



AGENDA FOR THE FINANCIAL OVERSIGHT AND AUDIT COMMITTEE

April 09, 2026
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL, 300 N. CAMPBELL - FIRST FLOOR
12:30 PM

Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the Financial Oversight and Audit Committee (FOAC) will be conducted on the above date and time.

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A quorum of the Financial Oversight and Audit Committee must be present and participate in the meeting.

ROLL CALL

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

AGENDA

1. Approval of Minutes for the Financial Oversight and Audit Committee meeting of March 12, 2026. [Internal Audit, Elizabeth De La O, (915) 212-1371] [BC-1906](#)
2. Discussion and Action on External Audit Results for Fiscal Year 2025. [Office of the Comptroller, Margarita Marin, (915) 212-1174] [BC-1907](#)
3. Status of Certificates of Obligation and General Obligation Bonds. [City Manager's Office, Robert Cortinas, (915) 212-1067] [BC-1931](#)
4. Discussion and Action on the El Paso Police Department - Cybersecurity Assessment. [Internal Audit, Miguel Montiel, (915) 212-1367] [BC-1909](#)

CLOSED MEETING

The Financial Oversight and Audit Committee of the City of El Paso may retire into CLOSED MEETING pursuant to Section 3.5A of the El Paso City Charter and the Texas Government Code, Chapter 551, Subchapter D, to discuss any of the following: (The items listed below are matters of the sort routinely discussed in Closed Meeting, but the Financial Oversight and Audit Committee of the City of El Paso may move to Closed Meeting any of the items on this agenda, consistent with the terms of the Open Meetings Act.) The Financial Oversight and Audit Committee will return to open session to take any final action and may also, at any time during the meeting, bring forward any of the following items for public discussion, as appropriate.

Section 551.071 CONSULTATION WITH ATTORNEY

Section 551.072 DELIBERATION REGARDING REAL PROPERTY

Section 551.073 DELIBERATION REGARDING PROSPECTIVE GIFTS

Section 551.074 PERSONNEL MATTERS

Section 551.076 DELIBERATION REGARDING SECURITY DEVICES

Section 551.087 DELIBERATION REGARDING ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT NEGOTIATIONS

Section 551.089 DELIBERATION REGARDING SECURITY DEVICES OR SECURITY AUDITS;
CLOSED MEETING

ADJOURN

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

This is a meeting of the Financial Oversight and Audit Committee of the El Paso City Council. The committee ordinarily consists of 4 Council members for purposes of establishing a quorum and the voting membership on the committee. However, any other member of the City Council may, on an ad hoc basis, join the meeting and participate in the discussions.

Sign language interpreters will be provided for this meeting upon request. Requests must be made to Miguel Montiel at MontielMA@elpasotexas.gov a minimum of 48 hours prior to the date and time of this hearing.

If you need Spanish Translation Services, please email MontielMA@elpasotexas.gov at least 48 hours in advance of the meeting.

Posted this 3rd day of April, 2026 at 9:10 a.m., at City Hall, 300 N. Campbell Street by Sergio Carrillo.



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Approval of Minutes for the Financial Oversight and Audit Committee meeting of March 12, 2026. [Internal Audit, Elizabeth De La O, (915) 212-1371]



FINANCIAL OVERSIGHT AND AUDIT COMMITTEE MINUTES
March 12, 2026
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL
12:30 PM

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The Financial and Oversight and Audit Committee Members of the City of El Paso met at the above place and date. Meeting was called to order at 12:31 p.m. Committee Chair Alejandra Chávez was present and presiding and the following Committee Members answered roll call Alejandra Chávez, Chris Canales, Deanna Maldonado-Rocha (joined at 12:38 p.m.), Ivan Niño, Elizabeth De La O – Deputy Chief Internal Auditor, and Dionne Mack – City Manager.
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PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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AGENDA

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1. Approval of Minutes for the Financial Oversight and Audit Committee meeting of February 12, 2026.

Motion made by Committee Member Canales, seconded by Committee Member Niño, and carried to **APPROVE** the Minutes for the Financial Oversight and Audit Committee meeting of February 12, 2026.

AYES: Committee Members Chávez, Canales, and Niño

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Committee Member Maldonado-Rocha

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2. Discussion regarding improvements to the upcoming budget development timeline and process.

Mr. Robert Cortinas – Deputy City Manager/CFO and Mr. Sasho Andonoski – Director of Management and Budget, delivered a PowerPoint presentation.

The following members of the FOAC commented:

- Ms. Alejandra Chávez, Committee Chair.
- Mr. Chris Canales, Committee Member.
- Ms. Deanna Maldonado-Rocha, Committee Member.
- Mr. Ivan Niño, Committee Member.
- Ms. Dionne Mack, City Manager

No **ACTION** was taken on this item.
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3. Discussion on FY 2025-2026 Audit Plan 2nd Quarter Updates.

Mr. Miguel Montiel – Audit Manager, delivered a PowerPoint presentation.

The following member of the FOAC commented:

- Mr. Ivan Niño, Committee Member.

No **ACTION** was taken on this item.

4. Discussion and Action on the results of the On-Call Services Agreement Follow-Up Audit A2026-04.

Ms. Elizabeth De La O – Deputy Chief Internal Auditor, delivered a PowerPoint presentation.

The following members of the FOAC commented:

- Mr. Ivan Niño, Committee Member.
- Ms. Dionne Mack, City Manager

Motion made by Committee Member Canales, seconded by Committee Member Niño, and unanimously carried to **ACCEPT** the results of the On-Call Services Agreement Follow-Up Audit A2026-04 and send to City Council for action.

AYES: Committee Members Chávez, Canales, Maldonado-Rocha, and Niño

NAYS: None

ADJOURN

Motion made by Committee Member Canales, seconded by Committee Member Niño and unanimously carried to **ADJOURN** the meeting at 1:17 p.m.

AYES: Committee Members Chávez, Canales, Maldonado-Rocha, and Niño

NAYS: None

APPROVED AS TO CONTENT:

Alejandra Chávez – Committee Chair,
Financial Oversight and Audit Committee

Elizabeth De La O – Deputy Chief Internal Auditor,
Internal Audit Department



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Discussion and Action on External Audit Results for Fiscal Year 2025. [Office of the Comptroller, Margarita Marin, (915) 212-1174]



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Fiscal Year 2025 External Audit Results

Margarita Marin, Deputy CFO- Comptroller

Rachel Ormsby, External Auditor – Forvis Mazars, LLP

April 9, 2026

Presentation Agenda



Year-End Closeout

Audit Preparation

Current year internal controls improvements, reports issued and Audit Results



Auditor Presentation

Audit Scope and Results

Presentation by Forvis Mazars, LLP on audit results for fiscal year 2025

Year-End Closeout Audit Preparation

- City Charter Section 7.21 requires an annual Audit to be completed by an Independent Certified Public Accountant.
- All year-end close processes and required financial statements were completed on time.
- Strengthened internal controls and improved the bank reconciliation process.
- Compliance with financial policies maintained.
- Compliance with bond covenants and grant(s) requirements maintained.
- ***No Financial Audit Findings for fiscal year 2025***

10 Consecutive Years with Zero Audit Findings

EXECUTIVE SCORECARD

- Reporting Strong
- Controls Strong
- Compliance Strong
- Fin. Health Stable
- Outlook Low Risk

CFO statement: *"The City's audit results reflect strong governance, disciplined financial management, and continued focus on long-term fiscal stability."*

AUDIT OPINION

Strong

Clean audit opinion received

- Independent auditors found the financial statements are presented fairly.
- Reporting is aligned with applicable governmental accounting standards.
- Results reinforce transparency and confidence in financial information.

Key takeaway: Council can rely on the City's financial reporting for decision-making.

INTERNAL CONTROLS

Strong

Control environment remains effective

- No material weaknesses identified by the auditors.
- Financial processes continue to support compliance and oversight.
- Controls help protect public resources and reduce operational risk.

Key takeaway: Financial risk is being actively managed through sound controls.

FINANCIAL CONDITION

Stable

Financial foundation remains resilient

- Reserves, liquidity, and budget discipline support stability.
- Debt management practices remain aligned with policy direction.
- Reliable reporting strengthens planning for future service needs.

Key takeaway: The City remains positioned to sustain services and long-term planning.

STRATEGIC OUTLOOK

Low Risk

Audit supports long-term credibility

- Strong audit results support market confidence and credit strength.
- Credibility can help preserve borrowing capacity for capital projects.
- The outcome reinforces trust with residents, investors, and stakeholders.

Key takeaway: Strong financial governance supports future investment capacity.

Overall Audit Status: **STRONG FINANCIAL GOVERNANCE**

Clean audit outcome supports confidence in financial reporting, internal controls, and long-term fiscal stability.

Financial Reports

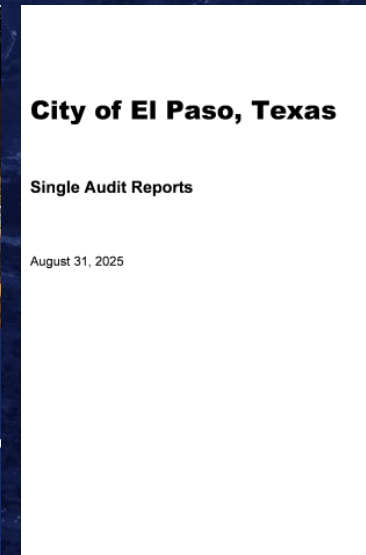
Fiscal Year 2025

- Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR) submitted to:
 - MSRB through EMMA (All continuing disclosures filed on time)
 - City Clerk – SB 1851
 - GFOA for 2025 Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting
- Single Audit: Federal Audit Clearinghouse (FAC)
- PAFR: GFOA for 2025 Award for Outstanding Achievement in Popular Annual Financial Reporting
- Annual Agreed Upon Procedures to State and Federal Agencies



Annual Comprehensive Financial Report

ACFR



Single Audit Report

SEFA/SESA



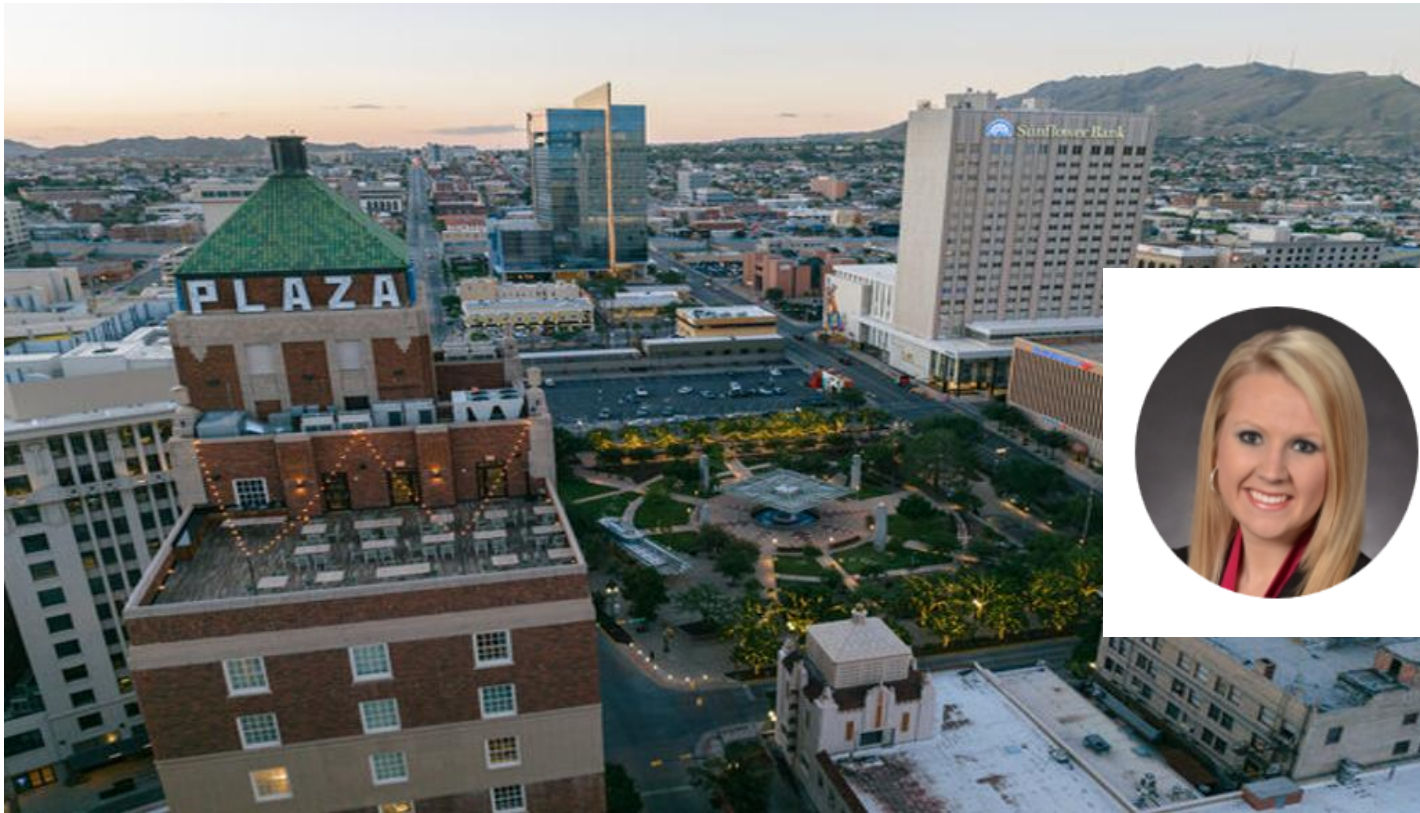
Popular Annual Financial Report

PAFR

Bottom Line

- Clean audits enhance stakeholder confidence, and achieving ten consecutive years with no findings demonstrates our strong commitment to the proper management and stewardship of public funds.
- We remain dedicated to maintaining transparent finances so our community can trust that their tax dollars are managed with integrity and in their best interest.
- The City continues to uphold strong internal controls, follow rules, GASB standards, and other applicable regulations. These actions protect public funds and ensure eligibility for future funding opportunities.

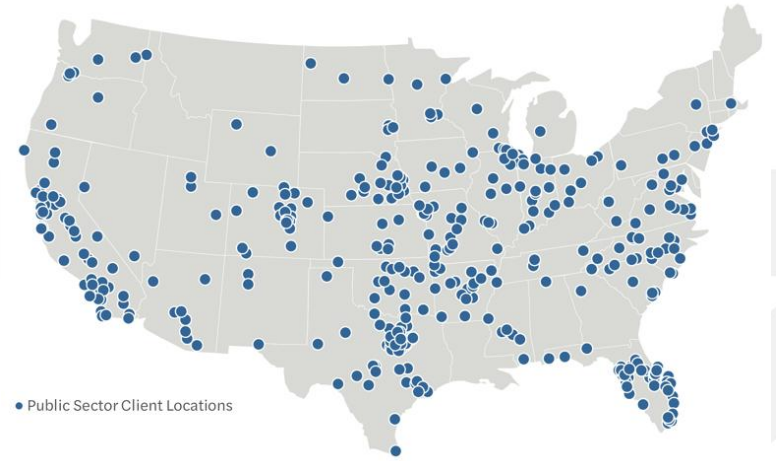
City of El Paso, Texas FY25 External Audit Presentation Forvis Mazars, LLP



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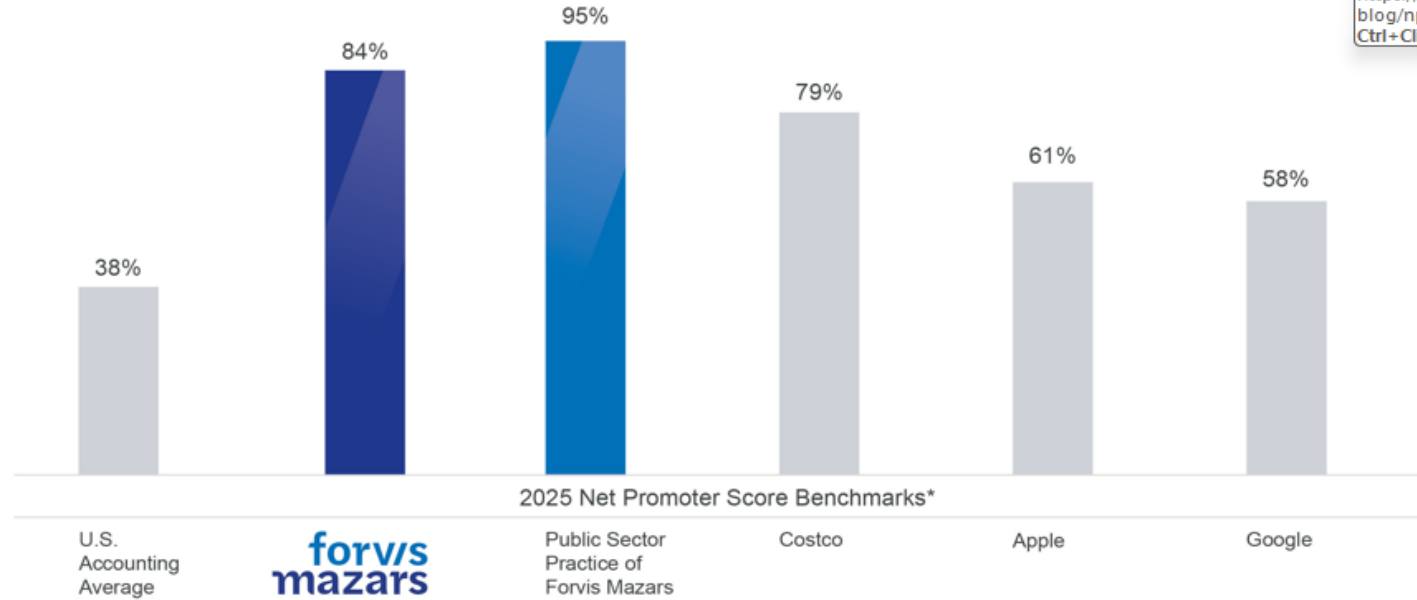


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 Five Consecutive Years

Agenda



Audit Scope and Results



Future Pronouncements and Industry Insights



Questions

Audit Scope and Results

Audit Deliverables Completed for the City's
Fiscal Year Ended August 31, 2025

City of El Paso, TX
Annual Comprehensive
Financial Report
(ACFR)

Single Audit under
Uniform Guidance and
TxGMS

Passenger Facility
Charge Audit Report –
El Paso International
Airport

Texas Commission on
Environmental Quality:
Agreed-Upon
Procedures

Chapter 59 Asset
Forfeiture Report by
Law Enforcement:
Agreed-Upon
Procedures – El Paso
Police Department

National Transit
Database Report:
Agreed-Upon
Procedures – Sun Metro

Audit Scope and Results, Continued

Unmodified “Clean” Opinions

- Independent Auditor’s Report on Basic Financial Statements
- Independent Auditor’s Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting and on Compliance and Other Matters Based on an Audit of Financial Statements Performed in Accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*
- Independent Auditor’s Report on Compliance for Each Major Federal Program; Report on Internal Control Over Compliance and Report on Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards Required by the Uniform Guidance and TxGMS

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Audit Scope and Results, Continued

For fiscal year 2025, the City had six (6) major federal and state award programs that required testing:

CDBG Entitlement Grants Cluster - \$8M	Federal Transit Cluster - \$29.1M	Airport Improvement Program - \$26.7M	Highway Planning and Construction - \$5.1M	Motor Vehicle Crime Prevention Authority - \$2.6M	Texas Anti-Gang (TAG) Program - \$4.6M
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No significant deficiencies or material weaknesses were identified with respect to internal control over financial reporting, internal control over compliance or compliance. Additionally, the City qualified as a low-risk auditee for the fiscal year ended August 31, 2025.

Audit Scope and Results, Continued

Strengths and Accomplishments

- ✓ The City of El Paso, TX has received a Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting from the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA) for **27 consecutive years!** The City believes their current report continues to conform to the Certificate of Achievement program requirements and submitted to GFOA for consideration at the end of February.
- ✓ The City has received the GFOA Award for Outstanding Achievement in Popular Annual Financial Reporting for the last **4 consecutive years.**
- ✓ The City has also received GFOA's Distinguished Budget Presentation Award.
- ✓ As a result of receiving all three of GFOA's reporting awards, the City of El Paso, TX is a GFOA Triple Crown Award Winner – 1 of only 27 Cities across the State of Texas to receive the GFOA Triple Crown Award!
- ✓ No proposed audit adjustments recorded or proposed audit adjustments not recorded for the fiscal year ended August 31, 2025.

Audit Scope and Results, Continued

Audit Significant Risk

Management Override of Controls

Planned Audit Approach and Results of Procedures Performed

- ✓ Reviewed accounting estimates for management bias
- ✓ Performed journal entry testing
- ✓ Reviewed any significant or unusual transactions for business purpose
- ✓ Incorporated an element of unpredictability into the audit process – extended search for unrecorded liabilities at fiscal year end

Improper Revenue Recognition

Planned Audit Approach and Results of Procedures Performed

- ✓ Performed reconciliation of intergovernmental revenue to the Schedule of Expenditures of Federal and State Awards
- ✓ Performed detailed testing of grant receivables at year-end
- ✓ Analytically reviewed federal and state expenditures compared to prior year federal and state expenditures by Assistance Listing Number/Contract Number

Noncompliance with laws and regulations, including Uniform Guidance

Planned Audit Approach and Results of Procedures Performed

- ✓ Identified and tested key controls over compliance with requirements that had a direct and material effect on each major federal program

Audit Scope and Results, Continued

Qualitative Aspects of Significant Accounting Policies and Practices

- Significant Accounting Policies
 - The City's significant accounting policies are described in *Note 1* of the audited financial statements.
 - The City implemented Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) 101 and 102 during fiscal year 2025 – adoption had no material impact on the City's beginning of year net position
- Alternative Accounting Treatments
 - No matters are reportable
- Management Judgements & Accounting Estimates
 - Allowance for doubtful accounts
 - Actuarial assumptions used in the estimate of the net pension liability and total OPEB liability and the related deferred outflows and inflows of resources
 - Discount rate and term used in calculating lease and subscription-based information technology assets and liabilities in accordance with GASB 87 and 96 (including lease receivables and related deferred inflows of resources)
 - Depreciation expense and useful lives of capital assets
 - Compensated absences liability in accordance with GASB 101
 - Fair value of investments
 - Self-insured liabilities (IBNR and claims and judgments)
 - Landfill closure and postclosure liabilities

Audit Scope and Results, Continued

Qualitative Aspects of Significant Accounting Policies and Practices (Continued)

- Financial Statement Disclosures
 - Net pension liabilities
 - Other postemployment benefit liabilities
 - Leases and subscription-based information technology arrangements

Future Pronouncements and Other Matters

Accounting Updates – GASB Statement No. 103, *Financial Reporting Model Improvements*

Overview

- This statement improves the financial reporting model by standardizing the presentation for various matters within governmental financial statements. The purpose is to eliminate diversity in practice and improve comparability.
- Impacted areas include management's discussion and analysis, unusual or infrequent items, the definitions and presentation of operating and nonoperating revenues and expenses in enterprise funds, presentation of major component units, presentation of budgetary comparison information, and financial trends information within the statistical section of separately issued financial reports.

Effective Date

- The requirements of this Statement are effective for fiscal years beginning after June 15, 2025, and all reporting periods thereafter. Earlier application is encouraged. Changes are required to be made retroactively to the earliest period presented.
- Effective for City's Fiscal Year 2026.
- The City is in the process of evaluating the impact of this Standard on the financial statements as a whole for the City.

Future Pronouncements and Other Matters, Continued

Accounting Updates – GASB Statement No. 104, *Disclosure of Certain Capital Assets*

Overview

- This statement requires certain types of capital assets to be disclosed separately in the capital assets note disclosures required by Statement 34.
- The purpose is to provide users of government financial statements with essential information about certain types of capital assets. Impacted areas include lease assets, intangible right-to-use assets, subscription assets, intangible assets other than those three types, and capital assets held for sale.

Effective Date

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- Effective for City's Fiscal Year 2026.
- The City is in the process of evaluating the impact of this Standard on the financial statements as a whole for the City.

Future Pronouncements and Other Matters, Continued

Accounting Updates – GASB Statement No. 105, *Subsequent Events*

Overview

- The objective of this Statement is to improve the financial reporting requirements for subsequent events, thereby enhancing consistency in the application and better meeting the information needs of financial statement users.

Effective Date

- The requirements of this Statement are effective for fiscal years beginning after June 15, 2026, and all reporting periods thereafter. Earlier application is encouraged.
- Effective for City's Fiscal Year 2027.

Industry Insights

Five Core Priorities for Governmental Entities in 2026 and Beyond

- Addressing Staffing Shortages & Their Impacts
- Enhancing Financial Reporting Capabilities
- Prioritizing Cybersecurity Compliance
- Unlocking Government Potential With Operational Assessments
- Embracing Hyperautomation & AI in the Public Sector

Questions?

Thank You!

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Deliver exceptional services to support a high quality of life and place for our community.

VISION



Develop a vibrant regional economy, safe and beautiful neighborhoods and exceptional recreational, cultural and educational opportunities powered by a high performing government.



VALUES

Integrity, **R**espect, **E**xcellence,
Accountability, **P**eople

MISIÓN



Brindar servicios excepcionales para respaldar una vida y un lugar de alta calidad para nuestra comunidad

VISIÓN



Desarrollar una economía regional vibrante, vecindarios seguros y hermosos y oportunidades recreativas, culturales y educativas excepcionales impulsadas por un gobierno de alto desempeño



VALORES

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Status of Certificates of Obligation and General Obligation Bonds. [City Manager's Office, Robert Cortinas, (915) 212-1067]



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