# PRELIMINARY OFFICIAL STATEMENT AND NOTICE OF SALE DATED JUNE 7, 2017 Ratings:

S&P Global Services: SP-1+

In the opinion of Locke Lord LLP, Bond Counsel, based upon an analysis of existing law and assuming, among other matters, compliance with certain covenants, interest on the Notes is excluded from gross income for federal income tax purposes under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"). Interest on the Notes is not a specific preference item for purposes of the federal individual or corporate alternative minimum taxes, although such interest is included in adjusted current earnings when calculating corporate alternative minimum taxable income. Under existing law, interest on the Notes is exempt from Massachusetts personal income taxes, and the Notes are exempt from Massachusetts personal property taxes. Bond Counsel expresses no opinion regarding any other tax consequences related to the ownership or disposition of, or the accrual or receipt of interest on, the Notes. The Notes will not be designated as "qualified tax-exempt obligations" for purposes of Section 265(b)(3) of the Code. See "Tax Exemption" herein.

# CITY OF BROCKTON, MASSACHUSETTS \$11,748,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES

The City of Brockton, Massachusetts (the "City"), will receive telephone bids at FirstSouthwest, a Division of Hilltop Securities Inc., (617) 619-4400, until 12:00 Noon (eastern daylight time) on Wednesday, June 14, 2017, for the purchase of the following described General Obligation Bond Anticipation Notes (the "Notes") of the City:

\$11,748,000 General Obligation Bond Anticipation Notes (new and renewal) dated June 30, 2017 and payable on June 29, 2018. Interest on the Notes will be calculated on a 30 day-month/360 day-year basis (359/360). The Notes will not be subject to redemption prior to their stated maturity date.

The Notes will be issued by means of a book-entry system, evidencing ownership of the Notes in the principal amount of \$1,000 or integral multiples thereof, with transfers of ownership effected on the records of The Depository Trust Company (DTC) and its Participants pursuant to the rules and procedures adopted by DTC unless a successful bidder requests the issuance of a physical certificate as described herein. (See "Book-Entry-Transfer System.") Principal and interest on the Notes will be payable upon maturity in federal reserve funds by U.S. Bank National Association, or its successor, as Paying Agent. Disbursement of such payments to the DTC Participants is the responsibility of DTC, and disbursements of such payments to the Beneficial Owners are the responsibility of the DTC Participants and the Indirect Participants.

Bids may be submitted electronically via *PARITY* pursuant to this Notice of Sale until 12:00 Noon, eastern daylight time, but no bid will be received after the time for receiving bids specified above. To the extent any instructions or directions set forth in *PARITY* conflict with this Notice of Sale, the terms of this Notice of Sale shall control. For further information about *PARITY*, potential bidders may contact FirstSouthwest, a Division of Hilltop Securities Inc. or *PARITY* at (212) 404-8102.

Bids may be submitted for all or part of the Notes at a single or various rates of interest in a multiple of one-hundredth (1/100) or one-eighth (1/8) of one percent (1%). No bid of less than par and accrued interest to date of delivery will be considered, and must include a premium of at least \$2.05 per \$1,000. The right is reserved to reject any and all bids not complying with this Notice of Sale and, so far as permitted by law, to waive any irregularity with respect to any bid.

Any bidder who submits a winning bid by telephone in accordance with this Notice of Sale shall be required to provide written confirmation of the terms of the bid by faxing or e-mailing a completed, signed bid form to FirstSouthwest, a Division of Hilltop Securities Inc. by not later than 1:00 p.m., eastern daylight time, on the date of the sale. An electronic bid made in accordance with this Notice of Sale shall be deemed an offer to purchase the Notes in accordance with the terms provided in this Notice of Sale and shall be binding upon the bidder as if made by a signed and sealed written bid delivered to the City.

The award of the Notes to the winning bidder will not be effective until the bid has been approved by the Treasurer and the Mayor of the City.

The Notes will be awarded on the basis of lowest net interest cost to the City. Such cost will be determined by computing the total amount of interest on the Notes, at the rate or rates stated, from June 30, 2017 until maturity of the Notes and deducting therefrom the sum, if any, by which the amount bid for the Notes exceeds the aggregate principal amount of the Notes. In the event a bidder offering a premium for the Notes is awarded a lesser amount of the Notes than bid, the premium shall be reduced proportionately.

The successful bidder for the Notes may request that such Notes be issued in the form of one fully registered physical certificate, rather than in book-entry form through the facilities of The Depository Trust Company. The successful bidder seeking the issuance of Notes in this manner shall bear any and all costs of any re-registration or transfer of such Notes

from time to time. Any bidder seeking to have Notes issued in the form of fully registered physical certificates, rather than in book-entry form, shall indicate this preference to the City at the time of the submission of the winning bid. The City reserves the right to decline any request to issue the Notes in non-book entry form if it should determine, in its sole discretion, that issuing Notes in this manner is not in its best interests.

The successful bidder shall assist the City in establishing the issue price of the Notes and shall execute and deliver to the City on the Closing Date an "issue price" or similar certificate, in the applicable form set forth in Exhibit 1 to this Notice of Sale, setting forth the reasonably expected initial offering price to the public or the actual sale price of the Notes, together with the supporting pricing wires or equivalent communications, or, if applicable, the amount bid, with such modifications as may be appropriate or necessary, in the reasonable judgment of the successful bidder, the City and Bond Counsel. All actions to be taken by the City under this Notice of Sale to establish the issue price of the Notes may be taken on behalf of the City by FirstSouthwest, a Division of Hilltop Securities, Inc. ("Financial Advisor") and any notice or report to be provided to the City may be provided to the Financial Advisor.

Competitive Sale Requirements. If the competitive sale requirements ("competitive sale requirements") set forth in Treasury Regulation § 1.148-1(f)(3)(i) (defining "competitive sale" for purposes of establishing the issue price of the Notes) have been satisfied, the City will furnish to the successful bidder on the Closing Date a certificate of the Financial Advisor, which will certify each of the following conditions to be true:

- 1. the City has disseminated this Notice of Sale to potential underwriters in a manner that is reasonably designed to reach potential underwriters;
  - 2. all bidders had an equal opportunity to bid;
- 3. the City received bids from at least three underwriters of municipal bonds who have established industry reputations for underwriting new issuances of municipal bonds; and
- 4. the City awarded the sale of the Notes to the bidder who submitted a firm offer to purchase the Notes at the highest price (or lowest interest cost), as set forth in this Notice of Sale.

Any bid submitted pursuant to this Notice of Sale shall be considered a firm offer for the purchase of the Notes, as specified in the bid. Unless a bidder notifies the City prior to submitting its bid by contacting the Financial Advisor 617.619.4411, and affirming in writing via email or facsimile, or in its bid submitted to Parity, that it will NOT be an "underwriter" (as defined below) of the Notes, by submitting its bid, each bidder shall be deemed to confirm that it has an established industry reputation for underwriting new issuances of municipal bonds. Unless the bidder has notified the City that it will not be an "underwriter" (as defined below) of the Notes, in submitting a bid, each bidder is deemed to acknowledge that it is an "underwriter" that intends to reoffer the Notes to the public.

In the event that the competitive sale requirements are not satisfied, the City shall so advise the successful bidder.

<u>Failure to Meet the Competitive Sale Requirements – Option A – The Successful Bidder Intends to Reoffer the Notes to the Public.</u> If the competitive sale requirements are not satisfied and the successful bidder intends to reoffer the Notes to the public, the City will use the first price at which 10% of the Notes (the "10% test") is sold to the public as the issue price of the Notes. The successful bidder shall advise the Financial Advisor if the 10% test is satisfied as of the date and time of the award of the Notes. The City will <u>not</u> require bidders to comply with the "hold-the-offering-price rule" set forth in the applicable Treasury Regulations and therefore does not intend to use the initial offering price to the public as of the Sale Date as the issue price of the Notes if the competitive sale requirements are not met.

If the competitive sale requirements are not satisfied, then until the 10% test has been satisfied as to Notes or all of the Notes are sold to the public, the successful bidder agrees to promptly report to the Financial Advisor the prices at which the unsold Notes have been sold to the public, which reporting obligation shall continue, whether or not the Closing Date has occurred, until the 10% test has been satisfied for the Notes or until all the Notes have been sold. The successful bidder shall be obligated to report each sale of Notes to the Financial Advisor until notified in writing by the City or the Financial Advisor that it no longer needs to do so.

By submitting a bid and if the competitive sale requirements are <u>not</u> met, each bidder confirms that: (i) any agreement among underwriters, any selling group agreement and each retail distribution agreement (to which the bidder is a party) relating to the initial sale of the Notes to the public, together with the related pricing wires, contains or will contain language obligating each underwriter, each dealer who is a member of the selling group, and each broker-dealer that is a party to

such retail distribution agreement, as applicable, to report the prices at which it sells to the public the unsold Notes allotted to it until it is notified by the successful bidder that either the 10% test has been satisfied as to the Notes or all of the Notes have been sold to the public, if and for so long as directed by the successful bidder and as set forth in the related pricing wires and (ii) any agreement among underwriters relating to the initial sale of the Notes to the public, together with the related pricing wires, contains or will contain language obligating each underwriter that is a party to a retail distribution agreement to be employed in connection with the initial sale of the Notes to the public to require each broker-dealer that is a party to such retail distribution agreement to report the prices at which it sells to the public the unsold Notes allotted to it until it is notified by the successful bidder or such underwriter that either the 10% test has been satisfied as to the Notes or that all of the Notes have been sold to the public if and for so long as directed by the successful bidder or such underwriter and as set forth in the related pricing wires.

Sales of any Notes to any person that is a related party to an underwriter shall not constitute sales to the public for purposes of this Notice of Sale. Further, for purposes of this Notice of Sale:

- 1. "public" means any person other than an underwriter or a related party,
- 2. "underwriter" means (A) any person that agrees pursuant to a written contract with the City (or with the lead underwriter to form an underwriting syndicate) to participate in the initial sale of the Notes to the public and (B) any person that agrees pursuant to a written contract directly or indirectly with a person described in clause (A) to participate in the initial sale of the Notes to the public (including a member of a selling group or a party to a retail distribution agreement participating in the initial sale of the Notes to the public), and
- 3. a purchaser of any of the Notes is a "related party" to an underwriter if the underwriter and the purchaser are subject, directly or indirectly, to (i) at least 50% common ownership of the voting power or the total value of their stock, if both entities are corporations (including direct ownership by one corporation of another), (ii) more than 50% common ownership of their capital interests or profits interests, if both entities are partnerships (including direct ownership by one partnership of another), or (iii) more than 50% common ownership of the value of the outstanding stock of the corporation or the capital interests or profit interests of the partnership, as applicable, if one entity is a corporation and the other entity is a partnership (including direct ownership of the applicable stock or interests by one entity of the other).

Failure to Meet the Competitive Sale Requirements – Option B – The Successful Bidder Does Not Intend to Reoffer the Notes to the Public. If the competitive sale requirements are not met and the successful bidder does not intend to reoffer the Notes to the public, the City shall treat the Notes as sold in a private placement and shall treat the amount bid as the issue price.

The purchaser(s) will be furnished, without cost, the opinion of Locke Lord LLP, Boston, Massachusetts, approving the legality of the Notes. The opinion will indicate that the Notes and the enforceability thereof may be subject to bankruptcy and other laws affecting creditors' rights and that their enforceability may also be subject to the exercise of judicial discretion in appropriate cases. Payment of the principal of and interest on the Notes is not limited to a particular fund or source of revenue nor is any lien or pledge for such payment created with respect to any such fund or source. The Notes will be valid general obligations of the City of Brockton and, except to the extent they are paid from the bond proceeds in anticipation of which they are issued, or from any other available moneys, the principal of and interest on the Notes are payable from taxes which may be levied upon all taxable property in the City subject to the limit imposed by Chapter 59, Section 21C of the General Laws (Proposition 2 1/2).

The Notes will not be designated as "qualified tax-exempt obligations" for the purpose of Section 265(b)(3) of the Code.

It is anticipated that CUSIP identification numbers will be printed on the Notes. Neither the City nor FirstSouthwest, a Division of Hilltop Securities Inc. assumes responsibility for any CUSIP Service Bureau or other charges that may be imposed for the assignment of such numbers.

Additional information concerning the City of Brockton and the Notes is contained in the Preliminary Official Statement dated June 7, 2017, to which prospective bidders are directed. The Preliminary Official Statement is provided for informational purposes only, and is not a part of this Notice of Sale. The Preliminary Official Statement has been deemed final by the City as of its date for purposes of SEC Rule 15c2-12(b)(1) except for the omission of the reoffering prices, interest rates, and other terms of the Notes depending on such matters and the identity of the underwriters, but is subject to change without notice and to completion or amendment in a Final Official Statement. Within seven business days following the award of the Notes and receipt of necessary information from the successful bidder(s), at least 5 copies of the Final Official Statement will be made available to the successful bidder(s). Upon request, additional copies will be provided to the successful bidder(s) to a maximum of one per \$100,000 of par amount purchased.

In order to assist bidders in complying with the requirements of paragraph (b)(5)(i)(C) of Rule 15c2-12 promulgated by the Securities and Exchange Commission, the City will undertake to provide notices of certain significant events. A description of this undertaking is set forth in the Preliminary Official Statement dated June 7, 2017.

The Notes, in definitive form, will be delivered to the successful bidder at DTC or, if issued as a fully registered certificate, to the successful bidder, on or about June 30, 2017, against payment to the City in federal reserve funds.

The City reserves the right to reject all bids and to reject any bid not complying with this Notice of Sale and so far as permitted by law, to waive any irregularity with respect to any proposal.

CITY OF BROCKTON, MASSACHUSETTS
/s/ Mr. Martin Brophy, Treasurer

Bond Counsel are not passing upon and do not assume any responsibility for the accuracy or adequacy of the following information other than matters expressly set forth as the opinion of Bond Counsel.

#### [To Be Used if the Competitive Sale Requirement is Met]

## \$11,748,000 City of Brockton, Massachusetts General Obligation Bond Anticipation Notes

#### ISSUE PRICE CERTIFICATE

The undersigned, on behalf of [NAME OF UNDERWRITER] (the "Underwriter"), hereby certifies as set forth below with respect to the sale of the above-captioned obligations (the "Notes") of the City of Brockton, Massachusetts (the "Issuer").

# 1. Reasonably Expected Initial Offering Prices.

- (a) As of the Sale Date, the reasonably expected initial offering prices of the Notes to the Public by the Underwriter are the prices listed in Schedule A (the "Expected Offering Prices"). The Expected Offering Prices are the prices for the Notes used by the Underwriter in formulating its bid to purchase the Notes. Attached as Schedule B is a true and correct copy of the bid provided by the Underwriter to purchase the Notes.
- (b) The Underwriter was not given the opportunity to review other bids prior to submitting its bid.
- (c) The bid submitted by the Underwriter constituted a firm offer to purchase the Notes.

#### 2. **Defined Terms.**

- (a) *Maturity* means Notes with the same credit and payment terms. Notes with different maturity dates, or Notes with the same maturity date but different stated interest rates, are treated as separate Maturities.
- (b) *Public* means any person (including an individual, trust, estate, partnership, association, company, or corporation) other than an Underwriter or a related party to an Underwriter. The term "related party" for purposes of this certificate generally means any two or more persons who have greater than 50 percent common ownership, directly or indirectly.\*
- (c) Sale Date means the first day on which there is a binding contract in writing for the sale of the Notes. The Sale Date of the Notes is June 14, 2017.
- (d) *Underwriter* means (i) any person that agrees pursuant to a written contract with the Issuer (or with the lead underwriter to form an underwriting syndicate) to participate in the initial sale of the Notes to the Public, and (ii) any person that agrees pursuant to a written contract directly or indirectly with a person described in clause (i) of this paragraph to participate in the initial sale of the Notes to the Public (including a member of a selling group or

<sup>\*</sup> Treas. Reg. §1.148-1(f)(3)(i)(B) requires that all bidders have an equal opportunity to bid to purchase notes. If the bidding process affords an equal opportunity for bidders to review other bids prior to submitting their bids, then this representation should be modified to describe the bidding process.

a party to a retail distribution agreement participating in the initial sale of the Notes to the Public).

The representations set forth in this certificate are limited to factual matters only. Nothing in this certificate represents the Underwriter's interpretation of any laws, including specifically Sections 103 and 148 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, and the Treasury Regulations thereunder. The undersigned understands that the foregoing information will be relied upon by the Issuer with respect to certain of the representations set forth in the Tax Certificate and with respect to compliance with the federal income tax rules affecting the Notes, and by Locke Lord LLP in connection with rendering its opinion that the interest on the Notes is excluded from gross income for federal income tax purposes, the preparation of the Internal Revenue Service Form 8038-G, and other federal income tax advice that it may give to the Issuer from time to time relating to the Notes.

Dated: June 30, 2017	[UNDERWRITER]	
	By:	
	Name:	
	Title:	

# MODEL ISSUE PRICE DOCUMENTATION REPORT

# SCHEDULE A

## **EXPECTED OFFERING PRICES**

(to be attached)

## SCHEDULE B

# COPY OF UNDERWRITER'S BID

(To be Attached)

## [To Be Used If the Competitive Sale Requirements Are Not Met and the Hold the Price Rule Is Not Imposed]

#### \$11,748,000

# City of Brockton, Massachusetts **General Obligation Bond Anticipation Notes**

## ISSUE PRICE CERTIFICATE

The undersigned, on behalf of	(the ("[Underwriter][Representative]")[, on behalf of itself and [NAMES OF OTHER
	below with respect to the sale and issuance of the above-captioned obligations (the "Notes").
1. Sale of the Notes. As of the date of thi	s certificate, [except as set forth in paragraph 2 below,] [the first price at which at least 10% of the
Notes was sold to the Public is%][all of	the Notes were sold at the prices set forth in Exhibit A hereto] ONLY USE THE SECOND CHOICE
IF LESS THAN 10% OF THE NOTES WERE S	OLD AT A SINGLE PRICE.
[Only use the next paragraph if the 10% test has r	not been met or all of the Notes have not been sold as of the Closing Date.]
<ol><li>Until the 10% test has been satisfied f</li></ol>	or the Notes or all of the Notes are sold to the Public, the [Underwriter][Representative] agrees to
promptly report to the Issuer's financial advisor,	(the "Financial Advisor"), the prices at which the Notes have been sold
	entinue after the date hereof until the 10% test has been satisfied for the Notes or until all the Notes
have been sold. The [Underwriter][Representati	ve] shall continue to report each sale of Notes to the Financial Advisor until notified by email or in
writing by the Issuer or the Financial Advisor tha	t it no longer needs to do so.
<ol><li>Defined Terms.</li></ol>	
(a) Issuer means the NAME OF ISSUER.	
(b) Public means any person (including an	individual, trust, estate, partnership, association, company, or corporation) other than an Underwriter
or a related party to an Underwriter. The term '	related party" for purposes of this certificate generally means any two or more persons who have
greater than 50 percent common ownership, direc	
(c) Underwriter means (i) any person that	t agrees pursuant to a written contract with the Issuer (or with the lead underwriter to form an
underwriting syndicate) to participate in the initia	l sale of the Notes to the Public, and (ii) any person that agrees pursuant to a written contract directly
	of this paragraph to participate in the initial sale of the Notes to the Public (including a member of a
	eement participating in the initial sale of the Notes to the Public).
	ificate are limited to factual matters only. Nothing in this certificate represents the
[Underwriter's][Representative's] interpretation	of any laws, including specifically Sections 103 and 148 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as
amended, and the Treasury Regulations thereund	er. The undersigned understands that the foregoing information will be relied upon by the Issuer with
respect to certain of the representations set forth	in the Tax Certificate and with respect to compliance with the federal income tax rules affecting the
Notes, and by Locke Lord LLP in connection v	ith rendering its opinion that the interest on the Notes is excluded from gross income for federal
income tax purposes, the preparation of the Internation	nal Revenue Service Form 8038-G, and other federal income tax advice that it may give to the Issuer
from time to time relating to the Notes.	
Dated:	[UNDERWRITER] [REPRESENTATIVE]
	By:
	Name:
	Title:

## EXHIBIT A

If less than 10% of the Notes have been sold at a single price as of the Closing Date, but all of the Notes have been sold as of the Closing Date at a variety of prices, attach a list of the prices at which the Notes were sold as of the Closing Date. In that highly unlikely scenario, the issue price of the Notes will be the average sales price.

#### OFFICIAL STATEMENT

# CITY OF BROCKTON, MASSACHUSETTS \$11,748,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES

The purpose of this Official Statement is to furnish certain information regarding the City of Brockton, Massachusetts (hereafter referred to as the "City") and \$11,748,000 aggregate principal amount of its General Obligation Bond Anticipation Notes (hereafter referred to as the "Notes"). The information contained herein has been furnished by the City, except information attributed to another governmental agency or official as the source.

The Notes are being offered for sale at public bidding on Wednesday, June 14, 2017, and a Notice of Sale dated June 7, 2017 has been furnished to prospective bidders with respect to the terms and conditions of bidding.

#### The Notes

The Notes will be dated June 30, 2017 and will mature on June 29, 2018 without the option of prior redemption. The Notes will bear interest payable at maturity at the rate(s) determined upon their sale in accordance with the Notice of Sale dated June 7, 2017. The Notes will be issued by means of a book-entry-transfer system, evidencing ownership of the Notes in principal amounts of \$1,000 or integral multiples thereof, with transfers of ownership effected on the records of The Depository Trust Company (DTC) and its participants pursuant to the rules and procedures adopted by DTC. (See "Book-Entry-Transfer System" herein.)

#### **Authorization of the Notes and Use of Proceeds**

				ount of Bond											
This Issue		Total Amount Authorized										nticipation Notes utstanding	Date Approved	Purpose	Statutory Authority M.G.L as amended
\$	1,112,300	\$	3,861,778	\$ 772,300	4/9/2015	Brookfield School Roof Repairs	44 7(1) or 70B								
	788,000		3,590,486	718,000	4/9/2015	Ashfield School Renovations	44 7(1) or 70B								
	1,288,600		2,843,301	568,600	4/9/2015	Gilmore Childhood Center Renovations	44 7(1) or 70B								
	415,100		2,075,919	415,100	4/9/2015	Barrett Russell Kindergarten Window Replacement	44 7(1) or 70B								
	1,043,000		1,200,000	925,000	9/29/2015	Fire Ladder Truck	44 7(1)								
	310,000		310,000	310,000	10/1/2015	Police Cruisers	44 7(1)								
	185,000		220,000	185,000	10/1/2015	Voting Machines	44 7(1)								
	180,000		180,000	180,000	10/1/2015	Sander Truck	44 7(1)								
	78,000		78,000	78,000	10/1/2015	Box Truck	44 7(1)								
	47,000		47,000	47,000	10/1/2015	Bobcat	44 7(1)								
	27,000		27,000	27,000	10/1/2015	Transit Van	44 7(1)								
	14,000		14,000	14,000	10/1/2015	Copier/ Printer	44 7(1)								
	2,360,000		2,800,000	2,360,000	12/17/2015	Energy Conservation	44 7(1)								
	900,000		900,000		9/5/2016	Municipal and School Facilities Master Plan	44 7(21)								
	3,000,000		4,000,000	 	9/5/2016	Street Lighting System Improvements	44 7(3B)								
\$	11,748,000			\$ 6,600,000 (1)											

#### **Tax Exemption**

In the opinion of Locke Lord LLP, Bond Counsel to the City ("Bond Counsel"), based upon an analysis of existing laws, regulations, rulings, and court decisions, and assuming, among other matters, compliance with certain covenants, interest on the Notes is excluded from gross income for federal income tax purposes under Section 103 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"). Bond Counsel is of the further opinion that interest on the Notes is not a specific preference item for purposes of the federal individual or corporate alternative minimum taxes, although Bond Counsel observes that such interest is included in adjusted current earnings when calculating corporate alternative minimum taxable income. Bond Counsel expresses no opinion regarding any other federal tax consequences arising with respect

<sup>(1)</sup> Notes proceeds will renew these notes upon maturity on June 30, 2017.

to the ownership or disposition of, or the accrual or receipt of interest on, the Notes. The Notes are not "qualified tax-exempt obligations" for purposes of Section 265(b)(3) of the Code.

The Code imposes various requirements relating to the exclusion from gross income for federal income tax purposes of interest on obligations such as the Notes. Failure to comply with these requirements may result in interest on the Notes being included in gross income for federal income tax purposes, possibly from the date of original issuance of the Notes. The City has covenanted to comply with such requirements to ensure that interest on the Notes will not be included in federal gross income. The opinion of Bond Counsel assumes compliance with these requirements.

Bond Counsel is also of the opinion that, under existing law, interest on the Notes is exempt from Massachusetts personal income taxes, and the Notes are exempt from Massachusetts personal property taxes. Bond Counsel has not opined as to other Massachusetts tax consequences arising with respect to the Notes. Prospective Noteholders should be aware, however, that the Notes are included in the measure of Massachusetts estate and inheritance taxes, and the Notes and the interest thereon are included in the measure of certain Massachusetts corporate excise and franchise taxes. Bond Counsel expresses no opinion as to the taxability of the Notes or the income therefrom or any other tax consequences arising with respect to the Notes under the laws of any state other than Massachusetts.

To the extent the issue price of the Notes is less than the amount to be paid at maturity of such Notes (excluding amounts stated to be interest and payable at least annually over the term of such Notes), the difference constitutes "original issue discount," the accrual of which, to the extent properly allocable to each owner thereof, is treated as interest on the Notes which is excluded from gross income for federal income tax purposes and is exempt from Massachusetts personal income taxes. For this purpose, the issue price of the Notes is the reasonably expected initial offering price to the public (as defined in the Notice of Sale). However, if the competitive sale requirement (as defined in the Notice of Sale) are not met, the issue price of the Notes is the first price at which a substantial amount of the Notes is sold to the public (excluding bond houses, brokers, or similar persons or organizations acting in the capacity of underwriters, placement agents or wholesalers). The original issue discount with respect to any maturity of the Notes accrues daily over the term to maturity of such Notes on the basis of a constant interest rate compounded semiannually (with straight-line interpolations between compounding dates). The accruing original issue discount is added to the adjusted basis of such Notes to determine taxable gain or loss upon disposition (including sale, redemption, or payment on maturity) of such Notes. Noteholders should consult their own tax advisors with respect to the tax consequences of ownership of Notes with original issue discount, including the treatment of purchasers who do not purchase such Notes in the original offering to the public at the reasonably expected initial offering price to the public, or, if applicable, the first price at which a substantial amount of such Notes is sold to the public.

Notes purchased, whether at original issuance or otherwise, for an amount greater than the stated principal amount to be paid at maturity of such Notes, or, in some cases, at the earlier redemption date of such Notes ("Premium Notes"), will be treated as having amortizable note premium for federal income tax purposes and Massachusetts personal income tax purposes. No deduction is allowable for the amortizable note premium in the case of obligations, such as the Premium Notes, the interest on which is excluded from gross income for federal income tax purposes. However, a Noteholder's basis in a Premium Note will be reduced by the amount of amortizable note premium properly allocable to such Noteholder. Holders of Premium Notes should consult their own tax advisors with respect to the proper treatment of amortizable note premium in their particular circumstances.

Bond Counsel has not undertaken to determine (or to inform any person) whether any actions taken (or not taken) or events occurring (or not occurring) after the date of issuance of the Notes may adversely affect the value of, or the tax status of interest on, the Notes.

Prospective Noteholders should be aware that from time to time legislation is or may be proposed which, if enacted into law, could result in interest on the Notes being subject directly or indirectly to federal income taxation, or otherwise prevent Noteholders from realizing the full benefit provided under current federal tax law of the exclusion of interest on the Notes from gross income. To date, no such legislation has been enacted into law. However, it is not possible to predict whether any such legislation will be enacted into law. Further, no assurance can be given that any pending or future legislation, including amendments to the Code, if enacted into law, or any proposed legislation, including amendments to the Code, or any future judicial, regulatory or administrative interpretation or development with respect to existing law, will not adversely affect the market value and marketability of, or the tax status of interest on, the Notes. Prospective Noteholders are urged to consult their own tax advisors with respect to any such legislation, interpretation or development.

Although Bond Counsel is of the opinion that interest on the Notes is excluded from gross income for federal income tax purposes and is exempt from Massachusetts personal income taxes, the ownership or disposition of, or the accrual or

receipt of interest on, the Notes may otherwise affect the federal or state tax liability of a Noteholder. Among other possible consequences of ownership or disposition of, or the accrual or receipt of interest on, the Notes, the Code requires recipients of certain social security and certain railroad retirement benefits to take into account receipts or accruals of interest on the Notes in determining the portion of such benefits that are included in gross income. The nature and extent of all such other tax consequences will depend upon the particular tax status of the Noteholder or the Noteholder's other items of income, deduction or exclusion. Bond Counsel expresses no opinion regarding any such other tax consequences, and Noteholders should consult with their own tax advisors with respect to such consequences.

## **Book-Entry Transfer System**

This section shall only apply to Notes issued in book-entry form through the facilities of The Depository Trust Company.

The Depository Trust Company ("DTC"), New York, NY, will act as securities depository for the Notes. The Notes will be issued in fully-registered form registered in the name of Cede & Co. (DTC's partnership nominee) or such other name as may be requested by an authorized representative of DTC. One-fully registered Note certificate will be issued for each interest rate, each in the aggregate principal amount bearing such interest rate, and will be deposited with DTC.

DTC, the world's largest depository, is a limited-purpose trust company organized under the New York Banking Law, a "banking organization" within the meaning of the New York Banking Law, a member of the Federal Reserve System, a "clearing corporation" within the meaning of the New York Uniform Commercial Code, and a "clearing agency" registered pursuant to the provisions of Section 17A of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. DTC holds and provides asset servicing for over 3.5 million issues of U.S. and non-U.S. equity, corporate and municipal debt issues, and money market instruments (from over 100 countries) that DTC's participants ("Direct Participants") deposit with DTC. DTC also facilitates the post-trade settlement among Direct Participants of sales and other securities transactions in deposited securities, through electronic computerized book-entry transfers and pledges between Direct Participants' accounts. This eliminates the need for physical movement of securities certificates. Direct Participants include both U.S. and non-U.S. securities brokers and dealers, banks, trust companies, clearing corporations, and certain other organizations. DTC is a whollyowned subsidiary of The Depository Trust & Clearing Corporation ("DTCC"). DTCC is the holding company for DTC, National Securities Clearing Corporation and Fixed Income Clearing Corporation, all of which are registered clearing agencies. DTCC is owned by the users of its regulated subsidiaries. Access to the DTC system is also available to others such as both U.S. and non-U.S. securities brokers and dealers, banks, trust companies, and clearing corporations that clear through or maintain a custodial relationship with a Direct Participant, either directly or indirectly ("Indirect Participants"). DTC has a AA+ rating from Standard & Poor's. The DTC Rules applicable to its Participants are on file with the Securities and Exchange Commission. More information about DTC can be found at www.dtcc.com.

Purchases of Notes under the DTC system must be made by or through Direct Participants, which will receive a credit for the Notes on DTC's records. The ownership interest of each actual purchaser of each Note ("Beneficial Owner") is in turn to be recorded on the Direct and Indirect Participants' records. Beneficial Owners will not receive written confirmation from DTC of their purchase. Beneficial Owners are, however, expected to receive written confirmations providing details of the transaction, as well as periodic statements of their holdings, from the Direct or Indirect Participant through which the Beneficial Owner entered into the transaction. Transfers of ownership interests in the Notes are to be accomplished by entries made on the books of Direct and Indirect Participants acting on behalf of Beneficial Owners. Beneficial Owners will not receive certificates representing their ownership interests in the Notes, except in the event that use of the book-entry system for the Notes is discontinued.

To facilitate subsequent transfers, all Notes deposited by Direct Participants with DTC are registered in the name of DTC's partnership nominee, Cede & Co., or such other name as may be requested by an authorized representative of DTC. The deposit of Notes with DTC and their registration in the name of Cede & Co. or such other DTC nominee do not effect any change in beneficial ownership. DTC has no knowledge of the actual Beneficial Owners of the Notes; DTC's records reflect only the identity of the Direct Participants to whose accounts such Notes are credited, which may or may not be the Beneficial Owners. The Direct and Indirect Participants will remain responsible for keeping account of their holdings on behalf of their customers.

Conveyance of notices and other communications by DTC to Direct Participants, by Direct Participants to Indirect Participants, and by Direct Participants and Indirect Participants to Beneficial Owners will be governed by arrangements among them, subject to any statutory or regulatory requirements as may be in effect from time to time.

Neither DTC nor Cede & Co. (nor such other DTC nominee) will consent or vote with respect to the Notes unless authorized by a Direct Participant in accordance with DTC's MMI Procedures. Under its usual procedures, DTC mails an Omnibus Proxy to the City as soon as possible after the record date. The Omnibus Proxy assigns Cede & Co.'s

consenting or voting rights to those Direct Participants to whose accounts the Notes are credited on the record date (identified in a listing attached to the Omnibus Proxy).

Principal and interest payments on the Notes will be made to Cede & Co., or such other nominee as may be requested by an authorized representative of DTC. DTC's practice is to credit Direct Participants' accounts upon DTC's receipt of funds and corresponding detail information from the City or the Paying Agent, on the payable date in accordance with their respective holdings shown on DTC's records. Payments by Participants to Beneficial Owners will be governed by standing instructions and customary practices, as is the case with securities held for the accounts of customers in bearer form or registered in "street name," and will be the responsibility of such Participant and not of DTC (nor its nominee), the [Issuer] or the Paying Agent, subject to any statutory or regulatory requirements as may be in effect from time to time. Payment of principal and interest to Cede & Co. (or such other nominee as may be requested by an authorized representative of DTC) is the responsibility of the City or the Paying Agent, disbursement of such payments to Direct Participants will be the responsibility of DTC, and disbursement of such payments to the Beneficial Owners will be the responsibility of Direct and Indirect Participants.

DTC may discontinue providing its services as depository with respect to the Notes at any time by giving reasonable notice to the City or the Paying Agent. Under such circumstances, in the event that a successor depository is not obtained, physical certificates are required to be printed and delivered.

The City may decide to discontinue use of the system of book-entry-only transfers through DTC (or a successor securities depository). In that event, physical certificates will be printed and delivered.

The information in this section concerning DTC and DTC's book-entry system has been obtained from sources that the City believes to be reliable, but the City takes no responsibility for the accuracy thereof.

## **Security and Remedies**

<u>Full Faith and Credit.</u> General obligation bonds and notes of a Massachusetts city or town constitute a pledge of its full faith and credit. Payment is not limited to a particular fund or revenue source. Except for "qualified bonds" as described below (see "Types of Obligation - Serial Bonds and Notes" under "INDEBTEDNESS" below) and setoffs of state distributions as described below (see "State Distributions" below), no provision is made by the Massachusetts statutes for priorities among bonds and notes and other general obligations, although the use of certain moneys may be restricted.

<u>Tax Levy</u>. The Massachusetts statutes direct the municipal assessors to include annually in the tax levy for the next fiscal year "all debt and interest charges matured and maturing during the next fiscal year and not otherwise provided for [and] all amounts necessary to satisfy final judgments". Specific provision is also made for including in the next tax levy payments of rebate amounts not otherwise provided for and payment of notes in anticipation of federal or state aid, if the aid is no longer forthcoming.

The total amount of a tax levy is limited by statute. However, the voters in each municipality may vote to exclude from the limitation any amounts required to pay debt service on indebtedness incurred before November 4, 1980. Local voters may also vote to exempt specific subsequent bond issues from the limitation. (See "Tax Limitations" Under "PROPERTY TAXATION" below.) In addition, obligations incurred before November 4, 1980 may be constitutionally entitled to payment from taxes in excess of the statutory limit.

<u>No Lien.</u> Except for taxes on the increased value of certain property in designated development districts which may be pledged for the payment of debt service on bonds issued to finance economic development projects within such districts, no provision is made for a lien on any portion of the tax levy or any other moneys to secure particular bonds or notes or bonds and notes generally (or judgments on bonds or notes) in priority to other claims. Provision is made, however, for borrowing to pay judgments, subject to the General Debt Limit. (See "DEBT LIMITS" below.) Subject to the approval of the State Director of Accounts for judgments above \$10,000, judgments may also be paid from available funds without appropriation and included in the next tax levy unless other provision is made.

<u>Court Proceedings.</u> Massachusetts cities and towns are subject to suit on their general obligation bonds and notes and courts of competent jurisdiction have power in appropriate proceedings to order payment of a judgment on the bonds or notes from lawfully available funds or, if necessary, to order the city or town to take lawful action to obtain the required money, including the raising of it in the next annual tax levy, within the limits prescribed by law. (See "Tax Limitations" under "PROPERTY TAXATION" below.) In exercising their discretion as to whether to enter such an order, the courts could take into account all relevant factors including the current operating needs of the city or town and the availability and adequacy of other remedies. The Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court has stated in the past that a judgment against a municipality can be enforced by

the taking and sale of the property of any inhabitant. However, there has been no judicial determination as to whether this remedy is constitutional under current due process and equal protection standards.

Restricted Funds. Massachusetts statutes also provide that certain water, gas and electric, community antenna television system, telecommunications, sewer, parking meter and passenger ferry fee, community preservation and affordable housing receipts may be used only for water, gas and electric, community antenna television system, telecommunications, sewer, parking, mitigation of ferry service impacts, community preservation and affordable housing purposes, respectively; accordingly, moneys derived from these sources may be unavailable to pay general obligation bonds and notes issued for other purposes. A city or town that accepts certain other statutory provisions may establish an enterprise fund for a utility, health care, solid waste, recreational or transportation facility and for police or fire services; under those provisions any surplus in the fund is restricted to use for capital expenditures or reduction of user charges. In addition, subject to certain limits, a city or town may annually authorize the establishment of one or more revolving funds in connection with use of certain revenues for programs that produce those revenues; interest earned on a revolving fund is treated as general fund revenue. A city or town may also establish an energy revolving loan fund to provide loans to owners of privately-held property in the city or town for certain energy conservation and renewable energy projects, and may borrow to establish such a fund. The loan repayments and interest earned on the investment of amounts in the fund shall be credited to the fund. Also, the annual allowance for depreciation of a gas and electric plant or a community antenna television and telecommunications system is restricted to use for plant or system renewals and improvements, for nuclear decommissioning costs, and costs of contractual commitments, or, with the approval of the State Department of Telecommunications and Energy, to pay debt incurred for plant or system reconstruction or renewals. Revenue bonds and notes issued in anticipation of them may be secured by a prior lien on specific revenues. Receipts from industrial users in connection with industrial revenue financings are also not available for general municipal purposes.

<u>State Distributions.</u> State grants and distributions may in some circumstances be unavailable to pay general obligation bonds and notes of a city or town in that the State Treasurer is empowered to deduct from such grants and distributions the amount of any debt service paid on "qualified bonds" (See "Types of Obligation - Serial Bonds and Notes" under "INDEBTEDNESS" below) and any other sums due and payable by the city or town to the Commonwealth or certain other public entities, including any unpaid assessments for costs of any public transportation authority (such as the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority or a regional transit authority) of which it is a member, for costs of the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority if the city or town is within the territory served by the Authority, for any debt service due on obligations issued to the Massachusetts School Building Authority, or for charges necessary to meet obligations under the Commonwealth's Clean Water or Drinking Water Revolving Loan Programs, including such charges imposed by another local governmental unit that provides wastewater collection or treatment services or drinking water services to the city or town.

If a city or town is (or is likely to be) unable to pay principal or interest on its bonds or notes when due, it is required to notify the State Commissioner of Revenue. The Commissioner shall in turn, after verifying the inability, certify the inability to the State Treasurer. The State Treasurer shall pay the due or overdue amount to the paying agent for the bonds or notes, in trust, within three days after the certification or one business day prior to the due date (whichever is later). This payment is limited, however, to the estimated amount otherwise distributable by The Commonwealth of Massachusetts, (the "Commonwealth") to the city or town during the remainder of the fiscal year (after the deductions mentioned in the foregoing paragraph). If for any reason any portion of the certified sum has not been paid at the end of the fiscal year, the State Treasurer shall pay it as soon as practicable in the next fiscal year to the extent of the estimated distributions for that fiscal year. The sums so paid shall be charged (with interest and administrative costs) against the distributions to the city or town.

The foregoing does not constitute a pledge of the faith and credit of the Commonwealth. The Commonwealth has not agreed to maintain existing levels of state distributions, and the direction to use estimated distributions to pay debt service may be subject to repeal by future legislation. Moreover, adoption of the annual appropriation act has sometimes been delayed beyond the beginning of the fiscal year and estimated distributions which are subject to appropriation may be unavailable to pay local debt service until they are appropriated.

<u>Bankruptcy</u>. Enforcement of a claim for payment of principal or interest on general obligation bonds or notes would be subject to the applicable provisions of Federal bankruptcy laws and to the provisions of other statutes, if any, hereafter enacted by the Congress or the State legislature extending the time for payment or imposing other constraints upon enforcement insofar as the same may be constitutionally applied. Massachusetts municipalities are not currently authorized by the Massachusetts General Laws to file a petition for bankruptcy under Federal Bankruptcy laws. In cases involving significant financial difficulties faced by a single city, town or regional school district, however, the Commonwealth has enacted special legislation to permit the appointment of a fiscal overseer, finance control board or, in the most extreme cases, a state receiver. In a limited number of these situations, such special legislation has also authorized the filing of federal bankruptcy proceedings, with the prior approval of the Commonwealth. In each case where such authority was granted, it expired at the termination of the

Commonwealth's oversight of the financially distressed city, town or regional school district. To date, no such filings have been approved or made.

## **Opinion of Bond Counsel**

The unqualified approving opinion as to the validity of the Notes will be rendered by Locke Lord LLP, Boston, Massachusetts, Bond Counsel. The opinion will be dated the date of the original delivery of the Notes and will speak only as of such date.

Other than as to matters expressly set forth herein as the opinion of Bond Counsel, Bond Counsel are not passing upon and do not assume any responsibility for the accuracy or adequacy of the statements made in this Official Statement and make no representation that they have independently verified the same.

#### **Bank Eligibility**

The Notes will not be designated as "qualified tax-exempt obligations" for purposes of Section 265(b)(3) of the Code.

## Financial Advisory Services of FirstSouthwest, a Division of Hilltop Securities Inc.

FirstSouthwest, a Division of Hilltop Securities Inc., Boston, Massachusetts, serves as financial advisor to the City of Brockton, Massachusetts.

First Southwest Company, LLC ("FirstSouthwest") merged with its common control affiliate, Hilltop Securities Inc. ("Hilltop Securities"). The merger was completed at the close of business on January 22, 2016, at which time Hilltop Securities, as the surviving entity, automatically assumed all rights and obligations of FirstSouthwest. The firm's municipal advisory business will continue to operate as FirstSouthwest, a Division of Hilltop Securities Inc.

## **Disclosure of Significant Events**

In order to assist underwriters in complying with the requirements of paragraph (b)(5)(i)(C) of Rule 15c2-12 promulgated by the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Rule") applicable to municipal securities having a stated maturity of 18 months or less, the Issuer will covenant for the benefit of the owners of the Notes to file with the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board (the "MSRB"), notices of the occurrence of any of the following events with respect to the Notes within ten business days of such occurrence: (a) principal and interest payment delinguencies; (b) non-payment related defaults, if material; (c) unscheduled draws on debt service reserves reflecting financial difficulties; (d) unscheduled draws on credit enhancements reflecting financial difficulties; (e) substitution of credit or liquidity providers, or their failure to perform; (f) adverse tax opinions, the issuance by the Internal Revenue Service of proposed or final determination of taxability, Notices of Proposed Issue (IRS Form 5701-TEB) or other material notices or determinations with respect to the tax status of the Notes, or other material events affecting the tax status of the Notes; (g) modifications to rights of owners of the Notes, if material; (h) optional contingent or unscheduled calls of bonds, if material; (i) defeasances; (j) release, substitution or sale of property securing the repayment of the Notes, if material; (k) ratings changes on the Notes; (I) bankruptcy, insolvency, receivership or similar event of the Issuer; (m) the consummation of a merger, consolidation, or acquisition involving the Issuer or the sale of all or substantially all of the assets of the Issuer, other than in the ordinary course of business, the entry into a definitive agreement to undertake such an action or the termination of a definitive agreement relating to any such actions, other than pursuant to its terms, if material; and (n) appointment of a successor or additional trustee or the change of name of a trustee, if material.

The covenant will be included in a Significant Events Disclosure Certificate to be executed by the signers of the Notes and incorporated by reference in the Notes. The sole remedy available to the owners of the Notes for the failure of the City to comply with any provision of the certificate shall be an action for specific performance of the City's obligations under the certificate and not for money damages; no other person shall have any right to enforce any provision of the certificate.

The City believes that in the past five years it has complied, in all material respects, with its previous undertakings to provide annual reports or notices of significant events in accordance with the Rule.

#### CITY OF BROCKTON, MASSACHUSETTS

#### General

Brockton is an industrial-residential city located in Plymouth County, 20 miles southwest of Boston. The City has a population of approximately 93,810 (2010 federal census) and occupies a land area of 21.4 square miles. Brockton is the population center of a primary metropolitan statistical area of approximately 170,000 persons. Settled in 1649 and incorporated as a city in 1881, it is governed by an elected mayor and an 11-member city council.

#### **Principal Executive Officers**

The following table sets forth the principal executive officers of the City.

Title
Mayor
Chief Financial Officer
City Auditor
Treasurer/Collector
City Clerk
Chairman-Board of Assessors

Name
William Carpenter
John A. Condon
MaryLynn Peters-Chu
Martin Brophy
Anthony J. Zeoli
John O'Donnell

Term Expires
January 2018
June 2018
December 2019
April 2017 (Holdover)
January 2019

February 2017 (Holdover)

## **Municipal Services**

The City provides general governmental services for the territory within its boundaries, including police and fire protection, public education, water and sewer maintenance, trash disposal and parks and recreational facilities. Residential trash disposal and operation of the water filtration and tertiary wastewater treatment plant facilities are contracted out to private parties.

The City distributes water from Silver Lake in Halifax, the Brockton Reservoir in Avon, and the desalination plant owned by Aquaria in Dighton to its residents and to a portion of several area towns. The City has complete (approximately 98%) and separate storm and sanitary sewer systems. The Water, the Sewer, the Refuse, and the Renewable Energy Departments operate under separate enterprise funds.

## **Water Supply**

The City has met its long-term need for additional water by connecting to a new water system through a joint effort by Bluestone Energy Inc. and the Spanish Company, Inima. The joint venture (called Aquaria) constructed a desalinization (Reverse Osmosis) plant on the tidal estuary of the Taunton River. In 2002, the City executed a twenty year contract which requires the payment of a fixed price attached to an increasing volume commitment, regardless of the amount of water actually taken, plus an additional charge for water actually delivered. The financial obligation is primarily attached to the fixed price component.

The schedule for the City's fixed purchase commitment resembles the projected growth in water demand for the City, but the schedule somewhat exceeds this curve, especially in years three to eight. In the event that other water purchase contracts are executed, the City has the right to offset its fixed commitment with the volume commitment of other long-term purchasers or the right to reduce by about 50%, on a gallon-for-gallon basis, its fixed price for its fixed volume commitment. The contract also provided the significant benefit that all of the risk of financing the permitting process, plant construction and operation, rested with a third party and not with the City's ratepayers. The City made no payment until the water was available for delivery. Construction of both the plant and the pipeline was completed and delivery of water began in 2008.

The agreement will require increasing the City's water revenues in order to pay for the contractual minimum purchase commitment, if other entities do not sign contracts. Effective on all bills mailed on or after July 1, 2008, the water rates were increased 60%. However, even with this kind of increase, the City's water rates would be comparable to those of other Massachusetts communities, especially those in southeastern Massachusetts, whose projected growth is expected also to make them potential customers of the desalinization plant. The City Council in October 2015 enacted a rate increase of 10% on all blocks effective January 1, 2016, another 10% on January 1, 2017, a further 10% on January 1,

2018, and final 2.5% on January 1, 2019. Each 10% increase is expected to generate about \$1.2 million in collected revenues annually.

## Industry, Commerce and Quality of Life

Originally a farming community, Brockton serves as the primary industrial, trade and medical center for the approximately 170,000 persons of the Brockton Primary Metropolitan Statistical Area. Brockton functions both as a suburb to Boston and as the central city within the Greater Brockton area.

There are three hospitals located within the City: the Good Samaritan Medical Center, Brockton Hospital and the V.A. Medical Center. The City also is host to other health facilities such as Blue Cross/Blue Shield, Bridgewater Park/ Goddard Medical Associates, clinical and professional offices and convalescent facilities. The City is also host to the "Metro South Chamber of Commerce".

There are 4 industrial parks totaling approximately 283 acres located in Brockton: Brockton Business Center, Oak Hill Way Industrial Park, Campanelli Industrial Park and Northeast Industrial Park. Brockton Business Center includes such tenants as Copeland Toyota, Paul Clark VW, Bernardi Honda and Hyundai, Concord Foods, Sign Design, Liberty Bakery Kenworth Trucks, Kitchen, InkStone Printing, US Department of Treasury, Rockland Trust Bank and Rolane Transportation. The Oak Hill Way Industrial Park includes such tenants as Columbia Gas of Ma, First Student Transportation, New England Market, LLC a restaurant food wholesaler, IPC Lydon, LLC, Capela Bakery, City of Brockton Recycle Center, UPS, City of Brockton Wastewater Treatment Plant, Cindy's Kitchen, Zoots Cleaning Laboratory and FW Webb Company. The Northeast Industrial Park includes Pizzeria Uno materials production plant, David Gooding, Inc, Therapedic Mattress, On Deck Sports, Montilio's Baking Company, and J. Derenzo Co. a site development company.

One of New England's first regional malls, the 615,000 square foot Westgate Mall, is situated at the junction of routes 24 and 27 in Brockton. In 1998 the mall began a comprehensive, on-going renovation and expansion. The renovations have been extensive and include the major additions of both retail and dining establishments. Included in the expansions and renovations are a new Sears building and a new building for anchor store Macy's, as well as Best Buy, Dick's Sporting Goods, Old Navy, Modell's Sporting Goods, and Texas Road House Steakhouse. In May 2012, Market Basket opened an 81,000 square foot freestanding supermarket at the mall.

Open space in Brockton consists primarily of a 756 acre recreational area known as D.W. Field Park. The park includes six ponds, bike and foot paths, and an 18-hole golf course. There are also more than 35 neighborhood playgrounds and parks.

The Brockton Recycling Program, formerly a limited and self-sufficient program managed and operated by its residents, has been significantly expanded, with curbside pickup now offered by the City's contract vendor for trash pickup. Curbside recycling includes newspapers, bottles, cans and plastics. Other materials such as paints, electronics, automotive products and hazardous materials can be recycled by drop-off at the City recycling center.

Cultural offerings for the public include the Brockton Historical Society, Brockton Symphony Orchestra, Opera of New England of Greater Brockton and the Brockton Art Centre-Fuller Memorial, which has won several architectural design awards. The Brockton Shoe Museum was erected in 1981, serving as a continuing reminder of Brockton's past as a leader in the manufacture of men's shoes.

In May 2002, the City sold \$8 million in economic development bonds to finance a loan to the Brockton 21st Century Corporation, the City's non-profit economic development agency. The corporation added this funding to a \$6 million state grant and \$4 million in private financing to construct an \$18 million Baseball Stadium/Conference Center Complex. The complex is situated about one mile from the interchange with Route 24, a limited access highway. The Stadium capacity is just over 5,000. The 14,000 square foot Shaw's Conference Center is on land leased from the City, adjacent to the High School and has a view of the ball field. The Shaw's Center has enjoyed steady growth since 2003.

In May 2002, the Brockton Rox began playing in an independent league unaffiliated with major league baseball clubs. Most years the team had been number 1 or 2 in attendance. In 2004, the club led the league in attendance and established a league record in doing so. The club enjoyed success on the field as well: the Rox won the league championship in 2003 and in seven out of ten years, reached the playoffs. However, the recession significantly affected the team's revenues from 2007 through 2011, its 10th year of play. At the conclusion of the 2011 season, the Rox underwent a significant reorganization. The Rox now operates under new ownership, under a new lease and moved to the

Futures Collegiate Baseball League, consisting of amateur players. The schedule is about one-half as many games. Payments under the revised lease agreement are about 45 percent of the payments made under the previous lease.

Today, Brockton is a diversified commercial center and industrial-residential city. The following tables list the major categories of employment from and aggregate annual wage and payroll data.

	Calendar Year Average								
Industry	2011		2012		2013		2014		2015
Construction	939		950		1,108		1,179		1353
Manufacturing	1,989		1,940		1,989		2,065		2,149
Trade, Transportation and Utilities	7,714		8,242		8,291		8,073		8,142
Information	454		424		347		320		267
Financial Activities	1,112		955		957		917		929
Professional and Business Services	3,508		3,663		3,691		3,112		3,382
Education and Health Services	14,750		14,863		16,157		16,742		17,066
Leisure and Hospitality	2,517		2,531		2,566		2,628		2,648
Other Services	2,570		2,718		1,951		2,022		2,042
Total Employment	35,553		36,286		37,057		37,058		36,625
Number of Establishments	2,397		2,439		2,536		2,687		2,863
Average Weekly Wages	\$ 846	\$	859	\$	873	\$	900	\$	925
Total Wages	\$ 1,629,434,236	\$	1,688,469,695	\$	1,750,466,704	\$	1,806,970,525	\$	1,907,392,560

Source: Massachusetts Department of Education and Training. Data based upon place of employment, not place of residence. Due to the reclassification the U.S. Department of Labor now uses the North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) as the basis for the assignment and tabulation of economic data by industry.

The establishment of commuter rail service linking Brockton to Boston in 1997 is believed to have had a positive effect on housing prices in the City. The following table sets forth the trend in residential sales in the City.

	<u>Median</u>		
<u>Year</u>	Selling Price	% Change	
2016	\$245,000	11.4	%
2015	220,000	9.59	
2014	200,750	14.71	
2013	175,000	16.14	
2012	150,765	-2.16	
2011	154,000	-10.85	
2010	172,750	+6.14	
2009	162,750	-10.08	
2008	181,000	-22.20	
2007	232,644	- 13.19	
2006	268,000	- 2.55	
2005	275,000	10.04	
2004	249,913	7.98	
2003	231,450	17.5	
2002	196,975	21.1	
2001	162,550	16.1	
2000	140,000	17.4	
1999	119,300	16.6	
1998	102,300	16.4	

# **Largest Employers**

The following table lists the largest employers in Brockton, including the City itself.

		Approximate
		Number of
Name	Product/Function	Employees
City of Brockton	City Government	3,400
Signature Health (including Goodard Park)	Hospital	1,000 - 4,999
Caritas Good Samatiran Medical Center	Hospital	1,000 - 4,999
Old Colony YMCA	Social Services	1,000 - 4,999
BAMSI	Human Services	1,000 - 4,999
WB Mason	Business Supplies	1,000 - 4,999
Massassoit Community College	Education	1,000 - 4,999
VA Boston HealthCare System	Hospital	1,000 - 4,999
City of Brockton	City Government	700
South Bay Mental Health Services	Hospital	500 - 999
US Post Office	Post Office	500 - 999
HarborOne Credit Union	Finance	250 - 499
Verizon Communications	Communications	250 - 499
PhrMerica	Pharmacy	250 - 499
Colmbia Gas of Mass (Bay State Gas)	Utilities	250 - 499
Self Help	Social Services	100 -249
Concord Foods	Food Preparation	100 -249
U.S. Laboratory Corp.	Medical Laboratory	100 -249
St. Joseph Manor Health Care	Skilled Nursing Care	100 -249
Baypoint Rehabilitation Center	Rehabilitation Center	100 -249
Uno Foods	Restaurant	100 -249
Wal-Mart	Department Store	100 -249
West Acres	Skilled Nursing Care	100 -249
Brockton Area Transit	Transportation	100 -249
Brockton Professional Baseball	Pro Sports	100 -249
Nutramex Products Inc.	Manufacturing	100 -249
Old Colony Elder Services	Aging Services	100 -249
Shaw's Supermarket	Grocery Store	100 -249
Whites Pastry Shop	Retail Bakery	100 -249
Super Stop & Shop	Grocery Store	100 -249
Zoots	Garment Press	100 -249
Brockton Visiting Nurses Association	Hospital	100 -249
Lowes	Home Centers	100 -249
Barbour Corporation	Manufacturing	100 -249
Home Depot	Home Centers	100 -249
Wal-Mart	Department Store	100 -249

#### Labor Force, and Unemployment Rates

According to the Massachusetts Division of Employment Security data, in April 2017 the City had a total labor force of 48,575 of which 45,986 were employed and 2,589 or 5.3% were unemployed as compared with 3.9% for the Commonwealth. The following table sets forth the City's average labor force and unemployment rates for calendar years 2012 through 2016 and the unemployment rates for the State and U.S. as a whole for the same period.

		City of Brockton	Massachusetts	U.S.
		Unemployment	Unemployment	Unemployment
<u>Year</u>	Labor Force	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Rate</u>
2016	46,822	5.2%	3.7%	4.9%
2015	47,037	7.0	4.9	5.0
2014	47,221	8.0	5.8	6.2
2013	45,772	9.1	6.1	7.4
2012	45,531	9.0	6.7	8.1

SOURCE: Massachusetts Division of Employment Security, Federal Reserve Bank of Boston and U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics. Data based upon place of residence, not place of employment.

## **Retail Sales**

The following table compares the most recent retail trade data for the City of Brockton with that of the Commonwealth as a whole.

		<u>Brockton</u>	<u>Massachusetts</u>
Establishments:	2007	328	25,469
	1997	329	25,761
	1997	359	26,209
	1992	534	38,491
	1987	590	38,905
Sales (000):	2007	\$1,263,529	\$88,082,966
	2002	1,313,341	73,903,837
	1997	932,387	58,578,048
	1992	711,913	47,663,248
	1987	825,798	44,818,481
Per Capita Sales	:		
	2007	\$13,584	\$13,553
	1997	9,887	9,736
	1992	7,549	7,920
	1987	8,880	7,609
	1982	6,256	5,023

SOURCE: U.S. Census of Retail Trade and Federal Census.

#### Education

Education in the Brockton area is available at all levels. The City's school department maintains 25 schools: 14 elementary schools, 2 alternative education centers (grades 5 through 12), 5 middle schools, 1 comprehensive high school, a preschool and kindergarten diagnostic and service center, and a kindergarten center. Through its Community Schools division, the school department also operates a self-sustaining Evening High School Diploma program, various self-sustaining and grant–funded remedial, enrichment and child care programs with extended-day and summer school options, as well as a 90% grant-funded Adult Learning Center providing services to more than 700 in adult basic education, GED preparation, English-as-a-second language and family literacy.

The school department also has its own Champion Charter School, chartered by the State as a Horace Mann Institution, providing an accessible alternative high school education for approximately 98 Grade 9-12 students who had previously dropped out of school.

The following table sets forth the actual public school enrollments for 2012 through 2016 with projected enrollments for 2017.

#### Public School Enrollments - October 1,

			Actual			Projected
	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Kindergarten	1,461	1,456	1,429	1,407	1,410	1,435
Elementary	6,485	8,029	6,885	6,954	6,965	6,990
Junior High	3,820	2,588	3,933	3,892	3,905	3,980
Senior High	4,518	4,637	4,661	4,787	4,795	4,895
Other (1)	312	301	278	343	350	355
Totals	16,596	17,011	17,186	17,383	17,425	17,655

<sup>(1)</sup> Pre-school and ungraded enrollment and elementary grade levels being reconfigured from K-6, 7-8, 9-12 to K-5, 6-8, and 9-12.

The school department also has an evening academy with over 260 grade 9 through 12 students, many of whom had previously dropped out of school.

Higher education is available in Brockton at Massasoit Community College, a two-year state college with 239 instruction/research and public service members and 67 administrators. Massasoit's ten buildings occupy 100 acres of land. The school offers 43 programs to 8,156 day and evening students at the Brockton campus. Stonehill College is located on the Brockton/Easton boundary and Bridgewater State College is within 10 miles.

Parochial schools in Brockton enroll approximately 1,183 students from grades K-12 at three separate campuses. Approximately 45% of these students are from Brockton and the others from surrounding towns.

## The State School Choice, Charter and Technical/Vocational Schools

During the 2014/2015 school year, approximately 265 Brockton students in grades K-12 were attending other public schools under the state sponsored school choice, approximately 631 are attending Charter Schools and 867 are attending Technical/Vocational High Schools.

#### Private Schools in the City of Brockton

As of October 2015, approximately 253 Brockton-residing students were enrolled in the City's three private schools in grades K-12. The individual student population/enrollment of these three schools, including students who do not live in Brockton, ranges from 75 to 600. Approximately 45% of these students receive home-to-school-and-back transportation provided by the Brockton School Department.

## The School Assignment Plan

In 1995, the Massachusetts Board of Education approved a school assignment plan submitted by the School Committee. Brockton's plan is exceptionally comprehensive in promoting informed parental choice of local educational opportunities. Enrollment is monitored for class size and a fair representation of the demographic makeup of the school system.

Since a substantial percentage of the parents select schools outside of their neighborhood, the plan has improved the distribution of class sizes without the periodic adjustment of fixed school boundaries. Typically, more than 90% of the first grade and seventh grade parents receive assignments to their first or second choice schools. The school assignment process is coordinated by the School Registration and Parent Information Center located across the street from the school's central administration building.

Brockton school facilities range from turn-of-the-century buildings to newer schools constructed when enrollment peaked during the 1970's. As a result of the plan, the City undertook the construction of five new schools with 90% reimbursement by the state's School Building Assistance Program. The 300-pupil pre-1900 vintage Winthrop Elementary School has been replaced, at the same location, with the new Louis F. Angelo Elementary School housing approximately 700 students. The 300-pupil Paine Elementary School (constructed in 1916) and the 200-pupil Goddard School (constructed in 1881), have been replaced by the new 700-student Joseph F. Plouffe Elementary School in an adjacent site. Both new elementary schools opened during the 1998-1999 school year. The new 700-pupil Dr. William H. Arnone Elementary School opened in January 2002 at the gateway to the City center. The Mary E. Baker School opened in October 2008. The Manthala George School Opened in January 2009. The twin K-5 schools each have a capacity of 800 students and are equipped with state of the art educational technology. The Mary E. Baker School was awarded a grant from the Massachusetts State Renewable Energy Trust and has been designated as a "green" school. All five schools have contributed to transforming the character of their immediate neighborhoods.

## **Transportation and Utilities**

The major highway serving the City is State Route 24. Other highways within a ten mile radius include Interstates 93, 95 and 495 and State Routes 3 and 128. Public bus service is provided by the Brockton Area Transit Authority (BAT). Rail freight service is provided by Conrail.

Commuter rail service was reinstated in September 1997 on the "Old Colony Line". One branch of this line runs from Boston's South Station through Brockton to the Middleborough/Lakeville area about 45 miles south of Boston. There are three train stops in Brockton: one in the north end (Montello), one in the south end (Campello) and one in the City center. This downtown station was constructed next to the police station, two blocks from Main Street and three blocks from City Hall. In order to create a transportation center at this station, in February 1999 Brockton Area Transit Intermodal Center was relocated across Commercial Street.

Gas and electric services are provided by established private utilities with both major offices and distribution centers located within the City.

#### Population, Income and Wealth Levels

•	<b>Brockton</b>	<u>Massachusetts</u>	<u>U.S.</u>
Median Age			
2010	35.2	39.1	37.2
2000	34.0	36.5	35.3
1990	31.5	33.6	32.9
1980	29.3	31.2	30.0
Median Family Income			
2010	\$57,228	\$81,165	\$51,144
2000	46,235	61,664	50,046
1990	38,544	44,367	35,225
1980	18,606	21,166	19,908
Per Capita Income			
2010	\$22,312	\$33,966	\$27,334
2000	17,163	25,952	21,587
1990	13,455	17,224	14,420
1980	9,944	12,510	10,797

On the basis of the 2010 Federal Census, the City has a population density of 4,384 persons per square mile.

Population Trends								
<u>2010</u>	2000	<u>1990</u>	<u>1980</u>	<u>1970</u>				
93 810	94.304	92 788	95 172	89 040				

SOURCE: Federal Census.

#### PROPERTY TAXATION

In addition to state aid, one of the principal revenue sources of the City is the tax on real and personal property. The amount to be levied in each year is the amount appropriated or required by law to be raised for municipal expenditures less estimated receipts from other sources and less appropriations voted from available funds. The total amount levied is subject to certain limits prescribed by law; for a description of those limits, see "Tax Limitations" below. The estimated receipts for a fiscal year from other sources may not exceed the actual receipts during the preceding fiscal year from the same sources unless approved by the State Commissioner of Revenue. Excepting special funds the use of which is otherwise provided for by law, the deduction for appropriations voted from available funds for a fiscal year cannot exceed the "free cash" as of the beginning of the prior fiscal year as certified by the State Director of Accounts plus up to nine months' collections and receipts on account of earlier years' taxes after that date. Subject to certain adjustments, free cash is surplus revenue less uncollected overdue property taxes from earlier years. Although an allowance is made in the tax levy for abatements (see "Abatements and Overlay" below), no reserve is generally provided for uncollectible real property taxes. Since some of the levy is inevitably not collected, this creates a cash deficiency which may or may not be offset by other items. (See "Taxation to Meet Deficits" below).

## **Tax Levy Computation**

The following table illustrates the trend in the manner in which the tax levy is determined.

#### TAX LEVY COMPUTATION

	Fiscal 2013	Fiscal 2014	Fiscal 2015	Fiscal 2016	Fiscal 2017
Total Appropriations(1)	\$ 357,931,345	\$ 371,780,377	\$ 379,910,356	\$ 389,633,964	\$ 403,498,328
Additions:					
State and County Assessments	6,061,305	7,176,393	7,176,064	8,014,686	11,796,226
Overlay Reserve	2,947,648	2,445,495	2,694,911	3,314,776	2,701,350
Other Additions(2)	349,303	349,456	1,536,119	1,219,131	468,888
Total Additions	9,358,256	9,971,344	11,407,094	12,548,593	14,966,464
Gross Amount to be Raised	367,289,601	381,751,721	391,317,450	 402,182,557	418,464,792
Deductions:				 	
Local Estimated Receipts(3)	65,095,633	63,365,311	67,395,954	66,763,263	71,078,265
State Aid(4):	169,938,094	180,660,402	187,765,086	193,865,488	198,111,509
Available Funds(5)	20,755,613	20,985,169	17,504,927	17,054,137	19,678,997
Total Deductions	255,789,340	265,010,882	272,665,967	 277,682,888	288,868,771
Net Amount to be Raised				 	
(Tax Levy)	\$ 111,500,261	\$ 116,740,839	\$ 118,651,483	\$ 124,499,669	\$ 129,596,021

<sup>(1)</sup> Includes additional appropriations from taxation and other revenues voted subsequent to adoption of the annual budget but prior to setting of the tax rate. Includes sewer and water enterprises.

<sup>(2)</sup> Includes state educational offsets, overlay deficits and other deficits.

<sup>(3)</sup> Includes sewer and water enterprise revenue.

Includes prior year's estimates. Estimated by the State Department of Revenue and required by law to be used in setting of the tax rate. Actual state aid payments may vary upward or downward from said estimates and the State may withhold payments pending receipt of State and County assessments. The City has confronted reductions in discretionary State aid since fiscal 2008 through fiscal 2012. The City has laid off employees, restricted new hires and negotiated with unions to counter these reductions. All retirees have been shifted to less expensive health insurance plans, and all non-union employees have been required to increase their contribution to health insurance costs from a 25% share to a 40% share. Concessions were negotiated with the firefighters' union and library employees' union to temporarily defer or postpone scheduled compensation. The City's local revenue compensation to the school budget, both for education and for school buses, was cut by almost \$7 million in total. (Some portion of this was made up by federal stimulus money). Finally, the City analyzed the status of its health insurance trust fund, from which the City's health/dental benefits are paid, and which is funded by both the employer and covered person contributions. The City's analysis after accounting for the need to pay incurred but not reported claims and prudently reserving for the possibility of high claims which fell short of this City's reinsurance levels, determined that the fund's cash balances significantly exceeded the reserve requirements. Accordingly, the health budget was reduced with the expectations that the reserves would be drawn down.

<sup>(5)</sup> Transfers from available funds, including "free cash", generally made as an offset to a particular appropriation item.

#### **Assessed Valuations and Tax Levies**

Property is classified for the purpose of taxation according to its use. The legislature has in substance created three classes of taxable property: (1) residential real property, (2) open space land, and (3) all other (commercial, industrial and personal property). Within limits, cities and towns are given the option of determining the share of the annual levy to be borne by each of the three categories. The share required to be borne by residential real property is at least 50 per cent of its share of the total taxable valuation; the effective rate for open space must be at least 75 per cent of the effective rate for residential real property; and the share of commercial, industrial and personal property must not exceed 175 per cent of their share of the total valuation. A city or town may also exempt up to 20 per cent of the valuation of residential real property (where used as the taxpayer's principal residence) and up to 10 per cent of the valuation of commercial real property (where occupied by certain small businesses). Property may not be classified in a city or town until the State Commissioner of Revenue certifies that all property in the city or town has been assessed at its fair cash value. Such certification must take place every three years, or pursuant to a revised schedule as may be issued by the Commissioner.

Related statutes provide that certain forest land, agricultural or horticultural land (assessed at the value it has for these purposes) and recreational land (assessed on the basis of its use at a maximum of 25 per cent of its fair cash value) are all to be taxed at the rate applicable to commercial property. Land classified as forest land is valued for this purpose at five per cent of fair cash value but not less than ten dollars per acre.

The City has used multiple tax rates under classification since fiscal 1984 when it first revalued all real and personal property in the City to full value. The next revaluation will occur in fiscal 2021.

The following table sets forth the trend in the City's assessed valuations, tax levies, and tax levies per capita.

		Personal		Total					
Fiscal	Real Estate	Property		Assessed			Ta	x Levy	
Year	Valuation	 Valuation		Valuation		Tax Levy		Per Capita(1)	
2017	\$ 6,440,856,599	\$ 247,740,790	\$	6,688,597,389	\$	129,596,021	\$	1,381	
2016	5,881,705,575	222,598,360		6,104,303,935		124,499,669		1,327	
2015	5,267,393,321	195,574,810		5,462,968,131		118,651,483		1,265	
2014 (2)	5,182,691,891	179,487,000		5,362,178,891		116,740,839		1,244	
2013	5,293,452,622	192,787,250		5,486,239,872		111,500,261		1,189	

<sup>(1)</sup> Based on the 2010 federal census.

#### Tax Rate Factor and Levy Distribution

		% of Levy					
	Tax Rate		Commercial,				
Fiscal Year	Factor (1)	<u>Residential</u>	Industrial/Personal Property				
2017	\$1.70	67.1%	32.9%				
2016	1.57	67.5	32.5				
2015	1.56	64.6	35.4				
2014	1.55	64.1	35.9				
2013	1.57	64.0	36.0				

<sup>(1)</sup> In communities using multiple tax rates, the factor by which the uniform rate (see below) is multiplied to determine the Commercial/Industrial Tax Rate.

<sup>(2)</sup> Revaluation year.

## Tax Rate Per \$1,000 Valuation

			All Other
Fiscal	Uniform	Residential	(Commercial, Industrial
<u>Year</u>	Rate(1)	Real Property	and Personal Property)
2017	\$19.38	\$16.10	\$32.94
2016	20.40	17.36	32.02
2015	21.72	18.15	33.88
2014	21.77	18.13	33.96
2013	20.32	16.88	31.91

<sup>(1)</sup> The rate at which real estate and personal property would be taxed if the City used a single rate rather than multiple tax rates. Provided for comparative purposes only.

## **Largest Taxpayers**

The following is a list of the largest taxpayers in the City and the fiscal 2017 valuation of each. All taxpayers listed below are current in their tax payments.

Name	Nature of Business	Fiscal 2017 Assessed Valuation	% of Total Assessed Value
Steward Health Care	Hospital	81,612,590	1.26% %
Mass Electric Co. (National Grid)	Utility	63,089,950	0.98%
Columbia Gas	Utility	59,230,500	0.92%
New Westgate Brockton Mall LLC	Retail Mall	33,510,122	0.52%
Verizon	Utility	28,634,100	0.44%
Comcast of Brockton	Utility	17,731,220	0.27%
Beacon Communities	Apartments	32,905,790	0.51%
Acadia Crescent Plaza, LLC	Developer	16,472,000	0.25%
New England Power	Utility	15,615,450	0.24%
Harborone Bank	Bank	14,186,500	0.22%
Total		\$ 362,988,222	5.61% %

## **State Equalized Valuation**

In order to determine appropriate relative values for the purposes of certain distributions to and assessments upon cities and towns, the Commissioner of Revenue biennially makes a redetermination of the fair cash value of the taxable property in each municipality as of January 1 of even numbered years. This is known as the "equalized value". The following table sets forth the trend in equalized valuations of the City of Brockton.

		Annual
		Percentage
	State	Increase
January 1,	Equalized Valuations	(Decrease)
2016	\$ 6,479,586,800	12.9 %
2014	5,739,735,500	(4.1)
2012	5,986,229,500	(6.7)
2010	6,416,494,600	(25.6)
2008	8,627,153,400	10.4
2006	7,787,790,000	29.7
2004	6,003,792,100	35.1

#### **Abatements and Overlay**

The City is authorized to increase each tax levy by an amount approved by the State Commissioner of Revenue as an "overlay" to provide for tax abatements. If abatements are granted in excess of the applicable overlay reserve, the excess is required to be added to the next tax levy. Abatements are granted where exempt real or personal property has been assessed or where taxable real or personal property has been overvalued or disproportionately valued. The assessors may also abate uncollectible personal property taxes. They may abate real and personal property taxes on broad grounds (including inability to pay) with the approval of the State Commissioner of Revenue. But uncollected real property taxes are ordinarily not written off until they become municipal "tax titles" by purchase at the public sale or by taking, at which time the tax is written off in full by reserving the amount of the tax and charging surplus.

The following table sets forth the trend in overlay reserves and abatements for recent levies.

				Overlay I	Overlay Reserve			atements Granted	Surplus		
Fiscal Net Tax Year Levy (1)		Dollar Amount		As a % of Net Levy			through June 30, 2016		(Deficiency) Through June 30, 2016		
2016	\$	121,184,893	\$	3,314,776	2.74	%	\$	1,117,308	\$	2,197,468	
2015		115,956,572		2,694,911	2.32			1,566,706		1,128,205	
2014 (2)		114,295,344		2,445,495	2.14			1,400,679		1,044,816	
2013		108,552,613		2,947,648	2.72			1,285,227		890,812	
2012		105,479,107		2,738,111	2.60			1,357,526		-	

<sup>(1)</sup> Tax levy prior to addition of overlay reserve.

#### **Tax Levies and Collections**

The City issues tax bills which are payable in four installments. Under the statute, preliminary tax payments are due on August 1 and November 1 with payment of the actual tax bill (after credit is given for the preliminary payments) in installments on February 1, and May 1, if actual tax bills are mailed by December 31. Interest accrues on delinquent taxes currently at the rate of 14% per annum. Real property (land and buildings) is subject to a lien for the taxes assessed upon it (subject to any paramount federal lien and subject to bankruptcy and insolvency laws). If the property has been transferred, an unenforced lien expires on the fourth December 31 after the fiscal year to which the tax relates. If the property has not been transferred by the fourth December 31, an unenforced lien expires upon a later transfer of the property. Provision is made, however, for continuation of the lien where it could not be enforced because of a legal impediment. The persons against whom real or personal property taxes are assessed are personally liable for the tax (subject to bankruptcy and insolvency laws). In the case of real property, this personal liability is effectively extinguished by sale or taking of the property as described below.

The following table compares the trend in the City's net tax collections with its net (gross tax levy less overlay reserve for abatements) tax levies.

			Collections [	During	Collections as of			
		Overlay		Fiscal Year P	ayable	June 30, 2016 (3)		
Fiscal	Gross Tax	Reserve for	Net	Dollar	% of	Dollar	% of	
Year	Levy	Abatements	Tax Levy	Amount(1)	Net Levy	Amount(1)	Net Levy	
2016	\$ 124,499,669	\$ 3,314,776	\$ 121,184,893	\$ 119,338,510	98.5 %	\$ 119,338,510	98.5 %	
2015	118,651,483	2,694,911	115,956,572	113,521,923	97.9	115,484,298	99.6	
2014 (2)	116,740,839	2,445,495	114,295,344	111,440,688	97.5	113,807,459	99.6	
2013	111,500,261	2,947,648	108,552,613	105,732,191	97.4	108,767,343	100.2	
2012	108,217,218	2,738,111	105,479,107	102,364,585	97.0	104,889,489	99.4	

<sup>(1)</sup> Actual dollar collections net of refunds. Does not include abatements or proceeds of tax titles redemptions attributable to each levy.

<sup>(2)</sup> Revaluation years.

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<sup>(3)</sup> Collections for the current fiscal year are comparable to previous fiscal years.

#### **Taking and Sale**

Massachusetts law permits a municipality either to sell by public sale (at which the municipality may become the purchaser) or to take real property for nonpayment of taxes. In either case the property owner can redeem the property by paying the unpaid taxes, with interest and other charges, but if the right of redemption is not exercised within six months (which may be extended an additional year in the case of certain installment payments), it can be foreclosed by petition to the Land Court. Upon foreclosure, a tax title purchased or taken by the municipality becomes a "tax possession" and may be held and disposed of in the same manner as other land held for municipal purposes.

The following table sets forth the amount of tax titles and possessions outstanding at fiscal year-end and the amount realized through the redemption of tax title accounts during the fiscal year. Amounts collected through such redemptions are treated as general receipts of the City and are not credited back to specific tax levies.

			Amount Realized
		Tax Possessions	From Redemption
Fiscal	Tax Titles	at Fiscal	of Tax Titles
<u>Year</u>	at Fiscal Year End	Year End	During Fiscal Year (1)
2016	\$4,051,890	\$2,774,418	\$1,541,053
2015	3,841,959	2,622,390	2,041,037
2014	4,089,356	2,256,078	2,929,914
2013	6,671,386	2,582,211	1,916,746
2012	5,354,808	2,445,122	1,898,849

In order to maximize the collection efforts, the City has implemented a system of collection whereby a minimum of three notices of delinquency are sent to the payers. Also, the City instituted a notice of previous taxes owed on the current tax bill. This notice gives taxpayers an additional five notices per year when taxes are delinquent. By targeting the fiscal years before these accounts are placed in tax title, the City has reduced the amount of delinquent taxes that fall into tax title. In order to maximize the collection of tax title accounts and forestall foreclosure proceedings, the City requires payment in full or, with a minimum of 25% down, a written agreement with the delinquent taxpayer to make timely payments on current tax bills, and pay the balance in full within 12 months. The City has a property disposition plan in place to sell foreclosed properties. City owned buildings and large parcels of land are sold at public auction or through a sealed bid process. This maximizes the influx of cash while putting the sold properties back on the tax rolls.

#### **Taxation to Meet Deficits**

Overlay deficits, i.e., tax abatements in excess of the overlay included in the tax levy to cover abatements, are required to be added to the next tax levy. It is generally understood that revenue deficits, i.e., those resulting from non-property tax revenues being less than anticipated, are also required to be added to the next tax levy (at least to the extent not covered by surplus revenue). Amounts lawfully expended since the prior tax levy and not included therein are also required to be included in the annual tax levy. The circumstances under which this can arise are limited since municipal departments are generally prohibited from incurring liabilities in excess of appropriations except for major disasters, mandated items, contracts in aid of housing and renewal projects and other long-term contracts. In addition, established utility rates and certain established salaries, e.g., civil service, must legally be paid for work actually performed, whether or not covered by appropriations.

All deficits and overdrafts in existence at the time the City's tax rates have been set have been provided for as required by Massachusetts law.

Cities and towns are authorized to appropriate sums, and thus to levy taxes, subject to any overall limits on tax levies, to cover deficits arising from other causes, such as "free cash" deficits arising from a failure to collect taxes. This is not generally understood, however, and it has not been the practice to levy taxes to cover free cash deficits. Except to the extent that free cash deficits have been reduced or eliminated by subsequent collections of uncollected taxes (including sales of tax titles and tax possessions), lapsed appropriations, non-property tax revenues in excess of estimates, other miscellaneous items or funding loans authorized by special act, they remain in existence. See "CITY FINANCES – Undesignated Fund Balance and Free Cash."

#### **Tax Limitations**

Chapter 59, Section 21C of the General Laws, also known as Proposition 2½, imposes two separate limits on the annual tax levy of a city or town.

The primary limitation is that the tax levy cannot exceed 2 1/2 percent of the full and fair cash value. If a city or town exceeds the primary limitation, it must reduce its tax levy by at least 15 percent annually until it is in compliance, provided that the reduction can be reduced in any year to not less than 7 1/2 percent by majority vote of the voters, or to less than 7 1/2 percent by two-thirds vote of the voters.

For cities and towns at or below the primary limit, a secondary limitation is that the tax levy cannot exceed the maximum levy limit for the preceding fiscal year as determined by the State Commissioner of Revenue by more than 2 1/2 percent, subject to exceptions for property added to the tax rolls and for property which has had substantial valuation increases other than as part of a general revaluation, in its assessed valuation over the prior year's valuation. This "growth" limit on the tax levy may be exceeded in any year by a majority vote of the voters, but an increase in the secondary or growth limit under this procedure does not permit a tax levy in excess of the primary limitation, since the two limitations apply independently. In addition, if the voters vote to approve taxes in excess of the "growth" limit for the purpose of funding a stabilization fund, such increased amount may only be taken into account for purposes of calculating the maximum levy limit in each subsequent year if the board of selectmen of a town or the city council of the city votes by a two-thirds vote to appropriate such increased amount in such subsequent year to the stabilization fund.

The applicable tax limits may also be reduced in any year by a majority vote of the voters.

The State Commissioner of Revenue may adjust any tax limit "to counterbalance the effects of extraordinary, non-recurring events which occurred during the base year".

Proposition 2 ½ further provides that the voters may exclude from the taxes subject to the tax limits and from the calculation of the maximum tax levy (a) the amount required to pay debt service on bonds and notes issued before November 4, 1980, if the exclusion is approved by a majority vote of the voters, and (b) the amount required to pay debt service on any specific subsequent issue for which similar approval is obtained. Even with voter approval, the holders of the obligation for which unlimited taxes may be assessed do not have a statutory priority or security interest in the portion of the tax levy attributable to such obligations. It should be noted that Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44, Section 20 requires that the taxes excluded from the levy limit to pay debt service on any such bonds and notes be calculated based on the true interest cost of the issue. Accordingly, the Department of Revenue limits the amount of such taxes which may be levied in each year to pay debt service on any such bonds and notes to the amount of such debt service, less a pro rata portion of any original issue premium received by the city or town that was not applied to pay costs of issuance.

Voters may also exclude from the Proposition 2 1/2 limits the amount required to pay specified capital outlay expenditures. In addition, the city council of a city, with the approval of the mayor if required, or the board of selectmen or the town council of a town may vote to exclude from the Proposition 2 1/2 limits taxes raised in lieu of sewer or water charges to pay debt service on bonds or notes issued by the municipality (or by an independent authority, commission or district) for water and sewer purposes, provided that the municipality's sewer or water charges are reduced accordingly.

In addition, Proposition 2 ½ limits the annual increase in the total assessments on cities and towns by any county, district, authority, the Commonwealth or any other governmental entity (except regional school districts, the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority, and certain districts for which special legislation provides otherwise) to the sum of (a) 2 1/2 percent of the prior year's assessments and (b) "any increases in costs, charges or fees for services customarily provided locally or for services subscribed to at local option". Regional water districts, regional sewerage districts and regional veterans districts may exceed these limitations under statutory procedures requiring a two-thirds vote of the district's governing body and either approval of the local appropriating authorities (by two-thirds vote in districts with more than two members or by majority in two-member districts) or approval of the registered voters in a local election (in the case of two-member districts). Under Proposition 2 ½ any State law to take effect on or after January 1, 1981 imposing a direct service or cost obligation on a city or town will become effective only if accepted or voluntarily funded by the city or town or if State funding is provided. Similarly, State rules or regulations imposing additional costs on a city or town or laws granting or increasing local tax exemptions are to take effect only if adequate State appropriations are provided. These statutory provisions do not apply to costs resulting from judicial decisions.

The City has been in full compliance with Proposition 2 1/2 since fiscal 1984 following completion of a professional revaluation of all real and personal property in the City to full value. Revaluations were subsequently completed by the City for use in fiscal years 1987, 1990, 1993, 1996, 1999, 2002, 2005, 2008, 2011 and 2014. The City has never voted to override or exclude taxes from the tax-levy limit imposed by Proposition 2 1/2. The following table sets forth the trend in the City's tax levies and levy limits under Proposition 2 1/2.

Fiscal Year	Total Assessed Valuation	 Primary Levy Limit	Secondary Levy Limit	Actual Levy	l	Jnder (Over) Primary Limit	5	nder (Over) Secondary Levy Limit
2017	\$ 6,688,597,389	\$ 167,214,935	\$ 132,480,953	\$ 129,596,022	\$	34,733,982	\$	2,884,931
2016	6,104,303,935	152,607,598	127,045,434	124,499,669		25,562,164		2,545,765
2015	5,462,968,131	136,574,203	121,079,995	118,651,483		15,494,208		2,428,512
2014	5,362,178,891	134,054,472	116,744,636	116,740,839		17,309,836		3,797
2013	5,486,239,872	137,155,997	112,506,174	111,500,261		24,649,823		1,005,913

#### Sale of Tax Receivables

Cities and towns are authorized to sell delinquent property tax receivables at public sale or auction, either individually or in bulk. The City does not expect to utilize this option at the present time.

## **Pledged Taxes**

Taxes on the increased value of certain property in designated development districts may be pledged for the payment of costs of economic development projects within such districts and may therefore be unavailable for other municipal purposes. (See "Tax Increment Financing for Development Districts" below).

## **Community Preservation Act**

The Massachusetts Community Preservation Act (the "CPA") permits cities and towns that accept its provisions to levy a surcharge on its real property tax levy, dedicate revenue (other than state or federal funds), and to receive state matching funds for (i) the acquisition, creation, preservation, rehabilitation and restoration of land for recreational use, open space, and affordable housing and (ii) the acquisition, preservation, rehabilitation and restoration of historic resources. The provisions of the CPA must be accepted by the voters of the city or town at an election after such provisions have first been accepted by either a vote of the legislative body of the city or town or an initiative petition signed by 5% of its registered voters.

A city or town may approve a surcharge of up to 3% (but not less than 1% under certain circumstances) and may make an additional commitment of funds by dedicating revenue other than state or federal funds, provided that the total funds collected do no exceed 3% of the real property tax levy, less any exemptions adopted (such as an exemption for low-income individuals and families and for low and moderate-income senior citizens, an exemption for \$100,000 of the value of each taxable parcel of residential real property or \$100,000 of the value of each taxable parcel of class three, commercial property, and class four, industrial property as defined in Chapter 59, Section 2A of the General Laws, and an exemption for commercial and industrial properties in cities and towns with classified tax rates). In the event that the municipality shall no longer dedicate all or part of the additional funds to community preservation, the surcharge on the real property tax levy of not less than 1% shall remain in effect, provided that any such change must be approved pursuant to the same process as acceptance of the CPA. The surcharge is not counted in the total taxes assessed for the purpose of determining the permitted levy amount under Proposition 2½ (see "Tax Limitations" under "PROPERT TAXATION" above). A city or town may revoke its acceptance of the provisions of the CPA at any time after 5 years from the date of such acceptance and may change the amount of the surcharge or the exemptions to the surcharge at any time, including reducing the surcharge to 1% and committing additional municipal funds as outlined above, provided that any such revocation or change must be approved pursuant to the same process as acceptance of the CPA.

Any city or town that accepts the provisions of the CPA will receive annual state matching grants to supplement amounts raised by its surcharge and dedication of revenue. The state matching funds are raised from certain recording and filing fees of the registers of deeds. Those amounts are deposited into a state trust fund and are distributed to cities and towns that have accepted the provisions of the CPA, which distributions are not subject to annual appropriation by the state legislature. The amount distributed to each city and town is based on a statutory formula and the total state distribution made to any city or town may not exceed 100% of the amount raised locally by the surcharge on the real property tax levy.

The amounts raised by the surcharge on taxes, the dedication of revenue and received in state matching funds are required to be deposited in a dedicated community preservation fund. Each city or town that accepts the provisions of the CPA is required to establish a community preservation committee to study the community preservation needs of the community and to make recommendations to the legislative body of the city or town regarding the community preservation projects that should be funded from the community preservation fund. Upon the recommendations of the committee, the legislative body of the city or town may appropriate amounts from the fund for permitted community preservation purposes or may reserve amounts for spending in future fiscal years, provided that at least 10% of the total annual revenues to the fund must be spent or set aside for open space purposes, 10% for historic resource purposes and 10% for affordable housing purposes.

The CPA authorizes cities and towns that accept its provisions to issue bonds and notes in anticipation of the receipt of surcharge and dedicated revenues to finance community preservation projects approved under the provisions of the CPA. Bonds and notes issued under the CPA are general obligations of the city or town and are payable from amounts on deposit in the community preservation fund. In the event that a city or town revokes its acceptance of the provisions of the CPA, the surcharge shall remain in effect until all contractual obligations incurred by the city or town prior to such revocation, including the payment of bonds or notes issued under the CPA, have been fully discharged.

The City has not adopted the Community Preservation Act, and there are no plans to do so.

#### **CITY FINANCES**

## **Budget and Appropriation Process**

In a city, within 170 days (unless otherwise provided by special legislation) after the annual organization of the city government (which is ordinarily in early January), the Mayor is required to submit a budget of proposed expenditures for the fiscal year beginning on the next July 1. The city council may make appropriations for the recommended purposes and may reduce or reject any item. Without a recommendation of the Mayor, the council may not make any appropriation for a purpose not included in the proposed budget, except by a two-thirds vote in case of a failure of the Mayor to recommend an appropriation for such a purpose within 7 days after a request from the city council. The council may not increase any item without the recommendation of the Mayor (except as provided by legislation, subject to local acceptance, under which the school budget or regional school district assessment can be increased upon recommendation of the school committee or regional district school committee and by two-thirds vote of the council, provided that such increase does not cause the total annual budget to exceed property tax limitations). If the council fails to act on any item of the proposed budget within 45 days, that item takes effect.

Under certain circumstances and subject to certain limits and requirements, the city council of a city, upon the recommendation of the Mayor, may transfer amounts appropriated for use of one department (except for the use of a municipal light department or a school department) to another appropriation for the same department for the use of any other department.

If the Mayor does not make a timely budget submission, provision is made for preparation of a budget by the council. Provision is also made for supplementary appropriations upon recommendation of the Mayor.

Water and Sewer department expenditures are included in the budget adopted by the city council. Gas and electric department expenditures may be appropriated by municipal light boards. Under certain legislation any city or town which accepts the legislation may provide that the appropriations for the operating costs of any department may be offset, in whole or in part, by estimated receipts from fees charged for services provided by the department. It is assumed that this general provision does not alter the pre-existing power of an electric or gas department to appropriate its own receipts. The school budget is limited to the total amount appropriated by the city council, but the school committee retains full power to allocate the funds appropriated, subject to the provisions of the Education Reform Act of 1993, which is further discussed herein under "Education Reform".

City department heads are generally required to submit their budget requests to the Finance Department for compilation and recommendation to the Mayor between December 1 and January 31. This does not apply to the school department, which must submit its requests to the Finance Department for review and recommendation in time for the Mayor to include them in his submission to the council.

State and county assessments, abatements in excess of overlays, principal and interest not otherwise provided for, and final judgments are included in the tax levy whether or not included in the budget. Revenues are not required to be set forth in the budget but estimated non-tax revenues are taken into account by the assessors in fixing the tax levy.

In the City of Brockton, the Finance Department independently develops revenue estimates and evaluates the impact of each proposed spending request as the Chief Financial Officer is required under Chapter 324 of the Acts of 1990 to certify in writing to the Mayor and the City Council as to the affordability of any spending request.

#### **Budget Trends**

The following table sets forth the trend in operating budgets in the format recommended by the Mayor and voted by the City Council. The budgets are inclusive of supplemental appropriations and transfers between appropriation items made during the fiscal year. The budgets are inclusive of expenditures for state and county assessments, overlay for tax abatements and deficits to be raised.

# COMPARATIVE BUDGET TRENDS General and Enterprise Funds

	Fiscal 2012	Fiscal 2013	Fiscal 2014	Fiscal 2015	Fiscal 2016	Fiscal 2017	
Water (1)	\$ 16,478,246	\$ 15,004,979	\$ 13,823,442	\$ 15,771,606	\$ 8,563,242 (5)	\$ 15,996,442	
Sewer (1)	18,213,411	10,819,874	11,134,963	11,555,151	12,428,268	12,573,306	
Other Public Works and Trash	16,616,591	15,371,536	15,836,334	16,119,397	17,120,717	18,923,765	
Fire	20,373,633	19,868,295	21,222,160	21,969,331	22,941,712	22,058,924	
Police	17,950,478	17,412,066	18,538,972	20,808,425	20,367,647	23,695,988	
Public Property	2,336,950	2,211,203	2,364,731	2,332,715	2,478,290	2,567,815	
City Schools	152,390,474	156,420,332	164,293,149	167,935,189	173,226,180	174,955,763	
Regional School Assessment	2,702,679	2,741,616	2,932,308	2,952,574	3,133,097	3,531,517	
General Government and Other	21,385,797	20,343,838	21,860,253	23,134,084	27,098,782	26,588,828	
Employees/Retiree Health Insurance	42,229,978	52,003,360	49,778,155	51,544,051	51,047,830	53,777,821	
Retirement	12,580,316	15,424,055	16,021,867	18,055,120	17,963,097	18,691,289	
Capital	1,373,298	5,258,499	3,604,172	1,864,300	1,759,146	2,105,886	
Debt Service (2)	12,613,238	22,015,481	21,970,075	22,502,820	22,749,589	23,805,557	
Overlay Reserve	2,120,000	2,840,000	2,900,000	2,510,083	2,600,000	2,495,862	
State County Charges	5,879,360	6,395,186	7,135,900	7,446,688	8,020,765	8,985,658	
Reserves (3)	704,990	262,094	793,228	444,657	833,486	2,368,426	
Total(4)	\$ 345,949,439	\$ 364,392,414	\$ 374,209,709	\$ 386,946,191	\$ 392,331,848	\$ 413,122,847	

<sup>(1)</sup> Enterprise Funds capital expenditures included in the Capital category.

#### **Revenues (General Fund)**

Local Options Room Occupancy Tax: Under this tax, local governments may tax the provision of hotel, motel and lodging house rooms at a rate not to exceed six percent (6%) of the cost of renting such rooms. The tax is paid by the operator of the hotel, motel or lodging house, and bed and breakfast to the State Commissioner of Revenue, who in turn pays the tax back to the municipality in which the rooms are located in quarterly distributions. In 2009, the City increased the local room occupancy excise tax from 4% to 6% as permitted under G.L. c. 64G section 3A. The City collected \$560,958 from this tax in fiscal 2012, \$656,592 in fiscal 2013, \$724,542 in fiscal 2014, \$777,579 in fiscal 2015 and \$835,127 in fiscal 2016. Projected revenue collected from this tax is expected to be comparable in future years.

<u>Local Option Meals Tax:</u> On June 6, 2010, the City adopted the local meals excise tax to be effective October 1, 2010. In fiscal year 2011, the local meals excise tax is a 0.75% tax on the gross receipts of a vendor from the sale of restaurant meals. The tax is paid by the vendor to the State Commissioner of Revenue, who in turn pays the tax to the municipality in which the meal was sold. The City collected \$821,433 from this tax in fiscal 2012, \$841,000 in fiscal 2013, \$898,007 in fiscal 2014 \$951,281 in fiscal 2015 and \$985,141 in fiscal 2016. The revenue from this tax is projected to be comparable in future years.

<sup>(2)</sup> In fiscal 2012, debt service includes all City debt service, other than water and sewer, and includes debt issued under the State Qualified Bond Act. For fiscal 2013 and later, debt service includes all. All debt service is General Obligation debt.

<sup>(3)</sup> Consists of net additions to the stabilization and supplemental reserve funds.

<sup>(4)</sup> Totals include cash appropriations for departmental capital spending.

<sup>(5)</sup> Water total reflects a reduction of \$6,395,630 due to desalinization contract in fiscal 2016. This reduction made by city council was contractually due and it was restored during fiscal 2016.

<u>Property Taxes</u>: Property taxes are a major source of revenue for the City. The total amount levied is subject to certain limits prescribed by law; for a description of those limits see "PROPERTY TAXATION - Tax Limitations" above.

State Aid: The City's state aid entitlement is based upon a number of different formulas, and while said formulas might indicate that a particular amount of state aid is owed, the amount of state aid actually paid is limited to the amount appropriated by the state legislature. The state annually estimates state aid but actual payments may vary from the estimate.

In addition to grants for specified capital purposes (some of which are payable over the life of the bonds issued for the projects), the Commonwealth provides financial assistance to cities and towns for current purposes. Payments to cities and towns are derived primarily from a percentage of the State's personal income, sales and use, and corporate excise tax receipts, together with the net receipts from the State Lottery. A municipality's state aid entitlement is based on a number of different formulas, of which the "schools" and "lottery" formulas are the most important. Both of the major formulas tend to provide more state aid to poorer communities. The formulas for determining a municipality's state aid entitlement are subject to amendment by the state legislature and, while a formula might indicate that a particular amount of state aid is owed, the amount of state aid actually paid is limited to the amount appropriated by the state legislature. The state annually estimates state aid, but the actual state aid payments may vary from the estimate.

In the fall of 1986, both the State Legislature (by statute repealed as of July 1, 1999) and the voters (by initiative petition) placed limits on the growth of state tax revenues. Although somewhat different in detail, each measure essentially limited the annual growth in state tax revenues to an average rate of growth in wages and salaries in the Commonwealth over the three previous calendar years. If not amended, the remaining measure could restrict the amount of state revenues available for state aid to local communities.

Legislation was enacted in 1991 to help municipalities compensate for additional local aid reductions by the Commonwealth for fiscal year 1992. Under that law, municipalities were allowed to defer budgeting for teacher's summer compensation payable by the end of fiscal years 1992 and 1993. Municipalities that chose to defer such amounts are required to amortize the resulting budget deficiency by raising at least one fifteenth of the deferred amount in each of the fiscal years 1997 through 2011, or in accordance with a more rapid amortization schedule.

Motor Vehicle Excise: An excise is imposed on the registration of motor vehicles (subject to exemptions) at a rate of \$25 per \$1,000 of valuation. Valuations are determined by a statutory formula based on manufacturer's list price and year of manufacture. Bills not paid when due bear interest at 12% per annum. Provision is also made, after notice to the owner, for suspension of the owner's operating license or registration by the registrar of motor vehicles.

<u>Trash Fees:</u> In fiscal 2002 the City assessed a fee of \$110 per household for the pickup and disposal of residential trash. For fiscal 2003, an ordinance change raised trash fees from \$110 to \$220 per household effective July 1, 2002 and to \$280 per household effective July 1, 2003. At the current rate of \$280, the trash fee generates revenues sufficient to fully fund the service.

Enterprise Revenues: See "Enterprise Funds" herein.

Other: Other major sources of revenue include penalties and interest on taxes, investment income, fines, licenses and permits. The City Council in October 2015 approved an increase of 20% on all ordinance departmental fees, licenses, and permits, an action which is expected to generate approximately \$200,000 annually.

## **Education Reform**

State legislation known as the Education Reform Act of 1993, as amended, imposes certain minimum expenditure requirements on municipalities with respect to funding for education and related programs, and may affect the level of state aid to be received for education. The requirements are determined on the basis of formulas affected by various measures of wealth and income, enrollments, prior levels of local spending and state aid, and other factors. In every year since passage of the act, the City's school related appropriations have exceeded the minimum required funding.

#### **State School Building Assistance**

Under its school building assistance program, the Commonwealth of Massachusetts provides grants to cities, towns and regional school districts for school construction projects. Until July 26, 2004, the State Board of Education was responsible for approving grants for school projects and otherwise administering the program. Grant amounts ranged from 50% to 90% of approved project costs. Municipalities generally issued bonds to finance the entire project cost, and the Commonwealth disbursed the grants in equal annual installments over the term of the related bonds.

Pursuant to legislation which became effective on July 26, 2004, the state legislature created the Massachusetts School Building Authority (the "Authority") to finance and administer the school building assistance program. The Authority has assumed all powers and obligations of the Board of Education with respect to the program. In addition to certain other amounts, the legislation dedicates a portion of Commonwealth sales tax receipts to the Authority to finance the program.

Projects previously approved for grants by the State Board of Education are entitled to receive grant payments from the Authority based on the approved project cost and reimbursement rate applicable under the prior law. The Authority has paid and is expected to continue to pay the remaining amounts of the grants for such projects either in annual installments to reimburse debt service on bonds issued by the municipalities to finance such projects, or as lump sum payments to contribute to the defeasance of such bonds.

Projects on the priority waiting list as of July 1, 2004 are also entitled to receive grant payments from the Authority based on the eligible project costs and reimbursement rates applicable under the prior law. With limited exceptions, the Authority is required to fund the grants for such projects in the order in which they appear on the waiting list. Grants for any such projects that have been completed or substantially completed have been paid and are expected to continue to be paid by the Authority in lump sum payments, thereby eliminating the need for the Authority to reimburse interest expenses that would otherwise be incurred by the municipalities to permanently finance the Authority's share of such project costs. Interest on debt issued by municipalities prior to July 1, 2004 to finance such project costs, and interest on temporary debt until receipt of the grant, is included in the approved costs of such projects. Grants for any such projects that have not yet commenced or that are underway have been and are expected to continue to be paid by the Authority as project costs are incurred by the municipality pursuant to a project funding agreement between the Authority and the municipality, eliminating the need for the municipality to borrow even on a temporary basis to finance the Authority's share of the project costs in most cases.

The range of reimbursement rates for new project grant applications submitted to the Authority on or after July 1, 2007 has been reduced to between 40% and 80% of approved project costs. The Authority promulgated new regulations with respect to the application and approval process for projects submitted after July 1, 2007. The Authority pays grants for such projects as project costs are incurred pursuant to project funding agreements between the Authority and the municipalities. None of the interest expense incurred on debt issued by municipalities to finance their portion of the costs of new projects will be included in the approved project costs eligible for reimbursement.

# **Investment of City Funds**

Investments of funds of cities and towns, except for trust funds, are generally restricted by Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44, Section 55. That statute permits investments of available revenue funds and bond and note proceeds in term deposits and certificates of deposits of banks and trust companies, in obligations issued or unconditionally guaranteed by the federal government or an agency thereof with a maturity of not more than one year, in repurchase agreements with a maturity of not more than 90 days secured by federal or federal agency securities, in participation units in the Massachusetts Municipal Depository Trust ("MMDT"), or in shares in SEC - registered money market funds with the highest possible rating from at least one nationally recognized rating organization.

MMDT is an investment pool created by the Commonwealth. The State Treasurer is the sole trustee, and the funds are managed under contract by an investment firm under the supervision of the State Treasurer's office. According to the State Treasurer the Trust's investment policy is designed to maintain an average weighted maturity of 90 days or less and is limited to high-quality, readily marketable fixed income instruments, including U.S. Government obligations and highly-rated corporate securities with maturities of one year or less.

Trust funds, unless otherwise provided by the donor, may be invested in accordance with Section 54 of Chapter 44, which permits a broader range of investments than Section 55, including any bonds or notes that are legal investments for savings banks in the Commonwealth. The restrictions imposed by Sections 54 and 55 do not apply to city and town retirement systems.

#### **Accounting Policies**

Please refer to attached audited financial statements of the City.

#### **General Fund Revenues**

The City of Brockton's year to date general fund total revenues as of June 30, 2016 of \$371 million increased by \$24 million over the prior year's year to date general fund total revenues as of June 30, 2015 of \$347 million which represents an overall percentage increase in year to date general fund revenues of 6.9%. The City finished the fiscal year ending June 30, 2016 with an unassigned fund balance of \$21.5 million (formerly known as the undesignated fund balance).

#### **Business Type Activities**

Year To Date Summary Revenue Analysis of Business Type Activities

				2016/2015	2016/2015
				Increase	Overall%
	6/30/2016	6/30/2015	6/30/2014	(Decrease)	Increase
Year to date	Revenues	Revenues	Revenues	Revenues	(Decrease)
	(millions)	(millions)	(millions)	(millions)	Revenues
Sewer enterprise fund	\$20.234	\$18.179	\$19.081	2.055	11.304%
Water enterprise fund	\$14.859	\$15.118	\$16.457	(0.259)	-1.713%
Refuse enterprise fund	\$7.743	\$7.605	\$7.573	0.170	2.235%
Renewable energy enterprise fund	\$0.125	\$0.122	\$0.121	0.003	2.459%

## **Certified Retained Earnings**

The City generally utilizes certified retained earnings from the business type activities of the enterprise funds to augment the subsequent year's expenditures, typically for debt service.

#### **Annual Audits**

Audits covering all funds of the City for the fiscal year 2016 have been performed by Clifton Larson Allen, certified public accountants. Said audit reports the City's operations in accordance with the new accounting standards of GASB 34. Copies of prior year audits are available upon request. The attached report speaks only as of its date, and only to the matters expressly set forth therein. The auditors have not been engaged to review this Official Statement or to perform audit procedures regarding the post-audit period.

#### **Financial Statements**

Set forth on the following pages are the following tables and financial statements of the City of Brockton: Governmental Funds Balance Sheets for fiscal years 2016, 2015 and 2014 and Comparative Statements of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Equity - General Fund for fiscal 2012 through fiscal 2016. Said financials were extracted from the City's audited financial statements.

#### 2017 Fiscal Year End Results

The City's projected year to date general fund total revenues for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2017 are estimated at \$371 million which is the same amount as the prior year's year to date general fund total revenues as of June 30, 2016 of \$371 million, representing neither an increase nor decrease to general fund revenues. The City is projecting to finish the fiscal year ending June 30, 2017 with an unassigned fund balance of \$21.5 million for the general fund which is similar to the amount in unassigned fund balance at June 30, 2016.

# CITY OF BROCKTON, MASSACHUSETTS

Balance Sheet – Governmental Funds June 30, 2016

Assets		General	Other Governmental	Total
Cash and Investments	S	85,175,713	26,375,754	111,551,467
Receivables, Net: Property Taxes (Net of \$463,238 Allowance) Motor Vehicle Excise (Net of \$704,937 Allowance) Tax Liens Intergovernmental Departmental and Other		7,050,553 2,077,892 4,051,935 3,575,909 9,120	6,688,644 886,561	7,050,553 2,077,892 4,051,935 10,264,553 895,681
Total Receivables		16,765,409	7,575,205	24,340,614
Long-Term Note Receivable Long-Term Intergovernmental Receivable Tax Possessions Deposit with Health Claims Agent	\ <u></u>	6,587,268 2,900,866 2,774,418 6,307,800		6,587,268 2,900,866 2,774,418 6,307,800
Total Assets	S	120,511,474	33,950,959	154,462,433
Liabilities, Deferred Inflows of Resources and Fund Balances				
Warrants and Accounts Payable Accrued Liabilities: Tax Abatement Refunds Payroll and Related Withholdings Health Claims Payable	S	6,175,528 1,821,736 14,202,272 3,049,289	1,746,809	9,978,298 1,821,736 15,949,081 3,049,289
Bond Anticipation Notes Payable Total Liabilities	_	25,248,825	6,600,000 12,149,579	6,600,000 37,398,404
Deferred Inflows of Resources: Unavailable Revenue	_	20,716,325		20,716,325
Fund Balances (Deficits):  Nonspendable Restricted Committed Assigned Unassigned		6,587,268 22,231,455 16,520,091 6,862,911 22,344,599	6,742,653 16,017,311 2,364,477 (3,323,061)	13,329,921 38,248,766 18,884,568 6,862,911 19,021,538
Total Fund Balances		74,546,324	21,801,380	96,347,704
Total Liabilities and Fund Balances	s	120,511,474	33,950,959	154,462,433

SOURCE: Extracted from audited financial statements.

# City of Brockton, MA Balance Sheet- Governmental Funds June 30, 2015 (1)

	Other					
Assets	General		Governmental		Total	
Cash and investments		\$78,395,624	\$	20,666,625	\$	99,062,249
Receivables, net:		\$70,393,624	Ф	20,000,025	Φ	99,062,249
Property taxes		7,391,566		_		7,391,566
Motor Vehicle Excises		1,954,055		_		1,954,055
Tax liens		3,842,004		_		3,842,004
Intergovernmental and Other		3,380,596		7,419,425		10,800,021
Departmental and other		12,345		561,099		573,444
Total Receivables		16,580,566		7,980,524		24,561,090
Long-Term note receivable		6,781,832		-		6,781,832
Long-Term intergovernmental receivable		5,780,864		-		5,780,864
Tax possessions		2,622,390		-		2,622,390
Deposit with health claims agent		5,858,800		-		5,858,800
Total Assets		116,020,076		28,647,149		144,667,225
Liabilities, Deferred Inflows of Resources and Fund Balances Warrants and accounts payable Accrued liabilities: Tax abatement refunds	\$	6,420,337 3,247,975	\$	4,943,664	\$	11,364,001 3,247,975
Payroll and related withholdings		15,718,305		2,100,360		17,818,665
Health claims payable  Total liabilities		2,705,487 28,092,104		7,044,024		2,705,487 35,136,128
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Deferred Inflows of Resources:						
Unavailable revenues		23,224,656		-		23,224,656
Fund balances:						
Nonspendable		6,781,832		6,440,891		13,222,723
Restricted		16,991,916		13,605,240		30,597,156
Committed		13,131,133		2,186,879		15,318,012
Assigned		5,770,989		-		5,770,989
Unassigned		22,027,446		(649,885)		21,377,561
Total fund balances		64,703,316		21,583,125		86,286,441
Total Liabilities, Deferred Inflows of						
Resources and Fund Balances		\$116,020,076	\$	28,627,149	\$	144,647,225

<sup>(1)</sup> Extracted from the annual audit.

# City of Brockton, MA Balance Sheet- Governmental Funds June 30, 2014 (1)

Assets	General	School Roof Repairs	Other Governmental	Total
Cash and investments	\$79,286,261	\$ 61,368	\$ 24,854,557	\$ 104,202,186
Receivables, net:				
Property taxes	7,271,818	-	-	7,271,818
Motor Vehicle Excises	1,810,519	-	-	1,810,519
Departmental & Other	19,537	-	333,820	353,357
Tax liens	4,089,401	-	-	4,089,401
Intergovernmental	2,839,776		5,579,466	8,419,242
Total Receivables	16,031,051	-	5,913,286	21,944,337
Long-Term note receivable	6,964,839	-	-	6,964,839
Long-Term intergovernmental receivable	8,378,411	-	-	8,378,411
Tax possessions	2,256,078	-	-	2,256,078
Deposit with health claims agent	5,858,800			5,858,800
Total Assets	118,775,440	61,368	30,767,843	149,604,651
Liabilities, Deferred Inflows of Resources and Fund Balances				
Liabilities:				
Warrants and accounts payable Accrued liabilities:	\$ 4,803,092	-	\$ 3,138,085	\$ 7,941,177
Tax abatement refunds	4,228,934	-	-	4,228,934
Payroll and related withholdings	19,620,023	-	2,227,179	21,847,202
Due to other funds	-	-	-	0
Health claims payable	3,294,786	-	-	3,294,786
Bond anticipation note payable		62,000		62,000
Total liabilities	31,946,835	62,000	5,365,264	37,374,099
Deferred Inflows of Resources:				
Unavailable revenues	25,324,895	-	-	25,324,895
Fund balances:				
Nonspendable	6,964,839	-	6,412,349	13,377,188
Restricted	16,909,199	-	16,927,182	33,836,381
Committed	13,443,957	-	2,145,568	15,589,525
Assigned	4,592,537	-	-	4,592,537
Unassigned	19,593,178	(632)	(82,520)	19,510,026
Total fund balances	61,503,710	(632)	25,402,579	86,905,657
Total Liabilities, Deferred Inflows of				
Resources and Fund Balances	\$118,775,440	\$ 61,368	\$ 30,767,843	\$ 149,604,651

<sup>(1)</sup> Extracted from the annual audit.

 ${\bf Statement\ of\ Revenues,\ Expenditures,\ and\ Changes\ in\ Fund\ Balance-Governmental\ Funds}$   ${\bf Year\ Ended\ June\ 30,\ 2016}$ 

	_	General	Other Governmental	Total
Revenues:				
Real and Personal Property Taxes, Net	\$	124,378,654	_	124,378,654
Motor Vehicle and Other Excise		8,656,044	_	8,656,044
Penalties and Interest on Taxes		2,001,211	_	2,001,211
Payments in Lieu of Taxes		171,813	_	171,813
User Charges and Other Revenue		4,301,380	2,448,056	6,749,436
Fees		1,968,589	6,789,748	8,758,337
Licenses and Permits		3,146,998	_	3,146,998
Intergovernmental		195,494,962	43,192,141	238,687,103
Intergovernmental (MTRS On-Behalf Payment Contribution)		30,204,273	_	30,204,273
Fines		391,707	583,113	974,820
Investment Income		376,918	585,584	962,502
Contributions	_		970,391	970,391
Total Revenues	-	371,092,549	54,569,033	425,661,582
Expenditures:				
Current:				
General Government		14,698,669	3,703,921	18,402,590
Public Safety		45,578,037	2,413,672	47,991,709
Education		174,357,967	36,780,955	211,138,922
Public Works		7,147,249	405,158	7,552,407
Human Services		2,355,694	401,641	2,757,335
Culture and Recreation		2,317,995	150,450	2,468,445
State and County Assessments		8,609,894	_	8,609,894
Pension and Fringe Benefits		62,590,455	_	62,590,455
Pension (MTRS on-behalf payment)		30,204,273	_	30,204,273
Court Judgments		932,174		932,174
Capital Outlay		799,469	8,990,842	9,790,311
Debt Service	_	19,029,266	165,859	19,195,125
Total Expenditures	_	368,621,142	53,012,498	421,633,640
Excess of Revenues over Expenditures		2,471,407	1,556,535	4,027,942
Other Financing Sources (Uses):				
Operating Transfers In		4,870,896	2,605,858	7,476,754
Operating Transfers Out		(3,407,567)	(3,964,138)	(7,371,705)
Other		14,088		14,088
Issuance of Refunding Bonds		5,354,400	_	5,354,400
Premiums from Issuance of Refunding Bonds	_	539,784		539,784
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)		7,371,601	(1,358,280)	6,013,321
Excess of Revenues and Other Financing Sources Over Expenditures and Other Financing Uses		9,843,008	198,255	10,041,263
Fund Balance, Beginning of Year		64,703,316	21,603,125	86,306,441
Fund Balance, End of Year	\$	74,546,324	21,801,380	96,347,704
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SOURCE: Extracted from audited financial statements.

# City of Brockton, Massachusetts Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances- Governmental Funds

	June 30
Devenues	2015(1)
Revenues:	¢ 110.460.441
Real and personal property taxes, net  Motor Vehicle and Other Excise	\$ 118,469,441
	7,722,874
Penalties and Interest on Taxes	1,965,793
Payment in Lieu of Taxes	170,006
User Charges and Other Revenues	4,061,881
Fees	1,848,612
Licenses and permits	2,445,956
Intergovernmental	188,917,544
Intergovernmental (MTRS on-behalf payment contribution)	20,360,546
Fines	631,430
Investment income	235,000
Contributions	
Total Revenues	346,829,083
Expenditures:	
Current:	
General Government	12,667,093
Public Safety	42,720,714
Education	169,148,890
Public works	9,618,415
Human services	2,342,472
Culture and recreation	2,059,565
State and county assessments	7,648,979
Pension and fringe benefits	66,734,793
Pension (MTRS on be-half payment)	20,360,546
Court judgments	58,517
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Capital outlay  Debt service	542,197
	12,595,525
Total Expenditures	346,497,706
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues	
Over Expenditures	331,377
Other Financing Sources (Uses):	
Operating Transfers In	4,087,686
Operating Transfers out	(1,487,371)
Other	267,914
Bond proceeds	, -
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	2,868,229
Excess (deficiency) of Revenues Over	
Expenditures and Other Financing Uses	3,199,606
Fund Balance, Beginning of Year	61,503,710
Fund Balance, End of Year	\$64,703,316
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<sup>(1)</sup> Extracted from City's audited financial statements.

# City of Brockton, Massachusetts Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances- Governmental Funds

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-	2011 (1)	2012 (1)	2013 (1)	2014 (1)
Revenues:				
Real and personal property taxes, net	\$ 102,552,359	\$ 106,728,051	\$ 108,095,820	\$ 117,036,526
Motor Vehicle and Other Excise	6,453,016	6,729,299	6,241,961	7,399,772
Penalties and Interest on Taxes	1,399,808	1,694,109	1,820,440	2,125,904
Payment in Lieu of Taxes	191,011	188,881	151,375	232,710
User Charges and Other Revenues	4,709,641	3,989,410	3,981,809	3,963,202
Fees	1,751,886	1,780,971	1,789,834	1,845,288
Licenses and permits	2,138,531	2,044,967	2,189,111	2,760,343
Intergovernmental	152,715,724	163,524,900	171,988,015	181,317,389
Fines	431,418	808,373	941,258	861,399
Investment income	470,818	345,421	535,692	422,742
Contributions	13,134,609	14,195,703	11,408,990	7,783,785
Total Revenues	285,948,821	302,030,085	309,144,305	325,749,060
Expenditures:				
Current:				
General Government	11,480,291	11,303,185	11,499,911	12,712,499
Public Safety	36,566,539	37,337,236	37,162,162	46,336,460
Education	142,631,868	153,505,472	159,453,711	168,696,088
Public works	8,733,165	5,595,546	7,412,507	6,817,674
Human services	2,077,830	2,194,788	2,401,695	2,299,832
Culture and recreation	1,875,244	2,087,123	2,474,247	2,082,215
State and county assessments	5,658,876	6,022,609	6,706,864	7,192,401
Pension and fringe benefits	67,335,563	76,903,470	78,237,000	73,305,341
Court judgments	133,226	161,056	284,677	326,353
Capital outlay	483,080	582,058	1,255,801	853,810
Debt service	13,194,988	11,267,156	11,816,651	12,047,375
Total Expenditures	290,170,670	306,959,699	318,705,226	332,670,048
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues				
Over Expenditures	(4,221,849)	(4,929,614)	(9,560,921)	(6,920,988)
Other Financing Sources (Uses):				
Operating Transfers In	6,146,430	8,150,910	8,054,999	2,909,971
Operating Transfers out	(4,159,514)	(7,632,656)	(4,733,167)	(1,873,914)
Other	63,630	212,368	64,648	(38,508)
Bond proceeds	-	-	-	-
Bonds premium	53,213	284,565	-	-
Payments to refunding bond escrow agent	(1,071,213)	(4,646,815)	-	_
Issuance of refunding bonds	1,018,000	4,362,250	-	_
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	2,050,546	730,622	3,386,480	997,549
Excess (deficiency) of Revenues Over				
Expenditures and Other Financing Uses	(2,171,303)	(4,198,992)	(6,174,441)	(5,923,439)
Expenditures and Other Financing Oses	(2,171,303)	( <del>1</del> ,130,332)	(0,174,441)	(3,323,433)
Fund Balance, Beginning of Year	79,977,885	77,806,582	73,607,590	67,433,149
Fund Balance, End of Year	\$77,806,582	\$73,607,590	\$67,433,149	\$61,509,710

<sup>(1)</sup> Extracted from City's audited financial statements.

#### Free Cash - General Fund

Under Massachusetts law, an amount known as "free cash" is certified as of the beginning of each fiscal year by the State Bureau of Accounts and this amount, together with certain subsequent tax receipts, is used as the basis for subsequent appropriations from available funds, which are not required to be included in the annual tax levy.

The following table compares free cash under the UMAS system with Unreserved General Fund Balance and total General Fund Balance under GAAP.

<u>June 30</u>	General Fund Balance <u>(GAAP)</u>	Unassigned General Fund Balance (GAAP)	Free Cash <u>(UMAS)</u>
2016	\$74,546,324	\$22,344,599 (1)	\$14,581,067
2015	64,703,316	22,027,446 (1)	13,443,957
2014	61,503,710	19,593,178 (1)	13,131,133
2013	67,433,149	23,446,675 (1)	13,443,957
2012	73,607,509	29,232,166 (1)	13,318,577
2011	77,806,582	18,920,418 (1)	14,071,332

<sup>(1)</sup> Starting in fiscal 2011, General Fund balance includes Stabilization fund.

It has been the City's policy in recent years to appropriate essentially all of its certified free cash by fiscal year end, and to generate new free cash through conservative budgeting procedures and strict budget oversight. The purposes for which free cash has been appropriated during the five most recent fiscal years include general budget operations, court judgments, capital purchases and transfers to the Supplemental Reserve and Stabilization funds.

# Free Cash - Enterprise Funds

In addition, the State Bureau of Accounts annually certifies the amount of "free cash" in each of the City's enterprise funds, as set forth below.

July 1		Water rprise Fund	Sewer Enterprise Fund					Refuse Enterprise Fund (1)		Renewal Energy Fund	
2016	\$	170,498	\$	4,426,183	\$	386,657	\$	1,406,151	\$	29,951	
2015	·	539,904		2,051,885		239,361	·	1,664,864	·	19,168	
2014		2,192,120		3,013,133		131,497		1,300,815		31,644	
2013		2,171,358		2,456,266		194,530		1,446,441		12,876	
2012		923,199		3,078,216		354,676		1,549,353		78,038	

<sup>(1)</sup> Established in fiscal 2002.

# **Reserve Funds**

The City of Brockton maintains a special reserve fund for extraordinary and unforeseen expenditures called the "Supplemental Reserve". Since fiscal 1992, one and one-half percent of the "Gross Amount to be Raised" on the annual tax computation form for the previous fiscal year has been appropriated to this fund in the budget for the current fiscal year. Expenditures from this fund can be made only by the Mayor, with City Council approval. The Supplemental Reserve Fund is accounted for in the General Fund balance sheet as "Unreserved: Designated for Extraordinary and Unforeseen Expenditures".

Since fiscal year 1993, the City has maintained a Stabilization Fund. Funded by an annual appropriation, the Stabilization Fund plus interest income may be appropriated for any municipal purpose by a two thirds majority vote of the City Council. It is accounted for in the General Fund balance sheet as "Unreserved: Designated for Stabilization".

Supplemental Reserve Fund and Stabilization Fund balances at July 1 each year have been as follows:

July 1	Supplemental Reserve Fund	Stabilization <u>Fund</u>
2017 (Projected)	\$6,032,738	\$5,475,612
2016	5,869,762	3,149,254
2015	5,726,276	2,339,169
2014	5,509,344	3,412,533
2013	5,281,676	5,693,046
2012	5,019,582	7,721,213

## **Tax Increment Financing for Development Districts**

Under recent legislation, cities and towns are authorized to establish development districts to encourage increased residential, industrial and commercial activity. All or a portion of the taxes on growth in assessed value in such districts may be pledged and used solely to finance economic development projects pursuant to the city or town's development program for the district. This includes pledging such "tax increments" for the payment of bonds issued to finance such projects. As a result of any such pledge, tax increments raised from new growth properties in development districts are not available for other municipal purposes. Tax increments are taken into account in determining the total taxes assessed for the purpose of calculating the maximum permitted tax levy under Proposition 2 ½. (See "Tax Limitations" under "PROPERTY TAXATION" above.) The City has not established any such development districts.

# **Other Tax Increment Financing**

Pursuant to separate legislation, Massachusetts General Law Chapter 23A, the City has executed TIF agreements as part of its Economic Opportunity Area/Economic target Area status. Beginning in 1997, the City has executed a total of 52 TIF agreements with a total of value of \$87 million. These agreements ranged from 1 year in length to 20, and ranged in value from \$32.9 thousand to \$14.5 million. The most remote expiration date is in 2031. Of the 52 total, 26 TIF agreements have been completed, and 16 more have been decertified. Also pursuant to the same legislation, beginning in 1997 the City executed a total of 7 special tax assessment agreements, with a total value of \$9.3 million, ranging in value from \$171 thousand to \$4.8 million. All of these special tax assessment agreements have expired.

## **Enterprise Funds**

The City of Brockton has five Enterprise Funds which are accounted for as Special Revenue Funds in the City's audited financial statements.

Water Enterprise Fund. The Water Enterprise Fund was established in FY 1990. Effective with the creation in 1995 of the water commission, rates are recommended by the water commission, subject to approval by the City Council. Prior to the creation of the commission, water rates were set by the Mayor at the recommendation of the Commissioner of Public Works. Beginning in FY 2009, the City Council has not acted on rate increases requested almost annually by the Water Commission. As a result, there has been a gradual decline in the ability of the rate structure to fully finance the operating budget, pay for a cash capital budget, and repay the general fund for the expenses, such as health insurance and pension costs, borne on behalf of the Water Enterprise Fund. Appropriations, to support the actual purchase of water from the desalination plant have diminished substantially to the necessary amount for emergency supply purposes. Capital spending has been restricted. Beginning in FY 14, the fund ceased to fully repay the General Fund for expenses. The shortfall in that year was about \$1.6 million. In FY 2015, that amount was repaid, but a new shortfall from FY 15 was almost \$1.7 million. Before the setting of the fiscal 2016 budget, the water commission requested a rate increase for July 1, 2015 of 30% across the board on all rate blocks. The City Council did not approve that request, but it did produce an ordinance proposal to raise the rates by 10% each year on July 1, 2015, 2016 and 2017. However, that proposal failed in June at final reading. Subsequently, a new proposal was created by City Council to raise the rates by 10% on January 1, 2016, 2017 and 2018, and then 2.5% on January 1, 2019. That proposal has been passed. The anticipated annual revenue increase of \$1.2 million for every 10% increase will provide some spending relief, but the annual revenues will still lack the necessary robustness to fully fund cash capital and a more aggressive purchase of desalinated water, and it will take several fiscal years for the City's General Fund to be fully reimbursed. See "City of Brockton, Massachusetts -Municipal Services – Water Supply" above.

**Sewer Enterprise Fund.** The Sewer Enterprise Fund was established in fiscal 1992. Sewer rates are set by the City Council with the approval of the Mayor. The City has expended from retained earnings to help fund necessary capital projects with an objective of annually generating the reserve balance at about 10% of the revenues. This fund is fully self-supporting, including paying for the full costs of the 2006 Consent Decrees and other capital projects.

City rates were increased in phases in 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008 and 2009. The rate increases in the aggregate were more than 60% but still leave city sewer rates competitive with those of MWRA communities. However, sometime within the next several years, another increase will be required to recover the effects of inflation in the last two years.

**Recreation Enterprise Fund.** In fiscal 1993, the City established the Recreation Enterprise Fund. Fees for golf and recreation activities are set by the Parks and Recreation Commission. The General Fund subsidizes the Recreation Fund for the specific purposes which otherwise could not be afforded. The subsidy for Recreation Fund programs in the fiscal years from fiscal 2008 through fiscal 2013 has ranged from \$350,000 to \$520,000 per year in direct subsidy plus about \$450,000 per year in indirect costs. The direct subsidy amount for Recreation Fund programs in fiscal 2016 was \$984,672.

Refuse Enterprise Fund – In fiscal year 2002, the City established the Refuse Enterprise Fund for the pick-up and disposal of garbage, trash, and other refuse from the City's residential properties. The City provides service weekly. The City charges a flat fee per single family unit (\$220 per year in fiscal 2002; \$280 per year since fiscal 2003). Single family residences are limited to one barrel per week for this fee. Additional pickup/disposal service may be obtained at the price of \$1.00 per bag. Initially, the City's General Fund subsidized the Refuse Fund. For fiscal 2003, the subsidy was \$2.113 million. In fiscal 2004, the Mayor budgeted a subsidy of \$1.112 million, but the fund actually required only \$634 thousand and thus generated a surplus for retained earnings. Accordingly, beginning in fiscal 2005, the City has no longer subsidized the Refuse Enterprise Fund. Instead, the Retained Earnings balance from the prior year's operations has been used to help pay for budgeted operating costs.

Renewable Energy Fund - By Chapter 5 of the Acts of 2005, the City was authorized to install, finance, and operate solar energy facilities. Section 5 of that Act permitted the City to establish an enterprise fund for operation of the solar energy facilities. The construction of the facility was accomplished by a combination of City appropriation (\$500,000), City borrowings (\$1,600,000) and various grant funds (almost \$1.7 million). The City issued a public bid for the design, construction, operations and maintenance of the facility, which was to be located on a former "brownfield" site. Global Solar Energy Inc. of Arizona was the successful general bidder, with local partners. In October 2006, the construction of the facility was concluded. Accordingly, during fiscal 2006 the facility was not in operation.

The City in 2006 conducted a public procurement for the sale of the facility's generated electricity as well as so-called "renewable energy certificates". Constellation New Energy was the successful bidder and in November 2006 began to purchase the facility's output. The revenue derived from the sale of the facility's output approximately equals the cost of operations and maintenance, and contributes about one-half annual debt-service of \$100,000.

In November 2006 the U.S. Internal Revenue Service notified the City that the project qualified for the issuance of up to \$1,600,000 in so-called "Clean Renewable Energy Bonds". The City issued the full amount of that allocation in February 2008.

Statement of Net Position – Proprietary Funds June 30, 2016

**Enterprise Funds** Assets Water Sewer Other Total Current Assets: Cash and Cash Equivalents 4,745,318 10,036,199 4,779,488 19,561,005 Customer Receivables, Net 8,203,409 12,362,313 4,345,443 24,911,165 Intergovernmental receivable 418,867 1,122,167 1,541,034 356,097 Other 306,146 49,951 46,369,301 Total Current Assets 13,673,740 23,570,630 9,124,931 Noncurrent Assets: Capital Assets: Nondepreciable 5,777,243 3,410,209 145,658 9,333,110 Depreciable, Net 43,693,485 118,113,591 6,126,031 167,933,107 6,271,689 Total Noncurrent Assets 49,470,728 121,523,800 177,266,217 Total Assets 63,144,468 145,094,430 15,396,620 223,635,518 Deferred Outflows of Resources: Pension 2,353,510 962,412 1,371,043 4,686,965 17,160 38,349 Losses on Refundings 21,189 979,572 4,725,314 Total Deferred Outflows of Resources 2,374,699 1,371,043 Total Assets and Deferred Outflows of Resources 65,519,167 146,074,002 16,767,663 228,360,832 Liabilities Current Liabilities: Warrants and Accounts Payable 1,048,421 1,110,733 671,513 2,830,667 Accrued Expenses 247,528 678,021 39,732 965,281 Compensated Absences and Claims 79,471 42,414 153,062 31,177 Bonds, Notes, and Loans Payable 1,767,704 5,495,667 100,660 7,364,031 Total Current Liabilities 3,143,124 7,315,598 854,319 11,313,041 Noncurrent Liabilities: Compensated Absences and Claims 1,430,466 2,508,056 2,352,378 6,290,900 Unearned Revenue 2,599,617 45,756 2,645,373 Landfill and Postclosure Care Costs 1,702,000 1,702,000 Other Post Employment Benefits 4,656,016 2,017,268 2,345,997 9,019,281 9,392,639 5,599,454 Net Pension Liability 3,793,185 18,785,278 Bonds, Notes, and Loans Payable 21,465,353 57,143,590 701,210 79,310,153 Total Noncurrent Liabilities 39,544,091 67,209,855 10,999,039 117,752,985 74,525,453 Total Liabilities 42,687,215 11,853,358 129,066,026 Deferred Inflows of Resources: 16,309 Pension 27,358 11,049 54,716 Net Position Net Investment in Capital Assets 26,258,860 59,461,396 5,469,819 91,190,075 Unrestricted (3,454,266)12,076,104 (571,823)8,050,015

SOURCE: Extracted from audited financial statements of the City.

Total Net Position

22,804,594

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99,240,090

71,537,500

Statement of Net Position – Proprietary Funds June 30, 2015 (1)

Enterprise funds Assets Other Total Water Sewer Current assets: Cash and cash equivalents 6,586,146 9,378,061 4,461,065 20,425,272 Customer receivables, net 6,101,965 11,078,717 3,939,124 21,119,806 Intergovernmental receivable 578,337 884,278 1,462,615 Other 306,148 49,953 356,101 Total current assets 13,572,596 21,391,009 8,400,189 43,363,794 Noncurrent assets: Capital assets: Nondepreciable 4.943,733 1.516.868 660,509 7,121,110 Depreciable, net 45,767,250 121,939,768 5,739,348 173,446,366 Total noncurrent assets 50,710,983 123,456,636 6,399,857 180,567,476 Total assets 64,283,579 144,847,645 14,800,046 223,931,270 Deferred outflows of resources: Pension 1,062,964 441,231 601,678 2,105,873 Losses on refundings 24,656 56,439 31,783 Total deferred outflows of resources 1,094,747 465,887 601,678 2,162,312 Total assets and deferred outflows of resources 65,378,326 145,313,532 15,401,724 223,987,709 Liabilities Current liabilities: Warrants and accounts payable 973,791 1,379,443 703,532 3,056,766 Accrued expenses 273,624 740,909 39,783 1,054,316 Compensated absences and claims 41.017 39,499 87,689 168,205 Bonds, notes, and loans payable 100,660 1,738,342 5,317,842 7,156,844 Total current liabilities 3,073,446 7,479,211 883,474 11,436,131 Noncurrent liabilities: Compensated absences and claims 1,136,160 2,941,533 2,369,068 6,446,761 Unearned revenue 2,599,617 2,599,617 1,656,000 Landfill and postclosure care costs 1,656,000 Other post employment benefits 4,195,853 1,819,441 2,079,361 8,094,655 Net pension liability 7,435,065 3,086,255 4,208,530 14,729,850 Bonds 22,842,506 61,181,038 801,870 84,825,414 Total noncurrent liabilities 38,209,201 70,684,267 9,458,829 118,352,297 Total liabilities 41,282,647 78,163,478 10,342,303 129,788,428 Net Position Net investment in capital assets 26,550,732 56,982,412 5,497,327 89,030,471 Unrestricted 10,167,642 7,274,683 (2,455,053)(437,906)Total net position 24,095,679 67,150,054 5,059,421 96,305,154

<sup>(1)</sup> Extracted from audited financial statements of the City.

# City of Brockton, Massachusetts Statement of Net Position- Proprietary Funds June 30, 2014 (1)

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Assets	Water	Sew er	Other	Total
Current Assets:				
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 6,165,375	\$ 10,356,803	\$ 4,429,037	\$ 20,951,215
Customer recievables, net	6,396,504	7,410,551	3,962,947	17,770,002
Intergovernmental receivables	1,144,023	-	-	1,144,023
Other	306,148	49,953		356,101
Total Current Assets	14,012,050	17,817,307	8,391,984	40,221,341
Noncurrent assets:				
Capital assets:				
Nondepreciable	7,053,267	5,042,997	198,522	12,294,786
Depreciable, net	45,299,247	120,630,653	5,791,598	171,721,498
Total noncurrent assets	52,352,514	125,673,650	5,990,120	184,016,284
Total assets	\$ 66,364,564	\$ 143,490,957	\$ 14,382,104	\$ 224,237,625
Deferred Outflows of Resources	52,604	36,984		89,588
Total Assets and Deferred Outflows	\$ 66,417,168	\$ 143,527,941	\$ 14,382,104	\$ 224,327,213
Liabilities				
Current Liabilities:				
Warrants and accounts payable	\$ 1,078,406	\$ 1,484,765	\$ 551,013	\$ 3,114,184
Accrued expenses	299,009	808,890	33,358	1,141,257
Compensated absences and claims	86,541	38,106	38,301	162,948
Bonds, notes, and loans payable	1,638,649	5,219,137	100,000	6,957,786
Total current liabilities	3,102,605	7,550,898	722,672	11,376,175
Noncurrent Liabilities:				
Compensated absences and claims	1,338,440	2,617,632	2,403,505	6,359,577
Unearned Revenue	2,599,617	1,290,190	-	3,889,807
Landfill and postclosure care costs	-	1,173,000	-	1,173,000
Bonds	24,751,611	66,162,615	903,191	91,817,417
Total noncurrent liabilities	28,689,668	71,243,437	3,306,696	103,239,801
Total liabilities	31,792,273	78,794,335	4,029,368	114,615,976
Net Position				
Invested in capital assets, net of related debt	27,158,880	54,328,882	4,986,929	86,474,691
Unrestricted	7,466,015	10,404,724	5,365,807	23,236,546
Total net assets	\$34,624,895	\$64,733,606	\$10,352,736	\$109,711,237

<sup>(1)</sup> Extacted from audited financial statements of the City.

# City of Brockton, Massachusetts Statement of Net Position- Proprietary Funds June 30, 2013 (1)

Enterprise funds Water Sewer Assets Other Total Current Assets: Cash and cash equivalents \$ 5,305,601 \$ 12,255,677 \$ 4,589,997 \$ 22,151,275 8,361,918 3,910,436 18,933,927 Customer recievables, net 6,661,573 Intergovernmental receivables 1,203,188 (5,001)1,198,187 Other 49,954 356,103 306,149 **Total Current Assets** 13,476,511 20,662,548 8,500,433 42,639,492 Noncurrent assets: Capital assets: Nondepreciable 12,019,156 741,370 210,672 12,971,198 Depreciable, net 170,759,389 40,721,467 124,695,318 5,342,604 52,740,623 125,436,688 183,730,587 Total noncurrent assets 5,553,276 226,370,079 Total assets 66,217,134 \$ 146,099,236 \$ 14,053,709 \$ \$ Deferred Outflows of Resources 73,425 49,312 122,737 Total Assets and Deferred Outflows 66,290,559 \$ 146,148,548 \$ 14,053,709 \$ 226,492,816 Liabilities Current Liabilities: \$ 1,256,885 \$ 1,034,042 \$ 695,790 \$ 2,986,717 Warrants and accounts payable Accrued expenses 860,846 23,532 1,138,312 253,934 Compensated absences and claims 98,446 36,293 36,203 170,942 Bonds, notes, and loans payable 1,622,239 5,110,002 150,000 6,882,241 Total current liabilities 3,231,504 7,041,183 905,525 11,178,212 Noncurrent Liabilities: Compensated absences and claims 1,287,375 2,532,434 6,203,965 2,384,156 Unearned Revenue 2,128,963 1,290,190 3,419,153 Landfill and postclosure care costs 1,150,000 1,150,000 Bonds 25,639,657 71,459,013 1,003,851 98,102,521 Total noncurrent liabilities 29,055,995 76,431,637 3,388,007 108,875,639 Total liabilities 32,287,499 83,472,820 4,293,532 120,053,851 **Net Position** 26,755,339 Invested in capital assets, net of related debt 48,911,984 4,399,425 80,066,748 Unrestricted 7,247,721 13,763,744 5,360,752 26,372,217 Total net assets \$34,003,060 \$62,675,728 \$9,760,177 \$106,438,965

<sup>(1)</sup> Extacted from audited financial statements of the City.

Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Net Position – Proprietary Funds
Year Ended June 30, 2016

	Enterprise Funds				
	_	Water	Sewer	Other	Total
Operating Revenues:					
Charges for Services	S	16,278,943	20,741,164	8,701,013	45,721,120
Fees		531,962	213,915	252,554	998,431
Other				6,882	6,882
Total Operating Revenues	_	16,810,905	20,955,079	8,960,449	46,726,433
Operating Expenses:					
Salaries and Benefits		5,423,089	1,965,783	3,242,969	10,631,841
Utilities		600,137	1,357,068	94,996	2,052,201
Repairs and Maintenance		680,699	903,428	296,536	1,880,663
Contractual Services		8,064,674	5,000,907	6,253,549	19,319,130
Other Supplies and Expenses		519,532	503,397	332,725	1,355,654
Depreciation	_	2,132,365	4,348,167	393,437	6,873,969
Total Operating Expenses	_	17,420,496	14,078,750	10,614,212	42,113,458
Operating Income (Loss)	_	(609,591)	6,876,329	(1,653,763)	4,612,975
Nonoperating Revenue (Expense):					
Interest Income		250,010	268,982	214,404	733,396
Interest Expense		(557,469)	(1,451,801)	660	(2,008,610)
Debt Subsidies	_	16,176	245,442		261,618
Total Nonoperating					
(Expenses) Revenue	_	(291,283)	(937,377)	215,064	(1,013,596)
Income (Loss) Before					
Transfers	_	(900,874)	5,938,952	(1,438,699)	3,599,379
Transfers In		424,722	237,272	2,042,317	2,704,311
Transfers Out	_	(532,573)	(1,671,571)	(605,216)	(2,809,360)
Total Transfers, Net	_	(107,851)	(1,434,299)	1,437,101	(105,049)
Change in Net Position		(1,008,725)	4,504,653	(1,598)	3,494,330
Net Position, Beginning of Year		24,095,679	67,150,054	5,059,421	96,305,154
Restatement of Net Position (Note 16)	1.2	(282,360)	(117,207)	(159,827)	(559,394)
Net Position, End of Year	S	22,804,594	71,537,500	4,897,996	99,240,090

SOURCE: Extracted from audited financial statements of the City.

Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Net Position – Proprietary Funds Year ended June 30, 2015 (1)

**Enterprise funds** Water Other Total Sewer Operating revenues: Charges for services 14,131,347 20,938,269 7,901,562 42,971,178 262,086 1,003,220 Fees 493,803 247,331 Other 4,773 4,773 Total operating revenues 14,625,150 21,185,600 8,168,421 43,979,171 Operating expenses: Salaries and benefits 4,149,364 2,504,623 2,146,655 8,800,642 Utilities 1,596,231 2,373,035 691,831 84,973 Repairs and maintenance 695,598 1,193,196 272,688 2,161,482 7,835,594 6,109,175 Contractual services 4,707,057 18,651,826 1,723,123 Other supplies and expenses 521,061 941,622 260,440 Depreciation 2,209,813 4,275,608 390,753 6,876,174 Total operating expenses 16,103,261 15,218,337 9,264,684 40,586,282 Operating income (loss) (1,478,111)5,967,263 (1,096,263)3,392,889 Nonoperating revenue (expense): Interest income 277,076 309,218 222,069 808,363 Interest expense (536,517)(1,596,384)661 (2,132,240)Debt subsidies 18,256 268,599 286,855 Total nonoperating 222,730 (241, 185)(1,018,567)(1,037,022)(expenses) revenue Income (loss) before capital contributions and transfers (1,719,296)4,948,696 (873,533)2,355,867 Capital contributions 208,917 1,869,768 2,078,685 Transfers in 2,301,516 1,446,978 1,137,755 4,886,249 Transfers out (1,035,804)(1,510,517)(2,546,321)Total capital contributions and transfers, net 1,474,629 1,806,229 1,137,755 4,418,613 Change in net position (244,667)6,754,925 264,222 6,774,480 Net position, beginning of year 34,624,895 109,711,237 64,733,606 10,352,736 Restatement of net position (Note 2) (10,284,549)(4,338,477)(5,557,537)(20,180,563)Net position, end of year 24,095,679 67,150,054 5,059,421 96,305,154

<sup>(1)</sup> Extracted from audited financial statements of the City.

# City of Brockton, Massachusetts Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Net Assets- Proprietary Funds June 30, 2014 (1)

Nate	
Charges for Services         \$ 15,458,588         \$ 17,105,806         \$ 7,896,016         \$ 40,460,41           Fees         411,653         248,852         252,702         913,20           Other         -         184,564         184,564         184,564           Total Operating Revenues         \$ 15,870,241         \$ 17,354,658         \$ 8,333,282         \$ 41,558,18           Operating Expenses:           Salaries and Benefits         \$ 4,109,758         \$ 1,986,729         \$ 1,904,123         \$ 8,000,61           Utilities         748,531         1,112,538         78,816         1,939,88           Repairs and Maintenance         715,074         945,871         247,307         1,908,25           Contractual Services         7,455,506         4,384,320         6,032,019         17,871,84           Other Supplies and Expenses         456,645         352,822         220,841         1,030,30           Depreciation         1,948,202         4,265,577         356,127         6,569,99           Total Operating Expenses         15,433,716         13,047,857         8,839,233         37,320,80           Nonoperating revenue (expense)         (475,097)         (1,878,697)         (340)         (2,354,13           Interest Expens	
Fees Other         411,653         248,852         252,702         913,20           Other         -         184,564         184,564         184,564           Total Operating Revenues         \$ 15,870,241         \$ 17,354,658         \$ 8,333,282         \$ 41,558,18           Operating Expenses:         Salaries and Benefits         \$ 4,109,758         \$ 1,986,729         \$ 1,904,123         \$ 8,000,61           Utilities         748,531         1,112,538         78,816         1,939,88           Repairs and Maintenance         715,074         945,871         247,307         1,908,25           Contractual Services         7,455,506         4,384,320         6,032,019         17,871,84           Other Supplies and Expenses         456,645         352,822         220,841         1,030,30           Depreciation         1,948,202         4,265,577         356,127         6,569,90           Total Operating Expenses         15,433,716         13,047,857         8,839,233         37,320,80           Operating Income (loss)         436,525         4,306,801         (505,951)         4,237,37           Interest Income         282,234         325,367         210,277         817,87           Interest Expense         (475,097)         (1,878,697)	_
Other         —         184,564         184,564         184,564           Total Operating Revenues         F\$ 15,870,241         \$ 17,354,658         \$ 8,333,282         \$ 41,558,18           Operating Expenses:           Salaries and Benefits         \$ 4,109,758         \$ 1,986,729         \$ 1,904,123         \$ 8,000,61           Utilities         748,531         1,112,538         78,816         1,939,88           Repairs and Maintenance         715,074         945,871         247,307         1,908,25           Contractual Services         7,455,506         4,384,320         6,032,019         17,871,84           Other Supplies and Expenses         456,645         352,822         220,841         1,030,30           Depreciation         1,948,202         4,265,577         356,127         6,569,90           Total Operating Expenses         15,433,716         13,047,857         8,839,233         37,320,80           Operating Income (loss)         436,525         4,306,801         (505,951)         4,237,37           Interest Income         282,234         325,367         210,277         817,87           Interest Expense         (475,097)         (1,878,697)         (340)         (2,354,13           Debt Subsidies	0
Total Operating Revenues         \$ 15,870,241         \$ 17,354,658         \$ 8,333,282         \$ 41,558,18           Operating Expenses:         Salaries and Benefits         \$ 4,109,758         \$ 1,986,729         \$ 1,904,123         \$ 8,000,61           Utilities         748,531         1,112,538         78,816         1,939,88           Repairs and Maintenance         715,074         945,871         247,307         1,908,25           Contractual Services         7,455,506         4,384,320         6,032,019         17,871,84           Other Supplies and Expenses         456,645         352,822         220,841         1,030,32           Depreciation         1,948,202         4,265,577         356,127         6,569,90           Total Operating Expenses         15,433,716         13,047,857         8,839,233         37,320,80           Operating Income (loss)         436,525         4,306,801         (505,951)         4,237,37           Interest Income         282,234         325,367         210,277         817,87           Interest Expense         (475,097)         (1,878,697)         (340)         (2,354,13           Debt Subsidies         39,026         409,160         -         448,18           Total nonoperating (expenses) revenue         <	7
Operating Expenses:           Salaries and Benefits         \$ 4,109,758         \$ 1,986,729         \$ 1,904,123         \$ 8,000,61           Utilities         748,531         1,112,538         78,816         1,939,88           Repairs and Maintenance         715,074         945,871         247,307         1,908,25           Contractual Services         7,455,506         4,384,320         6,032,019         17,871,84           Other Supplies and Expenses         456,645         352,822         220,841         1,030,30           Depreciation         1,948,202         4,265,577         356,127         6,569,90           Total Operating Expenses         15,433,716         13,047,857         8,839,233         37,320,80           Operating Income (loss)         436,525         4,306,801         (505,951)         4,237,37           Nonoperating revenue (expense)         (475,097)         (1,878,697)         (340)         (2,354,13           Debt Subsidies         39,026         409,160         -         448,18           Total nonoperating (expenses) revenue         (153,837)         (1,144,170)         209,937         (1,088,07)	4
Salaries and Benefits         \$ 4,109,758         \$ 1,986,729         \$ 1,904,123         \$ 8,000,61           Utilities         748,531         1,112,538         78,816         1,939,88           Repairs and Maintenance         715,074         945,871         247,307         1,908,25           Contractual Services         7,455,506         4,384,320         6,032,019         17,871,84           Other Supplies and Expenses         456,645         352,822         220,841         1,030,30           Depreciation         1,948,202         4,265,577         356,127         6,569,90           Total Operating Expenses         15,433,716         13,047,857         8,839,233         37,320,80           Operating Income (loss)         436,525         4,306,801         (505,951)         4,237,37           Nonoperating revenue (expense)         (475,097)         (1,878,697)         (340)         (2,354,13           Debt Subsidies         39,026         409,160         -         448,18           Total nonoperating (expenses) revenue         (153,837)         (1,144,170)         209,937         (1,088,07)	1
Utilities         748,531         1,112,538         78,816         1,939,88           Repairs and Maintenance         715,074         945,871         247,307         1,908,25           Contractual Services         7,455,506         4,384,320         6,032,019         17,871,84           Other Supplies and Expenses         456,645         352,822         220,841         1,030,30           Depreciation         1,948,202         4,265,577         356,127         6,569,90           Total Operating Expenses         15,433,716         13,047,857         8,839,233         37,320,80           Operating Income (loss)         436,525         4,306,801         (505,951)         4,237,37           Nonoperating revenue (expense)         Interest Income         282,234         325,367         210,277         817,87           Interest Expense         (475,097)         (1,878,697)         (340)         (2,354,13)           Debt Subsidies         39,026         409,160         -         448,18           Total nonoperating (expenses) revenue         (153,837)         (1,144,170)         209,937         (1,088,07)	
Repairs and Maintenance         715,074         945,871         247,307         1,908,25           Contractual Services         7,455,506         4,384,320         6,032,019         17,871,84           Other Supplies and Expenses         456,645         352,822         220,841         1,030,30           Depreciation         1,948,202         4,265,577         356,127         6,569,90           Total Operating Expenses         15,433,716         13,047,857         8,839,233         37,320,80           Operating Income (loss)         436,525         4,306,801         (505,951)         4,237,37           Nonoperating revenue (expense)         Interest Income         282,234         325,367         210,277         817,87           Interest Expense         (475,097)         (1,878,697)         (340)         (2,354,13)           Debt Subsidies         39,026         409,160         -         448,18           Total nonoperating (expenses) revenue         (153,837)         (1,144,170)         209,937         (1,088,07)	0
Contractual Services         7,455,506         4,384,320         6,032,019         17,871,84           Other Supplies and Expenses         456,645         352,822         220,841         1,030,30           Depreciation         1,948,202         4,265,577         356,127         6,569,90           Total Operating Expenses         15,433,716         13,047,857         8,839,233         37,320,80           Operating Income (loss)         436,525         4,306,801         (505,951)         4,237,37           Nonoperating revenue (expense)         Interest Income         282,234         325,367         210,277         817,87           Interest Expense         (475,097)         (1,878,697)         (340)         (2,354,13           Debt Subsidies         39,026         409,160         -         448,18           Total nonoperating (expenses) revenue         (153,837)         (1,144,170)         209,937         (1,088,07)	5
Other Supplies and Expenses         456,645         352,822         220,841         1,030,30           Depreciation         1,948,202         4,265,577         356,127         6,569,90           Total Operating Expenses         15,433,716         13,047,857         8,839,233         37,320,80           Operating Income (loss)         436,525         4,306,801         (505,951)         4,237,37           Nonoperating revenue (expense)         Interest Income         282,234         325,367         210,277         817,87           Interest Expense         (475,097)         (1,878,697)         (340)         (2,354,13           Debt Subsidies         39,026         409,160         -         448,18           Total nonoperating (expenses) revenue         (153,837)         (1,144,170)         209,937         (1,088,07)	2
Depreciation         1,948,202         4,265,577         356,127         6,569,90           Total Operating Expenses Operating Income (loss)         15,433,716         13,047,857         8,839,233         37,320,80           Nonoperating revenue (expense) Interest Income Interest Expense         282,234         325,367         210,277         817,87           Interest Expense Debt Subsidies         (475,097)         (1,878,697)         (340)         (2,354,13)           Total nonoperating (expenses) revenue         (153,837)         (1,144,170)         209,937         (1,088,07)	5
Total Operating Expenses Operating Income (loss)         15,433,716         13,047,857         8,839,233         37,320,80           Nonoperating revenue (expense) Interest Income Interest Expense         282,234         325,367         210,277         817,87           Interest Expense Debt Subsidies         (475,097)         (1,878,697)         (340)         (2,354,13)           Total nonoperating (expenses) revenue         (153,837)         (1,144,170)         209,937         (1,088,07)	8
Nonoperating revenue (expense)         436,525         4,306,801         (505,951)         4,237,37           Interest Income         282,234         325,367         210,277         817,87           Interest Expense         (475,097)         (1,878,697)         (340)         (2,354,13)           Debt Subsidies         39,026         409,160         -         448,18           Total nonoperating (expenses) revenue         (153,837)         (1,144,170)         209,937         (1,088,07)	6
Nonoperating revenue (expense) Interest Income 282,234 325,367 210,277 817,87 Interest Expense (475,097) (1,878,697) (340) (2,354,13 Debt Subsidies 39,026 409,160 - 448,18  Total nonoperating (expenses) revenue (153,837) (1,144,170) 209,937 (1,088,07)	6
Interest Income       282,234       325,367       210,277       817,87         Interest Expense       (475,097)       (1,878,697)       (340)       (2,354,13         Debt Subsidies       39,026       409,160       -       448,18         Total nonoperating (expenses) revenue       (153,837)       (1,144,170)       209,937       (1,088,07)	5
Interest Income       282,234       325,367       210,277       817,87         Interest Expense       (475,097)       (1,878,697)       (340)       (2,354,13         Debt Subsidies       39,026       409,160       -       448,18         Total nonoperating (expenses) revenue       (153,837)       (1,144,170)       209,937       (1,088,07)	
Interest Expense       (475,097)       (1,878,697)       (340)       (2,354,13)         Debt Subsidies       39,026       409,160       -       448,18         Total nonoperating (expenses) revenue       (153,837)       (1,144,170)       209,937       (1,088,07)	0
Debt Subsidies       39,026       409,160       -       448,18         Total nonoperating (expenses) revenue       (153,837)       (1,144,170)       209,937       (1,088,07)	
Total nonoperating (expenses) revenue (153,837) (1,144,170) 209,937 (1,088,07)	,
	б
Income (loss) before transfers and capital grants 282,688 3,162,631 (296,014) 3,149,30	0)
	5
Transfers In 639,147 108,345 888,573 1,636,06	5
Transfers Out (300,000) (1,213,098) - (1,513,098)	
Total transfers in (out) 339,147 (1,104,753) 888,573 122,96	_
Change in net assets 621,835 2,057,878 592,559 3,272,27	_
Orange in the assets 021,030 2,037,070 392,339 3,272,27	۷
Total net assets, beginning of year 34,003,060 62,675,728 9,760,177 106,438,96	5
Total net assets, end of year \$ 34,624,895 \$ 64,733,606 \$ 10,352,736 \$109,711,23	7

<sup>(1)</sup> Extracted from audited financial statements of the City.

#### City of Brockton, Massachusetts Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Net Assets- Proprietary Funds June 30, 2013 (1)

Enterprise funds Water Sewer Other Total Operating Revenues: Charges for Services \$ 14,031,089 \$ 16,350,259 \$ 7,909,173 \$ 38,290,521 Fees 481,308 385,934 230,212 1,097,454 Other 7,302 9,005 1,703 14,514,100 16,736,193 8,146,687 39,396,980 **Total Operating Revenues** \$ \$ \$ \$ Operating Expenses: Salaries and Benefits \$ 3,846,301 7,243,013 \$ 1,698,441 \$ 1,698,271 \$ Utilities 748,222 1,472,860 82,486 2,303,568 Repairs and Maintenance 605,585 1,254,021 326,230 2,185,836 Contractual Services 7,535,383 4,713,417 5,756,295 18,005,095 350,237 Other Supplies and Expenses 528,771 281,305 1,160,313 Depreciation 1,602,110 4,314,569 306,332 6,223,011 Total Operating Expenses 14,866,372 13,803,545 8,450,919 37,120,836 Operating Income (loss) 2,932,648 (304, 232)(352, 272)2,276,144 Nonoperating revenue (expense) Interest Income 271,780 302,574 207,069 781,423 Interest Expense (575,683)(1,921,719)(1,839)(2,499,241)**Debt Subsidies** 418,403 389,923 (28,480)Total nonoperating (expenses) revenue (332, 383)(1,200,742)205,230 (1,327,895)Income (loss) before transfers and capital grants (684,655) 1,731,906 (99,002)948,249 Transfers In 405,348 774,146 1,308,344 128,850 Transfers Out (822, 897)(1,121,248)220,830 (1,723,315)Total transfers in (out) (417,549)(992, 398)994,976 (414,971) Change in net assets (1,102,204)739,508 895,974 533,278 Total net assets, beginning of year 35,326,759 62,474,757 8,895,901 106,697,417 Restatement of net position (221,495)(538, 537)(31,698)(791,730)9,760,177 Total net assets, end of year 34,003,060 \$ 62,675,728 \$ \$ 106,438,965

<sup>(1)</sup> Extracted from audited financial statements of the City.

#### City of Brockton, Massachusetts Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Net Assets- Proprietary Funds June 30, 2012 (1)

Enterprise funds Water Sewer Other Total Operating Revenues: Charges for Services \$ 14,588,841 \$ 18,498,239 \$ 8,090,909 41,177,989 1,049,914 Fees 463,759 343,584 242,571 Other 5,210 5,210 **Total Operating Revenues** 15,052,600 \$ 18,841,823 \$ 8,338,690 42,233,113 Operating Expenses: Salaries and Benefits \$ \$ 1,568,671 4,553,216 1,433,669 7,555,556 2,605,688 Utilities 891,726 1,643,290 70,672 Repairs and Maintenance 711,193 1,200,152 266,921 2,178,266 Contractual Services 7,135,645 4,023,638 6,148,374 17,307,657 Other Supplies and Expenses 613,391 325.525 214.575 1,153,491 Depreciation 1,571,773 3,966,501 280,469 5,818,743 12,592,775 **Total Operating Expenses** 15,476,944 8,549,682 36,619,401 Operating Income (loss) (424,344) 6,249,048 (210,992) 5,613,712 Nonoperating revenue (expense) Interest Income 304,297 349,424 212,684 866,405 Interest Expense (562,587)(2,295,869)(2,866,980)(8,524)**Debt Subsidies** 43,348 432,842 476,190 Total nonoperating (expenses) revenue (214,942)(1,513,603)204,160 (1,524,385)Income (loss) before transfers and capital grants (639, 286)4,735,445 (6,832)4,089,327 Transfers In 863,669 863,669 Transfers Out (543, 135)(723, 302)(1,266,437)Total transfers in (out) (543,135) (723,302)863,669 (402,768) Change in net assets 4,012,143 856,837 (1,182,421)3,686,559 Total net assets, beginning of year 36,509,180 58,462,614 8,039,064 103,010,858 Total net assets, end of year 35,326,759 \$ 62,474,757 8,895,901 106,697,417

<sup>(1)</sup> Extracted from audited financial statements of the City.

#### City of Brockton, Massachusetts Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Net Assets- Proprietary Funds June 30, 2011 (1)

Enterprise funds Water Sewer Other Total Operating Revenues: Charges for Services \$ 14,726,496 \$ 17,470,429 \$ 7,995,004 \$ 40,191,929 Fees 333,814 195,921 249,876 779,611 Other 125 125 15,060,310 17,666,350 8,245,005 40,971,665 **Total Operating Revenues** \$ \$ \$ \$ Operating Expenses: Salaries and Benefits \$ 4,471,957 \$ 1,718,618 1,600,155 7.790.730 \$ \$ Utilities 872,612 1,533,233 61,475 2,467,320 2,142,488 Repairs and Maintenance 1,351,631 163,660 627,197 16,601,450 Contractual Services 6,276,912 3,612,526 6,712,012 Other Supplies and Expenses 778,747 511,274 192,671 1,482,692 3,575,166 Depreciation 1,576,638 256,189 5,407,993 **Total Operating Expenses** 14,604,063 12,302,448 8,986,162 35,892,673 Operating Income (loss) 456,247 5,363,902 (741, 157)5,078,992 Nonoperating revenue (expense) 209,145 826,760 Interest Income 285,986 331,629 Interest Expense (596, 103)(2,230,539)(21,202)(2,847,844)**Debt Subsidies** 451,086 495,491 44,405 (265,712)Total nonoperating (expenses) revenue (1,447,824)187,943 (1,525,593)Income (loss) before transfers and capital grants 190,535 3,916,078 (553, 214)3,553,399 Transfers In 10,116 65,077 565,589 640,782 (654,704)(1,327,381)(170, 220)(2,152,305)Transfers Out Total transfers in (out) (644,588) (1,262,304)395,369 (1,511,523) Change in net assets 2,653,774 (157,845)2,041,876 (454,053)Total net assets, beginning of year 36,963,233 55,808,840 8,196,909 100,968,982

36,509,180

58,462,614

8,039,064

103,010,858

Total net assets, end of year

<sup>(1)</sup> Extracted from audited financial statements of the City.

#### **INDEBTEDNESS**

#### **Authorization Procedure and Limitations**

Bonds and notes are generally authorized on behalf of the City by vote of two-thirds of all the members of the city council. Provision is made for a referendum on the filing of a petition bearing the requisite number of signatures within twenty days of final passage on a loan order. Borrowings for certain purposes require state administrative approval. Temporary loans in anticipation of current revenues and in anticipation of federal and state grants may be made by the Treasurer with the approval of the Mayor.

#### **Debt Limit**

General Debt Limit. The General Debt Limit of the City consists of a Normal Debt Limit and a Double Debt Limit. The Normal Debt Limit is 5 percent of the valuation of taxable property as last equalized by the State Department of Revenue. The City can authorize debt up to this amount without State approval. It can authorize debt up to twice this amount (the Double Debt Limit) with the approval of the State Municipal Finance Oversight Board consisting of the Attorney General, the State Treasurer, the State Auditor, and the Director of Accounts.

There are many categories of general obligation debt which are exempt from and do not count against the General Debt Limit. Among others, these exempt categories include revenue anticipation notes and grant anticipation notes; emergency loans; loans exempted by special laws; certain school bonds, sewer bonds, water bonds, bonds for electric, gas and telecommunications purposes, solid waste disposal facility bonds and economic development bonds supported by tax increment financing; and subject to special debt limits, bonds for housing, urban renewal and economic development (subject to various debt limits). Revenue bonds are not subject to these debt limits. The General Debt Limit and the special debt limit for water bonds apply at the time the debt is authorized. The other special debt limits generally apply at the time the debt is incurred.

Revenue Anticipation Notes. The amount borrowed in each fiscal year by the issue of revenue anticipation notes is limited to the tax levy of the prior fiscal year, together with the net receipts in the prior fiscal year from the motor vehicle excise and certain payments made by the Commonwealth in lieu of taxes. The fiscal year ends on June 30. Notes may mature in the following fiscal year, and notes may be refunded into the following fiscal year, to the extent of the uncollected, unabated current tax levy and certain other items, including revenue deficits, overlay deficits, final judgments and lawful unappropriated expenditures, which are to be added to the next tax levy, but excluding deficits arising from a failure to collect taxes of earlier years. (See "PROPERTY TAXATION - Taxation to Meet Deficits," above.) In any event, the period from an original borrowing to its final maturity cannot exceed one year.

# **Types of Obligations**

General Obligations. Massachusetts cities and towns are authorized to issue general obligation indebtedness of these types:

Serial Bonds and Notes. These are generally required to be payable in annual principal amounts beginning no later than the end of the next fiscal year commencing after the date of issue and ending within the terms permitted by law. A level debt service schedule, or a schedule that provides for a more rapid amortization of principal than level debt service, is permitted. The principal amounts of certain economic development bonds supported by tax increment financing may be payable in equal, diminishing or increasing amounts beginning within 5 years after the date of issue. The maximum terms of serial bonds and notes vary from one year to 40 years, depending on the purpose of the issue. The maximum terms permitted are set forth in the statutes. In addition, for many projects, the maximum term may be determined in accordance with useful life guidelines promulgated by the State Department of Revenue ("DOR"). Serial bonds and notes may be issued for the purposes set forth in the statutes. In addition, serial bonds and notes may be issued for any other public work improvement or asset not specifically listed in the Statutes that has a useful life of at least 5 years. Bonds or notes may be made callable and redeemed prior to their maturity, and a redemption premium may be paid. Municipal Purpose Loan of 2017 Bonds or notes may be issued subject to the maximum applicable term measured from the date of the original bonds or notes and must produce present value savings over the debt service of the refunded bonds. Generally, the first required annual payment of principal of the Municipal Purpose Loan of 2017 Bonds cannot be later than the first principal payment of any of the bonds or notes being refunded thereby, however, principal payments made before the first principal payment of any of the bonds or notes being refunded thereby may be in any amount.

Serial bonds may be issued as "qualified bonds" with the approval of the state Municipal Finance Oversight Board composed of the State Treasurer, the State Auditor, the Attorney General and the Director of Accounts, subject to such conditions and limitations (including restrictions on future indebtedness) as may be required by the Board. Qualified bonds may mature not less than 10 nor more than 30 years from their dates and are not subject to the amortization requirements described above. The State Treasurer is required to pay the debt service on qualified bonds and thereafter to withhold the amount of the debt service paid by the State from state aid or other state payments; administrative costs and any loss of interest income to the State are to be assessed upon the city or town.

<u>Tax Credit Bonds or Notes.</u> Subject to certain provisions and conditions, the officers authorized to issue bonds or notes may designate any duly authorized issue of bonds or notes as "tax credit bonds" to the extent such bonds and notes are otherwise permitted to be issued with federal tax credits or other similar subsidies for all or a portion of the borrowing costs. Tax credit bonds may be made payable without regard to the annual installments required by any other law, and a sinking fund may be established for the payment of such bonds. Any investment that is part of such a sinking fund may mature not later than the date fixed for payment or redemption of the applicable bonds.

<u>Bond Anticipation Notes.</u> These generally must mature within two years of their original dates of issuance but may be refunded from time to time for a period not to exceed ten years from their original dates of issuance, provided that for each year that the notes are refunded beyond the second year they must be paid in part from revenue funds in an amount at least equal to the minimum annual payment that would have been required if the bonds had been issued at the end of the second year. For certain school projects, however, notes may be refunded from time to time for a period not to exceed seven years without having to pay any portion of the principal of the notes from revenue funds. The maximum term of bonds issued to refund bond anticipation notes is measured (except for certain school projects) from the date of the original issue of the notes.

Revenue Anticipation Notes. These are issued to meet current expenses in anticipation of taxes and other revenues. They must mature within one year but, if payable in less than one year, may be refunded from time to time up to one year from the original date of issue.

<u>Grant Anticipation Notes</u>. These are issued for temporary financing in anticipation of federal grants and state and county reimbursements. They must generally mature within two years, but may be refunded from time to time as long as the municipality remains entitled to the grant or reimbursement.

Revenue Bonds. Cities and towns may issue revenue bonds for solid waste disposal facilities and for projects financed under the Commonwealth's Clean Water Revolving Loan Programs and for certain economic development projects supported by tax increment financing. In addition, cities and towns having electric departments may issue electric revenue bonds, and notes in anticipation of such bonds, subject to the approval of the State Department of Telecommunications and Energy.

## **Debt Ratios**

The following table sets forth the ratio of debt to estimated full valuation and per capita debt ratios at the end of the five most recent fiscal years. The table considers the principal amount of general obligation bonds of the City of Brockton only and does not deduct anticipated state grant payments applicable to the principal amount of outstanding bonds or debt that may be supported in whole or part (i.e. water, sewer and school debt) by non-tax revenue.

Fiscal Year End		neral Obligation ds Outstanding	Population (1)		Estimated Full Valuation (2)		r Capita Debt	Ratio Debt to Estimated Full Valuation (2)	_	
	2017	(3)	\$ 181,325,700	93,810	\$	6,465,597,389	\$	1,933	2.80	%
	2016		196,669,541	93,810		6,104,303,935		2,096	3.22	
	2015		209,878,570	93,810		5,462,968,131		2,237	3.84	
	2014		214,045,612	93,810		5,362,178,901		2,282	3.99	
	2013		226,868,395	93,810		5,486,239,872		2,418	4.14	
	2012		235,938,232	93,810		5,634,634,091		2,515	4.19	

<sup>(1) 2010</sup> Federal Census.

<sup>(2)</sup> Reflects local assessed valuations.

<sup>(3)</sup> Projected.

# City of Brockton Direct Debt Summary Projected as of June 30, 2017

# **Long Term Debt Outstanding:**

School (1)	\$ 14,80	6,000	
Water (2)	1,26	3,000	
General (3)	2,88	8,000	
Sewer (4)	71	3,000	
MCWT (5)	75,43	0,700	
Pension Obligation Bonds ("POB") (6)	84,89	0,000	
Stadium (7)	63	5,000	
Clean Renewable Energy Bonds ("CREB") (8)	7	0,000	
Total Outstanding			\$ 180,695,700
Total Temporary Notes Outstanding (8)		-	11,748,000

(1) The unpaid balance of school construction grants payable by the Authority for debt service on school bonds over the remaining terms of such bonds is estimated at \$3,183,318. \$3,127,000 of the outstanding school bonds is outside the debt limit. See "State School Building Assistance" above.

**Total Direct Debt** 

<sup>(2)</sup> Expected payment from self-supporting enterprise. Outside the debt limit.

<sup>(3)</sup> Includes golf course, library, land acquisition and planning debt. \$1,055,000 of the outstanding general bonds is outside the debt limit.

<sup>(4)</sup> Expected payment from self-supporting enterprise. \$110,000 of the outstanding sewer bonds is outside the debt limit.

<sup>(5)</sup> Expected payment from self-supporting enterprise. Bonds issued to Massachusetts Clean Water Trust, for water and sewer projects. Gross amount does not reflect subsidies from the MCWT. \$74,939,488 of the outstanding MCWT bonds is outside the debt limit.

<sup>(6)</sup> Outside the debt limit, taxable.

<sup>(7)</sup> Outside the debt limit.

<sup>(8)</sup> This issue, payable June 29, 2018.

# **Principal Payments by Purpose**

The following table sets forth the projected principal payments by purpose on outstanding general obligation bonds of the City of Brockton projected as of June 30, 2017.

# City of Brockton, Massachusetts Bonded Debt Principal Payments by Purpose

Fiscal Year	School	Water	General	Sewer	MCWT	POB	Stadium	CREB	Total
2018	\$ 1,804,000	\$ 350,000	\$ 606,000	\$ 265,000	\$ 6,582,060	\$ 3,375,000	\$ 130,000	\$ 100,000	\$ 13,212,060
2019	1,854,000	203,000	574,000	129,000	6,735,041	4,040,000	130,000	100,000	13,765,041
2020	1,913,000	200,000	498,000	129,000	6,785,566	4,760,000	125,000	100,000	14,510,566
2021	760,000	105,000	470,000	95,000	6,879,934	5,545,000	125,000	100,000	14,079,934
2022	660,000	105,000	215,000	95,000	7,012,643	6,395,000	125,000	100,000	14,707,643
2023	665,000	100,000	225,000	-	7,172,543	7,325,000	-	100,000	15,587,543
2024	675,000	100,000	25,000	-	7,241,401	8,330,000	-	100,000	16,471,401
2025	690,000	100,000	25,000	-	7,391,228	9,420,000	-	-	17,626,228
2026	700,000	-	25,000	-	6,393,592	10,595,000	-	-	17,713,592
2027	715,000	-	25,000	-	4,962,779	11,865,000	-	-	17,567,779
2028	730,000	-	25,000	-	2,790,598	13,240,000	-	-	16,785,598
2029	745,000	-	25,000	-	1,454,331	-	-	-	2,224,331
2030	760,000	-	25,000	-	1,134,811	-	-	-	1,919,811
2031	775,000	-	25,000	-	1,158,598	-	-	-	1,958,598
2032	340,000	-	25,000	-	593,885	-	-	-	958,885
2033	340,000	-	25,000	-	606,791	-	-	-	971,791
2034	340,000	-	25,000	-	213,269	-	-	-	578,269
2035	340,000		25,000		217,904				582,904
2036					103,724				103,724
	\$ 14,806,000	\$1,263,000	\$2,888,000	\$ 713,000	\$75,430,700	\$84,890,000	\$ 635,000	\$ 700,000	\$ 181,325,700

#### **Debt Service Requirements**

The following table shows the total debt service due on outstanding general obligation indebtedness of the City together with debt service subsidies expected to be received from the Massachusetts Clean Water Trust and the Massachusetts School Building Authority.

# City of Brockton, Massachusetts Debt Service Requirements

Outstanding Projected as of

	June 30, 2017		/							
Fiscal		Dringing		Interest		MCWT		DA Cranta	Nia	h Dabt Camina
Year	Principal		Interest		Subsidy		MSBA Grants		Net Debt Service	
2018	\$	13,212,060	\$	6,943,414	\$	(285,336)	\$	(1,061,106)	\$	18,809,033
2019		13,765,041		6,444,440		(269, 357)		(1,061,106)		18,879,018
2020		14,510,566		5,907,600		(222,683)		(1,061,106)		19,134,377
2021		14,079,934		5,334,197		(189,544)		-		19,224,587
2022		14,707,643		4,779,373		(166,413)		-		19,320,603
2023		15,587,543		4,194,394		(150,687)		-		19,631,251
2024		16,471,401		3,564,797		(106,955)		-		19,929,243
2025		17,626,228		2,888,832		(78,388)		-		20,436,672
2026		17,713,592		2,194,692		-		-		19,908,285
2027		17,567,779		1,448,925		-		-		19,016,704
2028		16,785,598		666,631		-		-		17,452,230
2029		2,224,331		238,190		-		-		2,462,522
2030		1,919,811		183,394		-		-		2,103,205
2031		1,958,598		130,501		-		-		2,089,099
2032		958,885		81,962		-		-		1,040,847
2033		971,791		56,343		-		-		1,028,135
2034		578,269		32,598		-		-		610,867
2035		582,904		13,733		-		-		596,637
2036		103,724		2,074		-		-		105,798
Total	\$	181,325,700	\$	45,106,092	\$	(1,469,363)	\$	(3,183,318)	\$	221,779,111

# **Authorized Unissued Debt and Prospective Financing**

The City has approximately \$97,954,184 in authorized unissued debt. Of this amount \$47,710,000 is authorized for pension obligation purposes. \$6,158,612 represents excess authorization for the construction of two elementary schools, to be rescinded. The remaining \$34,664,777 is authorized for various school remodeling (\$17,254,269), water (\$8,196,217), economic development (\$1,000,000), sewer (\$8,759,086) and other general (\$8,876,000) purposes. The \$36 million school remodeling project has been approved to receive 80% state grant funding and the City expects its share of project costs to be approximately \$7 million. The \$47,710,000 pension obligation bond authorization above represents the unissued balance of an original \$149,225,000 authorization for this purpose; the City does not intend to issue bonds against this balance, but there are no current plans to rescind the authorization.

# Overlapping Debt (1)

The City of Brockton is a member of Plymouth County, the Southeastern Regional Vocational School District and the Brockton Area Transit Authority. The following table sets forth the outstanding bonded debt, exclusive of temporary loans in anticipation of bonds or current revenue, of each overlapping entity, and the City of Brockton's estimated share of such debt and the fiscal 2017 dollar assessment for each.

	Bon	ded Debt as	Estimated	FY 2017 Dollar
	of	6/30/16 (1)	Share of Debt	Assessment
Plymouth County (2)	\$	1,925,000	8.45%	\$126,800
Southeastern Regional Vocational				
School District (3)		4,980,000	61.20%	3,531,517
Brockton Area Transit Authority (4)		-		2,306,345

<sup>(1)</sup> Omits debt of the Commonwealth.

<sup>(2)</sup> Source: Plymouth County Treasurer's Office. Assessment includes debt service and other County expenses assessed upon the City in proportion to its equalized valuation. Legislation enacted in 1997 abolished the county governments of Franklin and Middlesex counties as of July 1, 1997, with their assets, functions, debts and other obligations being assumed by the Commonwealth. The abolishment of the Middlesex County government was in part in response to a default by the county in the payment of general obligation notes of the county. The legislation also abolished the county governments of Hampden and Worcester counties as of July 1, 1998. Legislation enacted in 1998 abolished the county governments of Hampshire, Essex and Berkshire counties as of January 1, 1999, July 1, 1999 and July 1, 2000, respectively. The legislation requires the state secretary for administration and finance to establish a plan to recover the Commonwealth's expenditures for the liabilities and other debts assumed and paid by the Commonwealth on behalf of an abolished county. Unless these provisions are changed by further legislation, the state treasurer shall assess upon each city and town within the jurisdiction of an abolished county an amount not exceeding or equal to the county tax paid by each such city and town for the fiscal year immediately prior to the abolishment of the county (or two years prior in the case of Essex county) until such expenditures by the Commonwealth are recovered. It is possible that similar legislation will be sought to provide for the abolishment of county government in all the remaining counties

<sup>(3)</sup> Source: Treasurer's Office, Southeastern Regional-Vocational School District. Other District members are: East Bridgewater, Easton, Foxborough, Sharon, Stoughton and West Bridgewater.

<sup>(4)</sup> Source: Brockton Area Transit Authority.

# **Coverage of Qualified Debt Service**

The following table presents qualified debt service, projected state aid and the coverage ratio of total state aid to the City's outstanding State Qualified Bonds debt service. The table does not include debt of the Commonwealth.

			Coverage Ratio
	Outstanding State		Total State Aid to
Fiscal	Qualified Bonds	Total	Qualified
Year	Debt Service	State Aid (1)	Debt Service
2018	2,101,883	193,113,964	91.88
2019	2,004,358	196,976,243	98.27
2020	1,890,608	200,915,768	106.27
2021	568,358	204,934,084	360.57
2022	566,258	209,032,765	369.15
2023	559,314	213,213,420	381.21
2024	556,751	217,477,689	390.62
2025	558,445	221,827,243	397.22
2026	453,195	226,263,788	499.26
2027	454,875	230,789,063	507.37
2028	456,000	235,404,845	516.24
2029	455,400	240,112,941	527.26
2030	454,200	244,915,200	539.22
2031	452,400	249,813,504	552.20
Total	\$ 11,532,043	\$ 3,599,506,262	

<sup>(1)</sup> Includes total state aid available for coverage. State aid is taken from the fiscal 2017 cherry sheet and is increased at a rate of 2% each year thereafter. The State aid figures above no longer reflect school building assistance grants as such grants are no longer paid by the Commonwealth; they are now paid by the Massachusetts School Building Authority. Therefore, such payments no longer constitute "distributable aid" of the Commonwealth under the Qualified Bond Act.

# **Contractual Obligations**

Municipal contracts are generally limited to currently available appropriations. Contracts with specified purposes can be granted extensions by statutory authority but are also subject to maximum term limits. A city or town generally has authority to enter into contracts for the exercise of any of its corporate powers for any period of time deemed to serve its best interest, but only when funds are available for the first fiscal year; obligations for succeeding fiscal years are subject to availability and appropriation of funds. Municipalities have specific authority in relatively few cases to enter long-term obligations not subject to annual appropriation, including contracts for refuse disposal. Municipalities may also enter into long-term contracts in aid of housing and renewal projects. The City may have implied authority to require long-term contracts to carry out authorized municipal functions, such as contracts to purchase water from private water companies. Pursuant to the Home Rule Amendment to the Massachusetts Constitution, cities and towns may also be empowered to make other contracts and leases.

Since October 1991, the City has contracted with independent vendors for the pick-up and disposal of residential trash. Currently, Browning Ferris Industries, Inc. serves as the contract vendor through June 20, 2009, at a fixed price bid of \$6.2 million per year. Beginning on July 1, 2007, that price may be escalated by a component of the Consumer Price Index, with the annual escalation not to exceed 2.5% per year. The City extended the contract through December 2011. The City issued a formal procurement and three vendors responded. All priced bids were lower than the present cost and the City awarded the contract to Allied Waste through June 30, 2017 at a price savings in the first year of about \$1 million.

The contractor provides trash services for residents of five residential units or less. Commercial entities and residences of more than five units must contract independently. In the City contract residential units are restricted to the pickup of one 32 gallon barrel per week. In order to place more trash at the curb, residents must purchase specially marked trash bags, the cost of which is \$1.00 per bag, with 75 cents going to the trash contractor and 25 cents to the City. Residents also receive unlimited weekly recycling, weekly yard waste removal in season, and the pickup by appointment of bulky items and white goods. Provisions are also made for separate handling of household hazardous waste.

In the summer of 1998 the state authorized the City, through approval of a home rule petition enacted as Chapter 199 of the Acts of 1998, to enter into a contract for the operation and maintenance of the City's water and wastewater treatment plant for a period not to exceed twenty (20) years. By the provisions of the Act, in the spring of 1999, the City awarded the contract to Professional Services Group, Inc. dated as July 1, 2000, and in August of 2000, the contract was approved by the Mayor and City Council. Under the contract the City retains ownership of the plants, and the City is responsible for capital improvements. Electricity costs are on a "pass through" basis to the City up to an annual kilowatt hour's allowance, with the vendor responsible for costs beyond the allowance. Minor adjustments to the fixed contract operating costs are allowed to compensate for significant variations in the volume of water or wastewater treated. Future costs will be restricted to inflationary increases and to cost increases from changes in scope or law. Inflationary increases are governed by the Producer Price Index for Commercial Natural Gas for the natural gas portion of the price and by the PPI Finished Goods, excluding Food and Energy, for all other costs. Construction at the wastewater treatment plant also has impacted its operations. As a result, the City and vendor negotiated a contract amendment for adjustments to price and terms. This amendment was approved by the City Council in July 2007. The main elements of the amendment were to:

- (1) Increase the fixed fee by about 3%,
- (2) Provide separate price escalators for the chemicals, natural gas, labor, and all other costs, and
- (3) Eliminate the maximum annual electrical consumption limit during the construction period and a one year shakedown period.

The impact of this agreement was reflected in the FY08 budget and was anticipated in the present rate structure.

The City has also entered into a 20-year water supply contract for the purchase of its water. (See "City of Brockton, Massachusetts – Municipal Services - Water Supply"). Pursuant to special legislative authority, the City's payment obligations under the contract constitute general obligations of the City which are not subject to annual appropriation. Nonetheless, \$5,309,375 was appropriated for fiscal 2011, \$5,571,250 was appropriated for fiscal 2012 and \$6,111,000 was appropriated for fiscal 2013 for the full cost of the year's obligation to be offset with water revenues. The amount appropriated for this contract in fiscal years 2016 and 2017 were \$6,395,632 and \$6,574,698, respectively.

## **RETIREMENT PLAN**

The Massachusetts General Laws provide for the establishment of contributory retirement systems for state employees, for teachers and for county, city and town employees other than teachers. Teachers are assigned to a separate statewide teachers' system and not to the city and town systems. For all employees other than teachers, this law is subject to acceptance in each city and town. Substantially all employees of an accepting city or town are covered. If a town has a population of less than 10,000 when it accepts the statute, its non-teacher employees participate through the county system and its share of the county cost is proportionate to the aggregate annual rate of regular compensation of its covered employees. In addition to the contributory systems, cities and towns provide non-contributory pensions to a limited number of employees, primarily persons who entered service prior to July 1, 1937 and their dependents. The Public Employee Retirement Administration Commission ("PERAC") provides oversight and guidance for and regulates all state and local retirement systems.

The obligations of a city or town, whether direct or through a county system, are contractual legal obligations and are required to be included in the annual tax levy. If a city or town, or the county system of which it is a member, has not established a retirement system funding schedule as described below, the city or town is required to provide for the payment of the portion of its current pension obligations which is not otherwise covered by employee contributions and investment income. "Excess earnings," or earnings on individual employees' retirement accounts in excess of a predetermined rate, are required to be set aside in a pension reserve fund for future, not current, pension liabilities. Cities and towns may voluntarily appropriate to their system's pension reserve fund in any given year up to five percent of the preceding year's tax levy. The aggregate amount in the fund may not exceed ten percent of the equalized valuation of the city or town.

If a city or town, or each member city and town of a county retirement system, has accepted the applicable law, it is required to annually appropriate an amount sufficient to pay not only its current pension obligations, but also a portion of its future pension liability. The portion of each such annual payment allocable to future pension obligations is required to be deposited in the pension reserve fund. The amount of the annual city or town appropriation for each such system is prescribed by a retirement system funding schedule which is periodically reviewed and approved by PERAC. Each system's retirement funding schedule is designed to reduce the unfunded actuarial pension liability of the system to zero by not later than June 30, 2030, with annual increases in the scheduled payment amounts of not more than 4.5%. The funding schedule must provide that payment in any year of the schedule is not less than 95 percent of the amount appropriated in the previous fiscal year. City, town and county systems which have an approved retirement funding schedule receive annual pension funding grants from the Commonwealth for the first 16 years of such funding schedule.

Pursuant to Chapter 188 of the Acts of 2010, a system (other than the state employee's retirement systems and the teachers' retirement system) which conducts an actuarial valuation as of January 1, 2009, or later, may establish a funding schedule which reduces the unfunded actuarial liability to zero by no later than June 30, 2040, subject to certain conditions. If the schedule is so extended and a later updated valuation allows for the development of a funding schedule with reduced payments, the funding schedule shall be adjusted to provide that the appropriation for each year shall not be less than that for such year under the prior schedule, thus providing for a shorter schedule rather than reduced payments.

In 2012, the Board of the Contributory Retirement System of the City of Brockton voted to extend the funding schedule to the year 2033 (not 2040). Previously, the board had adopted a schedule to fully fund the system by 2030. At the same time, the board voted to incorporate actuarial valuing of assets, rather than market, also known as asset smoothing.

The actuarial value of assets is determined by projecting the market value of assets as of the beginning of the prior plan year with the assumed rate of return during that year (8.0%) and accounting for deposits and disbursements with interest at the assumed rate of return. An adjustment is then applied to recognize the difference between the actual investment return and expected return over a five year period. This preliminary actuarial value is not allowed to differ from the market value of assets by more than 20%. The calculation of the actuarial value of assets as of January 1, 2015 is presented in the table below, from the report "City of Brockton Retirement System" from Buck Consultants, LLC as of the same date, the date of the most recent valuation.

#### **Actuarial Value of Assets**

1	Market value of plan assets, January 1, 2014		\$ 363,463,353
2	Employer and employee contributions, net transfers and reimbursements	\$ 28,661,874	
3	Expenses	(677,927)	
4	Benefits and refunds	(39,205,353)	
5	Expected interest during the year	28,628,212	
6	Expected market value of plan assets, January 1, 2015		380,870,159
7	Actual market value of plan assets, January1, 2015		371,817,779
8	Investment gain/(loss) during 2014	(9,052,380)	
9	Investment gain/(loss) during 2013	11,975,626	
10	Investment gain/(loss) during 2012	10,770,348	
11	Investment gain/(loss) during 2011	(27,921,277)	
12	Tentative Valuation Assets before reflecting 80%-120% corridor		373,150,423
13	80% of actual market value = 80% x 7		297,454,223
14	120% of actual market value = 120% x 7		446,181,334
15	Valuation Assets = 12. But not less than 13 or greater than 14		373,150,423

City, town and county systems may choose to participate in the Pension Reserves Investment Trust Fund (the "PRIT" Fund), which receives additional state funds to offset future pension costs of participating state and local systems. If a local system participates in the PRIT Fund, it must transfer ownership and control of all assets of its system to the Pension Reserves Investment Management Board, which manages the investment and reinvestment of the PRIT Fund. Cities and towns with systems participating in the PRIT Fund continue to be obligated to fund their pension obligations in the manner described above. The additional state appropriations to offset future pension liabilities of state and local systems participating in the PRIT Fund are required to total at least 1.3% of state payroll. Such additional state appropriations are deposited in the PRIT Fund and shared by all participating systems in proportion to their interest in the assets of the PRIT Fund as of July 1, for each fiscal year. The City has not participated in the PRIT.

Cost-of-living increases for each local retirement system may be granted and funded only by the local system, and only if it has established a funding schedule. Those statutory provisions are subject to acceptance by the local retirement board and approval by the local legislative body, which acceptance may not be revoked. The City voted to accept the cost-of-living funding responsibility, the cost impact of which is incorporated in the funding.

As of the January 1, 2014 valuation, there were 1,261 retired and disabled retired persons and surviving beneficiaries receiving pensions which totaled \$36.5 million under the contributory plan. The trend in annual required contributions of the City for each retirement system is presented below.

Fiscal Year	Contributory	Non-Contributory
2017 (Budgeted)	\$18,673,412	\$17,877
2016	17,945,220	17,877
2015	18,037,764	17,356
2014	16,004,577	17,290
2013	15,408,092	15,963
2012	12,551,287	29,029

The decline in assessment contributions from fiscal year 2006 to fiscal year 2007 occurred. In November of 2005, pursuant to the provisions of Section 4 of Chapter 483 of the Acts of 2004 (the Act), the City funded a portion of its unfunded accrued actuarial liability (UAAL) through the issuance of pension obligation bonds. The City sold \$101,515,000 in Federally Taxable Pension Obligation Bonds dated November 23, 2005, at a true interest cost (TIC) of 5.512%. According to a Plan of Finance described below, on November 30, 2005, the City paid \$100 million in net bond proceeds to the Retirement System, of which \$3,143,836 was applied to the unpaid balance of the City's 2006 assessment of \$17,597,103, with the balance of \$96,856,164 being applied to a portion of the City's share of the Retirement System's UAAL. None of the proceeds of the City's pension bonds were applied for the benefit of any other entity participating in the System; there are three other employers in the System.

As required by Section 4 of Chapter 483 of the Acts of 2004 (the Act) and guidelines issued by the Executive Office for Administration and Finance (the "EOAF") of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, the City submitted a financial plan (the "Plan") to EOAF providing for the funding of a significant portion of the City's unfunded pension liability with \$100,000,000 of proceeds of the Bonds. The City believes that the Plan takes advantage of the potential benefits and minimizes the potential risks of issuing the bonds in a manner that is fiscally prudent and in the best financial interest of the City. The Plan was approved by the Commonwealth's Secretary for Administration and Finance on November 9, 2005.

According to the Retirement Board's then consulting actuary, Buck Consultants, the UAAL of the Retirement System as of November 30, 2005 was estimated to be \$146,225,000, of which approximately \$137,900,000 constituted the City's share, with the balance belonging to the other independent participants of the system. The deposit of \$100,000,000 of pension obligation bonds net proceeds into the Retirement System in November, 2005 eliminated all but a little over 10% of the City's share of the estimated UAAL of the Retirement System. The City will pay annual debt service on the pension obligation bonds in lieu of the annual payments to the Retirement System that would otherwise be required under the previous funding schedule on that portion of its estimated UAAL. The difference between the annual debt service on the pension obligation bonds and the payments to the Retirement System, based on an actuarial schedule which assumes 8.0% investment return and 4.75% rate of salary increase, that would otherwise be required to amortize that portion of the City's unfunded pension liability is expected over the life of the bonds, to result in savings to the City. This financial benefit will occur if over the life of the pension obligation bonds the Retirement System is able to earn a rate on its investment which meets or exceeds the TIC of 5.512% on the pension obligation bonds. In accordance with the EOAF guidelines, debt service on the pension obligation bonds has been structured to produce no savings in the first five years and annual savings in approximately equal amounts thereafter when compared to a pro forma funding schedule that would otherwise amortize the City's unfunded liability through 2028 with an increase in the annual payments of 4.5% each year, the slowest amortization permitted by law.

Any future variation in actual experience from actuarial assumptions may result in additional UAAL (and amortization payments) or an overfunding of the City's unfunded actuarial liability (and credits). Based on the historic investment performance of the Retirement System and certain other factors, the City reasonably expects that actual experience will be better than assumed in the Plan. The City recognizes, however, that the actual experience of the Retirement System could be worse than assumed in the Plan. In fact, in calendar year 2008, that did occur. At January 1, 2009, compared to January 1, 2008, for the total plan, the Total Actuarial Accrued Liability had increased from \$437.1 million to \$462.1 million, while the market value of the system assets had decreased from \$392.2 million to \$267.5 million, resulting in a funded ratio decreasing from 89.7% to 57.9%.

As of January 1, 2010, the system's actuarial liability had increased to \$477.5 million, an increase of only 3.3%. Also as of January 1, 2010 the market value of the plan's assets had increased by 15.2% to \$308.2 million. The funded ratio had improved from 57.9% to 64.6%. However, during 2010 the Retirement Board voted to take advantage of legislation permitting it to stretch out the funding schedule to 2030, an increase from the previous schedule of 10 years, but only 2 years more than the previous statutory requirement of 2028, and ten years less than the new statutory requirement of 2040. In addition, the Board voted to adopt "Actuarial Asset" valuation as previously explained. More recently, the Retirement Board voted to further stretch out the funding schedule to 2032.

As of the most recent actuarial valuation for January 1, 2015, the system's actuarial accrued liability increased to \$554.6 million, an increase of approximately 5.0%. This was primarily due to an increase in the actuarial assumption of life expectancies of pensioners. Also as of January 1, 2015 the actuarial value of the plan's assets had increased to \$373.2 million and the funded ratio increased to 67.29% from 67.17%.

The following table depicts progress toward fully funding the system. The statistics are from reports submitted by the Retirement System's actuary. The statistics represent the System as a whole, including other participants such as the Brockton Housing Authority. The City represents about 87.3% of the System. None of the proceeds of the City's pension bonds were applied for the benefit of any other entity participating in the System, and future valuations will reflect that fact.

# City of Brockton Funding Schedule

		Amortization of the Unfunded Actuarial Liability					
Fiscal							
Year							Total City
Ending	Normal Cost	UAL	19	992 ERI	Total Payment		Contribution
2016	\$ 5,434,220	\$ 13,783,311	\$	72,436	\$ 13,855,747	\$	19,289,967
2017	6,020,998	15,117,480		72,436	15,189,916		21,210,914
2018	6,204,450	15,797,766		72,436	15,870,202		22,074,652
2019	6,392,943	16,508,666		72,436	16,581,102		22,974,045
2020	6,586,589	17,251,556		-	17,251,556		23,838,145
2021	6,785,497	18,027,876		-	18,027,876		24,813,373
2022	6,989,781	18,839,130		-	18,839,130		25,828,911
2023	7,199,550	19,686,891		-	19,686,891		26,886,441
2024	7,414,916	20,572,801		-	20,572,801		27,987,717
2025	7,635,992	21,498,577		-	21,498,577		29,134,569
2026	7,862,891	22,466,014		-	22,466,014		30,328,905
2027	8,095,725	23,476,984		-	23,476,984		31,572,709
2028	8,334,605	24,533,448		-	24,533,448		32,868,053
2029	8,579,641	25,637,453		-	25,637,453		34,217,094
2030	8,830,945	26,791,138		-	26,791,138		35,622,083
2031	9,088,626	27,996,740		-	27,996,740		37,085,366
2032	9,352,792	20,720,413		-	20,720,413		30,073,205
2033	9,623,549			-	-		9,623,549
2034	9,901,003	-		-	-		9,901,003
2035	10,185,256	-		-	-		10,185,256
2036	10,476,406	-		-	-		10,476,406
2037	10,774,552	-		-	-		10,774,552
2038	11,079,788	-		-	-		11,079,788
2039	11,392,203	-		-	-		11,392,203
2040	11,711,884	-		-	-		11,711,884
2041	12,038,912	-		-	-		12,038,912
2042	12,373,363	-		-	-		12,373,363
2043	12,868,297	-		-	-		12,868,297
2044	13,383,029	-		-	-		13,383,029
2045	13,918,350	-		-	-		13,918,350
2046	14,475,084	_		-	-		14,475,084

Source: City of Brockton Contributory Retirement System funding requirements, Buck Consultants.

The City has not made a payment into the Pension Reserve Fund established by the Plan of Finance referenced above. The payment into the fund is required only in the event of gains against the plan. During calendar year 2006 the System experienced an actuarial gain of about \$6.5 million, but the City did not lower its fiscal year 2008 payment on the funding schedule in order to benefit from that gain, so no budgetary savings occurred. No budgetary savings during fiscal year 2007 through 2014 occurred, so no payments have been made.

The City may take advantage of the pension extension which was passed as part of the Municipal Relief Act of 2010 which provides that a system (other than the state employees' retirement system and the teachers' retirement system) which conducts an actuarial valuation as of January 1, 2009, or later, may establish a revised schedule which reduces the unfunded actuarial liability to zero by not later than June 30, 2040, subject to certain conditions. If the schedule is so extended under such provisions and a later updated valuation allows for the development of a revised schedule with reduced payments, the revised schedule shall be adjusted to provide that the appropriation for each year shall not be less than that for such year under the prior schedule, thus providing for a shorter schedule rather than reduced payments. As mentioned previously, the City has extended its funding schedule to 2032.

# OTHER POST EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS

In addition to providing pension benefits, the City provides the majority of its retired employees with modest life insurance benefits at a cost of less than \$50 per year per retiree, and with payments for a portion of their health care insurance costs. Both of these benefits are offered pursuant to the provision of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 32B. The City offers twelve different health insurance plan options, which are administered through two different health care providers, with the City actually self-insuring. Benefits are paid by the City on a "pay as you go" basis. The annual amounts needed to fund the City's group life and health insurance costs for retirees have escalated from less than \$6 million in fiscal year 1997 to a budget of almost \$16.93 million in fiscal 2013. The City's group health and life insurance cost for retirees is approximately \$12.86 million for fiscal 2014. The City's group health and life insurance cost for retirees is approximately \$12.32 million for fiscal 2015. The City's group health and life insurance cost for retirees is approximately \$12.1 million for fiscal 2017.

In an attempt to mitigate this cost escalation, in December of 2001, the City adopted Section 18 of M.G.L. Ch. 32B. This section provides, by local option, that all retirees from public employment who are eligible to receive Medicare benefits must enroll in Medicare parts A and B in order to receive the municipality's health care benefits. The section also provides that the public employer must offer a Medicare extension plan which provides benefits of comparable actuarial value to those offered prior to the adoption of Section 18, and the employer must pay the amount of any penalty due to the Social Security Administration for a retiree who is enrolling in Medicare subsequent to the date when he was eligible to do so. More than one-fourth of the City's approximately 2,600 pensions who are receiving health benefits are not eligible for Medicare by failing to achieve one or both of the tests of age 65 and 40 quarters of Medicare taxes paid. The remaining three-fourths are now enrolled in Medicare A and B and one of the City's Medicare extension plans. Prior to the City's adoption of M.G.L. Chapter 32B Section 18, only one-third of the City's pensioners were enrolled in Medicare. When the City adopted Section 18, effective July 1, 2002, it began to reimburse retirees for 75% of the cost of Medicare Part B. Even so, by the adopting of Section 18, the City achieved annual savings in fiscal 2008 of about \$6 million. This savings amount will grow over time as the penalty requirement is eliminated, and as employees retire in the future. Since 1987 all newly hired or rehired employees have paid the Medicare Tax, with the City matching, and so all of these employees will be Medicare eligible. Moreover, effective July 1, 2006, the City ceased to reimburse its current retirees for any portion of the Part B cost, except for fewer than 200 retirees whose incomes were 200% or less than the federal poverty rate, for whom the City continued to reimburse 75% of the cost. This decision also saved more than \$1.0 million in cost in each year since 2007. In July of 2006, the City bargained with each of its employees' unions the proposal that no future Medicare B reimbursement would be provided to them upon their retirement. Unions representing employees have so agreed.

All of the City's employees currently pay 25% of the cost of the funding rate of health insurance plans, except for slightly more than 100 enrolled in the most expensive indemnity plan, who pay 30%. This percentage has been in effect since July 1, 2003, when it was increased from 20%, the rate which had been in effect for ten years. Effective July 1, 2004, almost all retirees also contribute 25% to the cost of their City health insurance plan. This contribution rate represented an increase from either 10% or 15%, depending on the plan. A few retirees were allowed to retain lower contribution rates because their incomes are 200% or less than the federal poverty rate.

The Governmental Accounting Standards Board ("GASB") promulgated its Statement Nos. 43 and 45, which will require public sector entities to report the future costs of these non-pension, post-employment benefits in their financial statements. These accounting standards do not require pre-funding the payment of these costs as the liability for such costs accrues, but the basis applied by the standard for measurement of costs and liabilities for these benefits is conservative if they continue to be funded on a pay-as-you-go basis and will result in larger yearly cost and liability accruals than if the cost of such benefits were pre-funded in a trust fund in the same manner as traditional pension benefits. Cities and towns that choose to self-insure all or a portion of the cost of the health care benefits they provide to employees and retirees may establish a trust fund for the purpose of paying claims. In addition, cities and towns may establish a trust fund for the purpose of pre-funding other post-employment benefits liability in the same manner as traditional pension benefits.

The City is required to implement the new GASB reporting requirement for other post-employment requirement for other post-employment benefits. The City engaged Buck Consultants to perform its second OPEB valuation pursuant to the GASB requirements. The results are portrayed below using only the model for no pre-funding. The City has not adopted a funding schedule.

# Schedule of Funding Progress – Assumed interest rate of 4% in 2008, 2012 & 2014 & 4.25% in 2010

	(a)	(b)	(b)-(a)	(a)/(b)	(c)	[(b)-(a)]/(c)
Actuarial	Actuarial	Actuarial Accrued	Unfunded	Annual		UAL as Percentage
Valuation	Value of	Liability	AAL	Funded Co	vered of Cov	-
Date	Assets	(AAL)	(UAL)	Ratio	<u>Payroll</u>	Payroll
June 30, 2014	\$0	\$416.9 million	\$416.9 million	0%	\$190.9 million	218.4%
June 30, 2012	0	504.9 million	504.9 million	0	173.4 million	291.2
June 30, 2010	0	693.6 million	693.6 million	0	171.1 million	405.4
June 30, 2008	0	635.2 million	635.2 million	0	147.1 million	431.9

The tables below show funding schedules for selected fiscal years under both pre-funding and no-funding models.

Fiscal Year	r	Amortization		Expected
Ending In	Normal Cost*	of UAL*	ARC*	Benefit Payments
2014	\$8,570,000	\$14,720,000	\$23,290,000	\$14,970,000
2015	8,930,000	14,880,000	23,810,000	15,720,000
2016	9,310,000	15,010,000	24,320,000	16,510,000
2017	9,690,000	15,120,000	24,810,000	17,330,000
2018	10,070,000	15,200,000	25,270,000	18,200,000

<sup>\*</sup>Assumed Full Prefunding Interest Rate of 7.5%.

Fiscal Year		Amortization		Expected
Ending In	Normal Cost*	of UAL*	ARC*	Benefit Payments
2014	\$18,440,000	\$16,900,000	\$35,340,000	\$14,970,000
2015	18,600,000	18,630,000	37,230,000	15,720,000
2016	18,750,000	20,490,000	39,240,000	16,510,000
2017	18,880,000	22,490,000	41,370,000	17,330,000
2018	18,980,000	24,640,000	43,620,000	18,200,000

<sup>\*</sup>Assumed Pay-As-You-Go Interest Rate of 4.0%.

# **OPEB Pay-As-You-Go Health Insurance**

Fiscal	
<u>Year</u>	OPEB Pay As You Go Budget (1)
2016 (budgeted)	\$14,788,421
2015	12,864,807
2014	14,971,842
2013	15,457,549
2012	15,065,700
2011	20,173,835

<sup>(1)</sup> Decrease in recent years is attributable to the City's transition to lesser group insurance cost providers.

The source of all of the above tabular information is from the reports of the City's actuaries.

#### STATUS OF UNION CONTRACTS

The City employs approximately 4,500 full-time and part-time workers, 3,414 of whom are employed at the school department, 207 at the police department, 191 at the fire department, 115 at the public works department and the balance of 219 persons in various other departments of the City. City employees (other than managerial and confidential employees) are entitled to join unions and to bargain collectively on questions of wages, hours and other terms and conditions of employment. Approximately 3,831 City employees are represented by unions including employees of the school, police, fire, public works and various other departments. The following are the bargaining units for City employees:

Union	Expiration Date (1)	Approximate Number of Employees
City:		
Brockton Association of Engineers, Technicians and Inspectors	6/30/2019	21
Brockton Building and Construction Trades Council	6/30/2019	8
Brockton City Employees Union	6/30/2019	48
Brockton City Hall Administrative Services Association	6/30/2019	63
Brockton Departments Heads' Association - SEIU Local #8888	6/30/2019	13
Brockton Laborers' Local #1162	6/30/2019	62
Brockton Laborers' Local #1162 - Water/Sewer	6/30/2019	47
Brockton Police Association	6/30/2016	147
Brockton Police Supervisors' Union	6/30/2016	39
Brockton Public Library Association - Full Time	6/30/2019	16
Brockton Public Library Association - Part Time	6/30/2019	16
Fire - Local #144	6/30/2016	188
School:		
Brockton Education Association	6/30/2018	1,351
Brockton School Custodians' Association	6/30/2018	126
Independent Brockton Admin. Assistants & Technical Employee Assoc - IBAA & TEA	6/30/2019	103
International Brotherhood of Police Officers Local 566	6/30/2018	9
Brockton Food Service SEIU, Local 888	6/30/2019	175
Brockton Education Paraprofessional Association	6/30/2019	359
Principals & Associate Principals	6/30/2017	26
Central Office Administration	6/30/2017	23
Monitor Teacher Assistants	6/30/2019	130
Non-Union	6/30/2017	806
School Year Non-Union	6/30/2017	33
School Lunch Aides	6/30/2017	22
Total:		3,831

<sup>(1)</sup> Renewal contracts for expired contracts are currently in negotiations.

#### LITIGATION

At present there are various cases pending in various courts throughout the Commonwealth where the City of Brockton is a defendant. In the opinion of the City Solicitor for the City of Brockton, none of the pending litigation is likely to result, either individually or in the aggregate, in final judgments against the City that would materially affect its financial position except as set forth below.

In the case of Russell Lopes v. City of Brockton, the Superior Court found against the City in an employment discrimination case. A jury verdict awarded the plaintiff \$4.0 million, together with interest on certain individual aspects of the case, resulting in a potential liability of between \$4.7 and \$5.0 million. An appeal has been filed and the City expects to vigorously pursue the matter. If the City's appeal is unsuccessful, the General Laws permit the borrowing of funds to pay the judgement. The repayment term of any such borrowing would be subject to the approval of the Commonwealth's Municipal Finance Oversight Board, after taking into consideration the ability of the city to provide other essential public services and pay, when due, the principal and interest on its debts and such other factors as the board may deem necessary or advisable.

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CITY OF BROCKTON, MASSACHUSETTS /s/ Mr. Martin Brophy, Treasurer

June 7, 2017

Basic Financial Statements, Required Supplementary Information and Additional Information

June 30, 2016

(With Independent Auditors' Report Thereon)

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To the Honorable Mayor and City Council City of Brockton, Massachusetts

# **Report on the Financial Statements**

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the City of Brockton, Massachusetts (the City), as of and for the year ended June 30, 2016 (except for the Brockton Contributory Retirement System, which is as of and for the year ended December 31, 2015), and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the City's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

# Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

## Auditor's Responsibility

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

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

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



## **Opinions**

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the City as of June 30, 2016 (except for the Brockton Contributory Retirement System, which is as of and for the year ended December 31, 2015), and the respective changes in financial position and, where applicable, cash flows thereof for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

## **Emphasis of Matter**

As discussed in Note 16 to the financial statements, the City has restated its 2015 governmental activities, business-type activities and enterprise funds' beginning net position for the correction of an error. The restatement is due to an error in the actuarial calculation of the 2015 total pension liability. Our opinion is not modified with respect to this matter.

## Other Matters

## Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis (located on pages 4 through 21) and budgetary comparison of the General Fund and certain pension and other post-employment benefits information (located on pages 75 through 80) be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

## Other Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the City's financial statements. The water and sewer enterprise funds' budget to actual schedules (additional information) are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements. The additional information is the responsibility of management and were derived from and relate directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the additional information is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

## Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated March 29, 2017 on our consideration of the City's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is 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* in considering the City's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

CliftonLarsonAllen LLP

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Boston, Massachusetts March 29, 2017

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As management of the City of Brockton (the City), 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 June 30, 2016.

Brockton is a City located in Plymouth County, 20 miles southwest of Boston. The City has a population of approximately 93,810 (2010 federal census) and occupies a land area of 21.4 square miles. Brockton is the population center of a primary metropolitan statistical area of approximately 170,000 persons. Government is by an elected mayor and 11-member City council.

The City provides general governmental services for the territory within its boundaries, including police and fire protection, public education, water and sewer maintenance, trash disposal and parks and recreational facilities. Residential trash disposal and operation of the water filtration and wastewater treatment plant facilities are contracted out to private parties.

## **Financial Highlights**

The liabilities and deferred inflows of the City exceeded its assets and deferred outflows at the close of fiscal year 2016 by approximately \$132.4 million (net position).

- The City's total net position decreased in fiscal year 2016 by approximately \$25.0 million, or 24.7%. This is primarily due to the recognition of increases in the other post-employment benefit (OPEB) liability and net pension liability.
- At the end of fiscal year 2016, unassigned fund balance for the general fund was approximately \$22.3 million, or 6.1%, of total general fund expenditures.
- The City's total bonded debt decreased by approximately \$12.7 million during fiscal year 2016. This decrease was due to scheduled debt repayments exceeding new debt issuances.

## **Overview of the Financial Statements**

Our discussion and analysis of the City 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. This analysis also contains other required supplementary information and additional information in addition to the basic financial statements themselves.

**Government-Wide Financial Statements** – The government-wide financial statements are designed to provide readers with a broad overview of the City's finances, in a manner similar to private-sector business.

The statement of net position presents information on all of the City's assets, deferred outflows of resources, liabilities and deferred inflows of resources with the difference reported as net position. Over time, increases or decreases in net position may serve as a useful indicator of whether the financial position of the City is improving or deteriorating.

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The statement of activities presents information showing how the City's net position changed during the most recent fiscal year. All changes in net position are reported as soon as 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 result in cash flows in future fiscal periods (e.g., uncollected taxes and earned but unused sick and vacation time).

Both of the government-wide financial statements distinguish functions of the City that are principally supported by taxes and intergovernmental revenues (governmental activities) from other 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 administration, public safety, education, public works, human services, and cultural development. The business-type activities of the City include water and sewer systems and recreational, refuse and renewable energy 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 of the funds of the City can be divided into three categories: governmental funds, proprietary funds, and fiduciary 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 near-term inflows and outflows 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 fund balance sheet and the governmental fund statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balance provide a reconciliation to facilitate this comparison between governmental funds and governmental activities.

The City maintains 40 governmental funds. Information is presented separately in the governmental fund balance sheet and in the governmental fund statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balance for the general fund, which is the City's major governmental fund. Data from the other nonmajor governmental funds are combined into a single, aggregated presentation.

**Proprietary Funds** – Enterprise funds (one type of proprietary fund) are used to report the same functions presented as business-type activities in the government-wide financial statements. The City uses enterprise funds to account for its water and sewer systems and its refuse, recreational and renewable energy activities.

Proprietary funds provide the same type of information as the government-wide financial statements, only in more detail. The proprietary fund financial statements provide separate information for the water and sewer systems, both of which are considered to be major funds of the City. Refuse, recreational and renewable energy activities are combined into a single nonmajor fund.

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**Fiduciary Funds** – Fiduciary funds are used to account for resources held for the benefit of parties outside the government. Fiduciary funds are not reflected in the government-wide financial statements because the resources of those funds are not available to support the City's own programs. The accounting used for fiduciary funds is much like that used for proprietary funds.

Fiduciary fund reporting focuses on net position and changes in net position. The fiduciary fund category is split into two classifications: a pension trust fund and agency funds. Agency funds are custodial in nature (assets equal liabilities) and do not involve measurement of results of operations. The City's agency fund accounts for police and fire off-duty details, as well as the school lunch program's meals tax.

The City is the trustee, or fiduciary, for its employees' pension plan. The City's fiduciary activities are reported in a separate statement of fiduciary net position and a statement of changes in fiduciary net position. These activities are excluded from the City's government-wide financial statements because the City cannot use these assets to finance its operations.

**Notes to Basic 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.

**Required Supplementary and Additional Information** – In addition to the basic financial statements and accompanying notes, these financial statements also present certain required supplementary information (RSI).

The City adopts an annual appropriated budget for the general fund and for its enterprise funds. A budgetary comparison schedule has been provided for the general fund as RSI to demonstrate compliance with this budget. Also provided as RSI is the information concerning the pension fund and progress in funding its obligation to provide post-employment health benefits to its employees.

The City has also included the budget to actual results of its water and sewer enterprise funds as additional information.

## **Government-Wide Financial Analysis**

As noted earlier, net position may serve over time as a useful indicator of a government's financial position. In the case of the City, liabilities and deferred inflows exceeded assets and deferred outflows by approximately \$132.4 million at the close of the most recent fiscal year.

A significant portion of the City's net position reflects its investment in capital assets, less any related debt used to acquire those assets that is still outstanding. This amount decreased by approximately \$1.2 million, or .7% from the prior fiscal year. The City uses these capital assets to provide services to citizens; consequently, these assets are not available for future spending. Although the City's investment in its capital assets is reported net of related debt, it should be noted that the resources needed to repay this debt are generally provided from other sources, since the capital assets themselves typically are not used to liquidate these liabilities.

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An additional portion of the City's net position, \$45.0 million, represents resources that are subject to external restrictions on how they may be used. The remaining balance of a negative \$427.2 million represents an unrestricted net deficit.

# **Condensed Statements of Net Position** (In thousands)

		Governmental Activities		Business-type	e activities	Total		
	_	2016	2015*	2016	2015*	2016	2015*	
Current and Other Assets Capital Assets	\$ _	154,598 189,709	144,803 188,891	46,370 177,266	43,364 180,567	200,968 366,975	188,167 369,458	
Total Assets	\$_	344,307	333,694	223,636	223,931	567,943	557,625	
Deferred Outflows of Resources	\$_	50,251	22,407	4,725	2,162	54,976	24,569	
Long-Term Debt Outstanding Other Liabilities	\$	112,741 512,878	120,151 439,146	86,674 42,392	91,982 38,365	199,415 555,270	212,133 477,511	
Total Liabilities	\$	625,619	559,297	129,066	130,347	754,685	689,644	
Deferred Inflows of Resources	\$_	591		55		646		
Net Position: Invested in Capital Assets Restricted	\$	158,611 44,990	159,815 37,058	91,190	89,030	249,801 44,990	248,845 37,058	
Unrestricted	_	(435,253)	(400,069)	8,050	6,716	(427,203)	(393,353)	
Total Net Position	\$	(231,652)	(203,196)	99,240	95,746	(132,412)	(107,450)	

<sup>\*</sup>As restated. See Note 16.

## **Total Net Position**

The City's total net position decreased in fiscal year 2016 by approximately \$25.0 million, or 24.7%. This is primarily due to the increase of \$25.5 million in the other post-employment benefit (OPEB) liability, and increase of \$13.8 million in the net pension liability, offset by increases in operating revenues.

## Governmental Activities - Assets

For governmental activities, current and other assets increased \$9.8 million, coupled with an increase in capital assets of \$800 thousand, resulting in an increase in total assets of \$10.6 million. The majority of the increase in current and other assets was the as a result of an increase in cash. The increase in the capital assets was the result of capital additions exceeding depreciation during fiscal year 2016.

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## Governmental Activities – Liabilities

Governmental activities liabilities increased by \$72.8 million. There was an increase of \$79.7 million in other liabilities and a \$7.4 million decrease in long-term debt outstanding. The increase in other liabilities was primarily due to the recognition of a \$25.5 million increase of the OPEB liability as well as the \$47.0 million increase of the Net Pension Liability and accrual of \$4.7 million for legal claims, while the decrease in long-term debt outstanding was due to scheduled debt repayments were larger than increases in debt service due to new debt financing.

The City's 2016 OPEB annual required contribution (ARC) was \$42.2 million. Interest on the net OPEB obligation and adjustments to the ARC totaled \$1.0 million. Contributions against the ARC on a pay-as-you-go basis totaled \$14.8 million resulting in an increase in the government-wide net OPEB obligation of \$26.4 million. While the City's net OPEB obligation is \$255.7 million as of June 30, 2016, the City's entire net OPEB obligation, which is estimated at \$495.5 million as of June 30, 2016, the date of the City's most recent actuarial valuation, will be required to be recorded in its entirety in fiscal year 2018.

## Business Type Activities - Assets

Current and other assets increased by \$3.0 million, while capital assets decreased by \$3.3 million and total assets decreased by \$300 thousand. The increase in current and other assets was due primarily as a result of an increase in customer receivables. The decrease in capital assets of \$3.3 million is due to depreciation totaling more than the City's continued investment in capital spending that has been funded with borrowings from the Massachusetts Clean Water Trust (MCWT). In 2016, additions to business type activities capital assets totaled \$3.6 million, which is reflected in construction in progress, buildings, machinery and equipment and infrastructure. The work, when completed, will have improved the processing capability and increased the throughput capacity of the plants. The depreciation expense for all business type activities totaled \$6.9 million.

## Business Type Activities – Liabilities

Business type activities liabilities decreased by \$700 thousand. There was an increase of \$4.6 million in other liabilities and a decrease of \$5.3 million in long-term debt outstanding. The increase was primarily due to the increase of the OPEB liability as well as the Net Pension Liability. The decrease of the long-term debt was the result of yearly required debt service payments exceeding new issuances.

## Governmental Activities - Statement of Activities

Gross expenses for governmental activities were \$452.1 million for fiscal year 2016. This reflected an increase of \$32.0 million, or 7.6%. The majority of the increase relates to the recognition of on-behalf payments from the Massachusetts Teachers Retirement System (MTRS) of approximately \$9.8 million, an increase of \$25.5 million in the other post-employment benefit (OPEB) liability, and an increase of \$13.8 million in the net pension liability.

Total general revenues for governmental activities of \$159.3 million offset total net expenses of \$187.0 million. Major ongoing revenue contributors were the net property tax at \$124.7 million, an increase of \$5.9 million. The remaining categories in total increased by \$2.4 million, excise taxes at \$9.1 million, an increase of \$1.0 thousand,

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intergovernmental at \$21.7 million, an increase of \$1.0 million and other totaling \$ 3.6 million, an increase of \$400 thousand.

In assessing the City's revenue adequacy to finance governmental activities, it is important to acknowledge the criticality of payments from outside agencies, especially from state and federal programs. Total revenues, excluding transfers, for governmental activities were \$423.5 million. Of this total almost \$264.4 million, or 62.4%, is from operating and capital grants contributions as well as charges for services, which is mainly from state and federal aid. Further, the City received \$21.7 million in intergovernmental aid which is classified as general revenue. An additional 29.4% of the total is derived from the City's property tax. The severe constraints on the City's revenue flexibility to pay for governmental activities is demonstrated by the fact that almost 92% of its revenues are obtained from either intergovernmental sources over which the City has no control, or from the property tax, a source whose growth is limited by state law.

A statewide tax limitation statute known as "Proposition 2½" limits the property tax levy to an amount equal to 2½% of the fair market assessed value of all taxable property in the City. This limit is called the levy ceiling. A secondary limitation is that no levy in a fiscal year may exceed the preceding year's allowable tax levy by more than 2½%, plus taxes levied on certain property newly added to the tax rolls. This restriction is called the levy limit. The levy limit can be overridden by a citywide referendum vote, but the levy ceiling is an absolute limit.

For fiscal year 2016, the City levied a total of \$124.5 million in gross real estate property taxes against an aggregate fair market assessed value of \$6.1 billion. This levy left only a small amount in unused levy capacity without the approval of the voters. However, the levy comprised only 2.0% of the City's aggregate assessed value. With voter approval, the City could levy an additional \$25.6 million and still remain under the levy ceiling. Accordingly, the taxing capacity exists to substantially improve the City's revenues for financing governmental activities, but converting this potential capacity to real revenues would require voter approval.

## Business Type Activities – Statement of Activities

The business-type activities increased the City's net position by approximately \$3.5 million, or 3.6%.

The water fund incurred a \$1.0 million decrease; the sewer fund contributed a \$4.5 million increase, while the net position for the combination of the nonmajor recreation, refuse and renewable energy funds decreased \$2 thousand. The non major refuse fund is self-sufficient. The non major recreation and renewable energy funds require a transfer of general fund revenues to support its programs. Most of the recreation fund's revenues derive from the golf course, but those revenues are not sufficient to pay for both the golf course operations and other park and recreation programs. For this reason, a transfer of other revenues is required. The Solar Energy facility generates and sells electricity.

The operations of the water fund and sewer fund are self-sufficient. The water and sewer funds are designed to recover the costs of operations of those funds. In the water fund the operating loss totaled \$610 thousand. In the sewer fund the operating income totaled \$6.9 million. In the water and sewer funds, cash flow from operations of \$644 thousand \$9.6 million, respectively. In both of these funds a major upgrade to the wastewater and water treatment plants is ongoing and required a major contribution of resources to finance both the construction itself and the impact of construction in increased plant operating costs.

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## **Condensed Statement of Changes in Net Position**

(In thousands)

	<b>Governmental Activities</b>		Business-Type		Total		
• -	2016	2015	2016	2015	2016	2015	
Revenues:							
Program Revenues:							
Charge for Services \$	16,415	14,961	46,726	43,979	63,141	58,940	
Operating Grants	241,992	229,297	995	1.095	242,987	230,392	
Capital Grants	5,948	5,533	_	2,079	5,948	7,612	
General Revenues:							
Property Taxes	124,724	118,831	_	_	124,724	118,831	
Excise Taxes	9,113	8,079	_	_	9,113	8,079	
Intergovernmental	21,725	20,689	_	_	21,725	20,689	
Other	3,626	3,255		<u> </u>	3,626	3,255	
Total Revenues	423,543	400,645	47,721	47,153	471,264	447,798	
Expenses:							
General Government	26,301	27,701		_	26,301	27,701	
Public Safety	73,010	64,777	_	_	73,010	64,777	
Education	311,721	291,903	_	_	311,721	291,903	
Public Works	12,769	14,104	_	_	12,769	14,104	
Human Services	4,141	3,937	_	_	4,141	3,937	
Culture and Recreation	4,022	3,400	_	_	4,022	3,400	
State and County Assessments	8,610	7,649	_	_	8,610	7,649	
Court Judgments	5,682	59	_	_	5,682	59	
Interest on Long-Term Debt	5,850	6,678	_	_	5,850	6,678	
Enterprise Accounts:							
Water	_	_	17,978	16,640	17,978	16,640	
Sewer	_	_	15,531	16,814	15,531	16,814	
Other			10,613	9,264	10,613	9,264	
Total Expenses	452,106	420,208	44,122	42,718	496,228	462,926	
Excess (Deficiency)							
before Transfers	(28,563)	(19,563)	3,599	4,435	(24,964)	(15,128)	
Transfers	105	(2,339)	(105)	2,339	<u> </u>		
Total Transfers	105	(2,339)	(105)	2,339			
Change in Net Position	(28,458)	(21,902)	3,494	6,774	(24,964)	(15,128)	
Net Position – Beginning of Year - Restated	(203,195)	(175,369)	95,746	89,531	(107,449)	(85,838)	
Net Position – End of Year \$	(231,653)	(197,271)	99,240	96,305	(132,413)	(100,966)	

# Financial Analysis of the City's Governmental Funds

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

**Governmental Funds** – The focus of the City's 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, unassigned fund balance may serve as a useful measure of a government's net resources available for spending at the end of the fiscal year.

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As of the end of the fiscal year 2016, the City's governmental funds reported combined fund balances of approximately \$96.3 million, an increase of approximately \$10.0 million, or an increase of 11.6%, in comparison with the prior year. The general fund balance increased by \$9.8 million, from \$64.7 million to \$74.5 million; and the combined fund balances for all the other governmental funds increased by \$200 thousand, from \$21.6 million to \$21.8 million.

In assessing these balances, it is important to note that the "Balance Sheet – Governmental Funds" does not include capital assets or bonded indebtedness. Please refer to the "Reconciliation of the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances of Governmental Funds to the Statement of Activities" and the "Reconciliation of the Governmental Funds Balance Sheet to the Statement of Net Position." These reconciliations will demonstrate that essentially the City's increase in fund balances of \$10.0 million, compared to its decrease in net position of \$28.5 million, a difference of \$38.5 million, is explained largely by the following factors:

- 1. \$2.2 million the negative effect of revenue accruals.
- 2. \$.8 million the positive effect of the amount by which capital asset additions exceeded depreciation expense.
- 3. \$44.5 million the negative effect of increases in other liabilities, primarily OPEB and net pension liability, which did not require the use of current resources.
- 4. \$396 thousand the negative effect of the amount by which the amortization of deferred losses on refunding and bond issue costs exceeds bond premiums.
- 5. \$13.1 million the positive effect of the amount by which the repayment of bond principal are expenditures in the governmental funds but reduce long-term liabilities in the statement of net position.
- 6. \$5.3 million the negative effect of the amount related to issuance of bonds .

Of the total of ending fund balances of \$96.3 million, \$13.3 million constitutes "nonspendable" fund balance, which is not available for spending by the City because this fund balance amount cannot be spent because they are either not in spendable form or they are legally or contractually required to remain intact. \$38.2 million constitutes restricted fund balance, which are amounts the use of which is subject to constraints imposed by external parties, including creditors, grantors, and laws and regulations of other governments, or imposed by City Charter or enabling legislation. \$18.9 million constitutes "committed to" fund balance, amounts that can only be used for specific purposes pursuant to constraints imposed by formal action of the government's highest level of decision-making authority. For the City, this formal action takes the form of City Council action and approval by the Mayor. \$6.9 million constitutes "assigned to" fund balance, amounts that are constrained by the City's intent for use for specific purposes, but are considered neither restricted nor committed. \$19.0 million constitutes "unassigned" fund balance, amounts in the general fund that are not otherwise constrained for a specific purpose more narrow than the general operations of the City.

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## For General Fund Balance:

Fund balance is a term commonly used to describe the net position of a governmental fund (the value of assets after deducting liabilities) and serves as a measure of financial resources.

**Nonspendable fund balance**: This category represents constraints on how amounts can be spent. These are the amounts that are not in a spendable form (such as inventory, prepaids, or a long term portion of loans receivable, or resources cannot be spent because they are legally or contractually required to be maintained intact (such as the corpus of an endowment fund).

The total fund balance of \$6.6 million consists of the following:

The FY 2016 General Fund Non-spendable fund balance represents the Note Receivable from the Brockton 21st Century Corporation pursuant to an agreement further described in footnote (3) Receivables – (b) Note Receivable in the amount of \$6.6 million. This note receivable is not yet available for spending. The receivable cannot be used for current or future operations.

**Restricted fund balance:** This category represents the amounts constrained to a "specific" purpose. The restrictions would be either 1) externally imposed by creditors (such as through debt covenants), grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments, or 2) imposed by law through constitutional provisions, City Charter or enabling legislation. Some limitations are externally enforceable and lie beyond the power of the government to change unilaterally.

The total fund balance of \$22.2 million consists of the following:

The FY 2016 General Fund Restricted Fund balance represents the Health Insurance Trust fund in the amount of \$16.1 million. This amount consists of the Health Insurance Trust Fund balance of \$9.8 million and the amount for the FY 2016 Blue Cross and Blue Shield amount held on deposit to pay claims totaling \$6.3 million. The City of Brockton is self-insured. This Health Insurance Trust Fund is restricted to the payment of health insurance claims by the enabling legislation, as well as for administrative fees to insurers and for the administrative costs in the personnel department for benefit management. The City establishes reserves for claims/events that have transpired, but have not yet been reported to the insurance companies (Incurred but not Reported).

The FY 2016 General Fund Restricted Fund Balance in the amount of \$5.9 million. This amount represents the Chapter 324 Supplemental Reserve. The purpose of the Supplemental Reserve is to ensure fiscal stability as required by Chapter 324 of the Acts of 1990. The value of the reserve at least or equal to 1.5% of the "Gross Amount Raised" as reported to the state on the prior year property tax approval filing. This reserve may only be used for unforeseen and extraordinary expenditures.

**Committed fund balance:** This category represents amounts that are constrained to specific purposes by a government itself, using its highest level of decision-making authority. The committed amounts cannot be used for any other purpose unless the government takes the same highest-level action to remove or change the constraint. For the City, this formal action takes the form of City Council action and approval by the Mayor.

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The total fund balance of \$16.5 million consists of the following:

The fund balance includes the Certified Free Cash in the amount \$14.7 million appropriated for the use in the FY 2017 budget. Not infrequently, governments balance their budget by appropriating a portion of existing fund balance to bridge the gap between appropriations and estimated revenues.

Certified Free cash is a term used in Massachusetts to describe the amount of fund balance which is calculated by the state from the balance sheet and certified as being available for appropriation for any legal purpose. It is an unrestricted available fund that indicates positive operating results in relation to the budget. A community's free cash is the amount of unrestricted funds available from the previous fiscal year's general fund operations that can be appropriated upon certification by the Director of Accounts.

Free cash is derived from year-end receipts in excess of estimates and appropriation turn-backs (revenue and expenditures for the year just ended). It is reduced by illegal deficits, overdrawn grant accounts and deficits in other funds. Free cash is generated when actual operations of the fiscal year compare favorably with budgeted revenues and expenditures. It results when actual revenue collections exceed the estimates used for budgeting and actual expenditures and encumbrances (committed funds not yet expended) are less than appropriations. A community will improve its free cash position through prudent financial planning and development of sound financial policies. It can increase free cash by conservatively estimating local receipts and aggressively pursuing the collection of receivables. Consistent generation of positive free cash usually signals sound financial management. Free cash is generated when the actual operations of the fiscal year compare favorably with the budget. Simply put, it results when revenue collections are greater than estimated receipts, and expenditures and encumbrances (committed funds not yet expended) are less than appropriations.

The term committed fund balance will be used to describe the portion of fund balance that represents resources whose use is constrained by limitations that the government imposes upon itself at its highest level of decision making (normally the governing body) and that remain binding unless removed in the same manner. The underlying action that imposed the limitation would need to occur no later than the close of the reporting period.

The fund balance also includes the Fund Balance Reserve – for Overlay in the amount \$1.8 million. It is a common practice for governments to balance their budget by appropriating a portion of their existing fund balance to bridge the gap between appropriations and estimated revenues. When it is determined that there is an excess balance in the overlay account, the Board of Assessors formally vote in an open meeting to certify the amount of the excess overlay and transfer it to overlay surplus and notify the Mayor and the CFO in writing of their vote. In addition, if the Mayor makes a written request for a determination of overlay surplus, the Board of Assessors vote on the request within 10 days and notify the Mayor of the result in writing. After being certified, the Mayor may request City Council to appropriate overlay surplus for any lawful purpose until the end of the fiscal year. The appropriation is utilized pursuant to the City's Forecasting policy (re: treatment of one-time revenues) and its Financial Reserves policy (re: overlay surplus). Overlay surplus not appropriated by year-end closes to the general fund's undesignated fund balance. In addition, the fund balance Reserve – Overlay of \$1.8 million has been appropriated for the subsequent year's expenditures.

Assigned fund balance: This category represents amounts that a government intends to use for a specific purpose; intent can be expressed by the governing body or by an official or body to which the governing body

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delegates the authority. The assigned fund balance category will cover the portion of fund balance that reflects a government's intended use of resources. Such intent would have to be established at either the highest level of decision making, or by a body (e.g., finance committee) or an official designated for that purpose.

The total fund balance of \$6.9 million consists of the following:

The FY 2016 General Fund Assigned Fund Balance amount represents year-end encumbrances in the amount of \$6.9 million for the general fund departments. Encumbrances are committed funds that are not yet expended. Encumbrances are budgetary amounts that are reserved in the next budget year for on-going projects.

**Unassigned fund balance:** This category represents amounts that are available for any purpose; these amounts are reported only in the general fund. Amounts in the general fund that is not otherwise constrained for a specific purpose.

Of course, the general fund, as the principal operating fund of a government may have net resources in excess of what is properly categorized in one of the four categories just already described. If so, the surplus will be presented as unassigned fund balance. A positive amount of unassigned fund balance, however, will never be reported in a governmental fund other than the general fund, because GASB Statement No. 54 prohibits reporting resources in another fund unless they are at least assigned to the purpose of that fund. All the same, funds other than the general fund could report a negative amount of unassigned fund balance should the total of nonspendable fund balance, restricted fund balance, and committed fund balance exceed the total net resources of the fund.

The total fund balance of \$22.3 million consists of the following:

This grouping includes the City's Stabilization fund in the amount of \$3.1 million and the City's undesignated fund balance in the amount of \$19.2 million.

Governments often establish "rainy day funds" or "contingency funds" to provide a financial cushion against unanticipated adverse financial or economic circumstances. The appropriate classification of such resources within fund balance depends on the specific nature of the arrangement. Stabilization funds may be created to save monies and minimize borrowing for capital projects, or other lawful spending purposes.

The City maintains a stabilization account in accordance with MGL Chapter 40 Section 5B that is reported as unassigned fund balance in the general fund. The City may appropriate in any year an amount not exceeding 10% of the amount raised in the preceding fiscal year from real and personal property taxes, or a larger amount as approved by the Department of Revenue. Further, the stabilization account may not exceed 10% of the City's equalized valuation as defined in MGL Chapter 44 Section 1. Funds can be appropriated from by a 2/3 vote, but may be appropriated to a majority vote.

The total fund balance of \$19.2 million consists of the following:

This grouping includes the City's accumulated surplus in the amount of \$19.2 million.

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This is the residual category that includes resources whose use is limited, but not for a purpose narrower than the purpose of the fund. It represents the remaining surplus of net resources after funds have been identified in the four categories above. Under GASB Statement No. 54, there is no requirement that a limitation be narrower than the purpose of the fund. This residual amount would be the source of the next years free cash amount. This government balances its budget by appropriating a portion of existing fund balance to bridge the gap between appropriations and estimated revenues. Free cash is an unrestricted available fund that indicates positive operating results in relation to the budget. This amount would represent the positive operating results used for the next year's budget to bridge the gap between appropriations and estimated revenues.

The general fund is the chief operating fund of the City. Total fund balance was approximately \$74.5 million, an increase of \$9.8 million. This increase in fund balance was largely driven by a deficiency of revenues and other financing sources over expenditures and other financing uses.

As a measure of the general fund's liquidity, it may be useful to compare both unassigned fund balance and total fund balance to total fund expenditures. Unassigned fund balance represents 6.1% of total general fund expenditures, while total fund balance represents 20.2% of that same amount.

The City's liquidity has declined somewhat since fiscal year 2003. This recent trend toward declining balances, especially for the stabilization and unassigned categories, has occurred because revenues have not grown to compensate for certain heavy cost pressures, especially from health and pension benefits. Accordingly, the City has drawn down reserves in order to maintain services.

## **Proprietary Funds**

The City's proprietary funds provide the same type of information found in the business-type activities financial statements, but in more detail.

The net position of the proprietary funds at the end of the current fiscal year totaled approximately \$99.2 million. Changes in net position of the proprietary funds at the end of the current fiscal year totaled an increase of approximately \$3.5 million, or 3.6%.

The Proprietary Funds of the City are comprised of five (5) enterprise funds: water, sewer, recreation, refuse, and renewable energy. The results for the water and sewer funds are reported separately; the results for the recreation, refuse, and renewable energy funds are combined. The water, sewer, and refuse enterprise funds have long been self-sufficient financially. The nonmajor recreation fund, which includes a golf course, has never been self-sufficient. The operation of the golf course creates a modest surplus, but a substantial subsidy from the general fund is required to support the full range of recreation programs. The nonmajor renewable energy fund is also not self-sufficient. The operation of the renewable energy fund creates a surplus, but a subsidy from the general fund is required to support the renewable energy fund cost of debt service.

For the water fund, the fiscal year 2016 operating loss was \$610 thousand, or approximately 3% of operating revenues. Nonoperating revenues (expenses) and transfers essentially netted to a negative \$399 thousand, and so net position decreased by \$1.0 million. Cash flow from operations was \$644 thousand.

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For the sewer fund, operating income was \$6.9 million, or 32.8% of operating revenues. However, nonoperating expenses and transfers decreased net position by \$2.4 million and so net position increased by \$4.5 million. The strong operating income was driven by an increase in sewer rates which is meant to recover future costs, which resulted in a strong operating income in fiscal year 2016. Cash flow from operations was \$9.6 million.

For the combined results of the other enterprise funds, the value of net position decreased by \$2 thousand or less than 1%. The operating loss for combined other enterprise funds was \$1.7 million in fiscal year 2016 or 18.5% of operating revenues. With the benefit of net transfers in (general fund subsidy) and the nonoperating revenue of \$1.7 million, the operating loss of \$1.7 million became a \$2 thousand decrease in net position.

## **Budgetary Highlights**

In fiscal year 2016, the original budget called for \$348.1 million in spending. Of this amount \$176.5 million was for Education spending, \$47.2 million was for Public Safety spending, \$69.6 million was for Fringe Benefit spending and \$54.8 million for all other categories.

Resources totaled \$335.2 million, creating a planned deficit of approximately \$12.8 million. Offsetting this deficit was a contribution from "Free Cash" of \$13.1 million. The remaining total of approximately \$318 thousand was applied to Other Available Funds.

In the final budget, a total of \$349.1 million in spending was authorized, an increase of \$1.0 million. The budgets that made up this amount included the following: the general government budget decreased by \$2.8, million; the public safety budget decreased by \$190 thousand, the Education budget decreased by \$261 thousand, the capital budget increased by \$587 thousand; the fringe benefit budget increased by \$3.0 million, and the court judgement budget increased by \$600 thousand.

On an actual basis, resources were higher than the final budget by \$10.6 million. The majority of revenue categories resulted in a positive variance with the exceptions of Fines and Transfers In revenue. The City's revenue estimates normally are conservative and actual results typically exceed budget by 1.5% to 2.0%. For fiscal year 2016, the positive variance was largely driven by the Real and Personal property taxes collections, Motor Vehicle Excise Taxes, Fees revenue collection activities, Licenses and Permits revenues collection activities, User charges and other revenue. The Real and Personal Property revenue increased as a result of an increase in the City collection activity. The Excise Taxes revenue increased as a result of an increase in the City collection activity. The Fees category increased as a result of the City receiving the yearly fee for the local cable franchise. The Licenses and Permit revenue increased as a result of an increase in the City departments licenses and permits fees activity.

On the expenditure side, a favorable variance of \$4.9 million was achieved. The City has typically achieved 1% to 2% positive variance on spending. For fiscal year 2016, this positive variance was driven by actual budgetary expenditures less than budgeted expenditures in the general government, public safety, public works, and pension and fringe benefits. The reasons for the positive variances in the general government, public safety, public works and pension and fringe was due to conservative budgeting in these line items.

As a result of the revenue and expenditure positive variances, the City's fiscal year 2016 general fund operations estimated to create free cash of approximately \$14.0 million to be used in the FY 2017 budget.

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## **Capital Assets and Debt Administration**

Capital Assets – The City's investment in capital assets for its governmental and business-type activities as of June 30, 2016 amounted to approximately \$367 million (net of accumulated depreciation). This investment in capital assets includes land, land improvements, construction-in-progress, buildings, machinery and equipment, infrastructure, and historical works of art. The total decrease in the City's investment in capital assets of \$2.5 million for fiscal year 2016 represented a decrease of approximately 1%. Capital assets for governmental activities increased by \$818 thousand, or less than 1%, while capital assets for business-type activities decreased by \$3.3 million, or 1.8%. The decrease in capital assets for business-type activities was primarily caused by the depreciation exceeding capital asset additions. The increase in capital assets for governmental activities is the result of capital asset additions exceeding depreciation.

Major capital assets included the following:

# Capital Assets (In thousands)

	Governmen	<b>Governmental Activities</b>		e Activities	Total		
	2016	2015	2016	2015	2016	2015	
Land	\$ 7,411	7,411	3,246	3,246	10,657	10,657	
Construction in Progress	6,196	1,464	6,087	3,875	12,283	5,339	
Historical Works of Art	1,809	1,809	_	_	1,809	1,809	
Buildings	139,663	145,350	127,278	131,486	266,941	276,836	
Land Improvements	7,861	8,068	892	436	8,753	8,504	
Machinery and Equipment	4,513	3,483	7,326	7,832	11,839	11,315	
Infrastructure	22,256	21,306	32,437	33,692	54,693	54,998	
Total	\$ 189,709	188,891	177,266	180,567	366,975	369,458	

Long-Term Debt – At the end of the current fiscal year, the City had total bonded debt outstanding of approximately \$199.4 million. The entire amount is backed by the full faith and credit of the City.

#### (In thousands)

	<b>Governmental Activities</b>		Business-T	ype Activities	Total		
-	2016	2015	2016	2015	2016	2015	
Long-Term Debt, Net of Unamortized Premiums \$	112,741	120,151	86,674	91,982	199,415	212,133	

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The overall net decrease is attributable to the following factors:

The City's bonded debt decreased by approximately \$12.7 million or a decrease of 5.9%. This decrease in long-term debt was the result of scheduled principal payments of \$22.0 million netted against the total issuance of \$7,120,000 of general obligation State Qualified Refunding bonds for Water Land Acquisition \$1,089,800, \$5,137,400 School Construction, \$410,000 Water Mains, \$217,000 School Planning, \$193,200 Sewer Rehab, and \$72,600 Reservoir Improvements. In addition, the city's business type activities issued \$1.7 million for MWPAT permanently financed an interim loan of \$1,704,244 (sewer enterprise fund) with the Massachusetts Clean Water Trust (MCWT) to fund sewer system improvements.

During 2016, the City entered into two interim loan agreements for \$3,513,471 (water enterprise fund) and \$1,401,693 (sewer enterprise fund) with the Massachusetts Clean Water Trust (MCWT) to fund various water and sewer system improvements.

Total long-term debt of the City represents a claim of about 54.3% of the City's total capital assets, and a claim of about 35.3% of the City's total assets. As a percentage of the fair value of taxable property in the City, the long-term debt comprises only3.3%.

The City maintains an "AA" rating from Standard and Poor's.

## **Economic Factors and Next Year's Budgets**

In response to recessions, in FY 2003 and FY 2009 the state made significant reductions in state aid. In the years since the recovery from the recession of 2008/2009, the state has increased its assistance to the city in aid to education, but its inflation growth at about 1% per year has lagged the real rate of inflation experienced by the school system. In addition, in FY 2017 the state changed its formula for providing increased aid for low income students. This change cost the city about \$6 million in aid in that year, and that reduction has continued in the FY 18 budget proposed by the governor. State assistance for purposes other than for education has experienced particularly steep, continuing declines, in both nominal and real terms. For example, unrestricted state aid was nearly \$28.0 million in FY 2008. For FY 2018, the same categories in the governor's budget, at \$22.0 million, would remain \$6.0 below the FY 2008 dollar amount, or 21.4%, even without adjusting for inflation. On an inflation adjusted basis, the decrease is about double that.

During this period, the state has provided municipalities with two new, local option revenue sources: the ability to raise the lodging excise tax from 4% up to 6%, and the ability to add 0.75% to the state meals tax. The City has adopted both measures. Between the two measures the City has realized more than \$1.2 million in on-going, new annual revenues. However, this new revenue falls far short of replacing the loss of funding from unrestricted aid.

Although the property tax levy has provided a predictable, steady source of revenue growth, the state's property taxation law, Proposition 2½, so-called, limits the ability of the property tax to finance the City's budget. The law restricts the annual increase in that levy to 2.5% per year plus the value of taxation on new investment. In order to levy taxes on the increase in market value other than through new investment, the approval of the voters is required. The city's fair market, assessed value for FY 2017 was \$6,688,597,389, an increase of \$584,293,454, or 9.6% over FY 2016. This followed a similar value increase of 11.5 % for the previous year. However, the main result of these increases was to reduce the uniform tax rate, not to increase the levy. That FY

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2017 assessed value would support a maximum levy under the law, with voter approval, at 2.5 % of value, of \$167,214,934. Of this amount, \$132,480,953 may be levied under the law without recourse to the voters. This compares to the actual levy of \$129,575,166.

In this revenue environment, with current cost pressures, in order to maintain services, in the opinion of the Chief Financial Officer, it is important to fully appropriate the allowable property tax levy, to capture to the extent possible the cost of services through imposing user fees, to be judicious in appropriating balance sheet reserves, and to replenish these reserves when possible. However, many taxpayers and residents have been harmed by the recession and its aftermath effects, and concerns for these constituents have been manifested in the emergence of local "low tax" advocacy and in the reluctance of elected officials to levy increases in taxes or impose some needed fee increases. From FY 2015 through FY 2017, the total amount of \$7,834,585 in property taxation allowed to be levied under the law without a voter referendum, in fact was not appropriated. While the benefit of these revenues for each particular year has been foregone, the revenues are not permanently lost; they are available for appropriation in future years. However the benefit of adding these revenues to the city's reserves has been permanently lost. In the opinion of the CFO, this would have been a wise strategy and would have created a badly needed increase to reserves of about \$7.8 million. The FY 2018 budget has not been prepared; it is uncertain whether the full levy will be appropriated.

The City's recreation and renewable energy enterprise funds are partially self-supporting through fees, and two of the utility enterprise funds (sewer, and refuse) are currently fully self-supporting. The water enterprise fund for years was self-supporting. It no longer is self-supporting. No utility fee increases have been adopted by the City Council for several years, even though for the past several years, water fee increases were requested. As a result, the general fund has had to carry some of the water fund's costs, Capital spending has also suffered as a result. As a remedy, the Water Commission requested an increase for FY 2016, this time for 30 % effective for July 1, 2015. Instead, the city council ultimately approved a 10 % increase for January 1, 2016, followed by two additional 10 % increases at the beginning of calendar years 2017 and 2018. The revenue from these increases will improve matters, but will not allow for full need capital budgeting, nor will it allow for full operating self-sufficiency. In FY 2016, the city council did authorize some increases to other departmental fees, licenses, and permits set by ordinance to recover inflation from the decade since the last increase.

The growth rates in these various funding sources have not kept pace with the rates of growth in the cost of the services financed by them. Cost pressures on salaries, employee and retiree benefit, and pensions have continued. In FY 2018, an increase of more than \$4.0 million in pension funding will be required to maintain the funding schedule which will result in full funding of the pension liability by 2033. The city in June, 2013 agreed to consortium bargaining for health insurance benefits for active and retired employees, with new plan designs for the period through June, 2017 which resulted in a shifting of some costs to employees/retirees, mainly through increased co-pays. This somewhat moderated the annual rate of growth of health costs. The city has just extended for four more years that consortium, with a further shifting of costs to employees, this time through the annual deductible, with the expected benefit of continuing to moderate annual increases.

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Modest inflation recovery increases in wages and salaries have also raised expenditure levels. Accordingly, maintaining the same level of services in recent years has resulted in drawing down some of the City's reserves. Favorable budget variances from conservative budgeting have allowed the city to extend this strategy through time, but there obviously is a limit to this approach. Most of the smaller employee unions have now settled through FY 2019, but the public safety unions' contracts have expired, and the education unions are in their final year. Financing the settlements for all of these unions will present a challenge.

Despite recent improvements, unemployment locally remains somewhat high compared to that of the state. The City was also deeply affected by the home mortgage foreclosure crisis. However, the local housing market recently has begun to show signs of price increases. Calendar 2016 represented the fourth straight year of double digit percentage sales price increases for single family homes. For the condominium market, the improvement is real but not as dramatic.

The Trinity Financial Corp. has completed the redevelopment of an entire City block in the downtown area, comprised of mixed use residential housing, commercial space, and parking. The project blends private risk capital, both debt and equity, with public financing, including some City land for parking and a \$4 million state grant for phase I. For Phase II, further state funding as a grant for parking in the amount of \$10 million has been achieved, but it is contingent on securing an added \$2.5 million in city or private equity funding. The specific plans for this portion have not yet been completed. When both phases have been completed, the project will have cost \$100 million, which represents the largest investment in downtown Brockton in memory. Most of the residential apartments already have been leased. A long vacant downtown parcel nearby was developed as a supermarket for nearly \$20 million, also with a tax increment financing agreement. In July 2015, the city council approved a District Improvement Financing District for the downtown area. Plans for this district are in the preliminary stages of development.

However, two major developments hoped to be on the horizon have suffered setbacks. The Mayor reached an agreement with the proponents of a gas fired electric generating plant which, when and if finally permitted and built, would add about \$3.5 million per year in PILOT payments and \$0.5 million per year for purchasing of cooling water. However, the validity of that settlement was challenged by city council in court over the issue of the mayor's authority to grant the cooling water sale. This case is pending. In the meantime, the project ownership was changed, and so the proponents failed to bid on the latest ISO auction. Moreover, the issuance of an air quality permit has been appealed. Those factors required the state's energy facility siting board to temporarily extend the period to begin construction under its award. In addition, a proposed casino which had been approved as required by the voter, failed to receive the necessary license from the Massachusetts Gaming Commission, which expressed concern over the potential impact of an Indian gaming facility just south of Brockton in the city of Taunton.

Finally, a recent jury decision against the city for racial discrimination in hiring imposed a \$4 million award on the city. The city will appeal; however, with interest payments, that award could approach \$5 million. That sum if financed from existing revenues would require very deep expenditure budget reductions. However, if needed, with voter approval, that amount of additional revenue could be obtained at a modest cost of about \$175.00 to the average taxpayer.

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# **Requests for Information**

This information is designed to provide a general overview of the City's finances for all those with an interest in the City's finances. Questions concerning any of the information provided in this document or requests for additional financial information should be addressed to the Finance Department, City Hall, 45 School Street, Brockton, Massachusetts 02301.

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Statement of Net Position
June 30, 2016

	Governmental Activities	Business-Type Activities	Total
Assets:			
Cash and Investments	\$ 111,551,467	19,561,005	131,112,472
Receivables, Net:			
Property Taxes, Liens, and Excise Taxes			
(Net of \$1,168,175 Allowance)	13,180,380	_	13,180,380
Intergovernmental	10,264,553	1,541,034	11,805,587
Customer Receivables	_	24,911,165	24,911,165
Departmental and Other	895,681	356,097	1,251,778
Other Assets	6,443,603	_	6,443,603
Long-Term Note Receivable	6,587,268	_	6,587,268
Long-Term Intergovernmental Receivable	2,900,866	_	2,900,866
Tax Possessions	2,774,418	_	2,774,418
Capital Assets:	15.416.050	0.222.110	24.740.200
Nondepreciable	15,416,278	9,333,110	24,749,388
Depreciable, Net	174,292,855	167,933,107	342,225,962
Total Assets Deferred Outflows of Resources:	344,307,369	223,635,518	567,942,887
Pension	50 107 000	1.696.065	£4 004 0£2
	50,197,888	4,686,965	54,884,853 90,973
Losses on Refundings  Total Deferred Outflows of Resources	52,624	38,349	
Total Assets and Deferred Outflows	50,250,512 394,557,881	4,725,314 228,360,832	54,975,826 622,918,713
Total Assets and Deferred Outriows	394,337,001	228,300,832	022,910,713
Liabilities:			
Warrants and Accounts Payable	9,978,298	2,830,667	12,808,965
Accrued Liabilities:			
Interest	2,195,126	850,437	3,045,563
Payroll and Related Withholdings	15,949,081	114,844	16,063,925
Tax Abatement Refunds	1,821,736	_	1,821,736
Bond Anticipation Notes Payable	6,600,000	_	6,600,000
Noncurrent Liabilities:			
Due Within One Year:			
Compensated Absences, Claims and Judgements	4,854,494	153,062	5,007,556
Bonds, Note and Loans Payable	8,256,412	7,364,031	15,620,443
Due In More Than One Year:	10.212.551	< 200 000	25 (04 451
Compensated Absences, Claims and Judgements	19,313,551	6,290,900	25,604,451
Unearned Revenue	2 474 002	2,645,373	2,645,373
Landfill Closure and Postclosure Care Costs	2,474,093	1,702,000	4,176,093
Bonds, Note and Loans Payable	104,484,740	79,310,153	183,794,893
Net Pension Liability Other Post Employment Benefits	203,025,598 246,665,957	18,785,278 9,019,281	221,810,876 255,685,238
Total Liabilities	625,619,086	129,066,026	754,685,112
Total Elabilities	023,017,000	127,000,020	754,005,112
Deferred Inflows of Resources:			
Pension	591,361	54,716	646,077
Net Position:			
Net Investment in Capital Assets	158,610,605	91,190,075	249,800,680
Restricted for:	130,010,003	71,170,073	247,800,000
Permanent Funds:			
Nonexpendable	6,742,653		6,742,653
Expendable	675,285	_	675,285
Statutory Reserve	5,869,762	_	5,869,762
Health Claims	16,361,693	_	16,361,693
Federal, State and Local Grants	15,090,664	_	15,090,664
Other	250,306	_	250,306
Unrestricted	\$ (435,253,534)	8,050,015	(427,203,519)
Total Net Position	(231,652,566)	99,240,090	(132,412,476)
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Statement of Activities

Year Ended June 30, 2016

			Program Revenues			Net (Expense) Revenue and Changes in Net Position			
Functions/Programs		Expenses	Charges for Services	Operating Grants and Contributions	Capital Grants and Contributions	Governmental Activities	Business-Type Activities	Total	
Governmental Activities:									
General Government	\$	26,300,670	6,206,382	4,260,398	50,000	(15,783,890)	_	(15,783,890)	
Public Safety		73,010,181	2,851,460	2,315,251	_	(67,843,470)	_	(67,843,470)	
Education		281,517,206	6,796,936	203,189,824	2,796,003	(68,734,443)	_	(68,734,443)	
Education - MTRS		30,204,273	<del></del> .	30,204,273			_	<del>_</del>	
Public Works		12,768,645	108,414	75,002	3,101,946	(9,483,283)	_	(9,483,283)	
Human Services		4,141,195	379,759	1,738,902	_	(2,022,534)	_	(2,022,534)	
Culture and Recreation		4,021,478 8,609,894	72,600	208,444	_	(3,740,434) (8,609,894)	_	(3,740,434) (8,609,894)	
State and County Assessments Court Judgments		5,682,175	_	_	_	(5,682,175)	_	(5,682,175)	
Interest on Long-Term Debt		5,849,990	_	_	_	(5,849,990)	_	(5,849,990)	
Total Governmental Activities	-	452,105,707	16,415,551	241,992,094	5,947,949	(187,750,113)		(187,750,113)	
Business-Type Activities:	-	<u> </u>							
Water		17,977,965	16,810,905	266,186	_	_	(900,874)	(900,874)	
Sewer		15,530,551	20,955,079	514,424	_	_	5,938,952	5,938,952	
Other		10,613,552	8,960,449	214,404			(1,438,699)	(1,438,699)	
Total Business-Type Activities		44,122,068	46,726,433	995,014			3,599,379	3,599,379	
Total Primary Government	\$	496,227,775	63,141,984	242,987,108	5,947,949	(187,750,113)	3,599,379	(184,150,734)	
General Revenues: Property Taxes, Levied for General Purposes, Net Excises Payments in Lieu of Taxes Penalties and Interest on Taxes Other Unrestricted Grants and Contributions Investment Income Transfers, Net						\$ 124,723,859 9,112,859 171,813 2,001,211 491,238 21,724,865 962,502 105,049		124,723,859 9,112,859 171,813 2,001,211 491,238 21,724,865 962,502	
Total General Revenues and Transfers						159,293,396	(105,049)	159,188,347	
Change in Net Position						(28,456,717)	3,494,330	(24,962,387)	
Net Position, Beginning of Year						(197,271,593)	96,305,154	(100,966,439)	
Restatement of Net position (See Note 16)						(5,924,256)	(559,394)	(6,483,650)	
Net Position, End of Year					:	\$ (231,652,566)	99,240,090	(132,412,476)	

Balance Sheet – Governmental Funds June 30, 2016

Assets		General	Other Governmental	Total
Cash and Investments	\$	85,175,713	26,375,754	111,551,467
Receivables, Net: Property Taxes (Net of \$463,238 Allowance) Motor Vehicle Excise (Net of \$704,937 Allowance) Tax Liens Intergovernmental Departmental and Other		7,050,553 2,077,892 4,051,935 3,575,909 9,120		7,050,553 2,077,892 4,051,935 10,264,553 895,681
Total Receivables		16,765,409	7,575,205	24,340,614
Long-Term Note Receivable Long-Term Intergovernmental Receivable Tax Possessions Deposit with Health Claims Agent	_	6,587,268 2,900,866 2,774,418 6,307,800	_ _ _ 	6,587,268 2,900,866 2,774,418 6,307,800
Total Assets	\$	120,511,474	33,950,959	154,462,433
Liabilities, Deferred Inflows of Resources and Fund Balances				
Warrants and Accounts Payable Accrued Liabilities:    Tax Abatement Refunds    Payroll and Related Withholdings Health Claims Payable Bond Anticipation Notes Payable  Total Liabilities	\$	6,175,528 1,821,736 14,202,272 3,049,289 — 25,248,825	3,802,770 1,746,809 6,600,000 12,149,579	9,978,298 1,821,736 15,949,081 3,049,289 6,600,000 37,398,404
Deferred Inflows of Resources:		23,240,023	12,149,579	31,370,404
Unavailable Revenue	_	20,716,325		20,716,325
Fund Balances (Deficits):  Nonspendable Restricted Committed Assigned Unassigned		6,587,268 22,231,455 16,520,091 6,862,911 22,344,599	6,742,653 16,017,311 2,364,477 — (3,323,061)	13,329,921 38,248,766 18,884,568 6,862,911 19,021,538
Total Fund Balances		74,546,324	21,801,380	96,347,704
Total Liabilities and Fund Balances	\$	120,511,474	33,950,959	154,462,433

Reconciliation of the Governmental Funds Balance Sheet to the Statement of Net Position June 30, 2016

Total Fund Balance – Governmental Funds	\$	96,347,704
Amounts Reported for Governmental Activities in the Statements of Net Position are different because:		
Capital Assets used in Governmental Activities are not financial resources		
and therefore are not reported in the funds		189,709,133
Other Assets are not available to pay for current period expenditures and, therefore,		
are reported as Deferred Inflows of Resources in the Governmental Funds		20,716,325
Inventory Capitalized in the Government-Wide Statements as Other Assets		135,803
Deferred Outflows of Resources - Pension		50,197,888
Deferred Outflows of Resources - Losses on Refunding		52,624
Deferred Inflows of Resources - Pension		(591,361)
Some liabilities are not due and payable in the current period and therefore are not reported in the funds. Those liabilities consist of:		
Taxable Bonds		(88,190,000)
Other General Obligation Bonds		(23,089,000)
Unamortized Bond Premiums		(1,462,152)
Other Post Employment Benefits		(246,665,957)
Net Pension Liability		(203,025,598)
Accrued Interest on Bonds		(2,195,126)
Landfill and Postclosure Care Costs		(2,474,093)
Compensated Absences, Claims and Judgements	_	(21,118,756)
	_	(588,220,682)
Net Position of Governmental Activities	\$	(231,652,566)

Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance – Governmental Funds Year Ended June 30, 2016

	_	General	Other Governmental	Total
Revenues:				
Real and Personal Property Taxes, Net	\$	124,378,654	_	124,378,654
Motor Vehicle and Other Excise		8,656,044	_	8,656,044
Penalties and Interest on Taxes		2,001,211	_	2,001,211
Payments in Lieu of Taxes		171,813	_	171,813
User Charges and Other Revenue		4,301,380	2,448,056	6,749,436
Fees		1,968,589	6,789,748	8,758,337
Licenses and Permits		3,146,998	_	3,146,998
Intergovernmental		195,494,962	43,192,141	238,687,103
Intergovernmental (MTRS On-Behalf Payment Contribution)		30,204,273		30,204,273
Fines		391,707	583,113	974,820
Investment Income		376,918	585,584	962,502
Contributions	_		970,391	970,391
Total Revenues	_	371,092,549	54,569,033	425,661,582
Expenditures:				
Current:				
General Government		14,698,669	3,703,921	18,402,590
Public Safety		45,578,037	2,413,672	47,991,709
Education		174,357,967	36,780,955	211,138,922
Public Works		7,147,249	405,158	7,552,407
Human Services		2,355,694	401,641	2,757,335
Culture and Recreation		2,317,995	150,450	2,468,445
State and County Assessments		8,609,894	_	8,609,894
Pension and Fringe Benefits		62,590,455	_	62,590,455
Pension (MTRS on-behalf payment)		30,204,273	_	30,204,273
Court Judgments Capital Outlay		932,174 799,469	8,990,842	932,174 9,790,311
Debt Service		19,029,266	165,859	19,195,125
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Total Expenditures	-	368,621,142	53,012,498	421,633,640
Excess of Revenues over Expenditures	_	2,471,407	1,556,535	4,027,942
Other Financing Sources (Uses):				
Operating Transfers In		4,870,896	2,605,858	7,476,754
Operating Transfers Out		(3,407,567)	(3,964,138)	(7,371,705)
Other		14,088	_	14,088
Issuance of Refunding Bonds		5,354,400	_	5,354,400
Premiums from Issuance of Refunding Bonds	_	539,784		539,784
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	_	7,371,601	(1,358,280)	6,013,321
Excess of Revenues and Other Financing Sources Over Expenditures and Other Financing Uses		9,843,008	198,255	10,041,263
Fund Balance, Beginning of Year		64,703,316	21,603,125	86,306,441
Fund Balance, End of Year	\$	74,546,324	21,801,380	96,347,704

Reconciliation of the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances of Governmental Funds to the Statement of Activities

Year Ended June 30, 2016

Net Change in Fund Balances – Total Governmental Funds  Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of activities are different because:	\$	10,041,263
Governmental funds report capital additions as expenditures. In the statement of activities, the cost of those assets is depreciated over their estimated useful lives.		
Capital Additions of \$10,437,301 exceeded depreciation expense of \$9,619,116. Accrual basis revenues can result in more or (less) revenues reported in the		818,185
statement of activities depending upon timing of billings and collections.  Issuance of Bonds		(2,164,527) (5,354,400)
Repayments of Bond Principal are Expenditures in the Governmental Funds but		
reduce Long-Term Liabilities in the Statement of Net Position.		13,107,650
Amortization of Bond Premiums \$196,413 add to net position, amortization		
of deferred outflows \$52,626 decrease net position, and current year premiums		
decrease net position by \$539,785.		(395,998)
Some expenses reported in the statement of activities do not require the use of		
current financial resources and therefore are not reported as expenditures in		
the governmental funds. This amount represents the difference between an		
decrease in interest payable \$93,699, a decrease in landfill liability \$121,248,		
increase in compensated absences and claims \$5,411,893, increase in		
other postemployment benefit liabilities \$25,511,091, and increase in net pension		
liability related activity of \$13,800,853 (change in net pension liability \$41,106,259		
less recognition of change in deferred outflows and inflows \$27,305,406)	_	(44,508,890)
Change in Net Position of Governmental Activities	\$_	(28,456,717)

Statement of Net Position – Proprietary Funds June 30, 2016

**Enterprise Funds** 

<del>-</del>				
Assets	Water	Sewer	Other	Total
Current Assets: Cash and Cash Equivalents Sustomer Receivables, Net Intergovernmental receivable Other Total Current Assets	4,745,318 8,203,409 418,867 306,146 13,673,740	10,036,199 12,362,313 1,122,167 49,951 23,570,630	4,779,488 4,345,443 — — 9,124,931	19,561,005 24,911,165 1,541,034 356,097 46,369,301
Noncurrent Assets: Capital Assets: Nondepreciable Depreciable, Net	5,777,243 43,693,485	3,410,209 118,113,591	145,658 6,126,031	9,333,110 167,933,107
Total Noncurrent Assets	49,470,728	121,523,800	6,271,689	177,266,217
Total Assets	63,144,468	145,094,430	15,396,620	223,635,518
Deferred Outflows of Resources: Pension Losses on Refundings Total Deferred Outflows of Resources	2,353,510 21,189 2,374,699	962,412 17,160 979,572	1,371,043 ————————————————————————————————————	4,686,965 38,349 4,725,314
Total Assets and Deferred Outflows of Resources Liabilities	65,519,167	146,074,002	16,767,663	228,360,832
Current Liabilities: Warrants and Accounts Payable Accrued Expenses Compensated Absences and Claims Bonds, Notes, and Loans Payable  Total Current Liabilities	1,048,421 247,528 79,471 1,767,704 3,143,124	1,110,733 678,021 31,177 5,495,667 7,315,598	671,513 39,732 42,414 100,660 854,319	2,830,667 965,281 153,062 7,364,031 11,313,041
Noncurrent Liabilities: Compensated Absences and Claims Unearned Revenue Landfill and Postclosure Care Costs Other Post Employment Benefits Net Pension Liability Bonds, Notes, and Loans Payable	1,430,466 2,599,617 — 4,656,016 9,392,639 21,465,353	2,508,056 45,756 1,702,000 2,017,268 3,793,185 57,143,590	2,352,378 — 2,345,997 5,599,454 701,210	6,290,900 2,645,373 1,702,000 9,019,281 18,785,278 79,310,153
Total Noncurrent Liabilities	39,544,091	67,209,855	10,999,039	117,752,985
Total Liabilities	42,687,215	74,525,453	11,853,358	129,066,026
Deferred Inflows of Resources: Pension  Net Position	27,358	11,049	16,309	54,716
Net Investment in Capital Assets Unrestricted  Total Net Position \$	26,258,860 (3,454,266) 22,804,594	59,461,396 12,076,104 71,537,500	5,469,819 (571,823) 4,897,996	91,190,075 8,050,015 99,240,090
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Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Net Position – Proprietary Funds Year Ended June 30, 2016

**Enterprise Funds** 

	_	Enter prise r unus			
	_	Water	Sewer	Other	Total
Operating Revenues: Charges for Services Fees Other	\$	16,278,943 531,962	20,741,164 213,915	8,701,013 252,554 6,882	45,721,120 998,431 6,882
<b>Total Operating Revenues</b>		16,810,905	20,955,079	8,960,449	46,726,433
Operating Expenses: Salaries and Benefits Utilities Repairs and Maintenance Contractual Services Other Supplies and Expenses Depreciation		5,423,089 600,137 680,699 8,064,674 519,532 2,132,365	1,965,783 1,357,068 903,428 5,000,907 503,397 4,348,167	3,242,969 94,996 296,536 6,253,549 332,725 393,437	10,631,841 2,052,201 1,880,663 19,319,130 1,355,654 6,873,969
Total Operating Expenses	_	17,420,496	14,078,750	10,614,212	42,113,458
Operating Income (Loss)		(609,591)	6,876,329	(1,653,763)	4,612,975
Nonoperating Revenue (Expense): Interest Income Interest Expense Debt Subsidies	_	250,010 (557,469) 16,176	268,982 (1,451,801) 245,442	214,404 660 —	733,396 (2,008,610) 261,618
Total Nonoperating (Expenses) Revenue		(291,283)	(937,377)	215,064	(1,013,596)
Income (Loss) Before Transfers Transfers In Transfers Out	_ 	(900,874) 424,722 (532,573)	5,938,952 237,272 (1,671,571)	(1,438,699) 2,042,317 (605,216)	3,599,379 2,704,311 (2,809,360)
Total Transfers, Net	_	(107,851)	(1,434,299)	1,437,101	(105,049)
Change in Net Position		(1,008,725)	4,504,653	(1,598)	3,494,330
Net Position, Beginning of Year		24,095,679	67,150,054	5,059,421	96,305,154
Restatement of Net Position (Note 16)	_	(282,360)	(117,207)	(159,827)	(559,394)
Net Position, End of Year	\$	22,804,594	71,537,500	4,897,996	99,240,090

Statement of Cash Flows – Proprietary Funds Year Ended June 30, 2016

	Enterprise Funds				
	_	Water	Sewer	Other	Total
Cash Flows from Operations:					
Cash Received from Customers	\$	14,709,462	19,717,239	8,554,130	42,980,831
Cash Paid to Employees		(4,275,540)	(2,145,271)	(2,505,642)	(8,926,453)
Cash Paid to Vendors		(9,790,412)	(7,978,752)	(7,016,300)	(24,785,464)
Net Cash Provided By (Used In) Operations	_	643,510	9,593,216	(967,812)	9,268,914
Cash Flows from Noncapital Financing Activities:					
Transfers In		424,722	237,272	2,042,317	2,704,311
Transfers Out	_	(532,573)	(1,671,571)	(605,216)	(2,809,360)
Net Cash Provided By (Used In)	· <u> </u>	_			_
Noncapital Financing Activities	_	(107,851)	(1,434,299)	1,437,101	(105,049)
Cash Flows from Capital and Related Financing					
Activities:					
Acquisition and Construction of Capital Assets		(892,110)	(2,415,331)	(265,270)	(3,572,711)
Interest Paid on Debt		(557,406)	(1,333,750)	_	(1,891,156)
Loan Proceeds Received		2,062,665	1,337,750	_	3,400,415
Refunding Premiums Received		116,866	18,342	_	135,208
Repayment of Long-Term Debt	_	(3,356,512)	(5,376,772)	(100,000)	(8,833,284)
Net Cash Used in Capital and Related Financing Activities		(2,626,497)	(7,769,761)	(365,270)	(10,761,528)
Cash Flows from Investing Activity: Interest Income		250,010	268,982	214,404	733,396
Increase (Decrease) in Cash and					
Cash Equivalents		(1,840,828)	658,138	318,423	(864,267)
Cash and Cash Equivalents, Beginning of Year	_	6,586,146	9,378,061	4,461,065	20,425,272
Cash and Cash Equivalents, End of Year	\$ _	4,745,318	10,036,199	4,779,488	19,561,005
Reconciliation of Operating Income (Loss) to Net Cash Provided By (Used In) Operations: Operating Income (Loss) Reconciliation of Operating Income (Loss) to	\$	(609,591)	6,876,329	(1,653,763)	4,612,975
Net Cash Provided By (Used In) Operations: Depreciation Expense Net Pension Liability Other Post Employment Benefits Changes in Operating Assets and Liabilities:		2,132,365 412,026 460,163	4,348,167 74,759 197,827	393,437 478,041 266,636	6,873,969 964,826 924,626
Accounts Receivable Warrants and Accounts Payable Other Assets and Liabilities	_	(2,101,444) 63,901 286,090	(1,283,596) (222,710) (397,560)	(406,319) (32,069) (13,775)	(3,791,359) (190,878) (125,245)
Net Cash Provided By (Used In) Operations	\$	643,510	9,593,216	(967,812)	9,268,914

Statement of Net Position – Fiduciary Funds

# June 30, 2016

(Except for Pension Trust, which is as of December 31, 2015)

Assets	_	Pension Trust Fund	_	Agency Funds
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$	16,540,819		413,153
Receivables: Interest and Dividends Distributions Other	-	148,843 393,644 21,717		316,386
Total Receivables	_	564,204		316,386
Other Assets		893		
Investments: Fixed Income Mutual Funds Equities and Equity Mutual Funds Real Estate Funds Private Equity Funds Structured Credit Funds	_	82,706,952 196,136,450 31,096,947 20,034,600 5,651,013		_ _ _ _ _
Total Investments	_	335,625,962		
Total Assets	_	352,731,878	_	729,539
Liabilities Accounts Payable and Other Liabilities	-	254,123	Φ.	729,539
Total Liabilities	_	254,123	\$	729,539
Net Position	_		•	
Net Position Restricted for Pension Benefits	\$ _	352,477,755	=	

# Statement of Changes in Net Position – Fiduciary Funds Year Ended December 31, 2015

	_	Pension Trust Fund
Additions:		
Contributions: Employers Plan Members Other	\$	19,247,619 8,302,780 508,372
Total Contributions	_	28,058,771
Investment Income:  Net Depreciation in Fair Value of Investments Interest and Dividends	_	(14,659,068) 8,497,079
Total Investment Loss		(6,161,989)
Less: Investment Expenses	_	1,392,450
Net Investment Loss	_	(7,554,439)
Intergovernmental		241,191
Other	_	1,588
Total Additions		20,747,111
Deductions: Retirement Benefits and Refunds Reimbursements and Transfers to Other System Administration		38,024,658 1,549,626 686,453
Total Deductions	_	40,260,737
Change in Net Position	<del>-</del>	(19,513,626)
Net Position, Beginning of Year		371,991,381
Net Position, End of Year	\$ _	352,477,755

Notes to Basic Financial Statements
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## (1) Financial Statement Presentation

The City of Brockton (the City) is governed by an elected mayor, who has general supervision of and control over the City's boards, commissions, officers and departments. The legislative body of the City is the City Council, which consists of eleven elected members serving two-year terms. U.S. generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) requires that the accompanying basic financial statements present the City of Brockton (the primary government) and its component units. Component units are included in the City's reporting entity if their operational and financial relationships with the City are significant. Pursuant to this criteria, the City of Brockton Retirement System (the System) has been identified as a component unit. The System was established under the authority of Chapter 32 of the Massachusetts General Laws (MGL), as amended, and is an independent contributory retirement system available to employees of the City. The powers of the System are vested in the Retirement Board. The System has been included in the City's fiduciary funds as a pension trust fund for reporting purposes. A complete set of financial statements of the System for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2015 can be obtained by contacting the Brockton Retirement Board at 1322 Belmont Street, Suite 101, Brockton, MA 02301.

The Brockton Redevelopment Authority and the Brockton Educational Foundation both meet the definition of a component unit; however, their operations are immaterial and, accordingly, are not included in the financial statements of the City.

The City has entered into joint ventures with other municipalities to pool resources and share the costs, risks, and rewards of providing goods or services to venture participants directly, or for the benefit of the general public or specified service recipients. The following is a list of the City's joint ventures, their purpose, the address where the joint venture financial statements are available, and the annual assessment paid by the City in 2016:

Joint venture and address	Purpose		Annual Assessment
Brockton Area Transit Authority 45 School Street Brockton, MA 02301	To provide public transportation	\$	2,088,348
Southeastern Regional School District 250 Foundry Street South Easton, MA 02375	To provide educational services		3,133,097

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## (2) Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

The financial statements of the City have been prepared in conformity with GAAP as applied to local governmental units. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is the accepted standard-setting body for establishing governmental accounting and financial principles. The most significant of the City's accounting policies are described below.

## (a) Basis of Presentation

The financial condition and results of operations of the City are presented as of and for the year ended June 30, 2016, except for the System, which is presented as of and for the year ended December 31, 2015.

## **Government-Wide Statements**

The statement of net position and the statement of activities display information about the primary government (the City). These statements include the financial activities of the overall government, except for fiduciary activities. Eliminations have been made to minimize the double-counting of internal activities. These statements distinguish between the governmental and business-type activities of the City. Governmental activities generally are financed through taxes, intergovernmental revenues, and other non-exchange transactions. Business-type activities are financed in whole or in part by fees charged to external parties.

The statement of activities presents a comparison between direct expenses and program revenues for the different business-type activities of the City and for each function of the City's governmental activities. Direct expenses are those that are specifically associated with a program or function and, therefore, are clearly identifiable to a particular function. Indirect expense allocations that have been made in the funds have been reversed for the statements of activities. Program revenues include (a) fees, fines, and charges paid by the recipients of goods or services offered by the programs and (b) grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular program. Revenues that are not classified as program revenues, including all taxes, are presented as general revenues.

#### **Fund Financial Statements**

The fund financial statements provide information about the City's funds, including its fiduciary funds. Separate statements for each fund category – governmental, proprietary, and fiduciary – are presented. The emphasis of fund financial statements is on major governmental and enterprise funds, each of which is displayed in a separate column. All remaining governmental and enterprise funds are aggregated and reported as non-major funds.

Proprietary fund operating revenues, such as charges for services, result from exchange transactions associated with the principal activity of the fund. Exchange transactions are those in which each party receives and gives up essentially equal values. Operating expenses for proprietary funds include the cost of sales and services, administrative expenses, and depreciation on capital assets. All revenues and expenses not meeting this definition are reported as non-operating revenues and expenses.

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The City reports the following major governmental fund:

General Fund – This is the City's primary operating fund. It accounts for all financial resources of the general government, except those required to be accounted for in another fund.

The City reports the following major enterprise funds:

*Water Fund* – This fund accounts for the provisions of water treatment and distribution to its residential and commercial users located within the City.

Sewer Fund – This fund accounts for the provisions of sanitary sewer service to the residents and commercial users located within the City.

Additionally, the City reports the following fund types:

*Pension Trust Fund* – Accounts for the activities of the System, which accumulates resources for pension benefit payments to qualified employees of its contributing members.

Agency Funds – These funds account for off-duty police, fire and custodial details. The City's agency funds are custodial in nature (assets equals liabilities) and do not involve measurement of results of operations.

## (b) Measurement Focus, Basis of Accounting

Government-Wide, Proprietary, and Fiduciary Fund Financial Statements – The government-wide, proprietary, and fiduciary fund financial statements are reported using the economic resources measurement focus. The government-wide and proprietary fund financial statements are reported using the accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recorded when earned and expenses are recorded at the time liabilities are incurred, regardless of when the related cash flows take place. Non-exchange transactions, in which the City gives (or receives) value without directly receiving (or giving) equal value in exchange, include property taxes, grants, entitlements, and donations. On an accrual basis, revenue from property taxes is recognized in the fiscal year for which the taxes are levied. Revenue from grants, entitlements, and donations is recognized as soon as all eligibility requirements imposed by the provider have been met.

Governmental Funds Financial Statements – Governmental funds are reported using the current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. Under this method, revenues are recognized when measurable and available. The City generally considers nongrant revenues reported in the governmental funds to be available if the revenues are collected within sixty days after year-end. Grant revenues that the City earns by incurring obligations are recognized in the same period as when the obligations are recognized. Expenditures are recorded when the related fund liability is incurred, except for principal and interest on general long-term debt, claims and judgments, and compensated absences, which are recognized as expenditures to the extent they have matured. Tax abatement refunds are recognized as fund liabilities for refunds filed prior to year-end and paid within a year. General capital asset acquisitions are reported as expenditures in governmental funds. Proceeds of general long-term debt are reported as other financing sources.

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Under the terms of grant agreements, the City funds certain programs by a combination of specific cost-reimbursement grants, categorical block grants, and general revenues. Thus, when program expenses are incurred, both are restricted and unrestricted net position available to finance the program. It is the City's policy to first apply cost-reimbursement grant resources to such programs, followed by categorical block grants, and then by general revenues.

## (c) Cash and Cash Equivalents

To improve cash management, cash received by the City is pooled. Monies for all funds, except those restricted by MGL to be held separately, are maintained in this pool. Individual fund integrity is maintained through City records. Each fund's interest in the pool is presented as "cash and cash equivalents" on the respective balance sheets and statements of net position.

For purposes of the statements of cash flows, all highly liquid investments with maturities of three months or less when purchased are considered to be cash equivalents.

#### (d) Investments

The City's investments are carried at fair value and amortized cost. The City also invests in the Massachusetts Municipal Depository Trust (MMDT), which is an external investment pool and is not SEC registered. This fund is state regulated and is valued at current share price. See note 5 for discussion of the System's investments.

## (e) Allowance for Uncollectible Accounts

The allowance for uncollectible amounts is estimated based on historical trends and specific account analysis.

## (f) Compensated Absences

The liability for compensated absences reported in the government-wide and proprietary fund statements as compensated absences and claims, consists of unpaid, accumulated annual vacation and sick leave balances. The liability has been calculated using the vesting method, in which leave amounts for both employees who currently are eligible to receive termination payments and other employees who are expected to become eligible in the future to receive such payments upon termination are included.

# (g) Deferred Outflows of Resources

In addition to assets, the statement of net position will sometimes report a separate section for deferred outflows of resources. This separate financial statement element, deferred outflows of resources, represents a consumption of net position that applies to a future period(s) and will not be recognized as an outflow of resources (expense/expenditure) until that time.

Deferred outflows of resources related to pensions and losses on refundings are reported in the government-wide and proprietary funds statements of net position.

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#### (h) Deferred Inflows of Resources

In addition to liabilities, the statement of net position will sometimes report a separate section for deferred inflows of resources. This separate financial statement element, deferred inflows of resources, represents an acquisition of net position that applies to a future period(s) and will not be recognized as an inflow of resources (revenue) until that time. Unavailable revenue is reported in the governmental funds balance sheet.

Unavailable revenue represents billed receivables that do not meet the availability criterion in accordance with the current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting.

Deferred inflows of resources related to pension is reported in the government-wide and proprietary funds statements of net position.

#### (i) Pensions

For purposes of measuring the net pension liability, deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions, and pension expense, information about the fiduciary net position of the System and additions to/deductions from the System's fiduciary net position have been determined on the same basis as they are reported by the System. For this purpose, benefit payments (including refunds of employee contributions) are recognized when due and payable in accordance with the benefit terms. Investments are reported at fair value, net asset value (NAV), or amortized cost.

#### (j) Capital Assets

General capital assets are those assets not specifically related to activities reported in the proprietary funds. These assets generally result from expenditures in the governmental funds. These assets are reported in the governmental activities column of the government-wide statements of net position but are not reported in the fund financial statements. Capital assets utilized by the proprietary funds are reported both in the business-type activities column of the government-wide statements of net position and in the respective funds.

All capital assets are capitalized at cost (or estimated historical cost) and updated for additions and requirements during the year. Donated fixed assets are recorded at their estimated values as of the date received. The City maintains a capitalization threshold of \$10,000. The City's infrastructure consists of bridges, culverts, curbs, sidewalks, storm sewers, streets, and water and sewer lines. Improvements are capitalized; the costs of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of the asset or materially extend an asset's life are not capitalized.

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All reported capital assets are depreciated except for land, construction in progress and historical works of art. Improvements are depreciated over the remaining useful lives of the related capital assets. Useful lives for infrastructure were estimated based on the City's historical records of necessary improvements and replacement. Depreciation is computed using the straight-line method over the following useful lives:

Buildings	40 - 50 years
Land improvements	20 years
Machinery and equipment	5-20 years
Infrastructure	15 - 100 years

#### (k) Net Position and Fund Balance

Net position represents the residual difference between assets and deferred outflows of resources less liabilities and deferred inflows of resources. In the Government-wide and Proprietary Funds Financial Statements, net position is reported in the following categories:

Net investment in capital assets: Capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation, and outstanding principal balances of debt attributable to the acquisition, construction, or improvement of those assets.

Restricted: The portion of net position which is subject to constraints imposed by external parties, including: creditors, grantors, and laws and regulations of other governments, or constraints imposed by City Charter or enabling legislation. Nonexpendable amounts are required to remain intact under such constraints.

Unrestricted: Remaining net position not considered invested in capital assets or restricted.

For purposes of net position classification, 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.

In the Governmental Fund Financial Statements, fund balance is reported in the following categories:

*Nonspendable:* Amounts that cannot be spent because they are either not in spendable form or they are legally or contractually required to remain intact.

*Restricted:* Amounts the use of which is subject to constraints imposed by external parties, including creditors, grantors, and laws and regulations of other governments, or imposed by City Charter or enabling legislation.

*Committed:* Amounts that can only be used for specific purposes pursuant to constraints imposed by formal action of the government's highest level of decision-making authority. For the City, this formal action is achieved by the City Council and approved by the Mayor.

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Assigned: Amounts that are constrained by the City's intent for use for specific purposes, but are considered neither restricted nor committed.

*Unassigned:* Amounts in the general fund that are not otherwise constrained for a specific purpose more narrow than the general operations of the City.

For purposes of fund balance classification, 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. When unrestricted resources are used, committed resources are used first, followed by assigned and unassigned resources, respectively.

#### (l) Bond Discounts, Premiums, Reacquisition Costs, and Issuance Costs

In the government-wide and proprietary funds financial statements, bond discounts/premiums are capitalized and amortized over the term of the related bonds. Such amounts are presented as part of the bond, notes and mortgages payable in the accompanying statements of net position. Gains/Losses resulting from the refunding of debt are also capitalized and amortized over the term of the related bonds using the straight-line method. Such amounts are presented as deferred inflows/outflows of resources in the accompanying statements of net position. Bond issuance costs, except the amount representing prepaid insurance, if any, are expensed as incurred.

In the fund financial statements, governmental fund types recognize bond discounts, premiums, and issuance costs in the period the bond proceeds are received. The face amount of the debt issued is reported as other financing sources. Premiums received on debt issuance are reported as other financing sources while discounts are reported as other financing uses. Issuance costs, whether or not withheld from the actual debt proceeds, are reported as expenditures.

#### (m) Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with GAAP requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenditures during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

#### (n) Implementation of New Accounting Principles

For the year ending June 30, 2016, the City implemented the following pronouncements issued by the GASB:

- GASB Statement No. 72, Fair Value Measurement and Application
- GASB Statement No. 73, Accounting and Financial Reporting for Pensions and Related Assets That Are Not Within Scope of GASB 68, and Amendments to Certain Provisions of GASB Statements 67 and 68

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- GASB Statement No. 76, The Hierarchy of Generally Accepted Accounting Principles for State and Local Governments
- GASB Statement No. 79, Certain Investment Pools and Pool Participants

The implementation of GASB Statement No. 72 required certain disclosures to be made about fair value measurements, the level of fair value hierarchy, and valuation techniques related to the City's investments.

The implementation of GASB Statements No.'s 73, 76, and 79 had no reporting impact for the City.

#### (3) Receivables

#### (a) Property Taxes

Real and personal property taxes are based on values assessed as of each January 1 and are due in quarterly installments on August 1, November 1, February 1, and May 1. By law, all taxable property in the Commonwealth must be assessed at 100% of fair cash value. Taxes due and unpaid after the respective due dates are subject to interest and penalties. The City has an ultimate right to foreclose on property for which taxes have not been paid. Property taxes levied are recorded as receivables in the fiscal year of the levy.

A statewide tax limitation statute known as "Proposition 2½" limits the property tax levy to an amount equal to 2½% of the value of all taxable property in the City. A secondary limitation is that no levy in a fiscal year may exceed the preceding year's allowable tax levy by more than 2½%, plus taxes levied on certain property newly added to the tax rolls. Certain Proposition 2½ taxing limitations can be overridden by a City-wide referendum vote.

#### (b) Note Receivable

In January 2002, the City issued an \$8.0 million note (the Note) to the Brockton 21st Century Corporation (the Corporation), to partially finance the construction of a 4,700 seat baseball stadium for minor league baseball and a 14,000 square-foot conference center.

The Corporation was created by a special act (the Act) of the Massachusetts Legislature in 1993 to serve as a private Corporation for economic development in the City; costs of the activities of the corporation pursuant to the Act qualify as public purpose expenditures.

The facilities are leased by the Corporation to a private third party who operates both the conference center and a minor league baseball team.

The Note was financed with the issuance of a like amount of taxable bonds.

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The Note matures in fiscal year 2022, has an effective interest rate of 6.31%, and is secured by the stadium, related conference center, and all stadium-generated lease revenues paid to the corporation, and almost all conference center lease revenues. The scheduled principal payments are as follows:

Fiscal Year:		
2017	\$	206,850
2018		219,913
2019		233,800
2020		248,564
2021		264,261
2022	_	5,413,880
Total	\$	6,587,268

The Note provides that in the event that the project revenues are insufficient to fully satisfy both principal and interest payments due for a particular a year, the City will look to the amount of the hotel motel excise tax receipts of the previous year for a mechanism to provide a credit (available hotel/motel tax) to apply to the shortfall. Specifically, the Agreement specifies that the amount of loan repayment shortfall should be treated as having been paid up to the amount of the available hotel/motel tax. This amount is defined as ninety percent of the hotel/motel tax receipts of the prior fiscal year up to and including the first \$500,000 and fifty percent of the amount above \$500,000. It has been the City's practice to apply cash loan repayments from the Corporation first to principal amounts due and then to interest amounts due. The available hotel/motel tax subsidy is then applied.

For fiscal years 2014, 2015 and 2016, cash payments were not sufficient to satisfy the principal amounts. The available hotel/motel tax has been applied to principal and interest payments due.

The baseball stadium and conference center is constructed on City-owned land that has been leased to the Corporation for an annual ground lease payment of \$10 for the term of the Note, after which time the lease payment amount will be based upon fair market value.

#### (c) Long-Term Receivable (Intergovernmental)

The City participates in the Commonwealth's school building assistance program, which is administered by the Massachusetts School Building Authority (MSBA). The MSBA provides financial assistance (90% of total costs) to the City to build and/or renovate schools. As of June 30, 2016, under MSBA's contract assistance program, the City was due funds totaling \$5,404,260.

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In the General Fund, the receivable is offset by unavailable (deferred inflows of resources) revenue because the revenue does not meet the revenue recognition criteria. The following is a schedule of the five-year paydown as of June 30, 2016 through 2020:

Fiscal Year:	
2017	\$ 2,503,395
2018	966,955
2019	966,955
2020	 966,955
Total	\$ 5,404,260

#### (4) Capital Assets

Capital asset activity for the year ended June 30, 2016 was as follows:

#### **Primary Government**

		Beginning Balance	Increases	Decreases	Ending Balance
Governmental Activities:	•				
Capital Assets, Not Being Depreciated:					
Land	\$	7,410,698	_		7,410,698
Construction in Progress	·	1,464,206	5,023,631	291,771	6,196,066
Historical Works of Art		1,809,514	, , <u>,                                 </u>	, <u> </u>	1,809,514
Total Capital Assets,					
Not Being Depreciated		10,684,418	5,023,631	291,771	15,416,278
Capital Assets, Being Depreciated:					
Buildings		238,539,276	33,533		238,572,809
Land Improvements		15,323,109	298,711		15,621,820
Machinery and Equipment		25,904,810	2,066,409		27,971,219
Infrastructure		99,613,464	3,306,788	_	102,920,252
Total Capital Assets,					
Being Depreciated	,	379,380,659	5,705,441		385,086,100
Less Accumulated Depreciation For:					
Buildings		93,189,050	5,721,202		98,910,252
Land Improvements		7,255,340	505,093		7,760,433
Machinery and Equipment		22,422,239	1,036,205		23,458,444
Infrastructure	-	78,307,500	2,356,616		80,664,116
Total Accumulated	•				
Depreciation		201,174,129	9,619,116		210,793,245
Total Capital Assets,	•				
Being Depreciated, Net		178,206,530	(3,913,675)		174,292,855
Governmental Capital	•				
Assets, Net	\$	188,890,948	1,109,956	291,771	189,709,133

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Depreciation expense was charged to governmental functions as follows:

Governmental Activities:	
General Government	\$ 584,506
Public Safety	1,136,263
Public Works	2,146,141
Education	5,417,145
Human Services	71,967
Culture and Recreation	 263,094
Total Depreciation Expense –	 
Governmental Activities	\$ 9,619,116

	_	Beginning Balance	Increases	Decreases	Ending Balance
Business-Type Activities:					
Water:					
Capital Assets, Not Being					
Depreciated:					
Land	\$	2,929,492	_	_	2,929,492
Construction in Progress	_	2,014,241	833,510		2,847,751
Total Capital Assets,					
Not Being Depreciated	_	4,943,733	833,510		5,777,243
Capital Assets, Being Depreciated:					
Buildings		28,819,581	_	_	28,819,581
Land Improvements		105,700	_	_	105,700
Machinery and Equipment		17,115,012	43,780	_	17,158,792
Infrastructure	_	35,029,019	14,820		35,043,839
Total Capital Assets, Being					_
Depreciated	_	81,069,312	58,600		81,127,912
Less Accumulated Depreciation For:					
Buildings		5,464,454	680,988	_	6,145,442
Land Improvements		105,701	_	_	105,701
Machinery and Equipment		11,031,976	834,806	_	11,866,782
Infrastructure	_	17,699,931	616,571		18,316,502
Total Accumulated					
Depreciation	_	34,302,062	2,132,365		36,434,427
Total Capital Assets		_			_
Being Depreciated, Net	_	46,767,250	(2,073,765)		44,693,485
Water Capital Assets, Net	_	51,710,983	(1,240,255)		50,470,728

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	Beginning Balance	Increases	Decreases	Ending Balance
Sewer:				
Capital Assets, Not Being Depreciated:				
Land	186,327	_	_	186,327
Construction in Progress	1,330,541	1,893,341		3,223,882
Total Capital Assets, Not Being Depreciated	1,516,868	1,893,341		3,410,209
Capital Assets, Being Depreciated:	142.000.229			142.060.220
Buildings Land Improvements	142,969,328 258,000	_	_	142,969,328 258,000
Machinery and Equipment	43,434,624	521,990	_	43,956,614
Infrastructure	38,056,640	J21,770 —	_	38,056,640
Total Capital Assets,				
Being Depreciated	224,718,592	521,990		225,240,582
Less Accumulated Depreciation For:				
Buildings	34,168,583	3,515,603	_	37,684,186
Land Improvements	258,000	_	_	258,000
Machinery and Equipment	42,724,834	240,149	_	42,964,983
Infrastructure	25,627,407	592,415	<u> </u>	26,219,822
Total Accumulated			_	
Depreciation	102,778,824	4,348,167		107,126,991
<b>Total Capital Assets</b>				
Being Depreciated, Net	121,939,768	(3,826,177)		118,113,591
Sewer Capital Assets, Net	123,456,636	(1,932,836)		121,523,800
Other:				
Capital Assets, Not Deing Depreciated:				
Land	130,359	_	_	130,359
Construction in progress	530,150	31,400	546,251	15,299
Total capital assets, not				
being depreciated	660,509	31,400	546,251	145,658
Capital assets, being depreciated:				
Buildings	905,875	_	_	905,875
Land improvements	32,614,051	516,347	_	33,130,398
Machinery and equipment	3,688,753	263,772	_	3,952,525
Infrastructure	7,065,658			7,065,658
Total Capital Assets,				
Being Depreciated	44,274,337	780,119	<u> </u>	45,054,456

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	Beginning			Ending
	Balance	Increases	Decreases	Balance
LessAccumulated Depreciation For:				
Buildings	574,974	11,816	_	586,790
Land Improvements	32,178,113	60,367	_	32,238,480
Machinery and Equipment	2,757,767	260,033	_	3,017,800
Infrastructure	3,024,135	61,221		3,085,356
Total accumulated			_	
depreciation	38,534,989	393,437		38,928,426
Total capital assets being				
depreciated, net	5,739,348	386,682		6,126,030
Other capital assets, net	6,399,857	(128,168)		6,271,689
Business-type activities				
capital assets, net	\$ 180,567,476	(3,301,259)		177,266,217

#### (5) Deposits and Investments

The following represents the City's essential risk information about deposits and investments.

#### (a) Custodial Credit Risk

Custodial credit risk is the risk that in the event of bank failure, the City's deposits may not be returned. The City carries deposits that are insured by Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) insurance or collateralized with securities held by the City or the City's agent in the City's name. The City also carries deposits that are not collateralized and are uninsured. As of June 30, 2016, the City's bank balances of uninsured and uncollateralized deposits totaled \$121,924,211. All of the System's deposits are fully insured. The carrying amount of the City's deposits totaled \$114,740,831 at June 30, 2016.

#### (b) Investment Policy

The municipal finance laws of the Commonwealth authorize the City to invest temporarily idle cash in bank term deposits and certificates of deposits, and treasury and agency obligations of the United States government, with maturities of one year or less; U.S. treasury or agency repurchase agreements with maturities of not more than 90 days; money market accounts; and the state treasurer's investment pool – the Massachusetts Municipal Depository Trust (MMDT). The Treasurer also has expanded investment powers as it relates to certain trust funds (as defined by the Commonwealth), permanent funds and fiduciary funds.

The MMDT meets the criteria of an external investment pool and operates in accordance with applicable state laws and regulations. The Treasurer of the Commonwealth serves as Trustee. The reported value of the pool is the same as the fair value of pool shares.

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Deposits and investments made by the System are governed by Chapter 32 of the MGL. The System engages investment managers that adhere to MGL c. 32, sec 23(3), the "Prudent Person" rule, which permits (among other things) the investment in corporate bonds, equities, private equity and real estate investments.

#### (c) Interest Rate Risk

The following is a listing of the City's fixed-income investments and related maturity schedule (in years) as of June 30, 2016 for the primary government and December 31, 2015 for the Retirement System:

Investment Type		Total Amount	Less than 1	1 – 5	6 – 10
Retirement System:					
Money Market Mutual Funds	\$	3,120,062	3,120,062	_	_
Fixed Income Mututal Funds	_	82,706,952	82,706,952		
Subtotal	_	85,827,014	85,827,014		
City:					
U.S. Treasury Notes and					
Bonds		1,217,638	_	831,332	386,306
U.S. Agencies		1,063,808	122,729	761,023	180,056
Corporate Bonds		577,935	100,383	477,552	_
Money Market Mutual Funds		185,864	185,864	_	_
MMDT	_	7,398,823	7,398,823		
Subtotal	_	10,444,068	7,807,799	2,069,907	566,362
Total	\$	96,271,082	93,634,813	2,069,907	566,362

The City's guidelines do not specifically address limits on maturities as a means of managing its exposure to fair-value losses arising from increasing interest rates. The manager of each fixed-income portfolio is responsible for determining the maturity and commensurate returns of the portfolio.

The System's policy for interest rate risk of debt securities is to use diversification to minimize the exposure to interest rate risks in the aggregate investment portfolio.

#### (d) Credit Risk

The City allows investment managers to apply discretion under the "Prudent Person" rule. Investments are made, as a prudent person would be expected to act with discretion and intelligence, to seek reasonable income, preserve capital, and, in general, avoid speculative investments.

The System's policy for credit risk of debt securities is to use diversification to minimize the exposure to credit risks in the aggregate investment portfolio and primarily invest in fixed income securities that are rated investment grade or better.

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The City's fixed-income investments as of June 30, 2016 for the primary government and December 31, 2015 for the Retirement System were rated by Standard & Poor's and/or an equivalent national credit rating organization, and the ratings are presented below using the Standard and Poor's rating scale:

Total Amount	AAA to A	Not Rated
3,120,062	_	3,120,062
82,706,952		82,706,952
85,827,014		85,827,014
1,063,808	1,063,808	_
577,935	577,935	_
185,864	_	185,864
7,398,823		7,398,823
9,226,430	1,641,743	7,584,687
95,053,444	1,641,743	93,411,701
	3,120,062 82,706,952 85,827,014 1,063,808 577,935 185,864 7,398,823 9,226,430	3,120,062 — 82,706,952 —  85,827,014 —  1,063,808 1,063,808 577,935 577,935 185,864 — 7,398,823 —  9,226,430 1,641,743

In addition to the above schedule, the City has \$1,217,638 invested in U.S. government securities, which are not included above as they are explicitly guaranteed by the U.S. government.

#### (e) Concentration Risk

Concentration of credit risk is the risk of loss attributed to the magnitude of the investments in a single issuer.

The System does not have a policy for concentration of credit risk. As of December 31, 2015, the System was not exposed to concentration of credit risk.

The City adheres to the provisions of M.G.L. c. 32, sec 23(2) when managing concentration risk. As of June 30, 2016, the City held approximately \$652,000 (7.3%) in various debt securities with the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corp.

#### (f) Foreign Currency Risk

Foreign currency risk is the risk that changes in exchange rates will adversely affect the fair value of an investment or a deposit. Only the Retirement System is statutorily allowed to invest in foreign currency securities.

The System's policy for foreign currency risk is to diversify the foreign countries and currencies within its pooled international investment portfolio. As of December 31, 2015, the System had indirect exposure to foreign currency risk for certain pooled equity investments in the amount of approximately \$59,400,000.

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#### (g) Fair Value Measurements

The System and the City categorize its fair value measurements within the fair value hierarchy established by generally accepted accounting principles. The hierarchy is based on the valuation inputs used to measure the fair value of asset. Level 1 inputs are quoted prices in active markets for identical assets; Level 2 inputs are significant other observable inputs; Level 3 inputs are significant unobservable inputs. The City has the following recurring fair value measurements as of June 30, 2016 and December 31, 2015 for the Retirement System:

			Fair Value Measurements Using			
Investment Type		Fair Value	Quoted Prices in Active Markets for Identical Assets (Level 1)	Significant Other Observable Inputs (Level 2)	Significant Unobservable Inputs (Level 2)	
Retirement System:						
Common Stock	\$	7,590	7,590	_	_	
Equity Mutual Funds		196,128,860	196,128,860	_	_	
Fixed Income Mutual Funds		82,706,952	82,706,952			
Total Investments by Fair Value Level	_	278,843,402	278,843,402			
Investments Measured at the Net Asset Value (NAV) Real Estate Funds		31,096,947				
Private Equity Funds		20,034,600				
Structured Credit Funds	_	5,651,013				
Total Investments measured at the NAV		56,782,560				
Subtotal - System	_	335,625,962				
City:						
Money Market Mutual Funds		185,864	185,864	_	_	
Equities		3,309,521	3,309,521	_	_	
Corporate Bonds		577,935	_	577,935	_	
Fixed Income Mutual Funds		979,713	979,713	_	_	
Equity Mutual Funds		1,638,339	1,638,339	_	_	
U.S. Treasuries		1,217,638	1,217,638	_	_	
U.S. Agencies	_	1,063,808	1,063,808			
Total Investments by Fair Value Level	_	8,972,818	8,394,883	577,935		
Investments Measured at Amortized Costs						
MMDT		7,398,823				
Subtotal - City	-	16,371,641				
Total	\$	351,997,603				
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Investments classified in Level 1 of the fair value hierarchy are valued using prices quoted in active markets for those securities.

Investments classified in Level 2 are valued using a matrix pricing technique. Matrix pricing is used to value securities based on the securities' relationship to benchmark quoted prices.

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The valuation method for investments measure at the net asset value (NAV) per share or its equivalent) is presented on the following table:

	•	Total Amount	Unfunded Commitments	Redemption Frequency	Redemption Notice Period
Retirement System:					
Real Estate Funds (1)	\$	31,096,947	1,302,599	N/A (1)	N/A (1)
Private Equity Funds (2)		20,034,600	8,203,083	N/A (2)	N/A (2)
Structured Credit Funds (3)		5,651,013	3,100,000	Annually	65 Days
Total Investments Measured at the NAV	\$	56,782,560			

- (1) Real Estate Funds: This type includes 8 real estate funds invest primarily in U.S. commercial real estate and value added opportunities. The values of the investments in this type have been determined using the NAV per share (or its equivalent) of the System's ownership interest in partners' capital. There is one investment with an approximate value of \$14,200,000 for which the investment can be redeemed annually, with a redemption notice period of 65 days. The remaining investments can never be redeemed with the funds. Distributions from each of these funds will be received as the underlying investments of the funds are liquidated. It is expected that the underlying assets of the funds will be liquidated over the next 1 to 7 years.
- (2) Private Equity Funds: This type includes 15 equity funds that consist primarily of limited partnership interests in corporate finance and venture capital funds. Corporate finance investments may include leveraged buy-out, industry consolidation, growth or fundamental business change, acquisitions, refinancing and recapitalization, mezzanine investments and distressed and turnaround strategies. Venture capital investments include start-up companies and companies developing new business solutions and technologies. The fair values of the investments in this type have been determined using the NAV per share (or its equivalent) of the System's ownership interest in partners' capital. There is one investment with an approximate value of \$1,500,000 for which the investment can be redeemed annually, with a redemption notice period of 65 days. The remaining investments can never be redeemed with the funds. Distributions from each of these funds will be received as the underlying investments of the funds are liquidated. It is expected that the underlying assets of the funds will be liquidated over the next 1 to 11 years.
- (3) Structured Credit Funds: This type includes 1 fund that invests in a portfolio comprised of collateralized debt obligations ("CDO's") and other structured credit investments. The fair values of the investments in this type have been determined using the NAV per share (or its equivalent) of the System's ownership interest in partners' capital.

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#### (6) Pension Plan – Brockton Contributory Retirement System (System)

#### (a) General Information

The City contributes to the System, a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan administered by the Brockton Contributory Board. Substantially all employees of the City are members of the System, except for public school teachers and certain administrators who are members of the Massachusetts Teachers Retirement System.

Membership in the System was as follows at December 31, 2015:

Active members	1,756
Inactive members	502
Retirees and beneficiaries currently receiving benefits	1,270
Total	3,528

As indicated in Note 1, the System is reported as a pension trust fund in these financial statements. The System issues a separately audited financial statement and a publicly available financial report in accordance with guidelines established by the Commonwealth's Public Employee Retirement Administration Commission. These reports may be obtained by contacting the System located at 1322 Belmont Street, Suite 101, Brockton, Massachusetts 02301.

#### (b) Benefits Provided

Chapter 32 of the MGL assigns authority to establish and amend benefit provisions of the plan. The plan provides for retirement allowance benefits up to a maximum of 80% of a member's highest three-year average annual rate of regular compensation for those hired prior to April 2, 2012. For persons who became members on or after April 2, 2012, average salary is the average annual rate of regular compensation received during the five consecutive years that produce the highest average, or, if greater, during the last five years (whether or not consecutive) preceding retirement. Benefit payments are based upon a member's age, length of creditable service, level of compensation, and group classification.

There are three classes of membership in the plan; Group 1, Group 2 and Group 4. Group 1 consists of general employees which includes clerical and administrative positions. Group 2 consists of positions that have been specified as hazardous. Lastly, Group 4 consists of police officers, firefighters, and other hazardous positions.

Members become vested after ten years of creditable service. A superannuation retirement allowance may be received upon the completion of 20 years of service or upon reaching the age of 55 with 10 years of service if hired after 1978 and if classified in groups 1 or 2. A person who became a member on or after April 2, 2012 is eligible for a superannuation retirement allowance upon reaching the age of 60 with 10 years of service if in group 1, 50 years of age with 10 years of service if in group 2, and 55 years of age if hired prior to 1978 or if classified in group 4. Normal retirement for most

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employees occurs at age 65 (except for certain hazardous duty and public safety positions, whose normal retirement is at age 55).

A retirement allowance consists of two parts: an annuity and a pension. A member's accumulated total deductions and the interest they generate constitute the annuity. The differential between the total retirement benefit and the annuity is the pension. The average retirement benefit is approximately 80-85% pension and 15-20% annuity.

When a member's retirement becomes effective, their deductions and related interest are transferred to the Annuity Reserve Fund. Any cost-of-living adjustments granted between 1981 and 1997 and any increase in other benefits imposed by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts' state law during those years are borne by the Commonwealth and are deposited into the Pension Fund. Cost-of-living adjustments granted after 1997 must be approved by the System and all costs are borne by the System.

Members who become permanently and totally disabled for further duty may be eligible to receive a disability retirement allowance. The amount of benefits to be received in such cases is dependent on several factors, including whether or not the disability is work related, the member's age, years of creditable service, level of compensation, veterans' status and group classification.

Survivor benefits are extended to eligible beneficiaries of members whose death occurs prior to or following retirement.

#### (c) Contributions

Chapter 32 of MGL governs the contributions of plan members and the employers. Plan members are required to contribute to the System at rates ranging from 5% to 11% of annual covered compensation. Members hired in 1979 or subsequent contribute an additional 2% of regular compensation in excess of \$30,000. The City is required to pay into the System its share of the system-wide actuarial determined contribution that is apportioned among the employers based on annual covered payroll.

For the year ended December 31, 2015, active member contributions totaled \$8,302,780 and employer contributions totaled \$19,247,619. Contributions to the System from the City were \$17,945,220 for the year ended June 30, 2016.

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

The components of the net pension liability of the System at December 31, 2015, were as follows:

Total pension liability	\$	590,910,301
Plan fiduciary net position	_	(352,477,755)
Net pension liability	\$	238,432,546
	•	
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability		59.65%

At June 30, 2016, the City reported a liability of \$221,810,876 for its proportionate share of the net pension liability. The net pension liability was measured as of December 31, 2015, and the total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of January 1, 2016. The City's proportion of the net pension liability was based on a projection of the City's long-term share of contributions to the pension plan relative to the projected contributions of all participating employers, actuarially determined. At December 31, 2015, the City's proportion was 93.02878 percent, which compared to the 93.50853 percent proportion measured as of December 31, 2014.

For the year ended June 30, 2016, the City recognized pension expense of \$32,676,334. At June 30, 2016, the City reported deferred outflows of resources related to pensions from the following sources:

	Defe	rred Outflows	Deferred Inflows	
	of	Resources	of Resources	
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on				
pension plan investments	\$	34,735,000	\$	-
Changes in Assumptions		10,498,123		- '
Differences between expected and actual experience		8,695,321		- '
Changes in Proportion		956,409		646,077
	\$	54,884,853	\$	646,077
	•			

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The amount reported as deferred outflows of resources related to pensions will be recognized in pension expense as follows:

Year Ended June 30	
2017	\$ 14,241,726
2018	14,241,726
2019	14,241,726
2020	10,646,150
2021	 867,448
Total	\$ 54,238,776

#### (d) Actuarial assumptions

The following actuarial methods and assumptions apply to all periods included in the measurement.

Methods:	
Actuarial cost method	Entry age normal cost
Asset valuation method	Fair value
Assumptions:	
Inflation	3.00%
Salary increases	Based on years of service, ranging from 7.00% at 0 years of service decreasing to 3.75% after 9 years of service
Investment rate of return	8.0%, net of investment expenses
Cost of living adjustment	3.0% of the first \$12,000 annually
Mortality	Healthy Retiree - RP-2000 Mortality Table projected generationally with Scale BB for males and females
	Disabled Retiree - RP-2000 Mortality Table set forward two years for all disabled members
Retirement rates	
	General Employees - 1.0% and 1.5% for males and females, respectively, beginning at age 50 ranging to 30.0% and

The actuarial assumptions used in the January 1, 2016 valuation were based on the results of an actuarial experience study for the period January 1, 2015 to December 31, 2015.

100.0% at age 65

20.0% for males and females, respectively, ending at age 69

Police and Fire - 1.0% beginning at age 45 ranging to

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#### (e) Investment Policy and Rates of Return

The Board has the authority for establishing and amending investment policy decisions. Based on the investment objectives and constraints of the System, and based on an annual review of the asset allocation and asset classes, the Board will specify a long-term target allocation for each class of permissible assets. These targets will be expressed as a percentage of the total portfolio, and will have ranges surrounding them, allowing for the portfolio to maintain policy through market fluctuations.

The long-term target allocations are intended as strategic goals. Thus, it is permissible for the overall System's asset allocation to deviate from the long-term target, as would likely occur during manager transitions, asset class restructurings, and other temporary changes in the System. Surplus cash flows are utilized to maintain the asset management structure. Should these cash flows not be sufficient to reallocate the plan according to policy, the transfer of assets may occur between managers. At least annually, the Board reevaluates the portfolio weightings by asset class and adjustments are made accordingly.

The System's annual money-weighted rate of return on pension plan investments, net of investment expenses, was -2.06%. The money-weighted rate of return expresses investment performance, net of pension plan investment expense, adjusted for the changing amounts actually invested, measured monthly.

The long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was determined using a bestestimate ranges of expected future nominal rates of return (expected return, net of investment expense and inflation) developed for each major asset class using an econometric model that forecasts a variety of economic environments and then calculates asset class returns based on functional relationships between the economic variables and the asset classes. Best estimates of arithmetic rates of return for each major asset class included in the System's target asset allocation as of December 31, 2015 are summarized on the following table:

	Target	Long-Term Expected
Asset Class	Allocation	Real Rate of Return
Equity	55%	8.46%
Fixed Income	36%	1.83%
Alternative	9%	7.92%

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#### (f) Discount Rate

The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability was 8.00 percent. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed that employee contributions will be made at the current contribution rate and that contributions from employers will be made at rates equal to the actuarially determined contribution rates. Based on those assumptions, the pension plan's fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make all projected future benefit payments of current plan members. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was applied to all periods of projected benefit payments to determine the total pension liability.

#### (g) Sensitivity of the net pension liability to changes in the discount rate

The following presents the net pension liability of the System calculated using the rate of 8.00%, as well as what the System's net pension liability would be if it calculated using a discount rate that is 1-percentage-point lower (7.00%) or 1-percentage-point higher (9.00%) than the current rate:

	1	% Decrease Current Discount Rate 1%		ecrease Current Discount Rate		1% Increase
		(7.00%)	(8.00%)		(9.00%)	
Net pension liability	\$	299,835,510	\$	238,432,546	\$	186,058,931

The following presents the City's proportionate share of the net pension liability calculated using the discount rate of 8.00 percent, as well as what City's proportionate share of the net pension liability would were calculated using a discount rate that is 1-percentage point lower (7.00 percent) or 1-percentage-point higher (9.00 percent) than the current rate:

	1% Decrease Current Discount Rate		ent Discount Rate		1% Increase		
	 (7.00%)		(8.00%)		(8.00%) (9.009		(9.00%)
Net pension liability	\$ 278,933,301	\$	221,810,876	\$	173,088,344		

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#### (h) Legally Required Reserve Accounts

The balances in the System's legally required reserves at December 31, 2015 are as follows:

Description	 Amount	Purpose
Annuity Savings Fund	\$ 90,125,409	Active members' contribution balance
Annuity Reserve Fund	25,928,031	Retired members' contribution account
Military Service Credit Fund	102,484	Amounts appropriated to fund military service time
Pension Reserve Fund	280,853,572	Amounts appropriated to fund future retirement
Pension Fund	 (44,531,741)	Remaining net position
Total	\$ 352,477,755	

#### (7) Retirement System - MTRS

#### (a) Plan Description

Public school teachers and certain administrators are provided with pensions through the Massachusetts Teachers' Retirement System (MTRS), a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan administered by the Massachusetts Teachers' Retirement Board. The MTRS is part of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts' (Commonwealth) reporting entity and does not issue a stand-alone audited financial report. The MTRS is reported as a Pension Trust Fund in the Commonwealth's audited financial statements that can be obtained at <a href="http://www.mass.gov/osc/publications-and-reports/financial-reports/cafr-reports.html">http://www.mass.gov/osc/publications-and-reports/financial-reports/cafr-reports.html</a>.

#### (b) Benefits Provided

The MTRS provides retirement, disability, survivor and death benefits to members and their beneficiaries. Massachusetts General Laws (MGL) establishes uniform benefit requirements. These requirements provide for superannuation retirement allowance benefits up to a maximum of 80% of a member's highest three-year average annual rate of regular compensation. For employees hired after April 1, 2012, retirement allowances are calculated on the basis of the last five years or any five consecutive years, whichever is greater in terms of compensation. Benefit payments are based upon a member's age, length of creditable service, and group creditable service, and group classification. The authority for amending these provisions rests with the Legislature.

Members become vested after ten years of creditable service. A superannuation retirement allowance may be received upon the completion of twenty years of creditable service or upon reaching the age of 55 with ten years of service. Normal retirement for most employees occurs at age 65. Most employees who joined the system after April 1, 2012 cannot retire prior to age 60.

#### (c) Contributions

The MTRS' funding policies have been established by Chapter 32 of the MGL. The Legislature has the authority to amend these policies. The annuity portion of the MTRS retirement allowance is

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funded by employees, who contribute a percentage of their regular compensation. Member contributions for MTRS vary depending on the most recent date of membership, ranging from 5-11% of regular compensation. Members hired in 1979 or subsequent contribute an additional 2% of regular compensation in excess of \$30,000.

The Commonwealth is a nonemployer contributor and is required by statute to make all actuarially determined employer contributions on behalf of the member employers. Therefore, the City is considered to be in a special funding situation as defined by GASB Statement No. 68, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Pensions* and the Commonwealth is a nonemployer contributing entity in MTRS.

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

Since the City does not contribute directly to MTRS, the City does not report a proportionate share of the net pension liability of the MTRS at June 30, 2016. The Commonwealth's net pension liability associated with the City was \$372,391,598.

The MTRS' net pension liability was measured as of June 30, 2015, and the total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of January 1, 2015 rolled forward to June 30, 2015.

For the year ended June 30, 2016, the City recognized pension expense of \$30,204,273 associated with MTRS and revenue of the same amount for support provided by the Commonwealth.

#### (d) Actuarial assumptions

The following actuarial methods and assumptions apply to all periods included in the measurement.

Investment rate of return 7.5%

Salary increases Salary increases are based on analyses of past experience but range

from 4.0% to 7.5% depending on length of service

Mortality Rates: Pre-retirement reflects RP-2014 Employees table projected

generationally with Scale BB and a base year of 2014 (gender distinct). Post-retirement - reflects RP-2014 Healthy Annuitant table projected generationally with Scale BB and a base year of 2014 (gender distinct). Disability – assumed to be in accordance with the RP-2014 Healthy Annuitant table projected generationally with

Scale BB and a base year of 2014 set forward four years.

Other 3.5% interest rate credited to the annuity savings fund and 3.0% cost

of living increase per year.

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#### (e) Rates of Return

Investment assets of the MTRS are with the Pension Reserves Investment Trust (PRIT) Fund. The long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was determined using a building-block method in which best-estimate ranges of expected future rates of return are developed for each major asset class. These ranges are combined to produce the long-term expected rate of return by weighting the expected future rates of return by the target asset allocation percentage. Best estimates of geometric rates of return for each major asset class included in the PRIT Fund's target asset allocation as of June 30, 2015 are summarized in the following table:

		Long-Term
	Target	Expected Real
Asset Class	Allocation	Rate of Return
Global Equity	40%	6.90%
Core Fixed Income	13%	2.40%
Hedge Funds	9%	5.80%
Private Equity	10%	8.50%
Real Estate	10%	6.50%
Value Added Fixed Income	10%	5.80%
Portfolio Completion Strategies	4%	5.50%
Timber/Natural Resources	4%	6.60%
Totals	100%	

#### (f) Discount Rate

The discount rate used to measure the MTRS' total pension liability was 7.5%. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed that plan member contributions will be made at the current contribution rates and the Commonwealth's contributions will be made at rates equal to the difference between actuarially determined contribution rates and the member rates. Based on those assumptions, the net position was projected to be available to make all projected future benefit payments of current plan members. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was applied to all periods of projected benefit payments to determine the total pension liability.

#### (g) Pension plan fiduciary net position

Detailed information about the MTRS' fiduciary net position is available in the Commonwealth's audited financial statements.

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### (8) Long-Term Obligations

The following is a summary of changes in long-term obligations for the year ended June 30, 2016:

General long-term obligations	Maturing through year ended June 30	Interest percentage range	Outstanding beginning of year	Additions	Reductions	Outstanding end of year	Current portion
Governmental Activities: General:							
Taxable	2028	(4.75% - 6.45%)\$	90,870,000	_	2,680,000	88,190,000	3,300,000
General Obligation	2036	(3.00% - 6.75%)	28,162,250	5,354,400	10,427,650	23,089,000	4,760,000
Subtotal			119,032,250	5,354,400	13,107,650	111,279,000	8,060,000
Add (deduct): Unamortized Bond Premium Total Governmental			1,118,780	539,785	196,413	1,462,152	196,412
Activities Debt, Net		\$	120,151,030	5,894,185	13,304,063	112,741,152	8,256,412

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General Long-Term Obligations	Maturing through year ended June 30	Interest percentage range	Outstanding beginning of year	Additions	Reductions	Outstanding end of year	Current portion
Business-Type Activities: Water Sewer Other	2036 2031 2024	(3.00% – 7.75% \$ (2.00% – 6.75%) (3.80% – 6.00%)	24,548,067 65,398,253 900,000	1,572,400 1,897,444 —	3,376,968 5,448,656 100,000	22,743,499 61,847,041 800,000	1,756,362 5,418,837 100,000
Subtotal			90,846,320	3,469,844	8,925,624	85,390,540	7,275,199
Add (deduct): Unamortized Bond Premium MCWT Interim Loan	2017	.09%	717,244 418,694	135,208 520,024	88,832 418,694	763,620 520,024	88,832
Total Business-Type A Debt, Net	ctivities	\$	91,982,258	4,125,076	9,433,150	86,674,184	7,364,031
Total Debt, Net		\$	212,133,288	10,019,261	22,737,213	199,415,336	15,620,443
Other Long-Term Obligations: Self-Insured Benefit Claims: Governmental Activities		\$	7,150,413	943,089	710,158	7,383,344	3,049,289
Business-Type Activities: Water Sewer Other			895,930 2,833,551 2,268,434	305,158 — 4,681	6,303 416,518 6,685	1,194,785 2,417,033 2,266,430	32,198 12,847 23,160
Compensated Absences, Net: Governmental Activities Business-Type Activities:			11,605,739	428,962	-	12,034,701	1,805,205
Water Sewer Other Court Judgements			327,919 148,999 140,133		12,767 26,799 11,771	315,152 122,200 128,362	47,273 18,330 19,254
Governmental Activities Landfill Closure and Postclosure Care Costs:			_	4,750,000	_	4,750,000	_
Governmental Activities Business-Type Activities:			2,595,341	_	121,248	2,474,093	_
Sewer Other Post Employment Benefits Governmental Activities			1,656,000 221,154,866	46,000 39,771,938	14,260,847	1,702,000 246,665,957	_
Business-Type Activities: Water			4,195,853	717,397	257,234	4,656,016	_
Sewer Other			1,819,441 2,079,361	308,414 415,688	110,587 149,052	2,017,268 2,345,997	_
Net Pension Liability Governmental Activities Business-Type Activities:			161,919,339	58,123,050	17,016,791	203,025,598	_
Water Sewer Other			7,717,374 3,203,440 4,368,328	2,462,518 907,675 1,700,449	787,253 317,930 469,323	9,392,639 3,793,185 5,599,454	
Total Other Long-Term Obligations	1	\$	436,080,461	110,885,019	34,681,266	512,284,214	5,007,556

In 2016, the City issued \$7,120,000 of general obligation State Qualified Refunding bonds for previously issued and outstanding bonds for Water Land Acquisition \$1,089,800, School Construction \$5,137,400, Water Mains \$410,000, School Planning \$217,000, Sewer Rehabilitation \$193,200, and Reservoir Improvements \$72,600. As a result, the City will reduce its total gross debt service payments over the remaining life of the bonds by approximately \$692,000 and will realize an economic gain (difference between the present values of the debt service payments on the old and new debt) of approximately \$661,000.

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In addition, the City permanently financed an interim loan of \$1,704,244 (Sewer Enterprise Fund) with the Massachusetts Clean Water Trust (MCWT) to fund sewer improvements.

During 2015, the City entered into an interim loan agreement for \$275,500 (water enterprise fund) with the MCWT to fund water system improvements. Interim interest rates are .09% and the loan is anticipated to permanently financed in 2017. Amounts accrued and considered issued during 2016 total \$101,451 in the water enterprise fund.

During 2016, the City entered into two interim loan agreements for \$3,513,471 (water enterprise fund) and \$1,401,693 (sewer enterprise fund) with the MCWT to fund various water and sewer system improvements. Interim interest rates are .09% and the loans are anticipated to be permanently financed in 2017. Amounts accrued and considered issued during 2016 total \$249,800 and \$168,773 in the water and sewer enterprise fund, respectively.

#### Maturity of Bond Indebtedness

Bond indebtedness outstanding at June 30, 2016 matures as follows:

		Go	vernmental Activit	ies
	_	Principal	Interest	Total
Year ending June 30:				
2017	\$	8,060,000	5,604,885	13,664,885
2018		5,915,000	5,204,749	11,119,749
2019		6,598,000	4,898,642	11,496,642
2020		7,296,000	4,549,784	11,845,784
2021		6,900,000	4,160,003	11,060,003
2022 - 2026		46,095,000	14,378,605	60,473,605
2027 - 2031		28,955,000	2,088,093	31,043,093
2032 - 2036	_	1,460,000	114,975	1,574,975
	\$	111,279,000	40,999,736	152,278,736

		<b>Business-Type Activities</b>				
		Wa	ater	Sev	ver	
•		Principal	pal Interest Principal		Interest	
Year ending June 30:						
2017	\$	1,756,362	486,652	5,418,837	1,451,443	
2018		1,780,965	440,462	5,416,623	1,298,376	
2019		1,666,589	394,696	5,400,976	1,151,264	
2020		1,692,135	349,898	5,422,948	1,008,070	
2021		1,630,927	308,902	5,449,519	865,433	
2022 - 2026		8,250,998	1,029,770	27,462,861	2,214,269	
2027 - 2031		4,726,970	302,567	6,776,363	277,303	
2032 - 2036		1,340,004	41,487	498,914	30,359	
	\$	22,844,950	3,354,434	61,847,041	8,296,517	

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**Business-Type Activities (Continued)** 

	business-Type Menvines (Continued)				
	Oth	ier	To	tal	
_	Principal	Interest	Principal	Interest	
\$	100,000	_	7,275,199	1,938,095	
	100,000	_	7,297,588	1,738,838	
	100,000	_	7,167,565	1,545,960	
	100,000	_	7,215,083	1,357,968	
	100,000	_	7,180,446	1,174,335	
	300,000	_	36,013,859	3,244,039	
	_	_	11,503,333	579,870	
_			1,838,918	71,846	
\$	800,000		85,491,991	11,650,951	
	_	\$ 100,000 100,000 100,000 100,000 100,000 100,000 300,000	Other           Principal         Interest           \$ 100,000         —           100,000         —           100,000         —           100,000         —           300,000         —           —         —           —         —	Other         To           Principal         Interest         Principal           \$ 100,000         — 7,275,199           100,000         — 7,297,588           100,000         — 7,167,565           100,000         — 7,215,083           100,000         — 7,180,446           300,000         — 36,013,859           — — 11,503,333         — 1,838,918	

The City has entered into loan agreements with the MCWT to finance certain water and wastewater related capital improvements. Since the City is legally obligated for the total debt amounts, the full liability has been recorded in the Water and Sewer enterprise funds in the accompanying basic financial statements. The City expects to receive \$228,628 and \$1,573,824 of Water and Sewer principal and interest subsidies, respectively, from MCWT over the remaining life of the loans as follows:

		Business-Type Activities						
		Wat	ter	Sew	er	Total		
	_	Principal Subsidy	Interest Subsidy	Principal Subsidy	Interest Subsidy	Principal Subsidy	Interest Subsidy	
Year ending June 30:								
2017	\$	21,794	13,454	73,951	223,890	95,745	237,344	
2018		22,218	12,560	50,448	200,110	72,666	212,670	
2019		22,129	12,654	51,661	182,914	73,790	195,568	
2020		24,869	7,167	26,095	164,552	50,964	171,719	
2021		25,400	6,021	9,129	148,994	34,529	155,015	
2022 - 2025		52,657	7,705	182,417	259,663	235,074	267,368	
Total	\$	169,067	59,561	393,701	1,180,123	562,768	1,239,684	

The City is subject to a dual-level general debt limit; the normal debt limit and the double-debt limit. Such limits are equal to 2½% and 5%, respectively, of the valuation of taxable property in the City as last equalized by the Commonwealth's Department of Revenue. Debt may be authorized up to the normal debt limit without state approval. Authorizations under the double-debt limit, however, require the approval of the Commonwealth's Emergency Finance Board. Additionally, there are many categories of general obligation debt, which are exempt from the debt limit but are subject to other limitations.

As of June 30, 2016, the City may issue approximately \$242.1 million of additional general-obligation debt under the normal debt limit. The City has approximately \$19.6 million of debt exempt from the debt limit.

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As of June 30, 2016, the City has total authorized unissued debt of \$93.6 million, which is intended to finance the following:

School construction/furnishings	\$ 22,512,881
School refunding	950,000
Refunding	2,430,000
Pension funding	47,710,000
Various Departments	4,876,000
Water projects	11,709,688
Sewer projects	2,460,779
Economic development	1,000,000
	\$ 93,649,348

In previous fiscal years, the City defeased certain debt where there were losses on the refunding transactions. These losses are being amortized over the shorter of the life of the refunding bonds and the refunded bonds and are reported as deferred outflows of resources in the government-wide and proprietary funds financial statements. The total deferred outflows reported at June 30, 2016 totals \$90,973.

#### (9) Landfill Closure and Postclosure Care Costs

State and Federal laws and regulations require that the City place a final cover on its landfill sites and perform certain maintenance and monitoring functions at the landfill sites for a minimum of thirty years after closure. In addition to operating expenses related to current activities of the landfill sites, an expense provision and related liability are being recognized based on the future closure and postclosure care costs that will be incurred near or after the date the landfills no longer accept waste. The recognition of these landfill closure and postclosure care costs is based on the amount of the landfills used during the year. The estimated liability for landfill closure and postclosure care costs is based on the percent used (filled) of the landfills and is as follows at June 30, 2016:

	_	Governmental Activities	Business-Type Activities (Sewer Fund)
Closure and Postclosure Care Costs	\$	2,474,093	1,702,000
Percentage Used (Filled)		100.00%	74.00%

It is estimated that an additional \$598,000 will be recognized as closure and postclosure care expenses between the date of the balance sheet and the date the Sewer fund landfill is currently expected to be filled to capacity (the year 2029).

The landfill liability recorded by the governmental activities represents postclosure care costs only, as the closure costs have been contractually assumed by a third party in exchange for the future use of the landfill site. As of June 30, 2009, the landfill was closed and the City began to incur postclosure care costs.

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The third party has placed an irrevocable letter of credit in the amount of \$5,485,000 in trust to provide assurance that funds will be available when needed for closure, maintenance, and/or corrective action.

The estimated total current cost of the landfill closure and postclosure care is based on the amount that would be paid if all equipment, facilities, and services required to close, monitor, and maintain the landfills were acquired as of June 30, 2016. However, the actual cost of closure and postclosure care may be higher due to inflation, changes in technology, or changes in landfill laws and regulations.

#### (10) Temporary Borrowings

Under state law and by authorization of the City Council, the City is authorized to borrow on a temporary basis to fund the following:

- Current operating costs prior to the collection of revenues through issuance of revenue anticipation notes (RANs);
- Capital project costs incurred prior to obtaining permanent financing through issuance of bond anticipation notes (BANs); and
- Federal and state-aided capital projects and other program expenditures prior to receiving reimbursement through issuance of federal and state-aid anticipation notes (FANs and SANs).

Temporary loans are general obligations of the City and carry maturity dates which are limited by statute.

Short-term debt activity for the year ended June 30, 2016 was as follows:

Outstanding as of June 30, 2015	Additions	Reductions	Outstanding as of June 30, 2016
_	772,300	_	772,300
_	718,000	_	718,000
_	568,600	_	568,600
_	415,100	_	415,100
_	925,000	_	925,000
_	310,000	_	310,000
_	185,000	_	185,000
_	180,000	_	180,000
_	78,000	_	78,000
_	47,000	_	47,000
_	27,000	_	27,000
_	14,000	_	14,000
	2,360,000		2,360,000
	6,600,000		6,600,000
-	as of June 30,	as of June 30, 2015 Additions	as of June 30, 2015 Additions Reductions

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#### (11) Operating Transfers

Operating transfers and their purposes during the year ended June 30, 2016 were as follows:

		Governmental Funds		Enterprise Funds		
		General	Other	Water	Sewer	Other
Water Receipts – in Lieu of Taxes	\$	532,573	_	(532,573)	_	_
Sewer Receipts – in Lieu of Taxes		1,546,294	_		(1,546,294)	_
Other Enterprise Receipts – in		,, -			( ) ,	
Lieu of Taxes		(169,626)	_	_	_	169,626
General Fund Revenue – Recreation		, , ,				
Subsidy		(984,672)	_	_	_	984,672
General Fund Revenue – Sewer, Renewable En	ergy	, , ,				
and Recreation Debt Service Costs	0.	(159,750)	_	_	59,750	100,000
Sewer Enterprise – Debt Service Costs		_	_	125,277	(125,277)	_
Recreation - Transfer of Capital Expenditures		_	(30,750)	_	_	30,750
Recreation - Contract Expenditures		(152,053)	_	_	_	152,053
Water - Contract Expenditures		(299,445)	_	299,445	_	_
Sewer - Contract Expenditures		(177,522)	_	_	177,522	
Parking Authority Reserve – Parking Authority	7	346,892	(346,892)	_	_	_
Parking Authority Reserve - Parking Authority	7	270,955	(270,955)	_	_	_
Parking Fines		317,547	(317,547)	_	_	_
Weights and Measures – Personal Services		39,950	(39,950)	_	_	_
Transfer to Close Out Accounts		90,786	(90,786)	_	_	_
Transfer of Ambulance Fees		474,525	(474,525)	_	_	_
Sale of Lots Graves - Melrose		164,000	(164,000)	_	_	_
General Fund Revenue - Transfer						
of Cable Agreement Reimbursement to						
Special Revenue Fund	_	(377,125)	377,125			
Total	\$	1,463,329	(1,358,280)	(107,851)	(1,434,299)	1,437,101

#### (12) Other Postemployment Benefit (OPEB) Disclosures

GASB Statement No. 45, Accounting and Financial Reporting by Employers for Postemployment Benefits Other Than Pensions, requires governments to account for other postemployment benefits, primarily healthcare, on an accrual basis rather than on a pay-as-you-go basis. Accordingly, actuarially required contributions are recognized as an expense on the government-wide statement of activities when a future retiree earns their postemployment benefit rather than when they use their postemployment benefit. To the extent that an entity does not fund their actuarially required contribution, a postemployment benefit liability is recognized on the government-wide statement of net position over time.

In addition to the pension benefits described in note 6, the City provides postemployment health care and life insurance benefits, in accordance with state statute and City ordinance, to participating retirees and their beneficiaries.

As of June 30, 2016, the valuation date, 3,147 retirees and 3,000 active members meet the eligibility requirements as put forth in Chapter 32B of MGL. The City sponsors and participates in a single employer defined benefit OPEB plan. The OPEB plan is administered by the City and does not issue a stand-alone financial report.

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Medical and prescription drug benefits are provided to all eligible retirees not enrolled in Medicare through a variety of plans offered by Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts and Harvard Pilgrim HealthCare. Medical and prescription drug benefits are provided to retirees enrolled in Medicare through Medicare Supplemental plans offered by Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts and Harvard Pilgrim HealthCare.

Groups 1 and 2 retirees, including teachers, with at least 10 years or 20 years of creditable service are eligible at age 55 or any age, respectively. Group 4 retirees with at least 10 years or 20 years of creditable service are eligible at age 45 or any age, respectively. Retirees on ordinary or accidental disability retirement are eligible at any age while ordinary disability requires 10 years of creditable service. The surviving spouse is eligible to receive both pre-retirement and post-retirement death benefits, as well as medical and prescription drug coverage.

#### (a) Funding Policy

Employer and employee contribution rates are governed by the respective collective bargaining agreements. The City currently funds the plan on a pay-as-you-go basis. The City and plan members share the cost of benefits. As of June 30, 2016, the valuation date, the plan members contribute 10% to 25% of the monthly premium cost, depending on the plan in which they are enrolled. The City contributes the balance of the premium cost.

#### (b) Annual OPEB Cost and Net OPEB Obligation

The City's annual OPEB expense is calculated based on the annual required contribution of the employer (ARC), an amount actuarially determined in accordance with the parameters of GASB Statement No. 45. The ARC represents a level of funding that, if paid on an ongoing basis, is projected to cover the normal cost each year and amortize any unfunded actuarial liability over a period of thirty years.

The following table shows the components of the City's annual OPEB cost for the year ending June 30, 2016, the amount actually contributed to the plan, and the change in the City's net OPEB obligation based on an actuarial valuation as of June 30, 2016:

Annual Required Contribution (ARC)	\$ 42,198,909
Interest on Net OPEB Obligation	9,169,981
Adjustment to ARC	 (10,155,454)
Annual OPEB Cost	41,213,436
Contributions Made	 (14,777,719)
Change in Net OPEB Obligation	26,435,717
Net OPEB Obligation – Beginning of Year	 229,249,521
Net OPEB Obligation – End of Year	\$ 255,685,238

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The City's annual OPEB cost, the percentage of annual OPEB cost contributed to the plan, and the net OPEB obligation were as follows:

	Annual OPEB Cost	Percentage of OPEB cost contributed	Net OPEB Obligation
Fiscal year ended:			
2016	\$ 41,213,436	35.86% \$	255,685,238
2015	37,477,528	34.33%	229,249,521
2014	35,244,550	42.48%	204,636,800

#### (c) Funded Status and Funding Progress

The funded status of the plan as of June 30, 2016, based on an actuarial valuation as of June 30, 2016, was as follows (in thousands):

Actuarially Accrued Liability (AAL) Actuarial Value of Plan Assets	\$	495,514
Unfunded Actuarial Accrued Liability (UAAL)	\$	495,514
Funded Ratio (Actuarial Value of Plan Assets/AAL)	-	%
Covered Payroll (Active Plan Members)	\$	201,104
UAAL as a Percentage of Covered Payroll		246.4%

Actuarial valuations of an ongoing plan involve estimates of the value of reported amounts and assumptions about the probability of occurrence of events far into the future. Examples include assumptions about future employment, mortality, and the healthcare cost trend. Amounts determined regarding the funded status of the plan and the annual required contributions of the City are subject to continual revision as actual results are compared with past expectations and new estimates are made about the future. The schedule of funding progress, presented as required supplementary information following the notes to the financial statements, presents multi-year trend information that shows whether the actuarial value of plan assets is increasing or decreasing over time relative to the actuarial accrued liabilities for benefits.

#### (d) Actuarial Methods and Assumptions

Projections of benefits for financial reporting purposes are based on the substantive plan (the plan as understood by the City and plan members) and include the types of benefits provided at the time of each valuation and the historical pattern of sharing of benefit costs between the City and plan members to that point. The actuarial methods and assumptions used include techniques that are designed to reduce short-term volatility in actuarial accrued liabilities and the actuarial value of assets, consistent with the long-term perspective of the calculations.

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In the June 30, 2016 actuarial valuation, the projected unit credit cost method was used. The actuarial assumptions included a 4.00% investment rate of return and an annual health care cost trend rate of 7.5%, reduced by decrements to an ultimate rate of 4.5% after 6 years, and the RP-2014 mortality table. The City's unfunded actuarial accrued liability is being amortized as a level percentage of pay on a closed basis assuming 3.0% increases. The remaining amortization period at June 30, 2016 was thirty years.

#### (13) Risk Management

The City is exposed to various risks of loss related to general liability, property and casualty, workers' compensation, unemployment and employee health, and life insurance claims.

Buildings and property are insured against fire, theft, and natural disaster to the extent that losses exceed a deductible of \$200,000 for Buildings and Property per incident and \$250,000 for incidents related to flood, wind storm, and earthquake. Vehicle damage and loss is insured to \$1,000,000 with a deductible of \$1,000.

The City is self insured for workers' compensation and unemployment claims. The City is also self insured for those employees participating in the City's Health Care Plans (Health Care Plans). Approximately 75% of the City's employees participate in preferred provider Health Care Plans.

Both employees and the City contribute to the Health Care Plans based upon a percentage formula, 75% City and 25% employee. The retirees' contribution rate is 25%, except for those retirees who were 65 or older as of July 1, 2003 and whose annual household income was \$22,340 or less for a single person over 65 years of age, or \$30,260 for a two person household with one person over 65 years of age. For these retirees, the contribution rates is 15% for BCBS Medex II. The 15% rate was established through a Home Rule Petition voted and approved by the City Council and the Massachusetts General Court. Stop loss insurance is carried on the Health Care Plans for claims in excess of \$350,000 per covered person. The City maintains a working deposit with the administrator of its Blue Cross Blue Shield Health Care Plans. At June 30, 2016, that deposit was \$6,307,800, which includes Dental insurance. The financial arrangement with Harvard Pilgrim is monthly level funding of \$1,280,000 with quarterly adjustments if necessary.

The City is insured for other types of general liability; however, Chapter 258 of the MGL limits the City's liability to a maximum of \$100,000 per claim in all matters except actions relating to federal/civil rights, eminent domain, and breach of contract. Claims settlements have not exceeded insurance covered in any of the past three years.

Liabilities for self-insured claims are reported if it is probable that a loss has been incurred and the amount can be reasonably estimated. These losses include an estimate of claims that have been incurred but not reported. Changes in the self-insurance liability for the years ended June 30, 2016 and 2015 were as follows:

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	Workers' Compensation Plan	Health Care Plans	Total
Balance at June 30, 2014 Provision for Losses/Change in Estimate Payments for Claims	\$ 9,548,356 1,829,037 (1,010,202)	3,368,389 45,455,876 (46,043,131)	12,916,745 47,284,913 (47,053,333)
Balance at June 30, 2015	10,367,191	2,781,134	13,148,325
Provision for Losses/Change in Estimate Payments for Claims	947,843 (1,170,936)	48,077,098 (47,740,738)	49,024,941 (48,911,674)
Balance at June 30, 2016	\$ 10,144,098	3,117,494	13,261,592

The liability for claims consists of governmental and business-type activities in the amount of approximately \$7,383,444 and \$5,878,148, respectively.

#### (14) Commitments

On May 22, 2001, the City entered into a Water Purchase Agreement (the Agreement) with Inima, Servicios Europeos De Medio Ambiente, S.A. (Inima), jointly with Bluestone Energy Services, operating as Aquaria.

This Agreement provides for obtaining additional water from Aquaria's desalinization facility, which it designed, permitted, constructed, and operates. The plant employs conventional water treatment, followed by a reverse osmosis process to remove salinity. This will provide a minimum of five million gallons daily (MGD) of potable water and will be readily capable of expansion to ten MGD.

The Agreement expires in 2028 unless extended, renewed, or terminated. This Agreement may be renewed for up to 30 additional years in five year renewal terms.

Aquaria makes available to the City a minimum of the Firm Commitment of water on a daily and yearly average basis. The Firm Commitment begins at 1.9 MGD and increases over the 20 years to 4.07 MGD.

At the time that the contract was enacted the schedule for the City's fixed purchase commitment resembled the projected growth in water demand for the City, but the schedule somewhat exceeded this curve, especially in years three to eight. In recent years, water conservation measures and lack of economic growth have resulted in a demand curve, which is significantly less than that assumed in the fixed commitment table. As a result, the increased cost of financing the fixed commitment has fallen almost exclusively more heavily on current users, rather than on new water consumption, as was anticipated when the contract was executed. In the event that other water purchase contracts are executed, the City has the right to offset its fixed commitment to a minimum of 2.0 MGD with the volume commitment of other long term purchasers or the right to reduce by about 50%, on a gallon for gallon basis, its fixed price for its fixed volume commitment.

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The rate charged to the City for the Firm Commitment is a fixed annual charge of \$167,480 per year per 0.1 MGD of the City's Firm Commitment; this charge is incurred regardless of whether the City takes the water. In addition, the City incurs an additional charge of \$1.23 per 1,000 gallons for water actually delivered. For example, with a firm commitment of 2.0 MGD plus actual usage of 1.0 MGD for an entire year, the City would pay nearly \$3.8 million. The financial obligation is primarily attached to the fixed price component. The rate structure is permitted to escalate with the Producer Price Index for Finished Goods, excluding food after three years of water delivery. Accordingly, escalation will begin, in the fourth year of the contract, which is at the end of 2013. Fixed and variable charges are recorded in the major Water fund when incurred, which totaled \$6.5 million in fiscal year 2016.

As of June 30, 2016, based on the current fixed annual charge, the City expects to pay \$83.7 million for its Firm Commitment as follows:

	_	Amount
Fiscal year:	_	
2017	\$	6,380,988
2018		6,598,712
2019		6,816,436
2020		6,816,436
2021		6,816,416
2022 - 2026		34,082,180
2027 – 2029	_	16,226,906
	\$	83,738,074

#### (15) Contingencies

The City is engaged in various matters of routine litigation. Litigation is subject to many uncertainties, and the outcome of individual litigated matters is not always predictable.

Subsequent to year-end, a judgment totaling approximately \$4,750,000 (which includes interest) was entered against the City for damages incurred by the plaintiff in relation to a discrimination lawsuit. The City has filed a notice of appeal regarding a portion (approximately \$4,300,000) of the settlement. This judgment has been accrued for in the accompanying government-wide financial statements.

The City participates in a number of federal award programs. Although the grant programs have been audited in accordance with the provisions of Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (Uniform Guidance) through June 30, 2016, these programs are still subject to financial and compliance audits by federal agencies. The amount, if any, of expenditures which may be disallowed by the granting agencies cannot be determined at this time, although the Town expects such amounts, if any, to be immaterial.

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#### (16) Restatement

During 2016, it was identified that the June 30, 2015 total pension liability used to calculate the City's net pension liability was understated. As a result, an adjustment has been made to increase the net pension liability reported as of June 30, 2015 in the governmental activities, business-type activities and the enterprise funds. The impact of the restatement to beginning net position is as follows:

		Governmental Activities	Business-Type Activities	Water	Sewer	Other
Net Position, June 30, 2015, as Previously Reported	\$	(197,271,593)	96,305,154	24,095,679	67,150,054	5,059,421
Increase in Net Pension Liability	ı	(5,924,256)	(559,394)	(282,360)	(117,207)	(159,827)
Net Position, June 30, 2015, As Restated	\$	(203,195,849)	95,745,760	23,813,319	67,032,847	4,899,594

#### (17) Fund Deficits

The following funds had deficit fund balances at June 30, 2016:

		Total	Funding Source
School Roof Repairs Fund	\$	632	Available Funds
School Repairs - MSBA Acclr. Program		2,385,840	Long-Term Debt/ State Grants
Special Revenue			
Public Safety Grants		102,146	State/Federal Grants
Capital Projects - Various		826,653	State/Federal Grants
Education Grants		7,790	State/Federal Grants
	\$	3,323,061	
	Ψ =	3,323,001	

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June 30, 2016

#### (18) Fund Balance Classification Details

The components of fund balance for the City's governmental funds as of June 30, 2016 are as follows:

	Total 6,742,653 6,587,268 3,329,921
Nonspendable: Permanent Fund Principal \$ — 6,742,653	6,587,268
Nonspendable: Permanent Fund Principal \$ — 6,742,653	6,587,268
Permanent Fund Principal \$ — 6,742,653	6,587,268
Notes Receivable 6,587,268 —	
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6,587,2686,742,6531	3,347,741
Restricted for:	
General Government 22,231,455 3,654,245 2	5,885,700
Human Services — 231,094	231,094
Public Safety — 1,300,358	1,300,358
	1,105,748
Culture/Recreation — 699,920	699,920
Education 9,025,946	9,025,946
22,231,455 16,017,311 3	8,248,766
Committed to:	
General Government 16,520,091 — 1	6,520,091
Human Services — 548,548	548,548
Public Safety	1,815,929
<u></u>	8,884,568
Assigned to:	
General Government 647,592 —	647,592
Human Services 84,360 —	84,360
Public Safety 295,254 —	295,254
Public Works 329,071 —	329,071
Culture/Recreation 12,398 —	12,398
Education 5,494,236	5,494,236
6,862,911	6,862,911
Unassigned 22,344,599 (3,323,061) 1	9,021,538
Total Fund Balances \$ 74,546,324 21,801,380 9	6,347,704

The City maintains a stabilization account in accordance with MGL Chapter 40 Section 5B that is reported as unassigned fund balance in the general fund. The City may appropriate in any year an amount not exceeding 10% of the amount raised in the preceding fiscal year from real and personal property taxes, or a larger amount as approved by the Department of Revenue. Further, the stabilization account may not exceed 10% of the City's equalized valuation as defined in MGL Chapter 44 Section 1. Funds can be appropriated from or added to the stabilization account by 2/3 vote of City Council. The balance of the stabilization accounts was \$3.1 million at June 30, 2016.

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Pursuant to Chapter 324 of the Acts of 1990, the City maintains a separate reserve for unforeseen and extraordinary expenditures. The purpose of the reserve is to ensure fiscal stability and must be maintained at a minimum balance of 1.5% of the gross amount raised on the prior year approved property tax filing. The balance of the reserve at June 30, 2016, totaled \$5.9 million, and is reported as restricted in the general fund.

#### (19) Future Implementation of GASB Pronouncements

The GASB has issued the following statements:

<u>Statement No. 74</u>, Financial Reporting for Postemployment Benefits Plans Other than Pension Plans, which is required to be implemented during fiscal year 2017. Management is evaluating the Statement's future impact on the financial statements.

<u>Statement No. 75</u>, Accounting and Financial Reporting for Postemployment Benefits Other than Pensions, which is required to be implemented during fiscal year 2018. Management is evaluating the Statement's future impact the basic financial statements.

<u>Statement No. 77</u>, *Abatement Disclosures*, which is required to be implemented during fiscal year 2017. Management is evaluating the Statement's future impact on the basic financial statements.

<u>Statement No. 80</u>, *Blending requirements for Certain Component Units – an amendment of GASB Statement No. 14*, which is required to be implemented during fiscal year 2017. Management is evaluating the Statement's future impact on the basic financial statements.

<u>Statement No. 81</u>, *Irrevocable Split-Interest Agreements*, which is required to be implemented during fiscal year 2017. Management is evaluating the Statement's future impact on the basic financial statements.

<u>Statement No. 82</u>, *Pension Issues – an amendment of GASB Statements No. 67*, 68 and No. 73, which is required to be implemented during fiscal year 2017. Management is evaluating the Statement's future impact on the basic financial statements.

<u>Statement No. 83</u>, *Certain Retirement Obligations*, which is required to be implemented during fiscal year 2019. Management is evaluating the Statement's future impact on the basic financial statements.

<u>Statement No. 84</u>, *Fiduciary Activities*, which is required to be implemented during fiscal year 2020. Management is evaluating the Statement's future impact on the basic financial statements.

Budgetary Comparison Schedule – General Fund Required Supplementary Information

June 30, 2016

(Unaudited)

	Budgeted	Amounts	Actual Amounts (Budgetary	Variance with Final Budget Positive
•	Original	Final	Basis)	(Negative)
Resources (Inflows):				
Real and Personal Property Taxes, Net \$	121,184,893	121,184,893	123,276,674	2,091,781
Motor Vehicle and Other Excise	8,261,100	6,513,500	8,656,044	2,142,544
Penalties and Interest on Taxes	1,769,200	1,769,200	2,001,211	232,011
Payments in Lieu of Taxes	153,000	153,000	171,813	18,813
User Charges and Other Revenue	1,608,012	1,428,012	4,301,380	2,873,368
Fees	526,700	706,700	1,968,589	1,261,889
Licenses and Permits	978,300	978,300	3,146,998	2,168,698
Intergovernmental	193,607,725	195,355,325	195,494,962	139,637
Fines	568,300	568,300	391,707	(176,593)
InvestmentIncome	149,600	149,600	167,420	17,820
Transfers in	6,431,224	6,715,224	6,552,405	(162,819)
Amounts Available for Appropriation	335,238,054	335,522,054	346,129,203	10,607,149
Charges to Appropriations (Outflows):				
Current:	17.001.045	14 000 617	14.077.202	002.225
General Government	17,821,845	14,980,617	14,077,392	903,225
Public Safety	47,150,334	46,957,518	45,520,345	1,437,173
Education Public Works	176,509,277	176,247,732	176,477,687	(229,955)
Human Services	7,620,613	7,616,274	7,137,649	478,625
Culture and Recreation	2,586,116 2,475,974	2,580,616 2,475,974	2,361,118 2,318,914	219,498 157,060
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State and County Assessments Pension and Fringe Benefits	8,014,686 69,609,927	8,014,686 72,611,927	8,609,894 70,166,929	(595,208) 2,444,998
Court Judgments	150,000	869,270	932,174	(62,904)
Capital Outlay	364,034	951,462	679,469	271,993
Debt Service	13,513,835	13,513,835	13,294,832	219,003
Transfers Out	2,234,692	2,234,692	2,611,817	(377,125)
Total Charges to Appropriations	348,051,333	349,054,603	344,188,220	4,866,383
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Excess (Deficiency) of Resources Over Charges to Appropriations	(12,813,279)	(13,532,549)	1,940,983	15,473,532
Other Budget Items:				
Free Cash	13,131,133	13,131,133		
Other Available Funds	(317,854)	401,416		
Total Other Budget Items	12,813,279	13,532,549		
Net Budget \$				

See Notes to Required Supplementary Information.

Required Supplementary Information

Last Ten Fiscal Years

(Unaudited)

#### Schedule of Changes in Employer Net Pension Liability and Related Ratios Brockton Contributory Retirement System (1)

Total Pension Liability		2016	2015*
Service Cost	\$	11,641,512	10,817,393
Interest		44,359,746	41,739,197
Differences Between Expected and Actual Experience		11,431,816	, , , <u> </u>
Changes of Assumptions			17,356,197
Benefit Payments, including Refunds of Member Contributions		(38,024,658)	(37,937,119)
Net Change in Total Pension Liability		29,408,416	31,975,668
Total Pension Liability - Beginning	-	561,501,885	529,526,217
Total Pension Liability - Ending (a)	\$	590,910,301	561,501,885
Plan Fiduciary Net Position			
Contributions - Employer	\$	19,247,619	19,332,315
Contributions - Member	Ψ	8,302,780	8,467,701
Net Investment Income		(7,554,439)	15,837,436
Benefit Payments, including Refunds of Member Contributions		(38,024,658)	(37,937,119)
Other (Net)		(798,475)	(406,376)
Administrative Expense		(686,453)	(677,927)
Net Change in Plan Fiduciary Net Position		(19,513,626)	4,616,030
Plan Fiduciary Net Position - Beginning	-	371,991,381	367,375,351
Plan Fiduciary Net Position - Ending (b)	\$	352,477,755	371,991,381
Net Pension Liability - Ending (a) - (b)	\$	238,432,546	189,510,504
Plan Fiduciary Net Position as a Percentage of the Total Pension Liability	•	59.65%	66.25%
Covered-Employee Payroll	\$	89,738,426	76,707,094
Net Pension Liability as a Percentage of Covered-Employee Payroll		265.70%	247.06%

<sup>\*</sup>Service cost and the total pension liability have been updated to reflect gross service cost

<sup>(1)</sup> Data is being accumulated annually to present 10 years of the reported information.

Required Supplementary Information

Last Ten Fiscal Years

(Unaudited)

## Schedule of Employer Contributions (in thousands) Brockton Contributory Retirement System

	_	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011
Actuarially determined contribution	\$	19,290	19,290	17,239	16,597	13,788
Contributions in relation to the actuarially determined contribution	_	19,248	19,332	17,283	16,639	13,834
Contribution deficiency (excess)	\$	42	(42)	(44)	(42)	(46)
Covered-employee payroll	\$	89,738	76,707	76,378	74,417	74,417
Contributions as a percentage of covered-employee payroll		21.45%	25.20%	22.63%	22.36%	18.59% (Continued)
		•				, ,
	_	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006
Actuarially determined contribution	\$	11,517	11,117	10,958	10,607	10,340
Contributions in relation to the actuarially determined contribution		11,618	11,117	10,946	10,607	10,606
	_ \$	11,618	11,117 —	10,946 12	10,607	10,606
actuarially determined contribution	\$ = \$		11,117 — 74,357		10,607 — 72,260	
actuarially determined contribution  Contribution deficiency (excess)	· <del>-</del>	(101)		12		(266) 69,893 15.17%
actuarially determined contribution  Contribution deficiency (excess)  Covered-employee payroll  Contributions as a percentage of	· <del>-</del>	(101) 75,433	74,357	74,357	72,260	(266)

#### Schedule of Investment Returns Brockton Contributory Retirement System (1)

Annual money-weighted rate of return, net of investment income -2.06% 4.38%

<sup>(1)</sup> Data is being accumulated annually to present 10 years of the reported information.

Required Supplementary Information

Last Ten Fiscal Years

(Unaudited)

#### Schedule of City's proportionate share of the net pension liability Brockton Contributory Retirement System (1) (2)

	2016	2015
City's proportion of the net pension liability	93.02878%	93.50853%
City's proportionate share of the net pension liability	\$ 221,810,876	177,208,481
City's covered-employee payroll	\$ 72,465,192	69,675,322
City's proportionate share of the net pension liability as a percentage of		
its covered-employee payroll	306.1%	254.3%
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability	59.65%	66.25%

- (1) Amounts presented were determined as of December 31 of the applicable fiscal year
- (2) Data is being accumulated annually to present 10 years of the reported information

#### Schedule of City Contributions (in thousands) Brockton Contributory Retirement System

	_	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012
Actuarially determined contribution	S	17,945	18,038	16,075	15,477	12,732
Contributions in relation to the actuarially determined contribution	_	17,945	18,038	16,075	15,477	12,732
Contribution deficiency (excess)	\$					
Covered-employee payroll	\$	72,465	69,675	71,795	69,952	69,952
Contributions as a percentage of covered-employee payroll		24.76%	25.89%	22.39%	22.13%	18.20%
						(Continued)
		2011	2010	2009	2008	2007
Actuarially determined contribution	S	10,342	9,709	9,742	9,470	9,233
Contributions in relation to the actuarially determined contribution	_	10,342	9,709	9,742	9,470	9,233
Contribution deficiency (excess)	\$		<u> </u>			
Covered-employee payroll	\$	70,907	74,356	69,896	67,924	65,699
Contributions as a percentage of covered-employee payroll		14.59%	13.06%	13.94%	13.94%	14.05%
		14.59%	13.06%	13.94%	13.94%	14.05% (Concluded)

(Concluded)

Required Supplementary Information

Last Ten Fiscal Years

(Unaudited)

## Schedule of Special Funding Amounts of the Net Pension Liability Massachusetts Teachers' Retirement System (1) (2)

	-	2016	2015
City's Share of Net Pension Liability Commonwealth's Share of the City's Net Pension Liability	\$	372,391,598 372,391,598 —	293,063,758 293,063,758
City's Expense and Revenue Recognized for the Commonwealt's Support	\$	30,204,273	20,360,546
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability		55.38%	61.64%

- (1) Amounts presented were determined as of June 30 of the prior year
- (2) Data is being accumulated annually to present 10 years of the reported information

Required Supplementary Information

June 30, 2016

(Unaudited)

## **Schedules of Funding Progress**

## Other Post Employment Benefits (in thousands)

	Actuarial	Actuarial				Percentage
Actuarial	Value of	Accrued	Unfunded	Funded	Covered	Covered
Valuation Date	Assets (A)	Liability (B)	(B-A)	Ratio (A/B)	Payroll (C)	((B-A/C)
June 30, 2016 \$	_	495,514	495,514	% \$	201,104	246.4%
June 30, 2014	_	416,955	416,955	%	190,904	218.4%
June 30, 2012	_	504,888	504,888	%	173,404	291.2%

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## (1) Budgetary Basis of Accounting

The City must establish its property tax rate each year so that the resulting property tax levy will comply with the limits required by Proposition  $2\frac{1}{2}$  and also constitute that amount which will equal the sum of (a) the aggregate of all annual appropriations for expenditures and transfers, plus (b) provision for the prior fiscal year's deficits, if any, less (c) the aggregate of all nonproperty tax revenue and transfers projected to be received by the City, including available surplus funds.

The budgets for all departments and operations of the City, except that of public schools, are prepared under the direction of the Mayor. The School Department budget is prepared by the School Committee. Original and supplemental appropriations are submitted by the Mayor and approved by the City Council. The Finance Department independently develops revenue estimates, which effectively limit total expenditures consistent with the City's Chief Financial Officer's requirement under Chapter 324 of the Acts of 1990 to certify the affordability of spending requests.

The City's annual budget is prepared on a basis other than GAAP. The "actual" amounts column of the Budgetary Comparison Schedule is presented on a "budgetary basis" to provide a meaningful comparison with the budget. The major differences between the budget and GAAP bases are that:

- (a) Budgeted revenues are recorded when cash is received, as opposed to when susceptible to accrual (GAAP).
- (b) Encumbrances and continuing appropriations are recorded as the equivalent of expenditures (budget), as opposed to an assignment of fund balance (GAAP).

## (2) Expenditures in Excess of Budget

In fiscal year 2016, expenditures and encumbrances and continuing appropriations exceeded budgeted amounts for Education totaling (\$229,955), State and County Assessments (\$595,208), Court Judgments (\$62,904), and Transfers Out (\$377,125).

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# (3) Explanation of Differences between Budgetary Inflows and Outflows and GAAP Revenues and Expenditures – General Fund

Budgetary inflows and GAAP revenues:  Actual amounts (budgetary basis) "amounts available for appropriation" from the budgetary comparison schedule  Differences – budget to GAAP:  Property and excise taxes and intergovernmental revenues are reported as a budgetary resource on the cash basis, rather than on the modified.	\$	346,129,203
budgetary resource on the cash basis, rather than on the modified accrual basis Stabilization fund earnings MTRS on-behalf payments Transfers from other funds are inflows of budgetary resources but are not		1,101,979 209,499 30,204,273
revenues for financial reporting purposes	_	(6,552,405)
Total revenues as reported on the statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balances	\$_	371,092,549
Budgetary outflows and GAAP expenditures:  Actual amounts (budgetary basis) "total charges to appropriation" from the budgetary comparison schedule  Differences – budget to GAAP:  Enterprise fund related budgetary expenditures are recorded as reductions	\$	344,188,220
to transfers for GAAP purposes		(159,750)
Health claims expenditures and accruals are not reported as charges to appropriations on a budgetary basis Adjustments for expenditures, encumbrances, and accruals, net MTRS on-behalf payments Transfers to other funds are outflows of budgetary appropriations but are		(7,946,147) 4,946,363 30,204,273
not expenditures for financial reporting purposes		(2,611,817)
Total expenditures as reported on the statement of revenues, expenditures and changes in fund balances	\$	368,621,142

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## (4) Schedule of employer contributions

The following methods and assumptions were used to determine the most recent actuarially determined contribution rates:

Valuation date January 1, 2014

Methods:

Actuarial cost method Entry age normal cost

Amortization method Level percentage of pay

Remaining amortization period 19 years

Asset valuation method 5-year smoothing method

Assumptions:

Inflation 3.00%

Salary increases Based on years of service, ranging from 7.00% at 0 years of

service decreasing to 3.75% after 9 years of service

Investment rate of return 8.0%

Cost of living adjustment 3.0% annually

Mortality Pre-retirement - RP-2000 Mortality Table projected 15 years

beyond the valuation date with Scale AA for males and females

Postretirement - RP-2000 Mortality Table projected 7 years beyond the valuation date with Scale AA for males and females

Disabled Retiree - RP-2000 Mortality Table set forward two

years for all disabled members

Retirement rates General Employees - 1.0% and 1.5% for males and females,

respectively, beginning at age 50 ranging to 30.0% and 20.0%

for males and females, respectively, ending at age 69

Police and Fire - 1.0% beginning at age 45 ranging to 100.0% at

age 65

## Budgetary Comparison Schedule – Water Enterprise Fund Additional Information

Year Ended June 30, 2016

	Budgeted A	A mounts	Actual Amounts (Budgetary	Variance with Final Budget Positive
<del>-</del>	Original	Final	Basis)	(Negative)
Resources: Charges for Services Departmental Charges and Fees Miscellaneous  \$ 1	15,001,676 457,549 37,347	15,001,676 457,549 37,347	14,177,499 606,522 75,583	(824,177) 148,973 38,236
Amounts Available for Appropriation	15,496,572	15,496,572	14,859,604	(636,968)
Charges to Appropriations: Salaries and Benefits Ordinary Maintenance Debt Service	2,965,332 10,538,971 2,229,819	3,264,777 10,538,971 2,229,819	2,992,815 10,214,094 2,169,193	271,962 324,877 60,626
Total Charges to Appropriations	15,734,122	16,033,567	15,376,102	657,465
Excess (Deficiency) of Resources over Charges to Appropriations	(237,550)	(536,995)	(516,498)	20,497
Other Financing Sources (Uses): Certified Retained Earnings Transfers In Transfers Out	2,192,120 — (1,954,570)	2,192,120 299,445 (1,954,570)	2,192,120 299,445 (1,804,570)	 
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	237,550	536,995	686,995	_
Net Changes in Fund Balance \$		_	170,497	20,497

## Budgetary Comparison Schedule – Sewer Enterprise Fund Additional Information

Year Ended June 30, 2016

			Actual Amounts	Variance with Final Budget
	Budgeted A		(Budgetary	Positive
	Original	Final	Basis)	(Negative)
Resources:				
Charges for Services \$	16,601,847	16,601,847	19,457,568	2,855,721
Departmental Charges and Fees	483,202	483,202	459,497	(23,705)
Miscellaneous	367,294	367,294	317,326	(49,968)
Amounts Available for Appropriation	17,452,343	17,452,343	20,234,391	2,782,048
Charges to Appropriations:				
Salaries and Benefits	1,676,702	1,854,224	1,476,014	378,210
Ordinary Maintenance	8,549,602	8,549,602	5,911,740	2,637,862
Debt Service	7,005,935	7,005,935	6,994,810	11,125
Capital Outlay	1,031,273	1,031,273	2,419,163	(1,387,890)
Total Charges to Appropriations	18,263,512	18,441,034	16,801,727	1,639,307
Excess (Deficiency) of Resources				
over Charges to Appropriations	(811169)	(988,691)	3,432,664	4,421,355
Other Financing Sources (Uses):				
Certified Retained Earnings	3,013,133	3,013,133	3,013,133	_
Transfers In	· · ·	177,522	177,522	
Transfers Out	(2,201,964)	(2,201,964)	(2,201,964)	
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	811,169	988,691	988,691	
Net Changes in Fund Balance \$			4,421,355	4,421,355