

CITY OF LINCOLN, NORTH CAROLINA
COMPREHENSIVE ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT

FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2016

PREPARED BY
CITY OF LINCOLN FINANCE DEPARTMENT

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CITY OF LINCOLNTON

CITY COUNCIL
Ed L. Hatley, Mayor
Martin A. Eaddy, Mayor Pro-Tem
Devin Rhyme
David M. Black
Roby D. Jetton



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CITY ATTORNEY
Thomas J. Wilson, Jr.

Letter of Transmittal

The Honorable Mayor, Members of the
City Council and the Citizens of
the City of Lincoln, North Carolina

The Comprehensive Annual Financial Report of the City of Lincoln, North Carolina is submitted for your review and use. The City, like other local governments in the State, is required by state law to publish a complete set of financial statements within four months of the close of each fiscal year. The financial statements must be presented in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) and audited in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards by a firm of licensed certified public accountants. This report is published to fulfill that requirement for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2016, and to provide complete and further accountability to citizens and other interested parties by providing a comprehensive report in lieu of the minimum basic financial statement requirements.

Management assumes full responsibility for the completeness and reliability of the information contained in this report. To provide a reasonable basis for making these representations, we have established a comprehensive internal control framework that is designed both to protect the government's assets from loss, theft, or misuse and to compile sufficient reliable information for the preparation of the City of Lincoln's financial statements in conformity with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP). The cost of internal controls should not outweigh their benefits. The City's comprehensive framework of internal controls has been designed to provide reasonable rather than absolute assurance that the financial statements will be free from material misstatement. As management, we believe to the best of our knowledge, this financial report is complete and reliable in all material respects and is reported in a manner to present fairly the financial position of the City.

Lowdermilk Church & Co., L.L.P., Certified Public Accountants, have issued an unmodified ("clean") opinion on the City of Lincoln's financial statements for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2016. The independent auditors' report is located at the front of the financial section of this report.

Management's discussion and analysis (MD&A) immediately follows the independent auditors' report and provides a narrative introduction, overview, and analysis of the basic financial statements. The MD&A is designed to complement this letter of transmittal and should be read in conjunction with it.

Profile of the City

The City of Lincolnton, incorporated in 1785, is the County seat of Lincoln County (“the County”). It is located in the heart of the Piedmont section of the State, approximately 32 miles northwest of Charlotte on highways U.S. 321, State 27, and State 150. The City is the second oldest city west of the Catawba River in North Carolina with Morganton, established 1784, being the oldest city. Evidence of our long and distinguished history abounds throughout the stately streets of the City. The State of North Carolina has erected over a dozen historical markers to honor some of the important events, landmarks, and distinguished people in Lincolnton’s past. Lincolnton was named for Benjamin Lincoln, who achieved fame at the time of Cornwallis’ surrender to Washington at Yorktown, Virginia. It currently occupies 8.6 square miles and serves a population of 10,612. Lincolnton is empowered by state statute to extend its corporate limits by annexation, which it has done from time to time.

The City of Lincolnton is the only incorporated municipality in the County and operates under the council-manager form of government. The Mayor is elected at large for a two-year term. Composed of four members, the Lincolnton City Council has policy making and legislative authority. Members are elected at large but must file for election by ward. Two members of the City Council are elected every two years, serving four year terms. The City Council is responsible for the budget approval and appointing the City Manager and City Attorney. The City Manager is responsible for implementing Council policies and City ordinances, managing daily operations, and acts on all recommendations of employment for the City.

The City of Lincolnton provides a full range of services, including police and fire protection, the construction and maintenance of streets, curbs, gutters, sidewalks, and other infrastructure; solid waste and recycling; community development; planning and zoning; cemetery; and recreation and cultural activities. Additionally the City owns and operates an electric and water and sewer system, which provides services to residents of the City and its environs. This report includes all of the City’s activities in delivering and administrating these services. Although legally separate from the City, the City of Lincolnton ABC Board (“the Board”) and the Lincolnton Tourism Development Authority (LTDA) are important to the City because the City exercises control over the Board and the LTDA by appointing members to the boards, and because the Board is required to distribute its profits to the City. Additional information on those legally separate entities can be found in the notes to the financial statements.

The Council is required to adopt a budget by July 1 of each year. The City is empowered to levy a property tax on both real and personal property located within its boundaries. The City’s budget ordinance creates a legal limit on spending authorizations, and serves as the foundation for Lincolnton’s financial planning and control. The budget is prepared by fund and department (e.g., police).

Local Economy

Major industries located within the City boundaries or close proximity include manufacturers of ball bearings and textiles, as well as several financial institutions, restaurants, and real estate related businesses. Lincolnton is fortunate to have retained much of its older textile base due to the firms altering their production to a specialty product that gave them a niche in the market. The City has offered a favorable water and sewer fee rate structure that has also enabled the textile market to survive fierce domestic and foreign competition. Other major employers include the local county schools, local county and city government sectors, medical center, and retail businesses. The top employment sectors are manufacturing (41%), education (22%), retail (14%), public administration (14%) and medical (9%).

During the past ten years, the unemployment rate rose from an initial low of 5.1 percent (2007) to a decade high of 14.8 percent (2009), only to descend to the current rate of 4.7 percent. This rate is lower than the State’s rate of 4.9 percent and lower than the national rate of 4.9 percent. Lincolnton has followed the same pattern as the State during the economic cycles.

Numerous small businesses opened in Lincolnton, including Southern Bakers Boutique, Zeus Auto Repair, EPIC Services and Consulting, Kennedy Office, Edward Jones, Lincoln Personnel, UMAR Arts Center, Nina's Variety Shoppe, Rhyne Financial, Magic's Motorsports, Reid Financial Consulting, K9 Command, Studio 220, and Ski-Hi Wireless.

Lincoln County Officials, community leaders, and the Lincoln Economic Development Association (LEDA) gathered Thursday to celebrate the completion of the new shell building in Airlie Business Park. The building is the first facility in Phase II of Airlie, which encompasses 57 acres. The facility is located just 10 miles from I-485 and I-77 and only 20 miles from Charlotte-Douglas International Airport. The 50,000 square foot facility was built and developed by Denver Construction Company, in partnership with Lincoln County. The insulated precast concrete facility is visible from N.C. Highway 16, a divided four-lane interstate quality highway. The facility can be expanded to 100,000sf on site with the opportunity to add adjoining acreage for additional growth. Advanced manufacturing education and training initiatives driven by LEDA, Lincoln County Schools and Gaston College will provide a sustainable, well-educated and operator-ready workforce.

Manufacturing employment accounts for over 20% of all employment in Lincoln and Gaston counties, compared to 12% for N.C. and 10% nationally. Advanced manufacturing skill sets are in great demand and regions with advanced manufacturing talent will flourish. As a primary provider of workforce training in Lincoln and Gaston counties and a key partner in attracting new industry and enhancing the continued growth of our existing manufacturers, Gaston College continues to be on the leading edge of innovation with the groundbreaking of a new 21,000 square foot Center for Advanced Manufacturing today. When complete, Gaston College will offer enhanced education and training for students that includes eight specialty lab spaces to address needs in the areas of Mechantronics, Computer-Aided Design, Specialized Processing, Instrumentation, Nuclear and Alternative Energy and Robotics.

LEGG Lincoln Entrepreneur Growth Group, a program of LEDA/Lincoln Economic Development Association, worked with Circle Bolt & Nut Co., Inc. to help them locate and expand a new branch in Lincolnton. Today we welcome CBN to Lincolnton and to Lincoln County by celebrating with a ribbon cutting. CBN is an international supplier of fasteners, specialty hardware, and value added services. It is an American company with worldwide sourcing and distribution capabilities. Since 1979, CBN has grown from one facility in Northeast PA to national coverage through seven full service branches and other types of satellite warehouse and service locations. CBN headquarters is located in Kingston, PA.

Tenowo is expanding its Lincolnton manufacturing facility with a \$12.5 million investment. Owned by the Germany-based Hoftex Group, the Lincolnton site currently serves North American clients in the automotive, industrial and apparel industries. The event represents the third expansion by the company since 2009. With more than 70 employees, the expansion will create jobs within the company. The expansion will allow Tenowo to double in capacity.

During the past five years, the government's expenses related to public safety have remained fairly constant with only a slight decrease in amount, and also decreased as a percentage of total expense (a five-year decrease of 0.90 percent). The decrease reflects the City's efforts to control costs.

During this same five year period, charges for services, while continuing to increase in amount, have decreased slightly as a percentage of total revenue (a five-year decrease of 0.03 percent). The reason for this relative small decrease is the relative increase in expenses related to services that are not supported by fees and charges (e.g., public safety); thus, as taxes have increased to support these services, so has the proportion of total revenue generated by taxes.

Long-Term Financial Planning and Major Initiatives

Unassigned fund balance in the general fund is 26.94 percent of total general fund expenditures, which is above the required amount of 8 percent set by the State of North Carolina. As demonstration of the City's commitment to financial planning and fiscal health, the unreserved, unassigned fund balance in the general fund was \$2,508,579.

Each year the City adopts a capital improvement budget and prepares a 5-year capital improvement plan.

During the year, the City funded and managed significant projects including the following:

Pump Station replacement project at a cost of \$725,000. The purchase of two new automated garbage packers valued at \$550,000. Purchase of a fire engine valued at \$450,000.

The City converted employee health insurance to the State Health Plan saving over \$1,200,000 in premium costs.

Financing of \$150,000 for purchasing of 5 police vehicles to allow officers to take their police vehicle home in order to minimize lost travel time to and from work.

Upgrading of various departmental needs including service vehicles, technology and service equipment items.

Relevant Financial Policies

The City of Lincolnton's Unified Development Ordinance requires that a developer of a subdivision dedicate land for a park, recreation, and open space purposes or the developer pay a fee in lieu of land before the subdivision is approved. The use of these funds is governed by the North Carolina General Statute 160A-372.

Awards and Acknowledgments

The Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) awarded a Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting to the City of Lincolnton for its comprehensive annual financial report (CAFR) for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2015. This was the twenty-sixth consecutive year that Lincolnton has received this prestigious award. In order to be awarded a Certificate of Achievement, the government had to publish an easily readable and efficiently organized CAFR that satisfied both generally accepted accounting principles and applicable legal requirements.

A Certificate of Achievement is valid for a period of one year only. We believe that our current CAFR continues to meet the Certificate of Achievement Program's requirements and we are submitting it to the GFOA to determine its eligibility for another certificate.

The Water Department was one of four water systems that was honored for surpassing federal and state drinking water standards by the Department of Environmental Quality for ten years in a row. Awards are given to water systems that demonstrate outstanding turbidity and microbial removal, two factors important in determining the drinking water quality. While all systems must meet strict guidelines from federal and state standards, those awarded met performance goals that were more rigorous.

The preparation of this report would have not been possible without the efficient and dedicated service of the entire staff of the finance department. We wish to express our appreciation to all members of the department who assisted and contributed to the preparation of this report. Credit must also be given to the City Manager, Mayor and the City Council for their unfailing support for maintaining the highest standards of professionalism in the management of the City of Lincolnton's finances.

Respectfully submitted,

Steven B. Zickefoose

Steven B. Zickefoose, MBA
City Manager/Finance Director

November 8, 2016



Government Finance Officers Association

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in Financial
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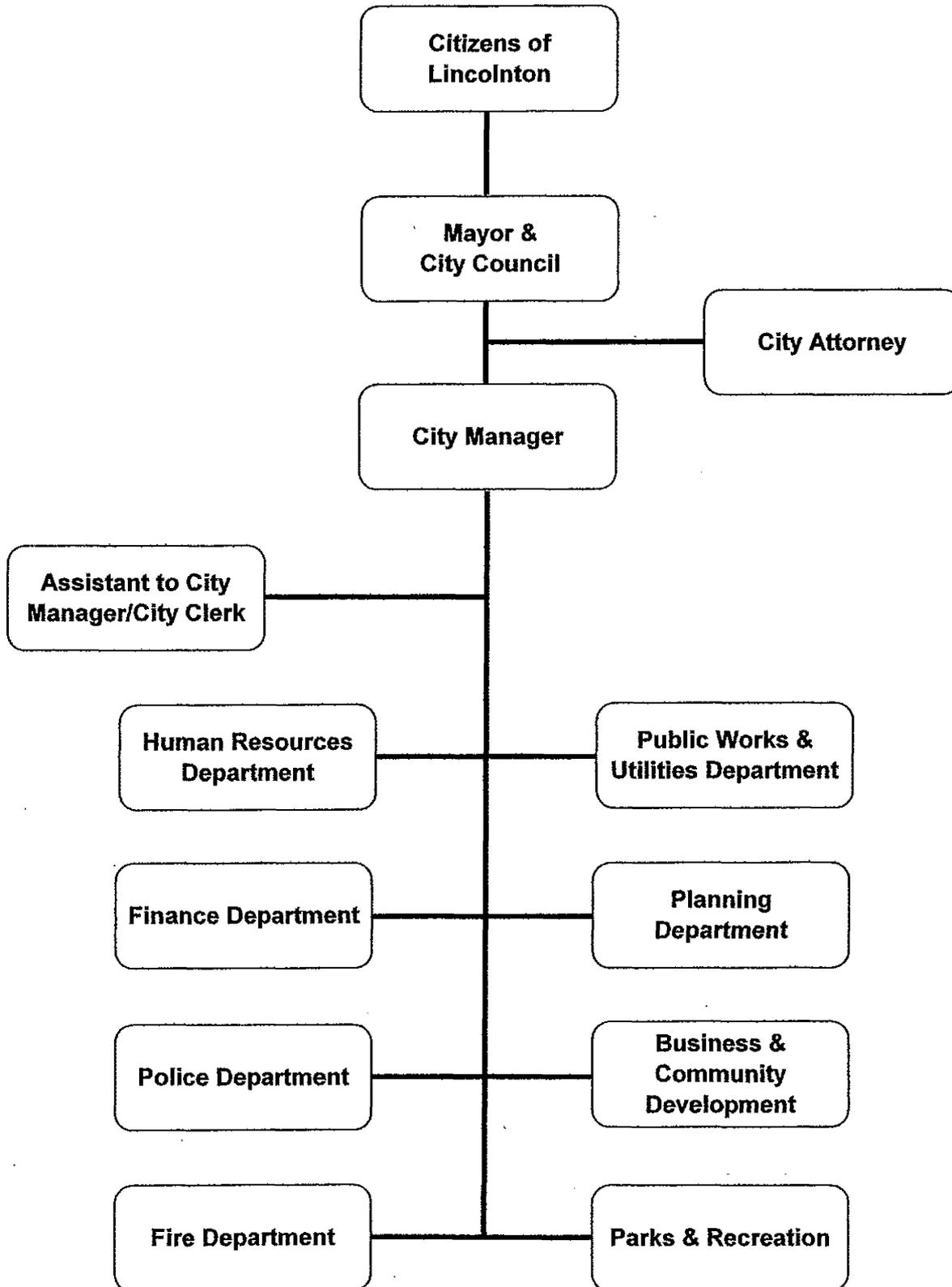
**City of Lincolnton
North Carolina**

For its Comprehensive Annual
Financial Report
for the Fiscal Year Ended

June 30, 2015

Executive Director/CBO

City of Lincoln Department Organizational Chart



CITY OF LINCOLNTON, NORTH CAROLINA

LIST OF PRINCIPAL OFFICIALS

June 30, 2016

Mayor & City Council

Mayor	Edward L. Hatley, Jr.
Ward I	Devin Rhyne
Ward II	David M. Black
Ward III	Martin Eaddy
Ward IV	Roby D. Jetton
Mayor Pro-Tem	

City Administration

City Manager	Steven B. Zickefoose
City Attorney	Thomas J. Wilson, Jr.
Assistant to City Manager/City Clerk	Donna Flowers
Human Resources Director	Tanya Osborne
Finance Director	Steven B. Zickefoose
Police Chief	Rodney Jordan
Fire Chief	Charles R. Heavner
Public Works & Utilities Director	Steve Peeler
Planning Director	Laura Elam
Business & Community Development Director	Vacant
Parks & Recreation Director	Richard Haynes

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Independent Auditors' Report

To the Honorable Mayor and the Members
Of the City Council and the Citizens of
the City of Lincolnton, North Carolina

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, the two aggregate discretely presented component units, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the City of Lincolnton, North Carolina as of and for the year ended June 30, 2016, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the City of Lincolnton, North Carolina's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

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

Auditors' Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in Government Auditing Standards, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. The financial statements of the City of Lincolnton ABC Board and the Lincolnton Tourism Development Authority were not audited in accordance with Government Auditing Standards. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

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

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

Opinions

In our opinion, 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 two aggregate discretely presented component units, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the City of Lincolnton, North Carolina, as of June 30, 2016, 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.

Other Matters

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis and Law Enforcement Officers' Separation Allowance and Other Postemployment Benefits Schedule of Funding Progress and Schedule of Employer Contributions and Local Government Employees' Retirement System Schedules of the Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability (Asset) and Contributions and Firefighters' and Rescue Squad Workers' Pension Fund's Schedule of the Proportionate Share of Net Pension Liability (Asset) on pages 12-20, and 68-73 be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, 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.

Other Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the City of Lincolnton, North Carolina's basic financial statements. The introductory section, individual fund financial statements, budgetary schedules and other schedules and statistical section, are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements. The individual fund financial statements, budgetary schedules and other schedules are the responsibility of management and were derived from and relate directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, individual fund financial statements, budgetary schedules and other schedules are fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

The introductory and statistical sections have not been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and, accordingly, we do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on them.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with Government Auditing Standards, we have also issued our report dated November 8, 2016 on our consideration of the City of Lincolnton, North Carolina's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is 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 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 of Lincolnton, North Carolina's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Lawrence Church & Co., L.L.P.

Morganton, North Carolina
November 8, 2016

Management's Discussion and Analysis

As management of the City of Lincolnton, we offer the readers of the City of Lincolnton's financial statements this narrative overview and analysis of the financial activities of the City of Lincolnton for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2016. We encourage readers to read the information presented here in conjunction with additional information that we have furnished in the City's financial statements, which follow this narrative.

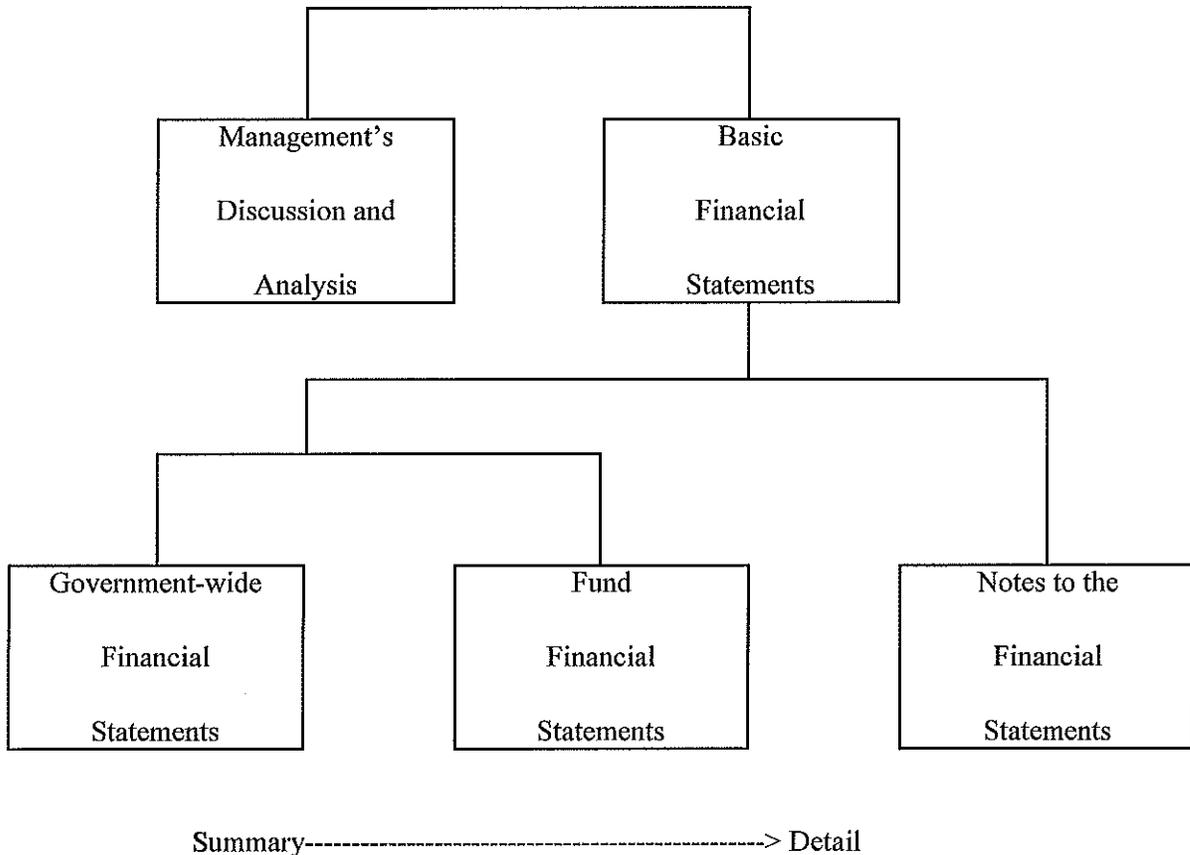
Financial Highlights

- The assets and deferred outflows of resources of the City of Lincolnton exceeded its liabilities and deferred inflows of resources at the close of the fiscal year by \$49,835,249 (net position).
- The City's total net position increased by \$1,583,401, primarily due to cost-saving measures and additional capital contributions.
- As of the close of the current fiscal year, the City of Lincolnton's governmental funds reported combined ending fund balances of \$5,222,459, with a net increase of \$530,022 in fund balance. Approximately 31.86 percent of this total amount, or \$1,663,879, is nonspendable.
- At the end of the current fiscal year, unassigned fund balance for the General Fund was \$2,508,579 or 26.94 percent of total general fund expenditures for the fiscal year.
- The City of Lincolnton's total debt decreased by \$1,224,258 (7.97%) during the current fiscal year. The key factor in this decrease was principal payments.
- The City's last bond rating was Aaa and AAA.
- The City's total capital assets decreased by \$624,722 (1.23%) during the current fiscal year. The key factor in this decrease is depreciation expense.

Overview of the Financial Statements

This discussion and analysis is intended to serve as an introduction to the City of Lincolnton's basic financial statements. The City's basic financial statements consist of three components; 1) government-wide financial statements, 2) fund financial statements, and 3) notes to the financial statements (see Figure 1). The basic financial statements present two different views of the City through the use of government-wide statements and fund financial statements. In addition to the basic financial statements, this report contains other supplemental information that will enhance the reader's understanding of the financial condition of the City of Lincolnton.

**Required Components of Annual Financial Report
Figure 1**



Basic Financial Statements

The first two statements (pages 21 through 23) in the basic financial statements are the **Government-wide Financial Statements**. They provide both short and long-term information about the City's financial status.

The next statements (pages 24 through 32) are **Fund Financial Statements**. These statements focus on the activities of the individual parts of the City's government. These statements provide more detail than the government-wide statements. There are three parts to the Fund Financial Statements: 1) the governmental funds statements; 2) the budgetary comparison statements; and 3) the proprietary fund statements.

The next section of the basic financial statements is the **notes**. The notes to the financial statements explain in detail some of the data contained in those statements. After the notes, **supplemental information** is provided to show details about the City's individual funds. Budgetary information required by the General Statutes also can be found in this part of the statements.

Government-wide Financial Statements

The government-wide financial statements are designed to provide the reader with a broad overview of the City's finances, similar in format to a financial statement of a private-sector business. The government-wide statements provide short and long-term information about the City's financial status as a whole.

The two government-wide statements report the City's net position and how it has changed. Net position is the difference between the City's total assets and deferred outflows of resources and total liabilities and deferred inflows of resources. Measuring net position is one way to gauge the City's financial condition.

The government-wide statements are divided into three categories: 1) governmental activities; 2) business-type activities; and 3) component units. The governmental activities include most of the City's basic services such as public safety, parks and recreation, and general administration. Property taxes and State and federal grant funds finance most of these activities. The business-type activities are those that the City charges customers to provide. These include the water and sewer and electric services offered by the City of Lincolnton. The final category is the component units. Although legally separate from the City, the City of Lincolnton ABC Board ("the Board") is important to the City because the City exercises control over the Board by appointing its members and because the Board is required to distribute its profits to the City. Although legally separate from the City, the Lincolnton Tourism Development Authority is important to the City because the City exercises control over the Board by appointing its members and because the occupancy tax collected is used to promote travel and tourism in the City.

The government-wide financial statements are on pages 21 through 23 of this report.

Fund Financial Statements

The fund financial statements (see Figure 1) provide a more detailed look at the City's most significant activities. 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 Lincolnton, like all other governmental entities in North Carolina, uses fund accounting to ensure and reflect compliance (or non-compliance) with finance-related legal requirements, such as the General Statutes or the City's budget ordinance. All of the funds of the City of Lincolnton can be divided into two categories: governmental funds and proprietary funds.

Governmental Funds - Governmental funds are used to account for those functions reported as governmental activities in the government-wide financial statements. Most of the City's basic services are accounted for in governmental funds. These funds focus on how assets can readily be converted into cash flow in and out, and what monies are left at year-end that will be available for spending in the next year. Governmental funds are reported using an accounting method called *modified accrual accounting* which provides a short-term spending focus. As a result, the governmental fund financial statements give the reader a detailed short-term view that helps him or her determine if there are more or less financial resources available to finance the City's programs. The relationship between government activities (reported in the Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities) and governmental funds is described in a reconciliation that is a part of the fund financial statements.

The City of Lincolnton adopts an annual budget for its General Fund, as required by the General Statutes. The budget is a legally adopted document that incorporates input from the citizens of the City, the management of the City, and the decisions of the Board about which services to provide and how to pay for them. It also authorizes the City to obtain funds from identified sources to finance these current period activities. The budgetary statement provided for the General Fund demonstrates how well the City complied with the budget ordinance and whether or not the City succeeded in providing the services as planned when the budget was adopted. The budgetary comparison statement uses the budgetary basis of accounting and is presented using the same format, language, and classifications as the legal budget document. The statement shows four columns: 1) the original budget as adopted by the board; 2) the final budget as amended by the board; 3) the actual resources, charges to appropriations, and ending balances in the General Fund; and 4) the difference or variance between the final budget and the actual resources and charges.

Proprietary Funds - The City of Lincolnton has one type of proprietary fund. Enterprise Funds are used to report the same functions presented as business-type activities in the government-wide financial statements. The City of Lincolnton uses enterprise funds to account for its water and sewer activity and for its electric operations. These funds are the same as those functions shown in the business-type activities in the Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities.

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 to the financial statements begin on page 33 of this report.

Other Information – In addition to the basic financial statements and accompanying notes, this report includes certain required supplementary information concerning the City of Lincolnton’s progress in funding its obligation to provide pension benefits to its employees. Required supplementary information can be found beginning on page 68 of this report.

The individual fund statements and schedules are presented immediately following the required supplementary information on pensions. Individual fund statements and schedules can be found beginning on page 74 of this report.

Interdependence with Other Entities – The City depends on financial resources flowing from, or associated with, both the federal government and the State of North Carolina. Because of this dependency, the City is subject to changes in specific flows of intergovernmental revenues based on modifications to federal and State laws and federal and State appropriations. It is also subject to changes in investment earnings and asset values associated with U.S. Treasury Securities because of actions by foreign government and other holders of publicly held U.S. Treasury Securities.

Government-Wide Financial Analysis

The City of Lincolnton, Net Position

Figure 2

	Governmental Activities		Business-type Activities		Total	
	2016	2015	2016	2015	2016	2015
Current and other assets	\$ 5,719,111	\$ 5,752,284	\$13,565,030	\$12,876,276	\$19,284,141	\$18,628,560
Capital assets	19,012,216	18,606,359	31,147,003	32,177,582	50,159,219	50,783,941
Deferred outflows of resources	329,564	335,475	107,637	105,092	437,201	440,567
Total assets and deferred outflows of resources	<u>\$25,060,891</u>	<u>\$24,694,118</u>	<u>\$44,819,670</u>	<u>\$45,158,950</u>	<u>\$69,880,561</u>	<u>\$69,853,068</u>
Long term liabilities outstanding	\$ 3,759,362	\$ 2,425,344	\$11,476,773	\$13,460,882	\$15,236,136	\$ 5,886,226
Other liabilities	800,023	604,517	3,735,778	3,531,954	4,535,801	4,136,471
Deferred inflows of resources	206,340	1,199,493	67,035	379,029	273,375	1,578,522
Total liabilities and deferred inflows of resources	<u>\$ 4,765,726</u>	<u>\$ 4,229,355</u>	<u>\$15,279,587</u>	<u>\$17,371,866</u>	<u>\$20,045,313</u>	<u>\$21,601,219</u>
Net position:						
Net investment in capital assets	\$17,845,361	\$18,225,559	\$18,312,253	\$17,189,653	\$36,157,614	\$35,415,212
Restricted	1,592,073	1,490,531	-	-	1,592,073	1,490,531
Unrestricted	857,731	748,673	11,227,830	10,597,432	12,085,561	11,346,105
Total net position	<u>\$20,295,166</u>	<u>\$20,464,763</u>	<u>\$29,540,083</u>	<u>\$27,787,085</u>	<u>\$49,835,249</u>	<u>\$48,251,849</u>

As noted earlier, net position may serve over time as one useful indicator of a government's financial condition. The assets and deferred outflows of the City of Lincolnton exceeded liabilities and deferred inflows by \$49,835,249 as of June 30, 2016. The City's net position increased by \$1,583,401 for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2016. However, the largest portion of net position (72.55%) reflects the City's net investment in capital assets (e.g. land, buildings, machinery, and equipment). The City of Lincolnton uses these capital assets to provide services to citizens; consequently, these assets are not available for future spending. Although the City of Lincolnton's net investment in capital assets is reported net of the outstanding related debt, the resources needed to repay that debt must be provided by other sources, since the capital assets cannot be used to liquidate these liabilities. An additional portion of the City of Lincolnton's net position, \$1,592,073, represents resources that are subject to external restrictions on how they may be used. The remaining balance of \$12,085,561 is unrestricted.

Several particular aspects of the City's financial operations influenced the total unrestricted governmental net position:

- Decrease in ad valorem taxes and increase in other general revenues in the governmental activities.
- Slight increase in overall governmental expenses.
- Increase in capital grants and contributions due to the contribution from Lincolnton Tourism Development Authority.
- Decrease in overall expenses in the business-type activities.
- Decrease in charges for services in both the Water and Sewer Fund and the Electric Fund.

	City of Lincolnton, Changes in Net Position					
	Governmental Activities		Business-type Activities		Total	
	2016	2015	2016	2015	2016	2015
Revenues:						
Program revenues:						
Charges for services	\$ 163,209	\$ 153,872	\$ 16,187,307	\$ 16,377,389	\$ 16,350,516	\$ 16,531,261
Operating grants and contributions	428,431	447,765	-	-	428,431	447,765
Capital grants and contributions	364,737	14,237	-	-	364,737	14,237
General revenues:						
Property taxes	4,641,125	4,761,205	-	-	4,641,125	4,761,205
Other taxes	3,682,640	3,573,901	-	-	3,682,640	3,573,901
Unrestricted investment earnings	10,321	3,477	26,421	10,869	36,741	14,346
Other	86,953	56,808	2,914	(405,085)	89,867	(348,277)
Total revenues	<u>9,377,416</u>	<u>9,011,265</u>	<u>16,216,642</u>	<u>15,983,173</u>	<u>25,594,057</u>	<u>24,994,437</u>
Expenses:						
General government	1,896,606	1,864,278	-	-	1,896,606	1,864,278
Public safety	4,487,641	4,562,298	-	-	4,487,641	4,562,298
Public works	1,342,101	1,315,049	-	-	1,342,101	1,315,049
Economic and physical development	404,448	348,274	-	-	404,448	348,274
Environmental protection	1,120,857	1,173,121	-	-	1,120,857	1,173,121
Cultural and recreational	683,973	654,985	-	-	683,973	654,985
Interest on long-term debt	16,458	5,662	312,469	663,840	328,927	669,502
Water and sewer	-	-	6,220,282	6,516,275	6,220,282	6,516,275
Electric	-	-	7,525,821	8,066,191	7,525,821	8,066,191
Total expenses	<u>9,952,085</u>	<u>9,923,667</u>	<u>14,058,572</u>	<u>15,246,306</u>	<u>24,010,656</u>	<u>25,169,973</u>

City of Lincolnton, Changes in Net Position

	<u>Governmental Activities</u>		<u>Business-type Activities</u>		<u>Total</u>	
	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>
	Increase (decrease) in net position before transfers and extraordinary item	\$ (574,669)	\$ (912,402)	\$ 2,158,070	\$ 736,867	\$ 1,583,401
Transfers	<u>405,071</u>	<u>394,135</u>	<u>(405,071)</u>	<u>(394,135)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Increase (decrease) in net position	<u>\$ (169,597)</u>	<u>\$ (518,268)</u>	<u>\$ 1,752,998</u>	<u>\$ 342,733</u>	<u>\$ 1,583,401</u>	<u>\$ (175,535)</u>
Net position, July 1, as previously reported	\$ 20,464,763	\$22,030,474	\$ 27,787,085	\$ 27,654,538	\$ 48,251,848	\$ 49,685,012
Restatement	<u>-</u>	<u>(1,047,443)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(210,186)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(1,257,629)</u>
Net position, July 1, restated	20,464,763	20,983,031	27,787,085	27,444,352	48,251,848	48,427,383
Increase (decrease) in net position	<u>(169,597)</u>	<u>(518,268)</u>	<u>1,752,998</u>	<u>342,733</u>	<u>1,583,401</u>	<u>(175,535)</u>
Net position, June 30	<u>\$ 20,295,166</u>	<u>\$20,464,763</u>	<u>\$ 29,540,083</u>	<u>\$ 27,787,085</u>	<u>\$ 49,835,249</u>	<u>\$ 48,251,847</u>

Governmental Activities. Governmental activities decreased the City's net position by \$169,597. Key elements of this decrease are as follows:

- Program revenues and general revenues increased.
- \$405,071 transfers in the current year.
- Expenses increased slightly.

Business-type Activities. Business-type activities increased the City of Lincolnton's net position by \$1,752,998. Key elements of this increase are as follows:

- Charges for services decreased approximately \$190,000.
- Capital grants and contributions increased approximately \$408,000 due to a loss on retirement of debt in the prior year.
- \$405,071 transfers out, in the current year.
- The Water and Sewer Fund rates increased as follows: 9% increase for non (textile based) and 4.5% increase for industrial (textile based).
- Electric Fund rates did not increase.
- Administrative expenditures to the General Fund were \$675,000 for the Water and Sewer Fund and \$475,000 for the Electric Fund.
- Purchase for power decreased approximately \$424,000.

Financial Analysis of the City's Funds

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

Governmental Funds. The focus of the City of Lincolnton's governmental funds is to provide information on near-term inflows, outflows, and balances of usable resources. Such information is useful in assessing the City of Lincolnton's financing requirements.

The General Fund is the chief operating fund of the City of Lincoln. At the end of the current fiscal year, the City of Lincoln's fund balance available in the General Fund was \$4,455,313, while total fund balance reached \$5,222,459. The City currently has an available fund balance of 47.84 percent of General Fund expenditures while total fund balance represents 56.07 percent of that same amount.

General Fund Budgetary Highlights. During the year, there was a \$103,105 increase in appropriations between the original and final budget. Following are the main components of the increase:

- \$96,107 increase for State Downtown Revitalizations.
- \$6,998 Federal Equitable Sharing contribution for the Police Department.

Revenues increased from the prior year due to the issuance of debt, capital contributions, Powell Bill reimbursements, ABC funds and interest on investments. The increase was due to anticipated revenues being received.

The final budget and actual results varied during the year. The significant budgetary variances are as follows:

- Total governmental expenditures were approximately \$2,315,310 less than budgeted due to an overall controlling of costs in all departments.
- Public safety was less than budgeted due to vacancies and lower operating costs of \$477,815.
- Public works was less than budgeted due to lower operating costs for administrations, street maintenance and solid waste of \$997,873.
- Parks and recreation was less than budgeted due to lower operating costs of \$59,053 and the delay of a major capital project for \$207,751.
- General government expenses were less than budgeted due to lower operating costs of \$147,074 and the delay in spending \$96,107 of the State Downtown Revitalization grant.

Proprietary Funds. The City of Lincoln's proprietary funds provide the same type of information found in the government-wide statements but in more detail. Unrestricted net position of the Water and Sewer Fund at the end of the fiscal year amounted to \$7,888,893, and unrestricted net position for the Electric Fund amounted to \$3,338,937. The total change in net position for both funds was \$1,504,249 and \$248,749, respectively. The change in net position in the Water and Sewer Fund is a result of decreased operating expenses and a decrease in interest expense. The increase in the Electric Fund is a result of a decrease in expenses.

Capital Asset and Debt Administration

Capital Assets. The City of Lincoln's investment in capital assets for its governmental and business type activities as of June 30, 2016, totals \$50,159,219 (net of accumulated depreciation). These assets include buildings, roads and bridges, land, machinery and equipment, park facilities, and vehicles.

Major capital asset transactions during the year include the following:

- Major additions in the General Fund included vehicles and equipment of approximately \$770,600, and construction in progress of \$523,120.
- The Electric Fund had approximately \$157,000 in current year additions for a truck, equipment and line relocations.
- The Water and Sewer Fund had approximately \$240,000 of new additions, for vehicles and equipment, and \$462,000 in construction in progress for pump station repairs and for infrastructure improvements.

City of Lincolnton's Capital Assets						
	Governmental		Business-type		Total	
	Activities		Activities			
	2016	2015	2016	2015	2016	2015
Land	\$ 8,300,388	\$ 8,300,388	\$ 105,820	\$ 105,820	\$ 8,406,208	\$ 8,406,208
Buildings and improvements	5,596,134	5,946,479	8,311,825	8,654,511	13,907,959	14,600,990
Distribution systems	189,260	198,477	20,984,902	22,062,097	21,174,162	22,260,574
Infrastructure	2,954,573	3,164,553	-	-	2,954,573	3,164,553
Vehicles and equipment	1,428,741	976,462	1,269,305	1,349,891	2,698,046	2,326,353
Construction in progress	<u>543,120</u>	<u>20,000</u>	<u>475,152</u>	<u>5,265</u>	<u>1,018,272</u>	<u>25,265</u>
Total	<u>\$19,012,216</u>	<u>\$18,606,359</u>	<u>\$31,147,004</u>	<u>\$32,177,582</u>	<u>\$50,159,219</u>	<u>\$50,783,943</u>

Additional information on the City's capital assets can be found in note IIA. of the Basic Financial Statements.

Long-Term Debt. As of June 30, 2016, the City of Lincolnton had total bonded debt outstanding of \$7,968,000. The City's bonded debt represents bonds secured solely by specified revenue sources (i.e. revenue bonds).

City of Lincolnton's Outstanding Debt						
	Governmental		Business-type		Total	
	Activities		Activities			
	2016	2015	2016	2015	2016	2015
Revenue bonds	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 7,968,000	\$ 9,479,000	\$ 7,968,000	\$ 9,479,000
Loans payable	<u>1,309,722</u>	<u>380,800</u>	<u>4,866,749</u>	<u>5,508,929</u>	<u>6,176,471</u>	<u>5,889,729</u>
Total	<u>\$1,309,722</u>	<u>\$380,800</u>	<u>\$12,834,749</u>	<u>\$14,987,929</u>	<u>\$14,144,471</u>	<u>\$15,368,729</u>

The City of Lincolnton's total debt decreased by \$1,224,258 (7.97%) during the fiscal year, primarily due to debt principal payments.

The City of Lincolnton has an Aaa bond rating from Moody's Investors Service and AAA rating from Standard and Poor's Corporation and Fitch Ratings. This bond rating is a clear indicator of the sound financial condition of the City of Lincolnton. This achievement is a primary factor in keeping interest costs low on the City's outstanding debt.

North Carolina general statutes limit the amount of general obligation debt that a unit of government can issue to 8 percent of the total assessed value of taxable property located within the government's boundaries. The legal debt margin for City of Lincolnton is \$66,530,863. The City has no bonds authorized but un-issued at June 30, 2016.

Additional information regarding the City of Lincolnton's long-term debt can be found in note II.B of this report.

Economic Factors and Next Year's Budgets and Rates

The following key economic indicators reflect the growth and prosperity of the City.

- The City is continuing to evaluate its infrastructure assets and as part of that ongoing evaluation will prioritize any necessary capital improvements.
- The two major industrial parks in Lincoln County are located within close proximity of our corporate limits and their continuous growth benefits the City economically.
- The City funded a Pump Station replacement project at a cost of \$725,000 to improve sewer capacities.
- The City purchased two new automated garbage packers valued at \$550,000 to improve solid waste services.
- The City purchased a fire engine valued at \$450,000 to improve fire protection services.
- The City converted employee health insurance to the State Health Plan saving over \$1,200,000 in premium costs.
- Numerous small businesses opened in Lincolnton, including: Southern Bakers Boutique, Zeus Auto Repair, EPIC Services and Consulting, Kennedy Office, Edward Jones, Lincoln Personnel, UMAR Arts Center, Nina's Variety Shoppe, Rhyne Financial, Magic's Motorsports, Reid Financial Consulting, K9 Command, Studio 220 and Ski-Hi Wireless.

Budget Highlights for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2017

Governmental Activities: Property taxes are expected to decrease two percent from amounts budgeted in the prior year due to reevaluation. Grant revenue is expected to lead the increase in budgeted revenues. The City's general fund budgeted revenues are approximately \$11,868,684, which reflects an increase from the prior year.

The City has appropriated to use \$1,107,311 of fund balance.

The tax rate is to remain at \$.56 cents per 100 dollars valuation.

Budgeted expenditures compared with the 2015 actual expenditures in the General Fund are expected to increase 1%. The largest increase is in general government.

Business-type Activities: The City continues to evaluate its water and sewer rates to ensure that revenues generated by that activity are sufficient to meet operating requirements as well as ongoing debt service requirements.

Water and Sewer rates decreased 1% for non textile based and textile based. Electric rates did not increase. Rate decreases are effective on the July 1, 2016 billing.

Requests for Information

This report is designed to provide an overview of the City's finances for those with an interest in this area. Questions concerning any of the City's information found in this report or requests for additional information should be directed to the Director of Finance, City of Lincolnton, P.O. Box 617, Lincolnton, NC 28092. Questions concerning any of the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board information found in this report or requests for additional information should be directed to the Finance Officer, City of Lincolnton ABC Board, 105 Stanford Road, Lincolnton, NC 28092. You can also call 704-736-8980, visit our website at www.ci.lincolnton.nc.us or send an email to stevezickefoose@ci.lincolnton.nc.us for more information.

BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The Basic Financial Statements provide a condensed overview of the financial position and results of operations of the City as a whole. They also serve as an introduction to the more detailed statements and schedules that follow.

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CITY OF LINCOLNTON, NORTH CAROLINA

**Statement of Net Position
June 30, 2016**

	Primary Government			Component Units	
	Governmental Activities	Business - type Activities	Total	Lincolnton Tourism Develop- ment Authority	City of Lincolnton ABC Board
Assets					
Current assets:					
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 3,763,248	\$11,788,243	\$15,551,491	\$ 235,752	\$ 169,346
Taxes receivable, net	187,757	-	187,757	-	-
Accounts receivable, net	486,085	1,226,664	1,712,749	-	-
Due from other government agencies	170,854	-	170,854	-	-
Inventories	14,316	127,701	142,018	-	235,668
Prepaid items	57,490	62,918	120,408	-	6,939
Total current assets	<u>4,679,751</u>	<u>13,205,526</u>	<u>17,885,277</u>	<u>235,752</u>	<u>411,953</u>
Noncurrent assets:					
Restricted cash	<u>1,039,360</u>	<u>359,504</u>	<u>1,398,864</u>	-	-
Capital assets:					
Land and nondepreciable assets	8,843,508	580,972	9,424,480	-	425,000
Other capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation	<u>10,168,708</u>	<u>30,566,031</u>	<u>40,734,739</u>	-	<u>1,156,166</u>
Total capital assets	<u>19,012,216</u>	<u>31,147,003</u>	<u>50,159,219</u>	-	<u>1,581,166</u>
Total assets	<u>24,731,326</u>	<u>44,712,033</u>	<u>69,443,359</u>	<u>235,752</u>	<u>1,993,119</u>
Deferred Outflows of Resources					
Contributions to pension plan in current fiscal year	<u>329,564</u>	<u>107,637</u>	<u>437,201</u>	-	<u>21,884</u>
Liabilities					
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	306,022	1,108,983	1,415,005	-	186,323
Customer deposits -restricted	-	359,504	359,504	-	-
Unearned revenues	6,010	-	6,010	-	-
Current portion of long-term liabilities	<u>487,991</u>	<u>2,267,291</u>	<u>2,755,282</u>	-	-
Total current liabilities	800,023	3,735,778	4,535,801	-	186,323
Long-term liabilities					
Net pension liability	371,761	121,419	493,180	-	5,116
Due in more than one year	<u>3,387,601</u>	<u>11,355,354</u>	<u>14,742,954</u>	-	-
Total liabilities	<u>4,559,384</u>	<u>15,212,551</u>	<u>19,771,935</u>	-	<u>191,439</u>
Deferred Inflows of Resources					
Prepaid taxes	1,092	-	1,092	-	-
Pension deferrals	<u>205,248</u>	<u>67,035</u>	<u>272,283</u>	-	<u>2,659</u>
Total deferred inflows of resources	<u>206,340</u>	<u>67,035</u>	<u>273,375</u>	-	<u>2,659</u>
Net Position					
Net investment in capital assets	17,845,361	18,312,253	36,157,614	-	1,581,166
Restricted for:					
Working capital	-	-	-	-	72,381
Stabilization by State Statute	695,340	-	695,340	-	-
Streets	896,728	-	896,728	-	-
Public safety	5	-	5	-	-
Economic development	-	-	-	235,752	-
Unrestricted	<u>857,731</u>	<u>11,227,830</u>	<u>12,085,562</u>	-	<u>167,358</u>
Total net position	<u>\$ 20,295,166</u>	<u>\$29,540,083</u>	<u>\$49,835,249</u>	<u>\$ 235,752</u>	<u>\$ 1,820,905</u>

The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

CITY OF LINCOLNTON, NORTH CAROLINA

**Statement of Activities
For the Year Ended June 30, 2016**

<u>Functions/Programs</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Program Revenues</u>			<u>Net (Expense) Revenue and Changes in Net Position</u>					
		<u>Charges for Services</u>	<u>Operating Grants and Contributions</u>	<u>Capital Grants and Contributions</u>	<u>Primary Government</u>			<u>Component Units</u>		
					<u>Governmental Activities</u>	<u>Business-type Activities</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Lincolnton Tourism Development Authority</u>	<u>City of Lincolnton ABC Board</u>	
Primary Government:										
Governmental activities:										
General government	\$ 1,896,606	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (1,896,606)	\$ -	\$ (1,896,606)	\$ -	\$ -	
Public safety	4,487,641	7,227	112,332	-	(4,368,082)	-	(4,368,082)	-	-	
Public works	1,342,101	-	316,099	40,130	(985,872)	-	(985,872)	-	-	
Economic and physical development	404,448	9,960	-	324,607	(69,881)	-	(69,881)	-	-	
Environmental protection	1,120,857	29,259	-	-	(1,091,598)	-	(1,091,598)	-	-	
Cultural and recreational	683,973	116,764	-	-	(567,209)	-	(567,209)	-	-	
Interest on long-term debt	16,458	-	-	-	(16,458)	-	(16,458)	-	-	
Total governmental activities	9,952,085	163,209	428,431	364,737	(8,995,708)	-	(8,995,708)	-	-	
Business-type activities:										
Water and sewer	6,532,751	8,393,729	-	-	-	1,860,978	1,860,978	-	-	
Electric	7,525,821	7,793,578	-	-	-	267,757	267,757	-	-	
Total business-type activities	14,058,572	16,187,307	-	-	-	2,128,734	2,128,734	-	-	
Total primary government	\$24,010,658	\$16,350,516	\$ 428,431	\$ 364,737	(8,995,708)	2,128,734	(6,866,973)	-	-	
Component Unit:										
Lincolnton Tourism Development Authority	\$ 284,750	\$ -	\$ 106,187	\$ -	-	-	-	(178,563)	-	
City of Lincolnton ABC Board	2,073,344	2,005,645	-	-	-	-	-	-	(67,699)	
Total component unit	\$ 2,358,094	\$ 2,005,645	\$ 106,187	\$ -	-	-	-	(178,563)	(67,699)	

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CITY OF LINCOLNTON, NORTH CAROLINA

Statement of Activities
For the Year Ended June 30, 2016

	Net (Expense) Revenue and Changes in Net Position				
	Primary Government			Component Units	
	Governmental Activities	Business-type Activities	Total	Lincolnton Tourism Develop- ment Authority	City of Lincolnton ABC Board
General revenues:					
Ad valorem taxes	\$ 4,641,125	\$ -	\$ 4,641,125	\$ -	\$ -
Local option sales tax	2,644,526	-	2,644,526	-	-
Franchise tax	873,432	-	873,432	-	-
Other taxes and licenses	164,682	-	164,682	-	-
Unrestricted investment earnings	10,321	26,421	36,741	529	1,387
Miscellaneous	86,953	2,914	89,867	-	-
Transfers	405,071	(405,071)	-	-	-
Total general revenues and transfers	<u>8,826,111</u>	<u>(375,736)</u>	<u>8,450,374</u>	<u>529</u>	<u>1,387</u>
Changes in net position	<u>\$ (169,597)</u>	<u>\$ 1,752,998</u>	<u>\$ 1,583,401</u>	<u>\$ (178,033)</u>	<u>\$ (66,312)</u>
Net position - beginning, as previously reported	<u>\$ 20,464,763</u>	<u>\$27,787,085</u>	<u>\$ 48,251,848</u>	<u>\$ 413,785</u>	<u>\$ 1,887,217</u>
Net position - beginning, restated	20,464,763	27,787,085	48,251,848	413,785	1,887,217
Changes in net position	<u>(169,597)</u>	<u>1,752,998</u>	<u>1,583,401</u>	<u>(178,033)</u>	<u>(66,312)</u>
Net position - ending	<u>\$ 20,295,166</u>	<u>\$29,540,083</u>	<u>\$ 49,835,249</u>	<u>\$ 235,752</u>	<u>\$ 1,820,905</u>

The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

CITY OF LINCOLNTON, NORTH CAROLINA

**Balance Sheet
Governmental Funds
June 30, 2016**

	<u>Major Fund General Fund</u>
<u>Assets</u>	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 3,763,248
Taxes receivable, net	187,757
Accounts receivable, net	486,085
Due from government agencies	170,854
Inventories	14,316
Prepaid items	57,490
Restricted cash	<u>1,039,360</u>
Total assets	<u>\$ 5,719,110</u>
<u>Liabilities</u>	
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$ 301,792
Unearned revenues	<u>6,010</u>
Total liabilities	<u>307,802</u>
<u>Deferred Inflows of Resources</u>	
Property taxes receivable	187,757
Prepaid taxes	<u>1,092</u>
Total deferred inflows of resources	<u>188,849</u>
<u>Fund Balances</u>	
Nonspendable:	
Inventories	14,316
Prepaid expenditures	57,490
Restricted:	
Stabilization by State Statute	695,340
Streets - Powell Bill	896,728
Public safety - police	5
Assigned:	
Subsequent year's expenditures	1,050,000
Unassigned	<u>2,508,579</u>
Total fund balances	<u>5,222,459</u>
Total liabilities, deferred inflows of resources and fund balances	<u>\$ 5,719,110</u>

The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

CITY OF LINCOLNTON, NORTH CAROLINA

**Reconciliation of the Governmental Funds Balance Sheet
To the Statement of Net Position
June 30, 2016**

Total Fund Balance, Governmental Funds \$ 5,222,459

Amounts reported for governmental activities in the
Statement of Net Position are different because:

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

Gross capital assets at historical cost	\$ 39,883,829	
Accumulated depreciation	<u>(20,871,613)</u>	19,012,216

Contributions to the pension plan in the current fiscal year are deferred
outflows of resources on the Statement of Net Position 329,564

Liabilities for earned revenues considered deferred inflows of
resources in the fund statements.

Property taxes receivable	187,757
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Long-term liabilities used in governmental activities are not
financial uses and therefore are not reported in the funds.

Accrued interest on long-term debt	(4,229)
Long-term debt	(1,309,722)
Compensated absences	(349,015)
Other post employment benefits	(1,939,258)
Net pension liability	(371,761)
Law enforcement officers' separation allowance	(277,597)

Pension related deferrals	<u>(205,248)</u>
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Net position of governmental activities	<u>\$ 20,295,166</u>
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CITY OF LINCOLNTON, NORTH CAROLINA

**Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances
Governmental Funds
For the Year Ended June 30, 2016**

	<u>Major Fund</u> <u>General</u> <u>Fund</u>
Revenues:	
Ad valorem taxes	\$ 4,712,610
Other taxes and licenses	32,034
Unrestricted intergovernmental revenues	3,709,323
Restricted intergovernmental revenues	505,951
Permits and fees	32,559
Sales and services	149,132
Investment earnings	10,321
Miscellaneous	296,487
Total revenues	<u>9,448,416</u>
Expenditures:	
General government	1,327,589
Public safety	5,060,727
Public works	1,241,230
Economic and physical development	374,412
Environmental protection	1,519,010
Cultural and recreational	708,628
Debt service:	
Principal retirement	271,078
Interest and other charges	12,229
Total expenditures	<u>10,514,902</u>
Revenues over (under) expenditures	<u>(1,066,486)</u>
Other Financing Sources (Uses):	
Issuance of debt	1,200,000
Transfers - in	405,071
Total other financing sources (uses)	<u>1,605,071</u>
 Net changes in fund balances	 538,585
 Fund balances, July 1	 4,692,437
Increase (decrease) in inventory	<u>(8,563)</u>
 Fund balances, June 30	 <u>\$ 5,222,459</u>

The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

CITY OF LINCOLN, NORTH CAROLINA

**Reconciliation of the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and
Changes in Fund Balances of Governmental Funds to the
Statement of Activities**

For the Year Ended June 30, 2016

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

Net change in fund balances - total governmental funds	\$ 538,585
Change in fund balance due to change in reserve for inventory	(8,563)

Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures. However, in the 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 outlays exceeded depreciation in the current period.

Capital outlay	1,293,800
Depreciation expense	(887,943)
Gain (loss) on sale of assets	10,490
Proceeds from sale of fixed assets	(10,005)

Contributions to the pension plan in the current year fiscal year are not included on the Statement of Activities	329,564
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Revenues in the statement of activities that do not provide current financial resources are not reported as revenues in the funds.	
Change in deferred revenue for tax purposes	(71,484)

The issuance of long-term debt provides current financial resources to governmental funds, while the repayment of the principal of long-term debt consumes the current financial resources of the governmental funds. Neither transaction has any effect on net position. This amount is the net effect of these differences in the treatment of long-term and related items.

New long-term debt issued	(1,200,000)
Principal payments on long-term debt	271,078
Accrued interest payable	(4,229)

Some 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.

Compensated absences	(17,592)
Pension expense	(213,561)
Other post employment benefits - health care	(195,478)
Net pension obligation (LEO)	(4,259)

Change in net position of governmental activities	<u>\$ (169,597)</u>
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CITY OF LINCOLNTON, NORTH CAROLINA

**Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance
Budget and Actual - General Fund
For the Year Ended June 30, 2016**

	<u>Original Budget</u>	<u>Final Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	Variance With Final Budget Positive (Negative)
Revenues:				
Ad valorem taxes	\$ 4,728,000	\$ 4,728,000	\$ 4,712,610	\$ (15,390)
Other taxes and licenses	21,900	21,900	32,034	10,134
Unrestricted intergovernmental revenues	3,656,370	3,656,370	3,709,323	52,953
Restricted intergovernmental revenues	816,500	912,607	505,951	(406,656)
Permits and fees	30,000	28,600	32,559	3,959
Sales and services	121,800	125,200	149,132	23,932
Investment earnings	2,000	2,000	10,321	8,321
Miscellaneous	<u>364,700</u>	<u>362,700</u>	<u>296,487</u>	<u>(66,213)</u>
Total revenues	<u>9,741,270</u>	<u>9,837,377</u>	<u>9,448,416</u>	<u>(388,961)</u>
Expenditures:				
General government	1,536,065	1,570,770	1,327,589	243,181
Public safety	5,538,542	5,538,542	5,060,727	477,815
Public works	2,170,703	2,239,103	1,241,230	997,873
Economic and physical development	416,197	416,197	374,412	41,785
Environmental protection	1,773,214	1,773,214	1,519,010	254,204
Cultural and recreational	975,432	975,432	708,628	266,804
Debt service:				
Principal retirement	292,250	292,250	271,078	21,172
Interest and other charges	<u>24,704</u>	<u>24,704</u>	<u>12,229</u>	<u>12,475</u>
Total expenditures	<u>12,727,107</u>	<u>12,830,212</u>	<u>10,514,902</u>	<u>2,315,310</u>
Revenues over (under) expenditures	<u>(2,985,837)</u>	<u>(2,992,835)</u>	<u>(1,066,486)</u>	<u>1,926,349</u>
Other Financing Sources (Uses):				
Issuance of debt	1,175,000	1,175,000	1,200,000	25,000
Appropriated fund balance	1,405,541	1,412,539	-	(1,412,539)
Transfers in	<u>405,296</u>	<u>405,296</u>	<u>405,071</u>	<u>(225)</u>
Total other financing sources (uses)	<u>2,985,837</u>	<u>2,992,835</u>	<u>1,605,071</u>	<u>(1,387,764)</u>
Net change in fund balance	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	538,585	<u>\$ 538,585</u>
Fund balance, July 1			4,692,437	
Increase (decrease) in reserve for inventory			<u>(8,563)</u>	
Fund balance, June 30			<u>\$ 5,222,459</u>	

The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

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CITY OF LINCOLN, NORTH CAROLINA

**Statement of Fund Net Position
Proprietary Funds
June 30, 2016**

	Business-type Activities		
	Enterprise Funds		
	Water and Sewer Fund	Electric Fund	Total
Assets			
Current assets:			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 8,220,157	\$ 3,568,085	\$ 11,788,243
Accounts receivable	639,170	587,494	1,226,664
Inventories	85,331	42,370	127,701
Prepaid expenses	25,330	37,588	62,918
Total current assets	<u>8,969,989</u>	<u>4,235,537</u>	<u>13,205,526</u>
Noncurrent assets:			
Restricted cash and cash equivalents	101,146	258,358	359,504
Capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation	30,027,142	1,119,861	31,147,003
Total noncurrent assets	<u>30,128,288</u>	<u>1,378,219</u>	<u>31,506,507</u>
Total assets	<u>39,098,277</u>	<u>5,613,756</u>	<u>44,712,033</u>
Deferred Outflows of Resources			
Contributions to pension plan	<u>85,644</u>	<u>21,993</u>	<u>107,637</u>
Liabilities			
Current liabilities:			
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	334,435	774,548	1,108,983
Customer deposits - restricted	101,146	258,358	359,504
Bonds payable - current	1,540,000	-	1,540,000
Loans payable - current	660,610	-	660,610
Accrued compensated absences	57,925	8,756	66,681
Total current liabilities	<u>2,694,116</u>	<u>1,041,662</u>	<u>3,735,778</u>
Noncurrent liabilities:			
Bonds payable	6,428,000	-	6,428,000
Loans payable	4,206,139	-	4,206,139
Other post retirement benefits liability	580,016	77,837	657,853
Accrued compensated absences	44,416	18,945	63,361
Net pension liability	96,610	24,809	121,419
Total noncurrent liabilities	<u>11,355,181</u>	<u>121,592</u>	<u>11,476,773</u>
Total liabilities	<u>14,049,298</u>	<u>1,163,254</u>	<u>15,212,551</u>
Deferred Inflows of Resources			
Pension deferrals	<u>53,338</u>	<u>13,697</u>	<u>67,035</u>
Net Position			
Net investment in capital assets	17,192,392	1,119,861	18,312,253
Unrestricted	7,888,893	3,338,937	11,227,830
Total net position	<u>\$ 25,081,285</u>	<u>\$ 4,458,798</u>	<u>\$ 29,540,083</u>

The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

CITY OF LINCOLNTON, NORTH CAROLINA

**Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Fund Net Position
Proprietary Funds
For the Year Ended June 30, 2016**

	Business-type Activities Enterprise Funds		
	Water and Sewer Fund	Electric Fund	Total
Operating Revenues:			
Electricity sales	\$ -	\$ 6,842,766	\$ 6,842,766
Water sales	3,670,163	-	3,670,163
Sewer charges	4,500,742	-	4,500,742
Water and sewer taps	21,100	-	21,100
Electricity - municipal operations	-	697,314	697,314
Other operating revenues	201,723	253,498	455,221
Total operating revenues	<u>8,393,729</u>	<u>7,793,578</u>	<u>16,187,307</u>
Operating Expenses:			
Electrical operations	-	953,058	953,058
Electrical power purchases	-	5,986,666	5,986,666
Water treatment plant	1,475,065	-	1,475,065
Water and sewer distribution maintenance	1,406,668	-	1,406,668
Waste treatment plant	1,603,778	-	1,603,778
Administrative	-	475,000	475,000
Depreciation	1,734,771	111,097	1,845,869
Total operating expenses	<u>6,220,283</u>	<u>7,525,821</u>	<u>13,746,104</u>
Operating income (loss)	<u>2,173,446</u>	<u>267,757</u>	<u>2,441,203</u>
Nonoperating Revenues (Expenses):			
Investment earnings	19,459	6,962	26,421
Gain (loss) on disposal of capital assets	2,909	5	2,914
Interest on long-term debt	(312,469)	-	(312,469)
Total nonoperating revenues (expenses)	<u>(290,101)</u>	<u>6,967</u>	<u>(283,134)</u>
Income (loss) before transfers and capital contributions	1,883,345	274,724	2,158,069
Transfers (to) from other funds			
General Fund-payment in lieu of taxes	<u>(379,096)</u>	<u>(25,975)</u>	<u>(405,071)</u>
Changes in net position	1,504,249	248,749	1,752,998
Total net position - beginning	<u>23,577,036</u>	<u>4,210,049</u>	<u>27,787,085</u>
Total net position - ending	<u>\$ 25,081,285</u>	<u>\$ 4,458,798</u>	<u>\$ 29,540,083</u>

The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

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**Statement of Cash Flows
Proprietary Funds
For the Year Ended June 30, 2016**

	Business-type Activities		
	Enterprise Funds		
	Water and Sewer Fund	Electric Fund	Total
Cash Flows From Operating Activities:			
Cash received from customers	\$8,507,515	\$7,827,869	\$ 16,335,384
Customer deposits received	9,387	11,312	20,699
Cash paid for goods and services	(2,498,214)	(6,954,468)	(9,452,682)
Cash paid to or on behalf of employees for services	<u>(1,837,433)</u>	<u>(473,099)</u>	<u>(2,310,532)</u>
Net cash provided (used) by operating activities	<u>4,181,255</u>	<u>411,614</u>	<u>4,592,869</u>
Cash Flows From Non-Capital Financing Activities:			
Transfers - in (out)	<u>(379,096)</u>	<u>(25,975)</u>	<u>(405,071)</u>
Net cash provided (used) by non-capital financing activities	<u>(379,096)</u>	<u>(25,975)</u>	<u>(405,071)</u>
Cash Flows From Capital and Related Financing Activities:			
Acquisition and construction of capital assets	(700,993)	(114,296)	(815,289)
Proceeds from sale of capital assets	2,909	5	2,914
Principal paid on long-term debt	(2,153,181)	-	(2,153,181)
Interest paid on long-term debt	<u>(320,486)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(320,486)</u>
Net cash provided (used) by capital and related financing activities	<u>(3,171,751)</u>	<u>(114,291)</u>	<u>(3,286,042)</u>
Cash Flows From Investing Activities:			
Investment earnings	<u>19,459</u>	<u>6,962</u>	<u>26,421</u>
Net cash provided (used) by investing activities	<u>19,459</u>	<u>6,962</u>	<u>26,421</u>
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	649,867	278,310	928,177
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year	<u>7,671,436</u>	<u>3,548,132</u>	<u>11,219,568</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year	<u>\$8,321,303</u>	<u>\$3,826,442</u>	<u>\$ 12,147,744</u>

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Statement of Cash Flows
 Proprietary Funds
 For the Year Ended June 30, 2016

	Business-type Activities		
	Enterprise Funds		
	Water and Sewer Fund	Electric Fund	Total
Reconciliation of Operating Income (Loss) to Net Cash Provided (Used) by Operating Activities:			
Operating income (loss)	\$2,173,446	\$ 267,757	\$ 2,441,203
Adjustments to reconcile operating income (loss) to net cash provided (used) by operating activities:			
Depreciation	1,734,771	111,097	1,845,868
Change in assets and liabilities:			
(Increase) decrease in accounts receivable	113,786	34,291	148,077
(Increase) decrease in inventory	(28,380)	(3,866)	(32,246)
(Increase) decrease in prepaid expense	(2,971)	(31,088)	(34,059)
Increase (decrease) in accounts payable and other accrued liabilities	140,793	(1,780)	139,013
Increase (decrease) in accrued vacation pay	2,569	5,381	7,950
Increase (decrease) in other post retirement benefits	67,153	24,678	91,831
(Increase) decrease in net pension asset	127,609	30,044	157,653
Increase (decrease) in deferred outflows of resources - pensions	(59)	(2,486)	(2,545)
Increase (decrease) in net pension liability	96,610	24,809	121,419
Increase (decrease) in deferred inflows of resources - pensions	(253,459)	(58,535)	(311,994)
Increase (decrease) in customer deposits	9,387	11,312	20,699
Net cash provided (used) by operating activities	<u>\$4,181,255</u>	<u>\$ 411,614</u>	<u>\$ 4,592,869</u>

The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

These notes are intended to communicate information necessary for a fair presentation of financial position and results of operations that are not readily apparent from, or cannot be included in, the financial statements themselves. The notes supplement the financial statements, are an integral part thereof, and are intended to be read in conjunction with the financial statements.

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CITY OF LINCOLNTON, NORTH CAROLINA

Notes to the Financial Statements June 30, 2016

I. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

The accounting policies of the City of Lincolnton and its discretely presented component units conform to generally accepted accounting principles as applicable to governments. The following is a summary of the more significant accounting policies:

A. Reporting Entity

The City of Lincolnton is a municipal corporation that is governed by an elected mayor and a four-member council. As required by generally accepted accounting principles, these financial statements present the City and its component units, two legally separate entities for which the City is financially accountable. The discretely presented component units presented below are reported in separate columns in the City's financial statements in order to emphasize that they are legally separate from the City.

City of Lincolnton ABC Board

The members of the ABC Board's governing board are appointed by the City. In addition, the ABC Board is required by State statute to distribute its surpluses to the General Fund of the City. The ABC Board, which has a June 30 year-end, is presented as if it were a proprietary fund (discrete presentation). Complete financial statements for the ABC Board may be obtained from the entity's administrative offices at City of Lincolnton ABC Board, 105 Stanford Road, Lincolnton, N.C. 28092.

Lincolnton Tourism Development Authority

The members of the Lincolnton Tourism Development Authority (LTDA) governing board are appointed by the City. The City collects Room Occupancy Tax as provided in N.C. General Statutes 160A-215 and remits the tax to LTDA. The LTDA is required to make use of at least 2/3 of the funds remitted to it to promote travel and tourism in the City of Lincolnton and the remainder for tourism related expenditures. The LTDA, which has a June 30 year-end, is presented as if it were a governmental fund (discrete presentation). Financial statements of LTDA are included in this report. The LTDA does not issue separate financial statements.

B. Basis of Presentation - Fund Accounting

Government-wide Statements. The statement of net position and the statement of activities display information about the primary government and its component unit. These statements include the financial activities of the overall government. Eliminations have been made to minimize the double counting of internal activities. These statements distinguish between the governmental and business-type activities of the City. Governmental activities generally are financed through taxes, intergovernmental revenues, and other non-exchange transactions. Business-type activities are financed in whole or in part by fees charged to external parties.

CITY OF LINCOLNTON, NORTH CAROLINA

Notes to the Financial Statements June 30, 2016

The statement of activities presents a comparison between direct expenses and program revenues for the different business-type activities of the City and for each function of the City's governmental activities. Direct expenses are those that are specifically associated with a program or function and, therefore, are clearly identifiable to a particular function. Indirect expense allocations that have been made in the funds have been reversed for the statement of activities. Program revenues include (a) fees and charges paid by the recipients of goods or services offered by the programs and (b) grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular program. Revenues that are not classified as program revenues, including all taxes, are presented as general revenues.

Fund Financial Statements. The fund financial statements provide information about the City's funds. Separate statements for each fund category - governmental and proprietary - are presented. The emphasis of fund financial statements is on major governmental and enterprise funds, each displayed in a separate column. All remaining governmental and enterprise funds are aggregated and reported as nonmajor funds.

Proprietary fund operating revenues, such as charges for services, result from exchange transactions associated with the principal activity of the fund. Exchange transactions are those in which each party receives and gives up essentially equal values. Nonoperating revenues, such as subsidies result from non-exchange transactions. Other non-operating revenues are ancillary activities such as investment earnings.

The City reports the following major governmental fund:

General Fund. The General Fund is the general operating fund of the City. The General Fund accounts for all financial resources except those required to be accounted for in another fund. The primary revenue sources are ad valorem taxes, State grants, and various other taxes and licenses. The primary expenditures are for public safety, street maintenance and construction, sanitation services, and other general government services.

The City reports the following major enterprise funds:

Water and Sewer Fund. This fund is used to account for the City's water and sewer operations.

Electric Fund. This Fund is used to account for the City's electric operations.

C. Measurement Focus and Basis of Accounting

In accordance with North Carolina General Statutes, all funds of the City are maintained during the year using the modified accrual basis of accounting.

CITY OF LINCOLNTON, NORTH CAROLINA

Notes to the Financial Statements June 30, 2016

Government-wide and Proprietary Fund Financial Statements - The government-wide and proprietary fund financial statements are reported using the economic resources measurement focus. The government-wide and proprietary fund financial statements are reported using the accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recorded when earned and expenses are recorded at the time liabilities are incurred, regardless of when the related cash flows take place. Nonexchange transactions, in which the City gives (or receives) value without directly receiving (or giving) equal value in exchange, include property taxes, grants, and donations. On an accrual basis, revenue from property taxes is recognized in the fiscal year for which the taxes are levied. Revenue from grants and donations is recognized in the fiscal year in which all eligibility requirements have been satisfied.

Amounts reported as program revenues include 1) charges to customers or applicants for goods, services, or privileges provided, 2) operating grants and contributions, and 3) capital grants and contributions, including special assessments. Internally dedicated resources are reported as general revenues rather than as program revenues. Likewise, general revenues include all taxes.

Proprietary funds distinguish operating revenues and expenses from nonoperating 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 City's Enterprise Funds are charges to customers for sales and services. The City also recognizes as operating revenue the portion of tap fees intended to recover the cost of connecting new customers to the water and sewer system. Operating expenses for enterprise funds include the cost of sales and services, administrative expenses, and depreciation on capital assets. All revenues and expenses not meeting this definition are reported as nonoperating revenues and expenses.

Governmental Fund Financial Statements - Governmental funds are reported using the current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. Under this method, revenues are recognized when measurable and available. Expenditures are recorded when the related fund liability is incurred, except for principal and interest on general long-term debt, claims and judgments, and compensated absences, which are recognized as expenditures to the extent they have matured. General capital asset acquisitions are reported as expenditures in governmental funds. Proceeds of general long-term debt and acquisitions under capital leases are reported as other financing sources.

The City considers all revenues available if they are collected within 90 days after year-end, except for property taxes. Ad valorem taxes receivable are not accrued as revenue because the amount is not susceptible to accrual. At June 30, taxes receivable for property other than motor vehicles are materially past due and are not considered to be an available resource to finance the operations of the current year. Also, as of September 1, 2013, State law altered the procedures for the assessment and collection of property taxes on registered motor vehicles in North Carolina. Effective with this change in the law, the State of North Carolina is responsible for billing and collecting the property taxes on registered motor vehicles on behalf of all municipalities and special tax districts. Property taxes are due when vehicles are registered. The billed taxes are applicable to the fiscal year in which they are received. Uncollected taxes that were billed in periods prior to September 1, 2013 and for limited registration plates are shown as a receivable in these financial statements and are offset by deferred inflows of resources.

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Sales taxes and certain intergovernmental revenues, such as beer and wine tax, collected and held by the State at year-end on behalf of the City are recognized as revenue. Sales taxes are considered a shared revenue for the City of Lincolnton because the tax is levied by Lincoln County and then remitted to and distributed by the State. Most intergovernmental revenues and sales and services are not susceptible to accrual because generally they are not measurable until received in cash. All taxes including those dedicated for specific purposes are reported as general revenues rather than program revenues. Under the terms of grant agreements, the City funds certain programs by a combination of specific cost-reimbursement grants, categorical block grants, and general revenues. Thus, when program expenses are incurred, there are both restricted and unrestricted net position available to finance the program. It is the City's policy to first apply cost-reimbursement grant resources to such programs, followed by categorical block grants, and then by general revenues.

D. Budgetary Data

The City's budgets are adopted as required by the North Carolina General Statutes. An annual budget is adopted for the General Fund, Enterprise Funds and the Lincolnton Tourism Development Authority (a discretely presented component unit). All annual appropriations lapse at the fiscal year-end. The enterprise fund projects are consolidated with their respective operating fund for reporting purposes. All budgets are prepared using the modified accrual basis of accounting. Budget ordinances allow for the transfer of funds within the department, as long as expenditures do not exceed the appropriations at the departmental level for all annually budgeted funds and at the object level for the multi-year funds. All amendments must be approved by the governing board. During the year, several immaterial amendments to the original budget were necessary.

The budget ordinance must be adopted by July 1 of the fiscal year or the governing board must adopt an interim budget that covers that time until the annual ordinance can be adopted.

E. Assets, Liabilities, Deferred Outflows/Inflows of Resources and Fund Equity

1. Deposits and Investments

All deposits of the City and the ABC Board, are made in board-designated official depositories and are secured as required by State law [G.S. 159-31]. The City, the ABC Board and LTDA may designate, as an official depository, any bank or savings association whose principal office is located in North Carolina. Also, the City, the ABC Board and LTDA may establish time deposit accounts such as NOW and SuperNOW accounts, money market accounts, and certificates of deposit.

State law [G.S. 159-30(c)] authorizes the City, the ABC Board and LTDA to invest in obligations of the United States or obligations fully guaranteed both as to principal and interest by the United States; obligations of the State of North Carolina; bonds and notes of any North Carolina local government or public authority; obligations of certain nonguaranteed federal agencies; certain high quality issues of commercial paper and bankers' acceptances and the North Carolina Capital Management Trust (NCCMT). The investments of the City, the ABC Board and LTDA are reported at fair value. Non-participating interest earning contracts are accounted for at cost. The NCCMT Cash Portfolio, a SEC-registered (2a-7) external investment pool, is measured at amortized cost, which is the NCCMT's share price. The NCCMT Term Portfolio's securities are valued at fair value.

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In accordance with State law, the City has invested in securities which are callable and which provide for periodic interest rate increases in specific increments until maturity. These investments are reported at fair value as determined by quoted market prices.

2. Cash and Cash Equivalents

The City pools money from several funds to facilitate disbursement and investment and to maximize investment income and considers all cash and investments cash and cash equivalents. The ABC Board considers all highly liquid investments (including restricted assets) with a maturity of twelve months or less when purchased to be cash and cash equivalents. The LTDA cash and investments are essentially demand deposits and are considered cash and cash equivalents.

3. Restricted Assets

Customer deposits held by the City before any services are supplied are restricted to the service for which the deposit was collected. The unexpended debt proceeds of the General Fund are classified as restricted assets for the General Fund because their use is completely restricted to the purpose for which the debt was originally issued. Powell Bill funds are also classified as restricted cash because they can be expended only for the purposes outlined in G.S. 136-41.1 through 136-41.4. Federal Asset Seizure Funds are also classified as restricted cash because it can be expended only for the purposes of expenses associated with forfeited operations or used to finance certain general investigative expenses.

City of Lincolnton Restricted Cash	
Governmental activities	
General Fund	
Unspent debt proceeds	\$ 142,867
Streets	896,488
Public safety	<u>5</u>
	<u>1,039,360</u>
Business-type activities	
Water and Sewer Fund	
Customer deposits	101,146
Electric Fund	
Customer deposits	<u>258,358</u>
Total business-type activities	<u>359,504</u>
Total restricted cash	<u>\$ 1,398,864</u>

4. Ad Valorem Taxes Receivable

In accordance with State law [G.S. 105-347 and G.S. 159-13(a)], the City levies ad valorem taxes on property other than motor vehicles on July 1, the beginning of the fiscal year. The taxes are due on September 1st (lien date); however, interest does not accrue until the following January 6th. These taxes are based on the assessed values as of January 1, 2015. As allowed by State law, the City has established a schedule of discounts that apply to taxes that are paid prior to the due date. In the City's General Fund, ad valorem tax revenues are reported net of such discounts.

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5. Allowances for Doubtful Accounts

All receivables that historically experience uncollectible accounts are shown net of an allowance for doubtful accounts. This amount is estimated by analyzing the percentage of receivables that were written off in prior years.

6. Inventories and Prepaid Items

The inventory of the City is valued at cost (first-in, first-out), which approximates market. The City's General Fund inventory consists of expendable supplies that are recorded as expenditures as used rather than when purchased. The inventories of the City's enterprise funds and the ABC Board consist of materials and supplies held for subsequent use. The cost of these inventories is expensed when consumed rather than when purchased. The inventory of the ABC Board is valued at lower of cost (FIFO) or market.

Certain payments to vendors reflect costs applicable to future accounting periods and are recorded as prepaid items in both government-wide and fund financial statements and expensed as the items are used. The cost of prepaid items is recorded as expenditures/expenses when consumed rather than when purchased.

7. Capital Assets

Capital assets are defined by the government as assets with an initial, individual cost of more than a certain cost and an estimated useful life in excess of two years. Minimum capitalization cost is \$5,000. Donated capital assets received prior to June 15, 2015 are recorded at their estimated fair value at the date of donation. Donated capital assets received after June 15, 2015 are recorded at acquisition value. All other purchased or constructed capital assets are reported at cost or estimated historical cost. General infrastructure assets acquired prior to July 1, 2003, consist of the road network and water and sewer system assets that were acquired or that received substantial improvements subsequent to July 1, 1980, and are reported at estimated historical cost using deflated replacement cost. The cost of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of the asset or materially extend assets' lives are not capitalized.

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

<u>Asset Class</u>	<u>Estimated Useful Lives</u>
Infrastructure	20-45
Buildings	25-50
Improvements	8-25
Vehicles	4-6
Furniture and equipment	5-15
Computer equipment	5

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Property, plant, and equipment of the ABC Board are depreciated over their useful lives on a straight-line basis as follows:

<u>Asset Class</u>	<u>Estimated Useful Lives</u>
Buildings	10-33
Improvements and equipment	5-10

8. Deferred Outflows/Inflows of Resources

In addition to assets, the statement of financial position will sometimes report a separate section for deferred outflows of resources. This separate financial statement element, Deferred Outflows of Resources, represents a consumption of net position that applies to a future period and so will not be recognized as an expense or expenditures until then. The City has one item that meets this criterion, contributions made to the pension plan in the 2016 fiscal year. In addition to liabilities, the statement of financial position will sometimes report a separate section for deferred inflows of resources. This separate financial statement element, Deferred Inflows of Resources, represents an acquisition of net position that applies to a future period and so will not be recognized as revenue until then. The City has only three items that meet the criterion for this category - prepaid taxes, property taxes receivable and deferrals of pension expense that result from the implementation of GASB Statement 68.

9. Long-Term Obligations

In the government-wide financial statements, and proprietary fund types in the fund financial statements, long-term debt and other long-term obligations are reported as liabilities in the applicable governmental activities, business-type activities, or proprietary fund type statement of net position. Bond premiums and discounts are deferred and amortized over the life of the bonds using the straight-line method that approximates the effective interest method. Bonds payable are reported net of the applicable bond premiums or discount. Bond issuance costs, except for prepaid insurance costs, are expensed in the reporting period in which they are incurred. Prepaid insurance costs are expensed over the life of the debt.

In fund financial statements, governmental fund types recognize bond premiums and discounts, as well as bond issuance costs, during the current period. The face amount of debt issued is reported as other financing sources. Premiums received on debt issuances are reported as other financing sources while discounts on debt issuances are reported as other financing uses. Issuance costs, whether or not withheld from the actual debt proceeds received, are reported as debt service expenditures.

10. Compensated Absences

The vacation policy of the City provides for a maximum of 240 hours to be carried from one year to the next. Any employee with more than 240 hours of accumulated leave during the last pay period of each calendar year shall have the excess accumulation removed so that only 240 hours are carried forward to the first pay period of the next calendar year. All excess vacation hours

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over 240 will be converted to the employee's sick leave account. If the employee separates from service, payment for accumulated vacation leave shall not exceed 240 hours. The vacation policy of the ABC Board provides for the accumulation of up to thirty days earned vacation leave with such leave being fully vested when earned. For the City's government-wide and proprietary funds, an expense and a liability for compensated absences and the salary-related payments are recorded as the leave is earned. The City has assumed a first-in, first-out method of using accumulated compensated time. The portion of that time that is estimated to be used in the next fiscal year has been designated as a current liability in the government-wide financial statements. The ABC Board's accumulated vacation pay is not considered to be material.

Both the City and the ABC Board's sick leave policies provide for an unlimited accumulation of earned sick leave. Sick leave does not vest, but any unused sick leave accumulated at the time of retirement may be used in the determination of length of service for retirement benefit purposes. Since neither the City nor the ABC Board has any obligation for the accumulated sick leave until it is actually taken, no accrual for sick leave has been made.

11. Net Position/Fund Balances

Net Position

Net position in government-wide and proprietary fund financial statements is classified as invested in capital assets, restricted and unrestricted. Restricted net position represents constraints on resources that are either externally imposed by creditors, grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments or imposed by law through state statute.

Fund Balances

In the governmental fund financial statements, fund balance is composed of five classifications designed to disclose the hierarchy of constraints placed on how fund balance can be spent.

The governmental fund types classify fund balances as follows:

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

Inventories - portion of fund balances that is not an available resource because it represents the year-end balance of ending inventories, which are not spendable resources.

Prepaid Items - portion of fund balance that is not available for appropriation because it represents the year-end balance of prepaid items, which are not expendable available resources.

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Restricted Fund Balance - This classification includes amounts that are restricted to specific purposes externally imposed by creditors or imposed by law.

Restricted for Stabilization by State Statute - portion of fund balance that is restricted by State Statute [G.S. 159-8(a)].

Restricted for Streets - Powell Bill portion of fund balance that is restricted by revenue source for street construction and maintenance expenditures. This amount represents the balance of the total unexpended Powell Bill funds.

Restricted for Economic Development - portion of fund balance used to account for occupancy tax revenue which is restricted for tourism related purposes.

Restricted for Public Safety - portion of fund balance that is restricted by revenue source for narcotic enforcement.

Committed Fund Balance - portion of fund balance that can only be used for specific purposes imposed by a majority vote by quorum of City of Lincolnton's governing body (highest level of decision-making authority). The governing body can, by adoption of an ordinance prior to the end of the fiscal year, commit fund balance. Once adopted, the limitation imposed by the ordinance remains in place until a similar action is taken (the adoption of another ordinance) to remove or revise the limitation.

Assigned Fund Balance - portion of fund balance that City of Lincolnton intends to use for specific purposes but does not meet the criteria to be classified as committed. The governing council (council) has the authority to assign fund balance. The council may also assign fund balance as it does when appropriating fund balance to cover a gap between estimated revenue and appropriations in the subsequent year's appropriated budget.

Subsequent Year's Expenditures - portion of fund balance that is appropriated in the next year's budget that is not already classified in restricted or committed. The governing body approves the appropriation.

Unassigned Fund Balance - the portion of fund balance that has not been restricted, committed, or assigned to specific purposes or other funds.

The City of Lincolnton does not have a formal revenue spending policy that provides guidance for programs with multiple revenue sources. However, the Finance Officer will use resources in the following hierarchy: bond proceeds, federal funds, State funds, local non-city funds, city funds. For purposes of fund balance classification expenditures are to be spent from restricted fund balance first, followed in-order by committed fund balance, assigned fund balance and lastly unassigned fund balance. The Finance Officer has the authority to deviate from this policy if it is in the best interest of the City.

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12. Pensions

For purposes of measuring the net pension asset, deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions, and pension expense, information about the fiduciary net position of the Local Governmental Employees' Retirement System (LGERS) and additions to/deductions from LGERS' fiduciary net position have been determined on the same basis as they are reported by LGERS. For this purpose, plan member contributions are recognized in the period in which the contributions are due. The City of Lincolnton's employer contributions are recognized when due and the City of Lincolnton has a legal requirement to provide the contributions. Benefits and refunds are recognized when due and payable in accordance with the terms of LGERS. Investments are reported at fair value.

For purposes of measuring the net pension expense, information about the fiduciary net position of the Firefighters' and Rescue Squad Workers' Pension Fund (FRSWPF) and additions to/deductions from FRSWPF's fiduciary net position have been determined on the same basis as they are reported by FRSWPF. 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.

F. Other

Management Estimates

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

II. Detail Notes on All Funds

A. Assets

1. Deposits

All the deposits of the City, the ABC Board and the LTDA are either insured or collateralized by using one of two methods. Under the Dedicated Method, all deposits that exceed the federal depository insurance coverage level are collateralized with securities held by the City's, the ABC Board's and LTDA's agents in these units' names. Under the Pooling Method, which is a collateral pool, all uninsured deposits are collateralized with securities held by the State Treasurer's agent in the name of the State Treasurer. Since the State Treasurer is acting in a fiduciary capacity for the City, the ABC Board and the LTDA, these deposits are considered to be held by the City's, the ABC Board's and the LTDA's agents in their names. The amount of the pledged collateral is based on an approved averaging method for non-interest bearing deposits and the actual current balance for interest-bearing deposits. Depositories using the Pooling Method report to the State Treasurer the adequacy of their pooled collateral covering uninsured deposits.

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The State Treasurer does not confirm this information with the City, the ABC Board and LTDA, or the escrow agent. Because of the inability to measure the exact amounts of collateral pledged for the City, the ABC Board and LTDA under the Pooling Method, the potential exists for undercollateralization. This risk may increase in periods of high cash flows.

However, the State Treasurer of North Carolina enforces strict standards of financial stability for each depository that collateralizes public deposits under the Pooling Method. The City, the ABC Board and LTDA have no formal policy regarding custodial credit risk for deposits, but rely on the State Treasurer to enforce standards of minimum capitalization for all Pooling Method financial institutions and to monitor them for compliance. The City complies with the provisions of G.S. 159-31 when designating official depositories and verifying that deposits are properly secured.

At June 30, 2016, the City's deposits had a carrying amount of \$12,396,782 and a bank balance of \$12,640,174. Of the bank balance, \$250,000 was covered by federal depository insurance, and \$12,390,174 in interest-bearing deposits was covered by collateral held under the Pooling Method. At June 30, 2016, the City's petty cash fund totaled \$1,150.

At June 30, 2016, the ABC Board had a carrying amount of \$169,346 and a bank balance of \$167,193. Of the bank balance, \$250,000 was covered by federal depository insurance. At June 30, 2016, the ABC Board had cash on hand of \$2,800.

At June 30, 2016, the LTDA had a carry amount of \$235,752 and a bank balance of \$235,752. Of the bank balance \$250,000 was covered by federal depository insurance.

2. Investments

<u>Investment by Type</u>	<u>Valuation Measurement Method</u>	<u>Book Value at 6/30/16</u>	<u>Maturity</u>	<u>Rating</u>
NC Capital Management Trust Cash Portfolio	Amortized Cost	<u>\$4,552,423</u>	N/A	AAAm

All investments are measured using the market approach: using prices and other relevant information generated by market transactions involving identical or comparable assets or a group of assets.

Interest Rate Risk. The City has no formal investment policy that limits investment maturities as a means of managing its exposure to fair value losses arising from increasing interest rates.

Credit Risk. The City has no formal policy regarding credit risk, but has internal management procedures that limit the City's investments to the provisions of G.S. 159-30 and restricts the purchase of securities to the highest possible ratings whenever particular types of securities are rated. The City's investments in the NC Capital Management Trust Cash Portfolio carried a credit rating of AAAM by Standard and Poor's as of June 30, 2016.

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3. Receivables - Allowance for Doubtful Accounts

The amounts presented in the Balance Sheet and the Statement of Net Position are net of the following allowances for doubtful accounts:

General Fund:	
Taxes receivable	<u>\$ 95,000</u>
Enterprise Funds:	
Water and Sewer Fund	180,780
Electric Fund	<u>80,091</u>
Total enterprise funds	<u>260,871</u>
Total	<u><u>\$355,871</u></u>

4. Capital Assets

Primary Government

Capital asset activity for the primary government for the year ended June 30, 2016, was as follows:

	<u>Beginning Balances</u>	<u>Increases</u>	<u>Decreases</u>	<u>Ending Balances</u>
Governmental Activities:				
Capital assets not being depreciated:				
Land	\$ 8,300,388	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 8,300,388
Construction in progress	<u>20,000</u>	<u>523,120</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>543,120</u>
Total capital assets not being depreciated	<u>8,320,388</u>	<u>\$523,120</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>8,843,508</u>
Capital assets being depreciated:				
Building	7,647,240	\$ -	\$ -	7,647,240
Other improvements	2,455,638	-	-	2,455,638
Plant and distribution systems	239,075	-	-	239,075
Furniture and equipment	1,723,511	75,913	72,751	1,726,673
Vehicles and motorized equipment	4,892,135	694,767	98,176	5,488,726
Infrastructure	<u>13,482,969</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>13,482,969</u>
Total capital assets being depreciated	<u>30,440,568</u>	<u>\$770,680</u>	<u>\$170,927</u>	<u>31,040,321</u>
Less accumulated depreciated for:				
Building	3,031,759	\$236,388	\$ -	3,268,147
Other improvements	1,124,640	113,957	-	1,238,597
Plant and distribution systems	40,598	9,217	-	49,815
Furniture and equipment	1,346,919	95,161	72,751	1,369,329
Vehicles and motorized equipment	4,292,265	223,240	98,176	4,417,329
Infrastructure	<u>10,318,416</u>	<u>209,980</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>10,528,396</u>
Total accumulated depreciation	<u>20,154,597</u>	<u>\$887,943</u>	<u>\$170,927</u>	<u>20,871,613</u>
Total capital assets being depreciated, net	<u>10,285,971</u>			<u>10,168,708</u>
Governmental activity capital assets, net	<u>\$18,606,359</u>			<u>\$19,012,216</u>

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

General government	\$518,044
Public safety	199,272
Public works	79,840
Economic and physical development	628
Environmental protection	47,445
Cultural and recreational	42,714
Total depreciation expense	<u>\$887,943</u>

	<u>Beginning Balances</u>	<u>Increases</u>	<u>Decreases</u>	<u>Ending Balances</u>
Business-type Activities:				
Water and Sewer Fund:				
Capital assets, not being depreciated:				
Land	\$ 95,600	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 95,600
Construction in progress	-	461,516	-	461,516
Total capital assets not being depreciated	<u>95,600</u>	<u>\$ 461,516</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>557,116</u>
Capital assets being depreciated:				
Building and improvements	13,738,414	\$ 29,256	\$ -	13,767,670
Plant and distribution systems	45,972,157	-	-	45,972,157
Furniture and equipment	7,659,085	167,662	8,415	7,818,332
Vehicles	409,531	42,559	33,169	418,921
Total capital assets being depreciated	<u>67,779,187</u>	<u>\$ 239,477</u>	<u>\$41,584</u>	<u>67,977,080</u>
Less accumulated depreciation for:				
Building and improvements	5,564,718	\$ 334,744	\$ -	5,899,462
Plant and distribution systems	24,387,796	1,094,639	-	25,482,435
Furniture and equipment	6,520,983	276,396	8,415	6,788,964
Vehicles	340,370	28,992	33,169	336,193
Total accumulated depreciation	<u>36,813,867</u>	<u>\$1,734,771</u>	<u>\$41,584</u>	<u>38,507,054</u>
Total capital assets being depreciated, net	<u>30,965,320</u>			<u>29,470,026</u>
Water and Sewer Fund capital assets, net	<u>31,060,920</u>			<u>30,027,142</u>
Electric Fund:				
Capital assets not being depreciated:				
Land	10,220	\$ -	\$ -	10,220
Construction in progress	5,265	50,928	42,557	13,636
Total capital assets not being depreciated	<u>15,485</u>	<u>\$ 50,928</u>	<u>\$42,557</u>	<u>23,856</u>
Capital assets being depreciated:				
Building and improvements	775,989	\$ -	\$ -	775,989
Plant and distribution systems	3,304,002	63,366	-	3,367,368
Furniture and equipment	117,520	-	11,475	106,045
Vehicles	629,590	42,559	-	672,149
Total capital assets being depreciated	<u>4,827,101</u>	<u>\$ 105,925</u>	<u>\$11,475</u>	<u>4,921,551</u>

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	<u>Beginning Balances</u>	<u>Increases</u>	<u>Decreases</u>	<u>Ending Balances</u>
Business-type Activities:				
Less accumulated depreciation for:				
Building and improvements	\$ 295,174	\$ 37,198	\$ -	\$ 332,372
Plant and distribution systems	2,826,266	45,922	-	2,872,188
Furniture and equipment	83,537	4,557	11,475	76,619
Vehicles	<u>520,945</u>	<u>23,421</u>	-	<u>544,366</u>
Total accumulated depreciation	<u>3,725,922</u>	<u>\$ 111,098</u>	<u>\$11,475</u>	<u>3,825,545</u>
 Total capital assets being depreciated, net	 <u>1,101,179</u>			 <u>1,096,006</u>
 Electric Fund capital assets, net	 <u>1,116,664</u>			 <u>1,119,862</u>
Business-type activities capital assets, net	<u>\$32,177,584</u>			<u>\$31,147,004</u>

The City has active construction projects as of June 30, 2016. At year-end, the City's commitments with contractors are as follows:

	<u>Spent-to-date</u>	<u>Remaining Commitment</u>
First Federal Park	\$ 69,092	\$ 437,700
Downtown Infrastructure	52,250	763,177
Lift Stations	517,337	524,090
Generals Boulevard Intersection	<u>54,461</u>	<u>526,609</u>
Total	<u>\$693,140</u>	<u>\$2,251,576</u>

Discretely Presented Component Unit:

Activity for the City of Lincolnton ABC Board for the year ended June 30, 2016 was as follows:

	<u>Beginning Balances</u>	<u>Increases</u>	<u>Decreases</u>	<u>Ending Balances</u>
Capital assets not being depreciated:				
Land	\$ 425,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 425,000
Capital assets being depreciated:				
Building	1,334,566	\$ -	\$ -	1,334,566
Improvements	5,700	-	-	5,700
Office equipment	155,884	9,500	-	165,384
Store equipment	<u>1,474</u>	-	-	<u>1,474</u>
Total capital assets being depreciated	<u>1,497,624</u>	<u>\$ 9,500</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>1,507,124</u>
Less accumulated depreciation for:				
Building	186,396	\$34,632	-	221,028
Improvements	2,755	570	-	3,325
Office equipment	112,826	12,883	-	125,709
Store equipment	<u>462</u>	<u>434</u>	-	<u>896</u>
Total accumulated depreciation	<u>302,439</u>	<u>\$48,519</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>350,958</u>
 Total capital assets being depreciated, net	 <u>1,195,185</u>			 <u>1,156,166</u>
 ABC Board capital assets, net	 <u>\$1,620,185</u>			 <u>\$1,581,166</u>

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B. Liabilities

1. Accounts Payable and Accrued Liabilities

Payables at the government-wide level at June 30, 2016 were as follows:

	<u>Vendors</u>	<u>Salaries and Benefits</u>	<u>Accrued Interest</u>	<u>Other</u>	<u>Total</u>
Governmental activities:					
General	\$ 76,439	\$225,353	\$ 4,229	\$ -	\$ 306,022
Other governmental	-	-	-	-	-
Total governmental activities	<u>76,439</u>	<u>225,353</u>	<u>4,229</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>306,022</u>
Business-type activities:					
Water and Sewer	224,701	64,543	45,191	-	334,435
Electric	<u>741,068</u>	<u>15,905</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>17,574</u>	<u>774,548</u>
Total business-type activities	<u>965,770</u>	<u>80,448</u>	<u>45,191</u>	<u>17,574</u>	<u>1,108,983</u>
Total	<u>\$1,042,209</u>	<u>\$305,801</u>	<u>\$ 49,420</u>	<u>\$17,574</u>	<u>\$1,415,005</u>

2. Pension Plan and Post-employment Obligations

a. Local Governmental Employees' Retirement System

Plan Description - The City of Lincolnton is a participating employer in the statewide Local Governmental Employees' Retirement System (LGERS), a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan administered by the State of North Carolina. LGERS membership is comprised of general employees and local law enforcement officers (LEOs) of participating local governmental entities. Article 3 of G.S. Chapter 128 assigns the authority to establish and amend benefit provisions to the North Carolina General Assembly. Management of the plan is vested in the LGERS Board of Trustees, which consists of 13 members – nine appointed by the Governor, one appointed by the State Senate, one appointed by the State House of Representatives, and the State Treasurer and State Superintendent, who serve as ex-officio members. The Local Governmental Employees' Retirement System is included in the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) for the State of North Carolina. The State's CAFR includes financial statements and required supplementary information for LGERS. That report may be obtained by writing to the Office of the State Controller, 1410 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-1410, by calling (919) 981-5454, or at www.osc.nc.gov.

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Benefits Provided - LGERS provides retirement and survivor benefits. Retirement benefits are determined as 1.85% of the member's average final compensation times the years of creditable service. A member's average final compensation is calculated as the average of a member's four highest consecutive years of compensation. Plan members are eligible to retire with full retirement benefits at age 65 with five years of creditable service, at age 60 with 25 years of creditable service, or at any age with 30 years of creditable service. Plan members are eligible to retire with partial retirement benefits at age 50 with 20 years of creditable service or at age 60 with five years of creditable service (age 55 for firefighters). Survivor benefits are available to eligible beneficiaries of members who die while in active service or within 180 days of their last day of service and who have either completed 20 years of creditable service regardless of age (15 years of creditable service for firefighters and rescue squad members who are killed in the line of duty) or have completed five years of service and have reached age 60. Eligible beneficiaries may elect to receive a monthly Survivor's Alternate Benefit for life or a return of the member's contributions. The plan does not provide for automatic post-retirement benefit increases. Increases are contingent upon actuarial gains of the plan.

LGERS plan members who are LEOs are eligible to retire with full retirement benefits at age 55 with five years of creditable service as an officer, or at any age with 30 years of creditable service. LEO plan members are eligible to retire with partial retirement benefits at age 50 with 15 years of creditable service as an officer. Survivor benefits are available to eligible beneficiaries of LEO members who die while in active service or within 180 days of their last day of service and who also have either completed 20 years of creditable service regardless of age, or have completed 15 years of service as a LEO and have reached age 50, or have completed five years of creditable service as a LEO and have reached age 55, or have completed 15 years of creditable service as a LEO if killed in the line of duty. Eligible beneficiaries may elect to receive a monthly Survivor's Alternate Benefit for life or a return of the member's contributions.

Contributions - Contribution provisions are established by General Statute 128-30 and may be amended only by the North Carolina General Assembly. The City of Lincolnton employees are required to contribute 6% of their compensation. Employer contributions are actuarially determined and set annually by the LGERS Board of Trustees. The City of Lincolnton's contractually required contribution rate for the year ended June 30, 2016, was 7.15% of compensation for law enforcement officers and 6.77% for general employees, actuarially determined as an amount that, when combined with employee contributions, is expected to finance the costs of benefits earned by employees during the year. Contributions to the pension plan from the City of Lincolnton were \$269,005 for the year ended June 30, 2016.

Refunds of Contributions - City employees who have terminated service as a contributing member of LGERS, may file an application for a refund of their contributions. By state law, refunds to members with at least five years of service include 4% interest. State law requires a 60 day waiting period after service termination before the refund may be paid. The acceptance of a refund payment cancels the individual's right to employer contributions or any other benefit provided by LGERS.

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

At June 30, 2016, the City reported a liability of \$493,180 for its proportionate share of the net pension liability. The net pension liability was measured as of June 30, 2015. The total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of December 31, 2014. The total pension liability was then rolled forward to the measurement date of June 30, 2015 utilizing update procedures incorporating the actuarial assumptions. The City's proportion of the net pension asset was based on a projection of the City's long-term share of future payroll covered by the pension plan, relative to the projected future payroll covered by the pension plan of all participating LGERS employers, actuarially determined. At June 30, 2015, the City's proportion was 0.10980%, which was a decrease of 0.00130% from its proportion measured as of June 30, 2014.

For the year ended June 30, 2016, the City recognized pension expense of \$269,005. At June 30, 2016, 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	\$ -	\$ 115,925
Changes of assumptions	-	-
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on pension plan investments	-	140,407
Changes in proportion and differences between City contributions and proportionate share of contributions	16,241	-
City contributions subsequent to the measurement date	<u>420,960</u>	<u>15,951</u>
Total	<u>\$ 437,201</u>	<u>\$ 272,283</u>

\$420,960 reported as deferred outflows of resources related to pensions resulting from City contributions subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a decrease of the net pension liability in the year ended June 30, 2017. Other amounts reported as deferred inflows of resources related to pensions will be recognized in pension expense as follows:

Year ended June 30:	
2017	\$(162,342)
2018	(162,342)
2019	(162,219)
2020	230,862
2021	-
Thereafter	-

Actuarial Assumptions - The total pension liability in the December 31, 2013 actuarial valuation was determined using the following actuarial assumptions, applied to all periods included in the measurement:

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Inflation	3.0 percent
Salary increases	4.25 to 8.55 percent, including inflation and productivity factor
Investment rate of return	7.25 percent, net of pension plan investment expense, including inflation

The plan currently uses mortality tables that vary by age, gender, employee group (i.e. general, law enforcement officer) and health status (i.e. disabled and healthy). The current mortality rates are based on published tables and based on studies that cover significant portions of the U.S. population. The healthy mortality rates also contain a provision to reflect future mortality improvements.

The actuarial assumptions used in the December 31, 2014 valuation were based on the results of an actuarial experience study for the period January 1, 2005 through December 31, 2009.

Future ad hoc COLA amounts are not considered to be substantively automatic and are therefore not included in the measurement.

The projected long-term investment returns and inflation assumptions are developed through review of current and historical capital markets data, sell-side investment research, consultant whitepapers, and historical performance of investment strategies. Fixed income return projections reflect current yields across the U.S. Treasury yield curve and market expectations of forward yields projected and interpolated for multiple tenors and over multiple year horizons. Global public equity return projections are established through analysis of the equity risk premium and the fixed income return projections. Other asset categories and strategies' return projections reflect the foregoing and historical data analysis. These projections 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 target allocation and best estimates of arithmetic real rates of return for each major asset class as of June 30, 2015 are summarized in the following table:

<u>Asset Class</u>	<u>Target Allocation</u>	<u>Long-Term Expected Real Rate of Return</u>
Fixed Income	29.0%	2.2%
Global Equity	42.0%	5.8%
Real Estate	8.0%	5.2%
Alternatives	8.0%	9.8%
Credit	7.0%	6.8%
Inflation Protection	<u>6.0%</u>	3.4%
Total	<u>100%</u>	

The information above is based on 30 year expectations developed with the consulting actuary for the 2014 asset liability and investment policy study for the North Carolina Retirement Systems, including LGERS. The long-term nominal rates of return underlying the real rates of return are arithmetic annualized figures. The real rates of return are calculated from nominal rates by multiplicatively subtracting a long-term inflation assumption of 3.00%. All rates of return and inflation are annualized.

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Discount rate - The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability was 7.25%. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed that contributions from plan members will be made at the current contribution rate and that contributions from employers will be made at statutorily required rates, actuarially determined. Based on these assumptions, the pension plan's fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make all projected future benefit payments of the current plan members. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was applied to all periods of projected benefit payments to determine the total pension liability.

Sensitivity of the City's proportionate share of the net pension asset to changes in the discount rate - The following presents the City's proportionate share of the net pension asset calculated using the discount rate of 7.25 percent, as well as what the City's proportionate share of the net pension asset or net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is one percentage point lower (6.25 percent) or one percentage point higher (8.25 percent) than the current rate:

	1% Increase (6.25%)	Discount Decrease (7.25%)	1% Rate (8.25%)
City's proportionate share of the net pension liability (asset)	<u>\$3,439,013</u>	<u>\$493,180</u>	<u>\$(1,988,619)</u>

Pension plan fiduciary net position - Detailed information about the pension plan's fiduciary net position is available in the separately issued Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) for the State of North Carolina.

b. Law Enforcement Officers Special Separation Allowance

Plan Description - The City administers a public employee retirement system (the "Separation Allowance"), a single-employer defined benefit pension plan that provides retirement benefits to the City's qualified sworn law enforcement officers. The Separation Allowance is equal to .85% of the annual equivalent of the base rate of compensation most recently applicable to the officer for each year of creditable service. The retirement benefits are not subject to any increases in salary or retirement allowances that may be authorized by the General Assembly. Article 12D of G.S. Chapter 143 assigns the authority to establish and amend benefit provisions to the North Carolina General Assembly.

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All full-time law enforcement officers of the City are covered by the Separation Allowance. At December 31, 2015, the Separation Allowance's membership consisted of:

Retirees receiving benefits	7
Terminated plan members entitled to but not receiving benefits	-
Active plan members	<u>37</u>
Total	<u>44</u>

A separate report was not issued for the plan.

Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Basis of Accounting - The City has chosen to fund the Separation Allowance on a pay as you go basis. Pension expenditures are made from the General Fund, which is maintained on the modified accrual basis of accounting. Benefits and refunds are recognized when due and payable in accordance with the terms of the plan.

The Separation Allowance has no assets accumulated in a trust that meet the following criteria which we outlined in GASB Statements 67 and 68:

- contributions to the pension plan and earnings on those contributions are irrevocable
- pension plan assets are dedicated to providing benefits to plan members
- pension plan assets are legally protected from the creditors or employers,
- non-employer contributing entities, the plan administrator, and plan members.

Method Used to Value Investments - No funds are set aside to pay benefits and administration costs. These expenditures are paid as they come due.

Contributions

The City is required by Article 12D of G.S. Chapter 143 to provide these retirement benefits and has chosen to fund the benefit payments on a pay as you go basis through appropriations made in the General Fund operating budget. The City's obligation to contribute to this plan is established and may be amended by the North Carolina General Assembly. There were no contributions made by employees.

The annual required contribution for the current year was determined as part of the December 31, 2015 actuarial valuation using the projected unit credit actuarial cost method. The amortization method used was the level dollar closed. The plan has a remaining amortization period of 16 years. The actuarial assumptions included (a) 5.00% investment rate of return (net of administrative expenses) and (b) projected salary increases ranging from 4.25%-7.85% per year. Both (a) and (b) included an inflation component of 3.00%. The assumptions did not include post-retirement benefit increases. Market value is used to determine the actuarial value of assets.

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Annual Pension Cost and Net Pension Obligation - The City's annual pension cost and net pension obligation to the Separation Allowance for the current year were as follows:

Annual required contribution	\$ 100,591
Interest on net pension obligation	13,667
Adjustment to annual required contribution	<u>(24,020)</u>
Annual pension cost	90,238
Contributions made	<u>85,979</u>
Increase (decrease) in net pension obligation	4,259
Net pension obligation, beginning of year	<u>273,338</u>
Net pension obligation, end of year	<u><u>\$277,597</u></u>

3 Year Trend Information

<u>For Year Ended June 30,</u>	<u>Annual Pension Cost (APC)</u>	<u>Percentage of APC Contributed</u>	<u>Net Pension Obligation</u>
2014	\$67,625	98.98%	\$272,168
2015	\$87,149	98.66%	\$273,338
2016	\$90,238	95.28%	\$277,597

Funded Status and Funding Progress

As of December 31, 2015, the most recent actuarial valuation date, the plan was not funded. The actuarial accrued liability for benefits and the unfunded actuarial accrued liability (UAAL) was \$976,259. The covered payroll (annual payroll of active employees covered by the plan) was \$1,545,187, and the ratio of the UAAL to the covered payroll was 63.18%.

The Schedule of Funding Progress, presented as required supplementary information following the notes to the financial statements, presents multiyear trend information about whether the actuarial value of plan assets are increasing or decreasing over time relative to the actuarial accrued liability for benefits.

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c. Supplemental Retirement Income Plan for Law Enforcement Officers

Plan Description - The City contributes to the Supplemental Retirement Income Plan (Plan), a defined contribution pension plan administered by the Department of State Treasurer and a Board of Trustees. The Plan provides retirement benefits to law enforcement officers employed by the City. Article 5 of G.S. Chapter 135 assigns the authority to establish and amend benefit provisions to the North Carolina General Assembly. The Supplemental Retirement Income Plan for Law Enforcement Officers is included in the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) for the State of North Carolina. The State's CAFR includes the pension trust fund financial statements for the Internal Revenue Code Section 401(k) plan that includes the Supplemental Retirement Income Plan for Law Enforcement Officers. That report may be obtained by writing to the Office of the State Controller, 1410 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-1410, or by calling (919) 981-5454.

Funding Policy - Article 12E of G.S. Chapter 143 requires the City to contribute each month an amount equal to five percent of each officer's salary, and all amounts contributed are vested immediately. Also, the law enforcement officers may make voluntary contributions to the plan.

d. Firemen's and Rescue Squad Workers' Pension Fund

Plan Description - The State of North Carolina contributes, on behalf of the City of Lincolnton, to the Firefighters' and Rescue Squad Workers' Pension Fund (FRSWPF), a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan with a special funding situation administered by the State of North Carolina. FRSWPF provides pension benefits for eligible fire and rescue squad workers who have elected to become members of the fund. Article 86 of G.S. Chapter 58 assigns the authority to establish and amend benefit provisions to the North Carolina General Assembly. Management of the plan is vested in the LGERS Board of Trustees, which consists of 13 members – nine appointed by the Governor, one appointed by the state Senate, one appointed by the State House of Representatives, and the State Treasurer and State Superintendent, who serve as ex-officio members. The Firefighters' and Rescue Squad Workers' Pension Fund is included in the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) for the State of North Carolina. The State's CAFR includes financial statements and required supplementary information for the Firefighters' and Rescue Squad Workers' Pension Fund. That report may be obtained by writing to the Office of the State Controller, 1410 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-1410, by calling (919) 981-5454, or at www.osc.nc.gov.

Benefits Provided - FRSWPF provides retirement and survivor benefits. The present retirement benefit is \$170 per month. Plan members are eligible to receive the monthly benefit at age 55 with 20 years of creditable service as a firefighter or rescue squad worker, and have terminated duties as a firefighter or rescue squad worker. Eligible beneficiaries of members who die before beginning to receive the benefit will receive the amount paid by the member and contributions paid on the member's behalf into the plan. Eligible beneficiaries of members who die after beginning to receive benefits will be paid the amount the member contributed minus the benefits collected.

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Contributions - Plan members are required to contribute \$10 per month to the plan, which is paid by the City. The State, a non-employer contributor, funds the plan through appropriations. Contribution provisions are established by General Statute 58 - 86 and may be amended only by the North Carolina General Assembly. For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2015, the State contributed \$13,900,000 to the plan. The City of Lincolnton's proportionate share of the State's contribution is \$7,734.

Refunds of Contributions - Plan members who are no longer eligible or choose not to participate in the plan may file an application for a refund of their contributions. Refunds include the member's contributions and contributions paid by others on the member's behalf. No interest will be paid on the amount of the refund. The acceptance of a refund payment cancels the individual's right to employer contributions or any other benefit provided by FRSWPF.

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

At June 30, 2016, the City reported no liability for its proportionate share of the net pension liability, as the State provides 100% pension support to the City through its appropriations to the FRSWPF. The total portion of the net pension liability that was associated with the City and supported by the State was \$20,230. The net pension liability was measured as of June 30, 2015. The total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of December 31, 2014. The total pension liability was then rolled forward to the measurement date of June 30, 2015 utilizing update procedures incorporating the actuarial assumptions. The City's proportion of the net pension liability was based on a projection of the City's long-term share of contributions to the pension plan relative to the projected contributions of all participating employers. As the City is not projected to make any future contributions to the plan, its proportionate share at June 30, 2015 and at June 30, 2014 was 0%.

For the year ended June 30, 2016, the City recognized pension expense of \$1,552 and revenue of \$1,552 for support provided by the State. At June 30, 2016, the City reported no deferred outflows of resources and no deferred inflows of resources related to pensions.

Actuarial Assumptions - The total pension liability in the December 31, 2014 actuarial valuation was determined using the following actuarial assumptions, applied to all periods included in the measurement:

Inflation	3.0 percent
Salary increases	Not applicable
Investment rate of return	7.25 percent, net of pension plan investment expense, including inflation

For more information regarding actuarial assumptions, including mortality tables, the actuarial experience study, the consideration of future ad hoc COLA amounts, the development of the projected long-term investment returns, and the asset allocation policy, refer to the discussion of actuarial assumptions for the LGERS plan in Section a. of this note.

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Discount rate - The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability was 7.25%. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed that contributions from plan members will be made at the current contribution rate and that contributions from employers will be made at statutorily required rates, actuarially determined. Based on these assumptions, the pension plan's fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make all projected future benefit payments of the current plan members. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was applied to all periods of projected benefit payments to determine the total pension liability.

Pension plan fiduciary net position - Detailed information about the pension plan's fiduciary net position is available in the separately issued Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) for the State of North Carolina.

e. Other Post-employment Benefits

Healthcare Benefits

Plan Description - Under the terms of a City resolution, the City administers a single-employer defined benefit Healthcare Benefits Plan (the HCB Plan). This plan provides post-employment health care benefits to retirees of the City provided they participate in the North Carolina Local Government Employees' Retirement System (System) and have at least the following years of creditable service with the City or a disability status with the following years of creditable service with the City:

	<u>Creditable Years of Service</u>	<u>Disability Creditable Years of Service</u>
For employees hired on or after July 1, 2012	25	15
For employees hired prior to July 1, 2012	20	10

The City pays the full cost of coverage for these benefits. Also, the City's retirees can purchase coverage for their dependents. Currently, thirty (30) retirees are eligible for post-employment health benefits. For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2016, the City made payments for post-employment health benefit premiums of \$509,099. The City participated in a self-funded risk-financing pool administered by the North Carolina League of Municipalities through January 31, 2016. As of February 1, 2016, the City participates in the North Carolina State Health Plan which is a division of the North Carolina Department of State Treasury.

Membership of the HCB Plan consisted of the following at December 31, 2015, the date of the latest actuarial valuation:

Retirees and dependents receiving benefits	30
Terminated plan members entitled to but not yet receiving benefits	-
Active plan members	111
Active employees-Law Enforcement Officers	<u>36</u>
Total	<u>177</u>

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Funding Policy - The City pays the full cost of coverage for the healthcare benefits paid to qualified retirees under a City resolution that can be amended by City Council. The City's members pay the City's group rates for dependent coverage, if enrolled in dependent coverage at the time of retirement. The City has chosen to fund the healthcare benefits on a pay as you go basis.

The current ARC rate is 5.80% of annual covered payroll. For the current year, the City contributed \$509,099 or 8.93% of annual covered payroll. The City obtained healthcare coverage through a self funded risk-financing pool administered by the North Carolina League of Municipalities through January 31, 2016. As of February 1, 2016, the City participates in the North Carolina State Health Plan which is a division of the North Carolina Department of State Treasury. There were no contributions made by employees, except for dependent coverage. The City's obligation to contribute to HCB Plan is established and may be amended by the City Council.

Summary of Significant Accounting Policies - Post-employment expenditures are made from the fund and function level for which the employee retired, which is maintained on the modified accrual basis of accounting. No funds are set aside to pay benefits and administration costs. These expenditures are paid as they come due.

Annual OPEB Cost and OPEB Obligation - The City's annual OPEB cost (expense) is calculated based on the annual required contribution of the employer (ARC), an amount actuarially determined in accordance with the parameters of GASB Statement 45. The ARC represents a level of funding that, if paid on an ongoing basis is projected to cover normal cost each year and amortize any unfunded actuarial liabilities (of funding excess) over a period not to exceed thirty years. The following table shows the components of the City's annual OPEB cost for the year, the amount actually contributed to the plan, and changes in the City's net OPEB obligation for the healthcare benefits:

Annual required contribution	\$ 792,279
Interest on net OPEB obligation	92,392
Adjustment to annual required contribution	<u>(88,263)</u>
Annual OPEB cost (expense)	796,408
Contributions made	<u>(509,099)</u>
Increase (decrease) in net OPEB obligation	287,309
Net OPEB obligation, beginning of year	<u>2,309,801</u>
Net OPEB obligation, end of year	<u>\$ 2,597,110</u>

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The City's annual OPEB cost, the percentage of annual OPEB cost contribution to the plan, and the net OPEB obligation for 2016, 2015, and 2014 were as follows:

3 Year Trend Information			
For Year Ended <u>June 30</u>	Annual <u>OPEB Cost</u>	Percentage of Annual <u>OPEB Cost Contributed</u>	Net OPEB <u>Obligation</u>
2014	\$541,323	51.3%	\$2,037,333
2015	\$652,352	58.2%	\$2,309,801
2016	\$796,408	63.9%	\$2,597,110

Funded Status and Funding Progress - As of December 31, 2015, the most recent actuarial valuation date, the plan was not funded. The actuarial accrued liability for benefits and, thus, the unfunded actuarial accrued liability (UAAL) was \$8,585,737. The covered payroll (annual payroll of active employees covered by the plan) was \$5,700,342, and the ratio of the UAAL to the covered payroll was 150.6%. Actuarial valuations of an ongoing plan involve estimates of the value of reported amounts and assumptions about the probability of occurrence of events far into the future. Examples include assumptions about future employment, mortality, and healthcare trends. Amounts determined regarding the funded status of the plan and the annual required contributions of the employer are subject to continual revision as actual results are compared with past expectations and new estimates are made about the future. The schedule of funding progress, presented as required supplementary information following the notes to the financial statements, presents multiyear trend information about whether the actuarial value of plan assets is increasing or decreasing over time relative to the actuarial accrued liabilities for benefits.

Actuarial Methods and Assumptions - Projections of benefits for financial reporting purposes are based on the substantive plan (the plan as understood by the employer and the plan members) and include the types of benefits provided at the time of each valuation and the historical pattern of sharing of benefits costs between the employer and plan members at that point. The actuarial methods and assumptions used include techniques that are designed to reduce the effects of short-term volatility in actuarial accrued liabilities and the actuarial value assets, consistent with the long-term perspective of the calculations.

In the December 31, 2015 actuarial valuation, the projected unit credit actuarial cost method was used. The actuarial assumptions included a 4.00 % investment rate of return (net of administrative expenses), which is the expected long-term investment returns on the employer's own investments calculated based on the funded level of the plan at the valuation date, and an annual medical cost trend increase of 7.75 % to 5.00 % annually. The investment rate included a 3.00 % inflation assumption. The actuarial value of assets, if any, was determined using the market value of investments. The UAAL is being amortized as a level percentage of projected payroll on an open basis. The remaining amortization period at December 31, 2015 was 30 years.

The ABC Board has not elected to provide other post-employment benefits to employees.

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f. Other Employment Benefits

The City has elected to provide death benefits to employees through the Death Benefit Plan for members of the Local Governmental Employees' Retirement System (Death Benefit Plan), a multiple-employer, State-administered, cost-sharing plan funded on a one-year term cost basis. The beneficiaries of those employees who die in active service after one year of contributing membership in the System, or who die within 180 days after retirement of termination of service and have at least one year of contributing membership service in the System at the time of death are eligible for death benefits. Lump sum death benefit payments to beneficiaries are equal to the employee's 12 highest months salary in a row during the 24 months prior to the employee's death, but the benefit may not exceed \$50,000 or be less than \$25,000. Because all death benefit payments are made from the Death Benefit Plan, and not by the City. The City does not determine the number of eligible participants. The City has no liability beyond the payment of monthly contributions. The contributions to the Death Benefit Plan cannot be separated between the post-employment benefit amount and the other benefit amount. Contributions are determined as a percentage of monthly payroll based upon rates established annually by the State. Separate rates are set for employees not engaged in law enforcement and for law enforcement officers. The City considers these contributions to be immaterial. The City provides additional group term life insurance through their health insurance plan. Any amount in excess of \$50,000 is considered taxable to the employee as a fringe benefit.

3. Deferred Outflows and Inflows of Resources

The City has one deferred outflows of resources. Deferred outflows of resources is comprised of the following:

<u>Source</u>	
Contributions to pension plan in current fiscal year	<u>\$437,201</u>

Deferred inflows of resources at year-end is comprised of the following:

Prepaid taxes (General Fund)	\$ 1,092
Taxes receivable, less penalties (General Fund)	187,757
Differences between expected and actual experience	115,925
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on pension plan investments	140,407
Changes in proportion and differences between employer contributions and proportionate share of contributions	<u>15,951</u>
Total	<u>\$461,132</u>

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4. Risk Management

The City is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; error and omissions; injuries to employees; and natural disasters. The City participates in two self-funding risk financing pools administered by the North Carolina League of Municipalities. Through these pools the City has worker's compensation coverage of up to statutory limits and unlimited lifetime limit on employee health coverage. The pools are reinsured for annual employee health claims in excess of \$500,000.

The City carries commercial coverage for all other risks of loss. There have been no significant reductions in insurance coverage in the prior year, and settled claims have not exceeded coverage in any of the past three fiscal years.

The City is eligible to and has purchased commercial flood insurance for a limit of \$5,000,000 for all locations on our commercial property policy except the areas located in special flood hazard area as defined by the National Flood Insurance Program and all locations in any Federal Emergency Management Agency Flood Zones.

In accordance with G.S. 159-29, the City's employees that have access to \$100 or more at any given time of the City's funds are performance bonded through a commercial surety bond. The finance officer is bonded for \$200,000. The remaining employees that have access to funds are insured up to \$100,000.

The Lincolnton Tourism Development Authority's finance officer is bonded for \$50,000.

5. Long-Term Obligations

a. Loans Payable

Loans payable

Serviced by the General Fund:

\$120,000, 2015, 4.5% loan payable to an individual bank, in monthly installments of \$1,244 due in 2025	\$ 108,499
\$350,000, 2015, 1.50% loan payable to bank, in annual installments of \$87,500 due in 2018	175,000
\$175,000, 2016, 1.5% loan payable to bank, in semi-annual installments of \$22,550, due in 2019	153,223
\$1,025,000, 2016, 1.65% loan payable to bank, in annual installments of \$154,395 to \$153,492, due in 2022	<u>873,000</u>
	<u>\$1,309,722</u>

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b. Revolving Loans

In June 2000, a grant of \$269,425 was received from the State of North Carolina Department of Environment and Natural Resources and in December 2001, a state revolving loan was received in conjunction to finance water supply projects pursuant to the North Carolina Clean Water Revolving Loan and Grant Act of 1987. In July 2003, an additional revolving loan was received to finance a wastewater treatment facility upgrade. The loans are reported as long-term debt in the Water and Sewer Fund. The loans are collateralized by water and sewer fee collections. Principal and interest requirements are appropriated when due.

Revolving loans payable consist of the following individual issues at June 30, 2016

\$1,355,575 Water and Sewer revenue loan, with principal installments due annually in May with semiannual interest payments due in May and November, at an annual interest rate of 2.87% through 2021	\$ 397,144
\$10,000,000 Water and Sewer revenue loan, with principal installments due annually in May with semiannual interest payments due in May and November, at an annual interest rate of 2.87% through 2023	<u>4,469,605</u>
	<u>\$4,866,749</u>

c. Revenue Bond

Revenue bonds of \$23,130,000 that were originally issued in December, 1996, refunded in October 2005 for \$19,790,000 and refunded in April 2015 for \$9,479,000 were used to finance the construction of facilities utilized in the operations of the water and sewer system. The bonds which will be retired by its resources are reported as long-term debt in the Water and Sewer Fund. The City has pledged future water and sewer revenues, net of specified operating expenses, to repay \$9,479,000 in water and sewer system revenue bonds issued in April 2015. The bonds are payable solely from water and sewer customer net revenues and are payable through 2021. Principal and interest requirements are appropriated when due.

Bonds payable consists of the following individual issue at June 30, 2016:

\$9,479,000, 2015 revenue bonds with principal installments due annually in May of \$1,511,000 to \$1,647,000 through 2021; with semiannual interest payments due in May and November at rates of 1.65%	<u>\$7,968,000</u>
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Annual debt service requirements to maturity for long-term obligations are as follows:

	<u>Loans Payable</u>		<u>Revolving Loans</u>		<u>Revenue Bonds</u>		<u>Total Debt Due</u>	
	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>
Governmental activities:								
2017	\$ 280,713	\$24,290	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 280,713	\$24,290
2018	283,831	19,571	-	-	-	-	283,831	19,571
2019	199,480	14,738	-	-	-	-	199,480	14,738
2020	181,116	11,253	-	-	-	-	181,116	11,253
2021	161,269	8,144	-	-	-	-	161,269	8,144
2022-2026	<u>203,312</u>	<u>9,872</u>	-	-	-	-	<u>203,312</u>	<u>9,872</u>
Total governmental	<u>1,309,722</u>	<u>87,867</u>	-	-	-	-	<u>1,309,722</u>	<u>87,867</u>
Business-type activities:								
2017	-	-	660,610	139,676	1,540,000	131,472	2,200,610	271,148
2018	-	-	679,570	120,716	1,567,000	106,062	2,246,570	226,778
2019	-	-	699,073	101,213	1,596,000	80,207	2,295,073	181,419
2020	-	-	719,137	81,149	1,618,000	53,873	2,337,137	135,022
2021	-	-	739,776	60,510	1,647,000	27,176	2,386,776	87,685
2022-2026	-	-	<u>1,368,583</u>	<u>59,195</u>	-	-	<u>1,368,583</u>	<u>59,195</u>
Total business-type	-	-	<u>4,866,749</u>	<u>562,459</u>	<u>7,968,000</u>	<u>398,789</u>	<u>12,834,751</u>	<u>961,247</u>
Total	<u>\$1,309,722</u>	<u>\$87,867</u>	<u>\$ 4,866,749</u>	<u>\$562,459</u>	<u>\$7,968,000</u>	<u>\$398,789</u>	<u>\$14,144,472</u>	<u>\$1,049,115</u>

At June 30, 2016, the City of Lincolnton had no bonds authorized but un-issued and a legal debt margin of \$66,530,863.

The City has pledged future water and sewer customer revenues, net of specified operating expenses, to repay \$9,479,000 in water and sewer system revenue bonds issued in April 2015. Proceeds from the bonds provided financing for the construction of facilities utilized in the operations of water and sewer. The bonds are payable solely from water and sewer customer net revenues and are payable through 2021. Annual principal and interest payments on the bonds are appropriated when due. The total principal and interest remaining to be paid on the bonds is \$8,366,789. Principal and interest paid for the current year was \$1,670,879.

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Changes in Long-Term Liabilities

	<u>Balance</u> <u>July 1, 2015</u>	<u>Increases</u>	<u>Decreases</u>	<u>Balance</u> <u>June 30, 2016</u>	<u>Current</u> <u>Portion of</u> <u>Balance</u>
Governmental activities:					
Compensated absences	\$ 331,424	\$ 219,502	\$ 201,911	\$ 349,015	\$ 207,278
Net pension obligation (LEO)	273,338	90,238	85,979	277,597	-
Other post-employment benefits	1,743,779	610,156	414,677	1,939,258	-
Net pension liability (LGERS)	-	371,761	-	371,761	-
Loans payable	<u>380,800</u>	<u>1,200,000</u>	<u>271,078</u>	<u>1,309,722</u>	<u>280,713</u>
Governmental activities long-term liabilities	<u>\$ 2,729,341</u>	<u>\$2,491,657</u>	<u>\$ 973,645</u>	<u>\$ 4,247,353</u>	<u>\$ 487,991</u>
Business-type activities:					
Water and Sewer Fund:					
Compensated absences	\$ 99,772	\$ 67,502	\$ 64,933	\$ 102,341	\$ 57,925
Other post-employment benefits	512,863	161,575	94,422	580,016	-
Net pension liability (LGERS)	-	96,610	-	96,610	-
Revenue bonds	9,479,000	-	1,511,000	7,968,000	1,540,000
Revolving loans	<u>5,508,932</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>642,184</u>	<u>4,866,749</u>	<u>660,610</u>
Water and Sewer Fund long-term liabilities	<u>15,600,567</u>	<u>325,687</u>	<u>2,312,539</u>	<u>13,613,716</u>	<u>2,258,534</u>
Electric Fund:					
Compensated absences	22,320	13,613	8,231	27,702	8,757
Other post-employment	53,159	24,678	-	77,837	-
Net pension liability (LGERS)	<u>-</u>	<u>24,809</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>24,809</u>	<u>-</u>
Electric Fund long-term liabilities	<u>75,479</u>	<u>63,100</u>	<u>8,231</u>	<u>130,348</u>	<u>8,757</u>
Business-type activities long-term liabilities	<u>\$ 15,676,046</u>	<u>\$ 388,787</u>	<u>\$ 2,320,770</u>	<u>\$13,744,063</u>	<u>\$2,267,291</u>

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C. Interfund Balances and Activity

Transfers To/From Other Funds

The composition of transfers as of June 30, 2016 is as follows:

	<u>Transfers In</u>		
	<u>General</u>	<u>Electric Rate</u>	
	<u>Fund</u>	<u>Stabilization</u>	<u>Total</u>
		<u>Fund</u>	
Transfer Out			
Water and Sewer Fund	\$379,096	\$ -	\$379,096
Electric Fund	<u>25,975</u>	<u>25,000</u>	<u>50,975</u>
Total	<u>\$405,071</u>	<u>\$25,000</u>	<u>\$430,071</u>

Transfers are used to (1) move unrestricted revenues to finance various programs that the government must account for in other funds in accordance with budgetary authorizations, including amounts provided as subsidies or matching funds for various grant programs, (2) move funds from the fund with collection authorization to other funds to stabilize rates.

For the year ended June 30, 2016, the government made the following transfers:

Transfers from the Water and Sewer Fund to the General Fund - payment in lieu of taxes.

Transfers from the Electric Fund to the General Fund - payment in lieu of taxes.

Transfers from the Electric Fund to the Electric Rate Stabilization Fund to accumulate funds to stabilize electric rates.

D. Component Unit Receivables and Payables

The composition of component unit balances as of June 30, 2016 was as follows:

	<u>Receivable</u>	<u>Payable</u>
Primary Government	\$10,000	\$ -
Component Unit - City of Lincoln ABC Board	<u>-</u>	<u>10,000</u>
Total	<u>\$10,000</u>	<u>\$10,000</u>

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E. On-Behalf Payments for Fringe Benefits and Salaries

For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2016, the City of Lincolnton has recognized on-behalf payments for pension contributions made by the state as a revenue and an expenditure of \$1,552 for the 24 employed firemen who perform firefighting duties for the City's fire department. The employees elected to be members of the Firemen and Rescue Worker's Pension Fund, a cost sharing, multiple-employer public employee retirement system established and administered by the State of North Carolina. The Plan is funded by a \$120 annual contribution paid by the City, investment income, and a State appropriation.

Also, the City has recognized as a revenue and an expenditure, on-behalf payments for fringe benefits and salaries of \$4,266 for the low interest loans provided to eligible firemen by the local board of trustees of the Firemen's Relief Fund during the fiscal year ended June 30, 2016. Under State law the local board of trustees for the Fund receives an amount each year, which the board may use at its own discretion for eligible firemen or their departments.

F. Net Investment in Capital Assets

	<u>Governmental</u>	<u>Business-type</u>
Capital assets	\$ 19,012,216	\$ 31,147,003
Less: long-term debt	(1,309,722)	(12,834,750)
Unspent debt proceeds	<u>142,867</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>\$ 17,845,361</u>	<u>\$ 18,312,253</u>

G. Fund Balance

The following schedule provides management and citizens with information on the portion of General Fund balance that is available for appropriation:

Total fund balance-General Fund	\$5,222,459
Less:	
Inventories	14,316
Prepaid	57,490
Stabilization by State Statute	695,340
Streets-Powell Bill	896,728
Police	5
Appropriated Fund Balance in 2017 budget	1,050,000
Remaining Fund Balance	2,508,579

The outstanding encumbrances are amounts needed to pay any commitments related to purchase orders and contracts that remain unperformed at year-end.

<u>Encumbrances</u>	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Non-Major Funds</u>
	\$38,411	\$-0-

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III. Jointly Governed Organizations

The City, in conjunction with eighteen other local governments, is a member of the North Carolina Municipal Power Agency Number 1 (NCMPA#1). The Electric Agency was formed to enable municipalities that own electric distribution systems to finance, construct, own, operate, and maintain generation and transmission facilities. Each participating government appoints one commissioner to the Electric Agency's governing board. The nineteen members, which receive power from the Electric Agency, have signed power sales agreements to purchase a specified share of the power generated by the Electric Agency. Except for the power sales purchase requirements, no local government participant has any obligation, entitlement, or residual interest. The City's purchases of power for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2016 were \$5,986,666.

The City, in conjunction with nine counties and seventy-four other municipalities established the Centralina Council of Governments (Council). The participating governments established the Council to coordinate various funding received from federal and State agencies. Each participating government appoints one member to the Council's governing board. The City paid membership fees of \$2,532 to the Council during the fiscal year ended June 30, 2016.

IV. Joint Venture

The City, in conjunction with Lincoln County, participates in a general aviation airport. Each participating government appoints three members to the six-member board. The Airport is a joint venture established to facilitate economic expansion within the County and improve the quality of life for its citizens. The Airport has been in existence since 1986, but it is not yet self-sustaining. The City has an ongoing financial responsibility for the Airport because it and the County are legally obligated under the intergovernmental agreement that created the Airport to honor any deficiencies in the event that proceeds from other default remedies are insufficient. The City contributed \$68,334 to the Airport during the fiscal year ended June 30, 2016. The participating governments do not have any equity interest in the joint venture, so no equity interest has been reflected in the financial statements at June 30, 2016. Complete financial statements for the Airport can be obtained from Lincoln County administrative offices at 115 West Main Street, Lincolnton, N.C. 28092.

The City and the members of the City's fire department each appoint two members to the five-member local board of trustees for the Firemen's Relief Fund. The State Insurance Commissioner appoints one additional member to the local board of trustees. The Firemen's Relief Fund is funded by a portion of the fire and lightening insurance premiums that insurers remit to the State. The State passes these moneys to the local board of the Firemen's Relief Fund. The funds are used to assist fire fighters in various ways. The City obtains an ongoing financial benefit from the Fund for the on-behalf of payments for salaries and fringe benefits made to members of the City's fire department by the board of trustees. During the fiscal year ended June 30, 2016, the City reported revenues and expenditures for the payments of \$4,266 made through the Firemen's Relief Fund. The participating governments do not have any equity interest in the joint venture, so no equity has been reflected in the financial statements at June 30, 2016. The Firemen's Relief Fund does not issue separate audited financial statements. Instead, the local board of trustees files an annual financial report with the State Firemen's Association. This report can be obtained from the Association at 323 West Jones Street, Suite 401, Raleigh, North Carolina, 27603.

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V. Related Organization

The five-member board of the City of Lincolnton Housing Authority is appointed by the City Council of the City of Lincolnton. The City is accountable for the Housing Authority because it appoints the governing board; however, the City is not financially accountable for the Housing Authority. The City of Lincolnton is also disclosed as a related organization in the notes to the financial statements for the City of Lincolnton Housing Authority. Complete financial statements for the Housing Authority can be obtained from the Authority's office at 806 McBee Street, Lincolnton, N.C. 28092.

VI. Summary Disclosure of Significant Contingencies

Federal and State Assisted Programs

The City has received proceeds from several Federal and State grants. Periodic audits of these grants are required and certain costs may be questioned as not being appropriate expenditures under the grant agreements. Such audits could result in the refund of grant monies to the grantor agencies. Management believes that any required refunds will be immaterial. No provision has been made in the accompanying financial statements for the refund of grant monies.

VII. Significant Effects of Subsequent Events

Management has evaluated subsequent events through November 8, 2016, the date on which the financial statements were available to be issued. During the period from the end of the year and through this date, the following subsequent event occurred that requires recognition or disclosure in these financial statements.

The City anticipates issuing \$394,000 for the purchase of eight service vehicles and a skid steer bobcat.

The City has entered into a contract for the construction of the First Federal Park in the amount of \$415,198. \$140,300 has been pledged to be paid to the City for the First Federal Park project.

VIII. Change in Accounting Principles/Restatement

The City implemented Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) statement no. 72, *Fair Value Measurement and Application*, in the fiscal year ending June 30, 2016. The implementation of the statement requires the City to value donated capital assets acquired after June 15, 2015 at acquisition value and investments to be measured at fair value. There was no effect on beginning net position.

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REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

This section contains additional information required by generally accepted accounting principles

- **Schedule of Funding Progress for the Law Enforcement Officers' Special Separation Allowance.**
 - **Notes to the Required Schedules for the Law Enforcement Officers' Special Separation Allowance.**
 - **Schedule of Funding Progress for the Other Postemployment Benefits.**
 - **Schedule of Employer Contributions for the Other Postemployment Benefits.**
 - **Notes to the Required Schedules for the Other Postemployment Benefits.**
 - **Schedule of the Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability (Asset) Local Government Employees' Retirement System**
 - **Schedule of Contributions - Local Government Employees' Retirement System**
 - **Schedule of the Proportionate Share of Net Pension Liability-Firefighters' and Rescue Squad Workers' Pension**
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**Law Enforcement Officers' Special Separation Allowance
Required Supplementary Information
Schedule of Funding Progress**

Actuarial Valuation Date	Actuarial Value of Assets (a)	Actuarial Accrued	Unfunded AAL (UAAL) (b - a)	Funded Ratio (a/b)	Covered Payroll (c)	UAAL as a % of Covered Payroll ((b - a)/c)
		Liability (AAL) -Projected Unit Credit (b)				
12-31-06	-	\$467,359	\$467,359	0%	\$1,186,979	39.37%
12-31-07	-	564,990	564,990	0%	1,059,126	53.34%
12-31-08	-	603,347	603,347	0%	1,151,305	52.41%
12-31-09	-	799,775	799,775	0%	1,208,384	66.19%
12-31-10	-	597,843	597,843	0%	1,221,571	48.94%
12-31-11	-	669,998	669,998	0%	1,175,985	56.97%
12-31-12	-	767,812	767,812	0%	1,233,949	62.22%
12-31-13	-	831,721	831,721	0%	1,246,793	66.71%
12-31-14	-	834,409	834,409	0%	1,320,464	63.19%
12-31-15	-	976,259	976,259	0%	1,545,187	63.18%

Notes to the Required Schedules:

The information presented in the required supplementary schedules was determined as part of the actuarial valuation.

Valuation date	12/31/14
Actuarial cost method	Projected unit credit
Amortization method	Level dollar closed
Remaining amortization period	16 years
Asset valuation method	Market value
Actuarial assumptions:	
Investment rate of return	5.00%
Projected salary increases	4.25 - 7.85%
Includes inflation at	3.00%
Cost-of-living adjustments	N/A

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**Other Post-employment Benefits
Required Supplementary Information
Schedule of Funding Progress**

Actuarial Valuation Date	Actuarial Value of Assets (a)	Actuarial Accrued		Funded Ratio (a/b)	Covered Payroll (c)	UAAL as a % of Covered Payroll ((b - a)/c)
		Liability (AAL) -Projected Unit Credit (b)	Unfunded AAL (UAAL) (b - a)			
12/31/08	-	\$6,311,805	\$6,311,805	0%	\$5,830,706	108.3%
12/31/09	-	6,295,360	6,295,360	0%	6,005,830	104.8%
12/31/10	-	6,141,503	6,141,503	0%	5,984,911	102.6%
12/31/11	-	6,662,214	6,662,214	0%	6,175,733	107.9%
12/31/12	-	6,487,957	6,487,957	0%	5,849,512	110.9%
12/31/13	-	7,847,877	7,847,877	0%	6,031,272	130.1%
12/31/14	-	9,496,222	9,496,222	0%	5,625,969	168.8%
12/31/15	-	8,585,737	8,585,737	0%	5,700,342	150.6%

Note: The City of Lincolnton implemented GASB Statement No. 45 for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2009. As the City has additional actuary valuations performed, previous years information will be added to this Schedule.

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**Other Post-employment Benefits
Required Supplementary Information
Schedule of Employer Contributions**

<u>Year Ended June 30,</u>	<u>Annual Required Contribution</u>	<u>Percentage Contributed</u>
2010	\$539,675	27.4%
2011	529,260	34.0%
2012	523,248	39.4%
2013	556,063	45.4%
2014	538,152	51.3%
2015	648,710	58.2%
2016	792,279	63.9%

Note: The City of Lincolnton implemented GASB Statement No. 45 for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2009. As the City has additional actuarial valuations performed, previous years information will be added to this Schedule.

Notes to the Required Schedules:

The information presented in the required supplementary schedules was determined as part actuarial valuation follows:

Valuation date	12/31/15
Actuarial cost method	Projected unit credit
Amortization method	Level percentage of pay, open
Remaining amortization period	30 years
Asset valuation method	Market value of assets
Actuarial assumptions:	
Investment rate of return*	4.0%
Medicare cost trend rate	7.75% - 5.00%
Year of ultimate trend rate	2022
*Includes inflation at	3.00%

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**City of Lincolnton's Proportionate Share of Net Pension Liability (Asset)
Required Supplementary Information
Last Three Fiscal Years*
Local Government Employees' Retirement System**

	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
City of Lincolnton's proportion of the net pension liability (asset)(%)	0.10989%	0.11119%	0.10930%
City of Lincolnton's proportion of the net pension liability (asset)(\$)	\$ 493,180	\$ (655,739)	\$1,317,485
City of Lincolnton's covered payroll	\$6,170,108	\$6,230,371	\$6,051,103
City of Lincolnton's proportionate share of the net pension liability (asset) as a percentage of its covered-employee payroll	7.99%	(10.52%)	21.75%
Plan fiduciary net pension as a percentage of the total pension liability**	98.09%	102.64 %	94.35%

*The amount presented for each fiscal year was determined as of the prior fiscal year ending June 30.

**This will be the same percentage for all participant employees in the LGERS plan.

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**City of Lincolnton's Contributions
Required Supplementary Information
Last Three Fiscal Years
Local Government Employees' Retirement System**

	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
Contractually required contributions	\$ 437,201	\$ 440,567	\$ 443,242
Contributions in relation to the contractually required contributions	<u>437,201</u>	<u>440,567</u>	<u>443,242</u>
Contributions deficiency (excess)	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
City of Lincolnton's covered-employee payroll	\$6,145,468	\$6,170,108	\$6,230,371
Contributions as a percentage of covered employee payroll	7.11%	7.15%	7.11%

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**City of Lincolnton's Proportionate Share of Net Pension Liability
Required Supplementary Information
Last Fiscal Year*
Firefighters' and Rescue Squad Workers' Pension**

	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>
City of Lincolnton's proportionate share of the net pension liability (%)	0.0000%	0.0000%
City of Lincolnton's proportionate share of the net pension liability (\$)	\$ -	\$ -
State's proportionate share of the net pension liability associated with City of Lincolnton	<u>20,230</u>	<u>11,033</u>
Total	<u>\$ 20,230</u>	<u>\$ 11,033</u>
City of Lincolnton's covered-employee payroll	\$744,636	\$824,108
City of Lincolnton's proportionate share of the net pension liability as a percentage of its covered-employee payroll	2.72%	1.33%
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability	91.40%	93.42%

*The amounts are presented for the prior fiscal year.

GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES

GENERAL FUND

The General Fund is used to account for resources traditionally associated with government which are not required legally or by sound financial management to be accounted for in another fund.

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**General Fund
Balance Sheets
June 30, 2016 and 2015**

	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>
<u>Assets</u>		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 3,763,248	\$ 3,408,232
Taxes receivable, net	187,757	259,241
Accounts receivable, net	486,085	436,461
Due from governmental agencies	170,854	160,682
Due from component unit	-	35,263
Inventories	14,316	22,880
Prepaid items	57,490	58,524
Restricted cash	1,039,360	872,917
Total assets	<u>\$ 5,719,110</u>	<u>\$ 5,254,197</u>
<u>Liabilities</u>		
Accounts payable and other accrued liabilities	\$ 301,792	\$ 294,510
Unearned revenues	6,010	6,010
Total liabilities	<u>307,802</u>	<u>300,520</u>
<u>Deferred Inflows of Resources</u>		
Property taxes receivable	187,757	259,241
Prepaid taxes	1,092	1,999
Total deferred inflows of resources	<u>188,849</u>	<u>261,240</u>
<u>Fund Balances</u>		
Non Spendable:		
Inventories	14,316	22,880
Prepaid expenditures	57,490	58,524
Restricted:		
Stabilization by State statute	695,340	633,776
Streets	896,728	849,755
Public safety - police	5	7,000
Assigned:		
Subsequent year's expenditures	1,050,000	1,405,541
Unassigned	<u>2,508,579</u>	<u>1,714,961</u>
Total fund balances	<u>5,222,459</u>	<u>4,692,437</u>
Total liabilities, deferred inflows of resources and fund balances	<u>\$ 5,719,110</u>	<u>\$ 5,254,197</u>

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**General Fund
Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes
In Fund Balances - Budget and Actual
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2016
(With Comparative Actual Amounts for the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2015)**

	<u>2016</u>		<u>Variance</u>	
	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Positive</u>	<u>2015</u>
			<u>(Negative)</u>	<u>Actual</u>
Revenues:				
Ad valorem taxes:				
Current year	\$ 4,593,000	\$4,574,882	\$ (18,118)	\$4,635,627
Prior years	100,000	110,681	10,681	76,183
Interest and penalties	35,000	27,046	(7,954)	22,895
Total	<u>4,728,000</u>	<u>4,712,610</u>	<u>(15,390)</u>	<u>4,734,705</u>
Other taxes and licenses:				
Other taxes	<u>21,900</u>	<u>32,034</u>	<u>10,134</u>	<u>27,986</u>
Unrestricted intergovernmental revenues:				
Local option sales tax	2,650,000	2,644,526	(5,474)	2,499,885
Payment in lieu of taxes	22,470	21,216	(1,254)	22,471
Utility franchise tax	820,000	873,432	53,432	920,256
Beer and wine tax	44,000	46,286	2,286	50,317
ABC profit distribution	60,000	64,737	4,737	50,263
Other	59,900	59,125	(775)	58,666
Total	<u>3,656,370</u>	<u>3,709,323</u>	<u>52,953</u>	<u>3,601,858</u>
Restricted intergovernmental revenues:				
Powell Bill street aid allocation	311,000	312,774	1,774	315,266
Powell Bill investment earnings	300	2,351	2,051	842
Other Powell Bill receipts	-	974	974	1,948
Controlled substance tax	5,000	5,794	794	5,352
ABC revenue for law enforcement	30,000	40,000	10,000	40,000
Restricted investment earnings	-	2	2	1
On-behalf of payments-Fire and Rescue	5,200	5,818	618	8,174
Federal, state and local grants	561,107	138,237	(422,870)	20,238
Total	<u>912,607</u>	<u>505,951</u>	<u>(406,656)</u>	<u>391,822</u>

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Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes
In Fund Balances - Budget and Actual
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2016
(With Comparative Actual Amounts for the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2015)

	<u>2016</u>		<u>Variance Positive (Negative)</u>	<u>2015 Actual</u>
	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>		
Revenues (continued):				
Permits and fees:				
Zoning fees	\$ 10,000	\$ 9,960	\$ (40)	\$ 8,875
Online convenience fees	14,000	16,192	2,192	13,455
Other fees	4,600	6,407	1,807	5,427
Total	<u>28,600</u>	<u>32,559</u>	<u>3,959</u>	<u>27,756</u>
Sales and services:				
Cemetery lot sales	13,000	29,259	16,259	18,600
Refuse/solid waste fees	-	-	-	25
Recreation fees and concessions	108,800	116,764	7,964	120,945
Other	3,400	3,109	(291)	3,190
Total	<u>125,200</u>	<u>149,132</u>	<u>23,932</u>	<u>142,760</u>
Investment earnings	<u>2,000</u>	<u>10,321</u>	<u>8,321</u>	<u>3,477</u>
Miscellaneous:				
Sale of property	12,600	14,335	1,735	13,441
Other	350,100	282,152	(67,948)	41,077
Total	<u>362,700</u>	<u>296,487</u>	<u>(66,213)</u>	<u>54,519</u>
Total revenues	<u>9,837,377</u>	<u>9,448,416</u>	<u>(388,961)</u>	<u>8,984,882</u>

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General Fund
Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes
In Fund Balances - Budget and Actual
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2016
(With Comparative Actual Amounts for the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2015)

	<u>2016</u>		<u>Variance Positive (Negative)</u>	<u>2015 Actual</u>
	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>		
Expenditures:				
General government:				
Governing body				
Salaries and employee benefits	\$ 166,068	\$ 161,550	\$ 4,518	\$ 211,720
Other operating expenditures	664,773	515,940	148,833	435,407
Tax collection fees	158,000	145,180	12,820	146,370
Capital outlay	-	7,870	(7,870)	155,000
Interdepartmental charges	<u>(193,813)</u>	<u>(193,813)</u>	-	<u>(194,023)</u>
	<u>795,028</u>	<u>636,727</u>	<u>158,301</u>	<u>754,474</u>
Administrative				
Salaries and employee benefits	536,146	509,662	26,484	493,848
Other operating expenditures	74,948	57,137	17,811	70,046
Interdepartmental charges	<u>(175,673)</u>	<u>(175,671)</u>	(2)	<u>(181,202)</u>
	<u>435,421</u>	<u>391,128</u>	<u>44,293</u>	<u>382,692</u>
Finance				
Salaries and employee benefits	629,775	625,599	4,176	555,438
Other operating expenditures	123,714	92,302	31,412	62,981
Capital outlay	5,000	-	5,000	14,294
Interdepartmental charges	<u>(418,168)</u>	<u>(418,168)</u>	-	<u>(413,997)</u>
	<u>340,321</u>	<u>299,733</u>	<u>40,588</u>	<u>218,716</u>
Total general government	<u>1,570,770</u>	<u>1,327,589</u>	<u>243,181</u>	<u>1,355,882</u>
Public safety:				
Police				
Salaries and employee benefits	2,555,075	2,395,348	159,727	2,383,501
Other operating expenditures	378,826	296,764	82,062	303,092
Capital outlay	<u>219,000</u>	<u>208,083</u>	<u>10,917</u>	<u>349,959</u>
	<u>3,152,901</u>	<u>2,900,195</u>	<u>252,706</u>	<u>3,036,553</u>

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**General Fund
Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes
In Fund Balances - Budget and Actual
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2016**

(With Comparative Actual Amounts for the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2015)

	2016		Variance Positive (Negative)	2015 Actual
	Budget	Actual		
Expenditures (continued):				
Fire				
Salaries and employee benefits	\$ 1,686,459	\$1,603,226	\$ 83,233	\$1,613,654
Other operating expenditures	224,182	165,438	58,744	220,471
Capital outlay	475,000	391,868	83,132	31,352
	<u>2,385,641</u>	<u>2,160,532</u>	<u>225,109</u>	<u>1,865,476</u>
Total public safety	<u>5,538,542</u>	<u>5,060,727</u>	<u>477,815</u>	<u>4,902,029</u>
Public works:				
General and administrative				
Salaries and employee benefits	229,927	197,920	32,007	208,230
Operating expenditures	84,560	56,021	28,539	53,418
Capital outlay	15,000	-	15,000	-
Interdepartmental charges	(150,945)	(150,945)	-	(149,285)
	<u>178,542</u>	<u>102,997</u>	<u>75,545</u>	<u>112,363</u>
Street maintenance				
Salaries and employee benefits	631,325	628,665	2,660	602,680
Operating expenditures	294,571	163,782	130,789	185,171
Interdepartmental charges	(155,323)	(155,323)	-	(153,613)
	<u>770,573</u>	<u>637,124</u>	<u>133,449</u>	<u>634,238</u>
Powell Bill assistance				
Operating expenditures	<u>1,081,527</u>	<u>309,256</u>	<u>772,271</u>	<u>301,732</u>
Fleet maintenance				
Salaries and employee benefits	141,703	138,928	2,775	141,971
Operating expenditures	43,288	29,522	13,766	31,106
Interdepartmental charges	(44,930)	(44,930)	-	(46,850)
	<u>140,061</u>	<u>123,520</u>	<u>16,541</u>	<u>126,227</u>
Airport operation	<u>68,400</u>	<u>68,334</u>	<u>67</u>	<u>60,000</u>
Total public works	<u>2,239,103</u>	<u>1,241,230</u>	<u>997,873</u>	<u>1,234,560</u>

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General Fund
Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes
In Fund Balances - Budget and Actual
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2016
(With Comparative Actual Amounts for the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2015)

	<u>2016</u>		Variance Positive (Negative)	2015 Actual
	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>		
Expenditures (continued):				
Economic and physical development:				
Business and community development				
Salaries and employee benefits	\$ 131,711	\$ 127,968	\$ 3,743	\$ 104,817
Operating expenditures	<u>75,859</u>	<u>63,958</u>	<u>11,901</u>	<u>65,347</u>
	<u>207,570</u>	<u>191,926</u>	<u>15,644</u>	<u>170,164</u>
Planning and zoning				
Salaries and employee benefits	171,710	167,925	3,785	163,596
Operating expenditures	48,067	25,712	22,355	24,040
Interdepartmental charges	<u>(11,150)</u>	<u>(11,150)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(11,030)</u>
	<u>208,627</u>	<u>182,486</u>	<u>26,141</u>	<u>176,605</u>
Total economic and physical development	<u>416,197</u>	<u>374,412</u>	<u>41,785</u>	<u>346,769</u>
Environmental protection:				
Solid waste				
Salaries and employee benefits	647,477	581,186	66,291	591,701
Operating expenditures	366,733	280,025	86,708	283,536
Capital outlay	<u>550,000</u>	<u>490,825</u>	<u>59,175</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>1,564,210</u>	<u>1,352,036</u>	<u>212,174</u>	<u>875,237</u>
Cemetery				
Salaries and employee benefits	159,378	137,004	22,374	176,320
Operating expenditures	41,626	23,370	18,256	48,334
Capital outlay	<u>8,000</u>	<u>6,599</u>	<u>1,401</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>209,004</u>	<u>166,973</u>	<u>42,031</u>	<u>224,654</u>
Total environmental protection	<u>1,773,214</u>	<u>1,519,010</u>	<u>254,204</u>	<u>1,099,891</u>
Cultural and recreational:				
Salaries and employee benefits	413,923	399,611	14,312	397,179
Operating expenditures	246,509	201,768	44,741	210,263
Capital outlay	<u>315,000</u>	<u>107,249</u>	<u>207,751</u>	<u>24,999</u>
Total cultural and recreational	<u>975,432</u>	<u>708,628</u>	<u>266,804</u>	<u>632,441</u>

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General Fund
Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes
In Fund Balances - Budget and Actual
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2016
(With Comparative Actual Amounts for the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2015)

	<u>2016</u>		Variance Positive (Negative)	2015 Actual
	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>		
Expenditures (continued):				
Debt service:				
Principal retirement	\$ 292,250	\$ 271,078	\$ 21,172	\$ 89,200
Interest and other charges	<u>24,704</u>	<u>12,229</u>	<u>12,475</u>	<u>5,662</u>
Total debt service	<u>316,954</u>	<u>283,307</u>	<u>33,647</u>	<u>94,862</u>
Total expenditures	<u>12,830,212</u>	<u>10,514,902</u>	<u>2,315,310</u>	<u>9,666,434</u>
Revenues over (under) expenditures	<u>(2,992,835)</u>	<u>(1,066,486)</u>	<u>1,926,349</u>	<u>(681,552)</u>
Other Financing Sources (Uses):				
Issuance of debt	1,175,000	1,200,000	25,000	470,000
Appropriated fund balance	1,412,539	-	(1,412,539)	-
Transfers (to) from other funds				
Water and Sewer Fund	379,096	379,096	-	368,160
Electric Fund	<u>26,200</u>	<u>25,975</u>	<u>(225)</u>	<u>25,975</u>
Total other financing sources (uses)	<u>2,992,835</u>	<u>1,605,071</u>	<u>(1,387,764)</u>	<u>864,135</u>
Revenues and other financing sources over (under) expenditures and other financing uses and extraordinary item	<u>\$ -</u>	538,585	<u>\$ 538,585</u>	182,583
Fund balances, July 1		4,692,437		4,621,243
Increase (decrease) in reserve for inventory		<u>(8,563)</u>		<u>(111,388)</u>
Fund balances, June 30		<u>\$5,222,459</u>		<u>\$4,692,437</u>

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**GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES
COMPONENT UNIT**

Lincolnton Tourism Development Authority - This fund is used to account for occupancy tax revenue to be used for tourism related purposes.

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**Lincolnton Tourism Development Authority - Component Unit
Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance
Budget and Actual**

For the Year Ended June 30, 2016

(With Comparative Actual Amounts for the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2015)

	2016		Variance Positive (Negative)	2015 Actual
	Budget	Actual		
Revenues:				
Unrestricted intergovernmental:				
Local occupancy tax	\$ 68,500	\$ 106,187	\$ 37,687	\$ 109,122
Investment earnings	-	529	529	385
	<u>68,500</u>	<u>106,717</u>	<u>38,217</u>	<u>109,507</u>
Total revenues	<u>68,500</u>	<u>106,717</u>	<u>38,217</u>	<u>109,507</u>
Expenditures:				
Advertising	5,000	800	4,200	-
Other operating expenditures	63,500	63,950	(450)	79,110
Capital outlay	220,000	220,000	-	-
	<u>288,500</u>	<u>284,750</u>	<u>3,750</u>	<u>79,110</u>
Total expenditures	<u>288,500</u>	<u>284,750</u>	<u>3,750</u>	<u>79,110</u>
Revenues over (under) expenditures	(220,000)	(178,033)	41,967	30,397
Other Financing Sources (Uses):				
Appropriated fund balance	220,000	-	(220,000)	-
Revenues and other financing sources over (under) expenditures and other financing uses	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$(178,033)</u>	<u>\$(178,033)</u>	<u>\$ 30,397</u>
Fund balance, July 1, as previously reported		\$ 413,785		\$ -
Prior period adjustment		-		383,388
Fund balance, July 1, restated		413,785		383,388
Revenues over (under) expenditures		<u>(178,033)</u>		<u>30,397</u>
Fund balance, June 30		<u>\$ 235,752</u>		<u>\$ 413,785</u>

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BUSINESS - TYPE ACTIVITIES

ENTERPRISE FUNDS

Enterprise Funds are used to account for operations that are financed and operated in a manner similar to private business enterprises - where the intent of the government's governing body is that the costs of providing goods or services to the general public on a continuing basis be financed or recovered primarily through user charges; or where the government's governing body has decided that periodic determination of net income is appropriate for accountability purposes.

***Water and Wastewater Fund* - This fund is used to account for the activities associated with the production, distribution and transmission of potable water by the City to its users and for the operation and maintenance of the City's sewer and surface drainage systems.**

***Electric Fund* - This fund is used to account for the activities associated with the distribution and transmission of electricity by the City to its users.**

***Electric Rate Stabilization Fund* - This fund is used to account for funds being accumulated to stabilize Electric Rates.**

CITY OF LINCOLNTON, NORTH CAROLINA

**Statements of Net Position
Water and Sewer Fund
June 30, 2016 and 2015**

<u>Assets</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>
Current assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 8,220,157	\$ 7,579,677
Accounts receivable	639,170	752,956
Inventories	85,331	56,951
Prepaid expenses	25,330	22,359
Total current assets	<u>8,969,989</u>	<u>8,411,943</u>
Noncurrent assets:		
Restricted cash and cash equivalents	101,146	91,759
Net pension asset	-	127,609
Capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation	<u>30,027,142</u>	<u>31,060,919</u>
Total assets	<u>39,098,277</u>	<u>39,692,231</u>
 <u>Deferred Outflows of Resources</u>		
Contribution to pension plan in current fiscal year	<u>85,644</u>	<u>85,585</u>
Total deferred outflows of resources	<u>85,644</u>	<u>85,585</u>
 <u>Liabilities</u>		
Current liabilities:		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	334,435	201,659
Customer deposits - restricted	101,146	91,759
Bonds payable - current	1,540,000	1,511,000
Loans payable - current	660,610	642,180
Accrued compensated absences	57,925	54,004
Total current liabilities	<u>2,694,116</u>	<u>2,500,602</u>
Noncurrent liabilities:		
Bonds payable	6,428,000	7,968,000
Loans payable	4,206,139	4,866,750
Other post employment benefits liability	580,016	512,863
Accrued compensated absences	44,416	45,768
Net pension liability	96,610	-
Total noncurrent liabilities	<u>11,355,181</u>	<u>13,393,381</u>
Total liabilities	<u>14,049,298</u>	<u>15,893,983</u>
 <u>Deferred Infows of Resources</u>		
Pension deferrals	<u>53,338</u>	<u>306,797</u>
Total deferred inflows of resources	<u>53,338</u>	<u>306,797</u>
 <u>Net Position</u>		
Net investment in capital assets	17,192,392	16,072,990
Unrestricted	<u>7,888,893</u>	<u>7,504,046</u>
Total net position	<u>\$ 25,081,285</u>	<u>\$ 23,577,036</u>

CITY OF LINCOLNTON, NORTH CAROLINA

**Statements of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Position
Water and Sewer Fund
For the Years Ended June 30, 2016 and 2015**

	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>
Operating Revenues:		
Water charges	\$ 3,670,163	\$ 3,401,603
Sewer charges	4,500,742	4,639,428
Water and sewer taps	21,100	18,450
Other operating revenues	<u>201,723</u>	<u>374,809</u>
 Total operating revenues	 <u>8,393,729</u>	 <u>8,434,290</u>
Operating Expenses:		
Water treatment plant	1,475,065	1,741,970
Water and sewer distribution maintenance	1,406,668	1,483,625
Waste treatment plant	1,603,778	1,543,522
Depreciation	<u>1,734,771</u>	<u>1,747,158</u>
 Total operating expenses	 <u>6,220,283</u>	 <u>6,516,275</u>
 Operating income (loss)	 <u>2,173,446</u>	 <u>1,918,015</u>
Nonoperating Revenues (Expenses):		
Investment earnings	19,459	6,334
Gain (loss) on disposition of capital assets	2,909	5,281
Gain (loss) on retirement of old debt	-	(410,366)
Interest on long-term debt	<u>(312,469)</u>	<u>(663,840)</u>
 Total nonoperating revenues (expenses)	 <u>(290,101)</u>	 <u>(1,062,590)</u>
 Income (loss) before transfers and capital contributions	 1,883,345	 855,425
 Transfer to General Fund-payment in lieu of taxes	 <u>(379,096)</u>	 <u>(368,160)</u>
 Change in net position	 <u>\$ 1,504,249</u>	 <u>\$ 487,265</u>
 Total net position -beginning, as previously reported	 \$ 23,577,036	 \$ 23,259,902
Restatement	<u>-</u>	<u>(170,131)</u>
Total net position -beginning, restated	23,577,036	23,089,771
Change in net position	<u>1,504,249</u>	<u>487,265</u>
 Total net position - ending	 <u>\$ 25,081,285</u>	 <u>\$ 23,577,036</u>

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**Schedule of Revenues and Expenditures - Budget and Actual (Non-GAAP)
Water and Sewer Fund
For the Year Ended June 30, 2016
(With Comparative Actual Amounts for the Year Ended June 30, 2015)**

	2016		Variance Positive (Negative)	2015 Actual
	Budget	Actual		
Revenues:				
Operating revenues:				
Water charges	\$ 3,079,850	\$ 3,670,163	\$ 590,313	\$ 3,401,603
Sewer charges	4,432,362	4,500,742	68,380	4,639,428
Water and sewer taps	16,500	21,100	4,600	18,450
Other	212,850	201,723	(11,127)	374,809
Total operating revenues	<u>7,741,562</u>	<u>8,393,729</u>	<u>652,167</u>	<u>8,434,290</u>
Nonoperating revenues:				
Investment earnings	5,500	19,459	13,959	6,334
Total nonoperating revenues	<u>5,500</u>	<u>19,459</u>	<u>13,959</u>	<u>6,334</u>
Total revenues	<u>7,747,062</u>	<u>8,413,188</u>	<u>666,126</u>	<u>8,440,624</u>
Expenditures:				
Operating expenditures:				
Water treatment plant				
Salaries and employee benefits	632,698	571,095	61,603	556,158
Chemicals	145,000	117,409	27,591	129,213
Electricity	266,000	262,927	3,073	307,515
Water service contract	133,000	114,386	18,614	130,188
Administrative	210,000	209,500	500	232,500
Repairs and maintenance	78,000	53,046	24,954	64,354
Other operating expenditures	328,975	183,466	145,509	221,437
	<u>1,793,673</u>	<u>1,511,830</u>	<u>281,843</u>	<u>1,641,364</u>
Water and sewer distribution maintenance				
Salaries and employee benefits	721,736	672,070	49,666	726,713
Supplies	196,000	136,365	59,635	149,079
Administrative	257,500	256,000	1,500	310,000
Repairs and maintenance	169,275	128,615	40,660	123,776
Other operating expenditures	195,434	142,578	52,856	172,406
	<u>1,539,945</u>	<u>1,335,627</u>	<u>204,318</u>	<u>1,481,974</u>
Waste treatment plant				
Salaries and employee benefits	615,778	594,268	21,510	558,340
Sludge removal	300,200	300,097	103	185,477
Electricity	278,000	278,000	-	292,087
Administrative	210,000	209,500	500	232,500
Repairs and maintenance	136,300	43,573	92,727	92,220
Other operating expenditures	311,345	200,572	110,773	192,669
	<u>1,851,623</u>	<u>1,626,011</u>	<u>225,612</u>	<u>1,553,293</u>

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**Schedule of Revenues and Expenditures - Budget and Actual (Non-GAAP)
Water and Sewer Fund
For the Year Ended June 30, 2016
(With Comparative Actual Amounts for the Year Ended June 30, 2015)**

	2016		Variance	2015
	Budget	Actual	Positive (Negative)	Actual
Total operating expenditures	\$ 5,185,241	\$ 4,473,468	\$ 711,773	\$ 4,676,632
Debt service:				
Principal retirement	2,153,179	2,153,184	(5)	11,374,263
Interest and fees	320,653	320,485	168	643,472
Total debt service	2,473,832	2,473,669	163	12,017,735
Capital outlay:				
Water treatment plant	54,000	82,911	(28,911)	97,806
Water and sewer distribution maintenance	1,198,420	509,227	689,193	34,917
Waste water treatment plant	25,000	108,855	(83,855)	16,074
Total capital outlay	1,277,420	700,993	576,427	148,797
Total expenditures	8,936,493	7,648,130	1,288,363	16,843,164
Revenues over (under) expenditures	(1,189,431)	765,058	1,954,489	(8,402,540)
Other Financing Sources (Uses):				
Appropriated fund balance	1,394,717	-	(1,394,717)	-
Transfer-General Fund-payment in lieu of taxes	(379,096)	(379,096)	-	(368,160)
Capital contributions	170,810	-	170,810	-
Gain (loss) on disposition of capital assets	3,000	2,909	(91)	5,281
Proceeds from revenue bond refunding	-	-	-	9,479,000
Loss on debt retirement of old debt	-	-	-	(410,366)
Total other financing sources	1,189,431	(376,187)	(1,223,998)	8,705,756
Revenues and other sources over (under) expenditures and other uses	\$ -	388,870	\$ 730,490	303,215
Reconciliation From Budgetary Basis (Modified Accrual) to Full Accrual:				
Increase (decrease) in inventory		28,380		(109,406)
(Increase) decrease in accrued vacation pay		(2,568)		(1,441)
Increase (decrease) in net pension asset		(127,609)		127,609
Increase (decrease) in deferred outflows of resources - pensions		59		85,585
(Increase) decrease in net pension liability		(96,610)		-
(Increase) decrease in deferred infows of resources - pensions		253,459		(136,666)
(Increase) decrease in other post employment benefits		(67,153)		(58,166)
Cost of expenditures that were capitalized		700,993		148,797
Payment of debt principal		2,153,184		11,374,263
Proceeds from revenue bond refunding		-		(9,479,000)
(Increase) decrease in accrued interest		8,017		53,632
Bond refunding expenses		-		(74,000)
Depreciation		(1,734,771)		(1,747,158)
Change in net position		\$ 1,504,249		\$ 487,265

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**Statements of Cash Flows
Water and Sewer Fund
For the Years Ended June 30, 2016 and 2015**

	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>
Cash Flows From Operating Activities:		
Cash received from customers and users	\$ 8,507,515	\$ 8,469,318
Customer deposits received	9,387	225
Cash paid for goods and services	(2,498,214)	(2,876,350)
Cash paid to or on behalf of employees for services	<u>(1,837,433)</u>	<u>(1,841,213)</u>
Net cash provided (used) by operating activities	<u>4,181,255</u>	<u>3,751,980</u>
Cash Flows From Non-Capital Financing Activities:		
Transfers - in (out)	<u>(379,096)</u>	<u>(368,160)</u>
Cash Flows From Capital and Related Financing Activities:		
Acquisition and construction of capital assets	(700,993)	(148,797)
Proceeds from sale of capital assets	2,909	5,281
Principal paid on long-term debt	(2,153,181)	(1,895,263)
Interest paid on long-term debt	<u>(320,486)</u>	<u>(717,472)</u>
Net cash provided (used) by capital and related financing activities	<u>(3,171,751)</u>	<u>(2,756,251)</u>
Cash Flows From Investing Activities:		
Investment earnings	<u>19,459</u>	<u>6,334</u>
Net cash provided (used) by investing activities	<u>19,459</u>	<u>6,334</u>
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	649,867	633,903
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year	<u>7,671,436</u>	<u>7,037,533</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year	<u>\$ 8,321,303</u>	<u>\$ 7,671,436</u>
Reconciliation of Operating Income (Loss) to Net Cash Provided (Used) by Operating Activities:		
Operating income (loss)	\$ 2,173,446	\$ 1,918,015
Adjustments to reconcile operating income (loss) to net cash provided (used) by operating activities:		
Depreciation	1,734,771	1,747,158
Changes in assets and liabilities:		
(Increase) decrease in accounts receivable	113,786	35,028
(Increase) decrease in inventory	(28,380)	109,405
(Increase) decrease in prepaid expense	(2,971)	(1,112)
Increase (decrease) in accounts payable and other accrued liabilities	140,793	(39,818)
Increase (decrease) in accrued vacation pay	2,569	1,441
Increase (decrease) in other post retirement benefits	67,153	58,166
(Increase) decrease in net pension asset	127,609	(127,609)
(Increase) decrease in deferred outflows of resources-pensions	(59)	(85,585)
Increase (decrease) in net pension liability	96,610	-
Increase (decrease) in deferred inflows of resources-pensions	(253,459)	136,666
Increase (decrease) in customer deposits	9,387	225
Net cash provided (used) by operating activities	<u>\$ 4,181,255</u>	<u>\$ 3,751,980</u>

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Statements of Cash Flows
Water and Sewer Fund
For the Years Ended June 30, 2016 and 2015

	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>
Supplemental Schedule of Non Cash Financing Activities:		
Amortization of loss on refunded debt	\$ -	\$ 98,064
Amortization of premium on refunded debt	\$ -	\$ (156,908)
Amortization on prepaid insurance on bond refunding	\$ -	\$ 58,843
Payment of debt with the issuance of debt	\$ -	\$ 9,479,000

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**Statements of Net Position
Electric Fund
June 30, 2016 and 2015**

	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>
<u>Assets</u>		
Current assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 3,568,085	\$ 3,301,086
Accounts receivable	587,494	621,785
Inventories	42,370	38,504
Prepaid expenses	37,588	6,500
Total current assets	<u>4,235,537</u>	<u>3,967,875</u>
Noncurrent assets:		
Restricted cash and cash equivalents	258,358	247,046
Net pension asset	-	30,044
Capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation	<u>1,119,861</u>	<u>1,116,663</u>
Total assets	<u>5,613,756</u>	<u>5,361,628</u>
<u>Deferred Outflows of Resources</u>		
Contributions to pension plan in current fiscal year	<u>21,993</u>	<u>19,507</u>
<u>Liabilities</u>		
Current liabilities:		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	774,548	776,328
Customer deposits - restricted	258,358	247,046
Accrued compensated absences	8,756	7,978
Total current liabilities	<u>1,041,662</u>	<u>1,031,352</u>
Noncurrent liabilities:		
Other post employment benefits liability	77,837	53,159
Accrued compensated absences	18,945	14,342
Net pension liability	<u>24,809</u>	<u>-</u>
Total noncurrent liabilities	<u>121,592</u>	<u>67,501</u>
Total liabilities	<u>1,163,254</u>	<u>1,098,853</u>
<u>Deferred Inflows of Resources</u>		
Pension deferrals	<u>13,697</u>	<u>72,232</u>
<u>Net Position</u>		
Net investment in capital assets	1,119,861	1,116,663
Unrestricted	<u>3,338,937</u>	<u>3,093,387</u>
Total net position	<u>\$ 4,458,798</u>	<u>\$ 4,210,049</u>

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Statements of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Position

Electric Fund

For the Years Ended June 30, 2016 and 2015

	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>
Operating Revenues:		
Electric sales	\$ 6,842,766	\$ 6,749,802
Electricity - municipal operations	697,314	764,944
Other operating revenues	<u>253,498</u>	<u>428,353</u>
Total operating revenues	<u>7,793,578</u>	<u>7,943,099</u>
Operating Expenses:		
Electrical operations	953,058	1,195,498
Electrical power purchases	5,986,666	6,410,269
Administrative	475,000	375,000
Depreciation	<u>111,097</u>	<u>85,424</u>
Total operating expenses	<u>7,525,821</u>	<u>8,066,191</u>
Operating income (loss)	<u>267,757</u>	<u>(123,093)</u>
Nonoperating Revenues (Expenses):		
Investment earnings	6,962	4,536
Gain (loss) on disposition of capital assets	<u>5</u>	<u>-</u>
Total nonoperating revenues (expenses)	<u>6,967</u>	<u>4,536</u>
Income (loss) before transfers	274,724	(118,557)
Transfer to the General Fund-payment in lieu of taxes	<u>(25,975)</u>	<u>(25,975)</u>
Change in net position	<u>\$ 248,749</u>	<u>\$ (144,532)</u>
Total net position - beginning, as previously reported	\$ 4,210,049	\$ 4,394,636
Restatement	<u>-</u>	<u>(40,055)</u>
Total net position - beginning, restated	4,210,049	4,354,581
Change in net position	<u>248,749</u>	<u>(144,532)</u>
Total net position - ending	<u>\$ 4,458,798</u>	<u>\$ 4,210,049</u>

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**Schedule of Revenues and Expenditures - Budget and Actual (Non-GAAP)
Electric Fund
For the Year Ended June 30, 2016
(With Comparative Actual Amounts for the Year Ended June 30, 2015)**

	<u>2016</u>		<u>Variance</u>	
	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Positive</u>	<u>2015</u>
			<u>(Negative)</u>	<u>Actual</u>
Revenues:				
Operating revenues:				
Electricity sales	\$6,660,914	\$6,842,766	\$ 181,852	\$6,749,802
Electricity - municipal operations	776,914	697,314	(79,600)	764,944
Other operating revenues	<u>226,800</u>	<u>253,498</u>	<u>26,698</u>	<u>428,353</u>
Total operating revenues	<u>7,664,628</u>	<u>7,793,578</u>	<u>128,950</u>	<u>7,943,099</u>
Nonoperating revenues:				
Investment earnings	<u>2,000</u>	<u>6,962</u>	<u>4,962</u>	<u>4,536</u>
Total revenues	<u>7,666,628</u>	<u>7,800,540</u>	<u>133,912</u>	<u>7,947,635</u>
Expenditures:				
Salaries and employee benefits	489,138	473,098	16,040	394,027
Electrical power purchases	5,987,000	5,986,666	334	6,410,269
Administrative	475,000	475,000	-	375,000
Repairs and maintenance	95,000	83,928	11,072	56,084
Other operating expenditures	437,515	376,006	61,509	550,968
Capital outlay	<u>206,975</u>	<u>114,296</u>	<u>92,679</u>	<u>141,116</u>
Total operating expenditures	<u>7,690,628</u>	<u>7,508,994</u>	<u>181,634</u>	<u>7,927,463</u>
Revenues over (under) expenditures	<u>(24,000)</u>	<u>291,546</u>	<u>315,546</u>	<u>20,171</u>
Other Financing Sources (Uses):				
Appropriated fund balance	74,975	-	(74,975)	-
Transfers from (to):				
General Fund-payment in lieu of taxes	(25,975)	(25,975)	-	(25,975)
Rate Stabilization Fund	<u>(25,000)</u>	<u>(25,000)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(25,000)</u>
Total other financing sources (uses)	<u>24,000</u>	<u>(50,975)</u>	<u>(74,975)</u>	<u>(50,975)</u>

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Schedule of Revenues and Expenditures - Budget and Actual (Non-GAAP)

Electric Fund

For the Year Ended June 30, 2016

(With Comparative Actual Amounts for the Year Ended June 30, 2015)

	2016		Variance	
	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Positive</u>	2015
			<u>(Negative)</u>	<u>Actual</u>
Revenues and other sources over (under) expenditures and other uses	<u>\$ -</u>	\$ 240,571	<u>\$ 240,571</u>	\$ (30,804)
Reconciliation From Budgetary Basis				
(Modified Accrual) to Full Accrual:				
Transfer to Rate Stabilization Fund		25,000		25,000
Increase (decrease) in inventory		3,866		(156,418)
(Increase) decrease in accrued vacation pay		(5,382)		(2,546)
Increase (decrease) in net pension asset		(30,044)		30,044
Increase (decrease) in deferred outflows of resources - pensions		2,486		19,507
(Increase) decrease in net penion liability		(24,809)		-
(Increase) decrease in deferred inflows of resources - pensions		58,535		(72,232)
(Increase) decrease in other post retirement benefits		(24,678)		(12,776)
Gain (loss) on disposition of assets		5		-
Cost of expenditures that were capitalized		114,296		141,116
Depreciation		<u>(111,097)</u>		<u>(85,424)</u>
Changes in net position		<u>\$ 248,749</u>		<u>\$ (144,532)</u>

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**Statements of Cash Flows
Electric Fund
For the Years Ended June 30, 2016 and 2015**

	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>
Cash Flows From Operating Activities:		
Cash received from customers and users	\$ 7,827,869	\$ 7,951,822
Customer deposits received	11,312	7,209
Cash paid for goods and services	(6,954,468)	(7,342,121)
Cash paid to or on behalf of employees for services	<u>(473,099)</u>	<u>(418,760)</u>
Net cash provided (used) by operating activities	<u>411,614</u>	<u>198,150</u>
Cash Flows From Non-Capital Financing Activities:		
Repayment from General Fund	-	150,000
Transfers - in (out)	<u>(25,975)</u>	<u>(25,975)</u>
Net cash provided (used) by non-capital financing activities	<u>(25,975)</u>	<u>124,025</u>
Cash Flows From Capital and Related Financing Activities:		
Acquisition and construction of capital assets	(114,296)	(141,116)
Proceeds from sale of capital assets	<u>5</u>	<u>-</u>
Net cash provided (used) by capital and related financing activities	<u>(114,291)</u>	<u>(141,116)</u>
Cash Flows From Investing Activities:		
Investment earnings	<u>6,962</u>	<u>4,536</u>
Net cash provided (used) by investing activities	<u>6,962</u>	<u>4,536</u>
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	278,310	185,595
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year	<u>3,548,132</u>	<u>3,362,538</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year	<u>\$ 3,826,442</u>	<u>\$ 3,548,132</u>
Reconciliation of Operating Income (Loss) to Net Cash Provided (Used) by Operating Activities:		
Operating income (loss)	\$ 267,757	\$ (123,093)
Adjustments to reconcile operating income (loss) to net cash provided (used) by operating activities:		
Depreciation	111,097	85,424
Changes in assets, deferred outflows of resources and liabilities:		
(Increase) decrease in accounts receivable	34,291	8,723
(Increase) decrease in inventory	(3,866)	156,418
(Increase) decrease in prepaid expense	(31,088)	(987)
Increase (decrease) in accounts payable and other accrued liabilities	(1,780)	66,507
Increase (decrease) in accrued vacation pay	5,381	2,546
Increase (decrease) in other post retirement benefits	24,678	12,776
(Increase) decrease in net pension asset	30,044	(30,044)
(Increase) decrease in deferred outflows of resources-pensions	(2,486)	(19,507)
Increase (decrease) net pension liability	24,809	-
Increase (decrease) in deferred inflows of resources-pensions	(58,535)	32,178
Increase (decrease) in customer deposits	11,312	7,209
Net cash provided (used) by operating activities	<u>\$ 411,614</u>	<u>\$ 198,150</u>

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**Schedule of Revenues and Expenditures - Budget and Actual (Non-GAAP)
Electric Rate Stabilization Fund
From Inception and for the Year Ended June 30, 2016**

	<u>Project Authorization</u>	<u>Actual Prior Years</u>	<u>Current Year</u>	<u>Total to Date</u>
Revenues:				
Investment earnings	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Other Financing Sources (Uses):				
Transfers in (out):				
Electric Fund	700,000	675,000	25,000	700,000
Electric Fund	<u>(700,000)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>-</u>	<u>675,000</u>	<u>25,000</u>	<u>700,000</u>
Revenues and other financing sources (uses) over (under) expenditures and other financing sources (uses)	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 675,000</u>	<u>\$ 25,000</u>	<u>\$ 700,000</u>

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OTHER SCHEDULES

This section contains additional information required on property taxes and transfers.

- **Schedule of Ad Valorem Taxes Receivable**
 - **Analysis of Current Tax Levy**
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**Schedule of Ad Valorem Taxes Receivable
June 30, 2016**

<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Uncollected Balance June 30, 2015</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Collections and Credits</u>	<u>Uncollected Balance June 30, 2016</u>
2015 - 2016	\$ -	\$4,657,160	\$4,577,654	\$ 79,506
2014 - 2015	128,640	-	90,111	38,529
2013 - 2014	63,363	-	21,130	42,233
2012 - 2013	39,008	-	12,893	26,115
2011 - 2012	23,790	-	4,691	19,099
2010 - 2011	17,367	-	1,587	15,780
2009 - 2010	14,482	-	291	14,191
2008 - 2009	15,684	-	198	15,486
2007 - 2008	16,616	-	749	15,867
2006 - 2007	16,429	-	477	15,952
2005 - 2006	13,863	-	13,863	-
Total	<u>\$ 349,241</u>	<u>\$4,657,160</u>	<u>\$4,723,644</u>	282,757
Less allowance for uncollectibles				<u>(95,000)</u>
Balance				<u>\$ 187,757</u>
Reconcilement With Revenue:				
Taxes - Ad valorem - General Fund				\$ 4,712,610
Adjustments, releases and discounts				24,467
Taxes written off				13,614
Interest collected				<u>(27,046)</u>
Total collections and credits				<u>\$ 4,723,644</u>

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**Analysis of Current Tax Levy
June 30, 2016**

	City Wide		Total Levy		
			Property Excluding Registered Motor Vehicles	Registered Motor Vehicles	
	<u>Property Valuation</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Total Levy</u>		
Original levy:					
Property taxes at current year's rate	\$ 765,401,085	0.56	\$ 4,286,246	\$ 4,286,246	\$ -
Motor vehicles taxed at current year rate	<u>64,713,725</u>	0.56	<u>362,397</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>362,397</u>
Total	<u>830,114,810</u>		<u>4,648,643</u>	<u>4,286,246</u>	<u>362,397</u>
Discoveries:					
Current year taxes	1,547,168		8,664	8,563	101
Adjustments	<u>(26,186)</u>		<u>(147)</u>	<u>(147)</u>	<u>-</u>
Total	<u>1,520,982</u>		<u>8,517</u>	<u>8,416</u>	<u>101</u>
Total property valuation	<u>\$ 831,635,792</u>				
Net levy			4,657,160	4,294,662	362,498
Less uncollected taxes at June 30, 2015			<u>(79,506)</u>	<u>(79,506)</u>	<u>-</u>
Current year's taxes collected			<u>\$ 4,577,654</u>	<u>\$ 4,215,156</u>	<u>\$ 362,498</u>
Current levy collection percentage			<u>98.29%</u>	<u>98.15%</u>	<u>100.00%</u>

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STATISTICAL SECTION

(Unaudited)

This part of the City of Lincolnton's comprehensive annual financial report presents detailed information as a context for understanding what the information in the financial statements, note disclosures, and required supplementary information says about the government's overall financial health.

Contents

Financial Trends

These schedules contain trend information to help the reader understand how the government's financial performance and well-being have changed over time.

Revenue Capacity

These schedules contain information to help the reader assess the government's most significant local revenue source, the property tax.

Debt Capacity

These schedules present information to help the reader assess the affordability of the government's current levels of outstanding debt and the government's ability to issue additional debt in the future.

Demographic and Economic Information

These schedules offer demographic and economic indicators to help the reader understand the environment within which the government's financial activities take place.

Operating Information

These schedules contain service and infrastructure data to help the reader understand how the information in the government's financial report relates to the services the government provides and the activities it performs.

Sources: Unless otherwise noted, the information in these schedules is derived from the comprehensive annual financial reports for the relevant year.

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**Net Position by Component
Last Ten Fiscal Years
(Accrual Basis of Accounting)
(Unaudited)**

	<u>2007</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>
Governmental Activities:										
Net investment in capital assets	\$20,981,810	\$20,987,519	\$20,760,706	\$20,342,099	\$20,210,351	\$19,493,069	\$19,313,526	\$18,914,071	\$18,225,559	\$17,845,361
Restricted	1,241,024	1,299,143	1,338,407	1,302,773	1,864,473	1,912,469	1,876,915	1,903,248	1,490,531	1,592,074
Unrestricted	<u>3,972,524</u>	<u>4,749,473</u>	<u>4,311,861</u>	<u>4,687,937</u>	<u>2,897,027</u>	<u>2,329,895</u>	<u>1,656,570</u>	<u>1,213,155</u>	<u>748,673</u>	<u>857,731</u>
Total governmental activities net position	<u>\$26,195,359</u>	<u>\$27,036,135</u>	<u>\$26,410,974</u>	<u>\$26,332,809</u>	<u>\$24,971,852</u>	<u>\$23,735,434</u>	<u>\$22,847,010</u>	<u>\$22,030,474</u>	<u>\$20,464,763</u>	<u>\$20,295,166</u>
Business-type Activities:										
Net investment in capital assets	\$15,225,894	\$15,432,757	\$15,580,344	\$15,321,964	\$15,584,724	\$15,270,921	\$15,251,603	\$17,188,580	\$17,189,653	\$18,312,253
Unrestricted	<u>10,593,657</u>	<u>10,769,631</u>	<u>10,146,582</u>	<u>9,432,418</u>	<u>9,310,193</u>	<u>9,272,685</u>	<u>9,886,493</u>	<u>10,465,958</u>	<u>10,597,432</u>	<u>11,227,830</u>
Total business-type activities net position	<u>\$25,819,551</u>	<u>\$26,202,388</u>	<u>\$25,726,926</u>	<u>\$24,754,382</u>	<u>\$24,894,916</u>	<u>\$24,543,606</u>	<u>\$25,138,096</u>	<u>\$27,654,538</u>	<u>\$27,787,085</u>	<u>\$29,540,083</u>
Primary Government:										
Net investment in capital assets	\$36,207,704	\$36,420,276	\$36,341,050	\$35,664,063	\$35,795,075	\$34,763,990	\$34,565,129	\$36,102,650	\$35,415,211	\$36,157,613
Restricted	1,241,024	1,299,143	1,338,407	1,302,773	1,864,473	1,912,469	1,876,915	1,903,248	1,490,531	1,592,074
Unrestricted	<u>14,566,181</u>	<u>15,519,104</u>	<u>14,458,443</u>	<u>14,120,355</u>	<u>12,207,220</u>	<u>11,602,580</u>	<u>11,543,063</u>	<u>11,679,114</u>	<u>11,346,106</u>	<u>12,085,562</u>
Total primary government net position	<u>\$52,014,909</u>	<u>\$53,238,523</u>	<u>\$52,137,901</u>	<u>\$51,087,192</u>	<u>\$49,866,769</u>	<u>\$48,279,040</u>	<u>\$47,985,106</u>	<u>\$49,685,012</u>	<u>\$48,251,848</u>	<u>\$49,835,249</u>

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**Change in Net Position
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Expenses:	<u>2007</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>
Governmental activities:										
General government	\$ 1,930,014	\$ 2,011,281	\$ 2,005,540	\$ 2,030,667	\$ 1,810,131	\$ 1,880,470	\$ 1,898,069	\$ 2,025,069	\$ 1,864,278	\$ 1,896,606
Public safety	3,812,228	3,955,603	4,268,681	4,445,229	4,510,132	4,773,082	4,586,096	4,663,422	4,562,298	4,487,641
Public works	1,021,948	1,335,245	1,545,041	1,422,754	1,460,931	1,312,549	1,530,196	1,488,646	1,315,049	1,342,101
Economic and physical development	414,345	395,563	485,736	431,472	430,681	532,931	531,028	497,450	348,274	404,448
Environmental protection	1,010,268	978,261	1,088,088	1,131,470	1,198,004	1,194,004	1,133,471	1,067,913	1,173,121	1,120,857
Cultural and recreational	8,555	547,857	626,197	637,700	662,228	667,510	673,215	718,794	654,985	683,973
Interest on long-term debt	38,151	46,994	39,451	31,710	23,762	16,973	11,190	5,428	5,662	16,458
Total governmental activities	<u>8,235,509</u>	<u>9,270,805</u>	<u>10,058,734</u>	<u>10,131,001</u>	<u>10,095,868</u>	<u>10,377,520</u>	<u>10,363,265</u>	<u>10,466,722</u>	<u>9,923,668</u>	<u>9,952,085</u>
Business-type activities:										
Interest on long-term debt	1,212,090	1,164,787	1,106,711	1,053,796	983,268	911,725	827,061	760,216	663,840	312,468
Water and sewer	5,783,918	5,952,991	5,944,608	5,998,337	6,095,894	6,420,997	6,438,818	6,470,498	6,516,275	6,220,283
Electric	6,049,454	6,381,703	6,628,371	6,850,392	7,248,183	7,341,177	7,351,083	7,601,547	8,066,191	7,525,821
Total business-type activities	<u>13,045,462</u>	<u>13,499,480</u>	<u>13,679,690</u>	<u>13,902,524</u>	<u>14,327,344</u>	<u>14,673,899</u>	<u>14,616,961</u>	<u>14,832,261</u>	<u>15,246,306</u>	<u>14,058,572</u>
Total expenses	<u>\$21,280,972</u>	<u>\$22,770,286</u>	<u>\$23,738,424</u>	<u>\$24,033,525</u>	<u>\$24,423,213</u>	<u>\$25,051,419</u>	<u>\$24,980,226</u>	<u>\$25,298,983</u>	<u>\$25,169,974</u>	<u>\$24,010,658</u>
Program Revenues:										
Governmental activities:										
Charges for services:										
Environmental protection	\$ 45,211	\$ 56,315	\$ 46,604	\$ 63,668	\$ 14,487	\$ 40,608	\$ 19,001	\$ 71,766	\$ 8,875	\$ 29,259
Cultural and recreational	-	65,237	80,740	89,218	93,470	98,702	96,676	91,302	120,945	116,764
Other	26,537	30,536	28,371	24,533	15,355	15,638	13,014	13,860	24,052	17,187
Operating grants and contributions	569,541	599,519	491,458	454,353	434,879	644,722	617,234	557,434	447,765	428,431
Capital grants and contributions	35,000	9,200	18,920	40,375	-	-	305,882	-	14,237	364,737
Total governmental activities	<u>676,289</u>	<u>760,807</u>	<u>666,093</u>	<u>672,147</u>	<u>558,191</u>	<u>799,670</u>	<u>1,051,807</u>	<u>734,362</u>	<u>615,874</u>	<u>956,378</u>
Business-type activities:										
Charges for services-Water and Sewer	6,870,509	6,857,883	6,677,523	7,072,445	7,972,746	8,186,402	8,384,249	8,380,928	8,434,290	8,393,729
Charges for services-Electric	6,041,584	6,226,419	6,197,694	6,186,496	6,457,194	6,681,363	7,204,066	7,677,848	7,943,099	7,793,578
Operating grants and contributions	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Capital grants and contributions	8,200	766,778	533,700	-	-	-	-	1,674,563	-	-
Total business-type activities	<u>12,920,293</u>	<u>13,851,080</u>	<u>13,408,917</u>	<u>13,258,941</u>	<u>14,429,940</u>	<u>14,867,765</u>	<u>15,588,315</u>	<u>17,733,339</u>	<u>16,377,389</u>	<u>16,187,307</u>
Total program revenues	<u>\$13,596,582</u>	<u>\$14,611,887</u>	<u>\$14,075,010</u>	<u>\$13,931,088</u>	<u>\$14,988,131</u>	<u>\$15,667,435</u>	<u>\$16,640,122</u>	<u>\$18,467,701</u>	<u>\$16,993,263</u>	<u>\$17,143,685</u>

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**Change in Net Position
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	<u>2007</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>
Net revenue (expense)										
Governmental activities	\$ (7,559,219)	\$ (8,509,998)	\$ (9,392,642)	\$ (9,458,855)	\$ (9,537,677)	\$ (9,577,850)	\$ (9,311,458)	\$ (9,732,360)	\$ (9,307,794)	\$ (8,995,707)
Business-type activities	<u>(125,169)</u>	<u>351,599</u>	<u>(270,773)</u>	<u>(643,583)</u>	<u>102,596</u>	<u>193,865</u>	<u>971,353</u>	<u>2,901,078</u>	<u>1,131,083</u>	<u>2,128,735</u>
Total net expense	<u>\$ (7,684,388)</u>	<u>\$ (8,158,399)</u>	<u>\$ (9,663,415)</u>	<u>\$ (10,102,438)</u>	<u>\$ (9,435,081)</u>	<u>\$ (9,383,985)</u>	<u>\$ (8,340,105)</u>	<u>\$ (6,831,281)</u>	<u>\$ (8,176,711)</u>	<u>\$ (6,866,972)</u>
General Revenues										
Governmental activities:										
Ad valorem taxes	\$ 3,553,859	\$ 4,057,630	\$ 4,740,285	\$ 4,715,808	\$ 4,697,996	\$ 4,563,151	\$ 4,724,967	\$ 4,849,278	\$ 4,761,205	\$ 4,641,125
Other taxes and licenses	3,595,591	3,685,879	3,492,339	3,295,628	3,331,733	3,311,700	3,292,144	3,349,868	3,573,901	3,682,640
Unrestricted investment earnings	256,453	253,311	94,982	18,895	20,384	6,830	3,990	1,916	3,477	10,321
Other	109,211	67,288	64,875	18,759	126,607	71,951	11,235	320,657	56,808	86,953
Transfers	-	372,500	375,000	381,600	-	387,800	390,700	394,105	394,135	405,071
Extraordinary item	-	-	-	950,000	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total governmental activities	<u>7,515,114</u>	<u>8,436,608</u>	<u>8,767,481</u>	<u>9,380,691</u>	<u>8,176,720</u>	<u>8,341,432</u>	<u>8,423,036</u>	<u>8,915,824</u>	<u>8,789,526</u>	<u>8,826,110</u>
Business-type activities:										
Unrestricted investment earnings	476,632	403,737	170,312	41,539	38,791	21,211	14,743	9,233	10,869	26,421
Other	4,888	-	-	11,100	(852)	-	(906)	236	(405,084)	2,914
Transfers	-	(372,500)	(375,000)	(381,600)	-	(387,800)	(390,700)	(394,105)	(394,135)	(405,071)
Total business-type activities	<u>481,520</u>	<u>31,237</u>	<u>(204,688)</u>	<u>(328,961)</u>	<u>37,939</u>	<u>(366,589)</u>	<u>(376,863)</u>	<u>(384,637)</u>	<u>(788,350)</u>	<u>(375,736)</u>
Total primary government	<u>\$ 7,996,634</u>	<u>\$ 8,467,845</u>	<u>\$ 8,562,794</u>	<u>\$ 9,051,730</u>	<u>\$ 8,214,659</u>	<u>\$ 7,974,843</u>	<u>\$ 8,046,172</u>	<u>\$ 8,531,188</u>	<u>\$ 8,001,176</u>	<u>\$ 8,450,374</u>
Change in Net Position:										
Governmental activities	\$ (44,106)	\$ (73,392)	\$ (625,160)	\$ (78,165)	\$ (1,360,957)	\$ (1,236,418)	\$ (888,422)	\$ (816,535)	\$ (518,268)	\$ (169,597)
Business-type activities	<u>356,352</u>	<u>382,836</u>	<u>(475,461)</u>	<u>(972,544)</u>	<u>140,534</u>	<u>(172,724)</u>	<u>594,491</u>	<u>2,516,442</u>	<u>342,733</u>	<u>1,752,998</u>
Total primary government	<u>\$ 312,245</u>	<u>\$ 309,444</u>	<u>\$ (1,100,621)</u>	<u>\$ (1,050,709)</u>	<u>\$ (1,220,423)</u>	<u>\$ (1,409,142)</u>	<u>\$ (293,933)</u>	<u>\$ 1,699,906</u>	<u>\$ (175,535)</u>	<u>\$ 1,583,401</u>

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**Governmental Activities Tax Revenues By Source
Last Ten Fiscal Years
(Accrual Basis of Accounting)
(Unaudited)**

Fiscal Year	Property Tax	Rental Vehicle Tax	Sales Tax	Franchise Tax	Payment in lieu of Tax (1)	Payment in lieu of Tax (2)	Alcoholic Beverage Tax	Solid Waste Disposal Tax (3)	Total
2007	\$3,553,859	\$ 15,106	\$2,404,911	\$ 888,067	\$ 16,287	\$ -	\$ 47,817	\$ -	\$6,926,047
2008	4,057,630	13,373	2,444,284	948,544	18,154	372,500	49,708	-	7,904,193
2009	4,740,285	13,275	2,266,490	949,800	17,612	375,000	49,675	3,329	8,415,466
2010	4,715,808	12,519	2,125,810	888,871	17,209	381,600	16,140	7,810	8,165,767
2011	4,697,996	13,743	2,166,206	860,398	22,950	-	50,919	7,717	7,819,929
2012	4,563,151	16,399	2,138,139	849,492	25,552	387,800	45,667	7,375	8,033,575
2013	4,724,967	20,592	2,173,528	868,442	24,732	390,700	42,462	6,618	8,252,041
2014	4,849,278	19,622	2,264,938	808,761	22,651	394,105	45,873	5,899	8,411,127
2015	4,761,205	21,270	2,499,885	920,256	22,471	394,135	50,317	6,717	8,676,256
2016	4,641,125	16,000	2,644,526	873,432	21,216	405,071	46,286	5,900	8,653,556

- (1) Payment in lieu of tax from the Housing Authority
- (2) Payment in lieu of tax from the Enterprise Funds
- (3) First year of tax 2009

CITY OF LINCOLNTON, NORTH CAROLINA

Fund Balances, Governmental Funds-Pre GASB 54

Fiscal Years 2007 through 2010

(Modified Accrual Basis of Accounting)

(Unaudited)

	<u>2007</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>2010</u>
General Fund:				
Reserved	\$ 2,111,368	\$ 2,235,855	\$ 2,177,926	\$ 2,340,260
Unreserved:				
Designated	1,179,588	1,174,269	1,321,355	1,724,750
Undesignated	<u>1,962,986</u>	<u>2,591,581</u>	<u>2,342,762</u>	<u>2,418,046</u>
 Total general fund	 <u>\$ 5,253,943</u>	 <u>\$ 6,001,705</u>	 <u>\$ 5,842,043</u>	 <u>\$ 6,483,056</u>
 All Other Governmental Funds:				
Unreserved, reported in:				
Special revenue funds	\$ 245,876	\$ 310,725	\$ 354,768	\$ 400,207
Capital projects funds	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
 Total all other governmental funds	 <u>\$ 245,876</u>	 <u>\$ 310,725</u>	 <u>\$ 354,768</u>	 <u>\$ 400,207</u>

The increase in reserved fund balance in the General Fund and decrease in reserved fund balance in All Other Governmental Funds for the fiscal year 2007 is due to the Powell Bill Fund becoming a part of the General Fund.

The increase in unreserved fund balance in the General Fund for the fiscal year 2008 is due to the transfer of the Recreation Commission (a prior year component unit) to the City of Lincolnton.

The increase in unreserved fund balance in the General Fund for the fiscal year 2010 is due to a one time payment from the City of Lincolnton ABC Board for excess proceeds from the sale of the ABC Board's land and building.

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**Fund Balances, Governmental Funds-GASB 54
Last Six Fiscal Years
(Modified Accrual Basis of Accounting)
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	<u>2011</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>
General Fund:						
Nonspendable:						
Inventories	\$ 184,545	\$ 149,779	\$ 144,390	\$ 134,268	\$ 22,880	\$ 14,316
Prepaid expenditures	53,192	57,049	53,022	55,321	58,524	57,490
Restricted:						
Stabilization by State Statute	580,149	644,443	635,842	686,430	633,776	695,340
Streets - Powell Bill	894,846	917,139	905,325	833,430	849,755	896,728
Public safety - Police	-	-	-	-	7,000	5
Assigned:						
Subsequent year's expenditures	1,617,555	1,784,060	1,443,059	1,547,057	1,405,541	1,050,000
Unassigned	<u>2,184,903</u>	<u>1,737,430</u>	<u>1,618,193</u>	<u>1,364,736</u>	<u>1,714,961</u>	<u>2,508,579</u>
 Total general fund	 <u>\$5,515,190</u>	 <u>\$5,289,900</u>	 <u>\$4,799,831</u>	 <u>\$4,621,242</u>	 <u>\$4,692,437</u>	 <u>\$5,222,459</u>
 All Other Governmental Funds:						
Restricted:						
Economic development	\$ 389,478	\$ 350,887	\$ 362,848	\$ 383,128	\$ -	\$ -
Assigned:						
Subsequent year's expenditures	<u>47,800</u>	<u>43,950</u>	<u>16,850</u>	<u>260</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
 Total all other governmental funds	 <u>\$ 437,278</u>	 <u>\$ 394,837</u>	 <u>\$ 379,698</u>	 <u>\$ 383,388</u>	 <u>\$ -</u>	 <u>\$ -</u>

GASB 54 implemented in 2011.

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**Changes in Fund Balances, Governmental Funds
Last Ten Fiscal Years
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	<u>2007</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>
Revenues:										
Ad valorem taxes	\$3,563,728	\$4,010,196	\$4,689,312	\$4,754,810	\$4,714,523	\$4,573,099	\$4,680,104	\$4,905,832	\$4,734,705	\$4,712,610
Other taxes and licenses	15,106	13,373	16,667	20,831	21,614	23,774	27,210	25,521	27,986	32,034
Unrestricted intergovernmental	3,642,057	3,672,505	3,475,672	3,325,324	3,351,667	3,397,305	3,398,765	3,379,348	3,601,858	3,709,323
Restricted intergovernmental	507,968	542,492	447,063	444,202	393,331	534,113	768,655	418,009	391,822	505,951
Permits and fees	26,537	30,536	28,371	24,532	15,355	15,638	13,014	25,768	27,756	32,559
Sales and services	45,211	121,552	127,344	152,886	107,957	139,310	115,676	166,235	142,760	149,132
Investment earnings	256,452	245,488	93,334	18,895	20,384	8,060	4,618	1,916	3,477	10,321
Miscellaneous	167,673	77,180	86,514	40,759	126,607	71,951	92,549	304,501	54,519	296,487
Total revenues	<u>8,224,733</u>	<u>8,713,322</u>	<u>8,964,277</u>	<u>8,782,239</u>	<u>8,751,438</u>	<u>8,763,250</u>	<u>9,100,592</u>	<u>9,227,129</u>	<u>8,984,882</u>	<u>9,448,416</u>
Expenditures:										
General government	1,467,509	1,361,069	1,318,593	1,400,247	1,188,057	1,165,808	1,248,570	1,392,411	1,355,882	1,327,589
Public safety	4,339,712	3,805,788	4,008,254	4,191,610	4,332,145	4,485,885	4,487,544	4,599,355	4,902,029	5,060,727
Public works	956,444	1,577,621	1,582,187	1,404,132	1,800,117	1,359,972	1,566,676	1,553,660	1,234,560	1,241,230
Economic and physical development	937,086	440,533	479,530	457,145	473,906	565,131	902,831	409,460	346,769	374,412
Environmental protection	956,462	940,604	1,203,912	1,171,102	1,098,170	1,102,472	1,065,771	980,682	1,099,891	1,519,010
Cultural and recreational	8,423	738,143	718,722	593,233	638,588	593,648	610,871	781,570	632,441	708,628
Debt service:										
Principal	83,717	140,690	145,982	151,474	151,540	94,126	97,658	67,134	89,200	271,078
Interest	38,151	46,994	39,451	31,710	23,762	16,973	11,190	5,428	5,662	12,229
Total expenditures	<u>8,787,504</u>	<u>9,051,441</u>	<u>9,496,630</u>	<u>9,400,652</u>	<u>9,706,284</u>	<u>9,384,015</u>	<u>9,991,112</u>	<u>9,789,700</u>	<u>9,666,434</u>	<u>10,514,903</u>
Revenues over (under) expenditures	<u>(562,771)</u>	<u>(338,119)</u>	<u>(532,353)</u>	<u>(618,412)</u>	<u>(954,846)</u>	<u>(620,765)</u>	<u>(890,520)</u>	<u>(562,571)</u>	<u>(681,552)</u>	<u>(1,066,487)</u>

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**Changes in Fund Balances, Governmental Funds
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	<u>2007</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>
Other Financing Sources (Uses):										
Transfers in	\$ 454,861	\$ 372,500	\$ 375,000	\$ 381,600	\$ -	\$ 387,800	\$ 390,700	\$ 394,105	\$ 394,135	\$ 405,071
Transfers out	(454,861)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Proceeds from borrowing	629,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	470,000	1,200,000
Extraordinary item	-	-	-	950,000	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total other financing sources (uses)	<u>629,000</u>	<u>372,500</u>	<u>375,000</u>	<u>1,331,600</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>387,800</u>	<u>390,700</u>	<u>394,105</u>	<u>864,135</u>	<u>1,605,071</u>
Net change in fund balances	<u>\$ 66,229</u>	<u>\$ 34,381</u>	<u>\$ (157,353)</u>	<u>\$ 713,188</u>	<u>\$ (954,846)</u>	<u>\$ (232,965)</u>	<u>\$ (499,820)</u>	<u>\$ (168,466)</u>	<u>\$ 182,583</u>	<u>\$ 538,585</u>
Debt service as a percentage of non-capital project expenditures	1.7%	2.3%	2.1%	2.1%	2.0%	1.2%	1.2%	0.8%	1.0%	3.1%

CITY OF LINCOLNTON, NORTH CAROLINA

**Assessed Value of Taxable Property
Last Ten Fiscal Years
(Unaudited)**

Fiscal Year	Assessed Value (1)				Property Tax Rate (Per \$100 Assessed Value)	Percent Increase in Value	Estimated Actual Taxable Value (4)	Assessed Value as a Percentage of Actual Value
	Real Property	Personal Value(3)	Public Service Companies	Total				
2007	\$ 551,411,731	\$142,286,755	\$ 18,614,222	\$ 712,312,708	0.56	(0.3)%	\$ 790,843,464	90.07%
2008	558,464,883	144,861,332	19,266,237	722,592,452	0.56	1.4%	859,512,849	84.07%
2009 (2)	690,763,741	140,967,952	19,243,063	850,974,756	0.56	17.8%	857,923,940	99.19%
2010	703,874,050	126,090,395	17,329,754	847,294,199	0.56	(0.4)%	868,663,317	97.54%
2011	704,250,623	120,213,019	20,881,247	845,344,889	0.56	(0.2)%	789,968,124	107.01%
2012 (2)	686,864,483	114,288,978	21,123,419	822,276,880	0.56	(2.7)%	833,360,576	98.67%
2013	702,066,213	125,389,496	21,180,272	848,635,981	0.56	3.2%	812,869,714	104.40%
2014	705,934,770	157,621,750	18,774,043	882,330,563	0.56	4.0%	845,954,519	104.30%
2015	706,398,383	134,664,090	19,126,151	860,188,624	0.56	(2.5)%	859,243,456	100.11%
2016	685,583,561	125,026,097	21,026,134	831,635,792	0.56	(3.3)%	831,552,837	100.01%

Notes:

- (1) Assessed value is established by Lincoln County Assessor's office.
- (2) North Carolina General Statutes require that a reappraisal of real property be conducted every eight years. A revaluation of real property became effective for the fiscal year ended 2012.
- (3) Includes vehicles. During 2014, the State of North Carolina began collecting vehicle taxes.
- (4) The estimated market value is calculated by dividing the assessed value by an assessment-to-sales ratio determined by the State Department of Revenue. The ratio is based on the actual property sales which took place for Lincoln County during the fiscal year.

CITY OF LINCOLNTON, NORTH CAROLINA

**Property Tax Rates - Direct and Overlapping Governments
Last Ten Fiscal Years
(Unaudited)**

	<u>2007</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>
City of Lincolnton	0.51	0.56	0.56	0.56	0.56	0.56	0.56	0.56	0.56	0.56
Special Revenue Recreation Fund (1)	0.05	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	<u>0.56</u>									
Lincoln County	<u>0.61</u>	<u>0.61</u>	<u>0.57</u>	<u>0.57</u>	<u>0.57</u>	<u>0.598</u>	<u>0.598</u>	<u>0.598</u>	<u>0.598</u>	<u>0.611</u>
Special District:										
East Lincoln Water and Sewer District	<u>0.1100</u>	<u>0.0750</u>	<u>0.0200</u>	<u>0.0175</u>	<u>0.0175</u>	<u>0.0199</u>	<u>0.0355</u>	<u>0.0342</u>	<u>0.0342</u>	<u>0.0345</u>
Fire Districts:										
Alexis	0.0850	0.1450	0.1142	0.1050	0.1100	0.1100	0.1100	0.1100	0.1100	0.1165
Boger City	0.0500	0.0700	0.0700	0.0700	0.0750	0.0925	0.0925	0.0925	0.0925	0.0999
Crouse	0.0600	0.0600	0.0600	0.0600	0.0600	0.0609	0.0609	0.0609	0.0609	0.0640
Denver	0.0790	0.1150	0.0981	0.0968	0.0968	0.1099	0.1099	0.1099	0.1099	0.1125
East Lincoln	0.0650	0.0650	0.0606	0.0606	0.0606	0.0680	0.0785	0.0850	0.0850	0.0850
Howards Creek	0.0500	0.0500	0.0700	0.1000	0.1000	0.1050	0.1050	0.1150	0.1150	0.1203
North Brook	0.0500	0.0600	0.0600	0.0600	0.0600	0.0600	0.0600	0.0800	0.0800	0.1000
North 321	0.0350	0.0350	0.0350	0.0350	0.0350	0.0350	0.0350	0.0400	0.0400	0.0400
Pumpkin Center	0.0650	0.1000	0.0951	0.0951	0.0951	0.0951	0.0951	0.1242	0.1242	0.1295
South Fork	0.0500	0.0500	0.0776	0.0910	0.0910	0.0910	0.0910	0.1236	0.1236	0.1250
Union	<u>0.0650</u>	<u>0.0650</u>	<u>0.0750</u>	<u>0.0750</u>	<u>0.0750</u>	<u>0.0750</u>	<u>0.0900</u>	<u>0.0900</u>	<u>0.0900</u>	<u>0.0900</u>
	<u>0.65</u>	<u>0.81</u>	<u>0.82</u>	<u>0.85</u>	<u>0.86</u>	<u>0.90</u>	<u>0.93</u>	<u>1.03</u>	<u>1.03</u>	<u>1.08</u>

Other Tax Data:

(1) Effective July 1, 2007, Parks and Recreation became a department of the City of Lincolnton.

Tax rates are established on a per \$100 valuation basis and are levied on July 1, the first day of the fiscal year.

There is a State statutory tax rate limit of \$1.50 per hundred dollars valuation for operating expenses, but no limitation on the rate of tax, which may be levied for debt service.

The City has no financial responsibility for the public school system. It is funded through the County, State and Federal Government.

Lincoln County is an overlapping district of the East Lincoln Water and Sewer District.

Fire districts are overlapping of the County and the East Lincoln Water and Sewer District, but not of the City of Lincolnton.

CITY OF LINCOLNTON, NORTH CAROLINA

**Principal Property Taxpayers
Nine Years Ago and Current Year
(Unaudited)**

<u>Taxpayer</u>	<u>Type of Enterprise</u>	<u>2016</u>			<u>2007</u>		
		<u>Total Assessed Valuation</u>	<u>Rank</u>	<u>Percentage of Total Assessed Valuation</u>	<u>Total Assessed Valuation</u>	<u>Rank</u>	<u>Percentage of Total Assessed Valuation</u>
Wal-Mart Real Estate Business	Real Estate	\$ 13,599,830	1	1.64	\$ -		-
Griffin-American Healthcare REIT	Healthcare	13,277,880	2	1.60	-		-
Lowes Home Centers, Inc.	Retail	10,701,319	3	1.29	8,865,675	7	1.24
T & T Investments	Real Estate	9,825,982	4	1.18	14,031,744	1	1.97
Ingles Markets	Retail	8,693,034	5	1.05	-		-
Bell South Telephone Company	Utility	8,357,923	6	1.01	9,744,454	4	1.37
Colonial Village of Linc, LLC	Apts/Real Estate	6,918,023	7	0.83	-		-
The Oaks Apartments	Apts/Real Estate	6,009,178	8	0.72	-		-
Lincoln General, LLC	Real Estate	5,891,548	9	0.71	-		-
SMV Lincolnton, LLC	Real Estate	5,467,597	10	0.66	-		-
Cochrane Furniture Co.	Manufacturing	-		-	11,106,831	2	1.56
Mohican Mills, Inc.	Textile	-		-	4,912,777	10	0.69
Robert Bosch Tool	Manufacturing	-		-	10,563,440	3	1.48
McMurray Fabrics	Textile	-		-	9,020,277	6	1.27
Inland Mart Limited Partnership	Real Estate	-		-	6,302,566	8	0.88
RSI	Manufacturing	-		-	9,504,892	5	1.33
Edens & Avant Financing	Real Estate	-		-	5,330,856	9	0.75
Totals		<u>\$ 88,742,314</u>		<u>10.69</u>	<u>\$ 89,383,512</u>		<u>12.54</u>

CITY OF LINCOLNTON, NORTH CAROLINA

**Property Tax Levies and Collections
Last Ten Fiscal Years
(Unaudited)**

Fiscal Year	Total tax Levy for Fiscal Year	Current Year's Taxes Collected/Credited	Percentage of Levy Collected	Collections in Subsequent Years	Total Collections and Credits	Percentage of Total Tax Collections to Net Levy	Taxes Receivable Balance June 30 (1)
2007	\$ 4,002,140	\$ 3,900,388	97.5	\$ 85,800	\$ 3,986,188	99.6	\$ 15,952
2008	4,053,489	3,945,454	97.3	92,168	4,037,622	99.6	15,867
2009	4,771,612	4,632,981	97.1	123,145	4,756,126	99.7	15,486
2010	4,752,808	4,649,531	97.8	89,086	4,738,617	99.7	14,191
2011	4,751,351	4,636,451	97.6	99,120	4,735,571	99.7	15,780
2012	4,609,731	4,483,921	97.3	106,711	4,590,632	99.6	19,099
2013	4,756,670	4,619,621	97.1	110,934	4,730,555	99.5	26,115
2014	4,941,052	4,819,616	97.5	79,203	4,898,819	99.1	42,233
2015	4,817,056	4,688,416	97.3	90,111	4,778,527	99.2	38,529
2016	4,657,160	4,577,654	98.3	-	4,577,654	98.3	79,506

Notes:

(1) Includes current portion only of taxes receivable.

CITY OF LINCOLNTON, NORTH CAROLINA

**Ratios of Outstanding Debt by Type
Last Ten Fiscal Years
(Unaudited)**

Fiscal Year	Governmental Activities	Business-type Activities		Total Primary Government	Percentage of Personal Income(1)	Per Capita(1)
	Installment Financing	Revenue Bonds	State Revolving Loan			
2007	\$ 848,603	\$ 18,740,000	\$ 9,810,873	\$ 29,399,476	10.17%	\$ 2,724
2008	707,913	17,745,000	9,460,873	27,913,786	8.79%	2,524
2009	561,932	16,700,000	9,010,873	26,272,805	7.62%	2,322
2010	410,458	15,615,000	8,460,873	24,486,331	6.44%	2,119
2011	258,918	14,475,000	7,903,414	22,637,332	6.44%	2,148
2012	164,792	13,280,000	7,329,956	20,774,748	5.98%	1,975
2013	67,134	12,040,000	6,740,040	18,847,173	5.24%	1,797
2014	-	10,750,000	6,133,193	16,883,192	4.40%	1,608
2015	380,800	9,479,000	5,508,929	15,368,728	3.78%	1,461
2016	1,309,722	7,968,000	4,866,749	14,144,472	3.34%	1,333

Note: Details regarding the City's outstanding debt can be found in the Notes to the Financial Statements.

(1) See the Schedule of Demographic and Economic Statistics for personal income and population data.

CITY OF LINCOLNTON, NORTH CAROLINA

**Ratios of General Bonded Debt Outstanding
Last Ten Fiscal Years
(Unaudited)**

Fiscal Year	Population(1)	Total Assessed Value	Gross Bonded Debt	Less: Debt Payable From Enterprise Revenues	Total General Bonded Debt	Percentage of Estimated Actual Taxable Value of Property	Per Capita
2007	10,791	\$ 712,312,708	\$ 18,740,000	\$ 18,740,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
2008	11,061	722,592,452	17,745,000	17,745,000	-	-	-
2009	11,316	850,974,756	16,700,000	16,700,000	-	-	-
2010	11,553	847,294,199	15,615,000	15,615,000	-	-	-
2011	10,540	845,344,889	14,475,000	14,475,000	-	-	-
2012	10,517	822,276,880	13,280,000	13,280,000	-	-	-
2013	10,487	848,635,981	12,040,000	12,040,000	-	-	-
2014	10,498	882,330,563	10,750,000	10,750,000	-	-	-
2015	10,552	860,188,624	9,479,000	9,479,000	-	-	-
2016	10,612	831,635,792	7,968,000	7,968,000	-	-	-

(1) North Carolina Office of State Budget and Management.

CITY OF LINCOLN, NORTH CAROLINA

**Direct and Overlapping Government Activities Debt
June 30, 2016
(Unaudited)**

<u>Governmental Unit</u>	<u>Debt Outstanding</u>	<u>Estimated Percentage Applicable</u>	<u>Estimated Share of Overlapping Debt</u>
Debt repaid with property taxes:			
County of Lincoln	\$ 98,179,766	10.04%	\$ 9,857,249
Subtotal, overlapping debt			<u>9,857,249</u>
City of Lincoln direct debt			<u>1,309,722</u>
Total direct and overlapping debt			<u>\$ 11,166,971</u>

Note: The percentage of overlapping debt is based on the June 30, 2016 assessed valuation of the County of Lincoln of \$7,931,669,209 as compared to the June 30, 2016 assessed valuation for the City of Lincoln of \$831,635,792.

CITY OF LINCOLNTON, NORTH CAROLINA

**Legal Debt Margin Information
Last Ten Fiscal Years
(Unaudited)**

	<u>2007</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>
Assessed value of taxable property	<u>\$712,312,708</u>	<u>\$722,592,452</u>	<u>\$850,974,756</u>	<u>\$847,294,199</u>	<u>\$845,344,889</u>	<u>\$822,276,880</u>	<u>\$848,635,981</u>	<u>\$882,330,563</u>	<u>\$860,188,624</u>	<u>\$831,635,792</u>
Debt limit, 8% of assessed value (statutory limitation)	<u>\$ 56,985,017</u>	<u>\$ 57,807,396</u>	<u>\$ 68,077,980</u>	<u>\$ 67,783,536</u>	<u>\$ 67,627,591</u>	<u>\$ 65,782,150</u>	<u>\$ 67,890,878</u>	<u>\$ 70,586,445</u>	<u>\$ 68,815,090</u>	<u>\$ 66,530,863</u>
Debt applicable to limit:										
General obligation bonds	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Less: Amount set aside for repayment of general obligation debt	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total net debt applicable to limit	<u>-</u>									
Legal debt margin	<u>\$ 56,985,017</u>	<u>\$ 57,807,396</u>	<u>\$ 68,077,980</u>	<u>\$ 67,783,536</u>	<u>\$ 67,627,591</u>	<u>\$ 65,782,150</u>	<u>\$ 67,890,878</u>	<u>\$ 70,586,445</u>	<u>\$ 68,815,090</u>	<u>\$ 66,530,863</u>
Total net debt applicable to the limit as a percentage of debt limit	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%

Note: NC Statute GS 159-55 limits the City's outstanding debt to 8% of the appraised value of property subject to taxation.

CITY OF LINCOLNTON, NORTH CAROLINA

**Bond Coverage
Combined Enterprise System Bonds
Last Ten Fiscal Years
(Unaudited)**

Fiscal Year	Revenue Available for Debt Service	Less Expenses	Income Available for Debt Service	Total Debt Service	Principal	Interest	Coverage
2007	\$ 6,870,509	\$ 3,815,781	\$ 3,054,728	\$ 2,347,733	\$ 1,215,000	\$ 1,132,733	\$ 1.30
2008	6,857,883	4,003,776	2,854,107	2,430,429	1,345,000	1,085,429	1.17
2009	6,764,580	3,928,574	2,836,006	2,522,353	1,495,000	1,027,353	1.12
2010	7,088,173	3,981,988	3,106,185	2,609,438	1,635,000	974,438	1.19
2011	7,990,029	4,135,944	3,854,085	2,601,370	1,697,459	903,911	1.48
2012	8,194,878	4,486,488	3,708,390	2,600,825	1,768,458	832,367	1.43
2013	8,390,074	4,583,075	3,806,999	2,597,647	1,829,916	767,731	1.47
2014	10,059,186	4,702,685	5,356,501	2,597,732	1,896,847	700,885	2.06
2015	8,445,905	4,769,117	3,676,788	2,485,103	1,895,263	589,840	1.48
2016	8,416,097	4,485,512	3,930,585	2,465,652	2,153,184	312,468	1.59

Note: Details regarding the City's outstanding debt can be found in the Notes to the Financial Statements. Operating expenses do not include interest, depreciation or PILOT (payment in lieu of taxes).

CITY OF LINCOLNTON, NORTH CAROLINA

**Demographic and Economic Statistics
Last Ten Fiscal Years
(Unaudited)**

Fiscal Year	Population(1)	Personal Income (Amounts Expressed in Thousands)	Per Capita Personal Income(2)	Median Age(1)	School Enrollment(3)	Unemployment Rate (4)(4)
2007	10,791	\$ 289,037	\$ 26,785	37.8	11,963	5.1
2008	11,061	317,661	28,719	38.2	12,012	7.1
2009	11,316	344,572	30,450	38.8	12,002	14.6
2010	11,553	380,232	32,912	39.3	11,757	12.2
2011	10,540	351,773	33,375	38.9	11,571	11.5
2012	10,517	347,366	33,029	41.1	11,655	10.4
2013	10,487	359,442	34,275	41.5	11,447	9.8
2014	10,498	384,016	36,580	42.0	11,589	8.3
2015	10,522	406,301	38,614	42.0	11,646	5.9
2016	10,612	423,938	39,949	38.5	11,503	4.7

Data Sources

- (1) North Carolina Office of State Budget and Management, U.S. Census Bureau
- (2) State Department of Commerce, Bureau of Economic Analysis
- (3) School District
- (4) North Carolina Employment Security Commission

Note: Separate data for the City is not available except for the population amounts, Lincoln County data was provided. Personal income information is a total for the previous year. Unemployment rate information is an adjusted yearly average. School enrollment is based on the census at the start of the school year.

CITY OF LINCOLNTON, NORTH CAROLINA

**Principal Employers
Current Year and Nine Years Ago
(Unaudited)**

<u>Employer</u>	<u>2016</u>			<u>2007</u>		
	<u>Employees</u>	<u>Rank</u>	<u>Percentage of Total County Employment</u>	<u>Employees</u>	<u>Rank</u>	<u>Percentage of Total County Employment</u>
Lincoln County Schools	1,522	1	3.70%	1,775	1	4.84%
Lincoln County Government	751	2	1.83%	775	4	2.11%
Wal-Mart Stores, Inc.	730	3	1.78%	-	-	-
Carolina Medical Center	652	4	1.59%	600	5	1.64%
RSI Home Products	625	5	1.52%	1,050	2	2.86%
The Timken Company	531	6	1.29%	850	3	2.32%
Julius Blum, Inc.	372	7	0.91%	460	7	1.25%
Actavis Corp	330	8	0.80%	220	12	0.60%
Lowe's	270	9	0.66%	-	-	-
Cataler North America	264	10	0.64%	-	-	-
VT LeeBoy, Inc.	237	11	0.58%	280	10	0.76%
Wireway/Husky	198	12	0.48%	-	-	-
State of North Carolina	190	13	0.46%	-	-	-
McMurray Fabrics	190	14	0.46%	260	11	0.71%
Mohican Mills	-	-	-	350	8	0.95%
Robert Bosch Tool Company	180	15	0.44%	512	6	1.40%
Cochrane Furniture	-	-	-	335	9	0.91%
Total	<u>7,042</u>		<u>17.14%</u>	<u>7,467</u>		<u>20.35%</u>
Total Civilian Labor Force	<u>41,104</u>			<u>36,689</u>		

Sources: Lincoln Economic Development Association
 North Carolina Department of Commerce Division of Employment Security
 Telephone survey by Lincoln County Finance Department

Note: Separate Data for the City is not available, Lincoln County data was provided.

CITY OF LINCOLNTON, NORTH CAROLINA

**Full-Time Equivalent City Government Employees By Function
Last Ten Fiscal Years
(Unaudited)**

Function	<u>2007</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>
General Government										
City Manager	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
Human resources	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4
Finance	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9
Public Safety										
Police										
Officers	31	26	29	31	30	27	30	31	31	31
Civilians	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5
Fire										
Firefighters and officers	18	20	21	21	21	24	21	22	21	21
Civilians	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Public Works										
Public works	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
Street	11	11	12	12	13	12	12	12	12	12
Equipment services	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	2
Environmental Protection										
Solid waste	12	10	13	13	13	13	12	12	12	13
General services-cemetery	3	2	3	3	3	3	2	2	2	2
Economic and Physical Development										
Planning and zoning	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	2	2	2
Business and community development	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
Cultural and Recreational (1)										
Parks and recreation	-	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5
Water and Sewer										
Water treatment plant	9	10	10	10	9	10	9	9	9	10
Distribution and collection	11	11	11	12	12	12	11	13	13	11
Waste water treatment plant	9	9	9	9	9	9	8	8	8	9
Electric	<u>6</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>8</u>
Total	<u>143</u>	<u>144</u>	<u>153</u>	<u>155</u>	<u>154</u>	<u>153</u>	<u>150</u>	<u>153</u>	<u>152</u>	<u>153</u>

Source: Finance Department's payroll record
(1) New department effective July 1, 2007

CITY OF LINCOLNTON, NORTH CAROLINA

**Operating Indicators By Function
Last Ten Fiscal Years
(Unaudited)**

Function	<u>2007</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>
Public Safety										
Police										
Physical arrests	1,899	1,867	1,986	1,836	1,448	1,580	1,588	1,500	1,505	1,330
Parking violations	380	150	400	243	82	63	74	68	79	61
Traffic violations	3,066	2,779	1,274	1,339	798	707	1,183	1,366	1,727	2,359
Fire										
Number of calls answered	839	1,128	1,753	1,802	1,975	1,983	2,013	2,016	2,164	2,185
Inspections	502	572	312	636	698	615	598	526	597	344
Public Works - Highways and streets										
Street resurfacing (miles)	1.49	1.55	1.48	0.92	0.82	0.22	0.95	0.98	0.98	1.03
Potholes repaired (1)	32	39	30	30	29	37	41	39	42	39
Environmental Protection										
Refuse collected (tons/day)	34.06	37.36	32.44	32.39	33.08	29.98	31.13	31.01	30.33	27.88
Recyclables collected (tons/day)	1.21	1.13	0.82	0.95	0.99	2.62	0.82	0.89	1.07	1.04
Cultural and Recreational (2)										
Youth sports participants	-	191	362	494	584	698	932	1,075	1,228	1,209
Youth camps/clinics participants	-	182	268	261	301	286	235	170	235	179
Open gym participants	-	5,747	9,738	10,139	12,511	12,703	13,118	4,072	10,099	7,827
Swimming pool participants	-	12,050	12,268	12,167	12,404	12,467	11,672	6,826	10,825	11,045
Other programs participants	-	1,324	1,833	4,029	3,440	5,015	5,196	4,125	5,305	3,992
Special events	-	11	12	16	22	26	26	13	19	23
Special events participants	-	4,568	5,587	6,613	5,992	7,399	7,935	4,456	6,427	6,971
Recreation program participants	-	24,062	30,056	33,703	35,232	38,568	39,088	20,724	34,109	34,223
Facility and ball field rentals	-	892	2,142	2,681	2,682	2,848	2,587	727	2,570	2,911

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**Operating Indicators By Function
Last Ten Fiscal Years
(Unaudited)**

Function	<u>2007</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>
Water										
New connections	36	42	32	16	12	20	12	9	18	12
Water main breaks	31	45	33	27	31	42	21	20	20	31
Average daily consumption (thousands of gallons)	3,700	3,407	2,868	2,890	3,000	2,810	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000
Wastewater										
New connections	32	36	44	19	5	19	9	7	10	5
Average daily sewage treatment (thousands of gallons)	3,050	2,711	2,467	2,588	2,390	2,390	2,357	2,650	2,075	2,390
Electric										
New connections	6	16	16	13	4	6	9	5	15	4

Sources: Various City departments.

Note: Indicators are not available for general government function.

(1) First year of reporting.

(2) New City department effective July 1, 2007.

Flood on July 28, 2013, resulted in a lower number of participants in 2014.

CITY OF LINCOLNTON, NORTH CAROLINA

**Capital Asset Statistics By Function
Last Ten Fiscal Years
(Unaudited)**

Function	<u>2007</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>
Public Safety										
Police										
Stations	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
Patrol units	22	22	22	24	25	25	25	25	34	37
Fire stations	1	1	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
Public Works - Highways and streets										
Streets (miles)	58.80	58.80	58.80	58.65	60.03	60.03	59.90	59.90	59.90	59.90
Streetlights	957	957	979	979	979	979	981	981	981	981
Traffic signals	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11
Environmental Protection										
Refuse collection trucks	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5
Cultural and Recreational (1)										
Number of parks	-	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
Park acreage	-	79.37	79.37	79.37	79.37	79.37	79.37	79.37	79.37	79.37
Number of parks with trail systems	-	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
Park trail mileage	-	1.75	1.75	1.75	1.75	1.75	1.75	1.75	1.75	1.75
Number of greenways	-	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Greenway mileage	-	1	1	1	1	1	1.70	1.70	1.70	1.70
Number of ball fields	-	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5
Number of soccer fields	-	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2

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**Capital Asset Statistics By Function
Last Ten Fiscal Years
(Unaudited)**

Function	<u>2007</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>
Water										
Water mains (miles)	261	260	260	260	260	260	260	260	260	260
Fire hydrants	707	709	709	717	717	717	717	717	717	717
Maximum daily capacity (thousands of gallons)	9,000	9,000	9,000	9,000	9,000	9,000	9,000	9,000	9,000	9,000
Sewer										
Sanitary sewers (miles)	225	224	225.75	225.75	225.75	225.75	225.75	229.00	229.00	229.00
Storm sewers (miles)(2)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maximum daily treatment capacity (thousands of gallons)	6,000	6,000	6,000	6,000	6,000	6,000	6,000	6,000	6,000	6,000
Electric										
Number of distribution stations	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Miles of services lines	74.5	74.5	74.5	74.5	75.0	76.0	76.0	76.0	76.0	76.0

Sources: Various city departments.

Note: No capital asset indicators are available for general government function.

(1) New City department effective Ju

(2) Not under Phase I or II storm water regulations-miles unknown.

CITY OF LINCOLNTON, NORTH CAROLINA

**Water Sold By Type Of Customer
Last Ten Fiscal Years
(in millions of gallons)
(Unaudited)**

Type of Customer	<u>2007</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>
Residential	253.8	252.0	239.6	232.5	222.8	217.1	216.9	210.8	198.1	214.7
Industrial	621.0	598.4	464.6	1.8	2.6	3.7	3.9	4.9	4.0	18.2
Industrial/Textile (1)	-	-	-	412.4	422.3	418.6	438.6	363.6	308.8	227.1
Commerical	236.9	223.3	157.2	147.1	155.1	148.1	148.0	111.1	108.5	107.7
Institutional (3)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	33.2	37.9	38.7
Other Local Governments (2)	-	-	-	12.2	13.2	77.4	63.6	65.7	19.8	116.3
Military	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.1	0.1
Government	<u>36.1</u>	<u>34.4</u>	<u>37.0</u>	<u>35.8</u>	<u>20.7</u>	<u>8.4</u>	<u>10.4</u>	<u>9.5</u>	<u>7.3</u>	<u>7.6</u>
Total	<u>1,147.8</u>	<u>1,108.1</u>	<u>898.4</u>	<u>841.8</u>	<u>836.7</u>	<u>873.3</u>	<u>881.4</u>	<u>798.8</u>	<u>684.5</u>	<u>730.4</u>
Total direct rate per 1,000 gallons	<u>\$ 2.59</u>	<u>\$ 2.68</u>	<u>\$ 3.14</u>	<u>\$ 3.59</u>	<u>\$ 3.92</u>	<u>\$ 3.88</u>	<u>\$ 3.99</u>	<u>\$ 4.31</u>	<u>\$ 4.99</u>	<u>\$ 5.00</u>

Source: City of Lincolnton, Utility Billing Office

(1) 2010-First year of segregating Industrial Customers into two

(2) 2010-First year of segregating Other Local Governments

(3) 2014-First year of segregating water sold to customers classified as Institutional category.

CITY OF LINCOLNTON, NORTH CAROLINA

**Sewer Sold By Type Of Customer
Last Ten Fiscal Years
(in millions of gallons)
(Unaudited)**

Type of Customer	<u>2007</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>
Residential	184.5	182.8	174.6	171.6	163.2	161.3	161.6	158.9	161.6	157.6
Industrial	600.6	587.5	479.1	45.1	52.9	56.4	55.5	54.7	55.2	63.8
Industrial/Textile (1)	-	-	-	391.8	405.5	380.5	415.5	350.0	267.9	195.2
Commerical	152.4	129.7	127.0	130.8	132.6	125.1	128.5	99.3	94.4	91.8
Institutional (2)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	30.0	33.3	28.9
Military	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.1	0.1
Government	<u>36.1</u>	<u>32.9</u>	<u>34.6</u>	<u>34.7</u>	<u>19.6</u>	<u>7.8</u>	<u>9.3</u>	<u>8.7</u>	<u>7.0</u>	<u>7.3</u>
Total	<u>973.6</u>	<u>932.9</u>	<u>815.3</u>	<u>774.0</u>	<u>773.8</u>	<u>731.1</u>	<u>770.4</u>	<u>701.6</u>	<u>619.5</u>	<u>544.7</u>
Total direct rate per 1,000 gallons	<u>\$ 4.14</u>	<u>\$ 4.26</u>	<u>\$ 4.83</u>	<u>\$ 5.47</u>	<u>\$ 5.96</u>	<u>\$ 6.25</u>	<u>\$ 6.33</u>	<u>\$ 6.87</u>	<u>\$ 7.57</u>	<u>\$ 8.60</u>

Source: City of Lincolnton, Utility Billing Office

(1) 2010-First year of segregating Industrial Customers into two categories.

(2) 2014-First year of segregating sewer sold to customers classified as Institutional category.

CITY OF LINCOLNTON, NORTH CAROLINA

**Water and Sewer Rates
Last Ten Fiscal Years
(Unaudited)**

<u>Fiscal Year</u>	Water		Sewer	
	<u>Monthly Base Rate</u>	<u>Rate per 1,000 Gallons</u>	<u>Monthly Base Rate</u>	<u>Rate per 1,000 Gallons</u>
2007	\$ 8.89	2.39	\$ 13.31	3.96
2008	9.07	2.44	13.58	4.04
2009	11.74	3.16	17.58	5.23
2010	11.74	3.16	17.58	5.23
2011	13.09	3.52	19.60	5.83
2012	13.62	3.67	20.39	6.07
2013	14.16	3.82	21.21	6.31
2014	14.73	3.97	22.06	6.56
2015	15.32	4.57	22.94	6.82
2016	16.71	4.52	22.94	7.47

Note: Rates are based on 5/8" meter, which is the standard household meter size.

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COMPLIANCE SECTION

**Independent Auditors' 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**

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**Independent Auditors' Report On Internal Control Over Financial Reporting And On
Compliance And Other Matters Based On An Audit Of Financial Statements
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To the Honorable Mayor and Members
Of the City Council and the Citizens of
the City of Lincolnton, North Carolina

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in Government Auditing Standards issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, the aggregate discretely presented component units, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the City of Lincolnton, North Carolina as of and for the year ended June 30, 2016, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the City of Lincolnton, North Carolina's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated November 8, 2016. The financial statements of City of Lincolnton ABC Board and the Lincolnton Tourism Development Authority were not audited in accordance with Government Auditing Standards.

Internal Control over Financial Reporting

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

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

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

Compliance and Other Matters

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

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.

Lowmick Church & Co., L.L.P.

Morganton, North Carolina
November 8, 2016