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### **City of Phenix City Budget Message 2015-2016 Proposed Budgets**

The total General Fund Budget for Fiscal Year 2015/2016 is \$36,619,390, an increase of \$1,348,659, which is a 3.8% increase over Fiscal 2014/2015. Projected increases in Taxes and Charges for Service accounts for most of the increase. The City proposes to increase the fees for garbage and debris pick-up by 8% and the sales tax rate by .25%. Budgeted expenditures for the General Fund are \$37,649,602. Operating expenditures are \$34,649,602 with debt service transfers of \$1,500,000 and transfers to the Capital Improvement Fund of \$1,500,000. The City projects to end the 2016 fiscal year with a \$29,788 balance of operating revenues over operating expenditures.

The City is adjusting its' payroll system in fiscal year 2016 by 5% for Public Safety Employees as recommended by a study done by Ellis-Harper Management. This change is the third phase of an ongoing effort to bring the City's salaries and benefits in line with the market. Additional salary increases for Public Safety Employees will be phased in over the course of fiscal year 2016 and into fiscal year 2017. Employees who qualify will be eligible for Merit Pay increases in April of 2016 in accordance with the City's adopted pay plan. The city participates in the State of Alabama Employee Pension System which established a two tier system as of January 2013. Employees employed after that date will participate in tier 2 of the system. In January of 2015, the City changed its employee health care system by joining the State of Alabama Local Government Plan. In January of 2015, employees began paying 5% of the health insurance cost into the health care system. The employee share of the premiums will increase to 7.5% for January 2016 premiums (paid in December of 2015) and to 10% for January 2017 premiums (paid in December of 2016).

Capital improvement plans for the City include several ongoing improvements including a new museum, a Trailhead addition to the Riverwalk and renovation of the pool at Southside Park. Construction of several major road enhancements including 13<sup>th</sup> Street/Crawford Road, 5<sup>th</sup> Street South, Stadium Drive, Auburn Road, Whitewater Avenue and the 10<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> street bridges are expected to be completed. The City expects to complete more than \$8,000,000 in major capital improvements with the General Fund's Capital Improvement Budget including more than \$3,000,000 in state grants for road and bridge improvements as part of its ongoing capital improvement program. Capital improvements to the utility system are discussed later in this message.

The City has budgeted \$1,194,613 in departmental capital equipment including \$477,144 for Public Safety vehicles and equipment and lease purchase payments for fire equipment. The Budget includes \$196,150 in Parks and Recreation and \$452,519 in Public Works equipment. Departmental capital expenditures include payments on five-year lease purchase agreements for a Fire Pumper and Public Works vehicles and equipment.

The 2015/2016 operating budget for the Utilities Division is \$11,859,829 with a utility debt service budget of \$3,555,758, which includes \$1,398,000 in principle reduction. A rate increase of 3% is proposed in the budget. The operating budget includes \$567,470 in departmental capital improvements and equipment. The Utilities major Capital Improvement Budget is \$5,000,000 in our warrant funded projects and \$865,000 from System Development Fees. This capital budget includes completion of improvements to the wastewater plant and sewer system and upgrades to the water filtration system to meet new EPA standards and replacement of older water and sewer mains in older areas of the City. Beginning in fiscal year 2008/2009 the City began a multi-year program to upgrade our treatment plants, storage tanks and old water and sewer lines. The system has continued to expand our sewer collection system to the south and west and upgrade the pumping stations and lines in the northern areas. The City is moving forward with plans to ensure adequate water and sewer will be in place to accommodate the proposed new developments on Brick Yard Road, Highway 431 in south Phenix City and Riverchase Drive in north Phenix City.

The City's Special Revenue Fund Budgets for fiscal year 2015/2016 are as follows: The General Fund's Capital Improvement Fund budget of \$5,015,000, which includes the improvements previously mentioned, in addition to completion of the paving program initiated fiscal year 2012. The City expects to receive more than \$3,000,000 in grant funding in fiscal 2015/2016 and has set aside funds to

match these grants. The Second Mortgage Fund budget is \$35,000 along with \$50,000 in the General Fund for the removal of dilapidated and obsolete structures throughout the city. The Seven Mill Fund of \$4,869,268 is for general obligation debt, which includes \$2,401,000 in principle retirement. The Gas Tax Funds budget is \$600,000 for road improvements. The Corrections Fund budget is \$100,000 to help defray the cost of operating the municipal court and the Confiscated Property budget is \$20,000 to assist with operations of the Police Department.

Wallace Hunter  
City Manager

# City of Phenix City

## Fiscal 2015/2016 Budget



**WALLACE HUNTER**

City Manager

City of Phenix City  
Fiscal 2015/2016 Budget

**General Fund:**

**Source of Funds:**

TAXES	\$ 25,271,445
LICENSES & PERMITS	\$ 5,548,654
CHARGES FOR SERVICES	\$ 2,889,933
FINES & FORFEITURES	\$ 1,151,000
MISCELLANEOUS	\$ 416,408
GRANTS	\$ 137,000
PARKS & RECREATION	\$ 585,500
GOLF	\$ 619,450
CAPITAL RESERVE CARRIED FORWARD	\$ 1,500,000
TRANSFERS-IN	\$ 250,000

**TOTAL** **\$ 38,369,390**

**Expenditures:**

CITY MANAGER	\$ 269,412
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	\$ 375,814
IT DIVISION	\$ 351,276
MUNICIPAL COURT	\$ 376,958
PERSONNEL	\$ 291,032
CITY CLERK	\$ 450,731
BUILDING - CODE ENFORCEMENT	\$ 693,770
FINANCE	\$ 687,138
REVENUE COLLECTION	\$ 149,634
PARKS & RECREATION	\$ 3,623,183
GOLF	\$ 1,050,477
FIRE	\$ 5,106,999
POLICE	\$ 7,467,107
ANIMAL CONTROL	\$ 181,595
ENGINEERING & PUBLIC WORKS	\$ 5,177,448
LIBRARY	\$ 401,605
NON DEPARTMENTAL	\$ 5,219,215
APPROPRIATIONS & CONTRIBUTIONS	\$ 2,889,408
Transfers Out	\$ 3,000,000

**TOTAL** **\$ 37,762,802**

**NET REVENUES (EXPENDITURES) GENERAL FUND** **\$ 606,588**

**Utility Fund:**

**Revenues:**

Water Revenue	\$ 6,671,689
Sewer Revenue	\$ 5,188,140

**TOTAL** **\$ 11,859,829**

**Expenditures:**

Administration	\$ 2,471,334
Water Distribution	\$ 1,207,808
Water Filtration	\$ 1,757,070
Wastewater Collection	\$ 1,494,657
Wastewater Treatment	\$ 1,362,678
Debt Service	\$ 3,555,758

**TOTAL** **\$ 11,849,305**

**NET REVENUES (EXPENDITURES) UTILITIES FUND** **\$ 10,524**

**Special Revenue Funds:**

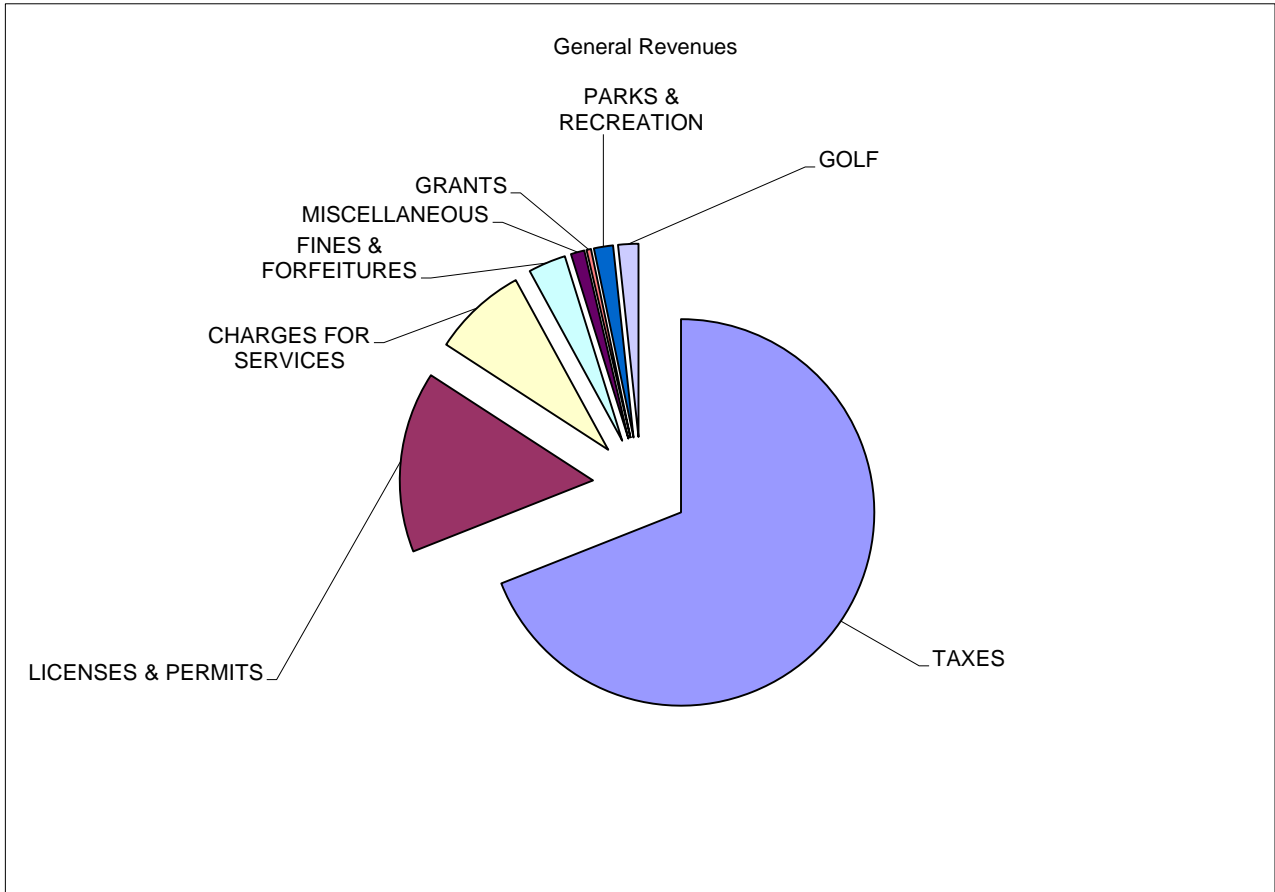
Capital Improvements	\$ 5,015,000
2nd Mortgage	\$ 35,000
7 Mil Tax	\$ 4,893,313
Gas Taxes	\$ 600,000
Confiscated Property	\$ 20,010
Corrections	\$ 100,000

**TOTAL EXPENDITURES** **\$ 10,663,323**

**TOTAL EXPENDITURES BUDGET ALL FUNDS** **\$ 60,275,430**

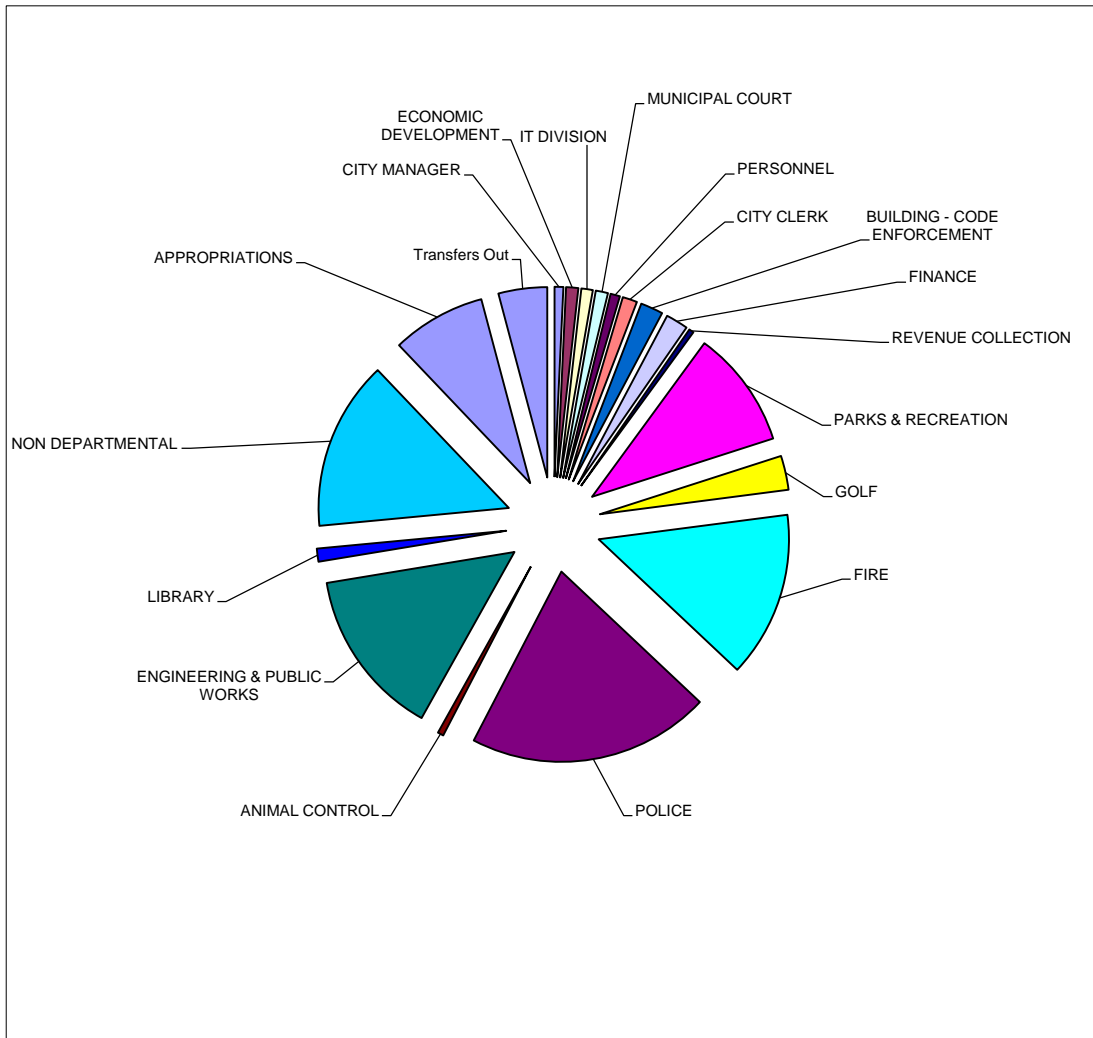
**City of Phenix City  
General Fund Operating Revenues  
Fiscal 2015/2016 Budget**

TAXES	\$	25,271,445	69.01%
LICENSES & PERMITS	\$	5,548,654	15.15%
CHARGES FOR SERVICES	\$	2,889,933	7.89%
FINES & FORFEITURES	\$	1,151,000	3.14%
MISCELLANEOUS	\$	416,408	1.14%
GRANTS	\$	137,000	0.37%
PARKS & RECREATION	\$	585,500	1.60%
GOLF	\$	<u>619,450</u>	<u>1.69%</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>36,619,390</b>	<b>100%</b>



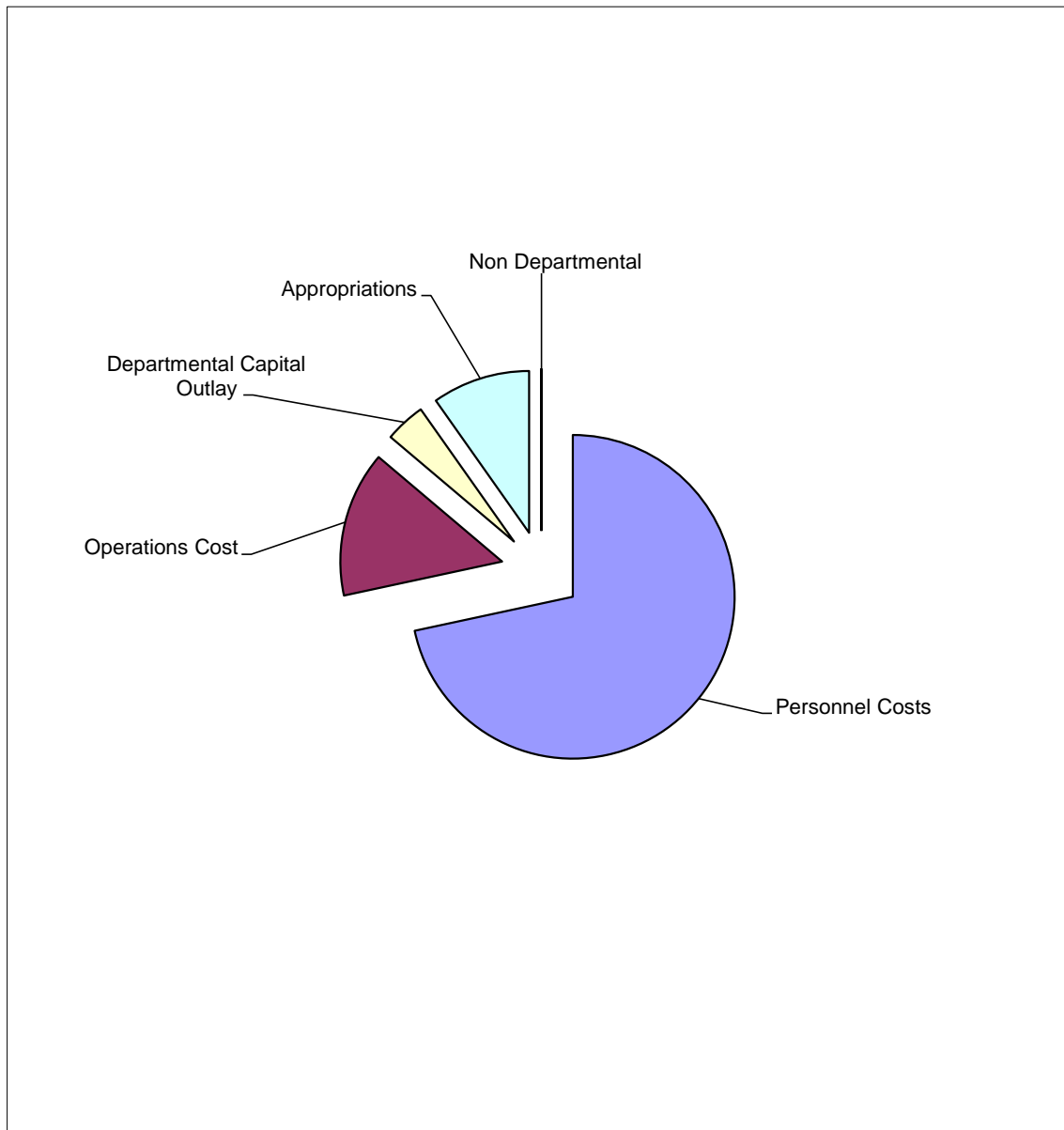
**City of Phenix City  
General Fund Operating Expenditures  
Fiscal 2015/2016 Budget**

CITY MANAGER	\$	269,412	0.74%
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	\$	375,814	1.04%
IT DIVISION	\$	351,276	0.97%
MUNICIPAL COURT	\$	376,958	1.04%
PERSONNEL	\$	291,032	0.80%
CITY CLERK	\$	450,731	1.24%
BUILDING - CODE ENFORCEMENT	\$	693,770	1.91%
FINANCE	\$	687,138	1.89%
REVENUE COLLECTION	\$	149,634	0.41%
PARKS & RECREATION	\$	3,623,183	9.99%
GOLF	\$	1,050,477	2.90%
FIRE	\$	5,106,999	14.08%
POLICE	\$	7,467,107	20.59%
ANIMAL CONTROL	\$	181,595	0.50%
ENGINEERING & PUBLIC WORKS	\$	5,177,448	14.28%
LIBRARY	\$	401,605	1.11%
NON DEPARTMENTAL	\$	5,219,215	14.39%
APPROPRIATIONS	\$	2,889,408	7.97%
Transfers Out	\$	<u>1,500,000</u>	<u>4.14%</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>36,262,802</b>	<b>100%</b>



**City of Phenix City**  
**General & CIP Fund Operating Expenditures**  
**Fiscal 2015/2016 Budget**  
**By Category**

Personnel Costs	\$ 21,155,964	68.17%
Operations Cost	\$ 4,295,402	13.84%
Departmental Capital Outlay	\$ 1,194,613	3.85%
Appropriations	\$ 2,889,408	9.31%
Non Departmental	\$ -	0.00%
Transfers-Out (Debt Service)	<u>\$ 1,500,000</u>	<u>4.83%</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 31,035,387</b>	<b>100%</b>





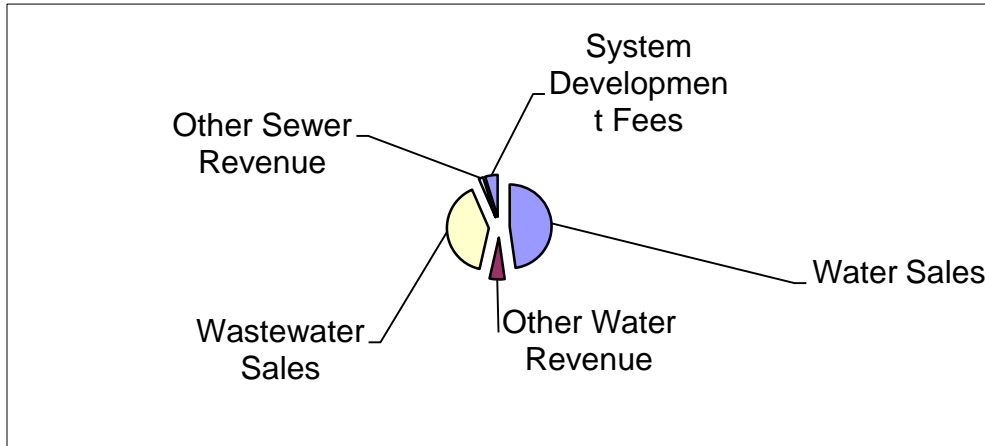
**City of Phenix City**  
**Departmental Capital Expenditures Comparison**  
**Fiscal 2014/2015 VS 2015/2016**

<b>General Fund</b>	<b>Fiscal 2015</b>		<b>Fiscal 2016</b>	<b>Difference</b>
	<b>Projected</b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Budget</b>	
CITY MANAGER	\$ 1,000	\$	\$ -	\$ (1,000)
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	\$ -	\$	\$ -	\$ -
IT	\$ 60,000	\$	\$ 60,000	\$ -
LIBRARY	\$ 6,600	\$	\$ 6,650	\$ 50
MUNICIPAL COURT	\$ -	\$	\$ -	\$ -
PERSONNEL	\$ -	\$	\$ -	\$ -
CITY CLERK	\$ 3,000	\$	\$ 6,800	\$ 3,800
BUILDING - CODE ENFORCEMENT	\$ 25,000	\$	\$ 26,000	\$ 1,000
FINANCE	\$ 1,000	\$	\$ -	\$ (1,000)
REVENUE COLLECTION	\$ -	\$	\$ -	\$ -
PARKS & RECREATION	\$ 107,500	\$	\$ 178,000	\$ 70,500
GOLF	\$ -	\$	\$ 11,500	\$ 11,500
FIRE	\$ 228,532	\$	\$ 260,144	\$ 31,612
POLICE	\$ 239,200	\$	\$ 191,000	\$ (48,200)
ANIMAL CONTROL	\$ 3,064	\$	\$ -	\$ (3,064)
ENGINEERING & PUBLIC WORKS	\$ 280,772	\$	\$ 452,519	\$ 171,747
<b>Total General Fund Capital</b>	<b>\$ 955,668</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$ 1,192,613</b>	<b>\$ 236,945</b>

**City of Phenix City  
Utility Fund  
Fiscal 2015/2016 Budget**

**Revenues:**

Water Sales	\$	5,950,000	47.75%
Other Water Revenue	\$	721,689	5.79%
Wastewater Sales	\$	4,975,000	39.93%
Other Sewer Revenue	\$	213,140	
System Development Fees	\$	<u>600,000</u>	<u>4.82%</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>12,459,829</b>	<b>98%</b>



**Expenditures:**

Administration	\$	2,471,334	20.86%
Water Distribution	\$	1,207,808	10.19%
Water Filtration	\$	1,757,070	14.83%
Wastewater Collection	\$	1,494,657	12.61%
Wastewater Treatment	\$	1,362,678	11.50%
Debt Service	\$	<u>3,555,758</u>	<u>30.01%</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>11,849,305</b>	<b>100%</b>

