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SUBJECT: City of Newburgh Financials – September 2014

Below are the highlights of the City of Newburgh Revenue and Expenses through September 30, 2014.

General Fund Revenue

Through September, the City of Newburgh collected \$30.3 million compared to the annual revenue budget of \$44.2 million (68.5%).

- \$19.8 million - Real Property Taxes/PILOT Payments
- \$736k - Fund Balance transfer
- \$1.8 million – Enterprise Fund transfer for General Fund Services
- \$5.9 million –Sales & Use tax, Utilities Tax and Franchise Fees
- \$955k -Departmental Income
- \$160k - Licenses and Permits
- \$473k – Mortgage Tax and Use of Money and Property
- \$388k - Miscellaneous Income (Sale of Property, Local Government Grants, Employee Health Contributions)

I am still projecting a \$1 million shortfall in Property Taxes, Code and Parking Enforcement. To cover the shortfall, a spending freeze has been put in place. 10% of

each Department's available budget for supplies, equipment, and contracts were placed into a Financial Plan Savings Code. The freeze does not apply to vacant positions.

General Fund Expense

The City of Newburgh has expended \$29.1 million plus an additional \$70k in FY2013 encumbrances. On a cash basis, the City has expended 65.9% of the 2014 budget. On a modified accrual basis, they have committed 67.7%.

Overall Departmental expenses are in-line with the approved budgets with the exception of Police and Fire overtime. As previously stated, Fire overtime has decreased compared to last year's overtime activity (with the hiring of the new grant funded recruits), however we are projecting they will exceed their 2014 budget by \$100k. Police overtime is expected to exceed their overtime budget by \$330k. Both Departments have identified surplus funds within their budgets to cover the overtime deficits.

Enterprise Fund Revenue

Through September 2014, the Enterprise Funds (Water, Sewer and Sanitation) generated \$8.9 million in revenue.

Water Department generated/collected \$3.2 million through September which represents 53.8% of their total revenue budget for FY2014. Third quarter water bills are due back to the City in November 2014.

Sewer Department generated/collected \$3.3 million through September which represents 55.4% of their total revenue budget for FY2014. Third quarter sewer bills are due back to the City in November 2014

The Sanitation Fund generated/collected \$2.4 million through September which represents 71.7% percent of the total revenue budget for FY2014. Fourth quarter sanitation bills have been mailed out and are due back to the City the October 31, 2014.

Enterprise Fund Expense

Through September 2014, Enterprise Funds expended \$8.7 million with an additional \$978k million in encumbered funds. On a cash basis, the Enterprise Funds have expended 56.8% of their budget. On a modified accrual basis, they have committed 63.2%.

As stated last month, the Water Department is projected to have a surplus of \$100k. The surplus is primarily due to a vacant Chief Operator position that has remained unfilled.

There is no projected deficit or surplus in the Sewer Fund for FY2014.

As stated previously, the Sanitation Fund is projecting a \$120k surplus. This is due to several workers out on workers comp for an extended period of time.

All Enterprise surplus funds revert back to their respective Enterprise Fund Balances at the end of the Fiscal Year.

Capital

There are no changes since last month's report on the Capital Budget/Project timelines.

Trust and Agency Accounts

- **Misc Donations**
 - Shade Tree - \$346
 - National Night Out - \$0
 - Gun Buyback - \$535
 - Misc Fire Dept - \$1,547

- **Police**
 - Police Evidence - \$80,649
 - Federal Seizure - \$16,474
 - State Seizure - \$9,866
 - Police Bicycle - \$552
 - Police Donations - \$187

- **Celebrations**
 - Puerto Rican Day - \$80
 - International Festival - \$8,102
 - Quadricentennial - \$2,000
 - Fireworks - \$2,634
 - Memorial Day - \$91

2015 Budget Prep

The City Manager presented his proposed 2015 budget to the Council on October 14, 2014.

The first budget review session with the Council is scheduled for tomorrow (October 28, 2014) from 3:00 to 6:00 pm.

The second budget review session with the Council is scheduled for Thursday (October 30, 2014) from 3:00 to 6:00 pm

The public hearing is scheduled for November 10, 2014 and the Council will vote to adopt the FY2015 Budget on November 20, 2014.