

CITY OF WILLIAMSBURG

Public Works & Utilities Department

UTILITY FUND WATER AND SEWER RATE ANALYSIS FY10-14

The FY10-14 water rate review looks at the financial viability of the Utility Fund in terms of projected revenues and expenses for the next five year period. The water rate was increased last year by 10% from \$3.30/1000 gallons to \$3.80/1000 gallons. The single water rate includes sewer service since the City does not have a separate rate for sewer.

Expenses:

As stated in last year's analysis, what will drive the cost of water for many years to come in the City and the entire Peninsula is development of a regional water supply. While the process for obtaining approval of the various permits has been cumbersome, the City continues to rely on a new source of water for its long term water supply supplement to Waller Mill Reservoir. The City has been negotiating with Newport News Water Works (NNWW) for Williamsburg to buy in to the Project. The City completed a demand study and a supply study in FY08. From these studies, the City determined the amount of water it needs is 2 mgd. Using a reservation of 2 mgd, the City's share of the 20 mgd project is 10%. Based on estimated costs to construct the KWR, each million gallons will cost \$12.5 million. Therefore, to reserve 2 mgd, the cost to the City is \$25 million. The City is in the midst of arranging financing for the project. Under the terms of the pending Agreement the City can pay \$12.5 million for 1 million gallons now and the next million gallon payment (\$12.5 million) in 2024, fifteen years from now. The City's strategy for the first \$12.5 million payment is to use \$2.5 million from the Utility Fund's cash balance and borrow the remaining \$10 million using a 15 year bank qualified loan. That way the first payment will be paid off before the second \$12.5 million payment is due in 2024. In addition to the capital expense to construct the project, there are annual fixed and variable operating and maintenance expenses. Capital debt service plus operating/maintenance expenses together total approximately \$1 million per year. With a Utility Fund budget of \$5.1 million, it is readily apparent the impact this project has on the budget and water rates/fees.

A new water supply source is only part of the infrastructure story. The City's sanitary sewer system will need to be upgraded in accordance with a Consent Order issued by the State Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ). The DEQ is responding to an initiative of the Federal Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to control sanitary sewer overflows (SSO's) in the HRPDC area which is served by HRSD. The consent order is a regional order affecting all jurisdictions in the HRPDC area. The Order was finalized in September 2007. The City is required to make substantial investments in the sewer system to address overflows caused primarily by stormwater infiltrating/inflowing (I/I) and grease blockages in the sanitary system. Monies have been earmarked in the 5 year capital improvements program. These costs will be ongoing including both capital expenditures and

operating/maintenance costs to keep the system in good condition in accordance with the Order.

On the operating side, the Utility expects to provide level funding in light of the major recession we are experiencing. The Utility is also reviewing ways to decrease its expenses where possible.

Revenue:

Growth in Water Demand:

We are projecting water revenue to increase only slightly over the 5 year study period due to pending near-term development and redevelopment in the commercial sector. For example, the Community Hospital has left the City and is being replaced by the College's School of Education which is a less intensive water user. On the other hand, new development such as High Street, Quarterpath at Williamsburg and York County development in the By-Pass Road/Mooretown Road area will increase water demand. We are projecting .5% growth each year over the next five year period. Possible revenue from JCSA was not included since water sales to the Authority are on an emergency basis only.

Water and Sewer Fees:

The fees are broken into 3 areas: Availability fees, Hampton Roads Sanitation District (HRSD) fees and connection fees. The availability fees are designed to have new development pay for capital improvements which primarily benefit future customers. This prevents or reduces inequity to existing customers as "growth pays for growth". The HRSD wastewater facility charge is for new connections and covers the cost of treatment capacity expansion, line extensions and pump stations. These charges are established by HRSD and reviewed on an annual basis. The City collects the charges and forwards the receipts to the District. The third fee is the connection fee which is the construction cost of the City installing the water and sewer connections to the customer's property line. Most connections are pre-installed by the developer at the time the project is under construction and therefore, in those cases, the fee is not applicable.

The availability fees are based on meter size to reflect capacity and demand on the system. The City increased the fees substantially in FY09. This increase was predicated on new growth paying equitably in the growth of the system including securing a new water supply and the expenses associated with the SSO consent order. A review of the City's fees compared to other water purveyors in Virginia shows our structure to be higher than average. An increase in availability fees is not recommended for FY10.

The water and sewer connection fees are the costs associated with the City installing water and sewer service lines. Service lines run from the main lines to the customer's property line. For the most part, on new development, the developer installs the service line as part of the overall infrastructure of the development project. The City primarily installs service lines to infill development in existing subdivisions and small commercial sites. The water connection fee is based on meter size while the sewer connection fee is more of a flat fee for residential or commercial construction. These fees were last increased substantially in

FY07. An increase is not recommended for FY2010 since the fees are representative of actual costs of providing water and sewer service connections.

Rate Analysis:

Working capital projections were developed for different scenarios. The year-end working capital is essentially the Fund's cash balance or the difference between short term assets and liabilities. A majority of the increased revenue from fees is predicated on the development of High Street and Riverside/ Quarterpath developments occurring over an estimated 10 year period. Also, redevelopment based on the City's Economic Development Plan was considered. Finally, capital improvement expenses are based on recently submitted FY10-14 CIP budget figures.

The financing plan for the 1st payment of \$12.5 million, which is due in FY09, is to pay \$2.5 million from the Utility Fund cash balance and borrow the \$10 million balance. Interest rates were not available prior to this analysis; we are assuming an interest rate of 4.25%.

Two rate scenarios are presented in Exhibit 1 and Exhibit 2. Both scenarios assume a .5% increase in revenue, no increase in the operating budget for FY10-11 and 3% for FY 12-14, and a 4.25% interest rate on the \$10 million bank qualified loan.

Exhibit 1 shows working capital projections with no rate increase. Exhibit 2 shows rate increases of 5% and 8% every other year, respectively. With no rate increases, working capital is quickly depleted by 2012. Exhibit 2 maintains a positive working capital balance for the next 5 years, showing about a \$2 million balance at the end of the 5 year analysis.

For FY10 we are recommending a 5% increase in the water rate to \$4.00/1000 gals. Continued rate increases will be necessary in the next several years to cover capital expenses associated with the new water supply and the sanitary sewer Consent Order while maintaining a reasonable working capital. Once the interest rate and operating/maintenance expenses are established for the water project and the SSO initiative, future rate increases will be forthcoming based on more established Utility Fund expenses.

A comparison of our water rate with other communities is presented in Exhibit 3. Although the other localities are considering FY10 rate increases, rates currently in place are used for comparison purposes. Williamsburg remains far below all other Hampton Roads communities.

Daniel G. Clayton III Director

EXHIBIT 1

CITY OF WILLIAMSBURG			Fiscal Year E	Ending June 3	i0:		
WATER & SYSTEM OPERATIONS	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
_	Actual	Estimated	Proposed				
Revenue under existing rates							
Water	3,879,207	4,174,500	4,174,500	4,195,373	4,216,349	4,237,431	4,258,618
Sewer _	943,190	950,000	950,000	954,750	959,524	964,321	969,143
Total Revenue Under Existing Rates	4,822,397	5,124,500	5,124,500	5,150,123	5,175,873	5,201,752	5,227,761
Additional Water Revenues:							
Rate Proposed Months							
Effective Date Increase Rate Effective							
July 1, 2009 0.00% \$3.81 12			0	0	0	0	0
July 1, 2010 0.00% \$3.80 12			0	0	0	0	C
July 1, 2011 0.00% \$3.80 12			0	0	0	0	C
July 1, 2012 0.00% \$3.80 12			0	0	0	0	C
July 1, 2013 0.00% \$3.80 12 _			0	0	0	0	0
Subtotal, Additional Revenue from Increases			0	0	0	0	0
Total Revenue from User Charges	4,822,397	5,124,500	5,124,500	5,150,123	5,175,873	5,201,752	5,227,761
Other Utility Income	1,076,390	500,000	384,400 *	500,000	500,000	600,000	600,000
Total Operating Revenues	5,898,787	5,624,500	5,508,900	5,650,123	5,675,873	5,801,752	5,827,761
Operation and Maintenance Expenses							
Water and Sewer Utility	-4,739,896	-4,904,425	-4,904,425	-4,904,425	-5,051,558	-5,203,104	-5,359,198
Add back depreciation expense	387,863	375,000	395,000	395,000	395,000	395,000	395,000
Total Direct Operation & Maintenance Expenses	-4,352,033	-4,529,425	-4,509,425	-4,509,425	-4,656,558	-4,808,104	-4,964,198
Operating Income	1,546,754	1,095,075	999,475	1,140,698	1,019,315	993,648	863,564
Interest Income - Operating	209,655	140,000	50.000	30,000	20,000	20,000	20,000
Net Income from Operations	1,756,409	1,235,075	1,049,475	1,170,698	1,039,315	1,013,648	883,564
Debt Service (principal & interest)							
1997 Capital Construction Bond	-165,978	-158,652	-151,974	-145,296	-137,819	-33,572	0
Total Debt Service	-165,978	-158,652	-151,974	-145,296	-137,819	-33,572	0
Major Capital Improvements							
Capital Improvements Expenses	-585,967	-1,385,000	-1,165,000	-920,000	-1,330,000	-980,000	-760,000
Balance - Fiscal Year Operations	1,004,464	-308,577	-267,499	105,402	-428,504	76	123,564
Newport News Water Agreement Expenses:							
Payment from Reserves		-2,500,000					
Debt Service **		-152,500	-915,000	-915,000	-915,000	-915,000	-915,000
Operating Costs		-82,419	-84,040	-87,367	-87,500	-94,528	-94,675
Total Water Agreement Expenses		-2,734,919	-999,040	-1,002,367	-1,002,500	-1,009,528	-1,009,675
Working Capital - Beginning of Year	5,390,092	6,394,556	3,351,061	2,084,522	1,187,557	-243,447	-1,252,899
Working Capital - End of Year	6,394,556	3,351,061	2,084,522	1,187,557	-243,447	-1,252,899	-2,139,010

^{*} Assumes increase in availability fees

Assumptions:

0.5% Growth in Water Consumption

3.0% Growth in Operating Expenses for FY2012, 2013, and 2014 and Level funding for FY2010 and 2011

 $^{^{\}star\star}$ Based on repayment of \$10 Million borrowed for 15 years @ 4.25%

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Additional Water Revenues:							
Rate Proposed Months							
Effective Date Increase Rate Effective							
July 1, 2009 5.00% \$4.00 12			208,725	208,725	208,725	208,725	208,725
July 1, 2010 8.00% \$4.32 12			0	350,658	350,658	350,658	350,658
July 1, 2011 5.00% \$4.54 12			0	0	237,738	237,738	237,738
July 1, 2012 8.00% \$4.90 12			0	0	0	401,078	401,078
July 1, 2013 5.00% \$5.14 12			0	0	0	0	271,781
Subtotal, Additional Revenue from Increases			208,725	559,383	797,121	1,198,198	1,469,980
Total Revenue from User Charges	4,822,397	5,124,500	5,333,225	5,709,506	5,972,994	6,399,951	6,697,741
Other Utility Income	1,076,390	500,000	384,400 *	500,000	500,000	600,000	600,000
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Operating Income	1,546,754	1,095,075	1,208,200	1,700,081	1,816,436	2,191,846	2,333,543
Interest Income - Operating	209,655	140,000	50,000	30,000	20.000	20,000	20,000
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Working Capital - Beginning of Year	5,390,092	6,394,556	3,351,061	2,293,247	1,955,665	1,321,782	1,510,529
Working Capital - End of Year	6,394,556	3,351,061	2,293,247	1,955,665	1,321,782	1,510,529	2,094,397

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	WATER AND SEWER RATES COMPARISON							
	WATER	SEWER	TOTAL					
Newport News	\$ 3.89/1000 gallons	\$ 2.18/1000 gallons	\$6.07/1000 gallons					
JCSA	Res. Comm. 0-15 \$2.85 \$3.45/1000 15-30 \$3.45	\$ 2.80/1000 gallons	\$ 5.65+/1000 gallons					
Portsmouth	\$ 3.95/1000 gallons	\$ 3.09/1000 gallons	\$ 7.04/1000 gallons					
Norfolk	\$ 4.82/1000 gallons	\$ 3.86/1000 gallons	\$ 8.68/1000 gallons					
Chesapeake	\$ 3.88/1000gallons	\$ 3.88/1000 gallons	\$ 7.76/1000 gallons					
VA Beach	\$ 3.95/1000 gallons	\$18.61/house	\$ 6.00+/1000 gallons					
Williamsburg	\$ 3.80/1000 gallons	No separate charge	\$ 3.80/1000 gallons					

March 2009

Computation of Legal Debt Margin (as of June 30, 2008)

Assessed Value of Real Estate Subject to Taxation - June 30, 2008

\$1,803,239,200

Debt Limit: 10 Percent of Assessed Value*

\$180,323,920

Total Bonded Debt

\$11,100,814

Total Amount of Debt Applicable to Debt Limit

\$11,100,814

Legal Debt Margin

\$169,223,106

Summary of Debt Issues:

Bond:	<u>Fund</u>	<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Matures</u>	Interest Rate	Amount Issued
1	General	community Bldg / School Improv	August, 1997	Sept., 2012	30-day Libor less 1.4%	\$6,000,000
2	Utility	Water Treatment Plant Improv.	August, 1997	Sept., 2012	4.94%	\$2,000,000
3	General	Parking Garage	January, 2002	January, 2017	4.55%	\$2,500,000
4	General	Parking Garage / School	April, 2005	April, 2020	3.76%	\$8,500,000

Debt Service by Fiscal Year:

Fiscal Year	<u>Fund</u>	Principal Payments	Interest	Total Debt Service	Notes:
2010	General	\$1,064,816	\$370,670	\$1,435,486	
2011	General	\$1,088,610	\$326,357	\$1,414,967	
2012	General	\$1,118,109	\$280,313	\$1,398,422	
2013	General	\$810,009	\$239,140	\$1,049,149	#1 Improvement bond payoff
2014	General	\$774,336	\$209,020	\$983,356	
2015	General	\$806,119	\$178,365	\$984,484	
2016	General	\$838,721	\$146,435	\$985,156	
2017	General	\$872,173	\$113,201	\$985,374	#3 Parking Garage bond payoff
2018	General	\$671,507	\$78,630	\$750,137	
2019	General	\$696,755	\$53,381	\$750,136	
2020	General	\$722,953	\$27,183	\$750,136	#4 Improvement bond payoff

Fiscal Year	<u>Fund</u>	Principal Payments	Interest	Total Debt Service
2009	Utility	\$133,333	\$25,319	\$158,652
2010	Utility	\$133,333	\$18,641	\$151,974
2011	Utility	\$133,333	\$11,963	\$145,296
2012	Utility	\$133,333	\$4,486	\$137,819
2013	Utility	\$22,222	\$236	\$22.458

bond payoff

^{*}Virginia statute limits bond issuing authority of Virginia cities to 10% of the assessed real estate value.

The above calculation includes all debt secured by the full faith and credit of the City

Assessed Value of Taxable Property- Last Ten Fiscal Years

	Public Service Corporations:						
		Personal		Personal			
Fiscal Year	Real Estate	Property	Real Estate	Property	Total		
1999	792,641,200	56,325,500	40,999,777	18,895	889,985,372		
2000	815,856,500	58,029,830	43,812,511	4,164	917,703,005		
2001	863,961,268	63,697,973	47,224,673	18,775	974,902,689		
2002	908,631,326	66,844,284	50,895,236	17,285	1,026,388,131		
2003	995,635,300	68,232,529	49,990,963	340,727	1,114,199,519		
2004	1,117,426,100	68,635,038	53,151,294	0	1,239,212,432		
2005	1,202,692,600	67,621,580	55,531,820	17,388	1,325,863,388		
2006	1,338,705,000	72,164,111	52,041,889	0	1,462,911,000		
2007	1,547,651,600	71,871,600	51,334,159	21,358	1,670,878,717		
2008	1,803,239,200	70,304,080	52,220,912	13,527	1,925,777,719		
2009	1,851,350,800	76,702,715	51,598,088	14,870	1,979,666,473		

Ratio of Annual Debt Service Expenditures for G.O. Bonded Debt to Total General Governmental Expenditures - Last Ten Fiscal Years

Fiscal Year	Principal	Interest	Total Debt Service	Total General Governmental Expenditures	Ratio of Debt Service to Total General Governmental Expenditures *
1999	921,333	465,741	1,387,074	29,462,680	4.71%
2000	788,000	345,542	1,133,542	24,941,834	4.54%
2001	788,000	323,094	1,111,094	25,544,970	4.35%
2002	788,000	290,907	1,078,907	27,507,905	3.92%
2003	908,000	361,125	1,269,125	32,029,353	3.96%
2004	5,413,000	352,333	5,765,333	37,274,645	15.47%
2005	918,000	336,211	1,254,211	31,518,436	3.98%
2006	5,872,179	505,332	6,377,511	40,393,943	15.79%
2007	992,425	554,257	1,546,682	43,943,851	3.52%
2008	2,447,582	506,907	2,954,489	44,038,522	6.71%

^{*} Fiscal Years 2004 and 2006 included debt principal payoff

Property Tax Rates (per \$100 of valuation)

		Personal	Personal Property	Machinery &
Fiscal Year	Real Estate	Property	Tax Relief Rate	Tools
1999	0.54	3.50	27.0%	3.50
2000	0.54	3.50	47.5%	3.50
2001	0.54	3.50	70.0%	3.50
2002	0.54	3.50	70.0%	3.50
2003	0.54	3.50	70.0%	3.50
2004	0.54	3.50	70.0%	3.50
2005	0.54	3.50	70.0%	3.50
2006	0.54	3.50	65.0%	3.50
2007	0.54	3.50	60.0%	3.50

Principal Employers- Current and Nine Years Ago

	1999			2008		
<u>Employer</u>	Employees ¹	Rank	Percentage of total City Employment	Employees*	Rank	Percentage of total City Employment
College of William & Mary	1,000+	1	17.91%	1,000+	1	20.50%
Colonial Williamsburg Foundation	1,000+	2	11.03%	1,000+	2	11.56%
Colonial Williamsburg Company	1,000+	3	9.36%	1,000+	3	8.34%
Williamsburg Community Hospital ²	500 to 999	4	4.32%			
City of Williamsburg	250 to 499	5	0.90%	250 to 499	4	1.22%
Williamsburg Hospitality House	100 to 249	6	0.83%	100 to 249	5	0.93%
Marriott Educational Services Inc.	100 to 249	7	0.83%	100 to 249	6	0.93%
Patrick Henry Inn	100 to 249	8	0.83%			
National Center for State Courts	100 to 249	9	0.83%	100 to 249	7	0.93%
Red Lobster & The Olive Garden	100 to 249	10	0.83%	100 to 249	8	0.93%
Yankee Candle				100 to 249	9	0.93%
Bluegreen				100 to 249	10	0.93%

¹ includes part-time and seasonal employees

² now Sentara Healthcare-relocated to neighboring York County in August 2006

Unemployment Rate and Labor Force

(Source, Virginia Employment Commission)

Year	Labor Force	Employed	Unemployed	Unemployment Percentage
1999	6,119	5,779	340	5.6%
2000	4,577	4,379	198	4.3%
2001	4,655	4,392	263	5.6%
2002	4,657	4,317	340	7.3%
2003	4,664	4,282	382	8.2%
2004	4,667	4,302	365	7.8%
2005	4,735	4,377	358	7.6%
2006	4,816	4,536	280	5.8%
2007	5,149	4,864	285	5.5%
2008	5,308	4,844	464	8.7%

Land Area of Original City of Williamsburg and Subsequent Annexations

		Annexation Area	Accumulative
Year	Description	(Sq. Miles)	Area (Sq. Miles)
1722	Original City	0	0.86
1915	Annexation	0.11	0.97
1923	Annexation	0.48	1.45
1941	Annexation	1.66	3.11
1964	Annexation	2.06	5.17
1984	Annexation	3.88	9.05

Demographic and Economic Statistics, <u>Last Ten Fiscal Years</u>

			Personal Income	Per Capita	Public	
Calendar	City	Area	(thousands	Personal	School	Unemployment
Year	Population	Population ²	of dollars)2	Income ²	Enrollment ³	Rate ¹
1999	11,430	58,928	1,924,796	32,664	8,155	5.60%
2000*	11,998	60,483	2,107,283	34,834	8,191	4.30%
2001	12,400	61,478	2,290,040	37,234	8,407	5.60%
2002	12,600	62,940	2,392,093	37,983	8,553	7.30%
2003	13,200	64,631	2,484,654	38,444	8,959	8.20%
2004	13,400	66,894	2,725,826	40,748	9,402	7.80%
2005	13,400	69,078	2,859,404	41,394	9,820	7.60%
2006	13,400	71,660	3,163,681	44,148	10,105	5.80%
2007	13,242	73,491	3,369,024	45,843	10,137	5.70%
2008	13,245	74,984	n/a	n/a	10,248	8.70%

^{*} U. S. Census - all other population figures supplied by Weldon Cooper Center for Public Service (University of VA)

¹ Virginia Employment Commission

² Source - U.S. Dept of Commerce, Bureau of Economic Analysis, Regional Accounts Data - income & area population figures based on figures for the City of Williamsburg and neighboring James City County combined

³ Source - Williamsburg-James City County Public Schools - Sept 30th figures

2,036

Miscellaneous Statistics - June 30, 2008

Date Established by Virginia General Assembly 1699 Date of Incorporation by Royal Charter 1722

Form of Government since 1932 Council-Manager

Population (2002 Census) 11,998 Population (2007 Estimate) * 13,245

Area 9.05 Sq. Miles

Miles of Streets 54 Number of Traffic Signals 15

Fire Protection: Number of Stations 1 Firemen: full-time 36

volunteer 30 Police Protection

Number of Stations 1 Sworn Officers 35

Education: Schools (owned by joint school system)

Grades: K-5 8 6-8

3 9-12 3

Recreation: Number of Parks 4 Number of Ball Fields 6 **Number of Tennis Courts** 10 Number of Total Acres

Culture:

Number of Public Libraries (Regional) 2 Number of volumes - June 2008 339,836 Number of patrons - June 2008 50,455

Municipal Water Department

Number of Water Connections 4,149 **Number of Sewer Connections** 2,845

Average Daily Consumption 3,300,000 gallons

Miles of Water Distribution 48 Number of Water Tanks 5 Municipal Employees 200

Number of Hotels & Motels 47

Number of Bed & Breakfasts 37

Number of Restaurants 85

^{*} Weldon Cooper Center for Public Service

Accounting System - The total set of records and procedures which are used to record, classify, and report information on the financial status and operations of the City.

Accrual Basis of Accounting - The method of accounting under which revenues are recorded when they are earned (whether or not cash is received at that time) and expenditures are recorded when goods and services are received (whether cash disbursements are made at that time or not).

Account Number - A numerical code identifying Revenues and Expenditures by Fund, Department, Activity, Type and Object.

Activity - One of the tasks, goals, etc., of a departmental program.

Allocate - To set apart or earmark for a specific purpose

Appropriation - An authorization granted by the City Council to make expenditures and to incur obligations for purposes specified in the budget.

Assessment – The value set by the City Assessor annually for a particular real property in the City.

Balance Budget – The City Manager annually proposes, and the City Council adopts, a budget or financial plan for the upcoming year in which the revenues available (including any available fund balance from prior years) match or exceed the projected expenditures.

Budget - A comprehensive plan of financial operation embodying an estimate of proposed expenditures for a given period and the proposed means of financing them. The City's annual budget is established by City Council with a budget resolution.

Budget Revision - A formal change in the total amount of budgeted expenditures during a fiscal year by action of City Council.

Budget Transfer - A formal transfer from one activity [usually a departmental line item] to another, without changing a department's budget total. Transfers are approved at the City Manager level, and do not require action by City Council.

Capital Equipment - An expenditure for a fixed asset that has an expected life of more than (1) year and the cost of which is in excess of \$20,000. Capital items include office equipment, furniture, computers, etc.

Capital Improvement - New or expanded physical facilities for the community that are of relatively large size, are relatively expensive and permanent in nature. For example: street improvements, sidewalks, bridge rehabilitation, buildings, park improvements, and City vehicles. Capital improvements are accounted for in either the Sales Tax Fund for general improvements, or the Utility Capital Improvement Fund for water and sewer related projects.

Carryover – Refers to the process of transferring specific funds and obligations previously approved by City Council from the end of one fiscal year to the next fiscal year. City policy is to used this process only for capital projects.

Constitutional Offices – The offices or agencies directed by elected officials whose positions (Sheriff, Treasurer, Commissioner of the Revenue, etc.) are established by the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Virginia or its statutes.

Contingency Account - A budgetary reserve set aside for emergencies or unforeseen expenditures not otherwise budgeted for.

Contractual Service - An expenditure for services performed by a non-employee. For example: computer, building, and copy machine maintenance, special studies, etc.

Debt Service – Principal and interest that the City pays on funds borrowed for capital projects.

Department - The Department is the primary administrative unit in City operations. Each is directed by a department head. Departments are generally composed of divisions of activities which share a common purpose.

Depreciation - (1) Expiration in the service life of capital assets attributable to wear and tear, deterioration, action of the physical elements, inadequacy or obsolescence; (2) that portion of the cost of a capital asset which is charged as an expense during a particular period.

Enterprise Fund - Used to account for the financing of services where all or most of the operating expenses involved are recovered in the form of charges to users of such services.

Expenditure - An expenditure is a decrease in net financial resources for the governmental funds. This includes current operating expenditures requiring the present or future use of current assets.

Expense - The same as above when applied to a fund accounted for on an accrual basis, such as the City's Utility Fund.

Fiscal Year - The twelve month period on which the City operates its financial affairs. The City of Williamsburg's fiscal year is July 1 through June 30.

Fixed Asset - An expenditure for a good that has an expected life of more than (1) year and the cost of which is in excess of \$5,000. Capital items include real property, office equipment, furnishings and vehicles.

Fund - A fiscal and accounting entity with a self-balancing set of accounts recording cash and other financial resources which are segregated for the purpose of carrying on specific activities or attaining certain objectives.

Fund Balance - The equity of a fund, oftentimes incorrectly referred to as "surplus". It is the difference between a fund's assets and liabilities. Fund Balance is calculated by taking the beginning balance as of the beginning of the fiscal year, adding in all revenues received during the year, and deducting the year's expenditures. It is available to support the spending needs of the fund if necessary.

General Fund – The fund type that accounts for the daily operations of the City, supported by local taxes, fees, and State revenues. It is the largest fund in the City's budget.

Infrastructure - Roads, bridges, curbs and gutters, streets, sidewalks, drainage systems and lighting systems installed for the common good.

Line Item - An individual expenditure (or expense) category listing in the budget (salaries, supplies, etc.)

Modified Accrual Basis of Accounting - (a) Revenues are recognized in the accounting period in which they become available and measurable and (b) expenditures are recognized in the accounting period in which the fund liability is incurred, if measurable, except for unmatured interest on general long-term debt and certain similar accrued obligations, which should be recognized when due.

Pay-As-You-Go - Refers to the method of financing capital projects from savings or normal cash flow. This requires annual appropriation of existing resources without the need to borrow funds.

Personal Property – A category of property identified for purposes of taxation in Virginia. It is comprise of personally owned vehicles, as well as corporate property and business equipment. Examples includes automobiles, motorcycles, trailers, boats, airplanes, business furnishings, and manufacturing equipment.

Real Property - Real estate, including land and improvements, classified for purposes of assessment.

Retained Earnings - The total earnings of an enterprise fund (in governmental accounting) since the establishment of the fund. The amount is adjusted by the fund income less expenses - on a full accrual basis of accounting.

Revenue – The yield of sources of income that the City of Williamsburg collects and receives into the treasury to pay for public services. Taxes, fees for services and grants are sources of revenue, for example.

Sales Tax Fund - This fund accounts for the scheduled major capital improvements for the upcoming year. Williamsburg also refers to this as the General Capital Improvements Program, and is supported exclusively by 1% retail sales tax revenues returned to the locality from the Commonwealth of Virginia, and interest earnings.

Supplemental Appropriation – An increase to a department's budget (spending authority) approved by City Council during the course of the fiscal year. It generally involves appropriation of a grant or other outside revenue.

Surplus - The excess of revenues over expenditures for a fund during a fiscal year.

Taxes - Compulsory charges levied by a government, school, sewer or other special district for the purpose of financing services performed for the common benefit.

Tax Base – The total market value of real property (land, buildings, and related improvements), public service corporation property, and personal property (cars, boats, and business tangible equipment) in the City.

Tax Levy - The total amount to be raised by either real or personal property taxes.

Tax Rate - The amount of taxes levied for each \$100 of assessed valuation, either real or personal property.

Transfer - A transfer is a movement of monies from one fund, activity, department, or account to another. This includes budgetary funds and/or movement of assets.

Working Capital - Excess of revenues over expenses for the Utility Fund. Working capital, as reported on a balance sheet, approximates cash and cash equivalents.

Workload Measures – Represent the numerical inputs, outputs and/or outcomes of City operating programs.

Commonly Used Governmental Acronyms:

BPOL - Business, Professional and Occupational License Tax, administered by the Commissioner of the Revenue.

CDBG – Community Development Block Grant program, funded by the U.S. Dept of Housing & Urban Development (HUD). These grant funds are used in the City to improve housing, neighborhoods, and economic conditions of the City's low and moderate income residents. The City works exclusively with the Williamsburg Redevelopment & Housing Authority (WRHA), as the agency receives Federal funds directly for CDBG projects.

CIP – Capital Improvement Program – a five-year plan for capital projects, with the first year of the plan appropriated by City Council by budget resolution.

CSA – Comprehensive Services Act for Youth and Families

FY – Fiscal Year – City's FY begins July 1st each year.

GAAP – Generally accepted accounting principals. Uniform minimum standards for financial accounting, recording, and reporting.

GASB – Governmental Accounting Standards Board – A non-profit organization organized in 1984 as an operating entity of the Financial Accounting Foundation (FAF) to establish standards of financial accounting and reporting for state and local governmental entities.

GFOA – Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada. The purpose of the GFOA is to enhance and promote the professional management of governments for the public benefit.

FTE - Full-Time Equivalent - The percentage of time a staff member works represented as a decimal. A full-time authorized staff position is 1.00, equating to 2,080 hours of work per year (2,912 for uniformed firefighters) a half-time person is .50 and a quarter-time person is .25.

I T – Information Technology, a division of the Department of Finance, responsible for the City's current and future technology requirements, including local area network and infrastructure, computer hardware, software, maintenance, and replacement plan, voice, video, security, and disaster recovery.