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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the City Council
City of Claremont, North Carolina

Report on the Financial Statements

I have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of City of Claremont, North Carolina, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2017, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the City'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.

Auditor's Responsibility

My responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on my audit. I conducted my audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that I 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, I 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.

I believe that the audit evidence I have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my audit opinions.

Opinions

In my opinion, based on my audit, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the City of Claremont, North Carolina, as of June 30, 2017, and the respective changes in financial position, and cash flows, where appropriate, 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 Management's Discussion and Analysis on pages 6 through 16, the Local Government Employees' Retirement System's Schedules of the Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Asset (Liability) and Contributions, on pages 66 through 67, the

Firefighters' and Rescue Squad Workers' Pension Fund's Schedule of the Proportionate Share of Net Pension Liability (Asset) on page 68, and Law Enforcement Officers' Special Separation Allowance Schedules of Changes in Total Pension Liability and Total Pension Liability as a Percentage of Covered Payroll on pages 69 through 70, respectively, 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. I 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 my inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge I obtained during my audit of the basic financial statements. I do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide me with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

Supplementary and Other Information

My audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the City of Claremont, North Carolina's basic financial statements. The introductory information, combining and individual nonmajor fund financial statements, budgetary schedules, and other schedules are presented for purpose of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements.

The combining and individual nonmajor 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 my opinion, based on my audit, the procedures performed as described above, the combining and individual nonmajor 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.

Other Reporting Required by *Government Auditing Standards*

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, I have also issued my report dated November 22, 2017, on my consideration of the City of Claremont, North Carolina's internal control over financial reporting and on my 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 my 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 City of Claremont, North Carolina's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Debra B. Wentz, CPA

Newton, North Carolina
November 22, 2017

Management's Discussion and Analysis

City of Claremont, NC
Management's Discussion and Analysis

As management of the City of Claremont, we offer readers of the City of Claremont's financial statements this narrative overview and analysis of the financial activities of the City of Claremont for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2017. 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 Claremont exceeded its liabilities and deferred inflows of resources at the close of the fiscal year by \$15,606,066 (net position).
- The government's total net position increased by \$678,988, primarily due to diligent cost-saving measures.
- As of the close of the current fiscal year, the City of Claremont's governmental funds reported combined ending fund balances of \$3,670,877, with a net increase of \$539,944 in fund balance. Approximately 15.07 percent of this total, or \$553,074 is non-spendable or restricted.
- At the end of the current fiscal year, unassigned fund balance for the General Fund was \$2,823,953, or 103.45 percent of total general fund expenditures for the fiscal year.
- The City of Claremont's total installment debt decreased by \$121,769 during the current fiscal year.

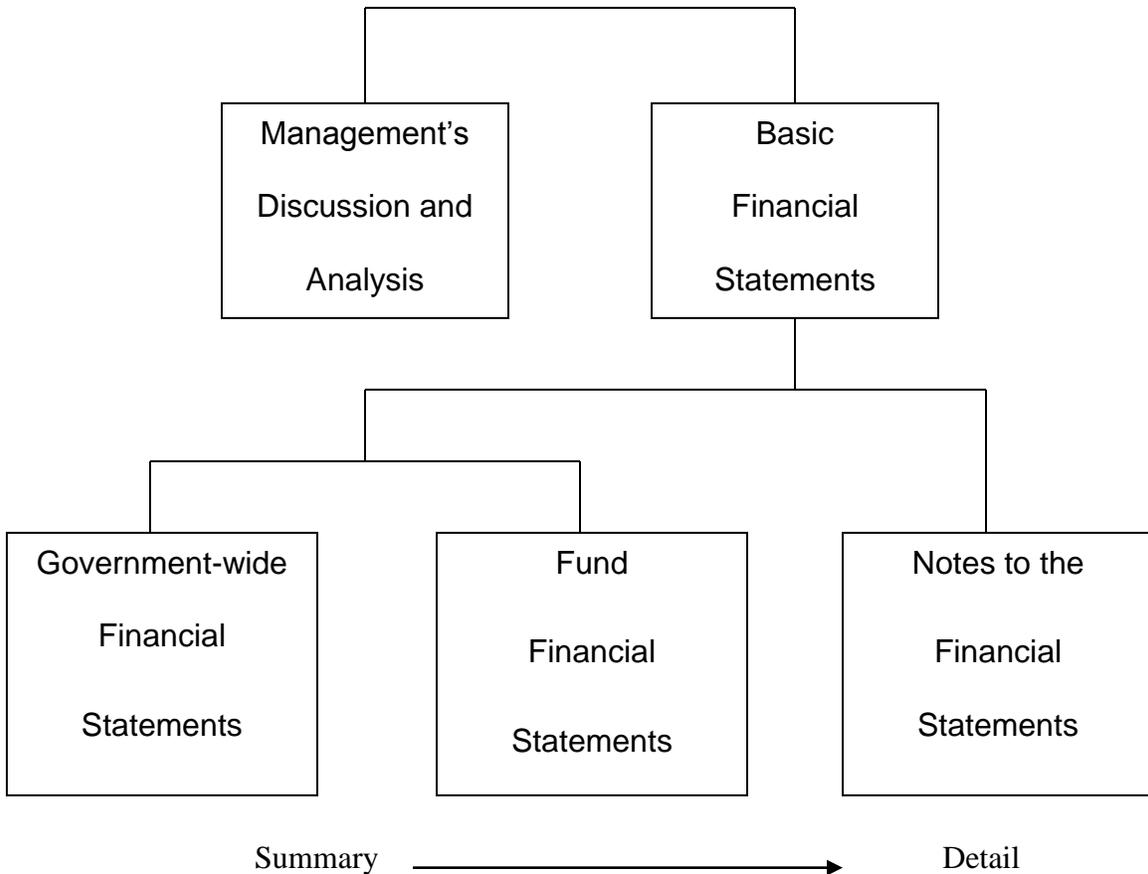
Overview of the Financial Statements

This discussion and analysis are intended to serve as an introduction to the City of Claremont'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 Claremont.

Required Components of Annual Financial Report

Figure 1



Basic Financial Statements

The first two statements (Exhibits 1 and 2) 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 (Exhibits 3 through 8) 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 financial statements 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 City of Claremont water and sewer services. The final category is the component unit. The City has no component units.

The government-wide financial statements are on Exhibits 1 and 2 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 Claremont, 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 City of Claremont 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

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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 Claremont 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 – City of Claremont has one proprietary fund, the Water and Sewer Fund. *Enterprise Funds* are used to report the same functions presented as business-type activities in the government-wide financial statements. City of Claremont uses enterprise funds to account for its water and sewer activity and 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 31 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 Claremont's progress in funding its obligation to provide pension benefits to its employees. Required supplementary information can be found beginning on page 65 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 appropriations. It is also subject to changes in investment earnings and asset values

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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

As noted earlier, net position may serve over time as a useful indicator of a government's financial condition. The assets and deferred outflows of the City of Claremont exceeded liabilities and deferred inflows by \$15,606,066 as of June 30, 2017.

Table 1
City of Claremont's Net Position
As of June 30, 2017

	Governmental Activities		Business-type Activities		Total Primary Government	
	06/30/17	06/30/16	06/30/17	06/30/16	06/30/17	06/30/16
Current and other assets	\$ 3,717,966	\$ 3,199,686	\$ 1,741,199	\$ 1,269,060	\$ 5,459,165	\$ 4,468,746
Capital assets	6,789,367	7,101,859	4,646,733	4,731,305	11,436,100	11,833,164
Deferred outflows of resources	302,593	67,442	-	-	302,593	67,442
Total assets and deferred outflow of resources	10,809,926	10,368,987	6,387,932	6,000,365	17,197,858	16,369,352
Long-term liabilities outstanding	1,287,018	991,542	-	-	1,287,018	991,542
Other liabilities	223,984	238,008	63,206	63,923	287,190	301,931
Deferred inflows of resources	17,584	38,520	-	-	17,584	38,520
Total liabilities and deferred inflows of resources	1,528,586	1,268,070	63,206	63,923	1,591,792	1,331,993
Net Position:						
Net investment of capital assets	5,894,613	6,085,336	4,646,733	4,731,305	10,541,346	10,816,641
Restricted	553,074	502,665	-	-	553,074	502,665
Unrestricted	2,833,653	2,512,916	1,677,993	1,205,137	4,511,646	3,718,053
Total net position	\$ 9,281,340	\$ 9,100,917	\$ 6,324,726	\$ 5,936,442	\$ 15,606,066	\$ 15,037,359

The City of Claremont's primary government net position is \$15,606,066 as of June 30, 2017, an increase of \$568,707. Of the total net position, the largest portion of the City's net position (67.55%) reflects the City's net investment in capital assets (e.g. land, buildings, machinery and equipment). The City of Claremont uses these capital assets to provide services to citizens; consequently, these assets are not available for future spending. Although the City of Claremont's net investment in its capital assets is reported net of the outstanding related debt, the resources needed to repay this debt must be provided by other sources, since the capital assets themselves cannot be used to liquidate these liabilities.

An additional portion of the City of Claremont's net position, \$553,074, represents resources that are subject to external restrictions on how they may be used. The remaining balance of \$4,511,646 is unrestricted.

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Several particular aspects of the City’s financial operations positively influenced the total unrestricted governmental net assets:

- Continued diligence in the collection of property taxes by maintaining a tax collection percentage of 99.71%.
- Increased ad valorem and local option sales tax revenues of approximately \$176,312 due to economic growth.

**City of Claremont’s Changes in Net Position
Table 2**

	Governmental Activities		Business-type Activities		Total Primary Government	
	2017	2016	2017	2016	2017	2016
Revenues:						
Program revenues:						
Charges for services	\$ 285,577	\$ 276,539	\$ 1,325,896	\$ 1,405,930	\$ 1,611,473	\$ 1,682,469
Operating grants and contributions	177,397	227,664	-	-	177,397	227,664
Capital grants and contributions	13,630	83,187	-	-	13,630	83,187
General revenues:						
Property taxes	1,893,248	1,768,234	-	-	1,893,248	1,768,234
Local option sales tax	393,060	341,762	-	-	393,060	341,762
Unrestricted intergovernmental	405,667	455,074	-	-	405,667	455,074
Gain of sale of capital assets		22,392				
Investment earnings	14,628	5,512	18	8	14,646	5,520
Miscellaneous	62,154	59,083	-	-	62,154	59,083
Capital Contributions			135,541	502		
Total revenues	3,245,361	3,239,447	1,461,455	1,406,440	4,571,275	4,622,993
Expenses:						
Governmental activities						
General government	490,916	493,553	-	-	490,916	493,553
Public safety	1,309,066	1,263,840	-	-	1,309,066	1,263,840
Environmental protection	595,978	564,660	-	-	595,978	564,660
Transportation	238,997	327,198	-	-	238,997	327,198
Economic and physical development	146,202	189,548	-	-	146,202	189,548
Cultural and recreational	114,822	121,175	-	-	114,822	121,175
Interest on long-term debt	33,924	41,327	-	-	33,924	41,327
Business-type activities						
Water and sewer	-	-	1,097,923	1,062,250	1,097,923	1,062,250
Total expenses	2,929,905	3,001,301	1,097,923	1,062,250	4,027,828	4,063,551
Increase in net position , before transfers	315,456	238,146	363,532	344,190	678,988	582,336
Transfer in (out)	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total increase in net position	315,456	238,146	363,532	344,190	678,988	582,336
Beginning net position	9,100,917	8,862,771	5,936,442	5,592,252	15,037,359	14,455,023
Restatement	(135,033)		24,752		(110,281)	
Beginning net position, restated	8,965,884	8,862,771	5,961,194	5,592,252	14,927,078	14,455,023
Ending net position	\$ 9,281,340	\$ 9,100,917	\$ 6,324,726	\$ 5,936,442	\$ 15,606,066	\$ 15,037,359

Governmental activities. Governmental activities increased the City's net position by \$315,456, thereby accounting for 46.46% of the total growth in the change in net position. This growth can be attributed to several different factors, such as an increase in sales tax revenue and a decrease in health care costs. Management believes healthy investment in the City will result in additional revenues, and in that vein added to the City's net position by investing in capital assets. Continued efforts to maximize tax collections also contributed to the favorable net position. City management acknowledges that 2017 was a successful year and plans on improving upon these approaches as a long-term strategy to realize continued fiscal health.

Key elements of this increase are as follows:

- Continued increase in collection rates from property tax revenues, partially due to the change in collection of property taxes on motor vehicles by the State using the tag and tax together programs along with new development within the City tax base.
- Overall increase in unrestricted intergovernmental revenues, in particular with local option sales tax.

Business-type activities. Business-type activities increased the City of Claremont's net position by \$363,532, accounting for 53.54% of the total growth in the government's net position.

The key elements in this increase are as follows:

- Usage rate increases to better account for the cost of providing for both water and sewer services.
- Reduction in water sewer expenditures due to careful management and budgeting.

Financial Analysis of the Government's Funds

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

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

The General Fund is the chief operating fund of City of Claremont. At the end of the current fiscal year, the City of Claremont's fund balance available in the general fund was \$3,021,254, while total fund balance reached \$3,266,381. The City currently has

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an available fund balance of 110.68% of general fund expenditures, and total fund balance represents 119.66% of the same amount.

At June 30, 2017, the governmental funds of City of Claremont reported a combined fund balance of \$3,670,877 with a net increase in fund balance of \$539,944.

General Fund Budgetary Highlights. During the fiscal year, the City revised the budget on several occasions. Generally, budget amendments fall into one of three categories: 1) amendments made to adjust the estimates that are used to prepare the original budget ordinance once exact information is available; 2) amendments made to recognize new funding from external sources, such as federal and State grants; and 3) increases in appropriations that become necessary to maintain services.

There are several reasons the City revised its budget throughout the year. Examples include: the City's acceptance of the Carpenter Foundation Grant which benefitted the rescue squad and the Building Reuse Grant from the Department of Commerce.

Proprietary Funds. The City of Claremont'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 Funds at the end of the fiscal year amounted to \$1,677,993. The total change in net position for the Water and Sewer Funds was \$363,532.

Capital Asset and Debt Administration

Capital assets. The City of Claremont's investment in capital assets for its governmental and business-type activities as of June 30, 2017 totals \$11,436,100 (net of accumulated depreciation). These assets include buildings, roads, land, machinery and equipment, and vehicles.

Major governmental activities capital asset transactions during the year include the following:

- Purchase of a police car at cost of \$37,602.
- Sidewalk construction in progress at a cost of \$29,821.

Major business-type activities capital asset transactions during the year include the following:

- Improvements to the Plant and Distribution System at a cost of \$165,695.

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Capital Assets, Net of Depreciation
as of June 30, 2017

Table 3

	Governmental Activities		Business-type Activities		Total Primary Government	
	2017	2016	2017	2016	2017	2016
Land	\$ 1,049,255	\$ 1,074,746	\$ 109,870	\$ 120,375	\$ 1,159,125	\$ 1,195,121
Construction in progress	\$ 74,304					
Buildings and systems	1,427,518	1,478,617	-	-	1,427,518	1,478,617
Improvements other than buildings	1,551,352	1,716,054	-	-	1,551,352	1,716,054
Substation, lines and related equipment	-	-	4,497,227	4,525,851	4,497,227	4,525,851
Equipment	102,063	123,689	39,636	85,079	141,699	208,768
Vehicles	720,576	785,535	-	-	720,576	785,535
Infrastructure	1,864,299	1,923,218	-	-	1,864,299	1,923,218
Total	\$ 6,789,367	\$ 7,101,859	\$ 4,646,733	\$ 4,731,305	\$ 11,361,796	\$ 11,833,164

Additional information on City's capital assets can be found in Note 2 of the Basic Financial Statements.

Long-term Debt. As of June 30, 2017, the City of Claremont had installment purchases outstanding debt of \$894,754. Of this, \$894,754 is debt backed by the full faith and credit of the City.

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Outstanding Debt.

	Governmental Activities		Business-type Activities		Total Primary Government	
	2017	2016	2017	2016	2017	2016
Installment debt	\$ 894,754	\$ 1,016,523	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 894,754	\$ 1,016,523
Net pension obligations (LGERS)	345,943	70,911	-	-	345,943	70,911
Total pension liability (LEO)	144,714				144,714	-
Compensated absences	76,209	68,933	-	-	76,209	68,933
Total	\$ 1,461,620	\$ 1,156,367	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,461,620	\$ 1,156,367

City of Claremont's Outstanding Debt

The City of Claremont's total installment debt decreased by \$121,242 during the past fiscal year.

North Carolina general statutes limit the amount of general obligation debt that a unit of government can issue to 8% of the total assessed value of taxable property located within that government's boundaries. The legal debt margin for City of Claremont is \$31,734,150. The City has outstanding debt of \$894,754 in installment financing at June 30, 2017.

Additional information on City of Claremont's long-term debt can be found in Note 2 of this report.

Economic Factors and Next Year's Budgets and Rates

- Continued Economic Development Activity. The City continues to place an emphasis on economic development which is producing results. During this past fiscal year, Substance Inc. invested over \$3.4 million in a new manufacturing facility in the Industrial Park. In addition, Dynamic Air Engineering announced plans to up-fit the shell building and relocate their headquarters from California, which will create a minimum of 53 new jobs and an investment of at least \$7.25 million.
- Prysmian Cables and Systems USA announced plans to invest at least \$20 million and create at least 50 new jobs in the coming years.
- The City once again partnered with Catawba County, the Catawba County EDC, and Matthews Construction to begin construction of another speculative industrial building.

Budget Highlights for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2018

Governmental Activities: The adopted General Fund budget totals \$3,018,066 which represents an increase of 4.0% from the FY 2016-17 budget. To reflect the growing economy and to better align with actual year-end numbers for the past two fiscal years, most revenue sources are projected to slightly increase in FY 2017-18. The City will use these increases in revenues to finance programs currently in place.

The proposed General Fund budget accounts for an increase in personnel costs due to a State-required increase in employer contribution rates to the Local Government Employees' Retirement System, as well as a merit increase for employees. While these personnel costs increased, the overall personnel costs to the General Fund decreased by 1% as a result of shifting the payment of one employee position from the General Fund to the Water & Sewer Fund. Also in the FY 17-18 budget, operating costs increased by 5.7% and capital spending increased by 4.5%.

The City has chosen to appropriate fund balance in the fiscal year 2017 budget of \$100,291. Management believes that increased revenues and continued restrictions on spending will maintain the City's financial position. Though management believes current growth will generate enough revenue to support City operations, a careful analysis of property tax revenues will be considered in future years' budgets.

Business-type Activities: The City adopted a \$1,320,500 Water and Sewer Fund budget in FY2017-18, an increase of 7.6% from FY 2016-17. In response to added pressure from State regulations, ongoing system maintenance, increases in operational costs, and future capital projects, the Water and Sewer system rates are proposed to increase in FY 2017-18, with water rates increasing by 5% and wastewater rates increasing by 10%. This rate increase will allow for capital investments to our wastewater system, beginning with the design of an infrastructure project to ensure the City can continue to effectively treat its wastewater. It is imperative that the City continue planning for the future as the City tackles an aging wastewater and water system, as well as a wastewater system nearing capacity.

Requests for Information

This report is designed to provide a general overview of the City's finances for those with an interest in this area. Questions concerning any of the information provided in this report or requests for additional information should be directed to the Director of Finance, City of Claremont, 3288 East Main Street, Claremont, NC 28610. One can also call (828) 466-7255, visit our website www.cityofclaremont.org or send an email to scorn@claremont.org for more information.

Basic Financial Statements

The Basic Financial Statements present 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.

CITY OF CLAREMONT, NORTH CAROLINA
Statement of Net Position
June 30, 2017

	Primary Government		
	Governmental	Business-	Total
	Activities	Type	
	\$	Activities	\$
	\$	\$	\$
Assets			
Current assets:			
Cash and cash equivalents	3,160,043	1,508,619	4,668,662
Taxes receivables (net)	7,209		7,209
Accounts receivable (net)	2,992	108,154	111,146
Accrued interest receivable on taxes	1,240		1,240
Due from other governments	238,535		238,535
Inventories		93,877	93,877
Restricted cash and cash equivalents	<u>307,947</u>	<u>30,549</u>	<u>338,496</u>
Total current assets	<u>3,717,966</u>	<u>1,741,199</u>	<u>5,459,165</u>
Non-current assets:			
Capital assets (Note 2):			
Land and construction in progress	1,123,559	109,870	1,233,429
Other capital assets, net of depreciation	<u>5,665,808</u>	<u>4,536,863</u>	<u>10,202,671</u>
Total capital assets	<u>6,789,367</u>	<u>4,646,733</u>	<u>11,436,100</u>
Total assets	<u>10,507,333</u>	<u>6,387,932</u>	<u>16,895,265</u>
Deferred Outflows of Resources			
Pension deferrals	<u>302,593</u>	<u> </u>	<u>302,593</u>
Liabilities			
Current liabilities:			
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	38,446	32,657	71,103
Customer deposits and overpayments		30,549	30,549
Accrued interest payable	10,936		10,936
Current portion of long-term liabilities	<u>174,602</u>	<u> </u>	<u>174,602</u>
Total current liabilities	223,984	63,206	287,190
Long-term liabilities:			
Net pension liability	345,943		345,943
Total pension liability	144,714		144,714
Due in more than one year	<u>796,361</u>	<u> </u>	<u>796,361</u>
Total liabilities	<u>1,511,002</u>	<u>63,206</u>	<u>1,574,208</u>

CITY OF CLAREMONT, NORTH CAROLINA
Statement of Net Position
June 30, 2017

	Primary Government		
	Governmental	Business-	
	Activities	Type	Total
	\$	Activities	\$
		\$	\$
Deferred Inflows of Resources			
Prepaid taxes	194		194
Pension deferrals	17,390		17,390
Total deferred inflows of resources	<u>17,584</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>17,584</u>
Net Position			
Invested in capital assets	5,894,613	4,646,733	10,541,346
Restricted for:			
Streets	91,564		91,564
Public safety	19,371		19,371
Economic development	197,012		197,012
Stabilization by State Statute	245,127		245,127
Unrestricted	<u>2,833,653</u>	<u>1,677,993</u>	<u>4,511,646</u>
Total net position	<u><u>9,281,340</u></u>	<u><u>6,324,726</u></u>	<u><u>15,606,066</u></u>

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

CITY OF CLAREMONT, NORTH CAROLINA

Statement of Activities

For the Year Ended June 30, 2017

<u>Functions/Programs</u>	<u>Program Revenues</u>			<u>Net (Expense) Revenue and Changes in Net Position</u>			
	<u>Expenses</u> \$	<u>Charges for Services</u> \$	<u>Operating Grants and Contributions</u> \$	<u>Primary Government</u>			
				<u>Capital Grants and Contributions</u> \$	<u>Governmental Activities</u> \$	<u>Business-Type Activities</u> \$	<u>Total</u> \$
Primary government:							
Governmental activities:							
General government	490,916	6,140			(484,776)		(484,776)
Public safety	1,309,066	255,429	49,407		(1,004,230)		(1,004,230)
Transportation	238,997		45,944	13,630	(179,423)		(179,423)
Economic development	146,202		81,083		(65,119)		(65,119)
Environmental protection	595,978	23,358	963		(571,657)		(571,657)
Cultural and recreational	114,822	650			(114,172)		(114,172)
Interest on long-term debt	<u>33,924</u>				<u>(33,924)</u>		<u>(33,924)</u>
Total governmental activities (See Note 1)	2,929,905	285,577	177,397	13,630	(2,453,301)	0	(2,453,301)
Business-type activities:							
Water and sewer	<u>1,097,923</u>	<u>1,325,896</u>				<u>227,973</u>	<u>227,973</u>
Total primary government	<u>4,027,828</u>	<u>1,611,473</u>	<u>177,397</u>	<u>13,630</u>	<u>(2,453,301)</u>	<u>227,973</u>	<u>(2,225,328)</u>

CITY OF CLAREMONT, NORTH CAROLINA
Statement of Activities
For the Year Ended June 30, 2017

<u>Functions/Programs</u>	<u>Program Revenues</u>				<u>Net (Expense) Revenue and Changes in Net Position</u>		
	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Charges for Services</u>	<u>Operating Grants and Contributions</u>	<u>Capital Grants and Contributions</u>	<u>Primary Government</u>		<u>Total</u>
					<u>Governmental Activities</u>	<u>Business-Type Activities</u>	
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
General revenues:							
Taxes:							
Ad valorem property taxes, levied for general purpose					1,893,248		1,893,248
Local option sales tax					393,060		393,060
Unrestricted intergovernmental taxes					405,667		405,667
Investment earnings					14,628	18	14,646
Miscellaneous, unrestricted					62,154		62,154
Capital contributions						135,541	135,541
Total general revenues					<u>2,768,757</u>	<u>135,559</u>	<u>2,904,316</u>
Change in net position					<u>315,456</u>	<u>363,532</u>	<u>678,988</u>
Net position, beginning, previously reported					9,100,917	5,936,442	15,037,359
Restatement					(135,033)	24,752	(110,281)
Net position, beginning, restated					<u>8,965,884</u>	<u>5,961,194</u>	<u>14,927,078</u>
Net position, ending					<u>9,281,340</u>	<u>6,324,726</u>	<u>15,606,066</u>

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

CITY OF CLAREMONT, NORTH CAROLINA
Balance Sheet
Governmental Funds
June 30, 2017

	<u>Major Funds</u>			
	General Fund \$	BGA Drive Capital Project Fund \$	Total Nonmajor Governmental Funds \$	Total Governmental Funds \$
Assets				
Cash and cash equivalents	2,965,622		194,421	3,160,043
Restricted cash	97,010		210,937	307,947
Receivables, net:				
Taxes	7,209			7,209
Accounts receivable - other	2,992			2,992
Due from other governments	224,905	13,630		238,535
Due from other funds	13,630			13,630
Total assets	<u>3,311,368</u>	<u>13,630</u>	<u>405,358</u>	<u>3,730,356</u>
Liabilities				
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	37,584		862	38,446
Due to other funds		13,630		13,630
Total liabilities	<u>37,584</u>	<u>13,630</u>	<u>862</u>	<u>52,076</u>
Deferred Inflows of Resources				
Property taxes receivable	7,209			7,209
Prepaid taxes	194			194
Total deferred inflows of resources	<u>7,403</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>7,403</u>
Fund Balances				
Restricted				
Stabilization by State Statute	245,127			245,127
Streets	91,564			91,564
Public safety	5,446		13,925	19,371
Economic development			197,012	197,012
Committed				
Economic development			25,000	25,000
Capital projects			168,559	168,559
Assigned				
Subsequent year's expenditures	100,291			100,291
Unassigned	2,823,953			2,823,953
Total fund balances	<u>3,266,381</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>404,496</u>	<u>3,670,877</u>
Total liabilities, deferred inflows of resources and fund balances	<u>3,311,368</u>	<u>13,630</u>	<u>405,358</u>	

CITY OF CLAREMONT, NORTH CAROLINA
Balance Sheet
Governmental Funds
June 30, 2017

	\$	\$
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the Statement of Net Position (Exhibit 1) are different because:		
Total Fund Balances, Governmental Funds		3,670,877
Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and therefore are not reported in the funds.		
Gross capital assets at historical cost	11,704,367	
Accumulated depreciation	<u>(4,915,000)</u>	6,789,367
Deferred outflows of resources related to pensions are not reported in these funds.		302,593
Other long-term assets (accrued interest receivable from taxes) are not available to pay for current period expenditures and therefore are inflows of resources in the funds.		1,240
Liabilities for earned revenues considered deferred inflows of resources in fund statements.		7,403
Long-term liabilities used in governmental activities are not financial uses and therefore not included in the funds.		(970,963)
Net pension liability		(345,943)
Total pension liability		(144,714)
Deferred inflows of resources related to pensions are not reported in the funds		(17,584)
Other long-term liabilities (accrued interest) are not due and payable in the current period and therefore are not reported in the funds.		<u>(10,936)</u>
Net position of governmental activities		<u><u>9,281,340</u></u>

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

CITY OF CLAREMONT, NORTH CAROLINA
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances
Governmental Funds
For the Year Ended June 30, 2017

	<u>Major Funds</u>			
	General	BGA Drive Capital Project Fund	Total Nonmajor Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
	Fund	Fund	Funds	Funds
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Revenues:				
Ad valorem taxes	1,892,767			1,892,767
Other taxes and licenses	12,416			12,416
Unrestricted intergovernmental	798,727			798,727
Restricted intergovernmental	422,841	13,630		436,471
Permits and fees	6,090			6,090
Sales and services	25,324			25,324
Investment earnings	13,993		635	14,628
Miscellaneous	25,958		23,780	49,738
Total revenues	<u>3,198,116</u>	<u>13,630</u>	<u>24,415</u>	<u>3,236,161</u>
Expenditures:				
Current:				
General government	450,568			450,568
Public safety	1,171,981		4,018	1,175,999
Transportation	32,868			32,868
Economic and physical development	146,202			146,202
Environmental protection	589,460			589,460
Cultural and recreational	98,850			98,850
Debt service:				
Principal	121,769			121,769
Interest and other charges	37,050			37,050
Capital outlay		<u>13,630</u>	<u>29,821</u>	<u>43,451</u>
Total expenditures	<u>2,648,748</u>	<u>13,630</u>	<u>33,839</u>	<u>2,696,217</u>
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenditures	<u>549,368</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>(9,424)</u>	<u>539,944</u>
Other Financing Sources (Uses):				
Transfer to other fund	(81,000)			(81,000)
Transfer from other fund			<u>81,000</u>	<u>81,000</u>
Total other financing sources (uses)	<u>(81,000)</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>81,000</u>	<u>0</u>
Net change in fund balance	468,368	0	71,576	539,944
Fund balances, beginning	<u>2,798,013</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>332,920</u>	<u>3,130,933</u>
Fund balances, ending	<u>3,266,381</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>404,496</u>	<u>3,670,877</u>

CITY OF CLAREMONT, NORTH CAROLINA
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances
Governmental Funds
For the Year Ended June 30, 2017

	\$	\$
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the Statement of Activities are different because:		
Net changes in fund balances - total governmental funds		539,944
Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures.		
However, in the Statement of Activities the cost of those assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives and reported as depreciation expense. This is the amount by which capital outlays exceeded depreciation in the current period.		
Capital outlay expenditures which were capitalized	95,815	
Depreciation expense for governmental assets	(408,307)	(312,492)
Contributions to pension plan in the current fiscal year are not included on the Statement of Activities		72,102
Benefit payments paid and administrative expense for the LEOSSA are not included on the Statement of Activities		4,840
Revenues in the Statement of Activities that do not provide current financial resources are not reported as revenues in the governmental funds.		
Change in unavailable revenue for tax revenues		(118)
Change in accrued interest receivable on taxes		599
The issuance of long-term debt provides current financial resources to governmental funds, while the repayment of the principal of long-term debt consumes the current financial resources of governmental funds. Neither transaction has any effect on net position. This amount is the net effect of these differences in the treatment of long-term debt and related items.		
Principal payments on long-term debt	121,769	
Decrease in accrued interest payable	<u>3,126</u>	124,895
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	(7,276)	
Pension expense	(93,590)	
Pension	<u>(13,448)</u>	<u>(114,314)</u>
Total changes in net position of governmental activities		<u>315,456</u>

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

CITY OF CLAREMONT, NORTH CAROLINA

General Fund

Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance - Budget and Actual

For the Year Ended June 30, 2017

	<u>General Fund</u>			Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative) \$
	Original Budget \$	Final Budget \$	Actual Amounts \$	
Revenues:				
Ad valorem taxes	1,783,850	1,783,850	1,892,767	108,917
Other taxes and licenses	8,000	8,000	12,416	4,416
Unrestricted intergovernmental	659,000	659,000	798,727	139,727
Restricted intergovernmental	287,175	392,185	422,841	30,656
Sales and services	21,300	21,300	25,324	4,024
Permits and fees	1,600	1,600	6,090	4,490
Investment earnings	2,200	2,200	13,993	11,793
Miscellaneous	<u>17,625</u>	<u>17,625</u>	<u>25,958</u>	<u>8,333</u>
Total revenues	<u>2,780,750</u>	<u>2,885,760</u>	<u>3,198,116</u>	<u>312,356</u>
Expenditures:				
Current:				
General government	500,161	491,961	450,568	41,393
Public safety	1,251,963	1,286,973	1,171,981	114,992
Transportation	41,500	41,500	32,868	8,632
Environmental protection	638,889	638,889	589,460	49,429
Cultural and recreational	145,717	143,917	98,850	45,067
Economic development	108,800	152,800	146,202	6,598
Debt service:				
Principal	163,770	163,770	121,769	42,001
Interest and other charges	<u>37,642</u>	<u>37,642</u>	<u>37,050</u>	<u>592</u>
Total expenditures	<u>2,888,442</u>	<u>2,957,452</u>	<u>2,648,748</u>	<u>308,704</u>
Revenues over (under) expenditures	(<u>107,692</u>)	(<u>71,692</u>)	<u>549,368</u>	<u>621,060</u>
Other Financing Sources (Uses):				
Transfers to other funds	(56,000)	(81,000)	(81,000)	
Transfers from other funds	36,000			
Proceeds from sale of capital assets	<u>10,000</u>	<u>10,000</u>		(<u>10,000</u>)
Total other financing sources (uses)	(<u>10,000</u>)	(<u>71,000</u>)	(<u>81,000</u>)	(<u>10,000</u>)
Fund balance appropriated	<u>117,692</u>	<u>142,692</u>		(<u>142,692</u>)
Net change in fund balance	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	468,368	<u>468,368</u>
Fund balance, beginning			<u>2,798,013</u>	
Fund balance, ending			<u>3,266,381</u>	

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

CITY OF CLAREMONT, NORTH CAROLINA
Statement of Fund Net Position
Proprietary Funds
June 30, 2017

	<u>Major Enterprise Fund</u>
	<u>Water and</u>
	<u>Sewer</u>
	<u>Fund</u>
	<u>\$</u>
Assets	
Current assets:	
Cash and cash equivalents	1,508,619
Accounts receivable (net)	108,154
Inventories	93,877
Restricted cash and cash equivalents	<u>30,549</u>
Total current assets	<u>1,741,199</u>
Noncurrent assets:	
Land and other non-depreciable assets	109,870
Other capital assets, net of depreciation	<u>4,536,863</u>
Total noncurrent assets	<u>4,646,733</u>
Total assets	<u>6,387,932</u>
Liabilities	
Current liabilities:	
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	32,657
Customer deposits and overpayments	<u>30,549</u>
Total current liabilities	<u>63,206</u>
Net Position	
Net investment in capital assets	4,646,733
Unrestricted	<u>1,677,993</u>
Net position of business-type activities	<u>6,324,726</u>

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

CITY OF CLAREMONT, NORTH CAROLINA
Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Fund Net Position
Proprietary Funds
For the Year Ended June 30, 2017

	<u>Major Enterprise Funds</u>
	Water and Sewer Fund \$
Operating revenues:	
Charges for services	<u>1,325,896</u>
Operating expenses:	
Water distribution	296,724
Sewage treatment	550,932
Depreciation	<u>250,267</u>
Total operating expenses	<u>1,097,923</u>
Operating income	227,973
Nonoperating revenues (expenses):	
Investment earnings	<u>18</u>
Income before contributions	227,991
Capital contributions	<u>135,541</u>
Change in net position	<u>363,532</u>
Total net position, beginning, previously reported	5,936,442
Restatement	<u>24,752</u>
Total net position, beginning, restated	<u>5,961,194</u>
Total net position, ending of year	<u>6,324,726</u>

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

CITY OF CLAREMONT, NORTH CAROLINA
Statement of Cash Flows
Proprietary Funds
For the Year Ended June 30, 2017

	<u>Major Enterprise Funds</u>	<u>Water and Sewer Fund</u>
	\$	\$
Cash flows from operating activities:		
Cash received from customers	1,345,294	
Cash paid for goods and services	(845,420)	
Net cash provided (used) by operating activities		499,874
Cash flows from noncapital financing activities:		
Expenditures paid from capital project funds not capitalized		(1,080)
Cash flows from capital and related financing activities:		
Acquisition and construction of capital assets	(165,695)	
Restricted grant	<u>135,605</u>	
Net cash provided (used) by capital and related financing activities		(30,090)
Cash flows provided by investing activities:		
Interest on investments		<u>1,034</u>
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents		469,738
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of year		<u>1,069,430</u>
Cash and cash equivalents, end of year		<u><u>1,539,168</u></u>

CITY OF CLAREMONT, NORTH CAROLINA
Statement of Cash Flows
Proprietary Funds
For the Year Ended June 30, 2017

Major Enterprise Funds
Water and
Sewer
Fund
\$

Reconciliation of operating income to net cash provided (used) by operating activities:

Operating income (loss)	<u>227,973</u>
Adjustments to reconcile operating income to net cash provided (used) by operating activities:	
Depreciation	250,267
Changes in assets, deferred outflows of resources, and liabilities:	
(Increase) decrease in accounts receivable	19,576
(Increase) decrease in inventory	2,775
Increase (decrease) in accounts payable and accrued liabilities	(539)
Increase (decrease) in customer deposits	<u>(178)</u>
Total adjustments	<u>271,901</u>
Net cash provided (used) by operating activities	<u><u>499,874</u></u>

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

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 CLAREMONT, NORTH CAROLINA
Notes to the Financial Statements
For the Year Ended June 30, 2017

Note 1.
Summary of Significant
Accounting Policies

The accounting policies of the City of Claremont 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 Claremont is a municipal corporation that is governed by an elected Mayor and a five-member council that has appointment authority of the City's management. As required by generally accepted accounting principles, the City determined there to be no component units required to be presented with the financial statements. There are no separate legal entities for which the City controls the boards or memberships, requires financial accountability, or is fiscally dependent on the City.

B. Basis of Presentation

Government-wide Statements: The statement of net position and the statement of activities display information about the primary government. 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.

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 non-major 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. Non-operating 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 funds:

General Fund - The General Fund is the general operating fund of the City. The General Fund accounts for all financial resources except those that are 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, and sanitation services.

BGA Drive Capital Project Fund – This account is used to account for grant revenue for street improvements.

The City reports the following non-major governmental funds:

PJ Stanley Scholarship Fund - This fund accounts for contributions restricted for providing scholarships for local students attending Catawba Valley Community College or Mitchell Community College in a police, fire, or EMS related field of study. The fund is reported as a special revenue fund.

Economic Development Fund – This fund accounts for contributions restricted for providing economic incentive agreements for new business. This fund is reported as a special revenue fund and accounts for grant funds that are restricted for use for a particular purpose.

Building Reuse-Prismian Fund – This fund accounts for grant proceeds from NC Department of Commerce for building renovations.

General Capital Project Fund – This fund accounts for the funds committed for future capital projects. This fund is reported as a capital project fund.

Sidewalk Capital Project Fund – This fund accounts for grant proceeds from the NC Department of Transportation and City contributions to this Sidewalk project.

The City reports the following major enterprise fund:

Water and Sewer Fund – This fund is used to account for the operations, maintenance, and capital improvements to the City’s water and sewer operations. This includes the Water and Sewer Operating Fund, the Water and Sewer Capital Reserve Fund, the Substance Inc Capital Project Fund, and the Special Revenue AIA Grant Fund.

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.

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. Non-exchange 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 non-operating items. Operating revenues and expenses generally result from providing services and producing and delivering goods in connection with a proprietary fund’s principal ongoing operations. The principal operating revenues of the 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 non-operating 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.

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 Claremont because the tax is levied by Catawba 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 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, the PJ Stanley Scholarship Fund, the General Capital Project Fund, the Water and Sewer Operating Fund, and the Water and Sewer Capital Reserve Fund. All annual appropriations lapse at the fiscal year-end. Project ordinances are adopted for the Economic Development Grant Fund Project, the Sidewalk Capital Project Fund, the BGA Drive Capital Project Fund, the Water and Sewer Capital Project Substance Inc Project Fund, and the Water and Sewer Special Revenue AIA Grant Fund. 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. Expenditures may not legally exceed appropriations at the functional level for all annually budgeted funds and at the project level for the multi-year funds. All amendments must be approved by the governing board and the 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

Deposits and Investments

All deposits of the City are made in board – designated official depositories and are secured as required by State Law [G.S. 159-31]. The City may designate, as an official depository, any bank or savings association whose principal office is located in North Carolina. Also, the City 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 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 non-guaranteed federal agencies, certain high quality issues of commercial paper and bankers' acceptances, and the North Carolina Capital Management Trust (NCCMT). The City's investments are reported at fair value. Non-participating interest earning contracts are accounted for at cost. The NCCMT-Government 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.

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 to be cash and cash equivalents.

Restricted Assets

Customer deposits held by the City before any services are supplied are restricted to the service for which the deposit was collected. Powell Bill funds are classified as restricted cash because they can be expended only for the purpose outlined in G.S. 136-41.1 through 136-41.4. Federal and State seizure funds are also classified as restricted cash because its use is restricted to law enforcement expenditures. Money in the Economic Development Fund is classified as restricted assets because its use is restricted to the Economic Development Fund per NC G.S. Chapter 159, Article 3, Part 2. PJ Stanley Scholarship Funds are also classified as restricted cash because it can only be expended for the purpose of providing scholarships and supplies to local students attending Catawba Valley Community College or Mitchell Community College in a police, fire or EMS related field of study.

City of Claremont Restricted Cash

Governmental Activities:

General Fund	Streets	\$ 91,564
	Public safety	19,371
	Economic development	<u>197,012</u>
Total governmental activities		307,947

Business-type Activities:

Water and Sewer Fund	Customer deposits and overpayments	<u>30,549</u>
Total restricted cash		<u>\$ 338,496</u>

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 1st, 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, 2016.

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.

Inventory and Prepaid Items

The inventories of the City are 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 consist of materials and supplies held for subsequent use. The cost of these inventories is expensed when consumed rather than when purchased.

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.

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 costs are as follows: land, \$5,000; buildings, improvements, substations, lines and other plant and distribution systems, \$5,000; infrastructure, \$5,000; equipment and furniture, \$5,000; and vehicles, \$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	50 years
Building & improvements	15-50 years
Vehicles, furniture and equipment	5-7 years
Distribution system-water and wastewater	20-40 years

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 expenditure until then. The City has one item that meets this criterion, pension deferrals for the 2017 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 several items that meet the criterion for this category – prepaid taxes, property taxes receivable, and pension deferrals.

Long-Term Obligations

In the government-wide financial statements and in the 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.

Compensated Absences

The vacation policy of the City 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 City's sick leave policy provides 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 the City does not have any obligation for the accumulated sick leave until it is actually taken, no accrual for sick leave has been made.

Net Position/Fund Balances

Net Position:

Net position in government-wide and proprietary fund financial statements are classified as net investment 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:

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 Public Safety – portion of fund balance that is restricted by revenue source for certain public safety expenditures from Seizure Funds and portion of fund balance that is restricted for police related scholarships and related costs.

Restricted for Economic Development – portion of fund balance restricted for economic development [G.S. Chapter 159, Article 3, Part 2].

Committed Fund Balance – portion of fund balance that can only be used for specific purposes imposed by majority vote by quorum of City of Claremont’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.

Committed for Economic Development – portion of fund balance committed by the Board for economic development.

Committed for Capital Development – portion of fund balance committed by the Board for capital development.

Assigned Fund Balance – portion of fund balance that the City of Claremont intends to use for specific purposes.

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; however, the budget ordinance authorizes the manager to modify the appropriations by resource or appropriation within funds up to \$100,000.

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 Claremont has not formally adopted a revenue spending policy that provides guidance or programs with multiple revenue sources. However, the Finance Officer currently uses resources in the following hierarchy: bond proceeds, federal funds, State funds, local non-City funds, and 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.

The City of Claremont has not adopted a minimum fund balance policy for the general fund.

Defined Benefit Cost-Sharing Plans

For purposes of measuring the net pension liability, deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions,

and pension expense, information about the fiduciary net position of the 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 Claremont's employer contributions are recognized when due and the City of Claremont 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.

Note 2.
Detail Notes on all Funds
and Account Groups

A. Assets

Deposits

All the deposits of the City 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 agents in the unit's name. 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, these deposits are considered to be held by the City'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. The State Treasurer does not confirm this information with the City or the escrow agent. Because of the inability to measure the exact amount of collateral pledged for the City under the Pooling Method, the potential exists for under-collateralization. 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 has no formal policy regarding custodial credit risk for deposits, but relies 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, 2017, the City’s deposits had a carrying amount of \$235,286 and a bank balance of \$271,707. Of the bank balance, \$235,286 was covered by federal depository insurance and the remainder was covered by collateral held under the Pooling Method. All of the bank balance was covered by federal depository insurance. At June 30, 2017, the City’s petty cash fund totaled \$150.

Investments

At June 30, 2017, the City of Claremont had \$4,771,722 invested with the North Carolina Capital Management Trust’s Government Portfolio which carried a credit rating of AAAM by Standard and Poor’s. The City has no policy regarding credit risk.

Receivables – Allowance for Doubtful Accounts

The amounts presented in the Balance Sheet and the Statement of Net Position for the year ended June 30, 2017 are net of the following allowances for doubtful accounts:

<u>Fund</u>	<u>06/30/17</u>
General Fund	
Taxes receivable	\$ 13,873
Enterprise Fund	<u>29,906</u>
Total	<u>\$ 43,779</u>

Capital Assets

Primary Government:

Capital asset activity for the Primary Government for the year ended June 30, 2017, was as follows:

	Beginning Balances	Increases \$	Decreases \$	Transfers \$	Ending Balances \$
Governmental activities:					
Capital assets not being depreciated:					
Land	1,049,255				1,049,255
Construction in progress	<u>25,491</u>	<u>48,813</u>			<u>74,304</u>
Total capital assets not being depreciated	<u>1,074,746</u>	<u>48,813</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1,123,559</u>
Capital assets being depreciated:					
Buildings	2,161,605				2,161,605
Other improvements	2,719,969				2,719,969
Equipment and furniture	910,063	9,400			919,463
Vehicles and motorized equipment	1,845,148	37,602			1,882,750
Infrastructure	<u>2,897,021</u>				<u>2,897,021</u>
Total capital assets being depreciated	<u>10,533,806</u>	<u>47,002</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>10,580,808</u>
Less accumulated depreciation for:					
Buildings	682,988	51,099			734,087
Other improvements	1,003,915	164,702			1,168,617
Equipment and furniture	786,374	31,026			817,400
Vehicles and motorized equipment	1,059,613	102,561			1,162,174
Infrastructure	<u>973,803</u>	<u>58,919</u>			<u>1,032,722</u>
Total accumulated depreciation	<u>4,506,693</u>	<u>408,307</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>4,915,000</u>
Total capital assets being depreciated, net	<u>6,027,113</u>				<u>5,665,808</u>
Governmental activity capital assets, net	<u>7,101,859</u>				<u>6,789,367</u>

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

General government	\$ 16,890
Public safety	151,518
Transportation	206,129
Environmental protection	15,918
Cultural and recreational	<u>17,852</u>
Total depreciation expense	\$ <u>408,307</u>

	Beginning Balances	Increases \$	Decreases \$	Transfers \$	Ending Balances \$
Business-type activities:					
Water and Sewer Fund					
Capital assets not being depreciated:					
Land	109,870				109,870
Construction in progress	<u>10,505</u>			(10,505)	<u>-</u>
Total capital assets not being depreciated	<u>120,375</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	(10,505)	<u>109,870</u>
Capital assets being depreciated:					
Equipment and vehicles	416,220				416,220
Plant and distribution systems	<u>9,484,392</u>	<u>165,695</u>		<u>10,505</u>	<u>9,660,592</u>
Total capital assets being depreciated	<u>9,900,612</u>	<u>165,695</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>10,505</u>	<u>10,076,812</u>
Less accumulated depreciation for:					
Equipment and vehicles	331,141	45,443			376,584
Plant and distribution systems	<u>4,958,541</u>	<u>204,824</u>			<u>5,163,365</u>
Total accumulated depreciation	<u>5,289,682</u>	<u>250,267</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>5,539,949</u>
Total capital assets being depreciated, net	<u>4,610,930</u>				<u>4,536,863</u>
Business-type activities capital assets, net	<u>4,731,305</u>				<u>4,646,733</u>

Commitments

The government has no active construction projects as of June 30, 2017.

B. Liabilities

Pension Plan Obligations

a. Local Government Employees' Retirement System:

Plan description

The City of Claremont 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.

Benefits Provided

LGERS provides retirement and survivor benefits. Retirement benefits are determined as 1.85% of the member's average final compensation times the member's 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. City of Claremont 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 Claremont contractually required contribution rate for the year ended June 30, 2017, was 8.00% of compensation for law enforcement officers and 7.31% for general employees and 7.31% for firefighters, 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 Claremont were \$72,102 for the year ended June 30, 2017.

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.

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

At June 30, 2017, the City reported a liability of \$345,943 for its proportionate share of the net pension liability. The net pension liability was measured as of June 30, 2016. The total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of December 31, 2015. The total pension liability was then rolled forward to the measurement date of June 30, 2016 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 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, 2017, the City's proportion was .0163%, which was an increase of 0.0005% from its proportion measured as of June 30, 2016.

For the year ended June 30, 2017, the City recognized pension expense of \$93,590. At June 30, 2017, 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	\$ 6,500	\$ 12,122
Change in assumptions	23,694	-
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on pension plan investments	191,261	-
Changes in proportion and differences between City contributions and proportionate share of contributions	4,196	1,501
City contributions subsequent to the measurement date	<u>72,102</u>	<u>-</u>
Total	\$ <u>297,753</u>	\$ <u>13,623</u>

\$72,102 reported as deferred outflows of resources related to pensions resulting from City contributions subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as an increase of the net pension liability in the year ended June 30, 2018. Other amounts reported as deferred inflows of resources related to pensions will be recognized in pension expense as follows:

Year ended	
June 30:	
2018	\$ 33,311
2019	33,323
2020	90,777
2021	54,616
2022	-
Thereafter	-

Actuarial Assumptions

The total pension liability in the December 31, 2015 actuarial valuation was determined using the following actuarial assumptions, applied to all periods included in the measurement:

Inflation	3.0 percent
Salary increases	3.50 to 7.75 percent, including inflation and productivity factor
Investment rate of return	7.25 percent, net of pension plan investment expense, including inflation

The plan currently used 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, 2015 valuation were based on the results of an actuarial experience study for the period January 1, 2010 through December 31, 2014.

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, 2016 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%	1.4%
Global Equity	42.0%	5.3%
Real Estate	8.0%	4.3%
Alternatives	8.0%	8.9%
Credit	7.0%	6.0%
Inflation Protection	6.0%	4.0%
Total	<u>100.0%</u>	

The information above is based on 30 year expectations developed with the consulting actuary for the 2016 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.

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 liability to changes in the discount rate

The following presents the City’s proportionate share of the net pension liability 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% Decrease <u>(6.25%)</u>	Discount Rate <u>(7.25%)</u>	1% Increase <u>(8.25%)</u>
City’s proportionate share of the net pension liability (asset)	\$ 821,078	\$ 345,941	\$(50,930)

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 of Claremont 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 under the age of 62 who have completed at least 30 years of creditable service or have attained 55 years of age and have completed five or more years of creditable service. The Separation Allowance is equal to 0.85 percent 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.

All full-time City law enforcement officers are covered by the Separation Allowance. At December 1, 2016, the Separation Allowance’s membership consisted of:

Retirees receiving benefits	1
Terminated plan members entitled to but not yet receiving benefits	0
Active plan members	<u>10</u>
Total	<u>11</u>

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 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 meets the criteria which are outlined in GASB Statement 73.

Actuarial Assumptions

The entry age actuarial cost method was used in the December 31, 2015 valuation. The total pension liability in the December 31, 2015 actuarial valuation was determined using the following actuarial assumptions, applied to all periods included in the measurement:

Inflation	3.0 percent
Salary increases	3.50 to 7.35 percent, including inflation and productivity factor
Discount rate	3.86 percent

The discount rate is based on the yield of the Bond Buyer General Obligation 20 Year Municipal Bond Index as of December 31, 2016.

Mortality rates are based on the RP-2014 Healthy Annuitant mortality tables with adjustments for mortality improvements based on MP-2015.

Contributions

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

Administration costs of the Separation Allowance are financed through investment earnings. The City paid \$10,599 as benefits came due for the reporting period.

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

At June 30, 2017, the City reported a total pension liability of \$144,714. The total pension liability was measured as of December 31, 2016 based on a December 31, 2015 actuarial valuation. The total pension liability was then rolled forward to the measurement date of December 31, 2016 utilizing update procedures incorporating the actuarial assumptions. For the year ended June 30, 2017, the City recognized pension expense of \$19,167.

	<u>Deferred Outflows of</u>	<u>Deferred Inflows of</u>
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$ -	\$ -
Changes in assumptions	-	3,767
City benefit payments and plan administrative expense made subsequent to the measurement date	<u>4,840</u>	<u>-</u>
Total	\$ <u>4,840</u>	\$ <u>3,767</u>

\$4,840 reported as deferred outflows of resources related to pensions resulting from benefit payments made and administrative expenses incurred subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a decrease of the total pension liability in the year ended June 30, 2018. Other amounts reported as deferred inflows of resources related to pensions will be recognized in pension expense as follows:

Year ended	
June 30:	
2018	\$ 665
2019	665
2020	665
2021	665
2022	665
Thereafter	442

\$4,840 paid as benefits came due and \$0 of administrative expenses subsequent to the measurement date are reported as deferred outflows of resources.

Sensitivity of the City’s total pension liability to changes in the discount rate

The following presents the City’s total pension liability calculated using the discount rate of 3.86 percent, as well as what the City’s total pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is one percentage point lower (2.86 percent) or one percentage point higher (4.86 percent) than the current rate:

	1% Decrease <u>(2.86%)</u>	Discount Rate <u>(3.86%)</u>	1% Increase <u>(4.86%)</u>
Total pension liability	\$ 160,452	\$ 144,714	\$ 130,240

**Schedule of Changes in Total Pension Liability
Law Enforcement Officers’ Special Separation Allowance**

	<u>2017</u>
Beginning balance	\$ 146,472
Service Cost	9,088
Interest on the total pension liability	5,025
Changes of benefit terms	-
Differences between expected and actual experience in the measurement of the total pension liability	-
Changes of assumptions or other inputs	(4,432)
Benefit payments	(11,439)
Other changes	-
Ending balance of the total pension liability	<u>\$ 144,714</u>

The plan currently uses mortality tables that vary by age, 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, 2015 valuation were based on the results of an actuarial experience study

for the period January 1, 2004 through December 31, 2008.

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. Firefighters' and Rescue Squad Workers' Pension Fund:

Plan Description

The State of North Carolina contributes, on behalf of the City of Claremont, 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.

Contributions

Plan members are required to contribute \$10 per month to the plan. The State, a non-employer contributor, funds the plan through appropriations. The City does not contribute to the plan. 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, 2016, the State contributed \$13,900,000 to the plan. The City of Claremont's proportionate share of the State's contribution is \$11,361.

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, 2017, 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 \$29,718. The net pension liability was measured as of June 30, 2017. The total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of December 31, 2015. The total pension liability was then rolled forward to the measurement date of June 30, 2016 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, 2016 and at June 30, 2015 was 0%.

For the year ended June 30, 2017, the City recognized pension expense of \$8,719 and revenue of \$8,719 for support provided by the State. At June 30, 2017, 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, 2015 actuarial valuation was determined using the following actuarial assumptions, applied to all periods included in the measurement:

Inflation	3.5 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 assets allocation policy, refer to the discussion of actuarial assumptions for the LGERS plan in Section a. of this note.

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.

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 or 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.

Deferred Outflows and Inflows of Resources

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

<u>Source</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Contributions to pension plan in current fiscal year	\$ 72,102
Benefit payments made and administrative expenses for LEOSSA	4,840
Differences between expected and actual experience	6,500
Changes in assumptions	23,694
Net difference between projected and actual	191,261
Changes in proportion and differences between employer contributions and proportionate share of contributions	<u>4,196</u>
Total	<u>\$ 302,593</u>

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

	<u>Statement of Net Position</u>	<u>General Fund Balance Sheet</u>
Prepaid taxes (General Fund)	\$ 194	\$ 194
Taxes Receivable, less penalties (General Fund)	-	7,209
Changes in assumptions	3,767	-
Differences between expected and and actual experience	12,122	-
Changes in proportion and differences between employer contributions and proportionate share of contributions	<u>1,501</u>	<u>-</u>
Total	<u>\$ 17,584</u>	<u>\$ 7,403</u>

Risk Management

The City is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees; and natural disasters. The City participates in two self-funded risk-financing pools administered by the North Carolina League of Municipalities. Through these pools, the City obtains general liability and auto liability coverage of \$1 million per occurrence, property coverage up to the total insured values of the property policy and workers' compensation coverage up to statutory limits. Health insurance is provided to all full time employees through Blue Cross Blue Shield. The liability and property exposures are reinsured through commercial carriers for claims in excess of retentions as selected by the Board of Trustees each year. Stop loss insurance is purchased by the Board of Trustees to protect

against large medical claims that exceed certain dollar cost levels. Specific information on the limits of the reinsurance, excess and stop loss policies purchased by the Board of Trustees can be obtained by contacting the Risk Management Services Department of the NC League of Municipalities. The pools are audited annually by certified public accountants, and the audited financial statements are available to the City upon request.

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.

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 and tax collector are each individually bonded for \$50,000 each. The remaining employees that have access to funds are bonded under a blanket bond for \$10,000.

Claims and Judgments

At June 30, 2017, the City was unaware of any pending or threatened litigation, claims or contingent liabilities which could have a material effect on the City's financial position.

Long Term Obligations

Installment Purchases:

The City financed various property and equipment acquisitions by installment purchases. Installment purchase contracts at June 30, 2017, are comprised of the following:

Serviced by General Fund:

\$1,500,000 contract for construction of railroad Spur to Poppelmann, due in annual installments of \$100,000 plus interest at 3.96%, through February 2024.	\$ 700,000
\$237,765 contract for the acquisition of chassis equipment for a new Smeal Fire Truck, due in annual installments of \$27,139, including interest at a rate of 2.48% thru June 2025.	<u>194,754</u>
Total	\$ <u>894,754</u>

Annual debt service requirements to maturity for the City's installment purchases are as follows:

Year ending <u>June 30</u>	<u>Governmental Activities</u>		<u>Business-Type Activities</u>	
	Principal \$	Interest \$	Principal \$	Interest \$
2018	122,308	32,549		
2019	122,862	28,037		
2020	123,429	23,510		
2021	124,010	18,969		
2022	124,606	14,413		
2023-2025	<u>277,539</u>	<u>15,758</u>		
Total	<u>894,754</u>	<u>133,236</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

At June 30, 2017, the City of Claremont had a legal debt margin of \$31,734,150.

Changes in Long-term liabilities:

Compensated absences for governmental activities have typically been liquidated in the General Fund.

	Balance 06/30/16 \$	Increase \$	Decrease \$	Balance 06/30/17 \$	Current Portion \$
Government Activities:					
Installment purchase BB&T- Poppelman railroad spur	800,000		100,000	700,000	100,000
Installment purchase BB&T- Fire Truck	216,523		21,769	194,754	27,139
Net pension obligations (LGERS)	70,911	275,032		345,943	
Total pension liability (LEO)		144,714		144,714	
Compensated absences	<u>68,933</u>	<u>50,208</u>	<u>42,932</u>	<u>76,209</u>	<u>47,463</u>
Governmental activity long-term liabilities	<u>1,156,367</u>	<u>469,954</u>	<u>164,701</u>	<u>1,461,620</u>	<u>174,602</u>

C. Interfund Balances and Activity

Transfer to/from other funds

Transfer to/from other funds at June 30, 2017, consist of the following:

<u>Transfer from</u>	<u>Transfer to</u>	<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Amount</u>
General Fund	PJ Stanley Scholarship Fund	Fund Scholarships	\$ 1,000
General Fund	Building Reuse-Prysmian Capital Project Fund	Capital Outlay	25,000
General Fund	Sidewalk Capital Project Fund	Construction Project	55,000
Water and Sewer Operating Fund	Water and Sewer Capital Reserve Fund	Future Capital Outlay	50,000
Water and Sewer Operating Fund	Water and Sewer Substance Inc Capital Project Fund	Capital Outlay	270
Water and Sewer Operating Fund	Water and Sewer Capital Reserve Fund	Future Capital Outlay	250,000
Water and Sewer Operating Fund	Water and Sewer AIA Grant Special Revenue Fund		2,250
Total			<u>\$ 383,520</u>

D. Fund Balance

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

<i>Total fund balance – General Fund</i>	<i>\$ 3,266,381</i>
Less:	
Stabilization by State Statute	245,127
Streets – Powell Bill	91,564
Public Safety	5,446
Appropriated Fund Balance in ‘17-‘18 Budget	100,291
Remaining Fund Balance	2,823,953

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

<i>Encumbrances</i>	<i>General Fund</i>	<i>Non-major Funds</i>
	\$ 3,600	

**Note 3.
Jointly Governed
Organizations**

Western Piedmont Council of Governments

The Western Piedmont Council of Governments (“Council”) was established in November, 1968 by the City in conjunction with three counties and twenty-two other municipalities. Each participating government appoints one member to the Council’s governing board. The Council’s financing is derived from voluntary annual dues paid by member governments and from federal and State grants. The City paid base dues of \$1,729 to the Council during the fiscal year ended June 30, 2017.

**Note 4.
Summary Disclosure
of Significant
Commitments and
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 moneys 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 moneys.

**Note 5.
Subsequent Events**

For the year ended June 30, 2017, the City of Claremont has evaluated subsequent events for potential recognition disclosure through November 22, 2017, the date the financial statements were available to be issued.

**Note 6.
Restatement on
Net Assets**

Change in Accounting Principles/Restatement

The City implemented Government Accounting Standards Board (GASB) No. Statement 73, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Pensions and Related Assets That Are Not within the Scope of GASB Statement 68, and Amendments to Certain Provisions of GASB Statements 67 and 68*, in the fiscal year ending June 30, 2017. The implementation of the statement required the City to record beginning total pension liability and the effects on net position of benefit payments and administrative expenses paid by the City to the Law Enforcement Officers’ Special Separation Allowance during the measurement period (fiscal year ending December 31, 2016). As a result, net position for the governmental activities decreased \$135,033.

The business-type fund beginning accounts receivable were understated by \$24,752. As a result, net position for the business

activities increased by \$24,752.

Required Supplemental Financial Data

This section contains additional information required by generally accepted accounting principles.

- * **Schedule of Proportionate Share of Net Pension Liability (Asset) for Local Government Employees' Retirement System**
- * **Schedule of Contributions to Local Government Employees' Retirement System**
- * **Schedule of Proportionate Share of Net Pension Liability for Firefighters' and Rescue Squad Workers' Pension Plan**
- * **Schedule of Changes in Total Pension Liability**
- * **Schedule of Total Pension Liability as a Percentage of Covered Payroll**

CITY OF CLAREMONT, NORTH CAROLINA
City of Claremont's Proportionate Share of Net Pension Liability (Asset)
Required Supplementary Information
Last Four Fiscal Years *

Local Government Employees' Retirement System

	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
Claremont's proportion of the net pension liability (asset) (%)	0.0163%	0.0158%	0.01436%	0.01330%
Claremont's proportion of the net pension liability (asset) (\$)	\$ 345,943	\$ 70,199	\$(84,688)	\$ 160,316
Claremont's covered-employee payroll	\$ 889,297	\$ 749,281	\$ 716,315	\$ 716,315
Claremont's proportionate share of the net pension liability (asset) as a percentage of its covered-employee payroll	38.90%	9.37%	(11.82%)	22.38%
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability **	91.47%	98.09%	102.64%	94.35%

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

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

CITY OF CLAREMONT, NORTH CAROLINA
City of Claremont's Contributions
Required Supplementary Information
Last Four Fiscal Years

Local Government Employees' Retirement System

	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
Contractually required contribution	\$ 72,102	\$ 61,325	\$ 51,251	\$ 42,979
Contributions in relation to the contractually required contribution	<u>72,102</u>	<u>61,325</u>	<u>51,251</u>	<u>42,979</u>
Contribution deficiency (excess)	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>
Claremont's covered-employee payroll	\$ 949,593	\$ 889,297	\$ 749,281	\$ 716,315
Contributions as a percentage of covered-employee payroll	7.59%	6.90%	6.84%	6.00%

CITY OF CLAREMONT, NORTH CAROLINA
City of Claremont's Proportionate Share of Net Pension Liability
Required Supplementary Information
Last Two Fiscal Years *

Firefighters' and Rescue Squad Workers' Pension

	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
Claremont's proportionate share of the net pension liability (%)	0.0000%	0.0000%
Claremont's proportionate share of the net pension liability (\$)	\$ 0	\$ 0
State's proportionate share of the net pension liability associated with the City of Claremont	<u>29,718</u>	<u>29,503</u>
Total	<u>\$ 29,718</u>	<u>\$ 29,503</u>
Claremont's covered-employee payroll	\$ 64,808	\$ 61,736
Claremont's proportionate share of the net pension liability as a percentage of its covered-employee payroll	45.86%	47.79%
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability	84.94%	91.40%

* The amounts presented are for the fiscal year.

CITY OF CLAREMONT, NORTH CAROLINA
Schedule of Changes in Total Pension Liability
Law Enforcement Officers' Special Separation Allowance
June 30, 2017

	<u>2017</u>
Beginning balance	\$ 146,472
Service Cost	9,088
Interest on the total pension liability	5,025
Changes of benefit terms	-
Differences between expected and actual experience in the measurement of the total pension liability	-
Changes of assumptions or other inputs	(4,432)
Benefit payments	(11,439)
Other changes	<u>-</u>
Ending balance of the total pension liability	\$ <u>144,714</u>

The amounts presented for each fiscal year were determined as of the prior fiscal year ending December 31.

CITY OF CLAREMONT, NORTH CAROLINA
Schedule of Total Pension Liability as a Percentage of Covered Payroll
Law Enforcement Officers' Special Separation Allowance
June 30, 2017

	<u>2017</u>
Total pension liability	\$ 144,714
Covered payroll	\$ 402,816
Total pension liability as a percentage of covered payroll	35.93%

Notes to the schedules:

The City of Claremont has no assets accumulated in a trust that meets the criteria in paragraph 4 of GASB Statement 73 to pay related benefits.

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Governmental Activities Major Fund

General Fund – The General Fund is the main operating fund of the City. This fund is used to account for all financial resources traditionally associated with government activities that are not required legally or by sound financial management to be accounted for in other funds.

BGA Drive Capital Project Fund – This fund is used to account for grant revenue for street improvements.

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CITY OF CLAREMONT, NORTH CAROLINA**General Fund****Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance****Budget and Actual**

For the Year Ended June 30, 2017

	Budget	Actual	Variance
	\$	\$	Positive
			(Negative)
			\$
Revenues:			
Ad valorem taxes:			
Current year	1,755,000	1,883,430	128,430
Prior years	24,650	7,247	(17,403)
Penalties and interest	<u>4,200</u>	<u>2,090</u>	<u>(2,110)</u>
Total	<u>1,783,850</u>	<u>1,892,767</u>	<u>108,917</u>
Other taxes and licenses:			
Gross receipts on short-term rental property	<u>8,000</u>	<u>12,416</u>	<u>4,416</u>
Unrestricted intergovernmental:			
Local option sales tax	302,000	359,932	57,932
Utility sales tax	290,000	360,192	70,192
Piped natural gas sales tax	2,000	5,652	3,652
Telecommunications sales tax	30,000	33,128	3,128
Video program sales tax	30,000	33,332	3,332
Beer and wine tax	<u>5,000</u>	<u>6,491</u>	<u>1,491</u>
Total	<u>659,000</u>	<u>798,727</u>	<u>139,727</u>
Restricted intergovernmental:			
Powell Bill allocation	41,500	44,278	2,778
Investment earnings on Powell Bill allocation		1,666	1,666
Fines and forfeitures		76	76
Interest on fines and forfeitures		3	3
Solid waste disposal fees	675	963	288
State grant	81,173	81,083	(90)
FEMA grant	23,837	23,810	(27)
Special fire district fees	245,000	254,163	9,163
On-behalf of payments - fire		<u>16,799</u>	<u>16,799</u>
Total	<u>392,185</u>	<u>422,841</u>	<u>30,656</u>
Permits and fees:			
Planning and zoning fees	1,500	6,090	4,590
EDC fees	<u>100</u>		<u>(100)</u>
Total	<u>1,600</u>	<u>6,090</u>	<u>4,490</u>

CITY OF CLAREMONT, NORTH CAROLINA**General Fund****Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance****Budget and Actual**

For the Year Ended June 30, 2017

	Budget	Actual	Variance
	\$	\$	Positive (Negative) \$
Sales and services:			
Court costs, fees, and charges	1,000	1,266	266
Park rental fees	300	650	350
Golf cart fees		50	50
Refuse collection fees	<u>20,000</u>	<u>23,358</u>	<u>3,358</u>
Total	<u>21,300</u>	<u>25,324</u>	<u>4,024</u>
Investment earnings	<u>2,200</u>	<u>13,993</u>	<u>11,793</u>
Miscellaneous			
Contributions	100	5,033	4,933
Miscellaneous other	<u>17,525</u>	<u>20,925</u>	<u>3,400</u>
Total	<u>17,625</u>	<u>25,958</u>	<u>8,333</u>
Total revenues	<u>2,885,760</u>	<u>3,198,116</u>	<u>312,356</u>
Expenditures:			
General government:			
Governing Board:			
Elected and appointed officials	9,600	8,850	750
Employee benefits	650	597	53
Professional services	24,084	23,122	962
Travel and training	9,000	5,555	3,445
Other operating expenditures	<u>19,866</u>	<u>10,802</u>	<u>9,064</u>
Total governing board	<u>63,200</u>	<u>48,926</u>	<u>14,274</u>
Administration:			
Salaries	199,534	198,575	959
Employee benefits	68,927	65,462	3,465
Professional services	16,000	16,000	
Travel and training	8,000	6,979	1,021
Engineering	12,500	10,424	2,076
Contractual services	64,717	59,227	5,490
Capital outlay	7,800	5,363	2,437
Other operating expenditures	<u>51,283</u>	<u>39,612</u>	<u>11,671</u>
Total administration	<u>428,761</u>	<u>401,642</u>	<u>27,119</u>
Total general government	<u>491,961</u>	<u>450,568</u>	<u>41,393</u>

CITY OF CLAREMONT, NORTH CAROLINA
General Fund
Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance
Budget and Actual
For the Year Ended June 30, 2017

	Budget	Actual	Variance
	\$	\$	Positive (Negative)
			\$
Public safety:			
Police department:			
Salaries	470,654	453,189	17,465
Employee benefits	164,640	150,168	14,472
Travel and training	6,700	6,175	525
Contractual services	23,100	22,989	111
Vehicle maintenance	35,000	29,660	5,340
Insurance and bonds	23,425	23,419	6
Capital outlay	51,000	37,602	13,398
Other operating expenditures	<u>78,212</u>	<u>76,242</u>	<u>1,970</u>
Total police	<u>852,731</u>	<u>799,444</u>	<u>53,287</u>
Fire protection:			
Salaries	170,702	185,232	(14,530)
Employee benefits	33,530	29,721	3,809
Travel and training	7,900	6,512	1,388
Contractual services	13,500	12,808	692
Vehicle maintenance	35,500	30,441	5,059
Capital outlay	72,810		72,810
Other operating expenditures	<u>100,300</u>	<u>107,823</u>	<u>(7,523)</u>
Total fire	<u>434,242</u>	<u>372,537</u>	<u>61,705</u>
Total public safety	<u>1,286,973</u>	<u>1,171,981</u>	<u>114,992</u>
Environmental protection:			
Public works:			
Salaries	252,822	257,724	(4,902)
Employee benefits	97,117	85,953	11,164
Travel and training	1,500	1,337	163
Contractual services	6,000	2,818	3,182
Vehicle maintenance	20,600	13,436	7,164
Utilities	70,000	58,349	11,651
Solid waste services	103,000	99,056	3,944
Capital outlay	9,400	9,400	
Other operating expenditures	<u>78,450</u>	<u>61,387</u>	<u>17,063</u>
Total environmental protection	<u>638,889</u>	<u>589,460</u>	<u>49,429</u>

CITY OF CLAREMONT, NORTH CAROLINA
General Fund
Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance
Budget and Actual
For the Year Ended June 30, 2017

	Budget	Actual	Variance
	\$	\$	Positive (Negative) \$
Economic development:			
Professional services	38,700	38,700	
Economic			
Development Grants	88,000	85,000	3,000
Contractual services	25,000	21,988	3,012
Other operating expenditures	<u>1,100</u>	<u>514</u>	<u>586</u>
Total economic development	<u>152,800</u>	<u>146,202</u>	<u>6,598</u>
Transportation:			
Powell Bill:			
Contractual services	29,000	27,970	1,030
Vehicle and equipment maintenance	1,000	254	746
Other operating expenditures	<u>11,500</u>	<u>4,644</u>	<u>6,856</u>
Total transportation	<u>41,500</u>	<u>32,868</u>	<u>8,632</u>
Cultural and recreational:			
Library:			
Contractual services	23,000	22,038	962
Other operating expenditures	<u>800</u>	<u>518</u>	<u>282</u>
Total library	<u>23,800</u>	<u>22,556</u>	<u>1,244</u>
Recreation:			
Salaries	32,508	17,584	14,924
Employee benefits	13,989	6,398	7,591
Contractual services	3,600	3,435	165
Recreation programs/projects	35,200	31,085	4,115
Capital outlay	1,000		1,000
Other operating expenditures	<u>33,820</u>	<u>17,792</u>	<u>16,028</u>
Total recreation	<u>120,117</u>	<u>76,294</u>	<u>43,823</u>
Total cultural and recreational	<u>143,917</u>	<u>98,850</u>	<u>45,067</u>

CITY OF CLAREMONT, NORTH CAROLINA
General Fund
Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance
Budget and Actual
For the Year Ended June 30, 2017

	Budget	Actual	Variance
	\$	\$	Positive
			(Negative)
			\$
Debt service:			
Principal retirement	163,770	121,769	42,001
Interest and other charges	<u>37,642</u>	<u>37,050</u>	<u>592</u>
Total debt service	<u>201,412</u>	<u>158,819</u>	<u>42,593</u>
Total expenditures	<u>2,957,452</u>	<u>2,648,748</u>	<u>308,704</u>
Revenues over (under) expenditures	(<u>71,692</u>)	<u>549,368</u>	<u>621,060</u>
Other financing sources (uses):			
Transfer to:			
Special Revenue Fund –			
PJ Stanley Scholarship Fund	(1,000)	(1,000)	
Building Reuse – Prysman			
Capital Project Fund	(25,000)	(25,000)	
Sidewalk Capital Project Fund	(55,000)	(55,000)	
Sale of surplus property	<u>10,000</u>	_____	(<u>10,000</u>)
Total other financing			
sources (uses)	(<u>71,000</u>)	(<u>81,000</u>)	(<u>10,000</u>)
Fund balance appropriated	<u>142,692</u>	_____	(<u>142,692</u>)
Net change in fund balance	<u>0</u>	468,368	<u>468,368</u>
Fund balance, beginning		<u>2,798,013</u>	
Fund balance, ending		<u>3,266,381</u>	

CITY OF CLAREMONT, NORTH CAROLINA
BGA Drive Capital Project Fund
Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance
Budget and Actual
From Inception and for the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2017

	Project	Actual		Total to	Variance
	Authorization	Prior	Current	Date	Positive
	\$	Year	Year	\$	(Negative)
		\$	\$	\$	\$
Revenues:					
Restricted					
intergovernment grant	<u>405,000</u>	<u> </u>	<u>13,630</u>	<u>13,630</u>	<u>(391,370)</u>
Total revenues	<u>405,000</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>13,630</u>	<u>13,630</u>	<u>(391,370)</u>
Expenditures:					
Engineering	30,000		13,630	13,630	16,370
Contractual services	<u>375,000</u>				<u>375,000</u>
Total expenditures	<u>405,000</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>13,630</u>	<u>13,630</u>	<u>391,370</u>
Net change in fund balance	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	0	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Fund balance, beginning			<u>0</u>		
Fund balance, ending			<u>0</u>		

Governmental Activities

Non-Major Funds

Special Revenue Funds

Special Revenue Funds are used to account for revenues that are legally restricted to expenditures for a particular purpose.

PJ Stanley Scholarship Fund – This fund accounts for contributions and transfers from other funds that will be used to provide scholarships for local students attending Catawba Valley Community College or Mitchell Community College in a police, fire, or EMS related field of study.

Economic Development Fund – This fund accounts for the proceeds from a grantor for future economic development incentives.

Building Reuse – Prysmian Fund – This fund accounts for grant proceeds from NC Department of Commerce for building renovations.

Capital Project Funds

Capital Project Funds account for funds to be used for the acquisition or construction of major capital facilities other than those financed by proprietary funds.

General Capital Project Fund – This fund is used to account for acquisitions or construction of major capital facilities or infrastructure other than those financed by the Enterprise Fund.

Sidewalk Capital Project Fund – This fund is being used to provide resources and sidewalk improvements along Centennial Boulevard.

CITY OF CLAREMONT, NORTH CAROLINA
Combining Balance Sheet
Nonmajor Governmental Funds
June 30, 2017

	<u>Special Revenue Funds</u>			<u>Capital Project Funds</u>		Total Nonmajor Governmental Funds
	P. J. Stanley Scholarship Fund	Economic Development Fund	Building Reuse- Prysmian Fund	General Capital Project Fund	Sidewalk Capital Project Fund	
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Assets:						
Cash and cash equivalents			25,000	110,578	58,843	194,421
Restricted cash and cash equivalents	<u>13,925</u>	<u>197,012</u>				<u>210,937</u>
Total assets	<u>13,925</u>	<u>197,012</u>	<u>25,000</u>	<u>110,578</u>	<u>58,843</u>	<u>405,358</u>
Liabilities:						
Accounts payable					<u>862</u>	<u>862</u>
Fund balance:						
Restricted:						
Economic development		197,012				197,012
Public safety scholarships and related costs	13,925					13,925
Committed:						
Economic development			25,000			25,000
Sidewalk capital project					57,981	57,981
General capital projects				<u>110,578</u>		<u>110,578</u>
Total fund balance	<u>13,925</u>	<u>197,012</u>	<u>25,000</u>	<u>110,578</u>	<u>57,981</u>	<u>404,496</u>
Total liabilities and fund balance	<u>13,925</u>	<u>197,012</u>	<u>25,000</u>	<u>110,578</u>	<u>58,843</u>	<u>405,358</u>

CITY OF CLAREMONT, NORTH CAROLINA
Combining Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances
Nonmajor Governmental Funds
 For the Year Ended June 30, 2017

	Special Revenue Funds			Capital Project Funds		Total Nonmajor Governmental Funds \$
	P. J. Stanley Scholarship Fund \$	Economic Development Fund \$	Building Reuse- Prysmian Fund \$	General Capital Project Fund \$	Sidewalk Capital Project Fund \$	
Revenues:						
Investment earnings				542	93	635
Miscellaneous	<u>3,507</u>	<u>20,273</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>542</u>	<u>93</u>	<u>23,780</u>
Total revenues	<u>3,507</u>	<u>20,273</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>542</u>	<u>93</u>	<u>24,415</u>
Expenditures:						
Public safety scholarships and related costs	4,018					4,018
Sidewalk construction	<u>4,018</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>29,821</u>	<u>29,821</u>
Total expenditures	<u>4,018</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>29,821</u>	<u>33,839</u>
Revenues over (under) expenditures	(511)	20,273		542	(29,728)	(9,424)
Other financing sources:						
Transfer from General Fund	<u>1,000</u>		<u>25,000</u>		<u>55,000</u>	<u>81,000</u>
Revenues and other financing Sources over expenditures	489	20,273	25,000	542	25,272	71,576
Fund balance, beginning	<u>13,436</u>	<u>176,739</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>110,036</u>	<u>32,709</u>	<u>332,920</u>
Fund balance, ending	<u>13,925</u>	<u>197,012</u>	<u>25,000</u>	<u>110,578</u>	<u>57,981</u>	<u>404,496</u>

CITY OF CLAREMONT, NORTH CAROLINA
Special Revenue Fund – PJ Stanley Scholarship Fund
Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance
Budget and Actual
For the Year Ended June 30, 2017

	Budget	Actual	Variance
	\$	\$	Positive
			(Negative)
			\$
Revenues:			
Miscellaneous contributions	<u>4,000</u>	<u>3,507</u>	(<u>493</u>)
Expenditures:			
Public safety scholarships	4,000	3,000	1,000
Departmental supplies	<u>3,000</u>	<u>1,018</u>	<u>1,982</u>
Total expenditures	<u>7,000</u>	<u>4,018</u>	<u>2,982</u>
Revenues over (under) expenditures	(3,000)	(511)	2,489
Other financing sources:			
Transfer from General Fund	1,000	1,000	
Fund balance appropriated	<u>2,000</u>	<u> </u>	(<u>2,000</u>)
Net change in fund balance	<u>0</u>	489	<u>489</u>
Fund balance, beginning		<u>13,436</u>	
Fund balance, ending		<u>13,925</u>	

CITY OF CLAREMONT, NORTH CAROLINA
Special Revenue Fund – Economic Development Fund
Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance
Budget and Actual

From Inception and for the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2017

	Project Authorization	Prior Year	Actual Current Year	Total to Date	Variance Positive (Negative)
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Revenues:					
Miscellaneous:					
Golden Leaf contributions	207,065	207,065	20,273	227,338	20,273
Lease payments-principal	207,065	209,889		209,889	2,824
Lease payments-interest	<u>22,760</u>	<u>44,296</u>		<u>44,296</u>	<u>21,536</u>
Total revenues	<u>436,890</u>	<u>461,250</u>	<u>20,273</u>	<u>481,523</u>	<u>44,633</u>
Expenditures:					
Economic development incentives	<u>436,890</u>	<u>284,511</u>		<u>284,511</u>	<u>152,379</u>
Total expenditures	<u>436,890</u>	<u>284,511</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>284,511</u>	<u>152,379</u>
Net change in fund balance	<u>0</u>	<u>176,739</u>	20,273	<u>197,012</u>	<u>197,012</u>
Fund balance, beginning			<u>176,739</u>		
Fund balance, ending			<u>197,012</u>		

CITY OF CLAREMONT, NORTH CAROLINA
Special Revenue Fund – Building Reuse - Prysmian Fund
Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance
Budget and Actual

From Inception and for the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2017

	Project Authorization	Prior Year	Actual Current Year	Total to Date	Variance Positive (Negative)
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Revenues:					
Restricted					
intergovernment grant	500,000	_____	_____	_____	(500,000)
Expenditures:					
Grant administration	25,000				25,000
Economic development	500,000				500,000
Total expenditures	<u>525,000</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>525,000</u>
Revenues over (under)					
expenditures	(25,000)	0	0	0	25,000
Other financing sources:					
Transfer from					
General Fund	25,000	0	25,000	25,000	_____
Net change in fund balance	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	25,000	<u>25,000</u>	<u>25,000</u>
Fund balance, beginning			0		
Fund balance, ending			<u>25,000</u>		

CITY OF CLAREMONT, NORTH CAROLINA
General Capital Project Fund
Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance
Budget and Actual
 For the Year Ended June 30, 2017

	Budget	Actual	Variance
	\$	\$	Positive
			(Negative)
			\$
Revenues:			
Investment earnings	0	542	542
Expenditures:			
Future capital projects	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u> 0
Net change in fund balance	<u> </u> 0	542	<u> </u> 542
Fund balance, beginning		<u>110,036</u>	
Fund balance, ending		<u>110,578</u>	

CITY OF CLAREMONT, NORTH CAROLINA
Sidewalk Capital Project Fund
Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance
Budget and Actual
From Inception and for the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2017

	Project Authorization	Prior Year	Actual Current Year	Total to Date	Variance Positive (Negative)
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Revenues:					
Restricted					
intergovernmental grant	520,000	23,675		23,675	(496,325)
Investment earnings	<u> </u>	<u> 43</u>	<u> 93</u>	<u> 136</u>	<u> 136</u>
Total revenues	<u>520,000</u>	<u>23,718</u>	<u> 93</u>	<u>23,811</u>	<u>(496,189)</u>
Expenditures:					
Grant administration			12,584	12,584	(12,584)
Engineering	90,000	53,360	5,424	58,784	31,216
Contractual services	560,000	12,649	564	13,213	546,787
Right of Way acquisition	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u>11,249</u>	<u>11,249</u>	<u>(11,249)</u>
Total expenditures	<u>650,000</u>	<u>66,009</u>	<u>29,821</u>	<u>95,830</u>	<u>554,170</u>
Revenues over (under) expenditures	(130,000)	(42,291)	(29,728)	(72,019)	57,981
Other financing sources:					
Transfer from General Fund	<u>130,000</u>	<u>75,000</u>	<u>55,000</u>	<u>130,000</u>	<u> </u>
Net change in fund balance	<u> 0</u>	<u>32,709</u>	25,272	<u>57,981</u>	<u>57,981</u>
Fund balance, beginning			<u>32,709</u>		
Fund balance, ending			<u>57,981</u>		

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 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 governing body has decided that periodic determination of net income is appropriate for accountability purposes.

Water and Sewer Operating Fund - This fund is used to account for the activities associated with the production, purchase and distribution of water and sewer services to its customers.

Water and Sewer Capital Reserve Fund - This fund accounts for reserves for future expansion of the water and sewer system.

Water and Sewer Capital Project Fund Substance Inc. Project Fund – The Substance Project Fund is a capital project ordinance committed for the Substance Inc. project which involved an Industrial Development Fund Grant as well as a commitment of funds from the City to provide utility services to the company in Claremont’s Industrial Park.

Water and Sewer Special Revenue Fund – AIA Grant Fund – This fund accounts for grant monies received to conduct an asset inventory and assessment of a portion of the City’s collection system.

CITY OF CLAREMONT, NORTH CAROLINA**Water and Sewer Fund****Schedule of Revenues and Expenditures - Budget and Actual (Non-GAAP)**

For the Year Ended June 30, 2017

	Budget	Actual	Variance
	\$	\$	Positive (Negative)
			\$
Revenues:			
Operating revenues:			
Charges for services:			
Water and sewer charges/fees	1,152,900	1,233,689	80,789
Sprinkler and hydrant charges	23,500	23,650	150
Reconnection fees	3,500	6,050	2,550
Water and sewer taps	10,000	15,550	5,550
Other operating revenues	<u>41,200</u>	<u>46,957</u>	<u>5,757</u>
Total operating revenues	<u>1,231,100</u>	<u>1,325,896</u>	<u>94,796</u>
Non-operating revenues:			
Investment earnings	<u> </u>	<u> 18</u>	<u> 18</u>
Total non-operating revenues	<u> 0</u>	<u> 18</u>	<u> 18</u>
Total revenues	<u>1,231,100</u>	<u>1,325,914</u>	<u>94,814</u>
Expenditures:			
Water distribution:			
Water purchases	172,000	139,997	32,003
Utilities	2,300	1,739	561
Travel and training	1,500	325	1,175
Contractual services	88,000	87,233	767
Departmental supplies	55,500	48,943	6,557
Other operating expenditures	<u>70,800</u>	<u>18,487</u>	<u>52,313</u>
Total water distribution	<u>390,100</u>	<u>296,724</u>	<u>93,376</u>
Sewage treatment:			
Travel and training	2,000	352	1,648
Contractual services	627,350	504,273	123,077
Vehicle maintenance	10,500	7,362	3,138
Equipment maintenance	38,000	22,230	15,770
Capital outlay	117,500		117,500
Other operating expenditures	<u>48,900</u>	<u>16,715</u>	<u>32,185</u>
Total sewage treatment	<u>844,250</u>	<u>550,932</u>	<u>293,318</u>
Total expenditures	<u>1,234,350</u>	<u>847,656</u>	<u>386,694</u>

CITY OF CLAREMONT, NORTH CAROLINA**Water and Sewer Fund****Schedule of Revenues and Expenditures - Budget and Actual (Non-GAAP)**

For the Year Ended June 30, 2017

	Budget	Actual	Variance
	\$	\$	Positive
			(Negative)
			\$
Revenues over (under) expenditures	(<u>3,250</u>)	<u>478,258</u>	<u>481,508</u>
Other financing (uses):			
Transfer to:			
Water and Sewer Capital Project			
Fund – Substance Inc Fund	(270)	(270)	
Water and Sewer Capital			
Reserve Fund	(300,000)	(300,000)	
Water and Sewer Special Revenue			
Fund – AIA Grant Fund	(<u>2,250</u>)	(<u>2,250</u>)	
Total other financing (uses)	(<u>302,520</u>)	(<u>302,520</u>)	<u>0</u>
Appropriated fund balance	<u>305,770</u>		(<u>305,770</u>)
Excess of revenues over expenditures and other financing uses	<u>0</u>	<u>175,738</u>	<u>175,738</u>
Reconciliation from budgetary basis (modified accrual) to full accrual:			
Reconciling items:			
Transfer to:			
Capital Project Fund –			
Substance Inc Fund		270	
Water and Sewer Capital			
Reserve Fund		300,000	
Water and Sewer Special			
Revenue - AIA Grant Fund		2,250	
Depreciation		(250,267)	
Income from Water and Sewer capital			
project grants and other income		136,621	
Expenditures paid from Water and Sewer			
capital project funds not capitalized		(<u>1,080</u>)	
Total reconciling items		<u>187,794</u>	
Change in net position		<u>363,532</u>	

CITY OF CLAREMONT, NORTH CAROLINA
Water and Sewer Capital Reserve Fund
Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance
Budget and Actual (Non-GAAP)
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2017

	Budget	Actual	Variance
	\$	\$	Positive
			(Negative)
			\$
Revenues:			
Investment earnings	<u> </u>	<u> 1,016</u>	<u> 1,016</u>
Expenditures:			
Wastewater treatment project	250,000		250,000
Capital outlay	<u> 50,000</u>	<u> </u>	<u> 50,000</u>
Total expenditures	<u> 300,000</u>	<u> 0</u>	<u> 300,000</u>
Revenues over (under) expenditures	(300,000)	1,016	301,016
Other financing sources:			
Transfer from Water and Sewer Operating Fund	<u> 300,000</u>	<u> 300,000</u>	<u> </u>
Revenues and other financing sources over expenditures	<u> 0</u>	301,016	<u> 301,016</u>
Fund balance, beginning of year		<u> 286,734</u>	
Fund balance, end of year		<u> 587,750</u>	

CITY OF CLAREMONT, NORTH CAROLINA
Water and Sewer Capital Project Fund – Substance Inc Fund
Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance
Budget and Actual (Non-GAAP)

From Inception and for the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2017

	<u>Actual</u>				
	Project Authorization	Prior Year	Current Year	Total to Date	Variance Positive (Negative)
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Revenues:					
Restricted intergovernmental grant	<u>120,975</u>	<u> </u>	<u>135,605</u>	<u>135,605</u>	<u>14,630</u>
Expenditures:					
Grant administration			3,500	3,500	(3,500)
Engineering	29,000	10,505	18,825	29,330	(330)
Contractual services	3,500		143,370	143,370	(139,870)
Sewer construction	<u>128,800</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u>128,800</u>
Total expenditures	<u>161,300</u>	<u>10,505</u>	<u>165,695</u>	<u>176,200</u>	<u>(14,900)</u>
Revenues over (under) expenditures	(40,325)	(10,505)	(30,090)	(40,595)	(270)
Other financing sources:					
Transfer from Water and Sewer Operating Fund	<u>40,325</u>	<u>40,325</u>	<u>270</u>	<u>40,595</u>	<u>270</u>
Revenues and other financing sources over (under) expenditures	<u>0</u>	<u>29,820</u>	(29,820)	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Fund balance, beginning			<u>0</u>		
Fund balance, ending			<u>(29,820)</u>		

CITY OF CLAREMONT, NORTH CAROLINA
Water and Sewer Special Revenue Fund – AIA Grant Fund
Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance
Budget and Actual (Non-GAAP)

From Inception and for the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2017

	<u>Actual</u>				
	Project Authorization	Prior Year	Current Year	Total to Date	Variance Positive (Negative)
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Revenues:					
Restricted intergovernmental grant	<u>150,000</u>	_____	_____	<u>0</u>	(<u>150,000</u>)
Expenditures:					
Grant administration	2,250				2,250
Technology	10,000				10,000
Contractual services	<u>140,000</u>	_____	<u>1,080</u>	<u>1,080</u>	<u>138,920</u>
Total expenditures	<u>152,250</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1,080</u>	<u>1,080</u>	<u>151,170</u>
Revenues over (under) expenditures	(2,250)	0	(1,080)	(1,080)	1,170
Other financing sources:					
Transfer from Water and Sewer Operating Fund	<u>2,250</u>	_____	<u>2,250</u>	<u>2,250</u>	<u>0</u>
Revenues and other financing sources over expenditures	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	1,170	<u>1,170</u>	<u>1,170</u>
Fund balance, beginning			<u>0</u>		
Fund balance, ending			<u>1,170</u>		

Other Schedules

This section contains additional information on property taxes.

- * **Schedule of Ad Valorem Taxes Receivable**
- * **Analysis of Current Tax Levy**

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CITY OF CLAREMONT, NORTH CAROLINA
Schedule of Ad Valorem Taxes Receivable
 June 30, 2017

Fiscal Year	Uncollected Balance June 30, 2016 \$	Additions \$	Collections \$	Discoveries Abatements Adjustments \$	Uncollected Balance June 30, 2017 \$
2016 - 2017		1,894,622	1,883,430	(5,709)	5,483
2015 - 2016	5,990		3,853	(430)	1,707
2014 - 2015	3,666		1,864	(403)	1,399
2013 - 2014	3,465		623	(439)	2,403
2012 - 2013	2,486		466	(184)	1,836
2011 - 2012	1,822		207		1,615
2010 - 2011	926		58	(3)	865
2009 - 2010	3,357		25	(2,071)	1,261
2008 - 2009	2,666		58	(29)	2,579
2007 - 2008	1,978		26	(18)	1,934
2006 - 2007	<u>1,999</u>		<u>67</u>	<u>(1,932)</u>	<u>0</u>
Total	<u>28,355</u>	<u>1,894,622</u>	<u>1,890,677</u>	<u>(11,218)</u>	21,082
Less, allowance for uncollectible ad valorem taxes receivable					<u>(13,873)</u>
Ad valorem taxes receivable – net					<u>7,209</u>
Reconciliation with revenues:					
Taxes - ad valorem - General Fund - current year					1,883,430
Taxes - ad valorem - General Fund - prior years					<u>7,247</u>
Total					<u>1,890,677</u>

CITY OF CLAREMONT, NORTH CAROLINA
Analysis of Current Tax Levy
 June 30, 2017

	<u>City Wide</u>			<u>Total Levy</u>	
	<u>Property</u>		<u>Total</u>	<u>Property</u>	<u>Registered</u>
	<u>Valuation</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Levy</u>	<u>excluding</u>	<u>Motor</u>
	\$		\$	<u>Registered</u>	<u>Motor</u>
				<u>Vehicles</u>	<u>Vehicles</u>
				\$	\$
Original Levy:					
Property tax at current					
year's rate	386,657,551	0.49	1,894,622	1,817,539	77,083
Releases	(1,165,102)		(5,709)	(5,187)	(522)
Total property valuation	<u>385,492,449</u>				
Net levy			1,888,913	1,812,352	76,561
Uncollected taxes at June 30, 2017			(5,483)	(5,483)	0
Current year's taxes collected			<u>1,883,430</u>	<u>1,806,869</u>	<u>76,561</u>
Current levy collection percentage			<u>99.71%</u>	<u>99.70%</u>	<u>100.00%</u>

Compliance Section



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

To the City Council
City of Claremont, North Carolina

I 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 accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of City of Claremont, North Carolina, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2017, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise City of Claremont, North Carolina's basic financial statements and have issued my report thereon dated November 22, 2017.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing my audit of the financial statements, I considered City of Claremont, 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 my opinions on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of City of Claremont, North Carolina's internal control. Accordingly, I do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of City of Claremont, 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.

My consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies and therefore, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that were not identified. I did identify certain deficiencies in internal control, described in the accompanying schedule of findings and responses as item 17-1, that I consider to be a material weakness.

Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the City of Claremont's financial statements are free from material misstatement, I 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 my audit, and accordingly, I do not express such an opinion. The results of my tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

City of Claremont's Response to Findings

The City of Claremont's response to the findings identified in my audit are described in the accompanying schedule of findings and responses. The City's response was not subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and accordingly, I express no opinion on it.

Purpose of this Report

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of my 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.

Debra B. Wentz, CPA

Newton, North Carolina
November 22, 2017

**City of Claremont
Schedule of Findings and Responses
For the Year Ended June 30, 2017**

Section I. Summary of Auditors' Results

Financial Statements

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

Section II. Financial Statement Findings

Finding: 17-1

MATERIAL WEAKNESS

Criteria:	The City of Claremont has a competent finance staff able to perform the day to day functions of the financial department, but may not have staff with technical ability to prevent, detect, and correct a potential misstatement in the financial statements and notes drafted by the auditor.
Condition:	There exists a lack of technical expertise to draft or prepare the financial statements and related notes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles.
Effect:	The financial statements drafted by the auditor have the potential of misstatement.
Cause:	The current staff does not have the necessary training and expertise that is required to prepare the financial statements.
Recommendation:	City Council should consider outside options to assist in the drafting of the financial statements with consideration to the cost benefit of such measures.
Views of responsible officials and planned corrective actions:	City of Claremont agrees with this finding. City Council understands their risks and they are willing to accept those risks caused by the control deficiencies due to the cost benefit analysis.

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