u>352,791</u>	<u>106,998</u>	<u>11,421</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,262</u>	<u>50,787</u>	<u>(1,408)</u>	<u>3,142</u>
Fund Balances - End of Year	<u>\$ 5,571,041</u>	<u>\$ 30,327</u>	<u>\$ 78,423</u>	<u>\$ 327,960</u>	<u>\$ 64,926</u>	<u>\$ 342,461</u>	<u>\$ 66,080</u>	<u>\$ (48,305)</u>	<u>\$ 306</u>	<u>\$ 35</u>	<u>\$ 84,858</u>	<u>\$ (2,371)</u>	<u>\$ 4,109</u>

CITY OF GADSDEN, ALABAMA

NONMAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS

COMBINING STATEMENT OF REVENUE, EXPENDITURES

AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES - CONTINUED

For the Year Ended September 30, 2007

	Special Revenue Funds										Debt Service
	Transportation and Planning	Gadsden Transit Grants	McKinney Shelter	Chemical Stockpile	Emergency Management	Economic Development	Law Enforcement	Other Restricted Funds	Miscellaneous Grants	Total Special Revenue Funds	School
Revenue											
Taxes	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 485,112	\$ -	\$ 314,802	\$ -	\$ 2,379,956	\$ -
Intergovernmental	122,009	548,684	128,987	499,494	718,502	-	6,481	-	-	4,237,512	-
Charges for services	-	72,125	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	72,125	-
Fines and forfeitures	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	9,648	-	9,648	-
Other	-	-	-	-	-	-	729	126,388	-	330,518	-
Total revenue	<u>122,009</u>	<u>620,809</u>	<u>128,987</u>	<u>499,494</u>	<u>718,502</u>	<u>485,112</u>	<u>7,210</u>	<u>450,838</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>7,029,759</u>	<u>-</u>
Expenditures											
Current											
Internal services	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4,369	-
Public safety	-	-	-	390,400	718,502	-	6,481	5,129	-	1,640,058	-
Recreation and cultural services	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	142,523	500	510,755	-
Public works services	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	244,000	-
Urban development	150,596	790,581	128,987	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,543,818	-
Debt service	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Principal	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	175,000	-
Interest and fiscal charges	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	110,151	-
Capital outlays	1,915	190,953	-	109,094	-	-	3,150	7,975	-	1,429,826	-
Total expenditures	<u>152,511</u>	<u>981,534</u>	<u>128,987</u>	<u>499,494</u>	<u>718,502</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>9,631</u>	<u>155,627</u>	<u>500</u>	<u>5,657,977</u>	<u>-</u>
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenue Over (Under) Expenditures	<u>(30,502)</u>	<u>(360,725)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>485,112</u>	<u>(2,421)</u>	<u>295,211</u>	<u>(500)</u>	<u>1,371,782</u>	<u>-</u>
Other Financing Sources (Uses)											
Proceeds from sale of assets	-	14,011	-	-	-	1,000	-	-	-	15,011	-
Transfers	27,655	471,815	-	-	-	(400,000)	-	29,064	-	(919,852)	-
Total other financing sources (uses)	<u>27,655</u>	<u>485,826</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(399,000)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>29,064</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(904,841)</u>	<u>-</u>
Special Items											
Transfers to component units	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Net Change in Fund Balances	<u>(2,847)</u>	<u>125,101</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>86,112</u>	<u>(2,421)</u>	<u>324,275</u>	<u>(500)</u>	<u>466,941</u>	<u>-</u>
Fund Balances - Beginning of Year	<u>4,162</u>	<u>173,771</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,825</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,731</u>	<u>52,702</u>	<u>77,127</u>	<u>4,405</u>	<u>1,329,311</u>	<u>-</u>
Fund Balances - End of Year	<u>\$ 1,315</u>	<u>\$ 298,872</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 1,825</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 89,843</u>	<u>\$ 50,281</u>	<u>\$ 401,402</u>	<u>\$ 3,905</u>	<u>\$ 1,796,252</u>	<u>\$ -</u>

CITY OF GADSDEN, ALABAMA

NONMAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS

COMBINING STATEMENT OF REVENUE, EXPENDITURES

AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES - CONTINUED

For the Year Ended September 30, 2007

	Debt Service Funds													Total Debt Service Funds
	1999 GOW Debt Service	2000 GOW Debt Service	Honda Assistance	2002A GOW Debt Service	2002B GOW Debt Service	2003A GOW Debt Service	2003B GOW Debt Service	2004A GOW Debt Service	Airport Authority	2005 GOW Debt Service	2007A GOW Debt Service	2007B GOW Debt Service	Capital Leases	
Revenue														
Taxes	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Intergovernmental	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Charges for services	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Fines and forfeitures	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other	-	-	213	12,205	4,583	8,053	28,166	6,992	1,379	32,910	100	-	-	94,601
Total revenue	-	-	213	12,205	4,583	8,053	28,166	6,992	1,379	32,910	100	-	-	94,601
Expenditures														
Current														
Internal services	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Public safety	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Recreation and cultural services	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Public works services	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Urban development	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Debt service														
Principal	-	-	124,071	510,000	180,000	175,000	590,000	170,000	-	835,000	30,000	97,670	728,059	3,439,800
Interest and fiscal charges	1,313	1,575	66,754	139,389	55,073	349,387	1,281,270	268,010	393,318	591,866	46,535	126,850	71,636	3,392,976
Capital outlays	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total expenditures	1,313	1,575	190,825	649,389	235,073	524,387	1,871,270	438,010	393,318	1,426,866	76,535	224,520	799,695	6,832,776
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenue Over (Under) Expenditures	(1,313)	(1,575)	(190,612)	(637,184)	(230,490)	(516,334)	(1,843,104)	(431,018)	(391,939)	(1,393,956)	(76,435)	(224,520)	(799,695)	(6,738,175)
Other Financing Sources (Uses)														
Proceeds from sale of assets	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Transfers	1,313	1,575	194,640	634,647	237,837	507,780	1,813,441	424,313	614,954	1,436,898	76,931	262,814	804,930	7,012,073
Total other financing sources (uses)	1,313	1,575	194,640	634,647	237,837	507,780	1,813,441	424,313	614,954	1,436,898	76,931	262,814	804,930	7,012,073
Special Items														
Transfers to component units	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Net Change in Fund Balances	-	-	4,028	(2,537)	7,347	(8,554)	(29,663)	(6,705)	223,015	42,942	496	38,294	5,235	273,898
Fund Balances - Beginning of Year	-	-	1,018	67,629	133,365	95,944	341,548	80,029	9,187	714,873	6,406	-	(5,235)	1,444,764
Fund Balances - End of Year	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,046	\$ 65,092	\$ 140,712	\$ 87,390	\$ 311,885	\$ 73,324	\$ 232,202	\$ 757,815	\$ 6,902	\$ 38,294	\$ -	\$ 1,718,662

CITY OF GADSDEN, ALABAMA

NONMAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS

COMBINING STATEMENT OF REVENUE, EXPENDITURES

AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES - CONTINUED

For the Year Ended September 30, 2007

	Capital Projects Funds								Permanent Funds				
	Municipal Capital Improvements Funds	Capital Project Funds	Resurfacing Project 1999	1999 GOW Capital Project	2003A GOW Capital Project	2004A GOW Capital Project	2006A GOW Capital Project	2006B GOW Capital Project	Total Capital Project Funds	Nell Thomas Library	Library Endowment	Allison B. Rains	Total Permanent Funds
Revenue													
Taxes	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Intergovernmental	265,662	1,004,617	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,270,279	-	-	-	-
Charges for services	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Fines and forfeitures	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other	4,322	26,686	9,907	193	8,847	2,127	19,221	1,297	72,600	8,392	2,711	924	12,027
Total revenue	<u>269,984</u>	<u>1,031,303</u>	<u>9,907</u>	<u>193</u>	<u>8,847</u>	<u>2,127</u>	<u>19,221</u>	<u>1,297</u>	<u>1,342,879</u>	<u>8,392</u>	<u>2,711</u>	<u>924</u>	<u>12,027</u>
Expenditures													
Current													
Internal services	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Public safety	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Recreation and cultural services	-	5,908	-	-	-	-	-	-	5,908	121	26,075	-	26,196
Public works services	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Urban development	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Debt service													
Principal	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Interest and fiscal charges	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Capital outlays	-	1,610,970	222,237	56	73,992	39,493	212,127	-	2,158,875	-	-	20,750	20,750
Total expenditures	<u>-</u>	<u>1,616,878</u>	<u>222,237</u>	<u>56</u>	<u>73,992</u>	<u>39,493</u>	<u>212,127</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,164,783</u>	<u>121</u>	<u>26,075</u>	<u>20,750</u>	<u>46,946</u>
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenue Over (Under) Expenditures	<u>269,984</u>	<u>(585,575)</u>	<u>(212,330)</u>	<u>137</u>	<u>(65,145)</u>	<u>(37,366)</u>	<u>(192,906)</u>	<u>1,297</u>	<u>(821,904)</u>	<u>8,271</u>	<u>(23,364)</u>	<u>(19,826)</u>	<u>(34,919)</u>
Other Financing Sources (Uses)													
Proceeds from sale of assets	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Transfers	(300,000)	298,800	345,000	-	-	-	-	(38,294)	305,506	-	-	-	-
Total other financing sources (uses)	<u>(300,000)</u>	<u>298,800</u>	<u>345,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(38,294)</u>	<u>305,506</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Special Items													
Transfers to component units	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Net Change in Fund Balances	<u>(30,016)</u>	<u>(286,775)</u>	<u>132,670</u>	<u>137</u>	<u>(65,145)</u>	<u>(37,366)</u>	<u>(192,906)</u>	<u>(36,997)</u>	<u>(516,398)</u>	<u>8,271</u>	<u>(23,364)</u>	<u>(19,826)</u>	<u>(34,919)</u>
Fund Balances - Beginning of Year	<u>112,377</u>	<u>1,228,062</u>	<u>115,979</u>	<u>4,261</u>	<u>252,165</u>	<u>55,536</u>	<u>532,442</u>	<u>36,997</u>	<u>2,337,819</u>	<u>164,052</u>	<u>77,184</u>	<u>28,389</u>	<u>269,625</u>
Fund Balances - End of Year	<u>\$ 82,361</u>	<u>\$ 941,287</u>	<u>\$ 248,649</u>	<u>\$ 4,398</u>	<u>\$ 187,020</u>	<u>\$ 18,170</u>	<u>\$ 339,536</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 1,821,421</u>	<u>\$ 172,323</u>	<u>\$ 53,820</u>	<u>\$ 8,563</u>	<u>\$ 234,706</u>

CITY OF GADSDEN, ALABAMA

STATISTICAL SECTION

September 30, 2007

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**SCHEDULE 1
NET ASSETS BY COMPONENT
LAST FOUR FISCAL YEARS**

	Fiscal Years			
	<u>2004</u>	<u>2005</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2007</u>
Governmental Activities				
Invested in capital assets, net of related debt	\$ 13,823,227	\$ 22,970,696	\$ 29,245,427	\$ 44,957,412
Restricted	5,670,419	6,615,970	5,391,092	5,591,170
Unrestricted	<u>(31,852,488)</u>	<u>(32,244,486)</u>	<u>(32,496,531)</u>	<u>(30,226,341)</u>
Total governmental activities net assets	<u>\$ (12,358,842)</u>	<u>\$ (2,657,820)</u>	<u>\$ 2,139,988</u>	<u>\$ 20,322,241</u>
Business-type Activities				
Invested in capital assets, net of related debt	\$ 12,128,760	\$ 11,145,096	\$ 10,697,504	\$ 10,725,141
Unrestricted	<u>(1,538,339)</u>	<u>(1,295,839)</u>	<u>(1,533,176)</u>	<u>(2,175,469)</u>
Total business-type activities net assets	<u>\$ 10,590,421</u>	<u>\$ 9,849,257</u>	<u>\$ 9,164,328</u>	<u>\$ 8,549,672</u>
Primary Government				
Invested in capital assets, net of related debt	\$ 25,951,987	\$ 34,115,792	\$ 39,942,931	\$ 55,682,553
Restricted	5,670,419	6,615,970	5,391,092	5,591,170
Unrestricted	<u>(33,390,827)</u>	<u>(33,540,325)</u>	<u>(34,029,707)</u>	<u>(32,401,810)</u>
Total primary government activities net assets	<u>\$ (1,768,421)</u>	<u>\$ 7,191,437</u>	<u>\$ 11,304,316</u>	<u>\$ 28,871,913</u>

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SCHEDULE 2
CHANGES IN NET ASSETS
LAST FOUR FISCAL YEARS

	Fiscal Years			
	<u>2004</u>	<u>2005</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2007</u>
Expenses				
Governmental activities				
General government	\$ 2,536,769	\$ 2,063,187	\$ 2,075,680	\$ 2,392,781
Internal services	2,695,417	2,717,199	2,437,636	3,429,748
Public safety	19,238,891	19,027,985	18,396,207	21,074,353
Recreation and cultural services	7,495,591	7,457,546	7,511,637	8,725,834
Public works services	5,199,740	5,184,522	5,261,618	5,169,966
Urban development	4,540,188	5,740,247	8,508,433	5,723,611
Non-departmental	3,405,029	5,516,929	3,648,053	4,402,049
Interest on long-term debt	2,979,359	3,669,744	3,469,296	3,615,964
Total governmental activities expenses	<u>48,090,984</u>	<u>51,377,359</u>	<u>51,308,560</u>	<u>54,534,306</u>
Business-type activities				
Airport	632,160	541,857	685,740	618,238
Residential garbage	2,845,985	2,956,249	3,016,560	2,813,150
Golf course	1,501,258	1,491,348	1,399,203	1,435,568
Total business-type activities expenses	<u>4,979,403</u>	<u>4,989,454</u>	<u>5,101,503</u>	<u>4,866,956</u>
Total primary government expenses	<u>\$ 53,070,387</u>	<u>\$ 56,366,813</u>	<u>\$ 56,410,063</u>	<u>\$ 59,401,262</u>
Program Revenue				
Governmental activities				
Charges for services	\$ 1,776,812	\$ 1,882,188	\$ 1,941,530	\$ 2,141,431
Operating grants and contributions	4,798,837	3,533,926	5,290,148	4,379,177
Capital grants and contributions	1,354,653	900,190	348,062	1,004,617
Total governmental activities program revenue	<u>7,930,302</u>	<u>6,316,304</u>	<u>7,579,740</u>	<u>7,525,225</u>
Business-type activities				
Charges for services	3,665,380	3,631,970	3,689,233	3,435,216
Capital grants and contributions	680,390	-	-	-
Total business-type activities program revenue	<u>4,345,770</u>	<u>3,631,970</u>	<u>3,689,233</u>	<u>3,435,216</u>
Total primary government program revenue	<u>\$ 12,276,072</u>	<u>\$ 9,948,274</u>	<u>\$ 11,268,973</u>	<u>\$ 10,960,441</u>
Net Revenue (Expenses)				
Governmental activities	\$ (40,160,682)	\$ (45,061,055)	\$ (43,728,820)	\$ (47,009,081)
Business-type activities	(633,633)	(1,357,484)	(1,412,270)	(1,431,740)
Total primary government activities net expense	<u>\$ (40,794,315)</u>	<u>\$ (46,418,539)</u>	<u>\$ (45,141,090)</u>	<u>\$ (48,440,821)</u>

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SCHEDULE 2 (CONTINUED)
 CHANGES IN NET ASSETS
 LAST FOUR FISCAL YEARS

	Fiscal Years			
	<u>2004</u>	<u>2005</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2007</u>
General Revenue and Other Changes in Net Assets				
Governmental activities				
Taxes	\$ 38,166,532	\$ 40,703,337	\$ 44,692,566	\$ 44,238,232
Licenses and permits	5,066,859	5,331,322	5,545,800	6,136,942
Unrestricted grants	358,243	331,378	383,462	-
Investment earning	873,582	1,191,395	1,424,454	1,259,682
Gain on disposal of assets	922,762	150,831	180,923	92,382
Other general revenue	<u>600,992</u>	<u>1,183,956</u>	<u>551,007</u>	<u>859,369</u>
Total governmental activities	<u>45,988,970</u>	<u>48,892,219</u>	<u>52,778,212</u>	<u>52,586,607</u>
Business-type activities				
Investment earning	1,094	42,639	43,857	26,149
Gain on disposal of assets	<u>12,435</u>	<u>37,573</u>	<u>40,909</u>	<u>7,752</u>
Total business-type activities	<u>13,529</u>	<u>80,212</u>	<u>84,766</u>	<u>33,901</u>
Total primary government	<u>\$ 46,002,499</u>	<u>\$ 48,972,431</u>	<u>\$ 52,862,978</u>	<u>\$ 52,620,508</u>

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**SCHEDULE 3
FUND BALANCE, GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
LAST FOUR FISCAL YEARS**

	Fiscal Years			
	<u>2004</u>	<u>2005</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2007</u>
General Fund				
Reserved	\$ 1,303,420	\$ 1,263,064	\$ 1,509,696	\$ 1,331,346
Unreserved, designated	-	1,340,806	568,901	568,901
Unreserved, undesignated	<u>4,027,645</u>	<u>4,466,257</u>	<u>3,991,887</u>	<u>6,268,709</u>
Total general fund	<u>\$ 5,331,065</u>	<u>\$ 7,070,127</u>	<u>\$ 6,070,484</u>	<u>\$ 8,168,956</u>
All Other Governmental Funds				
Reserved	\$ 12,839,199	\$ 13,364,529	\$ 12,363,714	\$ 10,624,088
Unreserved, designated	-	3,830,491	1,942,915	1,351,002
Unreserved, undesignated	<u>15,514,541</u>	<u>6,991,070</u>	<u>6,715,018</u>	<u>2,175,124</u>
Total all other governmental funds	<u>\$ 28,353,740</u>	<u>\$ 24,186,090</u>	<u>\$ 21,021,647</u>	<u>\$ 14,150,214</u>

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**SCHEDULE 4
CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE, GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
LAST FOUR FISCAL YEARS**

	Fiscal Years			
	<u>2004</u>	<u>2005</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2007</u>
Revenue				
Taxes	\$ 38,126,693	\$ 40,971,526	\$ 43,646,558	\$ 44,551,570
Licenses and permits	5,066,859	5,331,322	5,545,800	6,136,942
Intergovernmental	6,514,496	4,816,166	6,021,439	5,668,275
Charges for services	1,626,184	1,578,005	1,528,604	1,533,702
Fines and forfeitures	516,615	681,775	666,707	676,033
Other revenue	1,718,491	2,483,401	2,082,240	2,335,639
Total revenue	<u>53,569,338</u>	<u>55,862,195</u>	<u>59,491,348</u>	<u>60,902,161</u>
Expenditures				
Current				
General government	2,535,723	2,069,061	2,077,938	2,166,046
Internal services	3,261,933	3,204,491	3,330,620	3,297,689
Public safety	19,213,366	18,767,226	19,837,972	19,706,389
Recreation and cultural services	7,099,186	7,239,461	7,676,778	7,867,921
Public works services	4,938,959	4,636,551	5,108,930	4,825,324
Urban development	4,253,130	5,268,560	9,552,373	3,223,687
Non-departmental	890,604	892,007	817,770	872,991
Intergovernmental	2,516,281	4,626,341	2,835,662	3,491,316
Debt service				
Principal retirement	9,151,349	2,652,563	3,602,639	4,114,800
Interest and fiscal charges	3,102,390	3,433,844	3,349,014	3,511,998
Capital outlays	6,636,724	7,752,153	7,727,507	6,346,979
Total expenditures	<u>63,599,645</u>	<u>60,542,258</u>	<u>65,917,203</u>	<u>59,425,140</u>
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenue Over (Under) Expenditures	<u>(10,030,307)</u>	<u>(4,680,063)</u>	<u>(6,425,855)</u>	<u>1,477,021</u>
Other Financing Sources (Uses)				
General obligation warrants	42,552,422	862,976	1,010,000	-
HUD Section 108 loans	-	-	2,400,000	-
Notes payable	904,305	1,000,000	3,000,000	-
Capital leases	460,200	-	1,572,112	340,686
Sale of assets	889,233	-	-	-
Proceeds of refunding warrants	-	15,711,532	-	-
Proceeds from sale of assets	-	150,831	192,110	97,228
Payment to refunded warrant escrow agent	-	(16,123,400)	-	-
Transfers	(986,340)	(505,538)	(641,715)	(429,011)
Total other financing sources (uses)	<u>43,819,820</u>	<u>1,096,401</u>	<u>7,532,507</u>	<u>8,903</u>
Special Items				
Transfers to component units	\$ (20,581,404)	\$ (492,608)	\$ 4,271,094	\$ 188,400
Total special items	<u>(20,581,404)</u>	<u>(492,608)</u>	<u>4,271,094</u>	<u>188,400</u>
Net change in fund balances	<u>\$ 13,208,109</u>	<u>\$ (4,076,270)</u>	<u>\$ (3,164,442)</u>	<u>\$ 1,297,524</u>
Debt service as a percentage of noncapital expenditures	<u>22%</u>	<u>12%</u>	<u>12%</u>	<u>15%</u>

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SCHEDULE 5
ASSESSED VALUE AND ESTIMATED ACTUAL VALUE OF TAXABLE PROPERTY
LAST FOUR FISCAL YEARS

Fiscal Year Ended September 30,	Residential Property	Commercial Property	Industrial Property	Less: Tax-Exempt Property	Total Taxable Assessed Value	Total Direct Tax Rate
2004	<u>\$ 56,862,520</u>	<u>\$ 240,498,960</u>	<u>\$ 28,757,240</u>	<u>\$ 52,327,420</u>	<u>\$ 273,791,300</u>	6.00
2005	<u>\$ 56,648,280</u>	<u>\$ 258,447,680</u>	<u>\$ 27,315,680</u>	<u>\$ 66,060,900</u>	<u>\$ 276,350,740</u>	6.00
2006	<u>\$ 70,767,560</u>	<u>\$ 305,859,600</u>	<u>\$ 27,893,060</u>	<u>\$ 67,750,600</u>	<u>\$ 336,769,620</u>	6.00
2007	<u>\$ 70,218,640</u>	<u>\$ 277,122,200</u>	<u>\$ 28,109,660</u>	<u>\$ 67,217,040</u>	<u>\$ 308,233,460</u>	6.00

Source: Etowah County Revenue Commissioner

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**SCHEDULE 5A
TOP TEN TAX RECEIPTS BY CATEGORY
LAST FOUR FISCAL YEARS**

	<u>2004</u>	<u>2005</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2007</u>
Warehouse, clubs and super centers	\$ 1,952,300	\$ 2,501,100	\$ 3,023,783	\$ 2,187,847
Department stores (except discount department stores)	2,005,688	1,716,984	1,620,665	1,812,493
Supermarkets and other grocery stores (except convenience)	2,010,655	1,717,582	1,541,948	1,812,292
Home centers	1,224,741	1,306,547	1,374,534	1,273,951
Full service restaurants	942,054	971,069	939,669	1,188,110
Limited service restaurants	785,409	842,187	874,695	1,325,623
Discount department stores	636,556	651,769	793,735	650,408
Family clothing stores	166,042	657,727	782,805	517,682
Medical, dental and hospital equipment and supplies and merchant wholesalers	434,581	525,139	668,906	710,635
New car dealers	<u>699,866</u>	<u>720,794</u>	<u>656,161</u>	<u>976,979</u>
Total	<u>\$ 10,857,892</u>	<u>\$ 11,610,898</u>	<u>\$ 12,276,901</u>	<u>\$ 12,456,020</u>
City direct sales tax rate	4%	4%	4%	4%

Sources: Ala Tax

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**SCHEDULE 6
DIRECT AND OVERLAPPING PROPERTY TAX RATES
(rate per \$1,000 of assessed value)
LAST FOUR FISCAL YEARS**

<u>City Direct Rates</u>						<u>Overlapping Rates</u>				
<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Basic Rate</u>	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>School Debt Service</u>	<u>Fire Protection</u>	<u>Total Direct</u>	<u>Fire Protection</u>	<u>County School District</u>	<u>City School District</u>	<u>State</u>	<u>County</u>
2004	12	6	3	3	12	3	10	6	6.5	11.5
2005	12	6	3	3	12	3	10	6	6.5	11.5
2006	12	6	3	3	12	3	10	6	6.5	11.5
2007	12	6	3	3	12	3	10	6	6.5	11.5

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SCHEDULE 7
PRINCIPAL PROPERTY TAX PAYERS
LAST FOUR FISCAL YEARS

<u>Taxpayer</u>	<u>2007</u>			<u>2006</u>			<u>2005</u>			<u>2004</u>		
	<u>Taxable Assessed Value</u>	<u>Rank</u>	<u>Percentage of Total City Taxable Assessed Value</u>	<u>Taxable Assessed Value</u>	<u>Rank</u>	<u>Percentage of Total City Taxable Assessed Value</u>	<u>Taxable Assessed Value</u>	<u>Rank</u>	<u>Percentage of Total City Taxable Assessed Value</u>	<u>Taxable Assessed Value</u>	<u>Rank</u>	<u>Percentage of Total City Taxable Assessed Value</u>
Alabama Power Co.	\$ 19,464,400	1	6.31%	\$ 19,204,620	1	5.70%	\$ 18,777,160	1	6.79%	\$ 19,400,000	1	7.09%
Goodyear Tire & Rubber Co.	13,256,860	2	4.30%	13,574,480	2	4.03%	12,642,740	2	4.57%	9,996,420	2	3.65%
QHC of Gadsden, Inc.	7,623,080	3	2.47%	7,645,240	3	2.27%	6,548,560	4	2.37%	6,548,560	4	2.39%
Riverview Regional Medical	6,490,840	4	2.11%	7,519,320	4	2.23%	6,023,600	5	2.18%	6,028,600	5	2.20%
Bellsouth Telecommunications, Inc.	6,478,600	5	2.10%	6,573,800	5	1.95%	6,732,740	3	2.44%	7,142,600	3	2.61%
Preit Gadsden Mall, LLC	4,525,800	7	1.47%	4,462,560	6	1.33%	3,415,500	7	1.24%	3,415,500	7	1.25%
Tyson Foods of Alabama, Inc.	3,051,760	8	0.99%	3,321,960	7	0.99%	3,052,580	8	1.10%	2,366,200	9	86.00%
Triad Hospitals, Inc.	4,818,040	6	1.56%	3,115,620	8	0.93%	3,497,620	6	1.27%	3,419,120	6	1.25%
Riverview Regional Medical Center	2,910,580	9	94.00%	2,749,320	9	0.82%	2,136,600	10	0.77%	2,145,120	10	78.00%
Gastamp Alabama, Inc.	-	10	0.57%	1,910,000	10	0.57%	-	0	0.00%	-	0	0.00%
Dixie Pacific Manufacturing Co.	2,188,320	10	0.71%	1,910,000	10**	0.57%	2,300,400	9**	0.83%	-	0	0.00%
Total	<u>\$ 70,808,280</u>			<u>\$ 71,986,920</u>			<u>\$ 65,127,500</u>			<u>\$ 60,462,120</u>		
Total City Taxable Assessed Value	<u>\$ 308,233,460</u>			<u>\$ 336,769,620</u>			<u>\$ 276,350,740</u>			<u>\$ 273,791,300</u>		

Source: Etowah County Revenue Commissioner

***Gestamp Alabama, Inc.

**Advance Stores Co., Inc.

CITY OF GADSDEN

SCHEDULE 8
PROPERTY TAX LEVIES AND COLLECTIONS
LAST FOUR FISCAL YEARS

<u>Fiscal Year Ended September 30, 2006</u>	<u>Taxes Levied For the Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Collected within the Fiscal Year of the Levy</u>		<u>Collections in Subsequent Years</u>	<u>Total Collections to Date</u>	
		<u>Amount</u>	<u>Percentage of Levy</u>		<u>Amount</u>	<u>Percentage of Levy</u>
2004	\$ 3,784,659	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,146,768	\$ 3,146,768	83.15%
2005	\$ 3,505,087	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,302,079	\$ 3,302,079	94.21%
2006	\$ 4,564,308	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,990,279	\$ 3,990,279	87.42%
2007	\$ 4,245,045	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,844,037	\$ 2,844,037	67.00% ⁽¹⁾

⁽¹⁾ Represents partial collections as of report date.

CITY OF GADSDEN

SCHEDULE 9
RATIOS OF OUTSTANDING DEBT BY TYPE
LAST FOUR FISCAL YEARS

Fiscal Year	Governmental Activities			Business-Type Activities	Total Primary Government
	General Obligation Bonds	Other Obligations	Special Obligation Bonds	General Obligation Bonds	
2004	<u>\$ 63,453,435</u>	<u>\$ 1,625,095</u>	<u>\$ 1,601,938</u>	<u>\$ 360,000</u>	<u>\$ 67,040,468</u>
2005	<u>\$ 62,238,798</u>	<u>\$ 1,923,951</u>	<u>\$ 1,488,852</u>	<u>\$ 1,820,000</u>	<u>\$ 67,471,601</u>
2006	<u>\$ 61,035,608</u>	<u>\$ 7,706,645</u>	<u>\$ 1,370,597</u>	<u>\$ 1,680,000</u>	<u>\$ 71,792,850</u>
2007	<u>\$ 58,627,420</u>	<u>\$ 6,546,605</u>	<u>\$ 1,246,526</u>	<u>\$ 1,540,000</u>	<u>\$ 67,960,551</u>

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**SCHEDULE 10
RATIOS OF GENERAL BONDED DEBT OUTSTANDING
LAST FOUR FISCAL YEARS**

General Bonded Debt Outstanding				Percentage of Actual Taxable Value of Property (a)	Per Capita (b)
Fiscal Year	General Obligation Bonds	Special Obligation Bonds	Total		
2004	<u>\$ 63,453,435</u>	<u>\$ 1,601,938</u>	<u>\$ 65,055,373</u>	24%	<u>\$ 1,728</u>
2005	<u>\$ 62,238,798</u>	<u>\$ 1,488,852</u>	<u>\$ 63,727,650</u>	23%	<u>\$ 1,710</u>
2006	<u>\$ 61,035,608</u>	<u>\$ 1,370,597</u>	<u>\$ 62,406,205</u>	19%	<u>\$ 1,687</u>
2007	<u>\$ 58,627,420</u>	<u>\$ 1,246,526</u>	<u>\$ 59,873,946</u>	19%	<u>\$ 1,597</u>

a - See Schedule 5 for property value data

b - See Schedule 14 for population data

CITY OF GADSDEN

SCHEDULE 11

DIRECT AND OVERLAPPING GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES DEBT

AS OF SEPTEMBER 30, 2007

	Total Debt <u>Outstanding</u>	Estimated Percent <u>Applicable</u>	Amount Applicable to City of <u>Gadsden</u>
Direct Debt			
City of Gadsden	\$ 66,420,551	100%	\$ 66,420,551
Total Direct Debt	<u>66,420,551</u>	100%	<u>66,420,551</u>
Overlapping Debt			
Etowah County	<u>22,993,833</u>	23%	<u>5,288,582</u>
Total Overlapping Debt	<u>22,993,833</u>	23%	<u>5,288,582</u>
Total Direct and Overlapping Debt	<u>\$ 89,414,384</u>		<u>\$ 71,709,133</u>

CITY OF GADSDEN

**SCHEDULE 12
LEGAL DEBT MARGIN INFORMATION
LAST FOUR FISCAL YEARS**

Legal Debt Margin Calculation for Fiscal Year 2007

Assessed value	\$ 375,450,500 ⁽¹⁾
Debt limit, 20 percent of assessed value	75,090,100
Debt applicable to limit:	
Outstanding and obligation warrants, installment purchases, etc.	75,783,131
Less: exempt amounts	<u>(35,377,914)</u>
Total net debt applicable to limit	<u>\$ 40,405,217</u>
 Legal debt margin	 <u>\$ 34,684,883</u>

	Fiscal Years			
	<u>2004</u>	<u>2005</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2007</u>
Debt Limit	<u>\$ 62,628,456</u>	<u>\$ 63,035,996</u>	<u>\$ 80,904,044</u>	<u>\$ 75,090,100</u>
Total net debt applicable to limit	<u>\$ 59,515,321</u>	<u>\$ 41,182,340</u>	<u>\$ 42,766,219</u>	<u>\$ 40,405,217</u>
Legal debt margin	<u>\$ 23,113,135</u>	<u>\$ 21,853,656</u>	<u>\$ 38,137,825</u>	<u>\$ 34,684,883</u>
Total net debt applicable to the limit as a percentage of debt limit	63%	65%	53%	54%

Note: Section 225, as amended, Constitution of State of Alabama, limits debt of the City of Gadsden to 20 percent of the assessed value of taxable property. Excluded from this limitation are bonds issued for schools, sewers and assessed improvements.

⁽¹⁾ Source: Etowah County Tax Assessor

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SCHEDULE 13
DEMOGRAPHIC AND ECONOMIC STATISTICS
LAST FOUR FISCAL YEARS

Year	*Population	*Personal Income	*Per Capita Personal Income	Median Age	Education Level in Years of Schooling	School Enrollment	Unemployment Rate
2004	37,640	<u>\$ 724,946</u>	<u>\$ 19,266</u>	N/A	N/A	5,360	6.30%
2005	37,265	<u>\$ 717,947</u>	<u>\$ 19,266</u>	39.4	N/A	5,370	4.20%
2006	36,984	<u>\$ 683,908</u>	<u>\$ 18,492</u>	N/A	N/A	5,422	3.70%
2007	37,500	<u>\$ 687,713</u>	<u>\$ 18,339</u>	N/A	N/A	5,305	3.90%

Sources: U.S. Bureau of the Census and the Industrial Development Authority.

Note: *2006 and 2007 are estimates based on information obtained from the 2000 Bureau of Census.

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**SCHEDULE 14
PRINCIPAL EMPLOYERS
LAST FOUR FISCAL YEARS**

<u>Employer</u>	<u>2004</u>			<u>2005</u>			<u>2006</u>			<u>2007</u>		
	<u>Employees</u>	<u>Rank</u>	<u>% of Total City Employment</u>	<u>Employees</u>	<u>Rank</u>	<u>% of Total City Employment</u>	<u>Employees</u>	<u>Rank</u>	<u>% of Total City Employment</u>	<u>Employees</u>	<u>Rank</u>	<u>% of Total City Employment</u>
Goodyear Tire & Rubber	1400	1		1361	1		1430	1		1430	1	
Gadsden Regional Medical Center	1100	2		1200	2		1200	2		1200	2	
Wal-Mart	995	3		350	9		790	4		350	10	
Tyson Foods	800	4		790	4		790	4		475	7	
Gadsden State Community College	759	5		373	8		373	10		373	9	
Riverview Regional Medical Center	700	6		800	3		800	3		800	3	
Gadsden City Schools	675	7		650	5		650	5		650	4	
City of Gadsden	512	8		513	6		513	6		513	5	
Equity Group	483	9		343	10		500	8		500	6	
Dixie Pacific	289	10										
Department of Human Resources				400	7		400	9				
Delphi Automotive							500	7		400	8	

Sources: Industrial Development Board and the Gadsden/Etowah Chamber of Commerce.

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SCHEDULE 15

**FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT CITY GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES BY FUNCTION/PROGRAM
LAST FOUR FISCAL YEARS**

	<u>2004</u>	<u>2005</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2007</u>
General Government				
Mayor's Office	3	3	3	4
City Council	0	0	0	0
Revenue	5	6	5	5
City Clerk	3	3	3	3
Public Safety				
Police Department				
Officers	93	97	97	99
Civilian	30	29	31	30
Fire Department				
Firefighters	103	105	105	105
Officers	7	7	7	8
Civilians	2	2	2	2
Judicial	6	6	6	5
Animal Control	2	2	2	3
Civil Defense	4	4	4	4
Communications	2	2	2	2
Public Works				
Maintenance	16	18	15	15
Street Painting	6	5	5	5
Street Cleaning	41	40	40	40
Street Maintenance	26	26	26	26
Internal Service				
Finance	8	8	8	8
M.I.S.	4	5	5	5
Purchasing	2	2	1	1
Personnel	2	2	2	2
Civil Service	0	0	0	0
Legal	4	4	4	3
Fleet	21	21	22	22
Recreation and Culture				
Parks and Recreation	25	30	30	30
Noccalula Falls	4	0	0	0
Convention Hall	1	1	1	1
Cemetery	6	6	3	4
Library	17	17	18	18
Museum of Arts	1	3	3	3
Tourism	1	0	0	0
Urban Development				
Engineering	9	9	11	10
Building	6	6	6	7
Planning	3	5	5	4
Total	<u>463</u>	<u>474</u>	<u>472</u>	<u>474</u>

Source: City Budget

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**SCHEDULE 16
OPERATING INDICATORS BY FUNCTION/PROGRAM
LAST FOUR FISCAL YEARS**

<u>Function/Program</u>	<u>2004</u>	<u>2005</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2007</u>
Police				
Physical Arrests	2,409	3,116	3,744	3,225
Parking Violations	351	105	29	60
Traffic Violations	3,440	6,101	5,494	4,665
Fire				
Emergency Responses	4,425	4,409	4,336	4,454
Fires Extinguished	192	345	385	292
Inspections	541	1,758	2,092	1,928
Public Works				
Street Resurfacing (miles)	6.87	11.37	12.06	8.00
Potholes Repaired	7,500	7,500	7,500	7,500
Parks and Recreation				
Athletic Field Permits Issued	0	0	0	0
Community Center Admissions	565,625	583,350	629,450	367,700
Library				
Volumes in Collection	193,620	198,300	202,410	206,228
Total Volumes Borrowed	167,439	141,386	132,350	206,435

Note: The City of Gadsden does not issue permits for Athletic Fields.

Source: Various City Departments

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**SCHEDULE 17
CAPITAL ASSET STATISTICS BY FUNCTION/PROGRAM
LAST FOUR FISCAL YEARS**

<u>Function/Program</u>	<u>2004</u>	<u>2005</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2007</u>
Police				
Stations	1	1	1	1
Zone Offices	0	0	0	0
Patrol Units	35	35	33	40
Fire Stations	6	6	6	6
Other Public Works				
Street (miles)	372	372	372	372
Highways (miles)	35	35	35	35
Streetlights	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000
Traffic Signals	132	134	134	134
Parks and Recreation				
Acreage	166	166	166	166
Playgrounds	16	16	16	16
Baseball/Softball Diamonds	19	19	19	19
Soccer/Football Fields	13	13	13	13
Community Centers	9	9	9	8

Source: Various City Departments



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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 Gadsden, Alabama

We have audited the financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, the aggregate discretely presented component unit, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the City of Gadsden, Alabama (the "City") as of and for the year ended September 30, 2007, which collectively comprise the City's basic financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated January 30, 2008. We did not audit the financial statements of the Gadsden City Board of Education or the Gadsden Airport Authority, which represent all of the assets and revenue of the component unit columns. Those financial statements were audited by other auditors whose reports have been furnished to us, and our opinion, insofar as it relates to the amounts included for the Gadsden City Board of Education and the Gadsden Airport Authority, is based on the report of the other auditors. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting – In planning and performing our audit, we considered the City's internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the City's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the City's internal control over financial reporting.

A control deficiency 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 misstatements on a timely basis. A significant deficiency is a control deficiency, or combination of control deficiencies, that adversely affects the City's ability to initiate, authorize, record, process, or report financial data reliably in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, such that there is more than a remote likelihood that a misstatement of the City's financial statements that is more than inconsequential will not be prevented or detected by the City's internal control.

A material weakness is a significant deficiency, or combination of significant deficiencies, that results in more than a remote likelihood that a material misstatement of the financial statements will not be prevented or detected by the City's internal control.

Our consideration of internal control over financial reporting was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and would not necessarily identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be significant deficiencies or material weaknesses. We did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting that we consider to be material weaknesses, as defined above.

Compliance and Other Matters – As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the City's financial statements are free of 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*.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the Mayor, City Council, management, federal awarding agencies and pass-through entities and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

Borland Benefield, PC
Birmingham, Alabama
January 30, 2008



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**Report on Compliance With Requirements Applicable to Each Major Program and
on Internal Control Over Compliance in Accordance with OMB Circular A-133**

To the City Council
City of Gadsden, Alabama

Compliance – We have audited the compliance of the City of Gadsden, Alabama (the City), with the types of compliance requirements described in the *U.S. Office of Management and Budget* (“OMB”) *Circular A-133, Compliance Supplement* that are applicable to each of its major federal programs for the year ended September 30, 2007. The City’s major federal programs are identified in the summary of auditor’s results section of the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs. Compliance with the requirements of laws, regulations, contracts and grants applicable to each of its major federal programs is the responsibility of the City’s management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the City’s compliance based on our audit.

The City’s basic financial statements include the operations of the Gadsden Board of Education and Gadsden Airport Authority which expended approximately \$9 million and \$500,000, respectively, in federal awards which are not included in the schedule of expenditures of federal awards for the year ended September 30, 2007. Our audit, described below, did not include the operations of the Gadsden Board of Education and Gadsden Airport Authority because they were required to have a separate audit in accordance with OMB Circular A-133.

We conducted our audit of compliance in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America; the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States; and OMB Circular A-133, *Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations*. Those standards and OMB Circular A-133 require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether noncompliance with the types of compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on a major federal program occurred. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence about the City’s compliance with those requirements and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion. Our audit does not provide a legal determination on the City’s compliance with those requirements.

In our opinion, the City complied, in all material respects, with the requirements referred to above that are applicable to each of its major federal programs for the year ended September 30, 2007.

Internal Control Over Compliance – The management of the City is responsible for establishing and maintaining effective internal control over compliance with requirements of laws, regulations, contracts and grants applicable to federal programs. In planning and performing our audit, we considered the City’s internal control over compliance with requirements that could have a direct and material effect on a major federal program in order to determine our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on compliance and to test and report on the internal control over compliance in accordance with OMB Circular A-133.

Our consideration of the internal control over compliance would not necessarily disclose all matters in the internal control that might be material weaknesses. A material weakness is a reportable condition in which the design or operation of one or more of the internal control components does not reduce to a relatively low level the risk that noncompliance with applicable requirements of laws, regulations, contracts and grants caused by error or fraud that would be material in relation to a major federal program being audited may occur and not be detected within a timely period by employees in the normal course of performing their assigned functions. We noted no matters involving the internal control over compliance and its operation that we consider to be material weaknesses.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the Mayor, City Council, management, federal awarding agencies and pass-through entities and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

Borland Benefield, PC
Birmingham, Alabama
January 30, 2008

CITY OF GADSDEN, ALABAMA

**Schedule of Expenditures of Federal and State Awards
For the Year Ended September 30, 2007**

<u>Federal Grantor/Pass-Through Grantor/Program Title</u>	<u>CFDA Number</u>	<u>Grant Number</u>	<u>Total Expended</u>
Department of Housing & Urban Development:			
<u>Direct Programs:</u>			
Community Development Block Grant	14.218	B-05-MC-010004	\$ 209,107
Community Development Block Grant	14.218	B-06-MC-010004	1,151,361
Supportive Housing Program	14.235	AL09B4-05002	9,565
<u>Passed Through Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs:</u>			
Emergency Shelter Grant	14.231	ESG-06-006	128,987
Total Department of Housing & Urban Development			<u>1,499,020</u>
U.S. Department of Justice:			
<u>Direct Programs:</u>			
Crime Victim Assistance	16.710	2006CKWX0340	717,602
Total U.S. Department of Justice			<u>717,602</u>
Department of Health and Human Services:			
<u>Passed Through Alabama Commission on Aging:</u>			
Special Program for Aging Title III B	93.044	04-07-03-19	9,028
Special Program for Aging Title III C	93.045	04-07-03-19	12,751
Total Department of Health and Human Services			<u>21,779</u>
Department of Agriculture:			
<u>Passed Through Alabama Department of Education:</u>			
Summer Food Service Program for Children	10.559	06-AEZ-0000	86,631
Total Department of Agriculture			<u>86,631</u>
Department of Homeland Security:			
<u>Passed Through Alabama Emergency Management Agency:</u>			
Emergency Management State and Local Assistance	97.042	07-EMPG-31	48,304
Chemical Stockpile Emergency Preparedness Program	97.040	04-ETO-O&M	38,711
Chemical Stockpile Emergency Preparedness Program	97.040	04-ETQ-PROC1	3,249
Chemical Stockpile Emergency Preparedness Program	97.040	05-ETO-PROC1	81,069
Chemical Stockpile Emergency Preparedness Program	97.040	05-ETO-PROC1	19,389
Chemical Stockpile Emergency Preparedness Program	97.040	06-ETO-O&M	191,049
Chemical Stockpile Emergency Preparedness Program	97.040	06-ETO-O&M	183,583
Homeland Security Grant Program	97.067	05-LET	900
Hazard Mitigation Grant (Stonewall Avenue)	97.039	HMGP-1605-0009	551,812
Total Department of Homeland Security			<u>1,118,066</u>

CITY OF GADSDEN, ALABAMA

**Schedule of Expenditures of Federal and State Awards - continued
For the Year Ended September 30, 2007**

<u>Federal Grantor/Pass-Through Grantor/Program Title</u>	<u>CFDA Number</u>	<u>Grant Number</u>	<u>Total Expended</u>
Department of Transportation:			
<u>Direct Programs:</u>			
Federal Transit Formula Grant	20.507	AL-904185	\$ 171,492
Federal Transit Formula Grant	20.507	AL-90-X185	57,573
Federal Transit Formula Grant	20.507	AL-90-X178	72,744
Urbanized Area Formula Grant	20.500	AL-03-0059-00	88,163
Federal Transit Formula Grant	20.507	AL-900189	51,133
Federal Transit Formula Grant	20.507	AL904189	107,893
<u>Passed Through Alabama Department of Transportation:</u>			
Highway Planning and Construction Grant	20.205	PL-N8-100-048-998	122,008
Highway Planning and Construction Grant	20.205	STPTE-TE03	385,756
Safety Incentive Grants to Prevent Operation of Motor Vehicles by Intoxicated Persons	20.605	07-SP-PT-005	6,481
Total Alabama Department of Transportation			<u>1,063,243</u>
Total Federal Awards			<u>4,506,341</u>
State Awards:			
<u>Alabama Public Library Service:</u>			
Library Grant		SA-00-03	<u>129,505</u>
Total State Awards			<u>129,505</u>
Total Federal and State Awards			<u>\$ 4,635,846</u>

CITY OF GADSDEN, ALABAMA

**Notes to the Schedule of Expenditures of Federal and State Awards
For the Year Ended September 30, 2007**

Note 1 - Basis of Presentation

The accompanying Schedule of Expenditures of Federal and State Awards (the "Schedule") summarizes the expenditures of the City of Gadsden, Alabama (the "City") under programs of the federal government and the State of Alabama for the year ended September 30, 2007.

For purposes of the Schedule, federal and state awards include all grants, contracts, and similar agreements entered into directly between the City and agencies and departments of the federal government and the State of Alabama, and all sub-awards to the City by nonfederal organizations pursuant to federal grants, contracts and similar agreements. Federal awards are classified into Major and Nonmajor programs in accordance with the provisions of Office of Management and Budget ("OMB") Circular A-133, *Audits of States, Local Governments, and Nonprofit Organizations*. Programs classified as Major Programs are as follows:

1. Community Development Block Grant
2. Chemical Stockpile Emergency Preparedness Program
3. Homeland Security Grant Program
4. Federal Transit Capital Investment Grants
5. Highway Planning and Construction Grants

Note 2 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

The schedule is presented primarily on the modified accrual basis of accounting. However, the information in the Schedule is presented in accordance with the requirements of OMB Circular A-133, *Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations*; and therefore some amounts presented may differ from amounts presented in or used in the preparation of the basic financial statements.

CITY OF GADSDEN, ALABAMA

**Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs
For the Year Ended September 30, 2007**

A. Summary of Audit Results

Financial Statements

Type of auditors' report issued:	<u>Unqualified</u>		
Internal control over financial reporting:			
• Material weakness(es) identified?	_____	Yes	<u> X </u> No
• Significant deficiencies identified not considered to be material weaknesses?	_____	Yes	<u> X </u> No
Noncompliance material to financial statements noted?	_____	Yes	<u> X </u> No

Federal Awards

Internal control over major programs:			
• Material weakness(es) identified?	_____	Yes	<u> X </u> No
• Significant deficiencies identified not considered to be material weaknesses?	_____	Yes	<u> X </u>

Type of auditors' report issued on compliance for major programs:	<u>Unqualified</u>		
Any audit findings disclosed that are required to be reported in accordance with Section 510(a) of OMB Circular A133?	_____	Yes	<u> X </u> No

Identification of major programs:

- CFDA #14.218 – Community Development Block Grant/
Entitlement Grant
- CFDA #16.710 – Public Safety Partnership and Community Policing
- CFDA #20.205 – Highway Planning and Construction
- CFDA #97.039 – Hazard Mitigation Grant

Dollar threshold used to distinguish between Type A and Type B programs:	\$300,000
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Auditee qualified as low-risk auditee?	_____	Yes	<u> X </u> No
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B. Findings - Financial Statements Audit

None Reported

C. Findings and Questioned Costs - Major Federal Award Programs Audit

None Reported



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