

MY FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS

MAYOR JIM GILVIN

On behalf of the City of Alpharetta, I am pleased to present our Annual Citizens' Report for Fiscal Year 2023. The report is designed to provide an overview of how your tax dollars have been managed and invested this year.

The past twelve months saw your investment pay dividends as the City made progress on road improvement projects, expansion of the Alpha Loop, and enhancements to public parks. Construction on the first two phases of our Webb Bridge Park Improvement Project began in March, and the bid process for a third phase began in November. The Alpha Loop trail network also continued to grow as construction began on a key section

connecting Old Milton Parkway to Northwinds Parkway, including a tunnel underneath Westside Parkway. Construction is also underway on the new Waters Road and Mid Broadwell Road Parks. While those signature projects grabbed headlines, the City also completed construction on several sidewalk extension and intersection improvement projects, created new pedestrian crosswalks,

and made improvements to Union Hill Park, North Park, and Wills Park.

During the year, we also worked in partnership with residents and businesses to create plans to ensure Alpharetta remains positioned as the best place to make a home or operate a business. For the State Route 9 Corridor south of Old Milton Parkway, the Brookside Parkway Area, and the eastern portion of the Windward Business Park, new visions were cast and supporting plans developed that will position those areas to attract investment and become modern, vibrant activity centers. A similar effort is underway in partnership with the City of Milton and True North 400 which is focused on the northern State Route 9 and western Windward Parkway Corridors.

Your tax dollars have also been invested to ensure that Alpharetta remains one of the safest cities in the nation. We are developing a Real Time Crime Center that leverages technology to improve the effectiveness and efficiency of our police operations by allowing us to partner with property owners, link to a network of CCTV cameras and license plate readers, and work with regional partners to analyze data and crime trends. This year we launched My Watch, our community paramedicine program, to focus on injury

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prevention, public education, and patient advocacy, especially among our senior population. The program not only improves quality of life for residents, by preventing injuries it reduces emergency calls thereby saving tax dollars.

All of these investments in combination with wonderful community events, outstanding recreational programming, and the day-to-day efforts of our professional staff result in Alpharetta being a truly world-class city that consistently sits atop a variety of "best places" lists. More importantly, it ensures that Alpharetta remains a place we can all be proud to call home.

Thank you for choosing to be part of this amazing community.



MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL



New Term: Jan. 1, 2024 to Dec. 31, 2027

Post 1

Donald Mitchel

678-297-6003 DMitchell@alpharetta.ga.us Term: Jan. 1, 2022 to Dec. 31, 2025





678-297-6003 BWill@alpharetta.ga.us

Term: Jan. 1, 2022 to Dec. 31, 2025



Post 3

Doug **DeRito**

678-297-6003 DDeRito@alpharetta.ga.us

Term: Jan. 1, 2022 to Dec. 31, 2025

Hipes

Prior Term: Jan. 1, 2020 to Dec. 31, 2023



678-297-6003 JHipes@alpharetta.ga.us

New Term: Jan. 1, 2024 to Dec. 31, 2027

Post 5

Jason **Binder**

678-297-6003 |Binder@alpharetta.ga.us

Term Ended: Dec. 31, 2023



Dan Merkel

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Prior Term: Jan. 1, 2020 to Dec. 31, 2023 New Term: Jan. 1, 2024 to Dec. 31, 2027

POPULAR ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

This report is intended to increase awareness throughout the community of the financial operations of the City. As such, this report is written in a user-friendly manner that summarizes and communicates the City's financial condition.

Financial information referenced herein is sourced from Alpharetta's audited financial statements as published in the city's Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR) for fiscal year 2023. The 2023 ACFR was audited by Mauldin & Jenkins, LLC and has received an unmodified or "clean" audit opinion. Financial statements are presented in conformity with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles. Financial activity, as highlighted

in the Financial Review section, discloses the appropriate Fund in which the detail was derived. Component units are not presented within this section.

The Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA) has given an Award for Outstanding Achievement in Popular Annual Financial Reporting (PAFR) to the City of Alpharetta for its PAFR for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2022. The award is a prestigious national honor, recognizing conformance with the highest standards for preparation of state and local government popular annual financial reports.



Government Finance Officers Association

Award for Outstanding Achievement in Popular Annual Financial Reporting

Presented to

Alpharetta

Georgia

For its Annual Financial Report for the Fiscal Year Ended

June 30, 2022



Executive Director/CEO

The 2023 ACFR may be accessed through the City's website at www.alpharetta.ga.us/government/publications/financial-reports or by contacting the Finance Department at 678-297-6094.

NEWLY ELECTED OFFICIAL BEGINNING JAN. 1, 2024

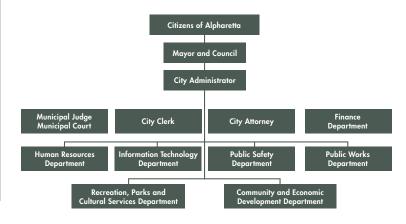


Fergal M **Brady**



Term: Jan. 1, 2024 to Dec. 31, 2027

STRUCTURE OF YOUR CITY GOVERNMENT



City Staffing Authorized City Positions*

2024 467.5 2023 459.0 2022 451.5 2021 449.0

2020 448.0

*Full time equivalent (full time position = 1, part time position = 0.5)

RECOGNITION



Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting

for fiscal year 2022 from the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA)



Distinguished Budget Presentation Award

for fiscal year 2023 from GFOA.



Tree City USA from the National Arbor Day Foundation for the 33rd consecutive year.



Insurance Services Office (ISO) Class 1 Rating

This certification, representing superior property fire protection capabilities, is based primarily on an evaluation of the city's water supply and distribution, fire department equipment, manpower, etc. Alpharetta is one of only 25 agencies in Georgia and 498 agencies nationwide, to receive an ISO Class 1 rating, the highest available.



Special Needs Certified Community

from the Special Needs Certified Organization

Recognizing communities that are better able to understand, engage, and serve people with special needs.

rankings

66 With a newly redesigned downtown filled with indoor-outdoor restaurants, greenspaces for picnicking, and sidewalks for meandering with the family, Alpharetta has become a must-experience place.
Southern Living

Best Places to Live in Georgia

2023

TRAVEL+ LEISURE

#1 Place to Live in Georgia

2023

The Hiami Herald

Best Places to Raise a Family in Georgia

2023

NICHE®®

Best Places to Live on the East Coast

2021

Newsweek

The South's Best Cities 2023

Southern Living

5 of Georgia's Top 15 High Schools



Source: https://www.awesomealpharetta.com/about/

OUR COMMUNITY



Population (nighttime) 67,267



Population (daytime)

122,000



Square Miles **27**

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Bond AAA Rating

Incorporated

1858

Highest credit rating available. Alpharetta is one of only 221 cities nationwide to earn an AAA bond rating from Moody's Investors Service.

INFRASTRUCTURE

ADVANTAGES

Our story goes like this: During the late-90s dot-com boom, the City of Alpharetta started to grow from the ground up—literally. Hundreds of miles of fiber optic cables were buried throughout the city, and the state's largest electricity provider, Georgia Power, took it a step further by establishing a series of redundant electric networks throughout the city.



700 Tech Companies



60%Download Speeds
Above U.S. Average



25MTotal Sq. Feet Office Space

ACCESSIBILITY

Because Alpharetta is just a quick drive from Atlanta, businesses are conveniently positioned right by the world's busiest airport. And if that's not enticing enough, there are plenty of other ways to get around whether you prefer to drive by car or ride public transit, Alpharetta makes sure businesses and their workers get to where they need to go.







BUSINESS CLIMATE

LOCAL COMPANIES

There's a reason why more than 700 technology-based businesses have made their home in Alpharetta, and it's not just the nice houses and great weather. Our fiber-optic network is the most extensive and redundant in the Southeast, and we work closely with state and local economic development agencies to provide tax credits and incentives to complement any brand of business. Some of the biggest and most recognized names in the tech industry are thriving here in Alpharetta.

We could talk about Alpharetta's exceptional business climate all day long, but nothing speaks to our success quite like our track record. Here are just a few names we're proud to work with.

TOP 10 EMPLOYERS

Providing a strong economic foundation for our community, the City of Alpharetta is pleased to recognize the top 10 employers – based on the number of employees.



















E*TRADE

Employer N	lo. c	of E	mployees
ADP, INC			2,231
FISERV, INC			2,088
EQUIFAX INFORMATION SERVICES			1,734
LEXIS NEXIS RISK SOLUTIONS			1,384
VERIZON			•
UPS SUPPLY CHAIN SOLUTIONS			1,051
E*TRADE FINANCIAL			
JACKSON HEALTHCARE			. 870
ERNST & YOUNG U. S. LLP			. 806
HEWLETT PACKARD ENTERPRISE COMPANY			. 738

Source: City of Alpharetta Finance Department

WORKFORCE

COMPETITIVE EDGE

Every business on the planet, from Mom & Pop stores to Fortune 500 companies, is only as good as its employees. And in Alpharetta, we're proud to be home to some of the smartest minds in the world of tech.

65.0 percent of Alpharetta's residents own a bachelor's degree or higher, which is nearly double the national average for young adults. And there are plenty of them, too. With a **daytime population over 122,000**, Alpharetta boasts close to 3,000 workers per square mile; that's more than major metropolitan areas like Charlotte, Dallas, Austin, or Phoenix.

EDUCATION

When it comes to college degrees, our workforce has credentials that are hard to compete with. No matter what heights our businesses desire to reach, our workers come equipped with the invaluable knowledge it takes to get there.

26.4%

Graduate or Professional Degree



64.6%

Bachelor's Dearee



6.6%

Associate's Degree

PROFESSIONS

Need more proof that Alpharetta is a rising hub in the business world? Consider that 82% of Alpharetta residents are employed in professional, managerial, technical, sales and administrative positions. Our citizens don't just have degrees—they've got the experience and working knowledge needed to take any business to the next level.

20%

Individuals Earn \$100K or More



82%

Employed in Professional/ Technical Sector



67K

Total City Population

PERSONNEL

Alpharetta's consistent population nearly doubles during the day. That means that employees are coming from throughout the region to work for Alpharetta's rising tech companies. With great accessibility and a superior quality of life, it's no wonder we're one of the fastest-growing cities in the nation, and it's getting better every day.

122K

Daytime Population



1M+

People With 30-Minute Drive Time



2,923

Workers Per Square Mile

Top City in the Nation For Health IT



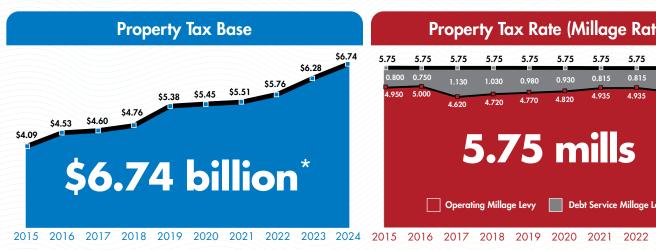
The Best Small Cities to Start a Small Business

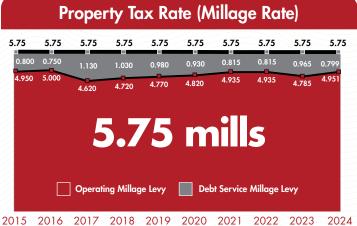
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PROPERTY TAXES

The City of Alpharetta has historically acknowledged the need to provide a taxation rate commensurate with the government's level of service. Over the last ten years, the city has experienced significant growth in its population, service delivery responsibilities, and tax base. As the tax base has grown, the city's fiscally conservative, long-term approach to government has invested those funds in expansion of service delivery capabilities including infrastructure, technology, equipment, etc.

The adopted property tax rate for calendar year 2023 (fiscal year 2024) totals 5.75 mills. To maintain Alpharetta as an affordable place to live and retire, the City offers multiple homestead exemptions that save our homeowners over \$8.6 million annually.



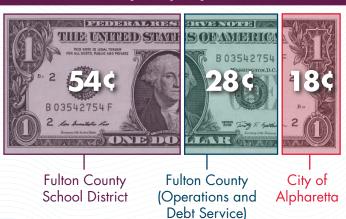


^{*} Includes taxable values from the following property types: Real, Personal, and Motor Vehicles

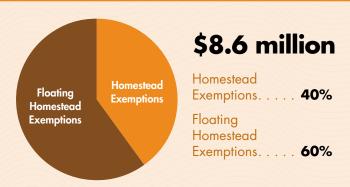
Tax Base Segmentation



Where Does My Property Tax Dollar Go?



Annual Taxpayer Savings



The City's Exemptions

- Floating Homestead exemption that caps the taxable value growth of homesteaded properties to the lesser of 3% or CPI;
- Basic Homestead exemption of \$45,000 which is among the highest in the State;
- Senior Basic Homestead exemption of \$25,000 for residents aged 65 and older; and
- Senior Full-Value Homestead exemption available to residents aged 70 and older who meet certain income requirements.

FINANCIAL REVIEW OF FISCAL YEAR 2023

The Financial Review section is designed to provide details on the financial health and stability of the City of Alpharetta. Included within this section are discussions of major revenue sources and major expenditure allocations, analysis of fund balances, analysis of net position, significant financial trends, etc.

The tables below depict the sources of revenues and expenditures for the government on a fund-level basis of accounting, highlighting how the government received its funding and where the funds were spent. Fiscal years 2021-2022 are presented to highlight financial trends.

During fiscal year 2023, the city's governmental funds reported a combined ending fund balance of \$145.2 million which represents an increase of \$7 million over the prior year. Please refer to pages 8–9 for a narrative on revenue and expenditure variances.

The city's proprietary funds reported a combined ending net position of \$2.1 million which represents an increase of \$700,047 over the prior year due to growth in claims funding exceeding current year claim expense activity (Risk Management Fund and Medical Insurance Fund).

Governmental Funds (e.g. General Fund, E-911 Fund, etc.)
Figures presented in millions. Totals subject to rounding.

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	FY 2023	FY 2022	FY 2021		
Revenues: Property Taxes Sales and Use Taxes Other Taxes Licenses and Permits Charges for Services Impact Fees Fines and Forfeitures Intergovernmental Contributions and Donations Investment Earnings Other Revenues	\$38.7 36.1 27.0 3.8 8.3 0.5 3.4 5.7 0.7 4.8 0.4	\$35.4 34.4 25.0 3.3 7.5 1.9 3.2 6.1 0.9 (0.8) 0.4	\$34.5 29.1 20.8 3.1 7.8 2.1 1.7 15.5 0.5 0.2 4.3		
Total Revenues:	\$129.2	\$117.4	\$119.4		
Expenditures: General Government Public Safety Public Works Community Development Culture and Recreation Capital Outlay Debt Service	\$11.1 39.4 11.2 8.9 12.0 33.0 9.3	\$10.9 37.4 11.0 7.8 10.4 21.3 8.0	\$10.1 33.1 17.3 5.6 8.9 36.0 7.3		
Total Expenditures:	\$124.9	\$106.7	\$118.3		
Excess (deficiency) of Revenues over (under) Expenditures	\$4.3	\$10.7	\$1.1		
Other Financing Sources (Uses)	\$2.4	\$32.3	\$1.4		
Net Changes in Fund Balances	\$6.7	\$43.0	\$2.6		
Beginning Fund Balances	\$138.5	\$95.5	\$92.9		
Ending Fund Balances	\$145.2	\$138.5	\$95.5		

Proprietary Funds (e.g. Solid Waste	e Fund, Risk Management Fund, etc.)
Figures presented in millions.	Totals subject to rounding.

	FY 2023	FY 2022	FY 2021
Operating Revenues: Charges for Services			
Refuse Collection Charges	\$5.1	\$5.1	\$4.3
Risk Management Charges Medical Insurance	1.7	1.6	1.5
Fund Charges	8.1	7.8	7.9
Other Revenues	0.3	0.1	0.1
Total Operating Revenues:	\$15.1	\$14.5	\$13.9
Operating Expenses:			
Program Administration	\$5.4	\$5.9	\$4.8
Claims and Judgments Premiums	6.3 2.8	6.4 2.7	6.8 2.6
			
Total Operating Expenses:	\$14.5	\$15.0	\$14.2
Operating Income (Loss)	\$0.6	\$(0.5)	\$(0.4)
Non-Operating Revenues	\$0.1	\$(O.1)	_
Changes in Net Position	\$0.7	\$(0.5)	\$(0.4)
Beginning Net Position	\$1.4	\$1.9	\$2.3
Ending Net Position	\$2.1	\$1.4	\$1.9

Sources

City of Alpharetta, Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for the respective Fiscal Year Statement of Revenues, Expenditures & Changes in Fund Balances (Governmental Funds)

City of Alpharetta, Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for the respective Fiscal Year Statement of Revenues, Expenditures & Changes in Net Position (Proprietary Funds)

GOVERNMENTAL FUND REVENUES

The City of Alpharetta maintains 16 individual governmental funds. The governmental funds reflect the city's basic services, including public safety, public works, culture and recreation, community development, general government, etc.

For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023, the city's revenues for all governmental funds totaled \$129 million and represents an increase of \$12 million compared to fiscal year 2022.

Major revenue variances include the following: increase of \$3.3 million in Property Taxes due to a combination of general growth in the property tax base coupled with new construction; increase of \$1.6 million in Sales and Use Taxes due to increased economic activity; increase of \$1.3 million in hotel taxes due to increased economic activity including a resurgence in the hospitality industry; decrease of \$1.5 million in Impact Fees due to general timing of development activity (FY 2022 included several large developments entering the permitting phase); increase of \$5.5 million in investment earnings due to the underlying growth in market interest rates; etc.

The following section provides a brief description of the city's revenue sources by category:

\$129 Million in Governmental Fund Revenues



Property Taxes: 30%

Taxes collected from property owners based upon an assessed valuation and tax rate. The dollar amount received is to be used to fund governmental services and debt service on voter approved general obligation bonds.



Sales and Use Taxes: 28%

Taxes imposed on the purchase, sale, rental, storage, use, or consumption of tangible personal property and related services. Specifically represents the city's portion of the: (a) 1% sales and use tax collected in Fulton County; and (b) 0.75% sales and use tax earmarked towards transportation improvements.



Other Taxes: 21%

Represents various other taxes such as franchise fees, insurance premium taxes, alcohol beverage excise taxes, hotel/motel taxes, etc.



Other Sources: 10%

This category includes the sources of Licenses and Permits, Impact Fees, Fines and Forfeitures, Contributions and Donations, Investment Earnings, etc.



Charges for Services: 6%

Fees collected for general government services and includes emergency 911 fees, recreation activity fees, planning and development fees, etc.



Intergovernmental: 5%

Revenues from other governments in the form of grants, contributions, shared revenues, etc.

GOVERNMENTAL FUND EXPENDITURES

For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023, the city's expenditures for all governmental funds totaled \$125 million and represents an increase of \$18 million compared to fiscal year 2022.

Major expenditure variances include the following: increase of \$12 million in Capital Outlay due to higher capital project spend across multiple Funds including T-SPLOST and T-SPLOST 2 Capital Funds, 2022 Bond Construction Fund, general Capital Project Fund, etc.; increase of \$2 million in Public Safety due primarily to growth in compensation plan costs (e.g., salary and benefits) and operations; increase of \$1.1 million in Community Development due primarily to Hotel/Motel Fund pass thru expenses to partnering agencies that grew due to increased economic activity including a resurgence in the hospitality industry; increase of \$1.6 million in Culture and Recreation due to a combination of growth in staff compensation plan costs coupled with growth in seasonal staffing needs, parks maintenance needs, and recreation program offerings due to increased consumer utilization of recreation programs and amenities; etc.

The following section provides a brief description of the city's expenditures by function:

\$125 Million in Governmental Fund Expenditures



Public Safety: 32%

Expenditures incurred for public safety activities including police and fire services.



Capital Outlay: 26%

Expenditures incurred for capital improvements throughout the city (please refer to page 11 for detailed information on our capital investment activities).



Other Services: 16%

This category includes the functions of General Government, Intergovernmental, and Debt Service. The largest component, General Government, represents expenditures incurred for general administrative offices including the Mayor and City Council, City Administration, Finance, Human Resources, Information Technology, etc.



Public Works: 9%

Expenditures incurred in providing engineering, transportation, and public works services as well as capital investment.



Culture and Recreation: 10%

Expenditures incurred in providing cultural and recreational services as well as capital investment.



Community Development: 7%

Expenditures incurred in providing community development, permitting, and inspection services.

NET POSITION AND FUND BALANCE

Over time, the increases or decreases in net position may serve as a useful indicator of the city's financial position and stability. For fiscal year ended June 30, 2023, the City of Alpharetta's net position totaled \$349 million with the breakdown as follows:

Net Investment in Capital Assets (72% or \$250 million)

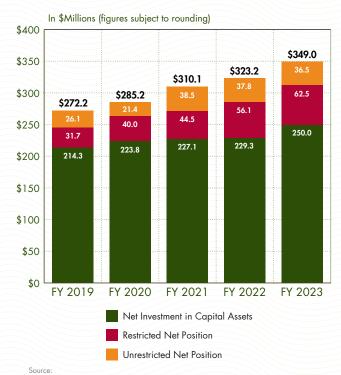
The portion invested in capital assets (e.g., land, buildings, infrastructure, machinery, and equipment); less any related debt used to acquire said assets that is still outstanding. Capital assets are used to provide services to citizens; consequently, these assets are not available for future spending.

Restricted Net Position (18% or \$62.5 million)

The portion restricted for specific uses (e.g. debt service, capital projects, law enforcement, and emergency telephone activities).

Unrestricted Net Position (11% or \$36.5 million)

The portion which may be used to meet the government's ongoing obligations to its citizens and creditors.



City of Alpharetta, Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for the respective Fiscal Year Statement of Net Position

FUND BALANCE OF THE GENERAL FUND

A key measure of the City of Alpharetta's overall financial health is the fund balance. For fiscal year ended June 30, 2023, the city's Fund Balance for the General Fund totaled \$42.6 million and can be further segmented as follows:

Assigned Fund Balance (25% or \$10.5 million)

This balance represents appropriations included in the fiscal year 2024 budget for pay-as-you-go capital projects and one-time, non-recurring expenditures.

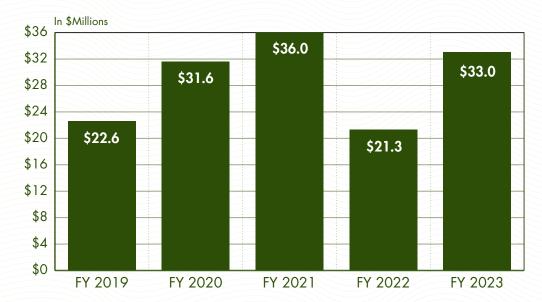
Unassigned Fund Balance (75% or \$32 million)

This balance represents approximately 35% of fiscal year 2023 budgeted expenditures. By ordinance, the city has mandated that such balance not be less than 16% of budgeted expenditures. This requirement allows the city to maintain an adequate reserve to cover unforeseen emergencies and/or revenue shortfalls. Historically, when budgeting, the City has set the minimum for the emergency reserve at a level in excess of the ordinance requirement. For fiscal year 2023, the emergency reserve requirement totals 25% which equates to \$22.6 million. The surplus after such emergency reserve will enable the City to fund one-time future capital in the amount of \$9.4 million as part of the annual budget to be developed for fiscal year 2025.



City of Alpharetta, Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for the respective Fiscal Year Balance Sheet (Governmental Funds)

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS



Substantial investments in community/capital improvements are made each year. The chart to the left depicts a 5-year history of expenditures to purchase, construct, and renovate the capital assets and infrastructure of our city. For fiscal year 2023, the City of Alpharetta's investment in capital outlay (parks, roadways, buildings, etc.) totaled \$33 million, demonstrating our on-going commitment to provide a quality of life that ensures the success and vitality of the area for the present and the future.

Sources: City of Alpharetta, Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for the respective Fiscal Year, Statement of Revenues, Expenditures & Changes in Fund Balances (Governmental Funds)

Capital Improvements Completed During Fiscal Year 2023

Annual Capital Projects

- Generator Replacements (various locations)
- HVAC Replacements (various locations)
- Roadway Milling and Resurfacing (various locations)
- Roof Repair and Rehabilitation (various locations)
- Sidewalk Repair and Replacement (various locations)
- Tree Planting and Landscape Improvements (various locations)

Drainage Improvements

 Several Drainage Improvements throughtout the City Including, but not limited to Curb and Gutter Replacements, Structure Replacements and Pipes.

Park Improvements

- Alpharetta Community Center Court Replacement
- Brook Street Park Fountain Restoration
- Hazardous Tree & Deadwood Removal (various park locations)
- North Main Street Park Enhancements
- Park Security Enhancements: Automatic Restroom Locks and Security Lighting
- Park/Wayfinding Signage Enhancements: Webb Bridge Park, Wills Park, and Greenway
- Playground Fencing: Windward Community Park and Cogburn Road Park
- Union Hill Park Pavilion Renovations
- Wills Park Equestrian Center Arena Construction
- Wills Park Maintenance Facility Construction

- Wills Park Outdoor Basketball Court Resurfacing & Enhancements
- Wills Park Pool Enhancements and Repairs
- Wills Park Trail Repairs
- Wills Park Turf Baseball Field Replacement

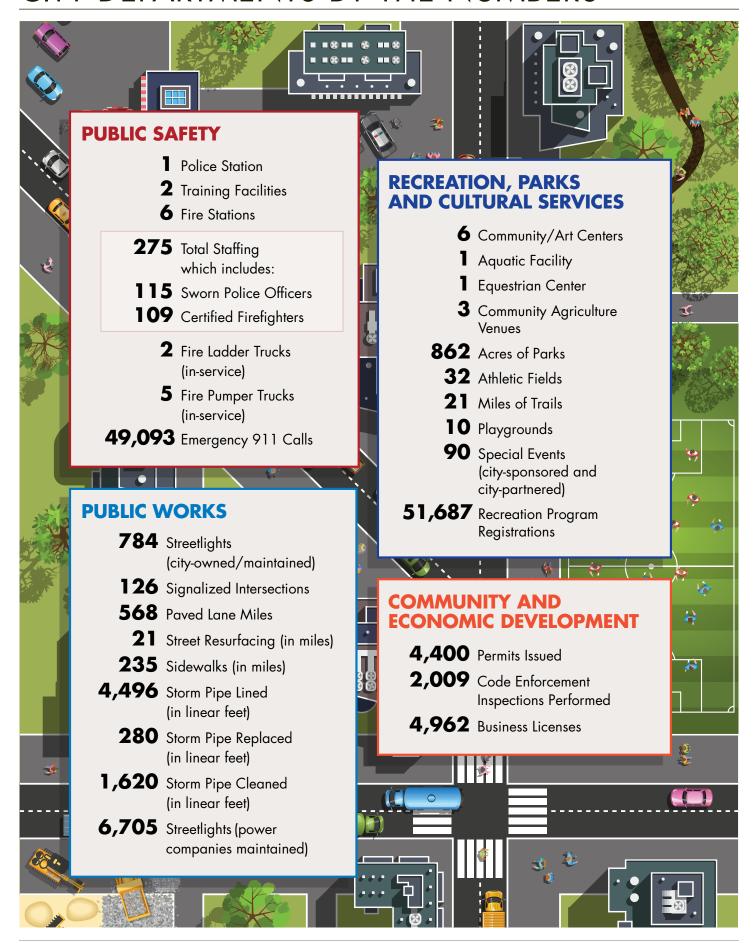
TSPLOST Improvements

- Mid-Block Crosswalk Construction: Alpharetta Elementary School
- Mid-Block Crosswalk Construction: Cogburn Road Park
- Mid-Block Crosswalk Construction: Mid-Broadwell Road at Charlotte Drive
- Mid-Block Crosswalk Construction: Parking Deck to North Side of Milton Avenue
- Webb Bridge Road Improvements Design Webb Bridge Way
 To Webb Bridge Park
- Webb Bridge Road Improvements Design North Point Pkwy to Greenway

Other Improvements

- Interior/Exterior Painting (various facilities)
- Parking Deck Maintenance (both garages)
- Public Works Facility Renovations
- Refreshing Pavement Striping (various locations)
- Street Lighting Maintenance (various locations)
- Traffic Light Timing Adjustments (various locations)
- Traffic Signs Repair (various locations)

CITY DEPARTMENTS BY THE NUMBERS



DEFINITION OF KEY TERMS

Assessed Valuation . . . The Fulton County Board of Assessors determines the fair market value of all real and personal property in Fulton County for property tax purposes. The Board then applies a statutory 40% to the fair market value to generate the assessed valuation on which property taxes are levied.

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.

Fund Balance Fund equity for governmental funds which reflects the accumulated excess of revenues and other financing sources over expenditures and other financing uses. Fund Balance can be further segmented as follows:

- Restricted Represents fund balance that is subject to externally enforceable legal purpose restrictions imposed by creditors, grantors, contributors, or laws and regulations of other governments; or through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.
- Assigned Represents fund balance utilized in subsequent periods for pay-as-you-go capital projects and one-time, non-recurring expenditures.
- Unassigned Represents fund balance that is available for any purpose. However, the city has allocated this fund balance as follows: (a) The City Council adopted a minimum Fund Balance Reserve of approximately 16% for the General Fund to cover the cost of unforeseen emergencies, cover shortfalls by revenue declines, etc. In keeping with the best practices of a AAA rated city, Alpharetta currently maintains a Fund Balance Reserve of approximately 25%; and (b) funding for future one-time capital investment or other city initiatives.

Governmental Fund . . . These funds are, in essence, accounting segregations of financial resources. Expendable assets are assigned to the various governmental funds according to the purposes for which they may or must be used; current liabilities are assigned to the fund from which they are to be paid; and the differences between governmental fund assets and liabilities is referred to as "Fund Balance". The primary measurement focus is "flow of current financial resources". In other words, are there more or less resources that can be spent in the near future as a result of transactions of the period? Increases in spending are reported in the operating statement as revenues or other financing sources, and decreases are reported as expenditures or other financing uses. The General Fund is the city's primary governmental fund.

Millage Rate The amount of property tax stated in terms of a unit of the tax base. For example, each mill generates \$1.00 of tax for every \$1,000 of assessed valuation on real and personal property. The millage rate is the total number of mills assessed against the assessed valuation.

Net Position Total assets minus total liabilities of either the city as a whole or for a specific fund (e.g. Solid Waste Fund).

Proprietary Fund These funds are used to account for a government's on-going activities which are similar to those often found in the private sector. The primary measurement focus is the economic condition of the fund as a result of the events and transactions of the period. Events and transactions that improve the economic position are reported as revenues or gains in the operating statement. Those events and transactions that diminish the economic position are reported as expenses or losses. The difference between fund assets and liabilities is referred to as "Net Position".

GENERAL CONTACTS + SOCIAL MEDIA

City of Alpharetta 678-297-6000 www.alpharetta.ga.us

Alpharetta Ambush Soccer Club alpharettaambush.org

Alpharetta Athletic Programs 678-297-6130 alpharetta.ga.us/athletics

Alpharetta City Band alpharettacityband.com

Alpharetta Convention & Visitors Bureau 678-297-2811 awesomealpharetta.com

Alpharetta Public Safety Foundation apsfoundation.org

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