Financial Statements September 30, 2018

City of Meridian, Idaho





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Independent Auditor's Report

Mayor and Members of the City Council City of Meridian, Idaho

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, the discretely presented component unit, and each major fund of the City of Meridian, Idaho, (the City), as of and for the year ended September 30, 2018, 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

Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

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

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

Opinions

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, the discretely presented component unit, and each major fund of the City, as of September 30, 2018, and the respective changes in financial position, and, where applicable, cash flows thereof for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Other Matters

Required Supplementary Information

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

Other Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the City's basic financial statements. The Schedules of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance - Budget to Actual - Capital Projects Fund and Enterprise Fund are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements.

The Schedules of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance - Budget to Actual - Capital Projects Fund and Enterprise Fund, have not been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and, accordingly, we do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on them.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with Government Auditing Standards, we have also issued our report dated February 22, 2019 on our consideration of the City's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the City's internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with Government Auditing Standards in considering City's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

sde Sailly LLP Boise, Idaho

February 22, 2019

This section of the City of Meridian's (City's) annual financial report presents management's discussion and analysis of the City's financial performance during the year ended September 30, 2018. Please use this information in conjunction with the information furnished in the City's financial statements.

Financial Highlights

- The total assets and deferred outflows of the City exceeded its liabilities and deferred inflows at September 30, 2018 by \$504,404,579. Of this amount \$75,882,999 is unrestricted and available to meet the City's on-going obligations to citizens and creditors.
- Net position of the Governmental activities finished the fiscal year 2018 at \$153,841,500 and the net position of Business-type activities finished fiscal year 2018 at \$350,563,079.
- Total fund balance of governmental funds at September 30, 2018 was \$64,386,398 as compared to a total governmental fund balance at September 30, 2017 of \$53,450,416.
 - Of the September 30, 2018 fund balance, \$31,254,352 is unassigned and available to meet the City's on-going obligations.
- The City has no outstanding long-term debt at September 30, 2018.

Overview of the Financial Statements

This annual report consists of five parts – management discussion and analysis, the government-wide financial statements, fund financial statements, notes to the financial statements, and required supplementary information.

Government - Wide Financial Statements

These statements report information about all of the operations of the City using accounting methods similar to those used by private sector companies. These statements are prepared using the flow of economic resources measurement focus and accrual basis of accounting. The current year's revenues and expenses are recorded as transactions occur rather than when cash is received or paid.

The government-wide financial statements are divided into two categories:

Statement of Net Position – Reports all of the City's assets and deferred outflows of resources less liabilities and deferred inflows of resources with the difference reported as net position. Over time, increases or decreases in net position may serve as a useful indicator of whether the financial position of the City is improving or deteriorating.

Statement of Activities – Reports all of the City's revenues and expenses for the year by function. Examples of functions are public safety, administration, and water and sewer activities. Revenues, such as property tax which cannot be traced to a specific function, are reported as General Revenues.

Fund Financial Statements

The Fund financial statements provide information about the City's major *funds*, not the City as a whole. The City uses a method of accounting, called fund accounting, to separate specific sources of funds and corresponding expenditures. Funds may be required by law or may be established by the City Council.

The City has the following funds:

Governmental Funds: These funds encompass the City's basic services, public safety, community planning and development, administration, and parks and recreation. Governmental fund financial statements focus on short-term inflows and outflows of spendable resources, an accounting approach known as the flow of current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. Information provided by these statements provides a short-term view of what resources will be available to meet needs.

The City has two governmental funds:

General Fund – The general fund is the general operating fund of the City. It derives most of its income from property tax and funds the operations of the City. It includes the Development Services Fund, used to account for revenue and expenses of the community planning and development function, and the Public Safety Fund used to set aside funds for police and fire capital projects. It also includes the Impact Fee Fund used to account for park and public safety impact fee revenue and capital acquisitions.

<u>Capital Projects Fund</u> – The Capital Projects Fund is used to account for financial resources to be used for the acquisition of major capital facilities.

The City has one proprietary fund:

<u>Enterprise Fund</u>: User fees finance activities in this fund. The water and sewer utilities and all the activities necessary to support their operation are accounted for in this fund. Accounting for this fund is the same as a private business on a full accrual basis.

Notes to the Financial Statements

The notes provide additional information that is necessary to fully understand the data presented in the government-wide and fund financial statements.

Required Supplementary Information

This section has information that further explains and supports the information in the financial statements by including a comparison of the City's budget data for the year, as well as the City's schedule of employer's share of net pension liability and the City's schedule of employer contributions.

FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OF THE CITY OF MERIDIAN AS A WHOLE

Net Position

Net position measures the difference between what the City owns (assets and deferred outflows) and what the City owes (liabilities and deferred inflows). At September 30, 2018, the City's combined assets and deferred outflows exceeded liabilities and deferred inflows by \$504,404,579 as compared to the net position as of September 30, 2017 of \$454,860,779.

The largest portion of the City's net position is invested in capital assets, net of related debt. Capital assets include land, building, equipment and machinery, and sewer and water utility infrastructure.

The City's unrestricted net position equals \$75,882,999 of total net position. This is an decrease from FY2017 to FY2018. Net position restricted to a particular use equaled \$13,082,594 of the City's total net position. This is an increase from FY2017 to FY2018.

The table below has been condensed from the Statement of Net Position:

		_				
	Govern	ımental	Busines	ss - type	-	
	Activ	vities	Activ	vities	To	otal
	2018	2017	2018	2017	2018	2017
Current and Other Assets	\$ 105,169,060	\$ 89,097,432	\$ 46,339,422	\$ 56,694,293	\$ 151,508,482	\$ 145,791,725
Capital Assets	99,717,376	95,145,798	316,377,051	270,046,387	416,094,427	365,192,185
Deferred Outflows of Resources	2,989,374	2,613,688	747,373	652,649	3,736,747	3,266,337
TOTAL Assets and Deferred						_
Outflows of Resources	207,875,810	186,856,918	363,463,846	327,393,329	571,339,656	514,250,247
Current Liabilities	7,035,713	4,709,506	9,381,806	7,082,436	16,417,519	11,791,942
Long-term Liabilities	11,748,184	11,956,963	3,040,339	3,099,983	14,788,523	15,056,946
Deferred Inflows of Resources	35,250,413	32,145,154	478,622	395,426	35,729,035	32,540,580
TOTAL Liabilities and Deferred						_
Inflows of Resources	54,034,310	48,811,623	12,900,767	10,577,845	66,935,077	59,389,468
Net Investment in Capital Assets	99,717,376	95,145,798	315,721,610	269,275,919	415,438,986	364,421,717
Restricted	13,082,594	12,543,796	-	-	13,082,594	12,543,796
Unrestricted	41,041,530	30,355,701	34,841,469	47,539,565	75,882,999	77,895,266
TOTAL Net Position	\$ 153,841,500	\$ 138,045,295	\$ 350,563,079	\$ 316,815,484	\$ 504,404,579	\$ 454,860,779

Changes in Net Position

During the year the City's financial position improved by \$49,543,800. The following condensed financial information was derived from the government-wide Statement of Activities and shows how the City's net position changed during the year.

				Changes in	Net I	Position					
		1	for Fi	scal Year Endin	g Sep	ptember 30, 201	8				
		Govern	nmen vities			Business-Type Activities			Total Primary Government		
	FY2		V10103	FY2017		FY2018	V1110.	FY2017	FY2018	111110	FY2017
Revenues									 		
Program Revenues											
Charges for services	\$ 12,	837,399	\$	10,000,033	\$	26,382,236	\$	25,514,268	\$ 39,219,635	\$	35,514,301
Operating grants and contributions	1,	280,202		787,765		21,306,238		14,481,136	22,586,440		15,268,901
Capital grants and contributions	6,	752,592		5,701,655		13,213,186		10,293,414	19,965,778		15,995,069
General Revenue											
Property taxes	31,	363,924		28,786,937		-		-	31,363,924		28,786,937
Franchise fees	1,	543,952		1,598,461		-		-	1,543,952		1,598,461
Sales tax and other governmental	7,	968,750		6,977,570		-		-	7,968,750		6,977,570
Investment Earnings		962,962		542,612		774,039		678,037	1,737,001		1,220,649
Other Revenue	(203,574)		(189,238)		(508,891)		(384,690)	(712,465)		(573,928)
Total Revenues	62,	506,207		54,205,795		61,166,808		50,582,165	123,673,015		104,787,960
Expenses											
General Government											
Administration	9,	354,037		8,214,903		-		-	9,354,037		8,214,903
Law Enforcement	17,	039,536		15,605,249		-		-	17,039,536		15,605,249
Fire Department	11,	637,651		10,528,642		_		-	11,637,651		10,528,642
Parks and Recreation		654,225		6,151,588		_		-	6,654,225		6,151,588
Community Planning and Devlp	4,	789,906		3,821,153		_		-	4,789,906		3,821,153
Enterprise - sewer and water		· -		-		24,653,860		23,513,142	24,653,860		23,513,142
Total Expenses	49,	475,355		44,321,535		24,653,860		23,513,142	74,129,215		67,834,677
Excess of revenues over											
expenditures before transfers	13,	030,852		9,884,260		36,512,948		27,069,023	49,543,800		36,953,283
Transfers - internal activities	2,	765,353		2,185,002		(2,765,353)		(2,185,002)	-		-
Change in net position	15,	796,205		12,069,262		33,747,595		24,884,021	49,543,800		36,953,283
Net Position, Beginning of Year		045,295		125,976,033		316,815,484		291,931,463	454,860,779		417,907,496
Net Position, Ending of Year		841,500	\$	138,045,295	\$	350,563,079	\$	316,815,484	\$ 504,404,579	\$	454,860,779

The following list details how items are catergorized in various revenue categories listed on the Changes in Net Position table:

- Governmental Activities program revenues such as "Charges for Services" include building permits and filing fees, court fines, Rural Fire District proportionate share, and Parks and Recreation fees.
- Governmental Activities program revenues such as "Capital Grants and Contributions" include Parks, Police, and Fire impact fees, grant revenue, and donations.
- Business-Type Activities program revenues such as "Charges for Services" include water and sewer sales, engineering fees, and solid waste pickup administration fees.
- Business-Type Activities program revenues such as "Operating Grants and Contributions" include water and sewer connection fees and cash donations for operating expenses.
- Business-Type Activities program revenues such as "Capital Grants and Contributions" include developer donated water and sewer lines and donations for capital outlay.

Governmental Activities:

Governmental net position in FY2018 increased from \$138,045,295 to \$153,841,500.

Governmental revenue finished the fiscal year at \$62,506,207 resulting in an increase over last fiscal year. Property tax revenue increased from last year to finish the fiscal year at \$31,363,924. This increase in property tax revenue was the result of new residential and commercial construction growth along with the City exercising its ability to increase property tax revenue by up to 3% as allowed by State statute. This result in property tax revenue has been consistent for the City over the past few years.

The second significant source of governmental revenue in FY2018 was in the category Charges for Services. A majority of this category's revenues were development related; commercial and residential building permits, and filing fees. Charges for Services finished FY2018 at \$12,837,399 as compared to \$10,000,033 in FY2017.

Total governmental expenses increased from last fiscal year to finish FY2018 at \$49,475,355.

The function of Administration accounted for \$9,354,037 of the total governmental expenses. Administration includes the support departments: Human Resources, Information Technology, Legal, and Finance. In the transfers section of the Statement of Activities one half of the expenses for the support departments are transferred to the Enterprise Fund. Administration also includes Mayor and Council, City Clerk, and City Hall. Most of the increase in Administration is associated to additional personnel costs with the addition of 4 new employees.

The Police Department expenses accounted for \$17,039,536 of the total governmental expenses. Police personnel and operating expenses both increased year over year. Police added 11 new positions to their staff during FY2018.

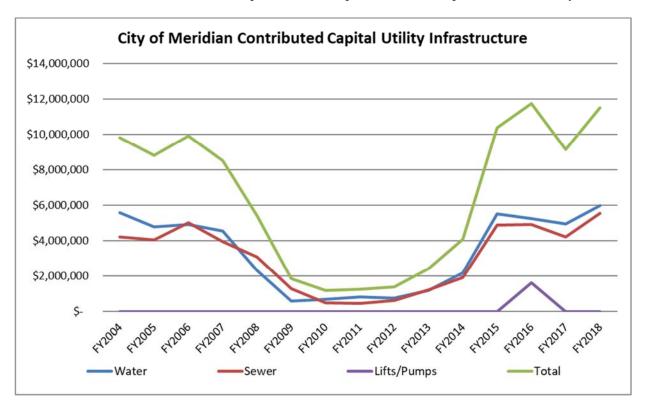
Fire Department expenses increased during FY2018 to a total of \$11,637,651 as compared to FY2017 of \$10,528,642. Similar to the Police Department, personnel and operating expenses increased year over year. The Fire Department added 12 new positions to their staff during FY2018 for fire station #6.

The Parks Department expenses accounted for \$6,654,225 of the total governmental expenses. Parks personnel and operating expenses increased year over year. Parks added 2.5 new positions to their staff during FY2018 and opened the recreational facility Homecourt.

Business-Type Activities:

The September 30, 2018 net position for the City's water and sewer utilities was \$350,563,079 as compared to the net position at September 30, 2017 of \$316,815,484. The activities of the water and sewer services, revenues minus expenses, increased net position by \$33,747,595 in FY2018.

A majority of the increase in FY2018 can be associated to the contributed capital that the City received throughout the year. When developers complete a development project they transfer ownership of utility infrastructure (i.e. water and sewer lines) within the development to the City. The City assumes responsibility for maintenance and replacements of the utility infrastructure. The graph below displays the historical utility infrastructure received from new development which impacts the total net position of the utility.



For capital expenditures, the City has consistently completed high dollar infrastructure projects year after year to keep up with City growth and regulatory requirements during the last ten years. Large, on-going construction projects include water and sewer lines, water wells and mains, and expansion and technological improvements to the waste water treatment plant.

The Proprietary Fund is divided into three departments: Wastewater, Water, and Public Works. Within Public Works there are several support services; professional engineering support, construction management, inspections, utility billing, and environmental education.

In FY2018 the utility finished with total expenditures of \$24,653,860.

The Water Department continued to complete various capital water supply and distribution projects in FY2018 to support the growth in the City. Their personnel and operating expenditures increased about \$1.1 million year over year. Depreciation accounted for about \$605 thousand of the year over year change with the remaining increase associated to additional staff in the Proprietary Fund.

The Wastewater Department continued numerous capital construction projects in FY2018 to accommodate the increased growth demands the City has experienced over the past 10 years. The Wastewater Department has continued the expansion of the treatment plant to satisfy the requirements imposed upon the City by the Federal Government. The mandates set by the Federal Government will produce various improvements at the treatment plant for both capacity and treatment. The City will be managing the projects associated to Federal Government mandates over the next 8 years. The Wastewater Department's personnel and operating expenditures decreased slightly in FY2018.

The Sewer and Water Utility have two principal sources of operating revenue; sewer usage fees and water usage fees.

- Sewer usage fees are monthly fees utility customers pay to the City for the collection and treatment of water flushed down the sewage system.
- Water usage fees are monthly fees utility customers pay to the City for the water supplied in and on their property.

Usage fees must cover basic fixed costs to keep the system operational and maintained.

Connection or assessment revenues are fees charged when a property is "connected" to the system. The end goal of the fee is to produce income to enable the City to build infrastructure that "maintains a consistent level of service" for existing customers as well as new customers. These fees are classed as non-operating revenue. When the City is growing, connection revenue provides resources to expand and improve the system to accommodate the additional demands created by growth.

For FY2018, the utility ended the fiscal year with \$61,166,808 in total revenue as compared to \$50,582,165 for FY2017. Of the major revenue sources for the utility, the sewer and water usage fees experienced a slight increase year over year while the connection/assessment fees ended the fiscal year higher than FY2017 as well. The major reason for the increase in revenues can be associated to the continued growth in customers and new development that the City has experienced for the past few years.

FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OF THE CITY'S FUNDS

Governmental Funds

Governmental Funds provide information about near-term inflows, outflows, and balances of resources that are available for spending. At the end of a fiscal year the unreserved fund balance serves as a useful measure of a government's net resources. Types of governmental funds reported by the City include the General Fund, the Capital Projects Fund, the Impact Fee Fund, and the Public Safety Fund.

At the end of FY2018, the City's governmental funds had a combined ending fund balance of \$64,386,398, an increase of \$10,935,982 over the combined ending fund balance at the end of the prior year.

GOVERNMENTAL FUND BALANCES	FY2018	Change In Ind Balance	
Nonspendable			
Prepaids	\$ 304,839	\$ 202,667	\$ 102,172
Restricted			
Impact Fund	13,082,594	12,543,796	538,798
Committed			
Capital Projects Fund	14,169,533	10,686,661	3,482,872
Self Funding Trust Reserve	1,500,000	-	1,500,000
Public Safety Fund	1,397,845	386,687	1,011,158
Assigned			
General Fund Budget for Carryforward	2,677,235	1,734,190	943,045
Unassigned	31,254,352	27,896,415	3,357,937
TOTAL FUND BALANCE	\$ 64,386,398	\$ 53,450,416	\$ 10,935,982

In accordance with GASB Statement No. 54, Fund Balance Reporting and Governmental Fund Type Definitions the fund balances are classified for the year ended September 30, 2018 as follows; of the combined ending fund balance of \$64,386,398, \$304,839 is in prepaid accounts and nonspendable, \$13,082,594 is restricted by law, \$17,067,378 has been committed by City Council to specific purposes, \$2,677,235 is assigned by intent of the City to specific purposes, and \$31,254,352 is unassigned and available for spending by the City.

The General Fund is the primary operating fund of the City, used for major operations including Fire, Police, Development Services, Parks and Recreation, Elected Officials, and Administration. At the end of FY2018 the unassigned fund balance of the General Fund increased from the FY2017 balance. The City has established a best practice to always maintain a minimum balance within the unassigned fund balance to protect on-going and necessary personnel and operating expenses. Currently the City considers about \$16 million of the unassigned fund balance to be a safe reserve. At September 30, 2018, the City considers about \$16 million of the \$31,254,352 unassigned fund balance available for budgeting new projects.

The Impact Fee Fund is a restricted fund, and by state statute can only be spent on Police, Fire, and Parks capital projects that maintain the level of service existing when the fees were adopted. The City collects impact fees when a building permit is purchased. Park fees are collected only for residential buildings, Fire and Police fees are collected at the sale of both residential and commercial building permits. At the end of FY2018, the Impact Fund had a fund balance of \$13,082,594.

The Capital Projects Fund is restricted by City ordinance. At the end of each fiscal year, if development related permit fees exceed the costs of the Community Development Department (includes Planning Department, Building Department, Administration, and Economic Development); the excess is transferred into the Capital Projects Fund. The funds can be used for general government construction projects or the purchase of equipment with significant cost and a long life, i.e. a fire engine. At the end of FY2018 the Capital Projects Fund had a balance of \$14,169,533.

Assigned for Public Safety purchases is a fund used to save for public safety construction or large capital purchases, principally fire engines. At the end of FY2018 this fund had a balance of \$1,397,845.

General Fund Budgetary Highlights

Budget to Actual comparisons are found following the Notes to the Financial Statements within the "Required Supplementary Information" and "Other Information" sections as listed in the table of contents of this audit report. Below is a discussion regarding the General Fund Budget to Actual comparison.

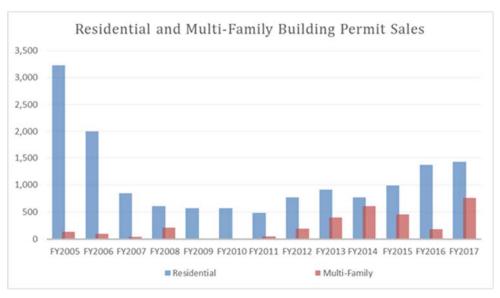
The final FY2018 General Government budget was \$65,783,193. Actual expenditures were \$53,653,323.

FY2018 General Fund actual revenue of \$61,926,185 exceeded the final budget of \$52,141,606.

The largest percentage of General Fund revenue resides in property tax and finished FY2018 at \$31,329,216. Each budget year, by state law, taxing entities are allowed to increase the amount of property tax revenue they received during the prior calendar year by 3%. The City is also allowed to apply the prior year levy rate to the net market value of new construction. Since property tax is paid in arrears this allows the taxing entity to still collect revenue generated by new development. This helps the City provide services that new growth requires. For FY2018 the City elected to apply for 3% of the property tax increase to maintain the expected services resulting from the continued growth that is occurring in the City.

The City of Meridian has experienced consistent growth each year since coming of the economic slowdown in FY2010. This is illustrated in the building permit sales graph:

Intergovernmental revenue sharing is the second largest revenue stream in FY2018 and finished the fiscal year at \$11,017,623. This category includes grants, sales tax revenue sharing, and a joint powers service



agreement with the Meridian Rural Fire District. Sales tax revenue is the largest item in intergovernmental revenue. The state distributes sales tax revenue to cities and counties based on a formula that in part uses population for each taxing entity. Increases in Meridian's population coupled with a more robust economy have resulted in an increase in revenue sharing for Meridian the last number of years. The increased revenue for the City has been used to allocate the necessary resources to the departments for services to be provided to the City.

The third largest source of General Fund revenue in FY2018 was licenses and permits, namely building permit sales. At the end of FY2018, the licenses and permits revenue finished the year at \$7,945,094. As the previous graph depicts, the City has maintained a healthy growth pattern with building permits approvals. The City is cautious when preparing the budget for this category because a swing in the housing market will drastically reduce permit revenue. Additionally, commercial permit revenue is difficult to predict because the fee structure is based on numerous factors such as square footage, fixtures, and value.

Multi-family housing development is relatively new to the City of Meridian. Following national trends the last few years the City issued more building permits for multi-family housing than at any time in the past. Budgeting for these permits, as with commercial, is difficult due to complexities in how building permits amounts are calculated.

Impact fee revenue exceeded the budgeted amount by \$4,307,781. As explained above, impact fees are charged when the building permit is issued and the revenue is restricted to a narrow use by state law.

There are three categories of budget expenditures; personnel, operating, and capital outlay. The discussion below will address each category and the differences between budget and actual.

Personnel expenses are a combination of on-going costs like wages, income taxes, medical benefits, PERSI retirement, and worker's compensation. The total actual personnel expense was \$32,544,003 as compared to the final budget of \$36,073,997. The primary reason for the variance between actual and budget is related to the amount of vacancy positions that were not filled during the fiscal year. Overall the City added 38 positions to the General Government FY2018 budget; these positions were filled at various times throughout the year.

Operating expenses are a combination of on-going costs like fuel, utilities, supplies, and on-going maintenance, and one-time expenses like payments to consultants, or one time purchases of equipment. The total actual operating expense was \$12,489,916 as compared to the final budget of \$13,996,027. The largest budget to actual variance for the operating expenses is due to the City not expending grant dollars as anticipated (about \$281,000 unspent).

Capital expenditures are a combination of one-time expenses like new vehicles, park construction, software acquisition, and building improvements. The total Governmental Fund FY2018 capital expense was \$8,619,404 as compared to the final budget of \$15,713,169. The largest budget to actual variance for the capital expenses is related to Fire station #6 construction. The station construction is planned for completion during FY2019. All remaining budget amounts pertaining to uncompleted capital projects will be completed in FY2019.

CAPITAL ASSET and DEBT ADMINISTRATION

Capital Assets

At the end of FY2018 the City had \$415,438,986 invested in capital assets (net of accumulated depreciation). During the fiscal year the City's total investment in net assets increased. See table below:

Capital Assets as of September 30, 2018 (net of depreciation)

	Govern Activ			ss - Type vities		Primary nment	
	2018	2017	2018	2017	2018	2017	
Land	\$ 28,276,924	\$ 27,372,306	\$ 2,034,092	\$ 2,033,614	\$ 30,311,016	\$ 29,405,920	
Easements	717,568	1,046,813	12,155,735	10,564,037	12,873,303	11,610,850	
Buildings and improvements							
other than buildings	58,338,649	56,404,219	55,469,632	54,048,286	113,808,281	110,452,505	
Sewer and water lines	-	-	162,562,893	149,894,420	162,562,893	149,894,420	
Equipment	5,644,074	5,649,940	25,923,016	23,652,296	31,567,090	29,302,236	
Construction in progress	6,740,161	4,672,520	57,576,242	29,083,266	64,316,403	33,755,786	
	\$ 99,717,376	\$ 95,145,798	\$ 315,721,610	\$ 269,275,919	\$ 415,438,986	\$ 364,421,717	

The City's investment in capital assets includes land, buildings, sewer and water lines, buildings, vehicles and equipment. Sidewalks, bridges, and roads belong to the Ada County Highway District.

Major capital asset events in the General Government Funds in FY2018 included:

- \$5,909,500 in Construction in Progress which includes park construction and fire engines
- \$700,531 in new Equipment
- \$648,254 in new Vehicles

Major capital asset events in the Business-type Funds in FY2018 included:

- \$880,118 in Well construction
- \$1,812,439 in constructed Waterlines
- \$124,111 in constructed Sewerlines
- \$36,680,310 in Capital projects still in construction and not yet completed (includes various wastewater treatment plant construction projects to manage growth demands and treatment mandates)

The City booked \$4,734,897 in depreciation expense for Governmental City functions and \$10,096,690 for Business-type activities. Additional information on the City's capital assets is included in Note 5 of this report.

Debt Administration

The City has no outstanding debt for the years ended September 30, 2018.

FY2019 Economic Factors and Budgetary Considerations

The City of Meridian prepares an economic forecast as a component in the process of developing the annual budget. Following local and national indicators currently affecting the City of Meridian, the City's approved FY2019 budget anticipated a level of economic activity commiserate with the prior year. Since the Spring of 2012, construction and development has continued to be active and steady. The following were taken into consideration by the City Council when it adopted the FY2019 Budget:

- The City provided for a compensation pool for the non-public safety employees of 5%
- The City considered the current FY2018 economic conditions and trends while working on the FY2019 budget. The City maintained that a conservative approach to revenue projections was in the best interest of the City.
- The City Council elected to increase the annual property taxes by 3% which is allowable by State code.
- The City continued the practice of taking on no debt.
- The Fire Department labor contract negotiations were agreed upon for FY2019 for 2 years and will be open for negotiations again starting FY2021.
- The City's sewer and water customer utility accounts continue to see growth of about 4.88% annually.

Requests for Information

This report is designed to provide a general overview of the City of Meridian's finances for our citizens and customers. If you have questions about this report or need additional financial information, contact:

City of Meridian Finance Department 33 E. Broadway Ave. Meridian, Idaho 83642

Phone: (208) 888-4433

	Governmental	Business-Type		Component
	Activities	Activities	Total	Unit
Assets				
Current Assets	0 0 1 1 0 0 10			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 36,163,343	\$ 12,849,428	\$ 49,012,771	\$ 2,182,834
Restricted cash and cash equivalents	10,991,875	-	10,991,875	-
Investments	14,400,022	29,534,818	43,934,840	-
Restricted investments	3,315,013	-	3,315,013	-
Receivables				
Accounts (net of \$34,999 allowance				
for enterprise fund uncollectibles)	2,913,346	3,508,997	6,422,343	5,045
Current portion of note receivable	-	63,648	63,648	-
Property taxes	33,968,751	=	33,968,751	1,782,818
Due from other governmental units	2,967,364	=	2,967,364	-
Interest	144,507	111,160	255,667	-
Deposits and prepaid expenses	304,839	271,371	576,210	3,011
Total current assets	105,169,060	46,339,422	151,508,482	3,973,708
Noncurrent Assets				
Long-term note receivable	-	655,441	655,441	-
Capital assets				
Land, infrastructure, and other assets not				
depreciated	35,734,653	71,766,069	107,500,722	798,529
Buildings, improvements and equipment,				
net of depreciation	63,982,723	243,955,541	307,938,264	240,032
Total noncurrent assets	99,717,376	316,377,051	416,094,427	1,038,561
Deferred Outflow of Resources				
Pension obligations	2,989,374	747,373	3,736,747	
	\$ 207,875,810	\$ 363,463,846	\$ 571,339,656	\$ 5,012,269

	Governmental Activities	Business-Type Activities	Total	Component Unit
Liabilities				
Current Liabilities				
Accounts payable	\$ 4,001,734	\$ 7,278,973	\$ 11,280,707	\$ 119,776
Accrued payroll and taxes	1,162,137	278,171	1,440,308	-
Customer deposits	1,668,743	1,794,019	3,462,762	-
Due within one year				
Accrued vacation - current portion Note payable - current portion	203,099	30,643	233,742	101,935
Total current liabilities	7,035,713	9,381,806	16,417,519	221,711
Noncurrent Liabilities				
Accrued vacation - less current portion	1,489,979	275,787	1,765,766	_
Note payable - less current portion	-	<u>-</u>	-	295,460
Settlement payable	-	200,000	200,000	, -
Net pension liability	10,258,205	2,564,552	12,822,757	
Total noncurrent liabilities	11,748,184	3,040,339	14,788,523	295,460
Deferred Inflows of Resources				
Pension obligations	1,914,487	478,622	2,393,109	-
Unavailable revenues - property taxes	33,335,926		33,335,926	1,735,666
Total deferred inflows of resources	35,250,413	478,622	35,729,035	1,735,666
Total liabilities and deferred inflows	54,034,310	12,900,767	66,935,077	2,252,837
Net Position				
Net investment in capital assets	99,717,376	315,721,610	415,438,986	641,166
Restricted for	77,717,570	313,721,010	413,430,700	2,118,266
Impact funds	13,082,594	_	13,082,594	2,110,200
Unrestricted	41,041,530	34,841,469	75,882,999	
Total net position	153,841,500	350,563,079	504,404,579	2,759,432
	\$ 207,875,810	\$ 363,463,846	\$ 571,339,656	\$ 5,012,269

		Program Revenues					
					Operating		Capital
F /B	.		harges for		rants and		Grants and
Functions/Programs	Expenses		Services	Co	ntributions		ontributions
Primary Government							
Governmental Activities							
General government							
Administration	\$ 9,354,037	\$	223,817	\$	706,362	\$	8,700
Public safety							
Law enforcement	17,039,536		1,172,705		224,683		733,994
Fire department	11,637,651		2,116,860		15,871		2,223,324
Parks and recreation	6,654,225		1,003,139		287,117		3,786,574
Community development	4,789,906		8,320,878		46,169		
Total governmental activities Business-Type Activities	49,475,355		12,837,399		1,280,202		6,752,592
Water and sewer	 24,653,860		26,382,236		21,306,238		13,213,186
Total Primary Government	\$ 74,129,215	\$	39,219,635	\$	22,586,440	\$	19,965,778
Component Unit Downtown development	\$ 777,842	\$		\$	24,081	\$	

General revenues

Shared revenues

Property taxes, levied for general purposes

Franchise fees

Sales tax and other governmental

Investment earnings

Net decrease in fair value of investments

Miscellaneous

Gain (Loss) on sale of capital assets

Transfers - internal activities

Total general revenues and transfers

Change in Net Position

Net Position, Beginning of Year

Net Position, Ending of Year

Net (Expense) Revenue and	Changes in	Net Position
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	Primary Governmen	t	
Government	Business-type		Component
Activities	Activities	Total	Unit
\$ (8,415,158	3) \$ -	\$ (8,415,158)	\$ -
(14,908,154	4) -	(14,908,154)	-
(7,281,596	-	(7,281,596)	-
(1,577,395	5) -	(1,577,395)	-
3,577,141	<u> </u>	3,577,141	
(28,605,162	2) -	(28,605,162)	-
	36,247,800	36,247,800	
\$ (28,605,162	\$ 36,247,800	\$ 7,642,638	\$ -
\$	- \$ -	\$ -	\$ (753,761)
\$ 31,363,924	4 \$ -	\$ 31,363,924	\$ 1,447,540
1,543,952		1,543,952	-
7,968,750		7,968,750	-
962,962		1,737,001	11,187
(280,943		(749,353)	-
44,153	-	53,293	5,058
33,216	, , , ,	(16,405)	-
2,765,353	(2,765,353)	-	
44,401,367	(2,500,205)	41,901,162	1,463,785
15,796,205		49,543,800	710,024
138,045,295	316,815,484	454,860,779	2,049,408
\$ 153,841,500	\$ 350,563,079	\$ 504,404,579	\$ 2,759,432

		General		Capital Projects	(Total Fovernmental Funds
Assets	ф	25.265.640	ф	10 505 503	Ф	26 162 242
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	25,367,640	\$	10,795,703	\$	36,163,343
Investments		14,400,022		-		14,400,022
Receivables		2.012.246				2.012.246
Accounts		2,913,346		-		2,913,346
Property taxes		33,968,751		-		33,968,751
Due from other governmental units		2,967,364		10 (77		2,967,364
Interest		124,830		19,677		144,507
Prepaid items		304,839		-		304,839
Restricted assets		10 001 075				10.001.075
Cash and cash equivalents		10,991,875		-		10,991,875
Investments		3,315,013				3,315,013
	\$	94,353,680	\$	10,815,380	\$	105,169,060
Liabilities, Deferred Inflows and Fund Balance Liabilities Current Liabilities						
	¢	4 001 724	¢		¢	4 001 724
Accounts payable	\$	4,001,734	\$	-	\$	4,001,734
Accrued payroll and taxes		1,162,137		-		1,162,137
Customer deposits		1,668,743				1,668,743
Total current liabilities		6,832,614				6,832,614
Deferred Inflows of Resources Unavailable revenue - property taxes		33,950,048				33,950,048
Total liabilities and deferred inflows		40,782,662		_		40,782,662
Fund Balance Nonspendable		204.020				204.020
Prepaids Restricted		304,839		-		304,839
Impact Fund		9,136,839		-		9,136,839
Fund Balance Budget of Carryforward		3,945,755		-		3,945,755
Committed		2 254 152		10.015.200		14 160 522
Capital Projects Fund		3,354,153		10,815,380		14,169,533
Self Funding Trust Reserve		1,500,000		-		1,500,000
Public Safety Fund		1,397,845		-		1,397,845
Assigned		0 (55 005				0.655.005
Fund Balance Budget of Carryforward		2,677,235		-		2,677,235
Unassigned		31,254,352				31,254,352
Total fund balance		53,571,018		10,815,380		64,386,398
	\$	94,353,680	\$	10,815,380	\$	105,169,060

Fund balances - total governmental funds	\$ 64,386,398
Amounts reported for <i>governmental activities</i> in the statement of activities are different because:	
Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial	
resources and therefore are not reported in the funds.	99,717,376
Some of the property taxes receivable are not available to pay for	
current-period expenditures and therefore are deferred in the funds.	614,122
Long-term liability is not due and payable in the current period and therefore is not reported in the funds.	
Net pension liability	(10,258,205)
Deferred outflows of resources related to pension obligations.	2,989,374
Deferred inflows of resources related to pensions.	(1,914,487)
Accrued vacation is not due and payable in the current period and	
therefore is not reported in the funds.	 (1,693,078)
Net position of governmental activities	\$ 153,841,500

	General	Capital Projects	Total Governmental Funds
Revenues			
Taxes	\$ 31,329,216	\$ -	\$ 31,329,216
Licenses and permits	7,945,094	-	7,945,094
Intergovernmental	11,017,623	-	11,017,623
Franchise fees	1,543,952	-	1,543,952
Fines and forfeitures	590,032	-	590,032
Charges for services	2,449,323	-	2,449,323
Interest	811,596	151,366	962,962
Miscellaneous	44,153	-	44,153
Donations	92,979	-	92,979
Impact revenues	6,102,217		6,102,217
Total revenues	61,926,185	151,366	62,077,551
Expenditures			
General government	8,163,210	-	8,163,210
Public safety	27,490,502	-	27,490,502
Parks and recreation	4,593,945	-	4,593,945
Community development services	4,786,262	-	4,786,262
Capital outlay	8,619,404	22,647	8,642,051
Total expenditures	53,653,323	22,647	53,675,970
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues			
Over (Under) Expenditures	8,272,862	128,719	8,401,581
Other Financing Sources (Uses)			
Operating transfer in	2,765,353	_	2,765,353
Operating transfer out	(2,641,404)	2,641,404	-
Unrealized loss on investments	(280,943)	-	(280,943)
Proceeds from sale of capital assets	49,991	_	49,991
	10,001		10,001
Total other financing sources (uses)	(107,003)	2,641,404	2,534,401
Net Change in Fund Balances	8,165,859	2,770,123	10,935,982
Fund Balance, Beginning of Year	45,405,159	8,045,257	53,450,416
Fund Balance, End of Year	\$ 53,571,018	\$ 10,815,380	\$ 64,386,398

Change in fund balance - total governmental funds

\$ 10,935,982

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

Governmental funds report capital outlay 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 and loss on sale of assets in the current period.

New capital 8,681	,576
Depreciation (4,734	,897)
Loss on sale of fixed assets (16	,775)
Total	3,929,904
Capital assets contributed by citizens or developers are not a source of financial	
resources and thus, are not recognized in the governmental funds.	641,675
Some property tax revenue in the statement of activities does not provide current	
financial resources and is not reported as revenue in the governmental funds.	34,708
Expenditures (revenues) related to the net pension liability that do not require the use current financial resources and therefore are not reported as expenditures in governmental funds.	of 328,983
Expenditures related to the long-term portion of accrued vacation do not require the use of current financial resources and therefore are not reported as expenditures	
governmental funds.	(75,047)
Change in net position of governmental activities	\$ 15,796,205

Assets	Enterprise Fund Water and Sewer
Current Assets	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 12,849,428
Investments	29,534,818
Receivables	
Accounts (net of \$34,999 allowance for uncollectibles)	3,508,997
Current portion of long-term note receivable	63,648
Interest	111,160
Prepaids	271,371
Total current assets	46,339,422
Noncurrent Assets	
Long-term note receivable	655,441
Capital assets	,
Land	2,034,092
Easements	12,155,735
Construction in progress	57,576,242
Buildings and improvements other than buildings	87,969,846
Sewer and water lines	210,578,107
Machinery and equipment	46,645,709
Less accumulated depreciation	(101,238,121)
Total noncurrent assets	316,377,051
Deferred Outflow of Resources	
Pension obligations	747,373
	\$ 363,463,846

Liabilities and Net Position	Enterprise Fund Water and Sewer
Current Liabilities Accounts payable	\$ 7,278,973
Accrued payroll and taxes	278,171
Accrued vacation - current portion	30,643
Customer deposits	1,794,019
Total current liabilities	9,381,806
Noncurrent Liabilities	
Accrued vacation - less current portion	275,787
Net pension liability	2,564,552
Settlement payable	200,000
Total noncurrent liabilities	3,040,339
Deferred Inflow of Resources	
Pension obligations	478,622
Net Position	
Net invested in capital assets	315,721,610
Unrestricted	34,841,469
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Total net position	350,563,079
	\$ 363,463,846

	Enterprise Fund Water and Sewer
Operating Revenues	
Charges for services	
Water sales	\$ 8,586,671
Sewer sales	15,306,791
Other service revenues	445,194
Sale of meters	650,345
Trash billing service	792,593
Engineering fees	600,642
Miscellaneous	9,140
Total operating revenues	26,391,376
Operating Expenses	
Personnel services	8,191,581
Other services and charges	2,903,330
Depreciation	10,096,690
Supplies	2,211,109
Heat, lights and power	1,251,150
Total operating expenses	24,653,860
Operating Income	1,737,516
Nonoperating Revenues (Expenses)	
Interest revenue	774,039
Connection assessment fees and donations	21,399,622
Loss on sale of fixed assets	(49,621)
Net decrease in fair value of investments	(468,410)
Total nonoperating revenues	21,655,630
Income Before Contributions and Transfers	23,393,146
Donated waterlines and sewerlines	13,119,802
Operating transfers out	(2,765,353)
Change in Net Position	33,747,595
Net Position, Beginning of Year	316,815,484
Net Position, End of Year	\$ 350,563,079

	Enterprise Fund Water and Sewer
Operating Activities Receipts from customers and users Payments to suppliers Payments to employees	\$ 26,644,133 (4,567,543) (8,260,956)
Net Cash from Operating Activities	13,815,634
Noncapital Financing Activities Operating transfer to general fund	(2,765,353)
Net Cash used for Noncapital Financing Activities	(2,765,353)
Capital and Related Financing Activities Connection assessment fees Proceeds from sale of capital assets Payments on notes receivable Acquisition of capital assets	21,399,622 4,917 149,854 (43,477,117)
Net Cash used for Capital and Related Financing Activities	(21,922,724)
Investing Activities Purchase of investments Sale of investments Interest received	(1,595,817) 700,000 769,890
Net Cash used for Investing Activities	(125,927)
Net Change in Cash	(10,998,370)
Cash and Cash Equivalents, Beginning of Year	23,847,798
Cash and Cash Equivalents, End of Year	\$ 12,849,428
Reconciliation of Operating Income to Net Cash from Operating Activities Operating income Adjustments to reconcile operating income to net cash from operating activities	\$ 1,737,516
Depreciation GASB 68 actuarial pension expense Changes in assets and liabilities	10,096,690 (83,048)
Accounts receivable Prepaid items Accounts payable Accrued payroll and taxes Customer deposits	(101,675) (145,095) 1,943,141 13,673 354,432
Net Cash from Operating Activities	\$ 13,815,634
Supplemental Disclosure of Cash Flow Information Developer and customer contributed sewer and water lines	\$ 13,119,802

Note 1 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

The City of Meridian, Idaho (the City) was incorporated August, 1903. The City operates under a mayor and council form of government and provides the following services as authorized by its charter; public safety (police and fire), community planning and development, parks and recreation, general administrative services, and water and sewer service.

The accounting and reporting policies of the City relating to the funds included in the accompanying basic financial statements conform to generally accepted accounting principles applicable to state and local governments. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is the accepted standard setting body for establishing government accounting and financial reporting principles. The more significant of the City's accounting policies are described below.

Financial Reporting Entity

As required by generally accepted accounting principles, these basic financial statements present the City in conformance with GASB.

Component units are organizations that are included in the reporting entity because of the significance of their operational or financial relationships with the City and are legally separate organizations for which the City is financially accountable. The component unit column in the combined financial statements is the financial data of the City's single component unit, the Meridian Development Corporation (MDC). MDC is a separate and distinct legal entity created by state statute. The directors of MDC are appointed by the Mayor and approved by the City Council. MDC promotes downtown development services for the citizens of the City. Complete financial statements can be obtained from the City of Meridian Division of Financial Management, 33 East Broadway Avenue, Meridian, Idaho.

The City contributes to the multi-employer Public Employee Retirement System of Idaho (the System). The System is administered by the State of Idaho and the City is not the major participant in the plan; therefore, the plan's financial statements are not included in this report.

Government-Wide and Fund Financial Statements

The government-wide financial statements (i.e., the statement of net position and the statement of activities) report information on all of the nonfiduciary activities of the primary government. The effect of interfund activity has been removed from these statements. Governmental activities, which normally are supported by taxes and intergovernmental revenues, are reported separately from business-type activities which rely, to a significant extent, on fees and charges for support.

The statement of activities demonstrates the degree to which the direct expenses of a given function or segment is offset by program revenues. Direct expenses are those that are clearly identifiable with a specific function or segment. Program revenues include; charges to customers or applicants who purchase, use, or directly benefit from goods, services, or privileges provided by a given function or segment, grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular function or segment. Taxes and other items not properly included among program revenues are reported instead as general revenues.

Separate financial statements are provided for governmental funds and proprietary funds. Major individual governmental funds and major individual enterprise funds are reported as separate columns in the fund financial statements.

Measurement Focus, Basis of Accounting, and Financial Statement Presentation

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

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

Property taxes, franchise taxes, licenses, and interest associated with the current fiscal period are all considered to be susceptible to accrual and so have been recognized as revenues of the current fiscal period. All other revenue items are considered to be measurable and available only when cash is received by the government.

The City reports the following major governmental funds;

General Fund - The General Fund is the general operating fund of the City. It is used for all financial resources except those required to be accounted for in another fund.

Capital Projects Fund- The Capital Projects Fund is used to account for financial resources to be used for the acquisition or construction of major capital facilities (other than those financed by proprietary funds).

The City reports the following major proprietary fund;

Enterprise Fund – The Enterprise Fund is used to account for water and sewer operations financed and operated in a manner similar to private business. The intent of the governing body is that costs (expenses, including depreciation) of providing goods or services to the general public on a continuing basis be financed or recovered primarily through user charges. Additionally the governing body may have decided that periodic determination of revenues earned, expenditures incurred, and/or net income is appropriate for capital maintenance, public policy, management control, accountability or other purposes.

As a general rule, the effect of inter-fund activity has been eliminated from the government-wide financial statements. Exceptions to this general rule are charges between various functions of the government when elimination of these charges would distort the direct costs and program revenues reported for the various functions concerned.

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.

Proprietary funds distinguish operating revenues and expenses from non-operating items. Operating revenues and expenses generally result from providing services and products 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 for services to customers for water and sewer sales and services. Operating expenses for enterprise funds include the cost of sales and services, administrative expenses, and depreciation on capital assets. All revenues and expenses, such as fees property owners pay to connect to the utility system, not meeting this definition are reported as non-operating revenues and expenses.

Cash and Cash Equivalents

For purposes of the statement of cash flows, the City considers all highly liquid investments with a maturity of three months or less when purchased to be cash equivalents.

Property Taxes Receivable

Within the governmental fund financial statement, property taxes are recognized as revenue when the amount of taxes levied is measurable, and proceeds are available to finance current period expenditures.

Available tax proceeds include property tax receivables expected to be collected within sixty days after year end. Property taxes attach as liens on properties on January 1, and are levied in September of each year. Tax notices are sent to taxpayers during November, with tax payments scheduled to be collected on or before December 20. Taxpayers may pay all or one half of their tax liability on or before December 20, and if one half of the amount is paid, they may pay the remaining balance by the following June 20. Since the City is on a September 30 fiscal year end, property taxes levied during September for the succeeding year's collection are recorded as deferred inflow of resources at the City's year end and recognized as revenue in the following fiscal year. Ada County bills and collects taxes for the City.

Customer Services Receivable

Amounts owed to the City for customer services are due from area residents and businesses and relate to water, sewer and trash services provided by the City. The receivable is reported net of an allowance for uncollectible accounts. An allowance is reported when accounts are proven to be uncollectible. The allowance for uncollectible accounts was \$34,999 as of September 30, 2018.

Deposits and Prepaid Expenses

Deposits and prepaid expenses consist of deposits paid by developers for various improvements as well as payments to vendors that reflect costs applicable to future accounting periods and are reported as prepaid expenses.

Capital Assets

Capital assets, which include property, plant, equipment and infrastructure assets (e.g., parks, wells, water and sewer lines and similar items) are reported in the applicable governmental or business-type activities columns in the government-wide financial statements.

Capital assets are defined by the government as assets with an initial individual cost of \$5,000 and over for machinery and equipment, \$25,000 and over for building and land improvements, buildings, intangibles, and infrastructure, and an estimated useful life in excess of three years. Land acquisitions regardless of cost are recorded as capital assets. All material capital assets are valued at cost. Donated capital assets are valued at their acquisition value on the date donated.

GASB requires that the City capitalize and report intangible assets, such as easements and internally created software. To value easements, the City uses current land values calculated from Ada County Assessor's data divided by two, internally developed software is valued at cost.

Depreciation is recorded by use of the straight-line method. The book value of each asset is reduced by equal amounts over its estimated useful life as follows:

	Estimated Useful
	Life (Years)
Buildings	30
Sewer plant	25
Sewer and water lines	50
Improvements other than buildings	10-50
Equipment and software	5-20
Public domain infrastructure	40

Maintenance, repairs, and minor renewals are charged to operations as incurred. When an asset is disposed of, accumulated depreciation is deducted from the original cost and any gain or loss arising from its disposal is credited or charged to operations.

Major outlays for capital assets and improvements are capitalized as projects are constructed. Interest costs incurred during construction of capital assets of business-type activities are capitalized when they are material. No interest costs were included as part of the cost of capital assets under construction in the current year.

Accrued Vacation Payable

The City provides vacation and sick leave to its full-time employees. Earned vacation is paid to employees when taken or paid to employees or beneficiaries upon the employees' termination, retirement or death. The City does not pay earned sick pay upon the employees' termination, retirement or death for non-union employees. The Fire Department union members are paid ten percent of their sick leave accrual upon the employees' voluntary termination, 25% upon employees' retirement, and 100% upon employees' death. The amount of unused vacation accumulated by City employees is accrued as an expense when incurred in the Proprietary Fund, which uses the accrual basis of accounting. In the Governmental Funds, only the amount that normally would be liquidated with expendable available financial resources is accrued as current year expenditures. Unless it is anticipated that compensated absences will be used in excess of a normal year's accumulation, no additional expenditures are accrued.

Deferred Outflows/Inflows of Resources

The statement of net position includes a separate section for deferred outflows of resources. The separate financial statement element represents a consumption of net position that applies to future period(s) and will not be recognized as an outflow of resources (expense) until then. The City's deferred outflow of resources is its pension obligation. The pension obligation is the difference between projected and actual experience, the changes in assumptions, the change the City's proportionate share of the City's net pension liability, and the contributions subsequent to the measurement date of the City's net pension liability.

In addition to the liabilities, the statement of net position includes a separate section for deferred inflows of resources. This separate financial statement element represents an acquisition of net position that applies to future period(s) and will not be recognized as an inflow of resources (revenue) until then. The City has two items that qualify for reporting in the category: the deferred pension obligation and unavailable revenue. The employer deferred net pension results from the difference between the expected and actual experience of the pension plan and the net difference between projected and actual investment earnings on the pension plan investments. The unavailable revenue is reported in both the statement of net position and the balance sheet for the governmental fund and represents the unavailable revenues from property taxes.

Pensions

For purposes of measuring the net pension liability and pension expense, information about the fiduciary net position of the Public Employee Retirement System of Idaho Base Plan (Base Plan) and additions to/deductions from the Base Plan's fiduciary net position have been determined on the same basis as they are reported by the Base Plan. For this purpose, benefit payments (including refunds of employee contributions) are recognized when due and payable in accordance with the benefit terms. Investments are reported at fair value.

Fund Balances

Fund balance of governmental funds is reported in various categories based on the nature of any limitation requiring the use for specific purposes. Fund balances in the governmental balance sheet are categorized as follows:

Nonspendable - when the resources cannot be spent because they are either legally or contractually required to be maintained intact, or are in a nonspendable form such as inventories, prepaid accounts, and assets held for resale.

Restricted - when the constraints placed on the use of resources are either: (a) externally imposed by creditors, grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments: or (b) imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.

Committed - when the City Council passes an ordinance or resolution that places specific constraints on how the resources may be used. The City Council can modify or rescind the ordinance or resolution at any time through passage of an additional ordinance or resolution, respectively.

Assigned - when it is intended for a specific purpose and the authority to "assign" is delegated to the City's Chief Financial Officer.

Unassigned - fund balance is the residual classification for the General Fund. This classification represents fund balance that has not been restricted, committed, assigned, or deemed as nonspendable within the General Fund. This classification is also used to report any negative fund balance amounts in other governmental funds.

The City Council adopted a Fund Balance Policy that establishes a practice of reserving four months of the current year budget of personnel and recurring annual operating costs as minimum fund balance needed to ensure sufficient cash flow to meet the City's obligations. This reserve will be in the unassigned fund balance. This policy also recommends a spending order of restricted, committed, assigned and then unassigned unless Council approves otherwise.

Risk Management

The City is exposed to various risks of loss related to theft of, damage to, or destruction of assets. The City participates in a public entity risk pool, Idaho Counties Risk Management Pool (ICRMP), for liability, medical and disability insurance. The City's exposure to loss from its participation in ICRMP is limited only to the extent of their deductible.

Encumbrances

Encumbrance accounting, under which purchase orders, contracts, and other commitments for the expenditure of monies are recorded in order to reserve that fund portion of the applicable appropriation for budgetary purposes only. The City does not record encumbrances for the expenditure of monies.

Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and reported amounts of revenues and expenditures or expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Note 2 - Cash and Investments

Cash and investments as of September 30, 2018 are classified in the accompanying financial statements as follows:

Cash and cash equivalents Cash and cash equivalents - restricted	\$ 49,012,771 10,991,875
Total cash and cash equivalents	\$ 60,004,646
Investments Investments - restricted	\$ 43,934,840 3,315,013
Total investments	\$ 47,249,853

Investments Authorized by the State of Idaho and the City of Meridian's Investment Policy

Investment types that are authorized for the City of Meridian by the <u>Idaho Code</u> and the City's investment policy are as follows:

- 1. Local, State and U.S. Agency Bonds
- 2. U. S. Agency Securities
- 3. Certificates of Deposit

The City also participates in the State of Idaho Local Investment Pool (LGIP) and the State of Idaho Diversified Bond Fund (DBF). Both the LGIP and the DBF are regulated by Idaho Code under the oversight of the Treasurer of the State of Idaho. The Pools are not registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission or any other regulatory body. The State Treasurer does not provide any legally binding guarantees to support the value of the shares to participants.

The LGIP is a low risk investment pool with high liquidity. Therefore, the City's investment in the pool is reported as a cash equivalent in the accompanying financial statements as it does not meet the definition of an investment. The LGIP is not currently rated by a nationally recognized rating agency. The funds are invested in short-term investments in the priority order of safety, liquidity, and yield.

The DBF invests in longer term investment vehicles with higher returns over time than the LGIP. The DBF is not currently rated by a nationally recognized rating agency. However the investment guidelines require that funds be invested in high quality securities that provide a high level of return, with a reasonable level of risk while meeting or exceeding the Barclay's Capital Intermediate A+ Aggregate Fixed Income Index. The City invests money in the DBF that it does not expect to need within the next three to five years. The City's investment in the DBF is reported based on its pro-rata share of the fair market value provided by the fund for the entire portfolio.

Fair Value Hierarchy

Investments are measured at fair value on a recurring basis. Recurring fair value measurements are those that GASB Statements require or permit in the statement of net position at the end of each reporting period. Fair value measurements are categorized based on the valuation inputs used to measure an asset's fair value. The following provides a summary of the hierarchy used to measure fair value.

- Level 1 Inputs are quoted prices in active markets for identical assets.
- Level 2 Inputs other than quoted prices included within Level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability either directly or indirectly, including quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities.
- Level 3 Valuations derived from valuation techniques in which significant valuation drivers are observable.

The City's investment fair value measurements are as follows at September 30, 2018:

			Fair Value Measurements Using				
				Level 1		Level 2	Level 3
Investments measured at fair value]	Fair Value		Inputs		Inputs	Inputs
Debt Securities				_		_	 _
U.S. Agency bonds	\$	26,076,366	\$	-	\$	26,076,366	\$ -
Municipal bonds		1,022,932				1,022,932	
Total investments by fair				_		_	 _
value level		27,099,298	\$		\$	27,099,298	\$
Investments measured at the net asset value (NAV) State of Idaho Diversified	_						
Bond Fund (DBF)		20,150,555					
Total investments at fair value	\$	47,249,853					

Level 2 inputs for the investments above are based on a matrix pricing model. Investments valued using the net asset value (NAV) per share generally do not have readily obtainable market values and are instead valued based on the City's pro-rata share of the pool's fair value of the underlying assets. Oversight for the Diversified Bond Fund is with the Idaho State Treasurer and Idaho Code, which defines allowable investments. In general, the investment guidelines require that funds be invested in high quality securities in a manner that provides higher total return than the shorter pools given a reasonable level of risk measured over a long period. Securities in DBF are shared positions valued at current market values. The City values these investments based on information provided by the State of Idaho Treasurer's Office. The following table presents the unfunded commitments, redemption frequency and the redemption notice period for the City's investments measured at the NAV:

Investments Measured at the NAV							
		Unfunded	Redemption	Redemption			
	Fair Value	Commitments	Frequency	Notice Period			
State of Idaho Diversified							
Bond Fund (DBF)	\$ 20,150,555	None	Monthly	5-25 days			

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Disclosures Relating to Interest Rate Risk

Interest rate risk is the risk that changes in market interest rates will adversely impact the fair value of an investment. Generally, the longer the maturity of an investment, the greater the sensitivity of its fair value to changes in market interest rates. This risk can be managed using a calculation called duration that uses various inputs such as yield and years until maturity to estimate interest rate risk. Generally, the higher the duration number, the higher the risk. The City manages exposure to interest rate risk by purchasing a combination of long and short-term investments. The City manages the portfolio so it is not necessary to sell securities before maturity. The City's policy does not limit the duration of the investments.

Investment Type	Fair Value		Rating	Duration
U.S. Agency bonds	\$	26,076,366	AA+	1.21
Municipal bonds	•	1,022,932	AA+	1.88
Idaho Diversified Bond Fund (DBF)		20,150,555	not rated	2.93
Idaho Local Government Investment Pool (LGIP)		56,649,998	not rated	0.29
Money market funds		1,574,127	not rated	
Other cash and cash equivalents		1,780,521		
Total cash and investments	\$	107,254,499		

Disclosures Relating to Credit Risk

Generally, credit risk is the risk that an issuer of an investment will not fulfill its obligation to the holder of the investment. This is measured by the assignment of a rating by a nationally recognized statistical rating organization. The City's investment policy is consistent with the State Code related to credit risk.

Concentration of Credit Risk

When investments are concentrated in one issuer this concentration represents increased risk of potential loss. The GASB has adopted a principal that governments should provide note disclosure when five percent of the entity's total investments are concentrated in any one issuer. Investments in obligations specifically guaranteed by the U.S. Government, mutual funds, and other pooled investments are exempt from disclosure. The City's investment policy has no limitations on the amount that can be invested in any one issuer.

Investments in any one issuer (other than State Investment Pools) that represent 5% or more of total City investments are as follows:

Issuer	Investment Type	Rep	orted Amount	Percentage
Federal Home Loan Mortgage	U.S. Agency Bond	\$	10,889,488	23.0%
Federal National Mortgage	U.S. Agency Bond		9,211,424	19.5%
Federal Farm Credit Bank	U.S. Agency Bond		5,975,454	12.6%

Custodial Credit Risk

Custodial credit risk for deposits is the risk that, in the event of the failure of a depository financial institution, a government will not be able to recover its deposits or will not be able to recover collateral securities that are in possession of an outside party. The custodial credit risk for investments is the risk that in the event of the failure of the counterparty (e.g. broker-dealer) to a transaction, a government will not be able to recover the value of its investment or collateral securities that are in the possession of another party.

At year end, the carrying amount of the City's cash deposits was \$60,004,646 and the bank balance was \$60,157,874. Of the bank balance \$54,811 is guaranteed by the Securities Investor Protection Corporation, \$250,000 was covered by federal depository insurance, \$1,574,127 was collateralized with securities held at the Federal Home Bank of Seattle for First Interstate Bank and pledged to the City of Meridian, \$56,649,998 was held by the State of Idaho Local Group Investment Pool, and the remainder of the City's deposits of \$1,628,938 with First Interstate Bank are secured in an undivided collateral pool for public agencies.

It is the City's policy to minimize exposure to custodial credit risk with investments by requiring that to the extent possible they be identified as to City of Meridian ownership and be held in the City's name. All commercial paper, agency bonds and municipal bonds are held in custody by Charles Schwab & Co. in the City's name. The City further reduces risk by confining investments to insured levels in any one institution.

Note 3 - Due from Other Governmental Units

The following summarizes the intergovernmental receivables at September 30, 2018:

State of Idaho		
State Liquor Dispensary	\$	237,321
State Tax Commission		1,996,806
Idaho Transportation Department		27,071
Other Idaho Agencies		19,314
Federal Agencies		44,403
Meridian Development Corporation		430,656
Meridian Rural Fire District		174,967
Ada County		36,826
Total Due from Other Governmental Units	_\$_	2,967,364

Note 4 - Note Receivable

In December 2014, the City entered into an agreement to annex the homes in a subdivision outside of city limits and provide them with water and sewer service. The subdivision had a utility district, Meridian Heights Water and Sewer District (MHWSD), which was dissolved in December 2014 upon approval from the District Court. All assets and liabilities of MHWSD were transferred to the City at that time, including MHWSD's debt of \$1,280,294, which is being repaid to the City by the former members of MHWSD over a period of 20 years at an interest rate of 3.5% as follows:

	_	ning Balance October 1, 2017	erest and ustments	Payments		ing Balance September 30, 2018
Long-term note receivable	\$	840,980	\$ 27,963	\$	(149,854)	\$ 719,089
Fiscal Year				Ann	ual Payment	
2019 2020 2021 2022 2023 2024-2028 2029-2030				\$	63,648 63,648 63,648 63,648 63,648 318,240 82,609	
				\$	719,089	

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Note 5 - Capital Assets

Changes to capital assets are as follows:

Governmental Activities	Balance Oct. 1, 2017	Additions	Deletions	Transfers	Balance Sept. 30, 2018
Capital assets, not depreciated					
Land	\$ 27,372,306	\$ 441,202	\$ 1,302	\$ 464,718	\$ 28,276,924
Easements	1,046,813	135,473	_	(464,718)	717,568
Construction in progress	4,672,520	5,909,500		(3,841,859)	6,740,161
Total capital assets, not depreciated	33,091,639	6,486,175	1,302	(3,841,859)	35,734,653
Capital assets, depreciated					
Buildings	43,846,753	80,073	-	43,529	43,970,355
Improvements other than buildings	36,709,909	1,303,694	_	3,798,330	41,811,933
Internally developed software	47,027	39,524	-	-	86,551
Equipment	14,546,839	1,413,784	333,250		15,627,373
Total capital assets, depreciated	95,150,528	2,837,075	333,250	3,841,859	101,496,212
Less accumulated depreciation for					
Buildings	11,479,510	1,477,291	-	-	12,956,801
Improvements other than buildings	12,672,933	1,852,770	-	-	14,525,703
Internally developed software	47,027	659	-	-	47,686
Equipment	8,896,899	1,404,177	317,777		9,983,299
Total accumulated depreciation	33,096,369	4,734,897	317,777		37,513,489
Total net capital assets, depreciated	62,054,159	(1,897,822)	15,473	3,841,859	63,982,723
Governmental activities capital assets, net	\$ 95,145,798	\$ 4,588,353	\$ 16,775	\$ -	\$ 99,717,376

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Business-type Activities	Balance Oct. 1, 2017	Additions Deletions		Transfers	Balance Sept. 30, 2018
Capital assets, not depreciated					
Land	\$ 2,033,614	\$ 478	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,034,092
Easements	10,564,037	1,591,698	-	- -	12,155,735
Construction in progress	29,083,266	38,546,214		(10,053,238)	57,576,242
Total capital assets, not depreciated	41,680,917	40,138,390		(10,053,238)	71,766,069
Capital assets, depreciated					
Buildings and improvements					
other than buildings	82,894,648	993,741	=	4,081,457	87,969,846
Sewer and water lines	193,862,432	13,464,654	65,708	3,316,729	210,578,107
Machinery and equipment	42,034,191	2,000,134	43,668	2,655,052	46,645,709
Total capital assets, depreciated	318,791,271	16,458,529	109,376	10,053,238	345,193,662
Less accumulated depreciation for Buildings and improvements	20.016.26				
other than buildings	28,846,362	3,653,852	-	-	32,500,214
Sewer and water lines	43,968,012	4,058,372	11,170	=	48,015,214
Machinery and equipment	18,381,895	2,384,466	43,668		20,722,693
Total accumulated depreciation	91,196,269	10,096,690	54,838		101,238,121
Total net capital assets, depreciated	227,595,002	6,361,839	54,538	10,053,238	243,955,541
Business-type activities capital assets, net	\$ 269,275,919	\$ 46,500,229	\$ 54,538	\$ -	\$ 315,721,610
Depreciation expense was charge to functi	ons/programs of	the City as foll	ows:		
Governmental activities General government Public safety Parks and recreation				\$	1,274,912 1,386,244 2,073,741
Total depreciation expense - governmenta	l activities			\$	4,734,897
Business-type activities Water and Sewer				\$	10,096,690
Total depreciation expense - business-type	e activities			\$	10,096,690

Note 6 - Interfund Balances and Transfers

The following transfers were made for the purpose of funding operations:

		Transfer In					
	General Fund	Capital Projects Fund	Total				
Transfer out General Fund Enterprise Fund	\$ - 2,765,353	\$ 2,641,404	\$ 2,641,404 2,765,353				
Total transfers	\$ 2,765,353	\$ 2,641,404	\$ 5,406,757				

The transfer from the enterprise fund to the general fund was related to personnel and operating costs that were paid by the general fund during FY2018. The transfer from the general fund to the capital projects fund was the excess of building permit revenues from prior years.

Note 7 - Changes in Long-Term Obligations

The following is a summary of changes in long-term obligations of the City for the year ended September 30, 2018:

	Balance oct.1, 2017	Debt Issued	 Debt Retired	Se	Balance pt. 30, 2018	Due Within One Year
Governmental Activities Accrued vacation	\$ 1,618,031	\$ 1,525,604	\$ (1,450,557)	\$	1,693,078	\$ 203,099
Business-type activities Accrued vacation Settlement payable	\$ 293,234 200,000	\$ 289,771	\$ (276,575)	\$	306,430 200,000	\$ 30,643
	\$ 493,234	\$ 289,771	\$ (276,575)	\$	506,430	\$ 30,643

Note 8 - Fund Balances – Governmental Funds

As of September 30, 2018 fund balances were classified as follows:

Nonspendable - the City's nonspendable fund balance was for prepaid expenses.

Restricted - the City had restricted fund balance for impact fees and the Capital Projects Fund as mandated by the State of Idaho.

Committed - the City Council committed funds self-funding trust reserve for employee medical benefits and the Public Safety Capital Projects Fund for future polices and fire capital projects.

Assigned - the City's CFO assigned carryforward of the FY2018 budget balance to be spent in FY2019.

Unassigned - this classification represents fund balance that has not been restricted, committed, or assigned within the General Fund.

	Balance					Balance	
	C	Oct. 1, 2017	<u>N</u>	Net Change	Sept. 30, 2018		
Fund Balances							
Nonspendable							
Prepaids	\$	202,667	\$	102,172	\$	304,839	
Restricted		ŕ		ŕ		,	
Impact fund		6,124,409		3,012,430		9,136,839	
Impact fund budget carryforward		6,419,387		(2,473,632)		3,945,755	
Committed		, ,		, , , ,		, ,	
Capital projects fund		10,686,661		3,482,872		14,169,533	
Self funding trust reseve		-		1,500,000		1,500,000	
Public safety fund		386,687		1,011,158		1,397,845	
Assigned							
General fund budget carryforward		1,734,190		943,045		2,677,235	
Unassigned		27,896,415		3,357,937		31,254,352	
Total fund balances	\$	53,450,416	\$	10,935,982	\$	64,386,398	

Note 9 - Lease Agreements

The City has operating leases for land and office equipment. In FY2014 the City entered into a prepaid irrevocable use 20 year agreement with Syringa Networks, LLC for the right to use certain dark fiber in the Syringa Networks System. The City incurred costs of \$1,385,250 associated with the Syringa agreement. As of September 30, 2018, the related accumulated depreciation was \$282,823. The City has no ownership rights now or in the future in the fiber, but prepayment is considered an asset and recorded as a capital asset. The agreement also requires that the City pay annual maintenance and operating costs for a period of twenty years.

The various equipment lease agreements cover periods from July 24, 2007 through October 14, 2033, and the minimum annual payments range from \$410 to \$13,800. Total rental expense in FY2018 for all operating leases (which include rental, maintenance and usage) was approximately \$199,142.

Future minimum annual lease payments for operating leases with remaining lease terms in excess of one year are as follows:

Operating Leases		
2019	\$	32,936
2020		15,287
2021		13,800
2022		13,800
2023		13,800
2024-2028		69,000
2029-2033		69,000
2034		1,150
Total minimum obligations	_ \$	228,773

Note 10 - Defined Benefit Pension Plan

Plan Description

The City contributes to the Base Plan which is a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan administered by Public Employee Retirement System of Idaho (PERSI or System) that covers substantially all employees of the State of Idaho, its agencies and various participating political subdivisions. The cost to administer the plan is financed through the contributions and investment earnings of the plan. PERSI issues a publicly available financial report that includes financial statements and the required supplementary information for PERSI. That report may be obtained on the PERSI website at www.persi.idaho.gov.

Responsibility for administration of the Base Plan is assigned to the Board comprised of five members appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the Idaho Senate. State law requires that two members of the Board be active Base Plan members with at least ten years of service and three members who are Idaho citizens not members of the Base Plan except by reason of having served on the Board.

Pension Benefits

The Base Plan provides retirement, disability, death and survivor benefits of eligible members or beneficiaries. Benefits are based on members' years of service, age, and highest average salary. Members become fully vested in their retirement benefits with five years of credited service (5 months for elected or appointed officials). Members are eligible for retirement benefits upon attainment of the ages specified for their employment classification. The annual service retirement allowance for each month of credited service is 2.0% (2.3% for police/firefighters) of the average monthly salary for the highest consecutive 42 months.

The benefit payments for the Base Plan are calculated using a benefit formula adopted by the Idaho Legislature. The Base Plan is required to provide a 1% minimum cost of living increase per year provided the Consumer Price Index increases 1% or more. The PERSI Board has the authority to provide higher cost of living increases to a maximum of the Consumer Price Index movement or 6%, whichever is less; however, any amount above the 1% minimum is subject to review by the Idaho Legislature.

Member and Employer Contributions

Member and employer contributions paid to the Base Plan are set by statute and are established as a percent of covered compensation. Contribution rates are determined by the PERSI Board within limitations, as defined by state law. The Board may make periodic changes to employer and employee contribution rates (expressed as percentages of annual covered payroll) that are adequate to accumulate sufficient assets to pay benefits when due.

The contribution rates for employees are set by statute at 60% of the employer rate for general employees and 72% for police and firefighters. As of June 30, 2018, it was 6.79% for general employees and 8.36% for police and firefighters. The employer contribution rate as a percent of covered payroll is set by the Retirement Board and was 11.32% for general employees and 11.66% for police and firefighters. The City's contributions were \$3,228,459 for the year ended September 30, 2018.

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

At September 30, 2018, the City reported a liability for its proportionate share of the net pension liability. The net pension liability was measured as of June 30, 2018, and the total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of that date. The City's proportion of the net pension liability was based on the City's share of contributions in the Base Plan pension plan relative to the total contributions of all participating PERSI Base Plan employers. At June 30, 2018, the City's proportion was 0.8693291 percent, which was an increase from the prior year of .0307924 percent.

For the year ended September 30, 2018, the City recognized pension expense of \$2,816,307. At September 30, 2018, the City reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions from the following sources:

	Deferred Outflows of Resources		Deferred Infloo of Resources		
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$	1,407,575	\$	968,428	
Changes in assumptions or other inputs		834,374		-	
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on pension plan investments		-		1,424,681	
Changes in the employer's proportion and differences between the employer's contributions and the employer's proportionate contributions		659,029		-	
City contributions subsequent to the measurement date		835,769		-	
Total	\$	3,736,747	\$	2,393,109	

\$835,769 is reported as deferred outflows of resources related to pensions resulting from Employer contributions subsequent to the measurement date and will be recognized as a reduction of the net pension liability in the year ending September 30, 2019.

The average of the expected remaining service lives of all employees that are provided with pensions through the System (active and inactive employees) determined at July 1, 2017, the beginning of the measurement period ended June 30, 2018, is 4.8.

Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions will be recognized in pension expense (revenue) as follows:

Year ended September 30,

2019 2020 2021 2022	\$ 1,296,260 324,058 (935,152) (177,297)
	\$ 507,869

Actuarial Assumptions

Valuations are based on actuarial assumptions, the benefit formulas, and employee groups. Level percentages of payroll normal costs are determined using the Entry Age Normal Cost Method. Under the Entry Age Normal Cost Method, the actuarial present value of the projected benefits of each individual included in the actuarial valuation is allocated as a level percentage of each year's earnings of the individual between entry age and assumed exit age. The Base Plan amortizes any unfunded actuarial accrued liability based on a level percentage of payroll. The maximum amortization period for the Base Plan permitted under Section 59-1322, <u>Idaho Code</u>, is 25 years.

The total pension liability in the June 30, 2018 actuarial valuation was determined using the following actuarial assumptions, applied to all periods included in the measurement:

Inflation	3.00%
Salary increases including inflation	3.75%
Investment rate of return	7.05%, net of pension plan investment expenses
Cost-of-living adjustments	1%

Mortality rates were based on the RP-2000 combined table for healthy males or females as appropriate with the following offsets:

- Set back 3 years for teachers
- No offset for male fire and police
- Forward one year for female fire and police
- Set back one year for all general employees and all beneficiaries

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An experience study was performed for the periods 2013 through 2017 for the PERSI Base Plan, which reviewed all economic and demographic assumptions. The Total Pension Liability as of June 30, 2018 is based on the results of an actuarial valuation date of July 1, 2018.

The long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was determined using the building block approach and a forward-looking model in which best estimate ranges of expected future real rates of return (expected returns, net of pension plan investment expense and inflation) are developed for each major asset class. These ranges are combined to produce the long-term expected rate of return by weighing the expected future real rates of return by the target asset allocation percentage and by adding expected inflation.

Even though history provides a valuable perspective for setting the investment return assumption, the System relies primarily on an approach which builds upon the latest capital market assumptions. Specifically, the System uses consultants, investment managers and trustees to develop capital market assumptions in analyzing the System's asset allocation. The assumptions and the System's formal policy for asset allocation are shown below. The formal asset allocation policy is somewhat more conservative than the current allocation of System's assets.

The best-estimate range for the long-term expected rate of return is determined by adding expected inflation to expected long-term real returns and reflecting expected volatility and correlation.

The capital market assumptions are:

		Long-Term	Long-Term
		Expected Nominal	Expected Real
	Target	Rate of Return	Rate of Return
Asset Class	Allocation	(Arithmetic)	(Arithmetic)
Core Fixed Income Broad US Equities Developed Foreign Equities	30.00% 55.00% 15.00%	3.05% 8.30% 8.45%	0.80% 6.05% 6.20%
Assumed Inflation - Mean Assumed Inflation - Standard Deviation		2.25% 1.50%	2.25% 1.50%
Portfolio Arthmetic Mean Return Portfolio Standard Deviation		6.75% 12.54%	4.50% 12.54%
Portfolio Long-Term (Geometric) Expected Rate of Ret Assumed Investment Expenses Portfolio Long-Term (Geometric) Expected Rate of Ret Net of Investment Expenses		6.13% 0.40% 5.73%	3.77% 0.40% 3.37%
Portfolio Long-Term Expected Real Rate of Return Net of Investment Expenses Portfolio Standard Deviation			4.19% 1.42%
Valuation Assumptions Chosen by PERSI Board Long-Term Expected Real Rate of Return Net of Investment Expenses			4.05%
Assumed Inflation Long-Term Expected Geometric Rate of Return			3.00%
Net of Investment Expenses			7.05%

^{*}Expected arithmetic return net of fees and expenses

Discount Rate

The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability was 7.05%. 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. Based on these assumptions, the pension plans' net position was projected to be available to make all projected future benefit payments of current plan members. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was applied to all periods of projected benefit payments to determine the total pension liability. The long-term expected rate of return was determined net of pension plan investment expense but without reduction for pension plan administrative expense.

Sensitivity of the Employer's proportionate share of the net pension liability to changes in the discount rate.

The following presents the Employer's proportionate share of the net pension liability calculated using the discount rate of 7.05 percent, as well as what the Employer's proportionate share of the net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1-percentage-point lower (6.05 percent) or 1-percentage-point higher (8.05 percent) than the current rate:

		Current						
	1 % Decrease (6.05%)	Discount Rate (7.05%)	1% Increase (8.05%)					
Employer's proportionate share								
of the net pension liability (asset)	\$ 32,098,259	\$ 12,822,757	\$ (3,138,151)					

Pension plan fiduciary net position

Detailed information about the pension plan's fiduciary net position is available in the separately issued PERSI financial report. That report may be obtained on the PERSI website at www.persi.idaho.gov.

Payables to the pension plan

At September 30, 2018, the City reported payables to the defined benefit pension plan of \$285,673 for legally required employer contributions and \$192,518 for legally required employee contributions which had been withheld from employee wages but not yet remitted to PERSI.

Note 11 - Other Commitments

The City had the following commitments at September 30, 2018:

Commitment	 Amount
Animal Control Service	\$ 390,660
Building Improve & Maintenance	40,326
Contracted Services	795,442
Dues & Contributions	449,920
Electronics & Software	374,255
Grant Funded Expenditures	33,095
Headworks Improvements	1,974,686
Insurance	240,000
Janitorial Services	219,882
Parks Construction & Improvements	1,496,036
Professional Services	500,722
Street Light Repair & Maintenance	61,365
Wastewater Improvements	4,300,710
Water & Sewer Line Improvements	570,548
Well Improvements	633,087
Total commitments	\$ 12,080,734

Note 12 - Contingent Liabilities

The City has been named as a defendant in various legal actions, the results of which are not presently determinable, except as described below. However, in the opinion of the City Attorney, the amount of losses that might be sustained, if any, would not materially affect the City's financial position.

Under the terms of federal and state grants, periodic audits are required and certain costs may be questioned as not being appropriate expenditures under the terms of the grants. Any disallowed claims, including amounts already collected, could become a liability of the City. City management believes disallowances, if any, will not be material.

In 2006, the City entered into an agreement with a developer to jointly provide water and sewer services for a subdivision under development (Bittercreek Meadows Subdivision Homeowners Association), outside the City limits. The developer put in a well and turned it over to the City so that homeowners could connect to the City water system. Since the development did not grow beyond 24 lots the City was not able to provide sewer and water services. In 2011, the agreement was nullified and the City paid damages to the developer, reimbursed the existing homeowners for their cost to connect to City water, deeded back the well, the well lot, a lift station lot, and land easements to the homeowners.

In 2014, the City of Meridian entered into a Settlement and Mutual Release Agreement with Bittercreek Meadows Subdivision Homeowners Association in which the City agreed to connect 24 lots to the City of Kuna's waste water treatment plant. The cost to do this is not known since it is dependent on development of adjoining vacant land but an estimated cost of \$200,000 was recorded and is reflected in the statement of net position for the Proprietary Fund.

Note 13 - Related Party

The City partners with Meridian Development Corporation (MDC) for various downtown improvements. During the year ended September 30, 2018, the City reimbursed MDC \$26,255 for a CDBG sidewalk design grant project and MDC agreed to contribute \$461,657 for various downtown projects in the City, which included \$425,886 for the Pine Avenue Landscaping project.

Note 14 - Subsequent Events

On September 25, 2018, the City has entered into an agreement with Western Ada Recreation District (WARD) to assume ownership and responsibility for the maintenance of Fuller Park in FY2019. As a result of this transfer, WARD has agreed to reimburse the City \$276,000 of the fiscal year 2019 maintenance costs.

The City Council has committed \$1.5 million in funds to a self-funding trust reserve for employee medical benefits. The City will start the application process with the Department of Insurance to create a self-funding trust.

Note 15 - Component Unit

MDC is created by and exists under the Idaho Urban Renewal Law of 1965, as amended, and is a separate and legal entity. In July 2016, the City approved the establishment of MDC's second district, known as the Ten Mile District.

MDC – Capital Assets

Changes to capital assets are as follows:

	Balance Oct. 1, 2017	Additions	Deletions	Transfers	Balance Sept. 30, 2018
Governmental Activities					
Capital assets, not depreciated					
Land	\$ 798,529	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 798,529
Total capital assets, not depreciated	798,529				798,529
Capital assets, depreciated					
Buildings	194,511	-	-	-	194,511
Building improvements	132,288	-	-	-	132,288
Equipment	100,437	-	(91,951)	-	8,486
Intangibles	180,160				180,160
Total capital assets, depreciated	607,396	-	(91,951)	-	515,445
Less accumulated depreciation for					
Buildings	(64,869)	(6,483)	-	-	(71,352)
Building Improvements	(11,005)	(4,410)	-	-	(15,415)
Equipment	(100,437)	-	91,951	-	(8,486)
Intangibles	(180,160)				(180,160)
Total accumulated depreciation	(356,471)	(10,893)	91,951		(275,413)
Total net capital assets, depreciated	250,925	(10,893)			240,032
Governmental activities capital assets, net	\$ 1,049,454	\$ (10,893)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,038,561

MDC - Changes in Long-Term Debt

MDC has a promissory note for \$1,274,000 that matures on March 5, 2022 with a fixed interest rate of 3.51% collateralized by real property.

The following is a summary of changes in debt of MDC for the year ended September 30, 2018.

	2017		Debt	Issued	De	bt Retired	2018
Governmental Activities Note payable - building	\$	505,080	\$		\$	(107,685)	\$ 397,395
Governmental Activities long-term liabilities	\$	505,080	\$		\$	(107,685)	\$ 397,395

Maturities of the note payable are as follows for the years ended September 30:

Fiscal Year	<u>F</u>	Principal		nterest	Total		
2019 2020 2021	\$	101,935 115,087 119,192	\$	12,571 8,531 4,426	\$	114,506 123,618 123,618	
2022		61,181		626		61,807	
Totals	\$	397,395	\$	26,154	\$	423,549	

MDC - Line of Credit

MDC has entered into a revolving line of credit with Washington Trust Bank that provides for available borrowings up to \$100,000. The agreement matures on June 30, 2019 and is unsecured. Borrowings under the line of credit bear variable interest rate at bank's prime rate, less 0.16% per annum (4.84% at September 30, 2018). There were no amounts outstanding on the line as of September 30, 2018. Borrowings under the line of credit are subject to certain covenants and restrictions on indebtedness and dividend payments.

MDC – Commitments and Contingencies

On February 8, 2017, amended on March 13, 2018, MDC entered into an Owner Participation Agreement with Ten Mile Crossing, Inc. Brighton Corporation, SCS Brighton LLC, Brighton Investments LLC, SCS Investments LLC, and SBG Ten Mile Office No. 1, LLC (the Developers) to carry out the approved urban renewal plan This agreement contemplates that the Developers will develop the property by constructing private improvements. Eligible public improvements are to be constructed in phases and reimbursed from future tax increment revenues.



Required Supplementary Information September 30, 2018

City of Meridian, Idaho

Schedule of Employer's Share of Net Pension Liability PERSI - Base Plan Last 5 Fiscal Years*

	 2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
Employer's portion of net pension liability	0.8693291%	0.8385367%	0.8327922%	0.8309225%	0.7877442%
Employer's proportionate share of the					
net pension liablity	\$ 12,822,757	\$ 13,180,358	\$ 16,881,978	\$ 10,941,899	\$ 5,799,030
Employer's covered payroll	\$ 28,067,928	\$ 26,158,967	\$ 24,506,473	\$ 23,418,704	\$ 21,670,660
Employer's proportional share of the net pension					
liability as a percentage of its payroll	45.68%	50.39%	68.89%	46.72%	26.76%
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage					
of the total pension liability	91.69%	90.68%	87.26%	91.38%	94.95%

^{*} GASB Statement No. 68 requires ten years of information to be presented in this table. However, until a full 10-year trend is compiled, the City will present information for those years for which information is available.

Data reported is measured at the measurement date which is as of June 30 of each year.

Schedule of Employer Contributions PERSI - Base Plan Last 5 Fiscal Years*

	 2018	 2017	 2016	2015	2014
Statutorily required contribution	\$ 3,375,966	\$ 2,827,648	\$ 2,475,578	\$ 2,717,964	\$ 2,560,496
Contributions in relation to the statutorily					
required contribution	\$ 3,228,459	\$ 3,001,437	\$ 2,796,909	\$ 2,682,620	\$ 2,461,739
Contribution (deficiency) excess	\$ (147,507)	\$ 173,789	\$ 321,331	\$ (35,344)	\$ (98,757)
Employer's covered payroll	\$ 28,750,964	\$ 26,645,195	\$ 24,966,360	\$ 24,029,237	\$ 22,142,233
Contributions as a percentage of covered payroll	11.23%	11.26%	11.20%	11.16%	11.12%

^{*} GASB Statement No. 68 requires ten years of information to be presented in this table. However, until a full 10-year trend is compiled, the City will present information for those years for which information is available.

Data reported is measured as of September 30 of each year.

	Budgeted	Amounts		
	Original	Final	Actual Amounts	Variance With Final Budget
Revenues				
Taxes	\$ 30,808,064	\$ 30,808,064	\$ 31,329,216	\$ 521,152
Licenses and permits	4,912,818	4,912,818	7,945,094	3,032,276
Intergovernmental	10,189,090	11,337,174	11,017,623	(319,551)
Franchise fees	1,310,000	1,310,000	1,543,952	233,952
Fines and forfeitures	357,000	357,000	590,032	233,032
Charges for services	1,389,216	1,397,576	2,449,323	1,051,747
Impact revenues	1,794,436	1,794,436	6,102,217	4,307,781
Donations	15,000	64,538	92,979	28,441
Interest	140,000	140,000	811,596	671,596
Miscellaneous	54,000	20,000	44,153	24,153
Total revenues	50,969,624	52,141,606	61,926,185	9,784,579
Expenditures				
General government personnel costs	5,273,039	5,271,146	4,956,956	314,190
General government operating expense	2,863,817	3,980,453	3,206,254	774,199
Public safety				
Police personnel costs	14,925,958	14,992,440	13,727,839	1,264,601
Police operating expense	2,944,386	2,946,316	2,569,881	376,435
Fire personnel costs	10,731,373	10,731,373	9,794,158	937,215
Fire operating expense	1,554,362	1,610,942	1,398,624	212,318
Parks and recreation personnel costs	3,076,191	3,076,191	2,605,195	470,996
Parks and recreation operating expense	2,474,810	2,538,040	1,988,750	549,290
Community development personnel costs Community development	1,538,413	2,002,847	1,459,855	542,992
operating expense	2,254,763	2,920,276	3,326,407	(406,131)
Capital outlay	2,234,703	2,920,270	3,320,407	(400,131)
General government	670,646	946,894	593,635	353,259
Public safety	070,040	940,094	393,033	333,239
Police	539,040	588,056	473,516	114,540
Fire	4,881,725	5,318,725	1,619,534	3,699,191
Parks and recreation	10,482,448	8,212,194	5,654,352	2,557,842
Community development	10,462,446	647,300	278,367	368,933
Community development		047,300	278,307	300,933
Total expenditures	64,210,971	65,783,193	53,653,323	12,129,870
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues				
Over (Under) Expenditures	(13,241,347)	(13,641,587)	8,272,862	21,914,449

	Budgeted	Amounts		
	Original	Final	Actual Amounts	Variance with Final Budget
Other Financing Sources (Uses)				
Operating transfer in	3,377,390	3,377,390	2,765,353	(612,037)
Operating transfer out	(663,805)	(663,805)	(2,641,404)	(1,977,599)
Unrealized loss on investments	-	- -	(280,943)	(280,943)
Gain on sale of capital assets			49,991	49,991
Total other financing sources (uses)	2,713,585	2,713,585	(107,003)	(2,820,588)
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues				
Other Sources (Uses) Over (Under) Expenditures	(10,527,762)	(10,928,002)	8,165,859	
Fund Balance, Beginning of Year	45,405,159	45,405,159	45,405,159	
Fund Balance, End of Year	\$ 34,877,397	\$ 34,477,157	\$ 53,571,018	

Note 1 - Budgets and Budgetary Accounting

The City follows these procedures in establishing the budgetary data reflected in the financial statements:

Prior to September 1, the CFO, Department Directors, Mayor, and City Council prepare a proposed operating budget for the fiscal year commencing on October 1. The operating budget includes proposed expenditures and the means of financing them.

Public hearings are conducted at City Hall to obtain taxpayer comments.

Prior to October 1, the budget is legally enacted through passage of an ordinance.

Budgets are not adopted on a basis consistent with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) for the general fund. Budgets for enterprise funds are not legally required but are adopted on a non-GAAP basis. All annual appropriations lapse at fiscal year-end. Revisions that alter the total expenditure appropriation of any fund must be approved by the City Council. State law does not allow fund expenditures to exceed fund appropriations. The budget presented in the report has been amended.

Formal budgetary integration is employed as a management control device during the year for all funds.



Other Information September 30, 2018 City of Meridian, Idaho

	Budget A	Amounts		Variance		
	Original	Final	Actual Amounts	with Final Budget		
Revenues	Φ 2.000	Φ 2.000	Φ 151 266	Ф. 140.266		
Interest	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000	\$ 151,366	\$ 149,366		
Total revenues	2,000	2,000	151,366	149,366		
Expenditures						
General government capital outlay	333,542	131,882	22,647	109,235		
Parks and recreation capital outlay	3,000,000	3,000,000	- -	3,000,000		
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Total expenditures	3,333,542	3,131,882	22,647	3,109,235		
Excess (Deficiency) of revenues						
over (Under) Expenditures	(3,331,542)	(3,129,882)	128,719	(3,258,601)		
Other Financing Sources (Uses)						
Operating transfer in	125,499	125,499	2,641,404	2,515,905		
Total other financing sources (uses)	125,499	125,499	2,641,404	2,515,905		
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues and Other	(2.20(.042)	(2.004.202)	2.770.122	(5.774.506)		
Sources (Uses) Over (Under) Expenditures	(3,206,043)	(3,004,383)	2,770,123	(5,774,506)		
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Fund Balance, Beginning of Year	8,045,257	8,045,257	8,045,257			
Fund Balance, End of Year	\$ 4,839,214	\$ 5,040,874	\$ 10,815,380			

City of Meridian, Idaho Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance – Budget and Actual – Enterprise Fund Year Ended September 30, 2018

			rear Ended September 30, 2018	
		Amounts Final	Actual Amounts	Variance with
Revenues	Original	rillai	Amounts	Final Budget
Water sales	\$ 8,943,151	\$ 8,943,151	\$ 8,586,671	\$ (356,480)
Sewer sales	15,214,390	15,214,390	15,306,791	92,401
Other service revenues	350,000	350,000	445,194	95,194
Sale of meters	200,000	200,000	650,345	450,345
Trash billing service	716,369	716,369	792,593	76,224
Engineering fees	150,000	150,000	600,642	450,642
Assessment revenue and cash donations	12,637,658	12,637,658	21,399,622	8,761,964
Interest	250,000	250,000	774,039	524,039
Miscellaneous			9,140	9,140
Total revenues	38,461,568	38,461,568	48,565,037	10,103,469
Expenditures				
Administration personnel costs	4,417,510	4,516,107	3,824,228	691,879
Administration operating expenses	2,676,627	2,225,022	1,388,941	836,081
Water personnel costs	1,947,481	1,947,481	1,839,993	107,488
Water operating expenses	2,382,615	2,463,965	2,356,804	107,161
Wastewater personnel costs	2,922,930	2,922,930	2,597,212	325,718
Wastewater operating expenses	3,272,466	3,153,094	2,619,844	533,250
Capital outlay	69,624,135	58,531,971	41,610,735	16,921,236
Total expenditures	87,243,764	75,760,570	56,237,757	19,522,813
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues over (Under) Expenditures	(48,782,196)	(37,299,002)	(7,672,720)	29,626,282
Other Financing Sources (Uses)				
Operating transfer out	(2,839,084)	(2,839,084)	(2,765,353)	73,731
Unrealized loss on investments	-	=	(468,410)	(468,410)
Gain on sale of capital assets			4,440	4,440
Total other financing sources (uses)	(2,839,084)	(2,839,084)	(3,229,323)	(390,239)
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues and Other Sources (Uses) Over (Under)				
Expenditures	(51,621,280)	(40,138,086)	(10,902,043)	
Fund Balance, Beginning of Year	47,539,565	47,539,565	50,411,648	
Fund Balance, End of Year	\$ (4,081,715)	\$ 7,401,479	39,509,605	
Deferred outflows			747,373	
Deferred inflows Net pension liabilities			(478,622)	
Non current liabilities			(2,564,552) (200,000)	
Accrued vacation			(306,430)	
Net invested in capital assets			315,721,610	
Retainage			(1,865,905)	
Net Position, GAAP Basis, End of Year			\$ 350,563,079	



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 Mayor and Member of the City Council City of Meridian, Idaho Meridian, Idaho

We have audited, in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, the discretely presented component unit, and each major fund of the City of Meridian, Idaho (the City), as of and for the year ended September 30, 2018, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the City's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated February 22, 2019.

Internal Control over Financial Reporting

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

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

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

Compliance and Other Matters

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

Purpose of this Report

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the City'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 City's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

Gode Saully LLP
Boise, Idaho

February 22, 2019