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## **FINANCIAL SECTION**

## INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

**Honorable Mayor James A. Diossa  
and Members of the Central Falls City Council  
Central Falls, Rhode Island**

### **Report on the Financial Statements**

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the City of Central Falls, Rhode Island as of and for the year ended June 30, 2017, 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.

### ***Auditors' 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 auditors' 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, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the City of Central Falls, Rhode Island, as of June 30, 2017, and the respective changes in financial position, for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

## *Other Matters*

### *Required Supplementary Information*

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the Management's Discussion and Analysis, and Required Supplementary Information on pages 4 through 11 and 69 through 85 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 of Central Falls, Rhode Island's basic financial statements. The combining and individual non-major fund financial statements and the Schedule of Property Taxes Receivable are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements.

The combining and individual nonmajor fund financial statements and the schedule of expenditures of federal awards are 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 combining and individual nonmajor fund financial statements and the schedule of expenditures of federal awards are 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 April 3, 2018, on our consideration of the City of Central Falls, Rhode Island'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 City of Central Falls, Rhode Island's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

*Marcum LLP*

Providence, RI  
April 3, 2018

## **Management's Discussion and Analysis**

### **Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2017**

This discussion and analysis of the City of Central Falls financial performance provides an overview of the City's financial activities for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2017. This is the City's fifteenth (15<sup>th</sup>) year reporting in accordance with the provisions of GASB Statement No. 34. Please read this document in conjunction with the accompanying basic financial statements and the accompanying notes to those financial statements.

#### **Financial Highlights**

The auditors' report for 2017 expresses an unmodified (i.e. "clean") opinion on the financial statements of the City of Central Falls. The City's basic financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, each major fund, the aggregate remaining fund information of the City and the notes to the financial statements.

The Government-Wide Statement of Net Position indicates that the City's total net position decreased this year to a negative \$22,465,871, reflecting a decrease of \$126,854 over FY2016.

The Government-Wide Statement of Activities indicates that the City's total general revenues of \$18,223,545 combined with additional program revenues of \$3,571,485, less program expenses of \$21,921,884, resulted in a decrease of \$126,854 in total net position from a year ago.

The Governmental Fund Financial Statements indicate that the ending fund balance for the City's general fund was a surplus of \$668,143, reflecting an increase of \$81,903 (after other financing sources and uses) compared to the FY2016 fund balance.

#### **The Financial Statements**

The financial statements presented herein include all the activities of the City of Central Falls using the integrated approach as prescribed by Government Accounting Standard Board (GASB) Statement No. 34.

The Government-Wide Financial Statements present the financial picture of the City of Central Falls from the economic resources measurement focus using the accrual basis of accounting. These statements include all assets of the City of Central Falls as well as all liabilities (including long term debt). Additionally, certain eliminations have occurred as prescribed by GASB Statement No. 34 about inter-fund activity, payables and receivables.

The Fund Financial Statements include statements for each of the two categories of activities - governmental and fiduciary. The governmental activities are prepared using the current financial resources measurement focus and modified accrual basis of accounting. The fiduciary activities are reported in the City's trust and agency funds. Agency funds, unlike the City's pension trust funds, do not have a measurement focus and only require a statement of fiduciary net position. Reconciliation of the Fund Financial Statements to the Government-Wide Financial Statements is provided to explain the differences created by the integrated approach.

#### **Overview of the Financial Statements**

##### **Government-Wide Financial Statements**

##### **The Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities**

The Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities report information about the City of Central Falls as a whole and about its activities. These statements include all assets and liabilities of the City using the accrual basis of accounting, which is similar to the accounting used by most companies in the private-sector. All of the current year's revenues and expenses are taken into account, regardless of when cash is received or paid.

These two statements report the City's net position and changes in them. Net position is the difference between assets and liabilities, which is one way to measure the City's financial health or financial position. Over time, increases or decreases in the City's net position is an indicator of whether the City's financial health is improving or deteriorating.



**Overview of the Financial Statements (Continued)**  
**Government-Wide Financial Statements (Continued)**

**The Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities (Continued)**

GASB Statement No. 34 defines the accounting terms found in the Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities as follows:

**Governmental Activities**

This category identifies the costs of the City's various functions/programs in providing services to the public (i.e. general government, public safety, public works, etc.). The City's aggregate costs of providing these services are then offset by the state, federal and private grants, which provide additional funds that serve to reduce the City's costs of providing these same services.

**Fund Financial Statements**

The fund financial statements provide detailed information about the most significant funds, not the reporting entity as a whole. Although some funds are established by local ordinance, management often creates other funds to help control and manage certain revenues, grants and other sources of funds. These funds are generally earmarked for specific purposes and management must be able to demonstrate that it is meeting certain legal responsibilities often required by the provider.

**Governmental Funds**

Most of the City's services are reported on governmental funds, which focus on how money flows into and out of those funds and the balances left at year-end that are available for spending. The funds are reported using an accounting method called modified accrual accounting, which measures cash and all other financial assets that can be readily converted into cash. The governmental fund statements provide a detailed short-term view of the City's general government operations and the basic services it provides. Governmental fund information helps determine whether there are greater or fewer financial resources that can be spent in the near future to finance the City's programs. The differences of results in the Governmental Fund financial statements compared to those in the Government-Wide financial statements are explained in the reconciliation schedule following the Governmental Fund financial statements.

**Proprietary Funds**

Business-like activities, such as providing water or sewer services, to the general public are done so through enterprise funds, which are financed primarily by user charges. The City of Central Falls has no enterprise funds. Services of this type have historically been provided to Central Falls residents through regional boards and commissions located outside of the City.

**Fiduciary Funds**

The City of Central Falls is the trustee, or fiduciary, for certain funds held on behalf of beneficiaries. The City's fiduciary activities are reported in separate Statements of Fiduciary Net Position. These activities are excluded from the City's Government-Wide Financial Statements because the City cannot use these assets to finance operations. The City is responsible for ensuring that the assets reported in these funds are used for their intended purpose.

**Notes to Financial Statements**

The notes provide additional information that is essential to a complete understanding of the data provided in the Government-Wide and Governmental Fund financial statements.

**Other Information**

In addition to the basic financial statements and accompanying notes, this report also presents certain required supplementary information, such as the City's progress in funding its obligation to provide pension benefits to its employees and budgetary comparison schedules for the General Fund.

**Overview of the Financial Statements (Continued)**  
**Government-Wide Financial Statements (Continued)**

**The Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities (Continued)**

**Government-Wide Financial Analysis**

In this, the fifteenth (15<sup>th</sup>) year of implementation of the provisions of GASB Statement No. 34, the City continues to provide certain disclosures and compares them to prior year financial statements. In the sections that follow, a comparative analysis is provided between current year and prior year information.

As noted earlier, the total net position for the City of Central Falls has decreased by \$126,854 over the prior year's balance. This decrease is first identified in the change in net position as recorded in the Statement of Activities and then flows through the Statement of Net Position. Program expenses by function, general revenues by major source, excess and/or deficiency of revenues over expenses and total assets are presented in the Statement of Activities and Changes in Net Assets.

Net position for the City of Central Falls for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2017 was:

<b>Net Assets</b>			
<b>Governmental Activities</b>			
		<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
Current and other assets	\$	6,358,378	\$ 10,477,047
Capital assets		<u>19,437,048</u>	<u>17,236,989</u>
Total Assets		<u>25,795,426</u>	<u>27,714,036</u>
Deferred Outflow		5,900,251	5,476,708
Current liabilities		4,661,495	5,201,483
Long-term liabilities		<u>43,142,337</u>	<u>44,192,116</u>
Total Liabilities		<u>47,803,832</u>	<u>49,393,599</u>
Deferred Inflow		<u>6,357,716</u>	<u>6,314,449</u>
Net Position:		(22,465,871)	(22,517,304)
Net investment in			
Capital assets		8,327,048	4,236,989
Restricted		2,357,234	5,144,396
Unrestricted		<u>(33,150,153)</u>	<u>(31,898,689)</u>
Total Net Position	\$	<u>(22,465,871)</u>	\$ <u>(22,517,304)</u>

This year the City of Central Falls continues to report positive balances in two (2) areas of net position. Net investment in capital assets is \$8,327,048 and restricted net position amounted to \$2,357,234. The negative balance of \$33,150,153 in unrestricted net position is mostly attributable to the City's net pension liability of \$27,691,403 and the other post-employment benefits obligation of \$3,267,708.

As indicated in the Statement of Activities, the total cost of governmental activities for the year ended June 30, 2017 was \$21,921,884. Some of the costs (i.e. \$1,217,227) were paid by federal, state and private grants and entitlements.

Overview of the Financial Statements (Continued)  
 Government-Wide Financial Statements (Continued)

The Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities (Continued)

Government-Wide Financial Analysis (Continued)

	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
<b>Charges for Services</b>		
General government	\$ 2,354,258	\$ 1,845,865

Total revenue received for charges for services in 2016 was \$1,845,865 an increase of \$190,723 as compared to the amount received in 2015, which was \$1,655,142. The change is mostly attributable to a cost increase in water rates and cost of living expenditure.

	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
<b>Operating Grants and Contributions</b>		
General government	\$ 552,345	\$ 517,749
Public safety	75,475	61,546
Public recreation	149,150	96,262
Total	\$ 776,970	\$ 675,557

Total revenue received from Operating Grants and Contributions in 2017, was \$3,030,888 an increase of \$2,355,331 as compared to the amount received in 2016, which was equal to \$675,557.

	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
<b>Capital Grants and Contributions</b>		
General government	\$ 440,257	\$ 223,158

Total revenue received from Capital Grants and Contributions in 2017 was \$440,257, which was an increase of \$217,099 to the amount received in 2016, which was \$223,158. The change in amount is revenue that was received for the 115 Illinois Project.

	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
<b>Total Program Revenues</b>	\$ 3,571,485	\$ 2,744,580
<b>General Revenues</b>		
Property taxes	15,078,492	14,895,636
Grants and contributions (unrestricted)	2,253,918	2,476,125
Investment earnings	343	8,669
Miscellaneous	890,792	258,307
<b>Total General Revenues</b>	18,223,545	17,638,737
	\$ 21,795,030	\$ 20,383,317

General revenues in 2017 were \$18,223,545, which reflects an increase \$584,808 as compared to the amount received in 2016, which was equal to \$17,638,737. Total Government-Wide Revenues in 2017 were \$21,795,030, an increase of \$1,411,713 as compared to the amount received in 2016, which was equal to \$20,383,317. The change is mostly attributable to an increase in property tax rate and collection efforts.