Review of General Fund Forecasted Revenues and Other Sources of Funds for the Fiscal Year Ending September 30, 2013

November 2012



CITY AUDITOR'S OFFICE CITY OF GAINESVILLE, FLORIDA

__City of__ Gainesville

Inter-Office Communication

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TO:

Audit, Finance and Legislative Committee

Mayor Craig Lowe, Chair

Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Lauren Poe, Member

FROM:

Brent Godshalk, City Auditor

SUBJECT:

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Recommendation

The Audit, Finance and Legislative Committee recommend that the City Commission accept the City Auditor's report.

Explanation

In accordance with Section 12(a), Budget Reviews, of Commission Resolution 970187 and our Annual Audit Plan, we have completed an audit of General Fund revenue estimates for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2013. The objective of our review was to evaluate the reasonableness of the forecasted General Fund Revenues and Other Sources of Funds set forth in the Fiscal Year 2012-2013 Final General Government Financial and Operating Plan Budget adopted by the City Commission on September 20, 2012.

We conducted this performance audit in accordance with generally accepted government auditing standards. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain sufficient, appropriate evidence to provide a reasonable basis for our conclusion based on our audit objective. We believe that the evidence obtained provides a reasonable basis for our conclusion based on our audit objective.

Conclusion

Based on our review, we believe that the projected Fiscal Year 2012-2013 General Fund Revenues and Other Sources of Funds in the total amount of \$105,139,498, as adopted by the City Commission on September 20, 2012, are reasonable and can be relied upon as part of the Final General Government Financial and Operating Plan Budget. While we have projected some revenue sources at a different level than the approved General Fund budget, we do not believe that the total value of these differences is material in relation to the overall Fiscal Year 2012-2013 General Fund Revenues and Other Sources of Funds. The total estimated difference is approximately \$64,220 or 0.1% less than budgeted.

The differences are reflected in the attached schedule of General Fund Forecasted Revenues and Other Sources of Funds for the Fiscal Year Ending September 30, 2013 and an accompanying Explanation of Differences. Management continually monitors the City's financial position throughout the fiscal year and makes adjustments as necessary. Monitoring reports are provided to the City Commission through the Audit, Finance and Legislative Committee on a quarterly basis, with any significant changes from budgeted figures discussed in committee.

CITY OF GAINESVILLE, FLORIDA GENERAL FUND FORECASTED REVENUES AND OTHER SOURCES OF FUNDS FISCAL YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2013

	REVENUE FORECAST PER BUDGET ORDINANCE	REVENUE FORECAST PER CITY AUDITOR	DIFFERENCE IN FORECASTS	EXPLANATION OF DIFFERENCES
TAXES:				
Real Property, Net Local Option Gas Tax	\$22,417,175 778,970	\$22,393,000 778,970	\$ (24,175)	Note 1
Hazmat Gross Receipts Tax Utility Service Tax	198,884 11,102,743	211,000 11,102,743	12,116	Note 2
Communications Services Tax Business Tax	5,100,899 855,838	5,035,000 855,838	(65,899)	Note 3
TOTAL TAXES	40,454,509	\$40,376,551	(77,958)	
LICENSES AND PERMITS:				
Home Occupational Permits Miscellaneous Permits	19,716	19,716	-	
Open Burn Permits	4,710 405	4,710 405	-	
Landlord Licensing Fee	833,769	833,769	-	
Taxi Licenses	7,546	7,546	_	
TOTAL LICENSES AND PERMITS	866,146	866,146	-	
INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVENUE:				
State Revenue Sharing - Sales Tax & Motor Fuel (Net) Mobile Home Licenses	2,671,479 33,991	2,611,000	(60,479)	Note 3
Beverage Licenses	101,112	33,991 101,112	-	
Half Cent Sales Tax	6,227,000	6,227,000	-	
Firefighters Supplemental Comp	69,820	69,820	-	
FDOT-Traffic Signal Maintenance Agreement	226,208	226,208	-	
FDOT-Streetlight Maintenance Agreement	453,560	453,560	-	
County/MTPO Contribution to B/PAB Insurance Tax	10,259	10,259	-	
HISUITATICE TAX	1,233,165	1,233,165	-	
TOTAL INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVENUES	11,026,594	10,966,115	(60,479)	

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	REVENUE FORECAST PER BUDGET ORDINANCE	REVENUE FORECAST PER CITY AUDITOR	DIFFERENCE IN FORECASTS	EXPLANATION OF DIFFERENCES
CHARGES FOR SERVICES:				
CHARGES FOR SERVICES: Land Development Code Review Miscellaneous Fees Police Document Reproduction Fees Fire Inspection Fees Billable Overtime (GFR) Trespass Towing Application Fees Towing Application Program Traffic Signal Contract-County GHA HUD Contract School Resource Officer Contract - SBAC Cemetery Fees Parking Meter & Smart Card Neighborhood Parking Decals Other Street Projects Traffic Engineering Projects Parking Garage Revenues Traffic Review Fees Environmental Review Fees Recreation-Swimming Pools Recreation Centers Recreation Fees Recreation Membership & Sports Summer Playground Fees Utility Indirect Services RTS Indirect Services SMU Indirect Services Asst City Attorney - GRU Solid Waste Indirect Services Fleet Management Indirect Services General Insurance Indirect Services	PER BUDGET	PER CITY	IN	OF
CRA Indirect Services Florida Building Code Enf. Indirect Services General Pension Indirect Services Police Pension Indirect Services	107,977 261,263 96,669 25,112	107,977 261,263 96,669 25,112	- - -	
Fire Pension Indirect Services Police-Personnel & Training-SFC Airport Security Airport Fire Station Miscellaneous Charges for Services	25,112 43,333 332,941 484,395 2,927	25,112 43,333 332,941 484,395 2,927	- - - -	
TOTAL CHARGES FOR SERVICES	7,779,771	7,672,729	(107,042)	

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FINES & FORFEITURES:				
Court Fines & Forfeitures Municipal Ordinance Fines Code Enforcement Penalties Parking Fines False Alarm Penalties	518,576 23,425 90,509 510,454 302,991	518,576 23,425 90,509 510,454 302,991		
TOTAL FINES & FORFEITURES	1,445,955	1,445,955	-	•
MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES:				
Rebate Gas Tax Football Game Day Services Rental Income-Thomas Center	36,155 12,000 115,704	36,155 12,000 115,704	-	
Gain/Loss on Investment Rental of City Property Telecommunications Tower Rental	348,741 31,490 8,657	530,000 31,490 8,657	181,259	Note 2
Proceeds from Land & Surplus Equip Sales Other Donations & Contributions Interest-Miscellaneous	6,209 35,048 111,230	6,209 35,048 111,230	-	
CRA Loan Interest Other Miscellaneous Revenues	155,506 153,896	155,506 153,896	-	
TOTAL MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES	1,014,636	1,195,895	181,259	
TRANSFERS FROM OTHER FUNDS:				
School Crossing Guard Trust Fund Evergreen Cemetery Trust Fund Solid Waste	43,472 119,186 300,000	43,472 119,186 300,000	-	
Arts in Public Places Trust RTS-Direct Services General Insurance Fund-Rebate	9,000 58,602 300,000	9,000 58,602 300,000	-	
Fire Assessment Fund Water/Wastewater Connections Surcharge GRU-Electric	5,055,078 407,394 19,435,647	5,055,078 407,394 19,435,647	- - -	
GRU-Water GRU-Gas Utility GRU-Wastewater	6,629,342 2,169,844 7,643,203	6,629,342 2,169,844 7,643,203	-	
GRUCommunications	381,119	381,119		
TOTAL TRANSFERS	42,551,887	42,551,887		
TOTAL SOURCES	\$ 105,139,498	\$105,075,278	\$ (64,220)	•

CITY OF GAINESVILLE, FLORIDA GENERAL FUND FORECASTED REVENUES AND OTHER SOURCES OF FUNDS FISCAL YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2013 EXPLANATION OF DIFFERENCES

Notes

- 1) The City Auditor's estimate for this revenue source is based on the certification of final taxable value provided by the Alachua County Property Appraiser's Office, while considering historical 10 year average discounts. The City Manager's estimate was prepared using similar procedures applied to earlier projected financial data available.
- 2) The City Auditor's estimate for this revenue source is based on historical growth patterns applied to actual fiscal year 2012 data. The City Manager's estimate was prepared using similar procedures applied to earlier projected financial data available.
- 3) The City Auditor's estimate for this revenue source is based on updated projections from the State Department of Revenue, adjusted for historical results. The City Manager's estimate was prepared using similar procedures applied to earlier projected financial data available.