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Independent Auditor's Report

Honorable Mayor, Members of the
City Commission and City Manager
Of the City of Cornelia, Georgia

Report on the Audit of Financial Statements

Opinions

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, the discretely presented component unit, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the City of Cornelia, Georgia (the "City") as of and for the year ended December 31, 2024, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the City's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, the discretely presented component unit, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the City of Cornelia, Georgia, as of December 31, 2024, and the respective changes in financial position and, where applicable, cash flows thereof and the respective budgetary comparison for the General Fund for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Basis for Opinions

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

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, and for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

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

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinions.

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

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

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

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

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that Management's Discussion and Analysis, the Schedule of Changes in the City's Net Pension Liability and Related Ratios, the Schedule of City Contributions, and the notes to the required supplementary information, as listed in the table of contents, be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

Supplementary Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the City's basic financial statements. The combining and individual fund financial statements and schedules, the Schedule of Expenditures of Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax Proceeds (as required by the Official Code of Georgia Annotated 48-8-21), and the Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards as required by Title 2 U.S. *Code of Federal Regulations Part 200, Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Auditor Requirements for Federal Awards*, as listed in the table of contents, are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements.

Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the combining and individual fund financial statements and schedules, the Schedule of Expenditures of Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax Proceeds, and the Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards are fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

We also have previously audited, in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, the City's basic financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2023, which are not presented with the accompanying financial statements and we expressed unmodified opinions on the respective financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, the discretely presented component unit, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information. That audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the City's basic financial statements as a whole. The combining and individual fund financial statements and schedules related to the 2023 financial statements are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and related directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the 2023 basic financial statements. The information was subjected to the audit procedures applied in the audit of those basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the 2023 combining and individual fund financial statements and schedules are fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements from which they have been derived.

Other Reporting Required by Governmental Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued or report dated July 25, 2025 on our consideration of the City of Cornelia, Georgia's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the City's internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the City's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Mixon, Mixon, Brown & Tench, CPAs

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Cornelia, Georgia
July 25, 2025



CITY OF CORNELIA, GEORGIA
Management's Discussion and Analysis
For the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2024

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

As management of the City of Cornelia, Georgia, our discussion and analysis of the financial performance provides an overview of the city's financial activities for the year ended December 31, 2024. The intent of this discussion and analysis is to present the city's financial performance as a whole. This information should be read and considered in conjunction with the financial statements which follow.

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

Key financial highlights for the Fiscal Year 2024 are as follows:

- ❖ The City of Cornelia's combined net position totaled **\$62,988,901**. Of this amount, unrestricted net position of **\$3,927,812** may be used to meet the city's ongoing obligations to citizens and creditors.
- ❖ Total net position increased by **\$2,406,315** during the most recent fiscal year.
- ❖ At the close of Fiscal Year 2024, the city's governmental funds reported combined ending fund balances of **\$4,172,485**. Of this amount **\$2,432,885** or 58% is available for spending at the government's discretion (unassigned fund balance). The balance of **\$1,739,600** or 42% is available for spending according to the guidelines of the source of the funds.
- ❖ At the close of the fiscal year, the City of Cornelia's assets in its major business-type activities, Water/Sewer and Stormwater exceeded its liabilities by **\$52,185,127**. Of this amount, **\$2,548,260**, or 5% is unrestricted and available to meet the city's ongoing obligations to its customers and creditors.
- ❖ The City was awarded a \$1,000,000 Appalachian Regional Commission grant for the new amphitheater project and also a \$5,000 Vibrant Communities grant that was used toward the completion of a new mural.

OVERVIEW OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Management's Discussion and Analysis (MD&A) serves as an introduction to the City of Cornelia's basic financial statements. The city's basic financial statements include the government-wide financial statements, fund financial statements, and notes to the financial statements. The MD&A should be read and considered with the basic audited financial statements and supplementary information.

Government-Wide Financial Statements. The government-wide financial statements are designed to provide the readers with an overview of the city's finances in a manner similar to commercial enterprises (private-sector business).

The statement of net position presents information on all of the city's assets and liabilities, with the difference between the two being reported as net position. Over time, increases or decreases in net position may serve as a useful indicator of whether the financial position of the city is improving or deteriorating.

The statement of activities presents information showing how the city's net position changed during the

fiscal year. All changes in net position are reported as soon as the underlying event giving rise to the change occurs, regardless of the timing of the related cash flows. Thus, revenues and expenses are reported in this statement for some items that will only result in cash flows in future periods (e.g., uncollected taxes and earned but unused vacation leave).

Both of the government-wide financial statements distinguish functions of the city that are principally supported by taxes and intergovernmental revenues (governmental activities) from other functions that are intended to recover all or a significant portion of their costs through user fees and charges (business-type activities). The governmental activities of the city include general government, judicial, public safety, public works, and culture and recreation. The business-type activities of the city include water and sewer and stormwater utilities.

Fund Financial Statements. 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 Cornelia, like other local governments, uses fund accounting to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance-related legal requirements. All of the city's funds can be divided into governmental funds and proprietary funds.

Governmental Funds. Governmental funds are used to account for essentially the same functions reported as governmental activities in the government-wide financial statements. Unlike the government-wide financial statements, governmental fund financial statements focus on near-term inflows and outflows of spendable resources, as well as on balances of spendable resources available at the end of the fiscal year. Such information may be useful in evaluating a government's near-term financing requirements.

Because the focus of governmental funds is narrower than that of the government-wide financial statements, it is useful to compare the information presented for governmental funds with similar information presented for governmental activities in the government-wide financial statements. By doing so, readers may better understand the long-term impact of the government's near-term financing decisions. Both the governmental fund balance sheet and the governmental fund statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balances provide a reconciliation to facilitate this comparison between governmental funds and governmental activities.

The City of Cornelia maintains three individual major governmental funds. Information is presented separately in the governmental fund balance sheet and the governmental fund statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balances for the General Fund, the Municipal Complex Fund and the 2021 SPLOST Fund, which are major funds. The Urban Redevelopment Agency is a blended component unit of the City.

The City of Cornelia adopts an annual appropriated budget for its general fund. A budgetary comparison statement for this fund is provided to demonstrate compliance with this budget.

Proprietary Funds. The City of Cornelia maintains one type of proprietary fund: enterprise funds. Enterprise funds are used to report the same functions presented as business-type activities in the government-wide financial statements. The city uses enterprise funds to account for its water and sewer system operations, stormwater operations, sanitation operations, and Community House operations.

Proprietary funds provide the same type of information as the government-wide financial statements, only in more detail.

The proprietary fund financial statements provide separate information on the Water and Sewer Fund, the Stormwater Fund and the Cornelia Water and Sewer Authority. The Water and Sewer Fund and Stormwater Fund are major proprietary funds of the city and the Cornelia Water and Sewer Authority is a blended component unit of the city.

Notes to the Financial Statements. The notes provide additional information that is essential to a full understanding of the data provided in the government-wide and fund financial statements. The notes provide information about the city's accounting policies, significant account balances and activities, material risks, obligations, commitments, contingencies and subsequent events, if any.

Supplementary Information. In addition to the basic financial statements and accompanying notes, this report also presents certain required supplementary information including budgetary comparisons and pension information. The supplementary information includes the special purpose sales tax schedule.

GOVERNMENT-WIDE FINANCIAL ANALYSIS

The government-wide financial statements for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2024, have been prepared according to the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (G.A.S.B.) Statement 34.

As noted earlier, net position serves as a useful indicator of a government's financial condition. In the case of the City of Cornelia, total assets exceeded total liabilities by **\$62,988,901** at the close of the most recent fiscal year.

The largest portion of the city's net position **\$51,813,020** or 82% reflects its investment in capital assets such as land, buildings, equipment and infrastructure (utility lines, water lines, sewer lines, streets) less any related debt used to acquire those assets that are still outstanding. The city uses these capital assets to provide services to citizens; consequently, these assets are not available for future spending. The restricted portion of the net position is **\$7,248,069** or 12%. Unrestricted net position, which may be used to meet the city's ongoing obligations to its citizens and creditors, is **\$3,927,812** or 6%.

City of Cornelia, Georgia Net Position

	<u>Governmental Activities</u>		<u>Business Activities</u>		<u>Total</u>	
	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
Assets:						
<i>Current and other assets</i>	\$ 7,503,783	\$ 7,648,875	\$ 9,687,501	\$ 9,578,545	\$ 17,191,284	\$ 17,227,420
<i>Capital assets</i>	19,339,846	18,963,044	67,746,185	66,488,371	87,086,031	85,451,415
Total Assets	<u>26,843,629</u>	<u>26,611,919</u>	<u>77,433,686</u>	<u>76,066,916</u>	<u>104,277,315</u>	<u>102,678,835</u>
<i>Deferred Outflows:</i>						
<i>Pension</i>	430,208	459,265	413,337	478,010	843,545	937,275
Total Assets and and Deferred Outflows	<u>27,273,837</u>	<u>27,071,184</u>	<u>77,847,023</u>	<u>76,544,926</u>	<u>105,120,860</u>	<u>103,616,110</u>
Liabilities:						
<i>Long-term liabilities</i>	12,320,746	12,711,862	23,694,064	23,975,596	36,014,810	36,687,458
<i>Other liabilities</i>	4,048,950	4,168,568	1,871,401	1,595,888	5,920,351	5,764,456
Total Liabilities:	<u>16,369,696</u>	<u>16,880,430</u>	<u>25,565,465</u>	<u>25,571,484</u>	<u>41,935,161</u>	<u>42,451,914</u>
<i>Deferred Inflows:</i>						
<i>Pension</i>	100,367	3,389	96,431	3,527	196,798	6,916
Total Liabilities and and Deferred Inflows	<u>16,470,063</u>	<u>16,883,819</u>	<u>25,661,896</u>	<u>25,575,011</u>	<u>42,131,959</u>	<u>42,458,830</u>
Net Position:						
<i>Invested in capital assets</i>	7,684,622	6,829,513	44,128,398	42,658,091	51,813,020	49,487,604
<i>Restricted</i>	1,739,600	1,601,553	5,508,469	5,618,559	7,248,069	7,220,112
<i>Unrestricted</i>	1,379,552	1,756,299	2,548,260	2,693,265	3,927,812	4,449,564
Total Net Position	<u>\$ 10,803,774</u>	<u>\$ 10,187,365</u>	<u>\$ 52,185,127</u>	<u>\$ 50,969,915</u>	<u>\$ 62,988,901</u>	<u>\$ 61,157,280</u>

City of Cornelia, Georgia
Statement of Activities

	Governmental Activities		Business Activities		Total	
	2024	2023	2024	2023	2024	2023
Revenues:						
<i>Program Revenues:</i>						
Charges for Services	\$ 413,700	\$ 612,513	\$ 12,186,706	\$ 11,616,419	\$ 12,600,406	\$ 12,228,932
Operating grants	8,718	3,180			8,718	3,180
Capital grants	2,074,044	1,400,286	635,717	967,392	2,709,761	2,367,678
<i>General Revenues:</i>						
Property taxes	2,599,245	1,993,572			2,599,245	1,993,572
Other taxes	1,802,120	1,823,860			1,802,120	1,823,860
Investment earnings	74,190	18,929	261,636	117,709	335,826	136,638
Other	49,297	35,937	13,694	275,614	62,991	311,551
Total Revenue	7,021,314	5,888,277	13,097,753	12,977,134	20,119,067	18,865,411
Expenses						
General government	972,782	927,882			972,782	927,882
Public Safety	4,233,694	3,928,176			4,233,694	3,928,176
Culture and recreation	106,188	90,855			106,188	90,855
Streets and sanitation	989,727	1,046,370			989,727	1,046,370
Public building and library	267,663	267,664			267,663	267,664
Planning department	240,388	233,126			240,388	233,126
Interest on long-term debt	475,578	487,040			475,578	487,040
Water and Sewer			9,775,860	8,757,721	9,775,860	8,757,721
Stormwater			129,992	75,015	129,992	75,015
Cornelia Water & Sewer Authority			-	223,349	-	223,349
Sanitation			458,023	455,305	458,023	455,305
Community House			62,857	59,107	62,857	59,107
Total Expenses	7,286,020	6,981,113	10,426,732	9,570,497	17,712,752	16,551,610
Increases in net assets before transfers						
Transfers	752,757	178,812	(752,757)	(178,812)		
Increase (decrease) in net position						
Net Position, beginning of year (as originally stated)	10,187,365	11,101,389	50,969,915	47,742,090	61,157,280	58,843,479
Prior Period Adjustment	128,358	-	(703,052)	-	(574,694)	-
Net Position, beginning of year (restated)	10,315,723	11,101,389	50,266,863	47,742,090	60,582,586	58,843,479
Net Position, end of year	\$ 10,803,774	\$ 21,288,754	\$ 52,185,127	\$ 98,712,005	\$ 62,988,901	\$ 61,157,280

At the end of the current fiscal year, the city reported positive balances in all three categories of net position, both the government as a whole, and the separate governmental and business-type activities.

Governmental Activities. Governmental activities, including transfers, increased the city's net position by **\$488,051**.

Revenues. **\$4,401,365**, collected in general tax revenues, made up approximately 97% of the city's total general governmental revenues. The city received **\$1,172,864** in special purpose sales tax monies which are reflected as capital contributions. During the current fiscal year, Governmental Activities received transfers in of **\$752,757**.

Expenses. The total expenses for governmental activities were **\$7,286,020**. The largest single expenditure activity is in public safety, which totaled **\$4,233,694** or 58%. Public Safety consists of the police and fire departments. General Government accounted for **\$972,782** or 13% of all expense in governmental activities. Public works accounts for **\$989,727** or 14% of all expense in governmental activities.

Business Activities. Business-type activities increased the City of Cornelia's net position by **\$1,918,264**. The Water and Sewer Department, the largest of the city's five business-type activities, accounted for 95% of the expenses and 93% of the revenues among business-type activities.

Revenues. Water and Sewer revenues were **\$11,329,711**. Stormwater revenues were **\$361,779**. Sanitation revenues were **\$424,830**. Community House revenues were **\$70,386**. Water and Sewer revenue is derived from the sale of water and sewer services to the citizens of the city, tap and connection fees. Stormwater revenue is derived from the provision of storm drainage services to the citizens by means of user fees. Sanitation revenue is derived from garbage service for residential customers inside the city. Community House revenue is derived from the rental revenue for use of the event space.

Expenses. Water and Sewer expenses were **\$9,775,860**. Stormwater expenses were **\$129,992**. Sanitation expenses were **\$458,023**. Community House revenues were **\$62,857**.

FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OF CITY FUNDS

As noted earlier, the City of Cornelia employs fund accounting to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance related legal requirements.

Governmental Funds. The focus of the City of Cornelia's governmental funds is to provide information on near term inflows, outflows, and balances of spendable resources. Such information is useful in assessing the city's financing requirements. In particular, unassigned fund balance may serve as a useful measure of a government's net resources available for spending at the end of the fiscal year.

As of the end of the current fiscal year, the city's governmental funds reported combined ending fund balances of **\$4,172,485**. Of this amount **\$2,432,885** constitutes unassigned fund balance, which is available for spending at the government's discretion. The remainder of fund balance **\$1,739,600** is set aside which may only be used within the guidelines of each fund.

The General Fund is the chief operating fund of the city. At the end of the current fiscal year, unassigned fund balance in the General Fund was **\$2,432,885**. As a measure of the General Fund's liquidity, it may be useful to compare both unassigned fund balance and total fund balance to total fund expenditures. Total fund balance was **\$2,432,885**. Total general fund expenditures for the current year were **\$5,294,889**. Unassigned fund balance of **\$2,432,885** represents approximately 46% of total General Fund expenditures.

Proprietary Funds. The city's proprietary funds provide the same type of information found in the government-wide financial statements, but in more detail.

Unrestricted net position of the Water and Sewer Fund amounted to **\$2,501,249** at December 31, 2024; those of the Stormwater Fund amounted to **(\$28,902)**. The total increase in Water and Sewer net position was **\$9,669,733**; the increase in Stormwater net position was **\$320,118**.

GENERAL FUND BUDGETARY HIGHLIGHTS

The City spent **\$929,224** less than the total budgeted general fund expenditures.

Actual revenues were more than budgeted revenues in the general fund by **\$111,201**.

Capital Assets and Debt Administration

Capital Assets. The City of Cornelia's investment in capital assets for its governmental and business-type activities as of December 31, 2024 amounts to **\$87,086,031** (net of accumulated depreciation). This investment in capital assets includes land, infrastructure, buildings and improvements, equipment, furniture and vehicles, and construction in progress.

The City receives monies from the 2021 special purpose sales tax referendums. These funds are maintained, as required by Georgia law, in a separate 2021 SPLOST capital projects funds. The City expends these tax monies and other funding sources for water and sewer improvements, transportation, parks and recreation, software upgrades and public safety.

The City maintains a long-term strategic capital assets plan and, in addition to the special purpose sales tax fund, uses a separate capital projects fund to pay for acquisitions and improvements. Use of such a capital asset plan and the capital projects fund aids the City in developing its infrastructure while lessening the need to borrow funds in the future.

In fiscal year 2024, the City recognized **\$917,351** in depreciation for the governmental activities and **\$2,261,673** in depreciation for the business-type activities.

City of Cornelia, Georgia				
Capital Assets (net of depreciation)				
	<u>Governmental Activities</u>		<u>Business Activities</u>	
	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
Land	\$ 785,620	\$ 434,645	\$ 77,069	\$ 77,069
Construction in Progress	278,251	330,124	845,739	1,905,988
Building	11,440,102	11,722,158	35,297,786	36,254,294
Equipment	416,196	410,389	3,115,064	3,766,654
Vehicles	2,196,531	2,455,295	645,406	253,941
Infrastructure	4,223,146	3,610,433	27,765,121	24,230,425
Total Assets	\$ 19,339,846	\$ 18,963,044	\$ 67,746,185	\$ 66,488,371

Long-Term Debt. At the end of the current fiscal year, the Urban Redevelopment Agency of the City of Cornelia had a Series 2019 Revenue Bond outstanding balance of **\$10,610,000**. The City had notes payable due to GEFA and GMA for **\$23,139,452**. Obligations under capital lease for the city were **\$1,351,762**. Net pension liability in Governmental activities and Business-type activities totaled **\$2,249,688**.

Readers should refer to the notes to the financial statements for more detail on capital assets and long-term debt activity.

City of Cornelia, Georgia				
Outstanding Debt				
	<u>Governmental Activities</u>		<u>Business Activities</u>	
	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
2019 Bonds Payable	\$ 10,610,000	\$ 10,800,000	\$ -	\$ -
2019 Premium on Bonds	171,797	177,524	-	-
Financed Purchases	873,427	1,156,007	478,335	20,680
Notes Payable	-	-	23,139,452	23,809,600
Compensated Absences	235,833	187,902	206,648	189,512
Net Pension Liability	1,147,341	1,050,911	1,102,347	1,093,806
Total Debt	\$ 13,038,398	\$ 13,372,344	\$ 24,926,782	\$ 25,113,598

ECONOMIC FACTORS AND NEXT YEAR'S BUDGET AND RATES

The fiscal year 2025 budget reflects the goals of the City of Cornelia Commission. The City will continue to meet all of its financial and debt obligations. The budget includes continued efforts for infrastructure and facility improvements as well as replacement of aging equipment. A five percent utility rate increase was incorporated in the 2025 budget.

City of Cornelia management, responding to citizen wishes, has elected to keep property taxes low and to utilize proprietary funds to supplement its General Fund. The City's water and sewer fund contributes to the City's General Fund. No property tax millage increases were incorporated in the 2025 budget.

The City is well managed by a dedicated staff and a mayor and commission committed to sound fiscal policy, cooperative intergovernmental planning, and transparency in all its actions. The City plans to continue the same level of services for our citizens and customers in fiscal year 2025.

REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION

This financial report is designed to provide a general overview of the City of Cornelia's finances for all those with an interest in our government's finances. Questions concerning this report or requests for additional information should be addressed to the City's Finance Director via PO Box 785, Cornelia, Georgia, 30501, by phone (706) 778-8585, or by email to finance@cornelia.city.

BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

CITY OF CORNELIA, GEORGIA
STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
DECEMBER 31, 2024

	Primary Government			Component Unit
	Governmental Activities	Business-Type Activities	Total	
ASSETS AND DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES				
Assets				
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 4,743,705	\$ 8,575,548	\$ 13,319,253	\$ 12,525
Receivables				
Accounts	260,026	1,262,345	1,522,371	-
Taxes	2,349,660	-	2,349,660	-
Internal Balances	-	-	-	-
Due from Other Funds	150,392	(150,392)	-	-
Capital Assets:				
Land, Improvements, and Construction in Progress	1,063,871	922,808	1,986,679	-
Other Capital Assets, net of Depreciation	18,275,975	66,823,377	85,099,352	-
Total Assets	<u>26,843,629</u>	<u>77,433,686</u>	<u>104,277,315</u>	<u>12,525</u>
Deferred Outflows of Resources				
Pension Related Items	430,208	413,337	843,545	-
TOTAL ASSETS AND DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES	<u>\$ 27,273,837</u>	<u>\$ 77,847,023</u>	<u>\$ 105,120,860</u>	<u>\$ 12,525</u>
LIABILITIES AND DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES				
Liabilities				
Accounts Payable	\$ 366,259	\$ 381,375	\$ 747,634	\$ -
Accrued Liabilities	109,583	99,032	208,615	-
Accrued Interest Payable	-	26,794	26,794	-
Unearned Property Tax Revenue	2,855,456	-	2,855,456	-
Unearned Grant Revenue	-	-	-	-
Compensated Absences	235,833	206,648	442,481	-
Due to Other Funds	-	-	-	-
Customer Deposits Payable	-	131,482	131,482	-
Financed Purchases:				
Due Within One Year	286,819	85,813	372,632	-
Due Beyond One Year	586,608	392,522	979,130	-
Bonds Payable:				
Due Within One Year	195,000	-	195,000	-
Due Beyond One Year	10,586,797	-	10,586,797	-
Notes Payable:				
Due Within One Year	-	940,257	940,257	-
Due Beyond One Year	-	22,199,195	22,199,195	-
Net Pension Liability, Due Beyond One Year	1,147,341	1,102,347	2,249,688	-
Total Liabilities	<u>16,369,696</u>	<u>25,565,465</u>	<u>41,935,161</u>	<u>-</u>
Deferred Inflows of Resources				
Pension Related Items	100,367	96,431	196,798	-
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES	<u>16,470,063</u>	<u>25,661,896</u>	<u>42,131,959</u>	<u>-</u>
NET POSITION				
Net Invested in Capital Assets	7,684,622	44,128,398	51,813,020	-
Restricted for:				
Capital Projects	1,687,944	5,508,469	7,196,413	12,525
Police Special Projects	8,166	-	8,166	-
Tourism	43,490	-	43,490	-
Unrestricted Net Position	1,379,552	2,548,260	3,927,812	-
Total Net Position	<u>10,803,774</u>	<u>52,185,127</u>	<u>62,988,901</u>	<u>12,525</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES AND NET POSITION	<u>\$ 27,273,837</u>	<u>\$ 77,847,023</u>	<u>\$ 105,120,860</u>	<u>\$ 12,525</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

**CITY OF CORNELIA, GEORGIA
STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024**

Functions/Programs	Expenses	Program Revenues			Net (Expense) Revenue and Changes in Net Position			Component Unit
		Charges for Services	Operating Grants and Contributions	Capital Grants and Contributions	Governmental Activities	Business-Type Activities	Total	
Primary Government								
Governmental Activities								
General Government	\$ 194,070	\$ 96,682	\$ -	\$ 1,903,984	\$ 1,806,596	\$ -	\$ 1,806,596	\$ -
City Manager	421,235	-	-	-	(421,235)	-	(421,235)	-
Human Resources	142,305	-	-	-	(142,305)	-	(142,305)	-
Public Safety:								
Administration	166,759	-	-	-	(166,759)	-	(166,759)	-
Fire	1,605,689	82,079	2,200	-	(1,521,410)	-	(1,521,410)	-
Police and Courts	2,461,246	156,444	-	-	(2,304,802)	-	(2,304,802)	-
Streets	989,727	22,629	-	170,060	(797,038)	-	(797,038)	-
Recreation	106,188	3	6,518	-	(99,667)	-	(99,667)	-
Public Buildings and Library	267,663	-	-	-	(267,663)	-	(267,663)	-
Planning and Zoning	240,388	55,863	-	-	(184,525)	-	(184,525)	-
Tourism	215,172	-	-	-	(215,172)	-	(215,172)	-
Interest on Long-Term Debt	475,578	-	-	-	(475,578)	-	(475,578)	-
Total Governmental Activities	7,286,020	413,700	8,718	2,074,044	(4,789,558)	-	(4,789,558)	-
Business-Type Activities								
Water and Sewer	9,775,860	11,329,711	-	635,717	-	2,189,568	2,189,568	-
Stormwater	129,992	361,779	-	-	-	231,787	231,787	-
Water and Sewer Authority	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sanitation	458,023	424,830	-	-	-	(33,193)	(33,193)	-
Community House	62,857	70,386	-	-	-	7,529	7,529	-
Total Business-Type Activities	10,426,732	12,186,706	-	635,717	-	2,395,691	2,395,691	-
Total Primary Government	\$ 17,712,752	\$ 12,600,406	\$ 8,718	\$ 2,709,761	(4,789,558)	2,395,691	(2,393,867)	-
Total Component Unit	\$ 2,596	\$ -	\$ 7,929	\$ -				5,333
General Revenues								
Taxes:								
Property					2,599,245	-	2,599,245	-
Intangible and Transfer					13,289	-	13,289	-
Franchise					594,287	-	594,287	-
Beer and Wine					269,667	-	269,667	-
Insurance Premium					430,862	-	430,862	-
Business Taxes					126,051	-	126,051	-
Hotel/Motel Taxes					367,964	-	367,964	-
Unrestricted Investment Earnings					74,190	261,636	335,826	6
Other Revenue					34,328	-	34,328	-
Gain on Sale of Assets					8,679	1,983	10,662	-
Insurance Refunds and Recoveries					6,290	11,711	18,001	-
Transfers					752,757	(752,757)	-	-
Total General Revenues and Transfers					5,277,609	(477,427)	4,800,182	6
Change in Net Position					488,051	1,918,264	2,406,315	5,339
Net Position - Beginning (as originally stated)					10,187,365	50,969,915	61,157,280	7,186
Prior Period Adjustment					128,358	(703,052)	(574,694)	-
Net Position - Beginning (Restated)					10,315,723	50,266,863	60,582,586	7,186
Net Position - Ending					\$ 10,803,774	\$ 52,185,127	\$ 62,988,901	\$ 12,525

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**CITY OF CORNELIA, GEORGIA
BALANCE SHEET
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
DECEMBER 31, 2024**

Major Governmental Funds					
	General Fund	Municipal Complex Capital Projects	SPLOST VII Capital Projects Fund	Nonmajor Governmental Fund	Total Governmental Funds
ASSETS					
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 3,114,458	\$ 623,302	\$ 740,183	\$ 265,762	\$ 4,743,705
Taxes Receivables	2,349,660	-	-	-	2,349,660
Other Receivables	13,971	-	214,069	31,986	260,026
Due From Other Funds	185,895	-	-	-	185,895
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 5,663,984	\$ 623,302	\$ 954,252	\$ 297,748	\$ 7,539,286
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES					
LIABILITIES					
Accounts Payable	\$ 266,060	\$ -	\$ 58,421	\$ 41,778	\$ 366,259
Accrued Liabilities	109,583	-	-	-	109,583
Customer Deposits	-	-	-	-	-
Due to Other Funds	-	-	-	35,503	35,503
Unearned Revenue	2,855,456	-	-	-	2,855,456
Unearned Grant Revenue	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL LIABILITIES	3,231,099	-	58,421	77,281	3,366,801
FUND BALANCES					
Non-Spendable:					
Prepaid Items	-	-	-	-	-
Restricted for:					
Capital Projects	-	623,302	895,831	168,811	1,687,944
Grants	-	-	-	-	-
Police Special Projects	-	-	-	8,166	8,166
Tourism	-	-	-	43,490	43,490
Assigned to:					
Downtown Development Authority	-	-	-	-	-
Unassigned Reported in:					
General Fund	2,432,885	-	-	-	2,432,885
TOTAL FUND BALANCES	2,432,885	623,302	895,831	220,467	4,172,485
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES	\$ 5,663,984	\$ 623,302	\$ 954,252	\$ 297,748	
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of net position are different because:					
Capital assets used in governmental activities are not current financial resources, and therefore, are not reported in the funds.					
					19,339,846
Long-term liabilities are not due and payable in the current period, and therefore, are not reported in the funds:					
Compensated Absences					(235,833)
Financed Purchases					(873,428)
Bonds Payable					(10,781,797)
Net Pension Liability					(1,147,341)
The deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to the City's pension plan are not expected to be liquidated with expendable available financial resources and, therefore, are not reported in the funds:					
Deferred Outflows of Resources					430,209
Deferred Inflows of Resources					(100,367)
Net Position of Governmental Activities					\$ 10,803,774

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CITY OF CORNELIA, GEORGIA
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024

	<u>Major Governmental Funds</u>				<u>Total Governmental Funds</u>
	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Municipal Complex Capital Projects</u>	<u>SPLOST VII Capital Projects Fund</u>	<u>Nonmajor Governmental Fund</u>	
REVENUES					
Taxes:					
Property	\$ 2,599,245	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,599,245
Intangible and Transfer	13,289	-	-	-	13,289
Franchise	594,287	-	-	-	594,287
Beer and Wine	269,667	-	-	-	269,667
Insurance Premiums	430,862	-	-	-	430,862
Business Taxes	126,051	-	-	-	126,051
Hotel/Motel	-	-	-	367,964	367,964
Licenses and Permits	152,256	-	-	-	152,256
Intergovernmental	8,718	-	1,153,961	901,180	2,063,859
Charges for Services	109,198	-	-	-	109,198
Fines and Forfeitures	152,246	-	-	-	152,246
Investment Earnings	48,781	16,274	18,903	3,408	87,366
Other Revenue	34,328	-	-	-	34,328
TOTAL REVENUES	<u>4,538,928</u>	<u>16,274</u>	<u>1,172,864</u>	<u>1,272,552</u>	<u>7,000,618</u>
EXPENDITURES					
Current:					
General Government	114,482	-	130,957	-	245,439
City Manager	394,640	-	-	-	394,640
Human Resources	135,763	-	-	-	135,763
Public Safety Admin	148,344	-	-	-	148,344
Police and Courts	2,175,803	-	46,095	-	2,221,898
Fire	1,370,709	-	-	-	1,370,709
Streets and Sanitation	652,441	-	607,840	126,730	1,387,011
Public Buildings and Library	36,000	660	-	-	36,660
Recreation	46,565	-	-	494,378	540,943
Planning	220,142	-	-	-	220,142
Tourism	-	-	-	228,725	228,725
Debt Service:					
Principal	-	190,000	282,580	-	472,580
Interest	-	458,238	17,340	-	475,578
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	<u>5,294,889</u>	<u>648,898</u>	<u>1,084,812</u>	<u>849,833</u>	<u>7,878,432</u>
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	<u>(755,961)</u>	<u>(632,624)</u>	<u>88,052</u>	<u>422,719</u>	<u>(877,814)</u>
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES AND USES					
Proceeds from Sale of Assets	8,679	-	-	-	8,679
Financed Purchases	-	-	-	-	-
Insurance Refunds and Recoveries	6,290	-	-	-	6,290
Transfers In	1,138,644	704,954	-	-	1,843,598
Transfers Out	(645,787)	-	(140,057)	(304,997)	(1,090,841)
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES AND USES	<u>507,826</u>	<u>704,954</u>	<u>(140,057)</u>	<u>(304,997)</u>	<u>767,726</u>
NET CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES	(248,135)	72,330	(52,005)	117,722	(110,088)
FUND BALANCES - BEGINNING	2,681,020	550,972	947,836	102,745	4,282,573
FUND BALANCES - ENDING	<u>\$ 2,432,885</u>	<u>\$ 623,302</u>	<u>\$ 895,831</u>	<u>\$ 220,467</u>	<u>\$ 4,172,485</u>

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CITY OF CORNELIA, GEORGIA
RECONCILIATION OF THE STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES,
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES OF GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
TO THE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024

Net Change in Fund Balances - Total Governmental Funds	\$	(110,088)
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the Statement of Activities are different because:		
Government 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. This is the amount by which capital outlay exceeded depreciation expense in the current period.		
Capital Outlay	\$ 1,307,578	
Depreciation Expense	<u>(917,351)</u>	390,227
Revenues in the Statement of Activities that do not provide current financial resources are not reported as revenues in the governmental funds. This is the amount of amortized bond premium during the current period		
		5,727
Long-term debt proceeds provide current financial resources to governmental funds, but issuing debt increases long-term liabilities in the Statement of Net Position. Repayment of long-term debt is an expenditure in the governmental funds, but the repayment reduces long-term liabilities in the Statement of Net Position. This is the amount by which debt proceeds exceeds principal payments.		
Proceeds from Financed Purchases	-	
Principal Payments on Financed Purchases	282,580	
Principal Payments on Bonds Payable	<u>190,000</u>	472,580
In the Statement of Activities, operating expenses are measured by the amounts incurred during the year. However, compensated absences are included in the governmental funds only to the extent that they require the expenditure of current financial resources.		
Change in Compensated Absences		(47,931)
Governmental funds report pension contributions as expenditures. However, in the Statement of Activities, the cost of pension benefits earned, net of employee contributions is reported as pension expense. These expenses reported in the Statement of Activities do not require the use of current financial resources and therefore, are not reported as expenditures in governmental funds. This is the amount by which cost of benefits earned, net of employee contributions exceeded pension contributions.		
Cost of Benefits Earned, net of Contributions	(417,128)	
Pension Contributions	<u>194,664</u>	<u>(222,464)</u>
Change in Net Position of Governmental Activities		<u><u>\$ 488,051</u></u>

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CITY OF CORNELIA, GEORGIA
GENERAL FUND
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN
FUND BALANCE - BUDGET (GAAP BASIS) AND ACTUAL
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024

	Budget		Actual	Variance with Final Budget
	Original	Final		
REVENUES				
Taxes:				
Property	\$ 2,565,300	\$ 2,565,300	\$ 2,599,245	\$ 33,945
Intangible and Transfer	13,000	13,000	13,289	289
Franchise	590,000	590,000	594,287	4,287
Beer and Wine	260,000	260,000	269,667	9,667
Insurance Premium	415,000	415,000	430,862	15,862
Business Taxes	125,000	125,000	126,051	1,051
Licenses and Permits	164,000	164,000	152,256	(11,744)
Intergovernmental	-	2,200	8,718	6,518
Charges for Services	89,800	93,227	109,198	15,971
Fines and Forfeitures	200,000	200,000	152,246	(47,754)
Investment Earnings	-	-	48,781	48,781
Other Revenues	-	-	34,328	34,328
TOTAL REVENUES	<u>4,422,100</u>	<u>4,427,727</u>	<u>4,538,928</u>	<u>111,201</u>
EXPENDITURES				
Current:				
General Government	762,687	762,687	114,482	648,205
City Manager	409,954	409,954	394,640	15,314
Human Resources	143,133	146,133	135,763	10,370
Public SafetyAdmin	158,430	158,430	148,344	10,086
Police and Courts	2,332,458	2,333,158	2,175,803	157,355
Fire	1,418,324	1,420,251	1,370,709	49,542
Streets	280,300	659,300	652,441	6,859
Public Buildings and Library	36,000	36,000	36,000	-
Recreation	58,500	58,500	46,565	11,935
Planning	275,700	239,700	220,142	19,558
Debt Service:				
Principal	-	-	-	-
Interest	-	-	-	-
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	<u>5,875,486</u>	<u>6,224,113</u>	<u>5,294,889</u>	<u>929,224</u>
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES	<u>(1,453,386)</u>	<u>(1,796,386)</u>	<u>(755,961)</u>	<u>1,040,425</u>
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):				
Proceeds from Sale of Assets	-	-	8,679	8,679
Financed Purchases	-	-	-	-
Insurance Refunds and Recoveries	-	-	6,290	6,290
Prior Year Fund Balance	325,886	668,886	-	(668,886)
Transfers In	1,127,500	1,127,500	1,138,644	11,144
Transfers Out	-	-	(645,787)	(645,787)
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	<u>1,453,386</u>	<u>1,796,386</u>	<u>507,826</u>	<u>(1,288,560)</u>
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCES	-	-	(248,135)	(248,135)
FUND BALANCES - BEGINNING	<u>2,456,412</u>	<u>2,456,412</u>	<u>2,681,020</u>	<u>224,608</u>
FUND BALANCES - ENDING	<u>\$ 2,456,412</u>	<u>\$ 2,456,412</u>	<u>\$ 2,432,885</u>	<u>\$ (23,527)</u>

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CITY OF CORNELIA, GEORGIA
STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
PROPRIETARY FUNDS
DECEMBER 31, 2024

	Water & Sewer Fund	Stormwater Fund	Cornelia Water & Sewer Authority	Nonmajor Enterprise Funds	Total
ASSETS					
CURRENT ASSETS					
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 8,399,925	\$ 82,648	\$ -	\$ 92,975	\$ 8,575,548
Accounts Receivable, net	1,157,354	47,603	-	57,388	1,262,345
Due From Other Funds	141,891	-	-	4,294	146,185
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	<u>9,699,170</u>	<u>130,251</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>154,657</u>	<u>9,984,078</u>
NONCURRENT ASSETS					
Capital Assets:					
Land and Improvement	7,500	69,569	-	-	77,069
Construction In Progress	845,739	-	-	-	845,739
Depreciable Assets, net of Accumulated Depreciation	63,950,766	2,158,244	-	714,367	66,823,377
TOTAL NONCURRENT ASSETS	<u>64,804,005</u>	<u>2,227,813</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>714,367</u>	<u>67,746,185</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>74,503,175</u>	<u>2,358,064</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>869,024</u>	<u>77,730,263</u>
DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES					
Pension Related Items	396,466	-	-	16,871	413,337
TOTAL DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES	<u>396,466</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>16,871</u>	<u>413,337</u>
TOTAL ASSETS AND DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES	<u>\$ 74,899,641</u>	<u>\$ 2,358,064</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 885,895</u>	<u>\$ 78,143,600</u>
LIABILITIES					
CURRENT LIABILITIES					
Accounts Payable	\$ 332,827	\$ 18,591	\$ -	\$ 29,957	381,375
Accrued Liabilities	95,023	-	-	4,009	99,032
Accrued Interest Payable	26,794	-	-	-	26,794
Compensated Absences	204,222	-	-	2,426	206,648
Due to Other Funds	154,447	140,562	-	1,568	296,577
Financed Purchases	85,813	-	-	-	85,813
Notes Payable	940,257	-	-	-	940,257
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES	<u>1,839,383</u>	<u>159,153</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>37,960</u>	<u>2,036,496</u>
NONCURRENT LIABILITIES					
Customer Deposits Payable	122,757	-	-	8,725	131,482
Financed Purchases	392,522	-	-	-	392,522
Notes Payable	22,199,195	-	-	-	22,199,195
Net Pension Liability	1,057,353	-	-	44,994	1,102,347
TOTAL NONCURRENT LIABILITIES	<u>23,771,827</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>53,719</u>	<u>23,825,546</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u>25,611,210</u>	<u>159,153</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>91,679</u>	<u>25,862,042</u>
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES					
Pension Related Items	92,495	-	-	3,936	96,431
TOTAL DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES	<u>92,495</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,936</u>	<u>96,431</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES	<u>25,703,705</u>	<u>159,153</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>95,615</u>	<u>25,958,473</u>
NET POSITION					
Net Invested in Capital Assets	41,186,218	2,227,813	-	714,367	44,128,398
Restricted for Capital Projects	5,508,469	-	-	-	5,508,469
Unrestricted	2,501,249	(28,902)	-	75,913	2,548,260
TOTAL NET POSITION	<u>49,195,936</u>	<u>2,198,911</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>790,280</u>	<u>52,185,127</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES AND NET POSITION	<u>\$ 74,899,641</u>	<u>\$ 2,358,064</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 885,895</u>	<u>\$ 78,143,600</u>

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STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES, AND
CHANGES IN FUND NET POSITION
PROPRIETARY FUNDS
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	Water & Sewer Fund	Stormwater Fund	Cornelia Water & Sewer Authority	Nonmajor Enterprise Funds	Total
OPERATING REVENUES					
Water Fees	\$ 5,025,885	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,025,885
Sewer Fees	5,869,654	-	-	-	5,869,654
Sanitation Fees	-	-	-	424,830	424,830
Stormwater Fees	-	361,779	-	-	361,779
Fines and Surcharges	76,477	-	-	-	76,477
Water and Sewer Taps	228,901	-	-	-	228,901
Grease Trap Fees	107,410	-	-	-	107,410
Rent	-	-	-	70,385	70,385
Miscellaneous Receipts	21,385	-	-	-	21,385
TOTAL OPERATING REVENUES	<u>11,329,712</u>	<u>361,779</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>495,215</u>	<u>12,186,706</u>
OPERATING EXPENSES					
Personnel Services and Benefits	3,400,090	-	-	77,612	3,477,702
Purchased and Contracted Services	2,305,879	5,595	-	319,100	2,630,574
Supplies and Equipment	1,562,730	71,145	-	59,836	1,693,711
Depreciation	2,144,822	53,252	-	63,599	2,261,673
Miscellaneous	35,124	-	-	-	35,124
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	<u>9,448,645</u>	<u>129,992</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>520,147</u>	<u>10,098,784</u>
OPERATING INCOME (LOSS)	<u>1,881,067</u>	<u>231,787</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(24,932)</u>	<u>2,087,922</u>
NON-OPERATING REVENUES (EXPENSES)					
Intergovernmental Revenue	-	-	-	-	-
Gain/(Loss) on Sale of Assets	1,983	-	-	-	1,983
Interest and Investment Revenue	252,416	7,441	-	1,779	261,636
Interest Expense	(327,215)	-	-	(733)	(327,948)
TOTAL NON-OPERATING REVENUES (EXPENSES)	<u>(72,816)</u>	<u>7,441</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,046</u>	<u>(64,329)</u>
INCOME (LOSS) BEFORE TRANSFERS	<u>1,808,251</u>	<u>239,228</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(23,886)</u>	<u>2,023,593</u>
Capital Grants and Contributions	635,717	-	-	-	635,717
Insurance Refunds and Recoveries	11,711	-	-	-	11,711
Transfers In	8,214,054	80,890	-	-	8,294,944
Transfers Out	(1,000,000)	-	(8,047,701)	-	(9,047,701)
CHANGE IN NET POSITION	<u>9,669,733</u>	<u>320,118</u>	<u>(8,047,701)</u>	<u>(23,886)</u>	<u>1,918,264</u>
NET POSITION - BEGINNING (as originally stated)	40,227,597	1,878,793	8,047,701	815,824	50,969,915
Prior Period Adjustment	(701,394)	-	-	(1,658)	(703,052)
NET POSITION, BEGINNING (Restated)	<u>39,526,203</u>	<u>1,878,793</u>	<u>8,047,701</u>	<u>814,166</u>	<u>50,266,863</u>
NET POSITION - ENDING	<u>\$ 49,195,936</u>	<u>\$ 2,198,911</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 790,280</u>	<u>\$ 52,185,127</u>

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STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
PROPRIETARY FUNDS
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	Water and Sewer Fund	Stormwater Fund	Cornelia Water and Sewer Authority	Nonmajor Enterprise Funds	Total
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES					
Receipts from Customers	\$ 11,139,720	\$ 348,631	\$ -	\$ 475,155	\$ 11,963,506
Payments to Suppliers	(3,805,205)	(58,170)	-	(353,359)	(4,216,734)
Payments to or on Behalf of Employees	(3,208,493)	-	-	(79,196)	(3,287,689)
NET CASH PROVIDED (USED) BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES	<u>4,126,022</u>	<u>290,461</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>42,600</u>	<u>4,459,083</u>
CASH FLOWS FROM NON-CAPITAL FINANCING ACTIVITIES					
Loans from Other Funds	154,447	140,562	-	13,934	308,943
Loans to Other Funds	(316,724)	-	-	(4,294)	(321,018)
Transfers From Other Funds	-	-	-	-	-
Transfers to Other Funds	(1,000,000)	-	(84)	-	(1,000,084)
NET CASH PROVIDED (USED) BY NON-CAPITAL FINANCING ACTIVITIES	<u>(1,162,277)</u>	<u>140,562</u>	<u>(84)</u>	<u>9,640</u>	<u>(1,012,159)</u>
CASH FLOWS FROM CAPITAL AND RELATED FINANCING ACTIVITIES					
Grant Received for Capital Purchases	635,717	-	-	-	635,717
Transfers From Other Funds	166,437	80,890	-	-	247,327
Proceeds from Financed Purchases	478,355	-	-	-	478,355
Principal Payments on Financed Purchases	-	-	-	(20,680)	(20,680)
Proceeds from Notes Payable	257,662	-	-	-	257,662
Principal Payments on Note Payables	(927,810)	-	-	-	(927,810)
Proceeds from Insurance Refunds and Recoveries	11,711	-	-	-	11,711
Proceeds from Sale of Assets	1,983	-	-	-	1,983
Purchases of Capital Assets	(3,463,001)	(745,436)	-	-	(4,208,437)
Interest Paid	(327,215)	-	-	(733)	(327,948)
NET CASH PROVIDED (USED) BY CAPITAL AND RELATED FINANCING ACTIVITIES	<u>(3,166,161)</u>	<u>(664,546)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(21,413)</u>	<u>(3,852,120)</u>
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES					
Purchase of Investments	-	-	-	-	-
Proceeds from Sale/Redemption of Investments	1,449,470	-	-	-	1,449,470
Interest Earned	252,416	7,441	-	1,779	261,636
NET CASH USED FOR INVESTING ACTIVITIES	<u>1,701,886</u>	<u>7,441</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,779</u>	<u>1,711,106</u>
NET INCREASE (DECREASE) IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	<u>1,499,470</u>	<u>(226,082)</u>	<u>(84)</u>	<u>32,606</u>	<u>1,305,910</u>
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS - BEGINNING	<u>6,900,455</u>	<u>308,730</u>	<u>84</u>	<u>60,369</u>	<u>7,269,638</u>
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS - ENDING	<u>\$ 8,399,925</u>	<u>\$ 82,648</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 92,975</u>	<u>\$ 8,575,548</u>
Reconciliation of Operating Income (Loss) to Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities:					
Operating Income (Loss)	\$ 1,881,067	\$ 231,787	\$ -	\$ (24,932)	\$ 2,087,922
Adjustments to reconcile operating income (loss) to net cash provided by operating activities:					
Depreciation Expense	2,144,822	53,252	-	63,599	2,261,673
(Increase) decrease in assets and deferred outflows of resources:					
Receivables, net	(213,126)	(13,148)	-	(14,185)	(240,459)
Deferred Outflows for Pension Items	53,426	-	-	11,247	64,673
Increase (decrease) in liabilities and deferred inflows of resources:					
Accounts Payables	99,942	18,570	-	25,577	144,089
Accrued Liabilities	3,621	-	-	2,608	6,229
Accrued Interest Payable	(884)	-	-	-	(884)
Compensated Absences	16,956	-	-	180	17,136
Customer Deposit Payables	23,134	-	-	(5,875)	17,259
Net Pension Liability	27,889	-	-	(19,348)	8,541
Deferred Inflows for Pension Items	89,175	-	-	3,729	92,904
Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities	<u>\$ 4,126,022</u>	<u>\$ 290,461</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 42,600</u>	<u>\$ 4,459,083</u>
Note: Below is a reconciliation of the Non Cash Activity:					
NON-CASH CAPITAL AND RELATED FINANCING ACTIVITIES					
Transfer of Capital Assets from Water and Sewer Authority:					
Capital Assets	\$ 11,103,212	\$ -	\$ (11,103,212)	\$ -	\$ -
Less Accumulated Depreciation	(3,055,595)	-	3,055,595	-	-
TOTAL NON-CASH CAPITAL AND RELATED FINANCING ACTIVITIES	<u>\$ 8,047,617</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ (8,047,617)</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>

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NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial statements of the City of Cornelia, Georgia (the "City") have been prepared in conformity with the accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America 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 more significant accounting policies of the City are described below.

A. REPORTING ENTITY

The City was incorporated in 1887 and operates under a City Commission/Manager form of government. Policy making and legislative authority are vested in the Mayor and four commission members. The City Manager is responsible for the daily operations of all City departments. The City provides such services as police protection, fire services, economic development services, parks and recreation amenities, planning and building inspection, municipal court services, streets and sanitation services, water, sewer and stormwater services, and general and administrative services.

As required by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, the financial statements of the reporting entity include those of the City (the primary government) and its component units. Component units are legally separate organizations for which the City is financially accountable. The City is financially accountable for an organization if the City appoints a voting majority of the organization's governing board and (1) the City is able to significantly influence the programs or services performed or provided by the organization; or (2) the City is legally entitled to or can otherwise access the organization's resources; the City is legally obligated or has otherwise assumed the responsibility to finance the deficits of, or provide financial support to the organization; or the City is obligated for the debt of the organization. Component units also may include organizations that are fiscally dependent on the City in that the City approves the budget, levies taxes or issues their debt.

The City's component units are presented either as "blended" or discretely presented". If blended, it is reported as if it were a fund of the City throughout the year. It is included at both the government-wide and fund financial reporting levels.

Discretely presented component units are reported only at the government-wide financial reporting level. The component unit columns included on the government-wide financial statements identifies the financial data of the City's discretely presented component units. They are reported separately to emphasize that they are legally separate from the City.

Blended Component Units

The **City of Cornelia Water and Sewer Authority (the "Authority")** was created by the City on October 23, 2012 under the provisions of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated Section 12-8-50. The Authority consists of five directors who are appointed by the City's commissioners. The Authority is blended with the Water and Sewer Fund since all services benefit the City. Separate financial statements are not issued for the Authority. Financial information related to the Authority may be obtained from the City's finance department.

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The **Urban Redevelopment Agency of the City of Cornelia (the “URA”)** is a blended presented component unit of the City. The three members of the board of directors of the URA are appointed by the City Commission. The City has the ability to impose its will on the URA as the City Commission can remove appointed members of the URA board at will and has the ability to hire and dismiss the personnel responsible for the daily operations of the URA. Although it is legally separate from the City, the URA is reported as if it were a part of the primary government because its purpose is to provide a means to issue revenue bonds for buildings owned by the City and all debt is expected to be repaid by the City. The City possesses the authority to review, approve and revise the budget and governs collection and disbursement of funds. Separate financial statements for the URA are not prepared. Financial information related to the URA may be obtained from the City’s finance department.

Discretely Presented Component Unit

The **Cornelia Downtown Development Authority (“DDA”)** has been included as a discretely presented component unit in the accompanying financial statements. The DDA was created in 1982 and reactivated in the summer of 2011, with the primary purpose of promoting development through revitalization of the downtown area of the City. The DDA derives its income from donations from local businesses and individuals within the community. The City Commission appoints all members of the board of directors, which consists of ten members and three ex-officio members. Financial information related to the DDA may be obtained from the City upon request. Separate financial statements for the DDA are not prepared.

Related Organization

The Cornelia Housing Authority administers Federal funding and/or other financing for improvement of housing conditions in the City. The five citizens who serve as the governing board are appointed by the City Commission; however, the City has no significant influence over the management, budget or policies of the Authority. As a result, the Authority is not a component unit of the City but is considered a related organization and reports independently.

B. GOVERNMENT-WIDE AND FUND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Government-Wide Financial Statements

The government-wide financial statements (i.e., the statement of net position and the statement of activities) report information on all of the non-fiduciary activities of the City. For the most part, the effect of interfund activity has been removed from these statements. Government-wide financial statements do not provide information by fund, but distinguish between the City’s governmental activities and business-type activities. Governmental activities, which normally are supported by taxes and intergovernmental revenues, are reported separately from business-type activities, which rely to a significant extent on fees and charges for support. Likewise, the primary government is reported separately from its legally separate discretely presented component unit for which the primary government is financially accountable.

The statement of activities demonstrates the degree to which the direct expenses of a given function or segment is offset by program revenues. Direct expenses are those that are clearly identifiable with a specific function or segment. Program revenues include 1) charges to customers or applicants who purchase, use, or directly benefit from goods, services, or privileges provided by a given function or segment, and 2) grants and

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contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular function or segment. Taxes and other items not properly included among program revenues are reported instead as general revenues. The comparison of direct expenses and program revenues identifies the extent to which each program is self-financing or draws from the general revenues of the City. The City does not allocate indirect expenses to functions in the statement of activities.

Fund Financial Statements

Separate government-wide and fund financial statements are presented, and they are interrelated. The governmental activities column incorporates data from governmental funds, while business-type activities incorporate data from the government's enterprise fund. Separate financial statements are provided for governmental funds and proprietary funds.

The fund financial statements provide information about the City's funds. Separate statements for each fund category – governmental and proprietary – are presented. The focus of fund financial statement is on major governmental and enterprise funds rather than on fund types. Major individual governmental funds and major individual enterprise funds are reported as separate columns in the fund financial statements. All remaining governmental and enterprise funds are aggregated and reported as nonmajor funds.

The City reports the following major governmental funds:

The **General Fund** is the City's primary operating fund. It is used to account for resources traditionally associated with the City, which are not required legally or by sound financial management to be accounted for in a different fund.

The **Municipal Complex Capital Projects Fund** accounts for financial resources used to acquire, construct and maintain the City's municipal complex under the City's Urban Redevelopment Agency.

The **SPLOST VII Capital Projects Fund** accounts for the acquisition and construction of capital expenditures which are financed by the special purpose local option sales tax program VII of the City, in an agreement with Habersham County.

The City reports the following major enterprise funds:

The **Water and Sewer Fund** accounts for revenues derived from water and sewer fees charged to customers and used for the operation, development and maintenance of the City's water and sewer services.

The **Stormwater Fund** accounts for revenue derived from stormwater impact fees charged to customers and used to provide stormwater management services in order to reduce pollution and increase water quality within the City.

The **Cornelia Water and Sewer Authority** accounts for revenues derived from rental income charged to the City and used for principal and interest payments on debt associated with the construction of the wastewater plant. During 2024, the Cornelia Water and Sewer Authority

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transferred the wastewater treatment plant over to the Water and Sewer Fund as the debt associated with the plant was paid in full in 2023.

Additionally, the City reports the following fund types:

Special Revenue Funds account for the proceeds of specific revenue sources that are either legally restricted or committed to expenditures for specified purposes.

C. 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 financial statements. Revenues are recorded when earned and expenses are recorded when a liability is incurred, regardless of the timing of related cash flows. Property taxes are recognized as revenues in the year for which they are levied. Other taxes are recognized predominately when the underlying transaction occurs. Grants and similar items are recognized as revenue as soon as all eligibility requirements imposed by the provider have been met.

Government-wide net position should be reported as restricted when constraints place on net position uses are either externally imposed by creditors (such as through debt covenants), grantors, contributors or laws or regulations of other governments or imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation. Net position restricted for capital projects reflect the restrictions of their use.

Certain eliminations have been made as prescribed by GASB Statement No. 34 in regards to inter-fund activities, payables and receivables. All internal balances in the Statement of Net Position have been eliminated except those representing balances between the governmental activities and the business-type activities, which are presented as internal balances and eliminated in the total primary government column. In the Statement of Activities, internal fund balances have been eliminated; however, those transactions between governmental and business-type activities have not been eliminated. The following interfund activities have been eliminated:

- Due to/from other funds
- Advances from/to other funds
- Transfers in/out

Governmental fund financial statements are reported using the *current financial resources measurement* focus and the *modified accrual basis* of accounting. Revenues are recognized as soon as they are both measurable and available. Expenditures generally are recorded when a liability is incurred, as under accrual accounting. Therefore, governmental fund financial statements include reconciliations with brief explanations to better identify the relationship between the government-wide statements and the statements for governmental funds.

Revenues are considered to be available when they are collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to pay liabilities of the current period. For this purpose, the City considers revenues to be available if they are collected within 60 days of the end of the current fiscal period. Property taxes, franchise taxes, business taxes, licenses and investment income associated with the current year are all considered to be susceptible to accrual and so have been recognized as revenues in the current year. Expenditure-driven

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grants are recognized as revenue when the qualifying expenditures have been incurred and all other eligibility requirements have been met, and the amount is received during the period or within the availability period for this revenue source (within 60 days of year-end). All other revenue items are considered to be measurable and available only when cash is received by the City.

The measurement focus of governmental fund accounting is on decreases in net financial resources (expenditures) rather than expenses. Expenditures generally are recorded when a liability is incurred, as under accrual accounting. However, debt service expenditures, including lease liabilities as well as expenditures related to compensated absences, claims and judgments, are recorded only when payment is due. Capital asset acquisitions, including entering into contracts giving the City the right to use lease assets, are reported as expenditures in governmental funds. Allocation of costs, such as depreciation and amortization, are not recognized. Issuance of long-term debt and acquisitions under leases are reported as other financing sources.

Proprietary funds distinguish operating revenues and expenses from non-operating items. Operating revenues 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 revenues of the government's enterprise fund are charges to customers for goods and services. Operating expenses of the enterprise funds include the costs of these goods and services, administrative expenses, and depreciation on capital assets. All revenues and expenses not meeting this definition are reported as non-operating revenues and expenses.

D. BUDGETS

Annual appropriated budgets are adopted for all funds. The budgets for the proprietary funds are for management control purposes and are not required to be reported. Budgets are adopted on a modified accrual basis, which is consistent with generally accepted accounting principles for governmental funds, except the capital projects funds, which adopt project-length budgets. During the year ended December 31, 2024, the original budget was amended through supplemental appropriations. These changes are reflected in the budgetary comparison schedules. All unencumbered budget appropriations lapse at the end of each year.

E. CASH AND INVESTMENTS

The government's cash and cash equivalents are considered to be cash on hand, demand deposits, and certificates of deposit with original maturities of 3 months or less from the date of acquisition.

Georgia statutes authorize the City to invest in the following: (1) obligations of Georgia or any other state; (2) obligations of the United States; (3) obligations fully insured or guaranteed by the United States government or one of its agencies; (4) obligations of any corporation of the United States government; (5) prime bankers' acceptances; (6) the State of Georgia local government investment pool; (7) repurchase agreements; and (8) obligations of any other political subdivisions of the State of Georgia. Any investment or deposit in excess of the federal depository insured amounts must be collateralized by an equivalent amount of state or U.S. obligations. For purposes of the statement of cash flows, all highly liquid investments with an original maturity of 3 months or less are considered to be cash equivalents. Investments are reported at fair value based on quoted market prices. Investments, if any, are stated at fair value with unrealized holding gains and losses reported as a component of interest income.

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F. RECEIVABLES

All receivables are reported at their gross value and, where appropriate, are reduced by the estimated portion that is expected to be uncollectible. Estimated unbilled revenues from the enterprise funds are recognized at the end of each fiscal year based on the amount of service provided prior to year-end.

G. INTERFUND RECEIVABLES AND PAYABLES

Activity between funds that is representative of lending/borrowing arrangements outstanding at the end of the year are referred to as either "due to/from other funds" (i.e., the current portion of interfund loans) or "advances to/from other funds" (i.e., the non-current portion of interfund loans). All other outstanding balances between funds are reported as "due to/from other funds". Any residual balances outstanding between the governmental activities and business-type activities are reported in the government-wide financial statements as "internal balances".

H. INVENTORY

The City's policy is to expense parts as they are purchased; therefore, no inventory is recorded.

I. PREPAID ITEMS

Certain payments to vendors for services that will benefit future accounting periods are recorded as prepaid items in both government-wide and governmental fund financial statements. These items are accounting for using the consumption method. Prepaid items reported by governmental funds are also equally offset by fund balance classified as non-spendable, which indicates they do not constitute "available, spendable financial resources" even though they are component of net current assets.

J. CAPITAL ASSETS

Capital outlays are recorded as expenditures of the General Fund and as assets in the government-wide financial statements to the extent that the City's capitalization threshold is met. Capital assets, which include property, plant, equipment, and infrastructure assets (e.g., roads, bridges, sidewalks, and similar items), are reported in the applicable governmental or business-type activities columns in the government-wide financial statements.

GASB Statement No. 34 required the City to report and depreciate new infrastructure assets effective with the year ended December 31, 2003. Infrastructure assets include roads, bridges, underground pipe (other than related to utilities), traffic signals, etc. These infrastructure assets are among the largest asset classes of the City. The City reported general infrastructure assets placed into service after January 1, 1986.

Capital assets are defined by the government as assets with an initial, individual cost of more than \$5,000. Depreciation is recorded on general capital assets on a government-wide basis. Capital outlays of the Proprietary Fund are recorded as capital assets and depreciation is recorded on both the fund basis and the government-wide basis. Such assets are recorded at historical cost or estimated historical cost if purchased or constructed. In the case of donations, the government values these capital assets at the estimated fair value of the item at the date of its donation.

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The cost of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of the assets or materially extend assets' lives are not capitalized but charged to operations when incurred. Upon sale or retirement of capital assets, the cost and related accumulated depreciation, if applicable, are eliminated from the respective accounts and any resulting gain or loss is included in the results of operation.

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

<u>Assets</u>	<u>Years</u>
Buildings and Improvements	10 - 50
Machinery and Equipment	5 - 20
Vehicles	5 - 20
Infrastructure	7 - 50

K. COMPENSATED ABSENCES

The City's policy allows full-time employees, immediately upon employment, to accumulate earned but unused vacation benefits up to a maximum of 120 hours. Full-time employees are reimbursed accumulated vacation benefits upon separation of service. Employees with five years of services are allowed to accumulate up to 240 hours of unused sick leave which is payable upon separation of service within the guidelines specified in the employee policy manual. For employees with less than five years of service, sick leave is accumulated and in accordance with GASB Statement No. 101, *Compensated Absences*, and an estimate for the time to be used during employment has been accrued. Accordingly, the liability for compensated absences in the government-wide statements consists of unpaid, accumulated vacation leave and sick leave.

L. LONG-TERM OBLIGATIONS

In the government-wide financial statements, long-term debt and other long-term obligations are reported as liabilities of the primary government under governmental or proprietary activities in the Statement of Net Position.

In the governmental fund financial statements, the face amount of debt issued is reported as other financing sources. Proprietary fund type loans payable are reported as liabilities at their outstanding value. Loan issuance costs, whether or not withheld from the actual debt proceeds received, are reported as debt service expenditures.

M. DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES/DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES

In addition to assets, the statement of net position will sometimes report a separate section for deferred outflows of resources. This separate financial statement element, deferred outflows of resources, represents a consumption of net position that applies to a future period(s) and so will not be recognized as an outflow of resources (expense/expenditure) until then. The City has one item that qualifies for reporting in this

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category. The deferred outflow of resources relates to pensions. These amounts are described more fully below.

In addition to liabilities, the statement of net position will sometimes report a separate section for deferred inflows of resources. This separate financial statement element, deferred inflows of resources, represents an acquisition of net position that applies to a future period(s) and so will not be recognized as an inflow of resources (revenue) until that time. The City has one type of deferred inflows of resources which arise under the accrual basis of accounting that relates to pensions and is described below.

The City has deferred outflows and inflows of resources related to the recording of changes in its net pension liability. Certain changes in the net position liability are recognized as pension expense over time instead of being recognized in the year of occurrence. Experience gains or losses result from periodic studies by the City's actuary which adjust the net pension liability for actual experience for certain trend information that was previously assumed, for example the assumed dates of retirement of plan members. These experience gains or losses are recorded as deferred outflows of resources or deferred inflows of resources and are amortized into pension expense over the expected remaining lives of plan members. Changes in actuarial assumption which adjust the net pension liability are also recorded as deferred outflows of resources or deferred inflows of resources and are amortized into pension expense over the expected remaining service lives of plan members. The difference between projected investment return on pension investments and actual returns on those investments is also deferred and amortized against pension expense over a five year period. Additionally, any contributions made by the City to the pension plan before year end but subsequent to the measurement date of the City's net pension liability are reported as deferred outflows of resources.

N. FUND BALANCE AND NET POSITION

Generally, fund balance represents the difference between assets and liabilities and deferred inflows of resources under the current financial resources measurement focus of accounting. In the fund financial statements, governmental funds report fund balance classifications that comprise a hierarchy based primarily on the extent to which the City is bound to honor constraints on the specific purpose for which amounts in those funds can be spent. Fund balance for all other reporting is classified as net position.

Fund Balance

In accordance with GASB Statement 54, *Fund Balance Reporting and Governmental Fund Type Definitions*, the City classifies governmental fund balances as follows:

Non-spendable – includes amounts that cannot be spent because they are either not spendable in form or are legally or contractually required to be maintained intact. The City has not reported any amounts that are legally or contractually required to be maintained intact.

Restricted – includes amounts restricted by external sources such as creditors, laws of other governments, or by constitutional provision or enabling legislation.

Committed – includes amounts that can only be used for specific purposes. Committed fund balance is reported pursuant to resolutions passed by the City Commission, the City's highest level of decision making authority. Commitments may be modified or rescinded only through adoption of a subsequent resolution by the City Commission.

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Assigned – includes amounts that the City intends to use for a specific purpose, but do not meet the criteria to be classified as restricted or committed. In governmental funds other than the general fund, assigned fund balance represents the remaining amount that is not restricted or committed. By passage of a resolution, the City Commissioners has delegated the Finance Director the authority to assign amounts to be used for specific purposes.

Unassigned – includes amounts that are reported as the residual classification for the City’s general fund and includes all spendable amounts not contained in the other classifications. In addition, any remaining deficits in the City’s governmental funds which remain after all other fund balances have been exhausted are classified as unassigned. The City reports positive unassigned fund balance only in the general fund. Negative unassigned fund balances may be reported in all other governmental funds.

For the purposes of fund balance classification, the City considers restricted amounts spent first when an expenditure is incurred for which both restricted and unrestricted fund balance is available. Additionally, when an expenditure is incurred for purposes for which amounts in any of the unrestricted classifications of fund balance can be used, then committed amounts are spent first, followed by assigned amounts, and then unassigned amounts.

Net Position

Net position represents the difference between assets and deferred outflows of resources and liabilities and deferred inflows of resources in reporting which utilizes the economic resources measurement focus. Net position reported as net investment in capital assets consists of capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation, reduced by outstanding balances of any borrowing used for the acquisition, construction, or improvement of those assets. Net position is reported as restricted when there are limitations imposed on the use of assets either through enabling legislation adopted by the City Commission or through external restrictions imposed by creditors, grantors, or laws or regulations of other governments. All other amounts reported under net position are reported as unrestricted. 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.

O. PENSIONS

For purposes of measuring the net pension liability, deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions, and pension expense, information about the fiduciary net position of the City of Cornelia’s Retirement Plan (the “Plan”) and additions to/deductions from the Plan’s fiduciary net position have been determined on the same basis as they are reported by the Plan. For this purpose, benefit payments (including refunds of employee contributions) are recognized when due and payable in accordance with the benefit terms. Investments are reported at fair value.

P. MANAGEMENT ESTIMATES

The preparation of the financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that the reported amounts of assets, deferred outflows and inflows of resources, and liabilities, the disclosure of contingent

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assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements, and the reported amounts of revenues and expenditures/expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Q. INTERFUND TRANSACTIONS

Interfund services provided and use in the fund financial statements are accounted as revenue, expenditures, or expenses. Transactions that constitute reimbursements to a fund for expenditures/expenses initially made from it that are properly applicable to another fund, are recorded as expenditures/expenses in the reimbursing fund and as a reduction of expenditures/expenses in the fund that is reimbursed.

NOTE 2 – STEWARDSHIP, COMPLIANCE, AND ACCOUNTABILITY

A. Budgetary Information

The City’s annual budgets are prepared on anticipated revenues and appropriated expenditures. Revenue anticipation, generally conservative, is designed to help ensure fiscal responsibility and maintain a balanced budget. The operating budget includes proposed expenditures and the means of financing them are based on prior year results and estimated current needs.

The legal level of control (the level at which expenditures may not legally exceed appropriations) for each legally adopted annual operating budget is at the department level.

The applicable statutes of the State of Georgia require the City to operate under an annual balanced budget adopted by resolution for all governmental funds. A budget is defined as being balanced when the sum of estimated net revenues and appropriated fund balance is equal to appropriations. Appropriated budgets are adopted on a modified accrual basis which is consistent with generally accepted accounting principles for governmental funds. Annual budgets are adopted for the General Fund and each special revenue fund. Capital project funds have project length budgets. The enterprise fund adopts a budget at the fund level for management purposes. Budget amounts are as originally adopted, or as amended by the City Commission.

Supplementary appropriations made during the year by the City Commission were primarily the result of the purchases of various vehicles and equipment for public safety and various repairs to the City’s streets and sidewalks. All appropriations lapse at year end.

NOTE 3 – CASH AND INVESTMENTS

Total deposits as of December 31, 2024 are summarized as follows:

Statement of Net Position	
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 13,319,253
Total	\$ 13,319,253
Cash deposited with Financial Institutions	\$ 3,477,524
Local Government Investment Pool - Georgia Fund 1	9,841,729
Total Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 13,319,253

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Interest Rate Risk – Interest rate risk is the risk that changes in interest rates will adversely affect the fair value of investments. The City has not formally adopted an investment policy to address interest rate risk.

Credit Risk – Georgia law and the City’s investment policy allow investments in obligation of the State of Georgia and other states; obligations issued by the U.S. Government; obligations fully insured or guaranteed by the U.S. Government or by a government agency of the United States; obligations of any corporation of the U.S. Government; prime bankers acceptances; the local government investment pool established by state law; repurchase agreements; and obligations of other political subdivisions of the State of Georgia. The City has no investment policy that would further limit the investment choices. Investments are reported at fair value.

Custodial Credit Risk – Deposits – Custodial credit risk for deposits is the risk that, in the event of the failure of a depository financial institution, a government will not be able to recover deposits or will not be able to recover securities that are in the possession of an outside party. State statutes require all deposits and investments (other than federal and state government instruments) to be collateralized by depository insurance, obligations of the U.S. government, or bonds of public authorities, counties, or municipalities. The State of Georgia requires financial institutions to pledge securities at 110% of a local government’s deposits. At December 31, 2024, all of the deposits of the City were fully collateralized in accordance with state statutes.

The local government investment pool, “Georgia Fund 1”, created by OCGA 36-83-8, is a stable asset value investment pool, which follows Fitch’s criteria for AAAf-rated money market funds and is regulated by the Georgia Office of the State Treasurer. The pool is not registered with the SEC as an investment company. The pool’s primary objectives are safety of capital, investment income, liquidity, and diversification with maintaining principal (\$1 per share). The asset value is calculated weekly to ensure stability. The pool distributes earnings (net of management fees) on a monthly basis and determines participants’ shares sold and redeemed based on \$1 per share. The pool also adjusts the value of its investments to fair value as of year end and the City’s investment in the Georgia Fund 1 is reported at fair value. The City considers amounts held in Georgia Fund 1 as cash equivalents for financial statement presentation. As of December 31, 2024, the weighted average maturity of the pool was 27 days.

Concentration of Credit Risk – The City has no formal policy on the amount the City may invest in any one issuer.

Foreign Currency Risk – The City has no investments denominated in a foreign currency.

Fair Value Measurements

The City categorizes its fair value measurements within the fair value hierarchy established by generally accepted accounting principles. The hierarchy is based on the valuation inputs used to measure the fair value of the asset. Level 1 inputs are quoted prices in active markets for identical assets; Level 2 inputs are significant other observable inputs; and Level 3 inputs are significant unobservable inputs.

NOTE 4 – RECEIVABLES

The City receives property tax assessments from Habersham County, Georgia. Property taxes are levied on property values assessed as of January 1. Tax bills are levied on all real and personal property on November

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1st and billed and mailed to taxpayers on December 15th with a due date of February 16th. After that date, both penalty and interest are accrued until the taxes are collected with lien date being 90 days after the due date. Property taxes receivable at year end is based on the tax levy, less amounts collected prior to December 31, 2024. The property taxes levied in November were intended for use in the 2025 budget year. Therefore, the entire 2024 digest levy is included in unearned revenue on the governmental funds' balance sheet and the governmental activities' statement of net position. Receivables are re-evaluated annually for collectability.

Due to the high collection rate in the enterprise fund, no allowance has been made for bad debts.

Receivables as of year-end for the City's individual major funds and non-major funds in the aggregate, including the applicable allowances for uncollectible accounts, are as follows:

	General Fund	SPLOST VII Capital Projects Fund	Nonmajor Governmental Funds	Water and Sewer Fund	StormWater Fund	Nonmajor Enterprise Funds
Receivables:						
Accounts	\$ 13,971	\$ -	\$ 31,986	\$ 1,133,513	\$ 47,603	\$ 57,388
Interest/Penalties	-	-	-	23,841	-	-
Intergovernmental	-	214,069	-	-	-	-
Taxes	2,349,660	-	-	-	-	-
Total Receivables	<u>\$ 2,363,631</u>	<u>\$ 214,069</u>	<u>\$ 31,986</u>	<u>\$ 1,157,354</u>	<u>\$ 47,603</u>	<u>\$ 57,388</u>

NOTE 5 - INTERFUND BALANCES AND TRANSFERS

Interfund balances as of December 31, 2024 consists of the following:

Due To/From Other Funds

<u>Receivable Fund</u>	<u>Payable Fund</u>	<u>Amount</u>
General Fund	Water & Sewer Fund	\$ 150,153
General Fund	Nonmajor Enterprise Funds	\$ 1,568
General Fund	Nonmajor Governmental Funds	\$ 34,174
Water & Sewer Fund	Nonmajor Governmental Funds	\$ 1,329
Water & Sewer Fund	Stormwater Fund	\$ 140,562
Nonmajor Enterprise Funds	Water & Sewer Fund	\$ 4,294

The outstanding balances between funds primarily result from the time lag between the dates that (1) reimbursable expenditures occur, (2) transactions are recorded in the accounting system, and (3) the repayments between funds are made. All interfund balances are expected to be repaid within one year from the date of the financial statements.

Transfers To/From Other Funds

Interfund transfers are used to 1) move revenues from the fund that statute or budget requires them to the fund that statute or budget requires to expend them, and 2) use restricted revenues collected to finance various programs accounted for in other funds in accordance with budgetary authorizations. Transfers are eliminated in the government wide financial statements if the interfund transfer is within the governmental fund group or business-type group.

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Transfers between funds during the year ended December 31, 2024 were as follows:

<u>Transfers In</u>	<u>Transfers Out</u>	<u>Amount</u>
General Fund	Water & Sewer Fund	\$ 1,000,000
General Fund	Nonmajor Governmental Funds	138,644
		<u>1,138,644</u>
Municipal Complex Capital Projects Fund	General Fund	645,787
Municipal Complex Capital Projects Fund	SPLOST VII	59,167
		<u>704,954</u>
Stormwater Fund	SPLOST VII	80,890
		<u>80,890</u>
Water & Sewer Fund	Water & Sewer Authority	8,047,701
Water & Sewer Fund	Nonmajor Governmental Funds	166,353
		<u>8,214,054</u>

Transfers were used to (1) provide unrestricted revenues collected in the Water & Sewer Fund and Nonmajor Governmental Funds to finance various programs and capital projects accounted for in the General Fund in accordance with budgetary authorizations, (2) provide proceeds for the repayment of the bond principal and interest in the Urban Redevelopment Fund, (3) provide revenues for capital projects in the Water and Sewer Fund and Stormwater Fund, and (4) account for transfers of assets from the Water & Sewer Authority to the Water & Sewer Fund.

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NOTE 6 – CAPITAL ASSETS

Capital asset activity for the year ended December 31, 2024 was as follows:

	Beginning Balance, as originally stated	Prior Period Adjustment	Beginning Balance, as Restated	Increases	Decreases	Ending Balance
Governmental Activities:						
Capital assets, not being depreciated:						
Land and Improvements	\$ 434,645	\$ -	\$ 434,645	\$ 350,975	\$ -	\$ 785,620
Construction in Progress	330,124	-	330,124	258,764	(310,637)	278,251
Total assets, not being depreciated	<u>764,769</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>764,769</u>	<u>609,739</u>	<u>(310,637)</u>	<u>1,063,871</u>
Capital assets, being depreciated:						
Buildings	13,654,624	-	13,654,624	-	-	13,654,624
Machinery & Equipment	1,203,649	-	1,203,649	129,039	(19,743)	1,312,945
Vehicles	3,878,304	-	3,878,304	5,525	-	3,883,829
Infrastructure	5,379,055	-	5,379,055	873,912	-	6,252,967
Total assets, being depreciated	<u>24,115,632</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>24,115,632</u>	<u>1,008,476</u>	<u>(19,743)</u>	<u>25,104,365</u>
Less accumulated depreciation for:						
Buildings	(1,932,466)	-	(1,932,466)	(282,056)	-	(2,214,522)
Machinery & Equipment	(793,260)	-	(793,260)	(123,232)	19,743	(896,749)
Vehicles	(1,423,009)	-	(1,423,009)	(264,289)	-	(1,687,298)
Infrastructure	(1,768,622)	(13,425)	(1,782,047)	(247,774)	-	(2,029,821)
Total accumulated depreciation	<u>(5,917,357)</u>	<u>(13,425)</u>	<u>(5,930,782)</u>	<u>(917,351)</u>	<u>19,743</u>	<u>(6,828,390)</u>
Total assets, being depreciated, net	<u>18,198,275</u>	<u>(13,425)</u>	<u>18,184,850</u>	<u>91,125</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>18,275,975</u>
Governmental Activities Capital Assets, net	<u>\$ 18,963,044</u>	<u>\$ (13,425)</u>	<u>\$ 18,949,619</u>	<u>\$ 700,864</u>	<u>\$ (310,637)</u>	<u>\$ 19,339,846</u>
Business-Type Activities:						
Capital assets, not being depreciated:						
Land and Improvements	\$ 77,069	\$ -	\$ 77,069	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 77,069
Construction in Progress	1,905,988	-	1,905,988	601,098	(1,661,347)	845,739
Total assets, not being depreciated	<u>1,983,057</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,983,057</u>	<u>601,098</u>	<u>(1,661,347)</u>	<u>922,808</u>
Capital assets, being depreciated:						
Buildings	46,330,594	-	46,330,594	-	-	46,330,594
Machinery & Equipment	5,238,545	-	5,238,545	350,074	-	5,588,619
Vehicles	751,186	-	751,186	478,335	-	1,229,521
Infrastructure	33,907,747	-	33,907,747	4,440,277	-	38,348,024
Total assets, being depreciated	<u>86,228,072</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>86,228,072</u>	<u>5,268,686</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>91,496,758</u>
Less accumulated depreciation for:						
Buildings	(10,076,300)	-	(10,076,300)	(956,508)	-	(11,032,808)
Machinery & Equipment	(1,471,891)	(688,950)	(2,160,841)	(312,714)	-	(2,473,555)
Vehicles	(497,245)	-	(497,245)	(86,870)	-	(584,115)
Infrastructure	(9,677,322)	-	(9,677,322)	(905,581)	-	(10,582,903)
Total accumulated depreciation	<u>(21,722,758)</u>	<u>(688,950)</u>	<u>(22,411,708)</u>	<u>(2,261,673)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(24,673,381)</u>
Total assets, being depreciated, net	<u>64,505,314</u>	<u>(688,950)</u>	<u>63,816,364</u>	<u>3,007,013</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>66,823,377</u>
Business-Type Activities Capital Assets, net	<u>\$ 66,488,371</u>	<u>\$ (688,950)</u>	<u>\$ 65,799,421</u>	<u>\$ 3,608,111</u>	<u>\$ (1,661,347)</u>	<u>\$ 67,746,185</u>

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

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Governmental Activities:

General Government	\$ 79,588
Public Safety:	
Public Safety Admin	7,678
Fire	166,475
Police and Courts	112,628
Streets	258,303
Recreation	59,624
Planning	2,052
Public Buildings & Library	231,003
Total Depreciation Expense, Governmental Activities	<u>\$ 917,351</u>

Business-type Activities:

Water & Sewer Fund	\$ 2,144,822
Stormwater Fund	53,252
Water & Sewer Authority	-
Sanitation Fund	30,484
Community House Fund	33,115
Total Depreciation Expense, Business-type Activities	<u>\$ 2,261,673</u>

NOTE 7 – LONG-TERM DEBT

Long-term liability activity for the year ended December 31, 2024, was as follows:

	Beginning Balance	Additions	Reductions	Ending Balance	Due Within One Year
Governmental Activities:					
Bonds Payable	\$ 10,800,000	\$ -	\$ (190,000)	\$ 10,610,000	\$ 195,000
Plus Issuance Premium	177,524	-	(5,727)	171,797	5,726
Financed Purchases	1,156,007	-	(282,580)	873,427	286,819
Compensated Absences	187,902	47,931	-	235,833	235,833
Net Pension Liability	1,050,911	96,430	-	1,147,341	-
Governmental Activities Long-term Liabilities	<u>\$ 13,372,344</u>	<u>\$ 144,361</u>	<u>\$ (478,307)</u>	<u>\$ 13,038,398</u>	<u>\$ 723,378</u>
Business-Type Activities:					
Compensated Absences	\$ 189,512	\$ 17,136	\$ -	\$ 206,648	\$ 206,648
Financed Purchases	20,680	478,335	(20,680)	478,335	85,813
Notes Payable	23,809,600	257,662	(927,810)	23,139,452	940,257
Net Pension Liability	1,093,806	8,541	-	1,102,347	-
Business-Type Activities Long-term Liabilities	<u>\$ 25,113,598</u>	<u>\$ 761,674</u>	<u>\$ (948,490)</u>	<u>\$ 24,926,782</u>	<u>\$ 1,232,718</u>

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Compensated Absences

The beginning balances of the compensated absences liabilities have been adjusted due to the implementation of GASB Statement No. 101 by the City and a prior period adjustment. See Note 15 and 16.

For governmental activities, compensated absences, financed purchases and net pension liability are liquidated by the General Fund. The bond obligation is liquidated by the Urban Redevelopment Agency Fund.

For business-type activities, compensated absences, financed purchases, notes payable, and the majority of the net pension liability are liquidated by the Water and Sewer Fund. The remaining portion of the net pension liability is liquidated by the Sanitation Fund, a nonmajor enterprise fund.

Governmental Activities

Bonds Payable

On April 16, 2019, the Urban Redevelopment Agency of the City of Cornelia, Georgia (the "URA") issued revenue bonds (City of Cornelia Project), series 2019, in the amount of \$11,325,000 for the purpose of financing the cost of acquiring and constructing a new municipal complex which consists of city hall, a municipal courtroom, the police department and a fire station. The bonds are special limited obligations of the URA, payable solely from and secured by pledged tax revenues of the City. The City has also agreed to levy a tax on the properties in the City, if necessary, to meet this obligation. Interest rates on the bond range from 3% to 5%. Interest payments are due semi-annually on April 1 and October 1 with principal payments due annually on October 1.

The City's debt service requirements to maturity on these bonds payable are as follows:

<u>Year Ending December 31</u>	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Total</u>
2025	\$ 195,000	\$ 450,637	\$ 645,637
2026	205,000	442,838	647,838
2027	215,000	434,637	649,637
2028	220,000	426,038	646,038
2029	230,000	417,238	647,238
2030 - 2034	1,270,000	1,965,912	3,235,912
2035 - 2039	1,500,000	1,743,188	3,243,188
2040 - 2044	1,785,000	1,453,375	3,238,375
2045 - 2049	2,195,000	1,039,250	3,234,250
2050 - 2054	2,795,000	433,000	3,228,000
Total	<u>\$ 10,610,000</u>	<u>\$ 8,806,113</u>	<u>\$ 19,416,113</u>

The bonds were issued at a premium of \$200,430 which is amortized over the life of the bond at \$5,726.50 annually.

Financed Purchases - Direct Borrowing

In 2021, the City entered into a financed purchase agreement for financing the acquisition of 2 fire trucks for the Fire department and 15 Dodge Durango's for the Police department. This agreement qualifies as a financed purchase for accounting purposes (title transfers at the end of the agreement). The financed agreement bears interest of 1.50% and is payable in annual installments totaling \$299,920. The agreement matures in May 2027.

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As of December 31, 2024, the City had \$1,945,326 of vehicles under financed purchase agreements with accumulated depreciation of \$469,476. The amortization expense of \$147,319 for the financed purchases is included in depreciation expense.

The City's total financed purchase debt service requirements to maturity are as follows:

Year Ending December 31	Principal	Interest	Total
2025	\$ 286,819	\$ 13,101	\$ 299,920
2026	291,121	8,799	299,920
2027	295,487	4,432	299,919
Total	<u>\$ 873,427</u>	<u>\$ 26,332</u>	<u>\$ 899,759</u>

Business-Type Activities

Financed Purchases - Direct Borrowing

In 2019, the City entered into a financed purchase agreement for financing the acquisition of a sanitation truck. The agreement qualifies as a financed purchase for accounting purposes (title transfers at the end of the agreement). The financed agreement bears interest of 3.44% and is payable in annual installments totaling \$21,413. This agreement matured in April 2024. The outstanding principal balance as of December 31, 2024 totals \$-0.

In 2024, the City entered into a financed purchase agreement for financing the acquisition of a sewer truck. The agreement qualifies as a financed purchase for accounting purposes (title transfers at the end of the agreement). The financed agreement bears interest of 5.44% and is payable in annual installments totaling \$111,835. The agreement matures in December 2029. The outstanding principal balance as of December 31, 2024 totals \$478,335.

As of December 31, 2024, the City had \$478,335 of vehicles under the financed purchase agreement with accumulated depreciation of \$-0-. The amortization expense of \$7,972 for the financed purchase is included in depreciation expense.

The City's total financed purchase debt service requirements to maturity are as follows:

Year Ending December 31	Principal	Interest	Total
2025	\$ 85,813	\$ 26,022	\$ 111,835
2026	90,481	21,354	111,835
2027	95,403	1,432	96,835
2028	100,593	11,242	111,835
2029	106,045	5,770	111,815
Total	<u>\$ 478,335</u>	<u>\$ 65,820</u>	<u>\$ 544,155</u>

Notes Payable - Direct Borrowings

The City has eight note payable agreements with the Georgia Environmental Facilities Authority ("GEFA") for the purpose of water and sewer system improvements in the Water and Sewer Fund. Four of the agreements were modified in 2020 due to the Coronavirus pandemic and are described below:

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The City entered into note payable agreement, CWSRF 2017-024, with GEFA in the amount of \$1,986,000. Terms of the note require monthly payments of \$9,357 at an interest rate of 1.25% maturing in the year 2041. The outstanding principal balance of this note as of December 31, 2024 totals \$1,596,782.

The City entered into note payable agreement, 2013 L05WS, with GEFA in the amount of \$15,676,483. Terms of the note payable require monthly payments of \$74,927 at an interest rate of 1.40% maturing in the year 2041. The outstanding principal balance of this note as of December 31, 2024 totals \$13,180,414.

The City entered into note payable agreement, DW12008, with GEFA in the amount of \$1,613,355. Terms of the note payable require monthly payments of \$7,711 at an interest rate of 1.40% maturing in the year 2041. The outstanding principal balance of this note as of December 31, 2024 totals \$1,338,063.

The City entered into note payable agreement, DW15024, with GEFA in the amount of \$540,636. Terms of the note payable require monthly payments of \$4,620 at an interest rate of 0.5% maturing in the year 2030. The outstanding principal balance of this note as of December 31, 2024 totals \$327,620.

The City entered into note payable agreement, WS12L18WR, with GEFA for water and sewer system improvements that continue to be in progress as of December 31, 2024. The City has drawn down a total \$6,491,935 and pays monthly interest at a rate of 1.50%. The full maturity schedule will be included once the project is completed.

The City entered into note payable agreement, DWLSL20222129, with GEFA for water system improvements that continue to be in progress as of December 31, 2024. The City has drawn down a total \$52,885. The monthly interest is 0.00%. The full maturity schedule will be included once the project is completed. Upon the completion of the project, GEFA has agreed to forgive up to \$78,495 of this loan.

The City entered into note payable agreement, GF2024012, with GEFA for water system improvements that continue to be in progress as of December 31, 2024. The City has drawn down a total \$133,764 and pays monthly interest at a rate of 4.35%. The full maturity schedule will be included once the project is completed.

The City entered into note payable agreement, GF2024011, with GEFA for water and sewer system improvements that continue to be in progress as of December 31, 2024. The City has drawn down a total \$17,989 and pays monthly interest at a rate of 4.35%. The full maturity schedule will be included once the project is completed.

Annual debt service requirements to maturity for the note payables are as follows:

<u>Year Ending December 31</u>	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Total</u>
2025	\$ 940,257	\$ 219,124	\$ 1,159,381
2026	952,875	206,506	1,159,381
2027	965,667	193,714	1,159,381
2028	978,123	181,258	1,159,381
2029	991,773	167,608	1,159,381
2030 - 2034	4,938,160	636,987	5,575,147
2035 - 2039	5,232,803	356,821	5,589,624
2040 - 2041	1,443,221	127,845	1,571,066
Total	<u>\$ 16,442,879</u>	<u>\$ 2,089,863</u>	<u>\$ 18,532,742</u>

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NOTE 8 - DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLAN

Plan Description

The City, as authorized by the City Commission, has established a non-contributory defined benefit pension plan (The City of Cornelia Retirement Plan), covering substantially all of the City's employees. The City's pension plan is administered through the Georgia Municipal Employee Benefit System (GMEBS), an agent multiple-employer pension plan administered by the Georgia Municipal Association. Contributions made by the City are commingled with contributions made by other members of GMEBS for investment purposes. The City does not own any securities on its own. Investment income from the securities is allocated on a pro rata basis. The Georgia Municipal Association issues a publicly available financial report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information for GMEBS. That report may be obtained at www.gmanet.com or by writing to Georgia Municipal Association, Risk Management and Employee Benefit Services, 201 Pryor Street, NW, Atlanta, Georgia 30303 or by calling (404)688-0472.

The City Commission, in its role as Plan Sponsor, has the governing authority to establish and amend from time to time, the benefits provided and the contribution rates of the City and its employees. The Plan provides retirement and disability benefits, annual cost of living adjustments, and death benefits to plan members and beneficiaries. All employees, excluding elected officials, who work thirty hours or more per week are eligible to participate in the Plan immediately upon hiring, but will not be vested until 10 years of service. Benefits are provided by the Plan whereby retirees receive between 1.75% multiplied by the average of the five highest years of regular earnings multiplied by the total credited years of service. The Plan allows an alternative normal retirement age of 55 plus 10 years of service for public safety employees in addition to the normal retirement age of 65 plus 5 years of service. Disability benefits are paid out at 20% of an employee's current salary. Death benefits are calculated using an actuarial reserve.

As of July 1, 2024, the date the most recent actuarial valuation, there were 153 participants consisting of the following:

Retirees and beneficiaries currently receiving benefits	40
Terminated vested participants not yet receiving benefits	25
Active employees - Vested	26
Active employees - Nonvested	62
Total	<u>153</u>

Funding Policy

The plan is subject to minimum funding standards of the Georgia Public Retirement Systems Standards law (Georgia Code Section 47-20-10). The Board of Trustees of GMEBS has adopted a recommended actuarial funding policy for the plan which meets state minimum requirements and will accumulate sufficient funds to provide the benefits under the plan. The funding policy for the Plan, as adopted by the City Commission, is to contribute an amount equal to or greater than the actuarially recommended contribution rate. This rate is based on the estimated amount necessary to finance the costs of benefits earned by plan members during the year, with an additional amount to finance any unfunded accrued liability. The City is required to contribute the difference between the actuarially determined rate and the contribution rate of plan members, as determined by the City Commission. For fiscal year 2024, the actuarially determined contribution rate was 8.56% of covered payroll. City contributions to the Plan were \$379,890 for the year ended December 31,

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2024. Employees of the City do not contribute to the plan. For fiscal year 2025, based on July 1, 2024 actuarial valuation, the recommended contribution rate will be 10.00%.

Net Pension Liability of the City

At December 31, 2024, the City reported a liability of \$2,249,688 for its net pension liability. The City's net pension liability was measured as of July 1, 2024. The total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of March 31, 2024 with update procedures performed by the actuary to roll forward to the total pension liability measured as of July 1, 2024.

The changes in the components of the net pension liability of the City for the year ended December 31, 2024 were as follows:

	<u>Total Pension Liability</u>	<u>Plan Fiduciary Net Position</u>	<u>Net Pension Liability</u>
Balances at December 31, 2023	\$ 8,100,713	\$ 5,955,996	\$ 2,144,717
Changes for the Year:			
Service Cost	155,740	-	155,740
Interest	592,038	-	592,038
Differences Between Expected and Actual Experience	334,931	-	334,931
Contributions - Employer	-	366,843	(366,843)
Net Investment Income	-	990,495	(990,495)
Benefit Payments (Including Refunds of Employee Contributions)	(457,642)	(457,642)	-
Administrative Expense	-	(15,241)	15,241
Other	364,359	-	364,359
Net Changes	<u>989,426</u>	<u>884,455</u>	<u>104,971</u>
Balances at December 31, 2024	<u>\$ 9,090,139</u>	<u>\$ 6,840,451</u>	<u>\$ 2,249,688</u>

Pension Expense and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to Pensions

For the year ended December 31, 2024, the City recognized pension expense of \$768,472. At December 31, 2024, the City reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions from the following sources:

	<u>Deferred Outflows of Resources</u>	<u>Deferred Inflows of Resources</u>
Differences Between Expected and Actual Experience	\$ 548,364	\$ (196,798)
Changes of Assumptions	10,264	-
Net Difference Between Projected and Actual Earnings on Pension Plan Investments	-	-
City Contributions Subsequent to the Measurement	284,917	-
Total	<u>\$ 843,545</u>	<u>\$ (196,798)</u>

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City contributions subsequent to the measurement date of \$284,917 are reported as deferred outflows of resources and will be recognized as a reduction of the net pension liability in the year ending December 31, 2025. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions will be recognized in pension expense as follows:

Year Ending December 31:		
2025	\$	(53,315)
2026		230,098
2027		155,540
2028		(26,315)
2029		55,822
Total	\$	<u>361,830</u>

Actuarial Assumptions

The total pension liability in the March 31, 2024 actuarial valuation was determined using the following actuarial assumptions applied to all periods included in the measurement:

Inflation		2.25%
Salary Increases		3.00% -8.50%, including inflation
Investment Rate of Return	7.375%, net of pension plan investment expense, including inflation	

Mortality rates were based on the Sex-distinct Pri-2012 head-count weighted mortality tables with rates multiplied by 1.25.

The actuarial assumptions used in the July 1, 2024 valuation were based on the results of an actuarial experience study for the period of January 1, 2015 through June 30, 2019.

The long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was determined using a building-block method in which best-estimate ranges of expected future real rates of return (expected returns, net of pension plan investment expense and inflation) are developed for each major asset class. These ranges are combined to produce the long-term expected rate of return by weighting the expected future real rates of return by the target asset allocation percentage and by adding expected inflation. The difference between the resulting rate and the rate on the ongoing basis is a margin for adverse deviation. Best estimates of arithmetic real rates of return for each major asset class included in the pension plan's target asset allocation as of March 31, 2024 are summarized in the following table:

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<u>Asset Class</u>	<u>Target Allocation</u>	<u>Long-Term Expected Real Rate of Return*</u>
Domestic Equity	45%	6.91%
International Equity	20%	7.21%
Real Estate	10%	3.61%
Global Fixed Income	5%	1.67%
Domestic Fixed Income	20%	1.61%
Cash	0%	
Total	<u>100%</u>	

* Rates shown are net of the 2.25% assumed rate of inflation

Discount Rate – The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability was 7.375%. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed that City contributions will be made at rates equal to the difference between actuarially determined contribution rates and the member rate. Based on those assumptions, the pension plan’s fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make all projected future benefit payments of current plan members. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return of pension plan investments was applied to all of the projected benefit payments to determine the total pension liability.

Sensitivity of the Net Pension Liability to Changes in the Discount Rate

The following presents the net pension liability of the City, calculated using the discount rate of 7.375%, as well as what the City’s net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate 1 percentage point lower (6.375%) and 1 percentage point higher (8.375%) than the current rate.

	<u>1% Decrease (6.375%)</u>	<u>Discount Rate (7.375%)</u>	<u>1% Increase (8.375%)</u>
City's Net Pension Liability	\$ 3,432,442	\$ 2,249,688	\$ 1,269,439

Actuarial valuations involve estimates of the value of reported amounts and assumptions about the probability of events far into the future, and actuarially determined amounts are subject to continual revision as results are compared to past expectations and new estimates are made about the future. Actuarial calculations reflect a long-term perspective. Calculations are based on the substantive plan in effect as of July 1, 2024 and the current sharing pattern of costs between employer and employee.

The required schedule of changes in the City’s net pension liability and related ratios immediately following the notes to the financial statements presents multiyear trend information about whether the value of plan assets is increasing or decreasing over time relative to the total pension liability.

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NOTE 9 – DEFERRED COMPENSATION PLAN

The City offers its employees a deferred compensation plan (the “City of Cornelia Deferred Compensation Plan”) created in accordance with Internal Revenue Code (IRC) Section 457(b). The Plan, which qualifies as a defined contribution plan, is available to all City employees immediately upon employment. Participants may elect to make pre-tax contributions and designated ROTH contributions subject to the limitations of the revenue code. As plan administrator, the City has elected to obtain the services of Mission Square Retirement as a third party service provider and plan trustee.

As required by Section 457(b) of the IRC, plan assets are held in trust for the exclusive benefit of participants and their beneficiaries. Investments are managed by the trustee under one of the available investment options, or a combination thereof. Accordingly, the assets and liabilities of the Plan are not included in the accompanying financial statements. During the year ending December 31, 2024, twenty-six participating employees contributed \$113,270 to the Plan. The City does not contribute to the Plan.

NOTE 10 – JOINT VENTURE

Under Georgia law, the City, in conjunction with other cities and counties in the northeast Georgia area, is a member of the Georgia Mountains Regional Commission (GMRC) and is required to pay annual dues thereto. During the year ended December 31, 2024, the City paid \$6,122 in such dues. Membership in a GMRC is required by the Official Code of Georgia Annotated (OCGA) Section 50-8-34, which provides for the organization structure of a regional commission. GMRC board membership includes the chief elected official of each county and municipality of the area. OCGA 50-8-39.1 provides that the member governments are liable for any debts or obligations of the GMRC. Separate financial statements may be obtained from the Georgia Mountains Regional Commission, P.O. Box 1720, Gainesville, Georgia 30503.

NOTE 11 – RISK MANAGEMENT

The City is exposed to various risks of losses related to torts; thefts of, damage to, and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees; and natural disasters. The City has joined together with other municipalities in the state as part of the Georgia Interlocal Risk Management Agency Property and Liability Insurance Fund and the Georgia Municipal Association Group Self-Insurance Workers Compensation Fund, a public entity risk pool currently operating as common risk management and insurance programs for member local governments.

As part of these risk pools, the City is obligated to pay all contributions and assessments as prescribed by the pools, to cooperate with the pool’s agents and attorneys, to follow loss reduction procedures established by the funds, and to report as promptly as possible, and in accordance with any coverage descriptions issued, all incidents which could result in the funds being required to pay any claim of loss. The City is also to allow the pool’s agents and attorneys to represent the City in investigation, settlement discussions, and all levels of litigation arising out of any claim made against the City within the scope of loss protection furnished by the funds.

The funds are to defend and protect the members of the funds against liability or loss as prescribed in the member government contract and in accordance with the worker’s compensation law of Georgia. The funds

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are to pay all cost taxed against members in any legal proceeding defended by the members, all interest accruing after entry of judgment, and all expenses incurred for investigation, negotiation or defense.

Settled claims in the past three (3) years have not exceeded insurance coverage.

NOTE 12 – COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES

The City has received grants for specific purposes that are subject to review and audit by the grantor agencies. Such audits could lead to the disallowance of certain expenditures previously reimbursed by those agencies. Based upon prior experience, management of the City believes such disallowances, if any, will not be significant.

The City routinely enters into various other contracts and agreements in the ordinary course of business. Such commitments are typically not material to the accompanying financial statements.

The City is involved in pending lawsuits in the normal course of the City's business. Liability, if any, which might result from these proceedings, would not, in the opinion of management and legal counsel, have a material adverse effect on the financial position of the City.

NOTE 13 – ECONOMIC DEPENDENCY/MAJOR CUSTOMERS

The City's enterprise fund for Water and Sewer services has sales to a single customer which comprises more than 10% of the total revenue for the enterprise fund. Sales to this customer for 2024 totaled \$7,114,546.

NOTE 14 – HOTEL/MOTEL OCCUPANCY TAX

The City imposes a hotel/motel tax on lodging facilities within the City. The tax is assessed at 8% and, in accordance with O.C.G.A 48-13-51, the City is required to spend at least 40% of this amount for promoting tourism, conventions, trade shows and tourism product development. Currently, the City allocates 21.16% to the Habersham Chamber of Commerce, 22.59% to the Cornelia Hospitality and Tourism Board and 18.75% to tourism and product development. The remaining allocation of 37.5% is unrestricted funds to the City. Tax revenues were \$367,964 for the year ended December 31, 2024. Of this amount, \$228,725 was used to promote tourism with \$78,235 allocated to the Habersham Chamber of Commerce, \$83,516 allocated to the Cornelia Hospitality and Tourism Board and \$66,974 allocated to tourism and product development.

NOTE 15 – NEW ACCOUNTING STANDARDS

During the year ended December 31, 2024, the City implemented GASB Statement No. 101, *Compensated Absences*, which establishes standards for recognizing and measuring liabilities, expenses, and related disclosures for compensated absences, such as vacation, sick leave, and other leave types. The City also has adopted GASB Statement No. 100, *Accounting Changes and Error Corrections*, which requires the City to reevaluate its reporting of a Change in Accounting Principle by adjusting net position for the effect of a newly adopted accounting principle on prior periods. The implementation of these new standards decreased beginning net position in the amount of \$23,500. See Note 16 for additional details.

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NOTE 16 – CHANGES IN BEGINNING BALANCES/PRIOR PERIOD ADJUSTMENT

In addition to the implementation of new accounting standards, the City has also determined that a restatement of the City’s net assets is required to reflect corrections to beginning balances for the following situations:

- The City discovered in both its governmental activities and business-type activities depreciable assets that had not been depreciated since being placed in service. As a result, the beginning balance net position for governmental activities was decreased by \$13,425 and the beginning balance net position of the Water and Sewer Fund was decreased by \$688,950.
- An error was discovered in the beginning balance for compensated absences in the governmental activities. As a result, the beginning balance of compensated absences decreased and net position increased by \$151,181.
- The remaining changes in beginning balances were due to the implementation of the new accounting standards. These changes resulted in a decrease in the net position for governmental activities by \$9,398 and a decrease in business-type activities by 14,102.

The above restatements impact the governmental activities of the government wide statements of the City as follows:

<u>Governmental Activities</u>	
Net Position, as previously reported	\$ 10,187,365
Plus:	
Correction of Prior Year Compensated Absences	151,181
Less:	
Prior Year Depreciation	(13,425)
Implementaton of GASB No. 101	(9,398)
Net Position, as restated	<u>\$ 10,315,723</u>

The above restatements impact the business-type activities as follows:

<u>Business-type Activities</u>	
Water & Sewer Fund:	
Net Position, as previously reported	\$ 40,227,597
Less:	
Prior Year Depreciation	(688,950)
Implementaton of GASB No. 101	(12,444)
Net Position, as restated	<u>\$ 39,526,203</u>
Nonmajor Enterprise Fund - Sanitation Fund	
Net Position, as previously reported	\$ 112,197
Less:	
Implementaton of GASB No. 101	(1,658)
Net Position, as restated	<u>\$ 110,539</u>

REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

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 SCHEDULE OF CHANGES IN THE CITY'S NET PENSION LIABILITY AND RELATED RATIOS
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	Fiscal Year End									
	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
Total Pension Liability										
Service Cost	\$ 155,740	\$ 132,112	\$ 119,181	\$ 106,053	\$ 113,386	\$ 116,244	\$ 123,705	\$ 119,441	\$ 132,015	\$ 135,964
Interest	592,038	560,367	530,910	505,773	480,362	455,367	420,470	412,683	391,838	373,883
Differences Between Expected and Actual Experience	334,931	173,356	183,413	135,138	211,620	(41,497)	264,136	(109,247)	41,837	31,586
Changes of Assumptions	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(20,722)
Changes of Benefit Terms	-	-	-	-	-	201,429	-	-	-	-
Benefit Payments, Including Refunds of Employee Contributions	(457,642)	(462,405)	(431,642)	(406,853)	(406,167)	(384,660)	(341,379)	(303,413)	(290,041)	(288,026)
Other	364,359	-	-	-	61,584	-	84,600	-	-	-
Net Change in Total Pension Liability	<u>989,426</u>	<u>403,430</u>	<u>401,862</u>	<u>340,111</u>	<u>460,785</u>	<u>346,883</u>	<u>551,532</u>	<u>119,464</u>	<u>275,649</u>	<u>232,685</u>
Total Pension Liability, Beginning	<u>8,100,713</u>	<u>7,697,283</u>	<u>7,295,421</u>	<u>6,955,310</u>	<u>6,494,525</u>	<u>6,147,642</u>	<u>5,596,110</u>	<u>5,476,646</u>	<u>5,200,997</u>	<u>4,968,312</u>
Total Pension Liability, Ending (a)	<u>\$ 9,090,139</u>	<u>\$ 8,100,713</u>	<u>\$ 7,697,283</u>	<u>\$ 7,295,421</u>	<u>\$ 6,955,310</u>	<u>\$ 6,494,525</u>	<u>\$ 6,147,642</u>	<u>\$ 5,596,110</u>	<u>\$ 5,476,646</u>	<u>\$ 5,200,997</u>
Plan Fiduciary Net Position										
Contributions - Employer	\$ 366,843	\$ 363,466	\$ 355,005	\$ 323,797	\$ 305,261	\$ 275,320	\$ 276,436	\$ 292,183	\$ 303,520	\$ 280,513
Net Investment Income	990,495	(433,646)	378,775	1,962,637	(327,344)	169,435	533,956	484,930	12,041	340,398
Benefit Payments, Including Refunds of Employee Contributions	(457,642)	(462,405)	(431,642)	(406,853)	(406,167)	(384,660)	(341,379)	(303,413)	(290,041)	(288,026)
Administrative Expense	(15,241)	(20,162)	(16,901)	(16,237)	(17,703)	(16,848)	(17,633)	(18,916)	(11,904)	(11,120)
Other	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Net Change in Plan Fiduciary Net Position	<u>884,455</u>	<u>(552,747)</u>	<u>285,237</u>	<u>1,863,344</u>	<u>(445,953)</u>	<u>43,247</u>	<u>451,380</u>	<u>454,784</u>	<u>13,616</u>	<u>321,765</u>
Plan Fiduciary Net Position, Beginning	<u>5,955,996</u>	<u>6,508,743</u>	<u>6,223,506</u>	<u>4,360,162</u>	<u>4,806,115</u>	<u>4,762,868</u>	<u>4,311,488</u>	<u>3,856,704</u>	<u>3,843,088</u>	<u>3,521,323</u>
Plan Fiduciary Net Position, Ending (b)	<u>\$ 6,840,451</u>	<u>\$ 5,955,996</u>	<u>\$ 6,508,743</u>	<u>\$ 6,223,506</u>	<u>\$ 4,360,162</u>	<u>\$ 4,806,115</u>	<u>\$ 4,762,868</u>	<u>\$ 4,311,488</u>	<u>\$ 3,856,704</u>	<u>\$ 3,843,088</u>
City's Net Pension Liability, Ending (a) - (b)	<u>\$ 2,249,688</u>	<u>\$ 2,144,717</u>	<u>\$ 1,188,540</u>	<u>\$ 1,071,915</u>	<u>\$ 2,595,148</u>	<u>\$ 1,688,410</u>	<u>\$ 1,384,774</u>	<u>\$ 1,284,622</u>	<u>\$ 1,619,942</u>	<u>\$ 1,357,909</u>
Plan Fiduciary Net Position as a Percentage of the Total Pension Liability	75.25%	73.52%	84.56%	85.31%	62.69%	74.00%	77.47%	77.04%	70.42%	73.89%
Covered-Employee Payroll	\$ 4,737,318	\$ 4,386,834	\$ 3,818,213	\$ 3,467,408	\$ 3,148,348	\$ 2,963,878	\$ 2,811,394	\$ 2,769,374	\$ 2,819,555	\$ 2,672,333
City's Net Pension Liability as a Percentage of Covered-Employee Payroll	47.49%	48.89%	31.13%	30.91%	82.43%	56.97%	49.26%	46.39%	57.45%	50.81%

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	Fiscal Year End									
	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
Actuarially Determined Contribution	\$ 379,890	\$ 362,494	\$ 360,923	\$ 353,033	\$ 314,051	\$ 302,331	\$ 264,717	\$ 278,876	\$ 295,186	\$ 280,513
Contributions in Relation of the Actuarially Determined Contribution	379,890	364,644	360,923	353,033	314,051	302,331	265,917	279,976	296,261	281,968
Contribution Deficiency (Excess)	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ (2,150)</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ (1,200)</u>	<u>\$ (1,100)</u>	<u>\$ (1,075)</u>	<u>\$ (1,455)</u>
Covered-Employee Payroll	\$ 4,737,318	\$ 4,386,834	\$ 3,818,213	\$ 3,467,408	\$ 3,148,348	\$ 2,963,878	\$ 2,811,394	\$ 2,769,374	\$ 2,819,555	\$ 2,672,333
Contributions as a Percentage of Covered-Employee Payroll	8.02%	8.31%	9.45%	10.18%	9.98%	10.20%	9.46%	10.11%	10.51%	10.55%

Actual 2024 information will be determined after the fiscal year end and will be included in the July 2025 valuation report.

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NOTE 1

Valuation Date

The actuarially determined contribution was determined as of July 1, 2024, with an interest adjustment to the fiscal year. Contributions in relation to this actuarially determined contribution will be reported for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2025.

NOTE 2

Significant methods and assumptions used in calculating the actuarially determined calculations are as follows:

Methods and assumptions used to determine contribution rates:

Actuarial Cost Method	Projected Unit Credit
Amortization Method	Closed level dollar for remaining unfunded liability
Remaining Amortization Period	Remaining amortization period varies for the bases, with a net effective amortization period of 11 years
Asset Valuation Method	Sum of actuarial value at beginning of year and the cash flow during the year plus the assumed investment return, adjusted by 10% of the amount that the value exceeds or is less than the market value at end of year. The actuarial value is adjusted, if necessary, to be within 20% of market value.

Actuarial Assumptions:

Net Investment Rate of Return	7.375%
Projected Salary Increases	2.25% plus service based merit increases
Cost of Living Adjustments	0.00%
Retirement Age	65
Mortality Rates	
Healthy retirees and beneficiaries	Sex-distinct Pri-2012 head-count weighted Healthy Retiree Mortality Table with rates multiplied by 1.25
Disabled participants	Sex-distinct Pri-2012 head-count weighted Disabled Retiree Mortality Table with rates multiplied by 1.25
Active participants, terminated vested participants, and deferred beneficiaries	Sex-distinct Pri-2012 head-count weighted Employee Mortality Table
Plan Termination Basis	1994 Group Annuity Reserving Unisex Table

NOTE 3

Changes in Benefits

Amounts reported for fiscal years ending in 2024 and later reflect that effective May 3, 2023, Police Officers and Firefighters became eligible for alternative normal retirement at age 55 with 25 years of service.

NOTE 4

Changes of Assumptions

There were no changes in assumptions in the last two fiscal years.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

NONMAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS

CITY OF CORNELIA, GEORGIA
 COMBINING BALANCE SHEET
 NONMAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
 DECEMBER 31, 2024

	<u>Special Revenue Funds</u>			<u>Capital Projects Fund</u>	<u>Total Non-Major Governmental Funds</u>
	<u>American Rescue Plan</u>	<u>Hotel/Motel Tax Fund</u>	<u>Police Special Projects</u>	<u>LMIG Capital Projects</u>	
ASSETS					
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ -	\$ 88,785	\$ 8,166	\$ 168,811	\$ 265,762
Accounts Receivable	-	31,986	-	-	31,986
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 120,771</u>	<u>\$ 8,166</u>	<u>\$ 168,811</u>	<u>\$ 297,748</u>
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES					
LIABILITIES					
Accounts Payable	\$ -	\$ 41,778	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 41,778
Due to Other Funds	-	35,503	-	-	35,503
Unearned Grant Revenues	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u>-</u>	<u>77,281</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>77,281</u>
FUND BALANCES					
Restricted for:					
Capital Projects	-	-	-	168,811	168,811
Grants	-	-	-	-	-
Tourism	-	43,490	-	-	43,490
Police Special Projects	-	-	8,166	-	8,166
TOTAL FUND BALANCES	<u>-</u>	<u>43,490</u>	<u>8,166</u>	<u>168,811</u>	<u>220,467</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 120,771</u>	<u>\$ 8,166</u>	<u>\$ 168,811</u>	<u>\$ 297,748</u>

CITY OF CORNELIA, GEORGIA
 COMBINING STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
 NONMAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024

	Special Revenue Funds			Capital Projects Fund	Total Governmental Funds
	American Rescue Plan	Hotel/Motel Tax Fund	Police Special Projects	LMIG Capital Projects	
REVENUES					
Taxes	\$ -	\$ 367,964	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 367,964
Grants	731,120	-	-	170,060	901,180
Donations	-	-	-	-	-
Interest	-	1,224	-	2,184	3,408
Miscellaneous	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL REVENUES	<u>731,120</u>	<u>369,188</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>172,244</u>	<u>1,272,552</u>
EXPENDITURES					
Grant	568,178	-	-	-	568,178
Tourism	-	228,725	-	-	228,725
Police Special Projects	-	-	-	-	-
Capital Outlay	-	-	-	52,930	52,930
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	<u>568,178</u>	<u>228,725</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>52,930</u>	<u>849,833</u>
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	<u>162,942</u>	<u>140,463</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>119,314</u>	<u>422,719</u>
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)					
Transfers In	-	-	-	-	-
Transfers Out	(166,353)	(138,644)	-	-	(304,997)
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	<u>(166,353)</u>	<u>(138,644)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(304,997)</u>
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES AND OTHER FINANCING SOURCES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES AND OTHER FINANCING USES	(3,411)	1,819	-	119,314	117,722
FUND BALANCES - BEGINNING	3,411	41,671	8,166	49,497	102,745
FUND BALANCES - ENDING	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 43,490</u>	<u>\$ 8,166</u>	<u>\$ 168,811</u>	<u>\$ 220,467</u>

NONMAJOR ENTERPRISE FUNDS

CITY OF CORNELIA, GEORGIA
 COMBINING STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
 NONMAJOR ENTERPRISE FUNDS
 DECEMBER 31, 2024

	Sanitation Fund	Community House Fund	Total Nonmajor Enterprise Funds
ASSETS			
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 28,070	\$ 64,905	\$ 92,975
Accounts Receivable	57,388	-	57,388
Due From Other Funds	4,269	25	4,294
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	89,727	64,930	154,657
NONCURRENT ASSETS			
Capital Assets:			
Land and Improvement	-	-	-
Construction In Progress	-	-	-
Depreciable Assets, net of Accumulated Depreciation	53,246	661,121	714,367
TOTAL NONCURRENT ASSETS	53,246	661,121	714,367
TOTAL ASSETS	142,973	726,051	869,024
DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES			
Pension Related Items	16,871	-	16,871
TOTAL DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES	16,871	-	16,871
TOTAL ASSETS AND DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES	\$ 159,844	\$ 726,051	\$ 885,895
LIABILITIES			
Accounts Payable	\$ 24,771	\$ 5,185	\$ 29,956
Accrued Liabilities	4,009	-	4,009
Compensated Absences	2,426	-	2,426
Due to Other Funds	1,569	-	1,569
Financed Purchases	-	-	-
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES	32,775	5,185	37,960
NONCURRENT LIABILITIES			
Customer Deposits Payable	-	8,725	8,725
Notes Payable	-	-	-
Net Pension Liability	44,994	-	44,994
TOTAL NONCURRENT LIABILITIES	44,994	8,725	53,719
TOTAL LIABILITIES	77,769	13,910	91,679
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES			
Pension Related Items	3936	-	3,936
TOTAL DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES	3936	-	3,936
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES	81,705	13,910	95,615
NET POSITION			
Net Invested in Capital Assets	53,246	661,121	714,367
Restricted for Capital Projects	-	-	-
Unrestricted	24,893	51,020	75,913
TOTAL NET POSITION	78,139	712,141	790,280
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES AND NET POSITION	\$ 159,844	\$ 726,051	\$ 885,895

CITY OF CORNELIA, GEORGIA
 COMBINING STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES, AND CHANGES IN NET POSITION
 NONMAJOR ENTERPRISE FUNDS
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024

	Sanitation Fund	Community House Fund	Total Nonmajor Enterprise Funds
OPERATING REVENUES			
Sanitation Fees	\$ 424,830	\$ -	\$ 424,830
Rent	-	70,385	70,385
TOTAL OPERATING REVENUES	<u>424,830</u>	<u>70,385</u>	<u>495,215</u>
OPERATING EXPENSES			
Personnel Services and Benefits	77,612	-	77,612
Purchased and Contracted Services	317,310	1,790	319,100
Supplies and Equipment	31,884	27,952	59,836
Depreciation	30,484	33,115	63,599
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	<u>457,290</u>	<u>62,857</u>	<u>520,147</u>
OPERATING INCOME (LOSS)	<u>(32,460)</u>	<u>7,528</u>	<u>(24,932)</u>
NON-OPERATING REVENUES (EXPENSES)			
Interest and Investment Revenue	793	986	1,779
Interest Expense	(733)	-	(733)
TOTAL NON-OPERATING REVENUES (EXPENSES)	<u>60</u>	<u>986</u>	<u>1,046</u>
INCOME (LOSS) BEFORE TRANSFERS	<u>(32,400)</u>	<u>8,514</u>	<u>(23,886)</u>
Transfers In	-	-	-
Transfers Out	-	-	-
CHANGE IN NET POSITION	<u>(32,400)</u>	<u>8,514</u>	<u>(23,886)</u>
NET POSITION - BEGINNING (as originally stated)	112,197	703,627	815,824
Prior Period Adjustment	(1,658)	-	(1,658)
NET POSITION - BEGINNING (Restated)	<u>110,539</u>	<u>703,627</u>	<u>814,166</u>
NET POSITION - ENDING	<u>\$ 78,139</u>	<u>\$ 712,141</u>	<u>\$ 790,280</u>

CITY OF CORNELIA, GEORGIA
 COMBINING STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
 NONMAJOR ENTERPRISE FUNDS
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024

	Sanitation Fund	Community House Fund	Total Nonmajor Enterprise Funds
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES			
Receipts from Customers	\$ 410,645	\$ 64,510	\$ 475,155
Payments to Suppliers	(327,002)	(26,357)	(353,359)
Payments to or on Behalf of Employees	(79,196)	-	(79,196)
NET CASH PROVIDED (USED) BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES	4,447	38,153	42,600
CASH FLOWS FROM NON-CAPITAL FINANCING ACTIVITIES			
Transfers From Other Funds	-	-	-
Transfers to Other Funds	-	-	-
Loans to Other Funds	(4,269)	(25)	(4,294)
Loans from Other Funds	1,568	12,366	13,934
NET CASH PROVIDED (USED) BY NON-CAPITAL FINANCING ACTIVITIES	(2,701)	12,341	9,640
CASH FLOWS FROM CAPITAL AND RELATED FINANCING ACTIVITIES			
Grant Received for Capital Purchases	-	-	-
Capital Contributions	-	-	-
Transfers From Other Funds	-	-	-
Proceeds from Notes Payable	-	-	-
Principal Payments on Finance Purchase	(20,680)	-	(20,680)
Proceeds from Sale of Assets	-	-	-
Purchases of Capital Assets	-	-	-
Interest Paid	(733)	-	(733)
NET CASH PROVIDED (USED) BY CAPITAL AND RELATED FINANCING ACTIVITIES	(21,413)	-	(21,413)
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES			
Interest Earned	793	986	1,779
NET CASH USED FOR INVESTING ACTIVITIES	793	986	1,779
NET INCREASE (DECREASE) IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	(18,874)	51,480	32,606
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS - BEGINNING	46,944	13,425	60,369
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS - ENDING	\$ 28,070	\$ 64,905	\$ 92,975
Reconciliation of Operating Income (Loss) to Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities:			
Operating Income (Loss)	\$ (32,460)	\$ 7,528	\$ (24,932)
Adjustments to reconcile operating income (loss) to net cash provided by operating activities:			
Depreciation Expense	30,484	33,115	63,599
(Increase) decrease in assets and deferred outflows of resources:			
Receivables	(14,185)	-	(14,185)
Deferred Outflows from Pension Items	11,247	-	11,247
Increase (decrease) in liabilities and deferred inflows of resources:			
Accounts Payables	22,192	3,385	25,577
Accrued Liabilities	2,608	-	2,608
Compensated Absences	180	-	180
Customer Deposits Payable	-	(5,875)	(5,875)
Net Pension Liability	(19,348)	-	(19,348)
Deferred Inflows for Pension Items	3,729	-	3,729
Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities	\$ 4,447	\$ 38,153	\$ 42,600

GENERAL FUND

**CITY OF CORNELIA, GEORGIA
GENERAL FUND
COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHEET
DECEMBER 31, 2024 AND 2023**

	2024	2023
ASSETS		
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 3,114,458	\$ 2,908,988
Taxes Receivables, net	2,349,660	2,181,328
Other Receivables	13,971	13,722
Due From Other Funds	185,895	183,100
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 5,663,984	\$ 5,287,138
 LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES		
LIABILITIES		
Accounts Payable	\$ 266,060	\$ 104,227
Accrued Liabilities	109,583	98,345
Customer Deposits	-	-
Due to Other Funds	-	12,365
Unearned Property Tax Revenue	2,855,456	2,391,181
Unearned Revenue	-	-
TOTAL LIABILITIES	3,231,099	2,606,118
 FUND BALANCES		
Non-Spendable:		
Prepaid Items	-	-
Unassigned Reported in:		
General Fund	2,432,885	2,681,020
TOTAL FUND BALANCES	2,432,885	2,681,020
 TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES	 \$ 5,663,984	 \$ 5,287,138

CITY OF CORNELIA, GEORGIA
GENERAL FUND
COMPARATIVE STATEMENTS OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024 AND 2023

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
REVENUES		
Taxes:		
Property	\$ 2,599,245	\$ 1,993,572
Intangible and Transfer	13,289	9,241
Franchise	594,287	613,291
Alcoholic Beverages	269,667	291,442
Insurance Premiums	430,862	400,224
Business Taxes	126,051	160,591
Licenses and Permits	152,256	170,208
Charges for Services	109,198	90,815
Fines and Forfeitures	152,246	351,475
Grants	-	-
Intergovernmental	8,718	3,180
Investment Earnings	48,781	-
Other Revenues	34,328	3,745
TOTAL REVENUES	<u>4,538,928</u>	<u>4,087,784</u>
EXPENDITURES		
Current:		
General Government	114,482	111,893
City Manager	394,640	350,905
Human Resources	135,763	119,492
Public Safety Admin	148,344	196,094
Police and Court Services	2,175,803	2,049,195
Fire	1,370,709	1,309,042
Streets and Sanitation	652,441	652,390
Public Buildings and Library	36,000	36,000
Recreation	46,565	32,305
Planning	220,142	240,022
Debt Service:		
Principal	-	11,039
Interest	-	86
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	<u>5,294,889</u>	<u>5,108,463</u>
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	<u>(755,961)</u>	<u>(1,020,679)</u>
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES AND USES		
Proceeds from Sale of Assets	8,679	387
Insurance Proceeds	6,290	31,805
Financed Purchases	-	-
Transfers In	1,138,644	1,544,884
Transfers Out	(645,787)	(704,122)
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES AND USES	<u>507,826</u>	<u>872,954</u>
NET CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES	(248,135)	(147,725)
FUND BALANCES - BEGINNING	<u>2,681,020</u>	<u>2,828,745</u>
FUND BALANCES - ENDING	<u>\$ 2,432,885</u>	<u>\$ 2,681,020</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS

CITY OF CORNELIA, GEORGIA
 AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN SPECIAL REVENUE FUND
 COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHEET
 DECEMBER 31, 2024 AND 2023

	2024	2023
ASSETS		
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ -	\$ 734,531
Accounts Receivable	-	-
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ -	\$ 734,531
 LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES		
LIABILITIES		
Accounts Payable	\$ -	\$ -
Due to Other Funds	-	-
Unearned Grant Revenues	-	731,120
TOTAL LIABILITIES	-	731,120
 FUND BALANCES		
Restricted for:		
Grants	-	3,411
TOTAL FUND BALANCES	-	3,411
 TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES	 \$ -	 \$ 734,531

CITY OF CORNELIA, GEORGIA
 AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN SPECIAL REVENUE FUND
 SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
 BUDGET (GAAP BASIS) AND ACTUAL
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024

(With Comparative Actual Amounts for the Year Ended December 31, 2023)

	2024			2023
	Final	Actual	Variance	Actual
REVENUES				
Grants	\$ -	\$ 731,120	\$ 731,120	\$ 211,926
Interest	-	-	-	-
TOTAL REVENUES	<u>-</u>	<u>731,120</u>	<u>731,120</u>	<u>211,926</u>
EXPENDITURES				
General Government	-	-	-	69,123
Streets and Sanitation	80,000	73,800	6,200	48,465
Water and Sewer	-	-	-	-
Community Development	494,378	494,378	-	-
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	<u>574,378</u>	<u>568,178</u>	<u>6,200</u>	<u>117,588</u>
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	<u>(574,378)</u>	<u>162,942</u>	<u>(737,320)</u>	<u>94,338</u>
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)				
Prior Year Fund Balance	751,626	-	-	-
Transfers In	-	-	-	-
Transfers Out	(180,659)	(166,353)	14,306	(94,338)
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	<u>570,967</u>	<u>(166,353)</u>	<u>14,306</u>	<u>(94,338)</u>
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES AND OTHER FINANCING SOURCES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES AND OTHER FINANCING USES	<u>(3,411)</u>	<u>(3,411)</u>	<u>(751,626)</u>	<u>-</u>
FUND BALANCES - BEGINNING	<u>3,411</u>	<u>3,411</u>	<u>3,411</u>	<u>3,411</u>
FUND BALANCES - ENDING	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ (748,215)</u>	<u>\$ 3,411</u>

CITY OF CORNELIA, GEORGIA
HOTEL/MOTEL TAX SPECIAL REVENUE FUND
COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHEET
DECEMBER 31, 2024 AND 2023

	2024	2023
ASSETS		
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 88,785	\$ 37,538
Accounts Receivable	31,986	22,042
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 120,771	\$ 59,580
 LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES		
LIABILITIES		
Accounts Payable	\$ 41,778	\$ 9,643
Due to Other Funds	35,503	8,266
TOTAL LIABILITIES	77,281	17,909
 FUND BALANCES		
Restricted for:		
Tourism	43,490	41,671
TOTAL FUND BALANCES	43,490	41,671
 TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES	\$ 120,771	\$ 59,580

CITY OF CORNELIA, GEORGIA
HOTEL/MOTEL TAX SPECIAL REVENUE FUND
SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
BUDGET (GAAP BASIS) AND ACTUAL
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024

(With Comparative Actual Amounts for the Year Ended December 31, 2023)

	2024			2023
	Final	Actual	Variance	Actual
REVENUES				
Taxes	\$ 360,000	\$ 367,964	\$ (7,964)	\$ 349,071
Interest	-	1,224	1,224	1,972
Miscellaneous	-	-	-	15
TOTAL REVENUES	<u>360,000</u>	<u>369,188</u>	<u>(6,740)</u>	<u>351,058</u>
EXPENDITURES				
Tourism	232,500	228,725	3,775	257,282
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	<u>232,500</u>	<u>228,725</u>	<u>3,775</u>	<u>257,282</u>
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	<u>127,500</u>	<u>140,463</u>	<u>(10,515)</u>	<u>93,776</u>
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)				
Prior Year Fund Balance	8,000	-	-	-
Transfers In	-	-	-	-
Transfers Out	(135,500)	(138,644)	(3,144)	(146,618)
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	<u>(127,500)</u>	<u>(138,644)</u>	<u>(3,144)</u>	<u>(146,618)</u>
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES AND OTHER FINANCING SOURCES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES AND OTHER FINANCING USES	-	1,819	(13,659)	(52,842)
FUND BALANCES - BEGINNING	<u>60,605</u>	<u>41,671</u>	<u>60,605</u>	<u>94,513</u>
FUND BALANCES - ENDING	<u>\$ 60,605</u>	<u>\$ 43,490</u>	<u>\$ 46,946</u>	<u>\$ 41,671</u>

CITY OF CORNELIA, GEORGIA
POLICE SPECIAL PROJECTS SPECIAL REVENUE FUND
COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHEET
DECEMBER 31, 2024 AND 2023

	2024	2023
ASSETS		
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 8,166	\$ 8,166
Accounts Receivable	-	-
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 8,166	\$ 8,166
 LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES		
LIABILITIES		
Accounts Payable	\$ -	\$ -
TOTAL LIABILITIES	-	-
 FUND BALANCES		
Restricted for:		
Police Special Projects	8,166	8,166
TOTAL FUND BALANCES	8,166	8,166
 TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES	\$ 8,166	\$ 8,166

CITY OF CORNELIA, GEORGIA
POLICE SPECIAL PROJECTS SPECIAL REVENUE FUND
SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024 AND 2023

	2024	2023
REVENUES		
Donations	\$ -	\$ -
TOTAL REVENUES	-	-
EXPENDITURES		
Police Special Projects	-	-
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	-	-
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	-	-
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)		
Transfers In	-	-
Transfers Out	-	-
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	-	-
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES AND OTHER FINANCING SOURCES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES AND OTHER FINANCING USES	-	-
FUND BALANCES - BEGINNING	8,166	8,166
FUND BALANCES - ENDING	\$ 8,166	\$ 8,166

CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND

CITY OF CORNELIA, GEORGIA
LOCAL MAINTENANCE AND IMPROVEMENT GRANT
CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND
COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHEET
DECEMBER 31, 2024 AND 2023

	2024	2023
ASSETS		
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 168,811	\$ 75,283
Accounts Receivable	-	-
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 168,811	\$ 75,283
 LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES		
LIABILITIES		
Accounts Payable	\$ -	\$ 25,786
Unearned Grant Revenues	-	-
TOTAL LIABILITIES	-	25,786
 FUND BALANCES		
Restricted for:		
Capital Projects	168,811	49,497
TOTAL FUND BALANCES	168,811	49,497
 TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES	\$ 168,811	\$ 75,283

CITY OF CORNELIA, GEORGIA
LOCAL MAINTENANCE AND IMPROVEMENT GRANT
CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND
SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE
FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024 AND 2023

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
REVENUES		
Grants	\$ 170,060	\$ 74,632
Interest	2,184	1,528
TOTAL REVENUES	<u>172,244</u>	<u>76,160</u>
EXPENDITURES		
Road Capital Improvements	52,930	94,894
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	<u>52,930</u>	<u>94,894</u>
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	<u>119,314</u>	<u>(18,734)</u>
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)		
Transfers In	-	-
Transfers Out	-	-
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES AND OTHER FINANCING SOURCES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES AND OTHER FINANCING USES	119,314	(18,734)
FUND BALANCES - BEGINNING	<u>49,497</u>	<u>68,231</u>
FUND BALANCES - ENDING	<u>\$ 168,811</u>	<u>\$ 49,497</u>

CITY OF CORNELIA, GEORGIA
MUNICIPAL COMPLEX CAPITAL PROJECTS
COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHEETS
FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024 AND 2023

	2024	2023
ASSETS		
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 623,302	\$ 550,972
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 623,302	\$ 550,972
 LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES		
LIABILITIES		
Accounts Payable	\$ -	\$ -
TOTAL LIABILITIES	-	-
 FUND BALANCES		
Restricted for:		
Capital Outlay Projects	623,302	550,972
TOTAL FUND BALANCES	623,302	550,972
 TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES	\$ 623,302	\$ 550,972

CITY OF CORNELIA, GEORGIA
MUNICIPAL COMPLEX CAPITAL PROJECTS
SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024 AND 2023

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
REVENUES		
Intergovernmental	\$ -	\$ -
Interest	16,274	9,703
TOTAL REVENUES	<u>16,274</u>	<u>9,703</u>
EXPENDITURES		
Public Buildings & Library	660	660
Debt Service:		
Principal	190,000	180,000
Interest	458,238	465,438
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	<u>648,898</u>	<u>646,098</u>
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	<u>(632,624)</u>	<u>(636,395)</u>
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)		
Transfers In	704,954	704,954
Transfers Out	-	-
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	<u>704,954</u>	<u>704,954</u>
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES AND OTHER FINANCING SOURCES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES AND OTHER FINANCING USES	72,330	68,559
FUND BALANCES - BEGINNING	<u>550,972</u>	<u>482,413</u>
FUND BALANCES - ENDING	<u>\$ 623,302</u>	<u>\$ 550,972</u>

**CITY OF CORNELIA, GEORGIA
 SPLOST VI CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND
 COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHEET
 DECEMBER 31, 2024 AND 2023**

	2024	2023
ASSETS		
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ -	\$ -
Accounts Receivable	-	-
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ -	\$ -
 LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES		
LIABILITIES		
Accounts Payable	\$ -	\$ -
TOTAL LIABILITIES	-	-
 FUND BALANCES		
Restricted for:		
Capital Outlay Projects	-	-
TOTAL FUND BALANCES	-	-
 TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES	\$ -	\$ -

CITY OF CORNELIA, GEORGIA
SPLOST VI CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND
SCHEDULE OF REVENUE, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE
FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024 AND 2023

	2024	2023
REVENUES		
SPLOST	\$ -	\$ -
Interest	-	226
TOTAL REVENUES	-	226
EXPENDITURES		
Streets and Sidewalks	-	47,012
Community Facilities	-	-
Sewer	-	-
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	-	47,012
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	-	(46,786)
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)		
Transfers In	-	-
Transfers Out	-	(18)
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	-	(18)
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES AND OTHER FINANCING SOURCES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES AND OTHER FINANCING USES	-	(46,804)
FUND BALANCES - BEGINNING	-	46,804
FUND BALANCES - ENDING	\$ -	\$ -

**CITY OF CORNELIA, GEORGIA
 SPLOST VII CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND
 COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHEET
 DECEMBER 31, 2024 AND 2023**

	2024	2023
ASSETS		
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 740,183	\$ 755,963
Accounts Receivable	214,069	197,873
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 954,252	\$ 953,836
 LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES		
LIABILITIES		
Accounts Payable	\$ 58,421	\$ 6,000
TOTAL LIABILITIES	58,421	6,000
FUND BALANCES		
Restricted for:		
Capital Outlay Projects	895,831	947,836
TOTAL FUND BALANCES	895,831	947,836
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES	\$ 954,252	\$ 953,836

CITY OF CORNELIA, GEORGIA
SPLOST VII CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND
SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE
FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024 AND 2023

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
REVENUES		
SPLOST	\$ 1,153,961	\$ 1,094,796
Interest	18,903	18,706
TOTAL REVENUES	<u>1,172,864</u>	<u>1,113,502</u>
EXPENDITURES		
General Government	130,957	-
Public Safety	46,095	-
Roads, Streets and Bridges	607,840	408,246
Debt Service:		
Principal	282,580	278,404
Interest	17,340	21,516
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	<u>1,084,812</u>	<u>708,166</u>
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	<u>88,052</u>	<u>405,336</u>
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)		
Transfers In	-	18
Transfers Out	(140,057)	(333,029)
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	<u>(140,057)</u>	<u>(333,011)</u>
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES AND OTHER FINANCING SOURCES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES AND OTHER FINANCING USES	(52,005)	72,325
FUND BALANCES - BEGINNING	<u>947,836</u>	<u>875,511</u>
FUND BALANCES - ENDING	<u>\$ 895,831</u>	<u>\$ 947,836</u>

ENTERPRISE FUNDS

CITY OF CORNELIA, GEORGIA
WATER AND SEWER ENTERPRISE FUND
COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
DECEMBER 31, 2024 AND 2023

	2024	2023
ASSETS		
CURRENT ASSETS		
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 8,399,925	\$ 6,900,455
Accounts Receivable, net	1,157,354	944,228
Due From Other Funds	141,891	-
Investments	-	1,449,490
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	9,699,170	9,294,173
NONCURRENT ASSETS		
Capital Assets:		
Land and Improvement	7,500	7,500
Construction In Progress	845,739	1,621,475
Depreciable Assets, net of Accumulated Depreciation	63,950,766	54,498,185
TOTAL NONCURRENT ASSETS	64,804,005	56,127,160
TOTAL ASSETS	74,503,175	65,421,333
DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES		
Pension Related Items	396,466	449,892
TOTAL DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES	396,466	449,892
TOTAL ASSETS AND DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES	\$ 74,899,641	\$ 65,871,225
LIABILITIES		
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Accounts Payable	\$ 332,827	\$ 232,885
Accrued Liabilities	95,023	91,402
Accrued Interest Payable	26,794	27,678
Compensated Absences	204,222	174,822
Due to Other Funds	154,447	174,834
Financed Purchases	85,813	-
Notes Payable	940,257	927,810
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES	1,839,383	1,629,431
NONCURRENT LIABILITIES		
Customer Deposits Payable	122,757	99,623
Financed Purchases	392,522	-
Notes Payable	22,199,195	22,881,790
Net Pension Liability	1,057,353	1,029,464
TOTAL NONCURRENT LIABILITIES	23,771,827	24,010,877
TOTAL LIABILITIES	25,611,210	25,640,308
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES		
Pension Related Items	92,495	3,320
TOTAL DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES	92,495	3,320
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES	25,703,705	25,643,628
NET POSITION		
Net Invested in Capital Assets	41,186,218	32,317,560
Restricted for Capital Projects	5,508,469	5,618,559
Unrestricted	2,501,249	2,291,478
TOTAL NET POSITION	49,195,936	40,227,597
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES AND NET POSITION	\$ 74,899,641	\$ 65,871,225

CITY OF CORNELIA, GEORGIA
WATER AND SEWER ENTERPRISE FUND
COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES AND CHANGES IN NET POSITION
FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024 AND 2023

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
OPERATING REVENUES		
Water Sales	\$ 5,025,885	\$ 4,656,238
Sewer Fees	5,869,654	5,802,398
Fines and Surcharges	76,477	80,745
Water and Sewer Taps	228,901	185,957
Grease Trap Fees	107,410	-
Miscellaneous Receipts	21,385	259,330
TOTAL OPERATING REVENUES	<u>11,329,712</u>	<u>10,984,668</u>
OPERATING EXPENSES		
Personnel Services and Benefits	3,400,090	3,234,217
Purchased and Contracted Services	2,305,879	1,892,083
Supplies and Equipment	1,562,730	1,581,818
Depreciation	2,144,822	1,683,305
Miscellaneous	35,124	27,549
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	<u>9,448,645</u>	<u>8,418,972</u>
OPERATING INCOME (LOSS)	<u>1,881,067</u>	<u>2,565,696</u>
NON-OPERATING REVENUES (EXPENSES)		
Capital Grants	-	-
Gain/(Loss) on Sale of Assets	1,983	8,662
Interest and Investment Revenue	252,416	112,230
Interest Expense	(327,215)	(338,749)
TOTAL NON-OPERATING REVENUES (EXPENSES)	<u>(72,816)</u>	<u>(217,857)</u>
INCOME (LOSS) BEFORE TRANSFERS	1,808,251	2,347,839
Capital Grants and Contributions	635,717	967,392
Insurance Refunds and Recoveries	11,711	9,570
Transfers In	8,214,054	211,541
Transfers Out	(1,000,000)	(1,435,041)
CHANGE IN NET POSITION	<u>9,669,733</u>	<u>2,101,301</u>
NET POSITION - BEGINNING (as originally stated)	40,227,597	38,126,296
Prior Period Adjustment	(701,394)	-
NET POSITION - BEGINNING (Restated)	<u>39,526,203</u>	<u>38,126,296</u>
NET POSITION - ENDING	<u>\$ 49,195,936</u>	<u>\$ 40,227,597</u>

CITY OF CORNELIA, GEORGIA
WATER AND SEWER ENTERPRISE FUND
COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024 AND 2023

	2024	2023
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Receipts from Customers	\$ 11,139,720	\$ 10,741,621
Payments to Suppliers	(3,805,205)	(3,295,927)
Payments to or on Behalf of Employees	(3,208,493)	(3,214,263)
NET CASH PROVIDED (USED) BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES	4,126,022	4,231,431
CASH FLOWS FROM NON-CAPITAL FINANCING ACTIVITIES		
Loans From Other Funds	154,447	-
Loans To Other Funds	(316,724)	-
Transfers From Other Funds	-	-
Transfers to Other Funds	(1,000,000)	(1,435,041)
NET CASH PROVIDED (USED) BY NON-CAPITAL FINANCING ACTIVITIES	(1,162,277)	(1,435,041)
CASH FLOWS FROM CAPITAL AND RELATED FINANCING ACTIVITIES		
Grant Received for Capital Purchases	635,717	967,392
Capital Contributions	-	-
Transfers From Other Funds	166,437	211,541
Proceeds from Financed Purchases	478,355	-
Principal Payments on Financed Purchases	-	-
Proceeds from Notes Payable	257,662	23,866
Principal Payments on Note Payables	(927,810)	(915,532)
Proceeds from Insurance Refunds and Recoveries	11,711	9,570
Proceeds from Sale of Assets	1,983	8,663
Purchases of Capital Assets	(3,463,001)	(2,393,341)
Interest Paid	(327,215)	(338,749)
NET CASH PROVIDED (USED) BY CAPITAL AND RELATED FINANCING ACTIVITIES	(3,166,161)	(2,426,590)
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES		
Purchase of Investments	-	(3,977)
Proceeds from Sale/Redemption of Investments	1,449,470	-
Interest Earned	252,416	112,230
NET CASH USED FOR INVESTING ACTIVITIES	1,701,886	108,253
NET INCREASE (DECREASE) IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	1,499,470	478,053
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS - BEGINNING	6,900,455	6,422,402
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS - ENDING	\$ 8,399,925	\$ 6,900,455
Reconciliation of Operating Income (Loss) to Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities:		
Operating Income (Loss)	\$ 1,881,067	\$ 2,565,696
Adjustments to reconcile operating income (loss) to net cash provided by operating activities:		
Depreciation Expense	2,144,822	1,683,305
(Increase) decrease in assets and deferred outflows of resources:		
Receivables	(213,126)	(297,084)
Other Receivables	-	13,156
Deferred Outflows for Pension Items	53,426	(126,861)
Increase (decrease) in liabilities and deferred inflows of resources:		
Accounts Payables	99,942	232,884
Accrued Liabilities	3,621	(97,288)
Accrued Interest Payable	(884)	(1,268)
Compensated Absences	16,956	47,533
Customer Deposit Payables	23,134	14,786
Net Pension Liability	27,889	482,736
Deferred Inflows for Pension Items	89,175	(286,164)
Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities	\$ 4,126,022	\$ 4,231,431
Note: Below is a reconciliation of the Non-Cash Activity:		
NON-CASH CAPITAL AND RELATED FINANCING ACTIVITIES		
Transfer of Capital Assets from Water and Sewer Authority:		
Capital Assets	\$ 11,103,212	\$ -
Less Accumulated Depreciation	(3,055,595)	-
TOTAL NON-CASH CAPITAL AND RELATED FINANCING ACTIVITIES	\$ 8,047,617	\$ -

CITY OF CORNELIA, GEORGIA
STORMWATER FUND
COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
DECEMBER 31, 2024 AND 2023

	2024	2023
ASSETS		
CURRENT ASSETS		
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 82,648	\$ 308,730
Accounts Receivable, net	47,603	34,455
Due From Other Funds	-	-
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	130,251	343,185
NONCURRENT ASSETS		
Capital Assets:		
Land and Improvement	69,569	69,569
Construction In Progress	-	284,513
Depreciable Assets, net of Accumulated Depreciation	2,158,244	1,181,547
TOTAL NONCURRENT ASSETS	2,227,813	1,535,629
TOTAL ASSETS	2,358,064	1,878,814
DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES		
Pension Related Items	-	-
TOTAL DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES	-	-
TOTAL ASSETS AND DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES	\$ 2,358,064	\$ 1,878,814
LIABILITIES		
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Accounts Payable	\$ 18,591	\$ 21
Due To Other Funds	140,562	-
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES	159,153	21
TOTAL LIABILITIES	159,153	21
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES		
Pension Related Items	-	-
TOTAL DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES	-	-
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES	159,153	21
NET POSITION		
Net Invested in Capital Assets	2,227,813	1,535,629
Unrestricted	(28,902)	343,164
TOTAL NET POSITION	2,198,911	1,878,793
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES AND NET POSITION	\$ 2,358,064	\$ 1,878,814

CITY OF CORNELIA, GEORGIA
STORMWATER FUND
COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES AND CHANGES IN NET POSITION
FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024 AND 2023

	2024	2023
OPERATING REVENUES		
Stormwater Fees	\$ 361,779	\$ 359,117
TOTAL OPERATING REVENUES	361,779	359,117
OPERATING EXPENSES		
Purchased and Contracted Services	5,595	3,473
Supplies and Equipment	71,145	22,558
Depreciation	53,252	48,983
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	129,992	75,014
OPERATING INCOME (LOSS)	231,787	284,103
NON-OPERATING REVENUES (EXPENSES)		
Capital Grants	-	-
Interest and Investment Revenue	7,441	4,125
Miscellaneous Revenue (Expenses)	-	-
Interest Expense	-	-
TOTAL NON-OPERATING REVENUES (EXPENSES)	7,441	4,125
INCOME (LOSS) BEFORE TRANSFERS	239,228	288,228
Capital Grants and Contributions	-	-
Transfers In	80,890	273,862
Transfers Out	-	(58,041)
CHANGE IN NET POSITION	320,118	504,049
NET POSITION - BEGINNING	1,878,793	1,374,744
NET POSITION - ENDING	\$ 2,198,911	\$ 1,878,793

CITY OF CORNELIA, GEORGIA
STORMWATER FUND
COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024 AND 2023

	2024	2023
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Receipts from Customers	\$ 348,631	\$ 375,055
Payments to Suppliers	(58,170)	(26,445)
NET CASH PROVIDED (USED) BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES	290,461	348,610
CASH FLOWS FROM NON-CAPITAL FINANCING ACTIVITIES		
Transfers From Other Funds	-	-
Transfers to Other Funds	-	(58,041)
Loans to Other Funds	-	-
Loans from Other Funds	140,562	-
NET CASH PROVIDED (USED) BY NON-CAPITAL FINANCING ACTIVITIES	140,562	(58,041)
CASH FLOWS FROM CAPITAL AND RELATED FINANCING ACTIVITIES		
Grant Received for Capital Purchases	-	-
Capital Contributions	-	-
Transfers From Other Funds	80,890	273,862
Proceeds from Notes Payable	-	-
Principal Payments on Note Payables	-	-
Purchases of Capital Assets	(745,436)	(349,479)
Interest Paid	-	-
NET CASH PROVIDED (USED) BY CAPITAL AND RELATED FINANCING ACTIVITIES	(664,546)	(75,617)
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES		
Interest Earned	7,441	4,125
NET CASH USED FOR INVESTING ACTIVITIES	7,441	4,125
NET INCREASE (DECREASE) IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	(226,082)	219,077
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS - BEGINNING	308,730	89,653
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS - ENDING	\$ 82,648	\$ 308,730
Reconciliation of Operating Income (Loss) to Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities:		
Operating Income (Loss)	\$ 231,787	\$ 284,103
Adjustments to reconcile operating income (loss) to net cash provided by operating activities:		
Depreciation Expense	53,252	48,983
(Increase) decrease in assets and deferred outflows of resources:		
Receivables	(13,148)	6,056
Due from Other Funds	-	9,882
Increase (decrease) in liabilities and deferred inflows of resources:		
Accounts Payables	18,570	(414)
Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities	\$ 290,461	\$ 348,610

CITY OF CORNELIA, GEORGIA
 CORNELIA WATER AND SEWER AUTHORITY
 COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
 DECEMBER 31, 2024 AND 2023

	2024	2023
ASSETS		
CURRENT ASSETS		
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ -	\$ 84
Accounts Receivable, net	-	-
Due From Other Funds	-	-
Investments	-	-
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	-	84
NONCURRENT ASSETS		
Capital Assets:		
Land and Improvement	-	-
Construction In Progress	-	-
Depreciable Assets, net of Accumulated Depreciation	-	8,047,617
TOTAL NONCURRENT ASSETS	-	8,047,617
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ -	\$ 8,047,701
LIABILITIES		
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Notes Payable - Current	\$ -	\$ -
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES	-	-
NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Notes Payable - Long-Term	-	-
TOTAL NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES	-	-
TOTAL LIABILITIES	-	-
NET POSITION		
Net Invested in Capital Assets	-	8,047,617
Unrestricted	-	84
TOTAL NET POSITION	-	8,047,701
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES AND NET POSITION	\$ -	\$ 8,047,701

CITY OF CORNELIA, GEORGIA
 CORNELIA WATER AND SEWER AUTHORITY
 COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES AND CHANGES IN NET POSITION
 FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024 AND 2023

	2024	2023
OPERATING REVENUES		
Rent	\$ -	\$ 30,000
TOTAL OPERATING REVENUES	<u>-</u>	<u>30,000</u>
OPERATING EXPENSES		
Costs of Sales and Services	-	8
Personal Services	-	-
Depreciation	-	222,065
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	<u>-</u>	<u>222,073</u>
OPERATING INCOME (LOSS)	<u>-</u>	<u>(192,073)</u>
NON-OPERATING REVENUES (EXPENSES)		
Capital Grants	-	-
Interest and Investment Revenue	-	-
Miscellaneous Revenue (Expenses)	-	-
Interest Expense	-	(1,276)
TOTAL NON-OPERATING REVENUES (EXPENSES)	<u>-</u>	<u>(1,276)</u>
INCOME (LOSS) BEFORE TRANSFERS	<u>-</u>	<u>(193,349)</u>
Capital Grants and Contributions	-	-
Transfers In	-	-
Transfers Out	(8,047,701)	-
CHANGE IN NET POSITION	<u>(8,047,701)</u>	<u>(193,349)</u>
NET POSITION - BEGINNING	<u>8,047,701</u>	<u>8,241,050</u>
NET POSITION - ENDING	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 8,047,701</u>

CITY OF CORNELIA, GEORGIA
 CORNELIA WATER AND SEWER AUTHORITY
 COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
 FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024 AND 2023

	2024	2023
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Receipts from Customers	\$ -	\$ 30,000
Payments to Suppliers	-	(8)
NET CASH PROVIDED (USED) BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES	-	29,992
CASH FLOWS FROM NON-CAPITAL FINANCING ACTIVITIES		
Transfers From Other Funds	-	-
Transfers to Other Funds	(84)	-
Loans to Other Funds	-	-
Loans from Other Funds	-	-
NET CASH PROVIDED (USED) BY NON-CAPITAL FINANCING ACTIVITIES	(84)	-
CASH FLOWS FROM CAPITAL AND RELATED FINANCING ACTIVITIES		
Grant Received for Capital Purchases	-	-
Capital Contributions	-	-
Transfers From Other Funds	-	-
Proceeds from Notes Payable	-	-
Principal Payments on Note Payables	-	(98,756)
Purchases of Capital Assets	-	-
Interest Paid	-	(1,276)
NET CASH PROVIDED (USED) BY CAPITAL AND RELATED FINANCING ACTIVITIES	-	(100,032)
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES		
Interest Earned	-	-
NET CASH USED FOR INVESTING ACTIVITIES	-	-
NET INCREASE (DECREASE) IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	(84)	(70,040)
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS - BEGINNING	84	70,124
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS - ENDING	\$ -	\$ 84
Reconciliation of Operating Income (Loss) to Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities:		
Operating Income (Loss)	\$ -	\$ (192,073)
Adjustments to reconcile operating income (loss) to net cash provided by operating activities:		
Depreciation Expense	-	222,065
(Increase) decrease in assets and deferred outflows of resources:		
Receivables	-	-
Due from Other Funds	-	-
Increase (decrease) in liabilities and deferred inflows of resources:		
Accounts Payables	-	-
Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities	\$ -	\$ 29,992
Note: Below is a reconciliation of the Non-Cash Activity:		
NON-CASH CAPITAL AND RELATED FINANCING ACTIVITIES		
Transfer of Capital Assets from Water and Sewer Authority:		
Capital Assets	\$ 11,103,212	-
Less Accumulated Depreciation	(3,055,595)	-
TOTAL NON-CASH CAPITAL AND RELATED FINANCING ACTIVITIES	\$ 8,047,617	\$ -

STATE SECTION

CITY OF CORNELIA, GEORGIA
SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF
SPECIAL PURPOSE LOCAL OPTION SALES TAX PROCEEDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024

	Original Estimated Cost	Revised Estimated Cost	Prior Years Cumulative Expenditures	Current Year Expenditures	Total Cumulative Expenditures	Estimated Percentage of Completion
SPLOST VI						
Streets and Sidewalks	\$ 2,347,370	\$ 2,553,585	\$ 2,551,491	\$ -	\$ 2,551,491	100%
Community Facilities	650,000	686,213	686,212	-	686,212	100%
Water	300,000	-	-	-	-	
Sewer	590,698	305,000	303,497	-	303,497	100%
Public Safety	1,050,000	1,440,300	1,440,235	-	1,440,235	100%
TOTAL SPLOST VI	<u>\$ 4,938,068</u>	<u>\$ 4,985,098</u>	<u>\$ 4,981,435</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 4,981,435</u>	

	Original Estimated Cost	Revised Estimated Cost	Prior Years Cumulative Expenditures	Current Year Expenditures	Total Cumulative Expenditures	Estimated Percentage of Completion
SPLOST VII						
Community Facilities	\$ 1,295,000	\$ 1,295,000	\$ 135,352	\$ 296,507	\$ 431,859	33%
Public Safety	2,475,000	2,475,000	650,764	346,015	996,779	40%
Roads, Streets, and Bridges	1,527,174	2,000,000	1,125,685	582,347	1,708,032	85%
TOTAL SPLOST VII	<u>\$ 5,297,174</u>	<u>\$ 5,770,000</u>	<u>\$ 1,911,801</u>	<u>\$ 1,224,869</u>	<u>\$ 3,136,670</u>	

OVERALL NOTES:

The above schedules have been prepared using the modified accrual basis of accounting. Original estimated cost represents the portion of these projects to be financed with Special Purpose Local Option Sales Taxes. Revised estimated costs represent the project costs funded from Special Purpose Local Option Sales Taxes, as well as local, federal and state sources. Actual costs that are in excess of these amounts have been financed with funds from local sources.

COMPLIANCE SECTION

Independent Auditor's Report On Internal Control Over Financial Reporting And On Compliance And Other Matters Based On An Audit Of Financial Statements Performed In Accordance With Government Auditing Standards

To the Honorable Mayor, Members of the
City Commission and City Manager
of the City of Cornelia, Georgia

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, the discretely presented component unit, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of City of Cornelia, Georgia (the "City"), as of and for the year ended December 31, 2024, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the City's basic financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated July 25, 2025.

Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting

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

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

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies and therefore, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that were not identified. We identified certain deficiencies in internal control, described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs as items 2024-1 that we consider to be material weaknesses.

Report on Compliance and Other Matters

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

City of Cornelia, Georgia's Response to Findings

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

Purpose of This Report

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

Mixon, Mixon, Brown & Tench, CPAs

Mixon, Mixon, Brown & Tench, CPAs
Cornelia, Georgia
July 25, 2025

***Independent Auditor's Report On Compliance For Each Major Program
And On Internal Control Over Compliance Required By The Uniform Guidance***

To the Honorable Mayor, Members of the
City Commission and City Manager
Of the City of Cornelia, Georgia

Report on Compliance for Each Major Federal Program

Opinion on Each Major Federal Program

We have audited the City of Cornelia, Georgia's (the "City") compliance with the types of compliance requirements identified as subject to audit in the OMB *Compliance Supplement* that could have a direct and material effect on each of the City's major federal programs for the year ended December 31, 2024. 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.

In our opinion, the City of Cornelia, Georgia complied, in all material respects, with the types of compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on each of its major federal programs for the year ended December 31, 2024.

Basis for Opinion on Each Major Federal Program

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 the audit requirements of Title 2 U.S. *Code of Federal Regulations* Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (Uniform Guidance). Our responsibilities under those standards and the Uniform Guidance are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance section of our report.

We are required to be independent of the City and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion on compliance for each major federal program. Our audit does not provide a legal determination of the City's compliance with the compliance requirements referred to above.

Responsibilities of Management for Compliance

Management is responsible for compliance with the requirements referred to above and for the design, implementation, and maintenance of effective internal control over compliance with the requirements of laws, statutes, regulations, rules, and provisions of contracts or grant agreements applicable to the City's federal programs.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether material noncompliance with the compliance requirements referred to above occurred, whether due to fraud or error, and express an opinion on the City's compliance based on our audit. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, *Government Auditing Standards*, and the Uniform Guidance will always detect material noncompliance when it exists. The risk of not detecting material noncompliance resulting from fraud is higher than for that resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.

Noncompliance with the compliance requirements referred to above is considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, it would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user of the report on compliance about the City's compliance with the requirements of each major federal program as a whole.

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

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material noncompliance, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the City's compliance with the compliance requirements referred to above and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.
- Obtain an understanding of the City's internal control over compliance relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances and to test and report on internal control over compliance in accordance with the Uniform Guidance, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the City's internal control over compliance. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and any significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in internal control over compliance that we identified during the audit.

Report on Internal Control over Compliance

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

Our consideration of internal control over compliance was for the limited purpose described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance section above and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control over compliance that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies in internal control over compliance. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over compliance that we consider to be material weaknesses, as defined above. However, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies in internal control over compliance may exist that were not identified.

Our audit was not designed for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of internal control over compliance. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.

The purpose of this report on internal control over compliance is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over compliance and the results of that testing based on the requirements of the Uniform Guidance. Accordingly, this report is not suitable for any other purpose.

Mixon, Mixon, Brown & Tench, CPAs

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Cornelia, Georgia
July 25, 2025

CITY OF CORNELIA, GEORGIA
SCHEDULE OF FEDERAL EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024

FEDERAL GRANTOR/PASS-THROUGH GRANTOR/PROGRAM OR CLUSTER TITLE	FEDERAL CFDA NUMBER	PASS-THROUGH ENTITY IDENTIFYING NUMBER	TOTAL FEDERAL EXPENDITURES
U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development			
Pass-through Georgia Department of Community Affairs: Community Development Block Grant	14.228	22P-X-068-2-6276	\$ 632,608
Total U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development			<u>632,608</u>
U.S. Department of Environmental Protection Agency			
Pass-through Georgia Environmental Finance Authority: Drinking Water State Revolving Fund	66.468	DWLSL2022129	\$ 52,885
Total U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development			<u>52,885</u>
U.S. Department of Treasury			
Pass-through The Office of the Governor of Georgia: Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds	21.027	N/A	731,120
Total U.S. Department of Treasury			<u>731,120</u>
TOTAL EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS			<u>\$ 1,416,613</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this Schedule.

CITY OF CORNELIA, GEORGIA
NOTES TO THE SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024

NOTE A – BASIS OF PRESENTATION

The accompanying Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards (the Schedule) includes the federal award activity of the City of Cornelia, Georgia under programs of the federal government for the year ended December 31, 2024. The information in this Schedule is presented in accordance with requirements of Title 2 U.S. *Code of Federal Regulations* (CFR) Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements of Federal Awards* (Uniform Guidance). Because the Schedule presents only a selected portion of the operations of the City, it is not intended and does not present the financial position, changes in net assets, or cash flows of the City.

In instances where the grant agreement requires the City to match grant awards with local funds, such matching funds are excluded in the accompanying Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards.

Federal grant programs which are administered through State agencies (pass-through awards) have been included in this report. These programs are operated according to Federal regulations promulgated by the Federal agency providing the funding.

NOTE B - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Expenditures reported on the Schedule are reported on the accrual basis of accounting. Such expenditures are recognized following the cost principles contained in Title 2 U.S. *Code of Federal Regulations* Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards*, wherein certain types of expenditures are not allowable or are limited as to reimbursement.

NOTE C – DE MINIMIS INDIRECT COST RATE

The City did not use the 10 percent *de minimis* indirect cost rate as allowed under the Uniform Guidance.

NOTE D – LOANS OUTSTANDING

The City receives a capitalization grant for Drinking Water State Revolving Funds (DWSRF) program administered through the Georgia Environmental Finance Authority (GEFA) for the purpose of financing improvements for its water system. Capitalization loans processed for DWSRF for the year ended December 31, 2024 were approximately \$52,885 and are included in the Schedule.

NOTE E – PAYMENTS TO SUBRECIPIENTS

For the current fiscal year, the City of Cornelia, Georgia did not pass federal funds through to subrecipients.

**CITY OF CORNELIA, GEORGIA
SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024**

Section I – Summary of Audit Results

Financial Statements

Type of Auditor's Report Issued:		Unmodified
Internal Control over Financial Reporting:		
Material Weaknesses Identified?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Significant Deficiencies Identified not considered Material Weaknesses?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> None Reported
Noncompliance Material to Financial Statements Noted?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

Federal Awards

Internal Control over Major Programs:			
Material Weaknesses Identified?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
Significant Deficiencies Identified not considered Material Weaknesses?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> None Reported	
Type of Auditor's Report Issued on Compliance for Major Federal Programs:		Unmodified	
Any Audit Findings Disclosed That Are Required to be Reported in Accordance with 2 CFR 200.516(a)?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
Identification of Major Federal Programs:			
CFDA Number(s)	Name of Federal Program or Cluster		
21.027	Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds		
Dollar Threshold used to Distinguish Between Type A and Type B Programs:	Type A	<u>\$750,000</u>	Type B <u>\$187,500</u>
Auditee Qualified as a Low-Risk Auditee?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	

**CITY OF CORNELIA, GEORGIA
SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024**

Section II – Financial Statement Findings and Responses

Current Year Audit Findings

Finding 2024-1 – Inadequate Monitoring and Oversight – Capital Assets

Criteria: An effective internal control system includes establishing oversight and performing monitoring activities of financial reporting systems to ensure accuracy and completeness.

Condition: For the year ended December 31, 2024, the City discovered that its accumulated depreciation in both its Governmental Activities and Water and Sewer Enterprise Fund were understated.

Cause: The City had three projects that were not placed in service on the asset listing once construction was completed resulting in an understatement of accumulated depreciation. All of these projects were completed prior to 2020.

Effects: Failure to monitor and provide oversight to the City’s capital asset schedules led to a prior period adjustment to correct accumulated depreciation. A significant adjustment for the Water and Sewer Enterprise Fund was made in the amount of \$688,950 to correct the City’s beginning net position. An adjustment was also made for the Governmental Activities in the amount to \$13,425.

Recommendation: We recommend that the City establish effective monitoring and oversight procedures to include timely review of its capital asset schedules, and most specifically construction in progress projects, to ensure accuracy and completeness in reporting.

Auditee’s Response: We agree with the auditor’s comments. While the City used to outsource management of its capital assets, the City is now managing these assets in-house and have implemented new capital asset management software to provide more effective monitoring and oversight.

Status of Prior Year Audit Findings

Finding 2023-1 – Inadequate Monitoring and Oversight – Posting of Transactions in General Ledger

Criteria: An effective internal control system includes establishing oversight and performing monitoring activities of financial reporting systems to ensure accuracy and completeness.

Condition: An significant expenditure and correlating revenue was not recorded on the City’s books in the Water & Sewer Fund.

Auditee’s Response/Status: Resolved.

**CITY OF CORNELIA, GEORGIA
SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024**

Section III – Federal Award Findings and Questioned Costs

The audit of the basic financial statements and schedule of expenditures of federal awards disclosed no audit findings or questioned costs which are required to be reported under Title 2 U.S. Code of *Federal Regulations* Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards*.