

## Introduction

The Financial Status Report provides a quarterly unaudited summary of financial activity in the City's General Fund. This report covers Jan. 1, 2020, through Mar. 31, 2020.

Amidst the COVID-19 emergency, revenues including property taxes continue being billed to sustain services to the public. Necessary expenditures including payroll for fulltime employees, vendor payables, and debt service also continue to be made. Revenue collections for certain taxes, program registration, parking, court fines, permits, will have slowed or halted in the fourth quarter. However, cash on hand is sufficient to meet current and upcoming essential obligations. Finance, budget, procurement, and administrative staff have been working remotely or onsite when needed with physical distancing in place. Cross-departmental plans are under development for 1) budgetary re-evaluations, 2) issuing local small business loans, and 3) possibly making a grant application for City expenditures related to the COVID-19 response. Although some financial-related projects and tasks are being postponed, ordinary financial operations have and will continue to be carried out to meet the needs of the organization and the community.

## General Fund - Performance at a Glance

| Performance through End of Quarter | Metric |
| :--- | :---: |
| Percent of General Fund Revenues Remaining to be Collected | $38.4 \%$ |
| Percent of General Fund Budgeted Expenditures Remaining | $35.4 \%$ |
| 2019 real property tax collection rate | $99.1 \%$ |
| Net number of newly licensed businesses | 0 |
| Net number of new business employees | 10 |

## Revenue Summary

The revenue sources for the General Fund include taxes (real property, franchise and other), licenses and permits, parking meter fees, recreation fees, fines and forfeitures and other fees and revenues. Licenses \& permits include liquor licenses, building permits and inspection fees.

The breakdown of revenues by source at this point in the fiscal year are consistent with proportions during FY18-19. The main revenue sources for the General Fund are property taxes, which we expect to grow to represent a larger share of the total during the fourth quarter consistent with prior years.


Overall, revenues are 4\% higher through the third quarter compared to the third quarter of FY18-19. The increase is attributable to digest growth offset somewhat by decreases or slowing in receiving other taxes. License and permit revenues have increased by over \$100,000 compared to the same time period in the prior fiscal year.


General Fund Major Revenue Sources: Actual Revenue Received through Previous Quarter

| Revenue Source | FY19 03 | FY20 03 | \% Change from 2019 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Real property tax | 8,967,992.94 | 9,815,067.51 | 9\% |
| Franchise taxes | 1,362,608.39 | 1,308,289.65 | -4\% |
| Other taxes | 3,249,784.63 | 3,119,862.31 | -4\% |
| Licenses \& permits | 508,921.93 | 627,622.69 | 23\% |
| Parking meter fees | 526,754.98 | 490,272.85 | -7\% |
| Recreation service fees | 432,195.95 | 471,779.69 | 9\% |
| Fines \& forfeitures | 518,276.00 | 598,614.13 | 16\% |
| Other fees \& revenues | 651,802.84 | 446,116.43 | -32\% |
| Total | 16,218,337.66 | 16,877,625.26 | 4\% |

## Expenditure Summary

Expenditures in the General Fund reflect general government services such as police, fire protection, active living, administrative services, community and economic development and city management. Year-to-date expenditures as of Mar. 31 are $\$ 19,448,690$ or $64.5 \%$ of the budgeted amount. Fire and Police make up $38 \%$ of overall expenditures thus far, which is identical to the second quarter.


Each department has spent at least $57 \%$ of its alotted budget. Overall, departments having spent an average of $69 \%$ of their budget for the year by the end of the third quarter compared to an average of $64 \%$ by the end of the third quarter of FY18-19 as measured at that time.

$\left.\left.\begin{array}{|lrrr|}\hline \text { Department } & \text { Original Budget } & \begin{array}{r}\text { End of Q3 } \\ \text { Actual }\end{array} & \begin{array}{r}\text { Year-to-EoQ } \\ \text { \% of Budget }\end{array} \\ \hline \text { Gen Govt, Commission } & 248,320 & 227,425 & 92 \%\end{array} \right\rvert\, \begin{array}{lrr}\hline \text { Gen Govt, Executive } & 1,367,100 & 919,402\end{array}\right)$

Revenues and expenditures have each exceeded prior year actual figures by about 5\% through the end of the third quarter. As with the end of the third quarter in FY17-18 and FY18-19, expenditures at the end of the third quarter of FY19-20 exceed revenues in FY19-20. This is because we normally receive a large influx of tax revenue in the fourth quarter which should make revenue closer to the budgeted amount.


## Fund Spotlight: Emergency Telephone System Fund

Overview: The Emergency Telephone System Fund is a special revenue fund, meaning that the fund is used to account for revenues which are legally restricted or committed to expenditures for particular purposes. Specifically, the City receives $\$ 1.50$ per land phone line, cell phone line and voice over IP account in the City to provide E-911 emergency telephone services. This is the maximum amount allowed by State law. Because it costs the City more to provide E-911 services than is collected through fees, a transfer from the General Fund covers the balance. Since 2019, E-911 fees have been submitted directly to the State, which then disburses the surcharges to agencies with E-911 services. Changes in state law also doubled surcharges for prepaid wireless services.

Audit: The individual fund schedule for E911 in the comprehensive annual financial report for the most recently ended fiscal year was as follows:

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EMERGENCY TELEPHONE SYSTEM FUND
SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES - BUDGET AND ACTUAL FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2019
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Remittance Review: Separate from the annual audit of the City's finances by Mauldin \& Jenkins, the City engaged with consultants through the Georgia Municipal Association to conduct an E911 surcharge compliance audit covering a three-year time period ending in 2018. The purpose of the review was to validate that telephone companies operating in the City were properly collecting and remitting the surcharges. Fourteen companies were targeted, and all were found in substantial compliance except for one of the smaller companies which was supposed to begin remitting for its VOIP lines.

Budget: Budgeted revenues in the FY19-20 E911 Fund totaled $\$ 605,000$ and expenditures were estimated to be $\$ 1,128,370$. The 2019-2020 adopted budget includes $\$ 30,000$ to purchase new computer equipment for the E911 call center. A transfer of $\$ 350,000$ from the General Fund to the Emergency Telephone Fund is included in the FY19-20 budget. In the absence of additional revenues and/or reduced expenditures, the E911 fund balance will be nearly depleted in three years.

Treasury: Cash on hand is close to $\$ 1$ million on deposit with Wells Fargo. E911 is one of the accounts included in the City's request for proposals for banking services.

Appendix A: General Fund Revenues by Account

|  |  |  | Actual | Actual |  | Budget |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Account |  | 2020 | Curent Mo | YTD | Remaining | Avail |
| Number | Description | Oiginal Budget | Activity | Activity | Budget | \% |
| 311110 | Public Utility Tax | \$140,000.00 |  |  | \$140,000.00 | 100.00\% |
| 311191 | In Lieu of Tax - Phillips Towe | 23,500.00 |  |  | 23,500.00 | 100.00\% |
| 311192 | In Lieu of Tax - Clairemont Oa | 36,500.00 |  |  | 36,500.00 | 100.00\% |
| 311216 | Real Property Tax 2016 |  |  | 270.63 | (270.63) | 0.00\% |
| 311217 | Real Property Tax 2017 |  |  | (43,279.18) | 43,279.18 | 0.00\% |
| 311218 | Real Property Tax 2018 | 100,000.00 |  | 123,487.40 | $(23,487.40)$ | -23.49\% |
| 311219 | Real Property Tax 2019 | 9,125,000.00 |  | 9,720,625.40 | (595,625.40) | -6.53\% |
| 311220 | Real Property Tax 2020 | 8,303,600.00 |  | 13,963.25 | 8,289,636.75 | 99.83\% |
| \%311202 | Real Property Tax 2012 |  |  | 0.01 | (0.01) | 0.00\% |
| 311310 | Motor Vehicle Tax | 425,000.00 |  | 256,329.12 | 168,670.88 | 39.69\% |
| 311350 | Railroad Equipment Tax | 2,000.00 |  | 871.52 | 1,128.48 | 56.42\% |
| ${ }^{3} 11415$ | Personal Property Tax 2015 |  |  | 290.26 | (290.26) | 0.00\% |
| \$311416 | Personal Property Tax 2016 |  |  | 411.48 | (411.48) | 0.00\% |
| 311417 | Personal Property Tax 2017 |  |  | 1,053.96 | $(1,053.96)$ | 0.00\% |
| \%311418 | Personal Property Tax 2018 | 5,000.00 |  | 555.62 | 4,444.38 | 88.89\% |
| \%311419 | Personal Property Tax 2019 | 215,000.00 |  | 202,136.30 | 12,863.70 | 5.98\% |
| 311600 | Intangible Tax | 140,000.00 |  | 79,360.82 | 60,639.18 | 43.31\% |
| 311601 | Property Transfer Tax | 60,000.00 |  | 18,023.89 | 41,976.11 | 69.96\% |
| \$311710 | Franchise Tax - Electric Utilii | 1,020,000.00 |  | 1,056,116.03 | $(36,116.03)$ | -3.54\% |
| 311730 | Franchise Tax - Natural Gas | 135,000.00 |  | 68,016.12 | 66,983.88 | 49.62\% |
| 311740 | Franchise Tax - Video Service | 108,000.00 |  | 52,799.14 | 55,200.86 | 51.11\% |
| 311750 | Franchise Tax - Cable TV | 220,000.00 |  | 106,108.97 | 113,891.03 | 51.77\% |
| \%311760 | Franchise Tax - Telephone | 53,000.00 |  | 25,249.39 | 27,750.61 | 52.36\% |
| 311790 | Energy Excise Tax | 110,000.00 |  | 96,715.14 | 13,284.86 | 12.08\% |
|  | TAXES, GENERAL | 20,221,600.00 |  | 11,779,105.27 | 8,442,494.73 | 41.75\% |
| 313010 | General Sales and Use Tax |  |  | 68.94 | (68.94) | 0.00\% |
| 314200 | Sales Tax - Beer \& Wine | 87,200.00 |  | 114,301.35 | $(27,101.35)$ | -31.08\% |
| \% 314300 | Sales Tax - Liquor | 196,000.00 |  | 250,428.08 | $(54,428.08)$ | -27.77\% |
| \%316100 | Business and Occupation Taxes | 380,000.00 |  | 361,727.37 | 18,272.63 | 4.81\% |
| \%316101 | Professional Taxes | 140,000.00 |  | 122,015.60 | 17,984.40 | 12.85\% |
| \$316102 | Insurance Occ License | 44,000.00 |  | 41,009.52 | 2,990.48 | 6.80\% |
| \%316200 | Insurance Premium Tax | 1,450,000.00 |  | 1,494,985.22 | $(44,985.22)$ | -3.10\% |
| \%319120 | Pen \& Int Late Pmt Real Proper | 75,000.00 |  | 76,907.11 | $(1,907.11)$ | -2.54\% |
|  | Pen \& Int Late Pmt Perisonal Pr | 5,000.00 |  | 2,671.01 | 2,328.99 | 46.58\% |
|  | OTHER TAXES | 2,377,200.00 |  | 2,464,114.20 | (86,914.20) | -3.66\% |
| \%321110 | Licenses - Beer \& Wine | 40,000.00 |  | 77,150.00 | $(37,150.00)$ | -92.88\% |
| 321120 | Licenses - Wine | 200.00 |  |  | 200.00 | 100.00\% |
| \%221130 | Licenses - Liquor Sales | 57,000.00 |  | 113,435.00 | (56,435.00) | -99.01\% |
| 321135 | Licenses - Alchoholic Bev Serv | 6,500.00 |  | 4,815.00 | 1,685.00 | 25.92\% |
| \%221139 | School Portion of Excise Tax |  |  | (231,758.76) | 231,758.76 | 0.00\% |
| \% 321140 | Licenses - Corking License | 750.00 |  | 1,200.00 | (450.00) | 60.00\% |
| \$21150 | Licenses - Alcoholic Bev Caterer Fee |  |  | 1,000.00 | $(1,000.00)$ | 0.00\% |
| \%21500 | Film/ Movie Perrit Fee | 12,000.00 |  | 11,900.00 | 100.00 | 0.83\% |
| \%22000 | Non Business Licences and Permits | 1,000.00 |  | 1,050.00 | (50.00) | -5.00\% |
| \% 322120 | Pemit - Building | 475,000.00 |  | 481,146.60 | $(6,146.60)$ | -1.29\% |
| \% 322130 | Plumbing Inspection Fees | 25,000.00 |  | 33,993.50 | $(8,993.50)$ | -35.97\% |
| \% 322140 | Electrical Inspection Fees | 65,000.00 |  | 58,330.85 | 6,669.15 | 10.26\% |
| \% 322160 | HVAC Inspection Fees | 115,000.00 |  | 40,245.00 | 74,755.00 | 65.00\% |
| 322190 | Row Permit |  |  | 8,488.00 | (8,488.00) | 0.00\% |
| 322191 | ROW Utilities |  |  | 40.00 | (40.00) | 0.00\% |
| 322210 | Zoning and Land Use Fees | 28,000.00 |  | 23,277.50 | 4,722.50 | 16.87\% |
| 322230 | Sign Perrit | 2,000.00 |  | 1,710.00 | 290.00 | 14.50\% |
| 322240 | Special Events Pemmit Fees | 1,000.00 |  | 1,100.00 | (100.00) | -10.00\% |
| 322250 | Logo Licensing Fee | 500.00 |  | 500.00 |  | 0.00\% |
|  | LICENSES \& PERMITS | 828,950.00 |  | 627,622.69 | 201,327.31 | 24.29\% |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 337200 | Management Service Fees | 480,140.00 |  |  | 480,140.00 | 100.00\% |
| 341322 | Tree Plan Review Fees | 20,000.00 |  | 16,725.00 | 3,275.00 | 16.38\% |
| 341400 | Printing and Duplicating | 1,500.00 |  | 3,536.89 | $(2,036.89)$ | -135.79\% |
| 341910 | Election qualifying fee |  |  | 2,625.00 | (2,625.00) | 0.00\% |
| 341930 | Sale of Maps and Publications | 6,000.00 |  | 7,951.91 | $(1,951.91)$ | -32.53\% |
| 341941 | Reimb from Dec Tourism Beau | 41,500.00 |  |  | 41,500.00 | 100.00\% |
| 341990 | Other Revenues Genl Govt | 5,000.00 |  | 63,628.58 | (58,628.58) | -1172.57\% |
| 342140 | Police Backgrount Ck Fee | 10,000.00 |  | 10,974.00 | (974.00) | -9.74\% |
| 342150 | CPR - Non-Resident Fee | 50.00 |  | 190.00 | (140.00) | 280.00\% |
| 342200 | Fire Alam Fees | 5,000.00 |  | 2,387.50 | 2,612.50 | 52.25\% |
| 342220 | Fire Report Copies | 50.00 |  | 35.00 | 15.00 | 30.00\% |
| 342905 | PSD Reimburse for O/T | 100,000.00 |  | 61,376.25 | 38,623.75 | 38.62\% |
| 342915 | CSOD Rescource Officer | 115,000.00 |  |  | 115,000.00 | 100.00\% |
| 342920 | School Crossing Grd - Reimb | 8,000.00 |  |  | 8,000.00 | 100.00\% |
| 343910 | Parking Meter Fees | 750,000.00 |  | 490,272.85 | 259,727.15 | 34.63\% |
| 344160 | Recycling Income - Sanitation |  |  | 808.00 | (808.00) | 0.00\% |
| 347200 | Recreation Service Fees | 700,000.00 |  | 471,779.69 | 228,220.31 | 32.60\% |
| 347500 | Sale of Goods | 12,000.00 |  | 9,807.82 | 2,192.18 | 18.27\% |
| 349100 | Cemetery Service Fees | 80,000.00 |  | 52,015.00 | 27,985.00 | 34.98\% |
| 349300 | Retum Check Fees | 100.00 |  | 400.00 | (300.00) | -300.00\% |
| 351170 | Fines and Forfeit - Code Viola | 750,000.00 |  | 598,614.13 | 151,385.87 | 20.18\% |
| 351171 | Court Fines and Bonds ATS | 155,000.00 |  | 92,734.00 | 62,266.00 | 40.17\% |
| 351173 | ATS School Portion |  |  | $(43,276.00)$ | 43,276.00 | 0.00\% |
| 351400 | Additional Court Penalty Assessments | 5,000.00 |  | 2,576.63 | 2,423.37 | 48.47\% |
| 351930 | Pakking Violations | 50,000.00 |  | 43,387.50 | 6,612.50 | 13.23\% |
| 361000 | Interest Income | 20,000.00 |  | 18,734.69 | 1,265.31 | 6.33\% |
| 381010 | Rental - Bandstand | 4,500.00 |  | 2,600.00 | 1,900.00 | 42.22\% |
| 381020 | Rental - Recreation Facilities | 115,000.00 |  | 83,909.50 | 31,090.50 | 27.04\% |
| 383010 | Insurance Reimbursement Claims and Losses |  |  | 8,991.79 | $(8,991.79)$ | 0.00\% |
| 389000 | Misc Revenue | 10,000.00 |  | 3,381.12 | 6,618.88 | 66.19\% |
| 392100 | Sale of General Fixed Assets | 5,000.00 |  | 616.25 | 4,383.75 | 87.68\% |
|  | ALL OTHER REV | 3,448,840.00 |  | 2,006,783.10 | 1,442,056.90 | 41.81\% |
| 391275 | Transfer - Hotel Motel Tax Fund | 412,500.00 |  |  | 412,500.00 | 100.00\% |
| 391505 | Transfer-Stommater | 352,020.00 |  |  | 352,020.00 | 100.00\% |
| 391540 | Transfer - Solid Waste Fund | 212,540.00 |  |  | 212,540.00 | 100.00\% |
| 611225 | Transfer-to CYS | (100,000.00) |  |  | (100,000.00) | 100.00\% |
| 611240 | Transfer - to E911 | (350,000.00) |  |  | (350,000.00) | 100.00\% |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | TRANSFERS | 527,060.00 |  |  | 527,060.00 | 100.00\% |
|  | TOTAL REVENUES | 27,403,650.00 |  | 16,877,625.26 | 10,526,024.74 | 38.41\% |

Appendix B: General Fund Expenditures by Account


