

ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT

FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2010

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

To the Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council City of Shoreacres, Texas

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, and each major fund, of the City of Shoreacres, Texas as of and for the year ended September 30, 2010, which collectively comprise the City's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents. These financial statements are the responsibility of the City of Shoreacres, Texas' management. 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 of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and the significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our 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, and each major fund of the City of Shoreacres, Texas as of September 30, 2010, and the respective changes in financial position, and cash flows, where applicable, thereof for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated April 22, 2011, on our consideration of the City of Shoreacres, Texas' internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* and should be considered in assessing the results of our audit.

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis and budgetary comparison information on pages 3 through 8 and 30 through 31 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.

Pattillo, Brown + Hill, L.L.P.

April 22, 2011

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

Management's Discussion and Analysis

As management of the City of Shoreacres, we offer readers of the City's financial statements this narrative overview and analysis of the financial activities of the City for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2010.

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

- The assets of the City of Shoreacres exceeded its liabilities as of September 30, 2010, by \$3,138,378 (net assets). Unrestricted net assets of the City, however, were \$2,275,751 as of September 30, 2010. Unrestricted net assets represent those assets that may be used to meet the City's ongoing obligations to citizens and creditors in accordance with the City's fund designation and fiscal policies.
- The City's total net assets decreased by \$(84,761) from 2009.
- As of the close of the current fiscal year, the City of Shoreacres' governmental fund reported an ending fund balance of \$1,649,215. The unreserved portion of the fund was \$1,627,726.

OVERVIEW OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

This discussion and analysis is intended to serve as an introduction to the City's basic financial statements. The City's basic financial statements are comprised of three components: (1) government-wide financial statements, (2) fund financial statements and (3) notes to the financial statements.

Government-wide financial statements – The government-wide financial statements, which begin on page 9 of this report, are designed to provide readers with a broad overview of the City's finances, in a manner similar to a private-sector business.

The Statement of Net Assets presents information on all of the City's assets and liabilities, with the difference between the two reported as net assets. Over time, increases or decreases in net assets may serve as a useful indicator of whether the financial position of the City is improving or deteriorating.

The Statement of Activities presents information showing how the City's net assets changed during the fiscal year. All changes in net assets are reported when the underlying event giving rise to the change occurs, regardless of the timing of related cash flows. Thus, revenues and expenses are reported in this statement for some items that will only result in cash flows in the future fiscal periods (e.g., uncollected taxes and earned but unused compensated absences).

Both of the government-wide financial statements distinguish functions of the City that are principally supported by taxes and intergovernmental revenues (governmental activities) from functions that are intended to recover all or a significant portion of their costs through user fees and charges (business-type activities). The governmental activities of the City include General Government, Municipal Court, Public Safety, Public Works, Highways and Streets and Culture and Recreation. The business-type activities of the City include Water, Sewer and Solid Waste activities.

Fund financial statements – A fund is a grouping of related accounts that is used to maintain control over resources that have been segregated for specific activities or objectives. The City, like other state and local governments, uses fund accounting to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance-related legal requirements. All funds of the City can be divided into two categories – governmental funds and proprietary funds.

Governmental funds – Governmental funds are used to account for essentially the same functions reported as governmental activities in the government-wide financial statements. However, unlike the government-wide financial statements, governmental fund financial statements focus on current sources and uses of spendable resources, as well as on balances of spendable resources available at the end of the fiscal year. Such information may be useful in evaluating a government's near-term financing requirements.

Because the focus of governmental funds is narrower than that of the government-wide financial statements, it is useful to compare the information presented for governmental funds with similar information presented for governmental activities in the government-wide financial statements. By doing so, readers may better understand the long-term impact of the government's near-term financing decisions. Both the governmental funds' balance sheet and the governmental fund statements of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balances provide a reconciliation to facilitate this comparison between governmental funds and governmental activities.

Proprietary funds – The City maintains one type of proprietary fund. Enterprise Funds are used to report the same functions presented as business-type activities in the government-wide financial statements. The City uses an Enterprise Fund to account for Water, Sewer and Solid Waste operations.

Proprietary funds provide the same type of information as the government-wide financial statements, only in more detail. The basic proprietary fund financial statements, which begin on page 15 of this report, provide information for the Water, Sewer and Solid Waste Enterprise Fund, since this is considered to be a major fund of the City.

Notes to the financial statements – The notes provide additional information that is essential to a full understanding of the data provided in the government-wide and fund financial statements. The notes to the financial statements can be found on pages 18 - 29 of this report.

GOVERNMENTAL-WIDE FINANCIAL ANALYSIS

As noted earlier, net assets may serve over time as a useful indicator of a government's financial position. In the case of the City of Shoreacres, assets exceeded liabilities by \$3,138,378 as of September 30, 2010.

The largest portion of the City's net assets \$2,124,353 reflects its cash and investment balances.

CITY OF SHOREACRES' NET ASSETS

	Governme	ntal Activities	Business-type Activities	Tota	Totals		
	2010	2009	2010 2009	2010	2009		
Current and other assets Capital assets Total assets	\$ 1,788,150 686,954 2,475,104	\$ 2,082,841 456,562 2,539,403	\$ 740,012 \$ 821,709 154,184 115,499 894,196 937,209	841,138	\$ 2,904,550 572,061 3,476,611		
Long-term liabilities Other liabilities Total liabilities	59,079 83,014 142,093	36,844 134,651 171,495	5,384 - 83,445 81,97 88,829 81,97		36,844 216,628 253,472		
Net assets: Invested in capital assets, net of related debt Restricted Unrestricted	686,954 21,489 1,624,568	456,562 21,489 1,889,857	154,184 115,499 651,183 739,732	21,489	572,061 21,489 2,629,589		
Total net assets	\$2,333,011	\$2,367,908	\$ 805,367 \$ 855,23	\$ 3,138,378	\$3,223,139		

A portion of the City's net assets \$21,489 represents resources that are subject to restriction on how they may be used. The remaining balance \$2,275,751 of unrestricted net assets may be used to meet the City's ongoing obligation to citizens and creditors in accordance with the City's fund designation and fiscal policies.

Analysis of the City's operations – The following table provides a summary of the City's operations for the year ended September 30, 2010.

CITY OF SHOREACRES' CHANGES IN NET ASSETS

	Governmen	tal Activities	Business-ty	pe Activities	Tot	als
	2010	2009	2010	2009	2010	2009
P						
Revenues:						
Program revenues:	\$ 331,806	\$ 542,841	\$ 262,845	\$ 448,161	\$ 594,651	\$ 991,002
Charges for services Operating grants	\$ 331,600	\$ 342,641	\$ 202,643	р ++0,101	ψ 554,051	J JJ1,002
and contributions	1,047	2,244,329	_	_	1,047	2,244,329
	1,047	2,244,329	_		1,017	2,2 11,029
Capital grants	32,054		48,946	_	81,000	_
and contributions	32,034	-	40,940	-	81,000	
General revenues:	770 017	022.220			778,017	822,230
Property taxes	778,017	822,230	-	-	61,508	47,072
Sales taxes	61,508	47,072 57,333	-	-	56,798	57,323
Franchise taxes	56,798	57,323	-	-		2,650
Other taxes	4,035	2,650	-	(272	4,035	
Investment earnings	7,686	20,130	5,515	6,272	13,201	26,402
Miscellaneous	50,060	31,126	34,082	39,891	84,142	71,017
Transfers		63,229		(63,229)	1 (51 200	4060.005
Total revenues and transfers	1,323,011	3,830,930	351,388	431,095	1,674,399	4,262,025
Expenses:						
General government	504,344	2,661,280	-	-	504,344	2,661,280
Public safety	455,281	435,929	-	-	455,281	435,929
Public works	177,239	193,271	-	-	177,239	193,271
Judicial	78,614	166,374	-	-	78,614	166,374
Highways and streets	100,290	102,542	-	-	100,290	102,542
Culture and recreation	42,140	35,437	-	-	42,140	35,437
Water and sewer	-		401,252	420,054	401,252	420,054
Total expenses	1,357,908	3,594,833	401,252	420,054	1,759,160	4,014,887
Change in net assets	(34,897)	236,097	(49,864)	11,041	(84,761)	247,138
Net assets - beginning	2,367,908	2,131,811	855,231	844,190	3,223,139	2,976,001
Net assets - ending	\$2,333,011	\$ 2,367,908	\$805,367	\$ 855,231	\$3,138,378	\$3,223,139

Governmental activities decreased net assets during the fiscal year by \$(34,897). Grant revenue and general government expenditures were much smaller due to Hurricane IKE relief receipts and efforts ending in fiscal year 2009.

FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OF THE CITY'S FUNDS

Governmental funds – The focus of the City of Shoreacres' governmental funds is to provide information on near-term inflows, outflows, and balances of spendable resources. Such information is useful in assessing the City's financing requirements. In particular, unreserved fund balance may serve as a useful measure of a government's net resources available for spending at the end of the fiscal year.

At the end of the current fiscal year, the City of Shoreacres' governmental fund reported an ending fund balance of \$1,649,215 of which \$1,627,726 constitutes unreserved fund balance.

General fund budgetary highlights – The City made no revisions to the original appropriations approved by the City Council.

Refer to the General Fund Statement of Revenue, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances – Budget and Actual on page 30 of this report for a detailed presentation of the actual General Fund operations compared to both the original and final budget for fiscal year 2010.

Proprietary funds – The City's proprietary fund statements beginning on page 15 of this report provide the same type of information found in the government-wide financial statements, but in more detail.

Unrestricted net assets of the major proprietary fund, the Water and Sewer Fund, were \$651,183. This fund experienced a decrease in total net assets during 2010 of \$(49,864).

CAPITAL ASSETS

The City of Shoreacres' investment in capital assets for its governmental and business-type activities as of September 30, 2010, amounts to \$841,138 (net of accumulated depreciation). This investment in capital assets includes land, buildings, machinery and equipment, water system, and sewer system. The significant change in Buildings and improvements is due to the General Fund's renovations to City Hall due to damages caused by Hurricane Ike.

CITY OF SHOREACRES' CAPITAL ASSETS AT YEAR-END

	Governmental Activities		Business-type Activities			Totals						
		2010		2009		2010		2009		2010		2009
Land	\$	175,164	\$	175,164	\$	7,839	\$	7,839	\$	183,003	\$	183,003
Land improvements		-		-		19,940		19,940		19,940		19,940
Leasehold improvements		56,297		56,297		-		-		56,297		56,297
Buildings and improvements		153,379		12,000		5,000		5,000		158,379		17,000
Vehicles and Equipment		199,475		199,160		21,642		21,642		221,117		220,802
Infrastructure		255,082		195,034		-		-		255,082		195,034
Construction in progress		62,664		-		48,946		-		111,610		-
Water and wastewater distribution		-		-		300,059		300,059		300,059		300,059
Less: accumulated depreciation	(_	215,107)	(_	181,093)	(249,242)	(_	238,981)	(464,349)		420,074)
Total capital assets, net	\$	686,954	\$	456,562	\$	154,184	\$	115,499	\$	841,138	\$	572,061

DEBT ADMINISTRATION

At the end of the current fiscal year, the City of Shoreacres did not have any bonded debt or notes payable.

ECONOMIC FACTS

Hurricane Ike, the third costliest hurricane ever to hit the United States, made landfall just over 30 miles from the City of Shoreacres in Galveston, Texas on September 13, 2008. Right after the hurricane, the City estimated that 575 of its 650 homes had been flooded and were uninhabitable.

Although the City suffered significant public and private damage from Hurricane Ike, it occurred after the 2009 property tax rate was established for application to values rendered in January 2008 (prior to storm damage). Accordingly, the adverse financial impact of diminished property values due to storm damage fell outside the current fiscal year. Property tax collection, which is the City's primary governmental fund revenue source, was not significantly affected.

Extraordinary expenses incurred as a direct result of Hurricane Ike were offset by federal grants and emergency assistance funds. Additionally, large capital improvement projects budgeted for the current fiscal year were deferred reducing expenditures.

Despite catastrophic public and private property damage the city has maintained all services and governmental functions in support of recovery. An accelerated building permit program has allowed rapid repair and reconstruction of damaged residential structures and commercial facilities.

REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION

The financial report is designed to provide our citizens, customers, investors and creditors with a general overview of the City's finances. If you have questions about this report or need any additional information, contact David Stall, City Administrator, at 601 Shoreacres Blvd, Shoreacres, TX 77571 or call (281) 471-2244.

BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS

SEPTEMBER 30, 2010

	Governmental Activities	Business-type Activities	Total
ASSETS			
Cash	\$ 424,225	\$ 516,886	\$ 941,111
Investments	1,183,242	-	1,183,242
Receivables (net of allowances for uncollectibles):			
Taxes	55,963	-	55,963
Accounts	63,594	51,086	114,680
Internal balances	(172,040)	172,040	-
Receivables from other governments	233,166	•	233,166
Capital assets:			
Land	175,164	7,839	183,003
Land improvements	-	19,940	19,940
Leasehold improvements	56,297	-	56,297
Buildings and improvements	153,379	5,000	158,379
Vehicles and equipment	199,475	21,642	221,117
Infrastructure	255,082	-	255,082
Construction in progress	62,664	48,946	111,610
Water and wastewater distribution	-	300,059	300,059
Less: accumulated depreciation	(215,107)	(249,242)	(464,349)
Total capital assets	686,954	154,184	841,138
Total assets	2,475,104	894,196	3,369,300
LIABILITIES			
Accounts payable	20,847	14,706	35,553
Accrued liabilities	36,848	1,683	38,531
Customer deposits	-	67,056	67,056
Noncurrent liabilities:			
Due within one year	25,319	-	25,319
Due in more than one year	59,079	5,384	64,463
Total liabilities	142,093	88,829	230,922
NET ASSETS			
Invested in capital assets, net of related debt Restricted for:	686,954	154,184	841,138
Other projects	21,489	-	21,489
Unrestricted	1,624,568	651,183	2,275,751
Total net assets	\$_2,333,011	\$805,367	\$3,138,378

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2010

				Progra	m Revenue		
				Oı	perating	Cap	ital Grants
		Cł	narges for	Gr	ants and		and
Functions/Programs	 Expenses		Services	Con	tributions	Con	tributions
Governmental activities:							
General government	\$ 504,344	\$	78,498	\$	-	\$	-
Public safety	455,281		-		1,047		3,429
Public works	177,239		-		-		-
Judicial	78,614		253,308		-		-
Highways and streets	100,290		-		-		28,625
Culture and recreation	 42,140	_	-				-
Total governmental activities	 1,357,908		331,806		1,047		32,054
Business-type activities:							
Water/sewer services	 401,252		262,845		-		48,946
Total business-type activities	 401,252		262,845		-		48,946
Total	\$ 1,759,160	\$	594,651	\$	1,047	· \$	81,000

General revenues:

Taxes:

Property taxes, levied for general purposes

Sales taxes

Franchise taxes

Other taxes

Investment earnings

Miscellaneous

Total general revenues

Change in net assets

Net assets - beginning

Net assets - ending

Net (Expense)	Revenue	and (Changes	in	Net Asset	S

Governmental Activities			siness-type activities		Total		
\$(425,846)	\$	-	\$(425,846)		
(450,805)		-	(450,805)		
(177,239)		-	(177,239)		
	174,694		-		174,694		
(71,665)		-	(71,665)		
(42,140)		_	(42,140)		
(_	993,001)		-	(993,001)		
	-	(89,461)	(89,461)		
	-	(89,461)	(89,461)		
<u>(</u>	993,001)		89,461)	<u>(</u>	1,082,462)		
\$	778,017	\$	-	\$	778,017		
	61,508		-		61,508		
	56,798		-		56,798		
	4,035		-		4,035		
	7,686		5,515		13,201		
	50,060		34,082		84,142		
•	958,104		39,597		997,701		
(34,897)	(49,864)	(84,761)		
	2,367,908	····	855,231		3,223,139		
\$	2,333,011	\$	805,367	\$	3,138,378		

BALANCE SHEET

GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS

SEPTEMBER 30, 2010

	General
ASSETS	
Cash	\$ 424,225
Investments	1,183,242
Taxes receivable, net	55,963
Receivable from other governments	233,166
Fines receivables	63,594
Total assets	\$1,960,190
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES	
Liabilities:	
Accounts payable	20,847
Due to other funds	172,040
Accrued liabilities	36,848
Deferred revenue	81,240
Total liabilities	310,975
Fund balances:	
Reserved for:	
Other purposes	21,489
Unreserved	1,627,726
Total fund balances	1,649,215
Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and, therefore, are not reported in the funds.	(9(054
are not reported in the funds.	686,954
Other long-term assets are not available to pay for current-period expenditures and, therefore, are deferred in the funds.	81,240
Long-term liabilities are not due and payable in the current period and, therefore, are not reported in the funds.	(84,398)
Net assets of governmental activities	\$2,333,011

STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES

GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2010

	General
REVENUES	
Taxes:	
Property	\$ 794,065
Sales	61,508
Franchise	56,798
Other	4,035
Fines and fees	239,611
Intergovernmental	33,100
Lease and rental	21,416
Licenses and permits	57,083
Investment earnings	7,686
Miscellaneous	57,060
Total revenues	1,332,362
EXPENDITURES	
Current:	
General government	692,359
Judicial	77,869
Public safety	423,541
Public works	157,553
Highways and streets	93,015
Culture and recreation	65,530
Capital outlay	53,669
Total expenditures	1,563,536
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCES	(231,174)
FUND BALANCES, BEGINNING	1,880,389
FUND BALANCES, ENDING	\$1,649,215

RECONCILIATION OF THE STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES OF GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS TO THE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2010

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

Net change in fund balances - total governmental funds	\$(231,174)
Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures. However, in the statement of activities the cost of those assets is allocated over their estimated		
useful lives and reported as depreciation expense.		230,392
Revenues in the statement of activities that do not provide current financial resources are not reported as revenues in the funds.	(2,351)
Change in net assets of governmental activities	\$ <u>(</u>	34,897)

STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS PROPRIETARY FUND SEPTEMBER 30, 2010

	Business-type Activities Enterprise Fund Water and Sewer
ASSETS	and sewer
Current assets:	
Cash	\$ 516,886
Accounts receivable, net	51,086
Due from other funds	172,040
Total current assets	<u>740,012</u>
Non-current assets:	
Capital assets:	
Buildings and improvements	5,000
Vehicles and equipment	21,642
Water and wastewater distribution	300,059
Land improvements	19,940
Land	7,839
Construction in progress	48,946
Less accumulated depreciation	(249,242)
Total non-current assets	154,184
Total assets	894,196
LIABILITIES	
Current liabilities:	14.500
Accounts payable	14,706
Accrued liabilities	1,683
Customer deposits	67,056
Total current liabilities	83,445
Non-current liabilities:	
Compensated absences	5,384
Total liabilities	88,829
NET ASSETS	
Invested in capital assets	154,184
Unrestricted	651,183
Total net assets	\$805,367

STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES AND CHANGES IN FUND NET ASSETS PROPRIETARY FUND

FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2010

	Business-type Activities Enterprise Fund Water and Sewer
OPERATING REVENUES Charges for sales and services: Water Sewer Sanitation Total operating revenues	\$ 142,420 78,268 42,157 262,845
OPERATING EXPENSES Personnel services Water services Solid waste disposal Recycling services Materials and supplies Maintenance Fuel Utilities Depreciation Other Total operating expenses	95,469 106,531 94,988 13,031 26,745 11,577 5,297 30,876 10,261 6,477 401,252
OPERATING LOSS NON-OPERATING REVENUES (EXPENSES) Investment income Miscellaneous revenues Total non-operating revenues (expenses)	(138,407) 5,515 34,082 39,597
CONTRIBUTED CAPITAL	48,946
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS	(49,864)
TOTAL NET ASSETS, BEGINNING	855,231
TOTAL NET ASSETS, ENDING	\$ 805,367

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

PROPRIETARY FUND

FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2010

CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES Cash received from customers Cash payments to employees for services Cash payments to suppliers for goods and services Cash used by operating activities	Business-type Activities Enterprise Fund Water and Sewer \$ 299,856 (90,088) (494,280) (284,512)
CASH FLOWS FROM NONCAPITAL FINANCING ACTIVITIES Miscellaneous revenues Cash provided by noncapital financing activities	34,082 34,082
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES Interest on investments Cash provided by investing activities	5,515 5,515
NET DECREASE IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	(244,915)
CASH, BEGINNING	761,801
CASH, ENDING	\$ 516,886
RECONCILIATION OF OPERATING INCOME TO NET CASH USED BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES Operating loss Adjustments to reconcile operating loss to net cash used by operating activities: Depreciation Change in assets and liabilities: Decrease (increase) in accounts receivable Decrease (increase) in due from other funds Increase (decrease) in accounts payable Increase (decrease) in customer deposits Increase (decrease) in due to other funds Increase (decrease) in account liabilities Increase (decrease) in account liabilities Increase (decrease) in compensated absences Total adjustments	\$(138,407) 10,261 34,955 (172,040) (585) 2,056 (26,133) (3) 5,384 (146,105)
Net cash used by operating activities	\$ <u>(284,512)</u>
NONCASH INVESTING, CAPITAL, AND FINANCING ACTIVITIES Contributions of capital assets from government The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.	\$48,946

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

SEPTEMBER 30, 2010

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The City of Shoreacres, Texas (the "City") was incorporated as a City in 1949 and is a General Law City with a Mayor and five Council members elected to two-year terms. City Hall acts as a courthouse, council chambers, meeting room, police station, and administrative building.

A. Reporting Entity

Generally accepted accounting principles require financial statements to present the government and its component units, entities for which the government is considered financially accountable. Examination of potential component units determined that none met the criteria necessary for inclusion in these financial statements.

B. Government-wide and Fund Financial Statements

The government-wide financial statements (i.e. the statement of net assets and the statement of activities) report information on all of the nonfiduciary activities of the primary government. Governmental activities, which normally are supported by taxes, 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 (1) charges to customers or applicants who purchase, use, or directly benefit from goods, services, or privileges provided by a given function or segment and, (2) 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.

C. 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. Grants and similar items are recognized as revenue as soon as all eligibility requirements imposed by the provider have been met.

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

C. Measurement Focus, Basis of Accounting, and Financial Statement Presentation (Continued)

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 City 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, debt service expenditures, as well as expenditures related to claims and judgments, are recorded only when payment is due.

Property taxes, sales taxes, franchise taxes, 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 is considered to be measurable and available only when cash is received by the City.

The City reports the following major Governmental Fund:

<u>General Fund</u> – The General Fund is the City's primary operating fund. It is used to account for all financial resources of the general government except those required to be accounted for in another fund.

The City reports the following major Proprietary Fund:

<u>Water/Sewer Fund</u> – The Water/Sewer Fund accounts for the operations of providing water, sewer, and waste management services to the residents of the City.

Private-sector standards of accounting and financial reporting issued prior to December 31, 1989, generally are followed in both the government-wide and Proprietary Fund financial statements to the extent that those standards do not conflict with or contradict guidance of the Governmental Accounting Standards Board.

Governments also have the option of following subsequent private-sector guidance for their business-type activities and Enterprise Fund, subject to this same limitation. The City has elected not to follow subsequent private-sector guidance.

As a general rule, the effect of interfund activity has been eliminated from the government-wide financial statements.

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. Internally dedicated resources are reported as general revenues rather than as program revenues. Likewise, all general revenues include all taxes.

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

C. Measurement Focus, Basis of Accounting, and Financial Statement Presentation (Continued)

Proprietary Funds distinguish operating revenues and expenses from nonoperating items. Operating revenues and expenses generally result from providing services and producing and delivering goods in connection with a Proprietary Fund's principal ongoing operations. The principal operating revenues of the Water/Sewer Fund are charges to customers for sales and services. The Water/Sewer Fund also recognizes as operating revenue the portion of tap fees intended to recover the cost of connecting new customers to the system. Operating expenses for the Enterprise Fund include the cost of sales and services, administrative expenses, and depreciation on capital assets. All revenues and expenses not meeting this definition are reported as nonoperating revenues and expenses.

When both restricted and unrestricted resources are available for use, it is the City's policy to use restricted resources first, then unrestricted resources as they are needed. The City only uses restricted resources for their intended purpose.

D. Assets, Liabilities, and Net Assets or Equity

Deposits and Investments

The City's cash and cash equivalents are considered to be cash on hand, demand and savings accounts, and certificates of deposits.

The short-term investments consist of deposits in the Texas Local Government Investment Pool (TexPool). In accordance with GASB Statement No. 31, the City reports all investments at fair value except for money market investments and "2a7-like pools." The City had no money market investments at year-end. Investment positions in external investment pools that are operated in a manner consistent with the SEC's Rule 2a7 of the Investment Company Act of 1940, such as TexPool, Logic, and TexStar, are reported using the pools' share price.

The City has adopted a policy whereby investments are limited to the instruments listed below and as further described by the Public Funds Investment Act.

- a. Obligations of the United States Government, its agencies and instrumentalities, and government sponsoring enterprises, not to exceed two years to stated maturity, excluding collateralized mortgage obligations (CMOs).
- b. Full insured or collateralized certificates of deposit from a bank doing business in the State of Texas and under the terms of a written depository agreement with that bank, not to exceed two years to stated maturity.
- c. No-load, SEC registered money market funds, each approved specifically before use by the City.
- d. Constant dollar Texas Local Government Investment Pools as defined by Public Funds Investment Act.

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

D. Assets, Liabilities, and Net Assets or Equity (Continued)

Receivables and Payables

Activity between funds is reported as due to/from other funds. The outstanding balances between funds result mainly from (1) the arrangement whereby one cash account is used for payroll processing for all funds and, (2) in other cases the General Fund will pay an expenditure of the Water/Sewer Fund or vice versa. The balance in the due to/from other funds accounts is not expected to be paid back within one year.

All accounts receivable are shown net of an allowance for uncollectibles.

Capital Assets

Capital assets, which include buildings and improvements, machinery and equipment, and infrastructure assets (e.g. roads, bridges, sidewalks, 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 City as assets with an initial, individual cost of more than \$5,000 and an estimated useful life in excess of two years. Such assets are recorded at historical cost or estimated historical cost if purchased or constructed. Donated capital assets are recorded at estimated fair market value at the date of donation.

The City chose not to report general infrastructure assets retroactively, as permitted by GASB Statement No. 34 for smaller governments. The City will prospectively report general infrastructure assets acquired or constructed after October 1, 2003, in the statement of net assets in the period they acquire or construct those assets.

The costs of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of the asset or materially extend the asset life are not capitalized.

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

Assets	<u>Years</u>
Buildings and improvements	10-30
Machinery and equipment	3-20
Water facilities	20-40
Vehicles	5
Infrastructure	20-30

Fund Equity

In the fund financial statements, governmental funds report reservations of fund balance for amounts that are not available for appropriation or are legally restricted by outside parties for use for a specific purpose. Designations of fund balance represent tentative management plans that are subject to change. Net assets restricted for other projects consist of insurance proceeds received but not expended.

2. STEWARDSHIP, COMPLIANCE, AND ACCOUNTABILITY

Budgetary Information

Prior to the beginning of each fiscal year, the City Administrator submits to the City Council a proposed budget for the General Fund. The City Council uses this as a basis to formulate the operating budget for the upcoming year, which includes proposed expenditures and the means of financing those expenditures.

Public hearings are conducted at which all interested persons' comments concerning the budget are heard.

The budget is legally enacted by the City Council. Budgetary control is maintained at the fund level. All annual appropriations lapse at fiscal year-end.

3. DETAILED NOTES ON ALL FUNDS

Cash and Investments

As of September 30, 2010, the city had the following cash and investments:

	Fair Value	Weighted Average Maturity (Days)
Investments - TexPool	\$1,183,242	34
Total fair value	\$1,183,242	

During the year ended September 30, 2010, the City invested in the Texas Local Government Pool (TexPool), which is investment funds authorized by the Texas Legislature. TexPool is administered by the Texas State Treasury and holds investments which are subject to the same investment policies maintained by the State Treasury for all state funds. The Texas Treasury Safekeeping Trust Company is the trustee and is a limited purpose trust company authorized pursuant to Texas Government Code. The purpose of investment pool funds is to allow for the pooling of public funds to provide a higher yield on the pooled investment than would be possible with the investment of the individual public entity's funds. The legislature has authorized only certain investment instruments for public funds, including repurchase agreements, U. S. Treasury bills and bonds, securities of other U. S. government agencies, commercial paper, and other safe instruments. The investments held in TexPool, plus any accrued interest may be redeemed at the City's discretion. TexPool is rated AAAm by Standard & Poors. As a requirement to maintain the weekly rating portfolio, information must be submitted to Standard & Poors, as well as the office of the Comptroller of Public accounts, for review. TexPool operates in a manner consistent with the SEC's Rule 2a7 of the Investment Company Act of 1940. The funds use amortized cost rather than market value to report net assets to compute share prices. Accordingly, the fair value of the position in TexPool is the same as the value of TexPool shares.

Interest Rate Risk: To limit the City's exposure to interest rate risk and ensure liquidity, the City's investment policy requires that the City's investments be structured so that the maximum weighted average maturity of the overall portfolio may not exceed six months. Furthermore, the investment policy states the investment portfolio should be designed with the objective of attaining a market rate of return taking into account the City's risk constraints within State Statutes and the cash flow needs of the portfolio. "Market rate of return" may be defined as the average yield of the current six-month U. S. Treasury bill. Furthermore, the City has a diversification policy which includes diversification standards by security type and issuer.

Cash and Investments (Continued)

Credit Risk: At year-end, balances in TexPool, a privately managed public funds investment pool, was rated AAAm by Standard & Poor's.

Custodial Credit Risk: The City of Shoreacres' financial instruments that are exposed to concentrations of credit risk consist primarily of cash and cash equivalents. The City deposits its cash with high credit quality institutions. However, at times, such instruments may be in excess of FDIC insurance limits. As of September 30, 2010, \$465,750 of the City's \$964,093 deposit balance was collateralized with securities held by the pledging financial institution. The remaining \$500,000 was covered by FDIC insurance.

Property Taxes

The appraisal of property within the City is the responsibility of the Harris County Appraisal District (the "District"). The District is required under the Property Tax Code to assess all property within the District on the basis of 100% of its appraised value and is prohibited from applying any assessment ratios. The value of property within the District must be reviewed every four years.

The City's property tax is levied each October 1 on the assessed value listed as of the prior January 1 for all real and business personal property located in the City. The net assessed value upon which the fiscal 2010 levy was based was \$81,852,372.

Taxes are due by January 31 following the October 1 levy date. Current tax collections for the year ended September 30, 2010, were 98% of the tax levy.

Receivables

Receivables as of year-end for the City's individual major funds, including the applicable allowances for uncollectible accounts, are as follows:

		General		Utility		Total	
Receivables:							
Taxes	\$	56,958	\$	-	\$	56,958	
Water/sewer usage		-		52,182		52,182	
Intergovernmental		233,166		-		233,166	
Fines		254,376				254,376	
Gross receivables		544,500		52,182		596,682	
Less: allowance for uncollectibles	(_	191,777)	(1,096)		192,873)	
Net total receivables	\$	352,723	\$	51,086	\$	403,809	

Governmental funds report deferred revenue in connection with receivables for revenue that is not considered to be available to liquidate liabilities of the current period. Governmental funds also defer revenue recognition in connection with resources that have been received, but not yet earned. At the end of the current fiscal year, deferred revenue not considered available and reported in the governmental funds of \$32,178 is related to property taxes receivable and \$49,062 is related to municipal court receivables.

Capital Assets

Capital asset activity for the year ended September 30, 2010, was as follows:

		Beginning Balance	I.	ncreases	D	ecreases		Ending Balance
Governmental activities:	-	Datance		ilcicases		ccicases		Datatice
Capital assets, not being depreciated:								
Land	\$	175,164	\$	-	\$	_	\$	175,164
Construction in progress		-		62,664		-		62,664
Total assets not being depreciated		175,164		62,664		-		237,828
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Capital assets, being depreciated:								
Buildings and improvements		12,000		141,379		-		153,379
Parks		56,297		21.615	,	21 200)		56,297
Vehicles and equipment		199,160		21,615	(21,300)		199,475 255,082
Infrastructure		195,034	_	60,048		21.200		
Total capital assets being depreciated	_	462,491		223,042	<u></u>	21,300)		664,233
Less accumulated depreciation:								
Buildings and improvements	(12,000)	(653)		-	(12,653)
Parks	(20,999)	(7,220)		-	(28,219)
Vehicles and equipment	(131,781)	(21,206)		12,070	(140,917)
Infrastructure	<u>(</u>	16,313)	(17,005)			(33,318)
Total accumulated depreciation	(181,093)	(46,084)		12,070		215,107)
Total capital assets being								
depreciated, net	_	281,398		176,958	(9,230)		449,126
Governmental activities capital								
assets, net	\$	456,562	\$	239,622	<u>\$(</u>	9,230)	\$	686,954
Business-type activities:								
Capital assets, not being depreciated: Land	\$	7,839	\$	_	\$		\$	7,839
Construction in progress	Ψ	-,055	Ψ	48,946	Ψ	_	•	48,946
	-	7,839		48,946				56,785
Total assets not being depreciated	_	7,057		40,540				20,702
Capital assets, being depreciated:								* 000
Buildings and improvements		5,000		-		-		5,000
Land improvements		19,940		-		-		19,940
Water facilities		300,059		-		-		300,059 21,642
Vehicles and equipment		21,642		-				
Total capital assets being depreciated		346,641		-				346,641
Less accumulated depreciation:								
Buildings and improvements	(5,000)		-		-	(5,000)
Land improvements	(2,962)	(1,329)			(4,291)
Water facilities	(227,873)	(5,382)		-	(233,255)
Vehicles and equipment		3,146)	<u>_</u>	3,550)			<u>_</u>	6,696)
Total accumulated depreciation	(238,981)	(10,261)		-	<u>(</u>	249,242)
Total capital assets being								
depreciated, net		107,660	(10,261)		-		97,399
Business-type activities capital								
assets, net	\$	115,499	\$	38,685	\$	-	\$	154,184
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Capital Assets (Continued)

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

Governmental activities:	
Public works	\$ 18,558
General government administration	4,656
Public safety	9,820
Highways and streets	5,830
Culture and recreation	 7,220
Total depreciation expense - governmental activities	\$ 46,084

Interfund Receivables, Payables and Transfers

The composition of interfund balances as of September 30, 2010, is as follows:

Due to/from other funds:

Receivable Fund	Payable Fund	 Amount		
Water and Sewer	General	\$ 172,040		

The interfund balance resulted from the time lag between the dates that 1) interfund goods and services are provided on reimbursable expenditures occur, and 2) transactions are recorded in the accounting system, and 3) payments between fund are made.

Long-term Debt

The following is a summary of changes in long-term debt for the year ended September 30, 2010:

	Beginning Balance	Additions	Retirements	Ending Balance	Amounts Due in One Year
Governmental activities Compensated absences	\$ 52,634	\$31,764	\$	\$ 84,398	\$25,319
Total governmental activities	\$52,634	\$31,764	\$	\$84,398	\$\$
Business-type activities Compensated absences	\$	\$5,384	\$	\$5,384	\$1,615
Total governmental activities	\$	\$5,384	\$	\$5,384	\$ 1,615

Employee Benefit Plan

Plan Description

The City provides pension benefits for all of its eligible employees through a non-traditional, joint contributory, hybrid defined benefit plan in the statewide Texas Municipal Retirement System (TMRS), an agent multiple-employer public employee retirement system. The plan provisions that have been adopted by the City are within the options available in the governing state statutes of TMRS.

TMRS issues a publicly available comprehensive annual financial report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information (RSI) for TMRS; the report also provides detailed explanations of the contributions, benefits and actuarial methods and assumptions used by the System. This report may be obtained by writing to TMRS, P. O. Box 149153, Austin, Texas 78714-9153 or by calling 800-924-8677; in addition, the report is available on TMRS' website at www.TMRS.com.

The plan provisions are adopted by the governing body of the City, within the options available in the state statutes governing TMRS. Plan provisions for the City were as follows:

	Plan Year 2009	Plan Year 2010
Employee deposit rate	5.0%	5.0%
Matching ratio (city to employee)	1.5 to 1	1.5 to 1
Years required for vesting	5	5
Service retirement eligibility		
(expressed as age/years of service)	60/5, 0/20	60/5, 0/20
Updated service credit	100% repeating,	100% repeating,
	transfers	transfers
Annuity increase (to retirees)	70% of CPI	70% of CPI
	repeating	repeating

Contributions

Under the state law governing TMRS, the contribution rate for each City is determined annually by the actuary, using the Projected Unit Credit actuarial cost method. This rate consists of the normal cost contribution rate and the prior service cost contribution rate, which is calculated to be a level percent of payroll from year to year. The normal cost contribution rate finances the portion of an active member's projected benefit allocated annually; the prior service contribution rate amortizes the unfunded (overfunded) actuarial liability (asset) over the applicable period for that city. Both the normal cost and prior service contribution rates include recognition of the projected impact of annually repeating benefits, such as Updated Service Credits and Annuity Increases.

Employee Benefit Plan (Continued)

Contributions (Continued)

The City contributes to the TMRS Plan at an actuarially determined rate. Both the employees and the City make contributions monthly. Since the City needs to know its contribution rate in advance for budgetary purposes, there is a one-year delay between the actuarial valuation that serves as the basis for the rate and the calendar year when the rate goes into effect. The annual pension cost and net pension obligation/(asset) are as follows:

Accounting	4	Annual	Percentage	Net
Year]	Pension	of APC	Pension
Ending	Cc	ost (APC)	<u>Contributed</u>	Obligation
09/30/08	\$	22,350	100%	-
09/30/09		29,288	100%	-
09/30/10		39,141	100%	-

The required contribution rates for fiscal year 2010 were determined as part of the December 31, 2007 and 2008 actuarial valuations. Additional information as of the latest actuarial valuation, December 31, 2009, also follows:

Actuarial Valuation Date	12/31/07	12/31/08	12/31/09
Actuarial cost method Amortization method	Projected Unit Credit Level percent of payroll	Projected Unit Credit Level percent of payroll	Projected Unit Credit Level percent of payroll
Remaining amortization period Asset valuation method	30 years - closed Amortized cost	29 years - closed Amortized cost	28 years - closed 10-year smoothed market
Actuarial Assumptions: Investment rate of return	7.0%	7.5%	7.5%
Projected salary increases	varies by age	varies by age	varies by age
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Inflation	3.0%	3.0%	3.0%
Cost-of-living adjustments	2.1%	2.1%	2.1%

Employee Benefit Plan (Continued)

Schedule of Funding Information

The funded status as of December 31, 2009, the most recent actuarial valuation date, is as follows:

Actual Valuation Date	12/31/09	12/31/08	12/31/07
Actuarial value of assets	\$ 809,579	\$ 719,621	\$ 645,468
Actuarial accrued liability	962,023	890,121	771,037
Percent funded	84.2%	80.8%	83.7%
Unfunded (overfunded) actuarial accrued liability (UAAL)	152,444	170,500	125,569
Annual covered payroll	614,106	576,144	519,207
UAAL as a percentage of covered payroll	24.8%	29.6%	24.2%

Risk Management

The City is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees; and natural disasters. The City has joined together with other governments in Texas to form the Texas Municipal League Intergovernmental Risk Pool, a public entity risk pool currently operating as a common risk management and insurance program for liability, property, and workers' compensation coverage. The City pays a quarterly contribution to the pool for its insurance coverage. The agreement for formation of the Texas Municipal League Intergovernmental Risk Pool provides that the Pool will be self-sustaining through member contributions and will reinsure through commercial companies for claims in excess of specific limits.

The Texas Municipal League Intergovernmental Risk Pool has published its own financial report, which can be obtained by writing the Texas Municipal League Intergovernmental Risk Pool, 1821 Rutherford Lane, Austin, Texas 78754.

Other Postemployment Benefits

Supplemental Death Benefits Fund

The City also participates in the cost sharing multiple-employer defined benefit group term life insurance plan operated by the Texas Municipal Retirement System (TMRS) known as the Supplemental Death Benefits Fund (SDBF). The City elected, by ordinance to provide group term life insurance coverage to both current and retired employees. The City may terminate coverage under and discontinue participation in the SDBF by adopting an ordinance before November 1 of any year to be effective the following January 1.

The death benefit for active employees provides a lump sum payment approximately equal to the employee's annual salary (calculated based on the employee's actual earnings, for the 12-month period preceding the month of death); retired employees are insured for \$7,500; this coverage is an "other postemployment benefit," or OPEB.

Other Postemployment Benefits (Continued)

Supplemental Death Benefits Fund (Continued)

Schedule of Contribution Rates						
	Annual	Actual				
Accounting	Required	Contribution	Percentage			
Year	Contribution	Made	of ARC			
Ending	(Rate)	(Rate)	Contributed			
09/30/08	.03%	.03%	100%			
09/30/09	.02%	.02%	100%			
09/30/10	.02%	.02%	100%			

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REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

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GENERAL FUND

SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE - BUDGET AND ACTUAL

FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2010

	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual	Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)
REVENUES				
Taxes:				
Property	\$ 690,629	\$ 690,629	\$ 794,065	\$ 103,436
Sales	62,500	62,500	61,508	(992)
Franchise	53,000	53,000	56,798	3,798
Other	3,000	3,000	4,035	1,035
Fines and fees	419,924	419,924	239,611	(180,313)
Intergovernmental	1,100	1,100	33,100	32,000
Lease and rental	21,900	21,900	21,416	(484)
Licenses and permits	45,000	45,000	57,083	12,083
Investment earnings	28,000	28,000	7,686	(20,314)
Miscellaneous	7,500	7,500	57,060	49,560
Total revenues	1,332,553	1,332,553	1,332,362	(191)
EXPENDITURES				
Current:				
General government	455,593	455,593	692,359	(236,766)
Judicial	185,200	185,200	77,869	107,331
Public safety	451,985	451,985	423,541	28,444
Public works	137,488	137,488	157,553	(20,065)
Highways and streets	112,011	112,011	93,015	18,996
Culture and recreation	57,928	57,928	65,530	(7,602)
Capital outlay	26,000	26,000	53,669	(27,669)
Total expenditures	1,426,205	1,426,205	1,563,536	(137,331)
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES				
OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	(93,652)	(93,652)	(231,174)	(137,522)
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)				
Transfers in	36,829	36,829	-	(36,829)
Total other financing sources (uses)	36,829	36,829	-	(36,829)
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE	(56,823)	(56,823)	(231,174)	(174,351)
FUND BALANCE, BEGINNING	1,880,389	1,880,389	1,880,389	-
FUND BALANCES, ENDING	\$ <u>1,823,566</u>	\$_1,823,566	\$ <u>1,649,215</u>	\$ <u>(174,351</u>)

NOTES TO REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2010

SUMMARY OF BUDGET AND BUDGETARY BASIS OF ACCOUNTING

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

- 1. Prior to the beginning of each fiscal year, the City Council prepares a proposed budget for the fiscal year beginning on the following October 1. The proposed budget includes estimated revenue and proposed expenditures for the General and Water and Sewer Funds.
- 2. Public hearings are conducted to obtain taxpayer comments.
- 3. The budget is legally adopted by the City Council.
- 4. The City Council can adjust the budget during formal City Council meetings.
- 5. Actual expenditures cannot exceed the legally adopted budget without an approved resolution by the City Council.
- 6. Appropriations lapse at year-end.
- 7. Budgets are adopted on a basis consistent with generally accepted accounting principles.



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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 Honorable Mayor and Members of the City of Council City of Shoreacres, Texas

We have audited the financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, and each major fund of the City of Shoreacres, Texas, as of and for the year ended September 30, 2010, which collectively comprise the City of Shoreacres, Texas' basic financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated April 22, 2011. 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.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit, we considered the City of Shoreacres, Texas' internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinions on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the City of Shoreacres, Texas' internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the City of Shoreacres, Texas' internal control over financial reporting.

Our consideration of internal control over financial reporting was for the limited purpose described in the preceding paragraph and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting that might be significant deficiencies or material weaknesses and, therefore, there can be no assurance that all deficiencies, significant deficiencies, or material weaknesses have been identified. However, as described in the accompanying Schedule of Findings and Responses we identified certain deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting that we consider to be material weaknesses and other deficiencies that we consider to be significant deficiencies.

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. We consider the deficiency described in the accompanying Schedule of Findings and Responses to be a material weakness, item 2010-2.

A significant deficiency is a deficiency, or 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. We consider the deficiencies described in the accompanying Schedule of Findings and Responses to be significant deficiencies, item 2010-1.

Compliance and Other Matters

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As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the City of Shoreacres, Texas' financial statements are free of 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*.

The City of Shoreacres, Texas' response to the findings identified in our audit is described in the accompanying Schedule of Findings and Responses. We did not audit the City of Shoreacres, Texas' responses and, accordingly, we express no opinion on it.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of management, City Council, others within the entity, and federal awarding agencies and pass-through entities and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

April 22, 2011

SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND RESPONSES (Continued) FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2010

Item 2010-1

Condition: During the audit, we noted that no accruals were made at year end for

receivables or liabilities nor were general ledger balances reconciled to subsidiary ledgers (accounts payable, accounts receivable, capital

assets, etc.).

Effect: Without the proper accrual of receivables and liabilities and

reconciliations to the subsidiary ledgers, revenues and expenditures

may be incorrectly posted or posted to the wrong period.

Cause: The City was operating on a modified cash basis prior to the need for

an audit and therefore did not post accruals for receivables or liabilities other than standard accounts payable at year end. This was operationally sufficient for many years but due to compliance

requirements the City must now report on a full accrual basis.

Recommendation: The City should create procedures to properly accrue receivables and

payables in order to ensure reporting of items in the proper fiscal period. Furthermore, the City should implement procedures to reconcile subsidiary ledgers to the general ledger on a monthly basis

and correct any variances in a timely manner.

Management's Response: The City has had no prior audit or financial reporting requirement to

bring forward the issue of year-end accruals and, therefore, has never made them. In addition, the City operated on a modified cash basis, and therefore did not have significant subsidiary ledgers with which to reconcile. Given the present compliance situation, the City will put in place procedures to assure the booking of receivables and payables

each year end and monthly reconciliations.

Contact Person Responsible

for Corrective Action: David Stall, City Administrator

Anticipated Completion

Date: Procedures to enter year-end receivables and payables will be created

on or before October 1, 2011.

SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND RESPONSES (Continued) FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2010

Item 2010-2

Condition: The City has limited staff and therefore in some instances does not

have proper segregation of duties. This is especially relevant with respect to the City secretary who receives and posts municipal court receipts and the City administrator who has recording abilities,

authorization abilities and custody over cash.

Effect: Without proper segregation of duties, the City is increasing its exposure

to fraud risk.

Cause: The City lacks proper segregation of duties to mitigate fraud risk.

Recommendation: The City should implement controls in order to circumvent fraud

through not only the proper segregation of duties but through the use of other detection and prevention mechanisms such as reconciliations

and checks and balances by unrelated staff.

Management's Response: Currently, there are only 4 office staff so, if one is sick or on vacation,

the others must have the ability to perform sensitive tasks such as enter payroll and/or handle cash. There are mitigating factors present such as control/batch totals and comparisons. The City's procedures will be reviewed to determine what improvements can be considered

in segregating custodial, recording and authorizing activities.

Contact Person Responsible

for Corrective Action: David Stall, City Administrator

Anticipated Completion

Date: The City will conduct a review of its procedures on or before

October 1, 2011.

SUMMARY SCHEDULE OF PRIOR AUDIT FINDINGS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2010

<u>Item 2009-1</u>:

Condition: We noted that invoices are posted as of the invoice billing date rather

than the service date. In many instances, the invoice date corresponds to the month the service was performed. However, in some cases, the invoice date differs from the billing date which may cause a timing difference with regards to when expenditures are recorded versus when the work was performed. This is most relevant at year end

when expenditures may be charged to the wrong fiscal year.

Effect: Invoices posted as of the invoice date rather than the date of service

may cause a timing difference as to when expenditures are reported.

<u>Cause</u>: The City procedures do not include a review of invoices for the

service date versus the billing date to ensure recording of

expenditures in the proper period.

<u>Recommendation</u>: The City should incorporate procedures whereby the date of service is

used for posting transactions rather than the invoice billing date.

Management's Response: The City agrees this recommendation should be in place for full

accrual accounting and therefore plans to implement appropriate

procedures.

Contact Person Responsible

for Corrective Action: David Stall, City Administrator

Anticipated Completion

Date: As of July 1, 2010, the City had implemented procedures to enter

invoices as of the date work is completed rather than the billing date.

Current Status: This matter has been resolved.

SUMMARY SCHEDULE OF PRIOR AUDIT FINDINGS (Continued) FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2010

Item 2009-2

Condition: During the audit, we noted that no accruals were made at year end for

receivables or liabilities nor were general ledger balances reconciled to subsidiary ledgers (accounts payable, accounts receivable, capital

assets, etc.).

Effect: Without the proper accrual of receivables and liabilities and

reconciliations to the subsidiary ledgers, revenues and expenditures

may be incorrectly posted or posted to the wrong period.

Cause: The City was operating on a modified cash basis prior to the need for

an audit and therefore did not post accruals for receivables or liabilities other than standard accounts payable at year end. This was operationally sufficient for many years but due to compliance

requirements the City must now report on a full accrual basis.

Recommendation: The City should create procedures to properly accrue receivables and

payables in order to ensure reporting of items in the proper fiscal period. Furthermore, the City should implement procedures to reconcile subsidiary ledgers to the general ledger on a monthly basis

and correct any variances in a timely manner.

Management's Response: The City has had no prior audit or financial reporting requirement to

bring forward the issue of year-end accruals and, therefore, has never made them. In addition, the City operated on a modified cash basis, and therefore did not have significant subsidiary ledgers with which to reconcile. Given the present compliance situation, the City will put in place procedures to assure the booking of receivables and payables

each year end and monthly reconciliations.

Contact Person Responsible

for Corrective Action: David Stall, City Administrator

Anticipated Completion

Date: Procedures to enter year-end receivables and payables will be created

on or before October 1, 2010.

Current Status: See item 2010-1.

SUMMARY SCHEDULE OF PRIOR AUDIT FINDINGS (Continued) FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2010

Item 2009-3

Compliance Requirement:

Properly maintain a list of capital assets and related depreciation.

Criteria:

GASBS No. 34 requires retroactive reporting of general infrastructure

assets by phase 1 and phase 2 governments, and prospective reporting

upon implementation of GASBS No. 34.

Condition:

No comprehensive list is maintained for capital assets purchased or

disposed of by the City, and donated infrastructure is not tracked.

Depreciation is not calculated for any asset.

Effect:

The City did not have an updated listing of capital assets and

corresponding depreciation.

Cause:

Until the audit began, the City had never created a specific listing of capital assets and/or donated infrastructure. The City operated on a modified cash basis and while some assets such as vehicles were

tracked, a listing of all capital assets was not maintained.

Recommendation:

The City compiled a complete listing of all purchased and donated capital assets utilized by the City during the audit. The City should update the list accordingly as assets are purchased and disposed of,

and depreciation should be calculated on applicable assets.

Management's Response:

The City of Shoreacres changed Administrators in 2005. No infrastructure or capital asset records were kept or left when David Stall, the current City Administrator was brought on. As the majority of roads, bridges, streets, etc. were donated to Shoreacres by Harris County, there was never any cash impact to the City who has operated/ reported on a modified cash basis heretofore. The City compiled a listing of capital assets through FY 2008 during the audit and plans to maintain it going forward.

Contact Person Responsible

for Corrective Action:

David Stall, City Administrator

Anticipated Completion

Date:

As of July 1, 2010, the City had compiled a list of all assets.

Current Status:

This matter has been resolved.

SUMMARY SCHEDULE OF PRIOR AUDIT FINDINGS (Continued) FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2010

Item 2009-4

Condition: The City has limited staff and therefore in some instances does not

have proper segregation of duties. This is especially relevant with respect to the City secretary who receives and posts municipal court receipts and the City administrator who has recording abilities,

authorization abilities and custody over cash.

Effect: Without proper segregation of duties, the City is increasing its exposure

to fraud risk.

Cause: The City lacks proper segregation of duties to mitigate fraud risk.

Recommendation: The City should implement controls in order to circumvent fraud

through not only the proper segregation of duties but through the use of other detection and prevention mechanisms such as reconciliations

and checks and balances by unrelated staff.

Management's Response: Currently, there are only 4 office staff so, if one is sick or on vacation,

the others must have the ability to perform sensitive tasks such as enter payroll and/or handle cash. There are mitigating factors present such as control/batch totals and comparisons. The City's procedures will be reviewed to determine what improvements can be considered

in segregating custodial, recording and authorizing activities.

Contact Person Responsible

for Corrective Action: David Stall, City Administrator

Anticipated Completion

Date: The City will conduct a review of its procedures on or before

October 1, 2010.

Current Status: See item 2010-2.

SUMMARY SCHEDULE OF PRIOR AUDIT FINDINGS (Continued) FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2010

Item 2009-5:

Condition: Bank reconciliations were not prepared by the City as of year-end

2008 but were completed prior to the start of the audit. Based on this issue, it was noted that controls leading to accurate and timely

financial information were not in place and functioning properly.

Effect: Without reconciliations being performed on City bank accounts and

financial systems, the risk of material errors greatly increases. A weak system of internal controls over financial reporting increases the risk that inaccurate financial statements and information is being used by

the City.

Cause: The City was previously unable to account for payroll in its general

ledger system because it was kept in a separate software file. City staff did not have the technical knowledge to combine the software files and therefore to reconcile the general ledger bank accounts without the payroll data as all paychecks and related taxes are paid

out of the General Fund checking account.

Recommendation: The City should have a set of procedures that dictates deadlines and

processes over the reconciliation process and interim financial information. These procedures should create an environment for

timely completion of various City processes.

Management's Response: The City retained the services of a CPA to consolidate general ledger

and payroll software so that monthly bank reconciliations could be performed. Previously, payroll and the general ledger were kept separately making the reconciliation of the bank account which handles the flow of payroll difficult. Now that the files are consolidated, the City will create procedures to include monthly bank

reconciliations.

Contact Person Responsible

for Corrective Action: David Stall, City Administrator

Anticipated Completion

Date: The City anticipates being current with all 2009-2010 bank

reconciliations on or before October 1, 2010.

Current Status: This matter has been resolved.

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