

**City of Kalamazoo, Michigan
Other Post-Employment Benefits Trust Fund**

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

December 31, 2014 and 2013

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Trustee of the Other Post-Employment Benefits
Trust Fund and the City Commission of Kalamazoo
Kalamazoo, Michigan

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying statements of plan net position of the City of Kalamazoo Other Post-Employment Benefits Trust Fund (the "Plan"), as of December 31, 2014 and 2013, and the related statements of changes in plan net position for the years then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Plan'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.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits. We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audits 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 auditor's 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 opinion.

Opinion

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the plan net position of the City of Kalamazoo Other Post-Employment Benefits Trust Fund as of December 31, 2014 and 2013, and the respective changes in its plan net position for the years then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Emphasis of a Matter

As discussed in Note B, the financial statements present only the City of Kalamazoo Other Post-Employment Benefits Trust Fund and do not purport to, and do not present fairly the financial position of the City of Kalamazoo, Michigan, as of December 31, 2014 and 2013, and the changes in its financial position for the years then ended, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Our opinion is not modified with respect to this matter.

Other Matter

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis and schedules of funding progress and employer contributions, as identified in the table of contents, 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.

Abraham & Gaffney, P.C.

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Certified Public Accountants

June 22, 2015

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MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

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The following is a discussion and analysis of the financial performance and position of the City of Kalamazoo Other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEB) Trust Fund. It is intended to provide an overview of the OPEB Trust Fund's financial activities for the fiscal years ended December 31, 2014 and 2013. This analysis should be read in conjunction with the Independent Auditor's Report and with the financial statements, which follows this section.

Condensed Financial Information

The table below highlights key financial information in a condensed format for the current year and the prior year:

	Year Ended December 31,	
	2014	2013
Total assets	\$ 9,323,069	\$ 7,241,472
Total liabilities	612	1,084
Net position held in trust for OPEB benefits	\$ 9,322,457	\$ 7,240,388
Net investment income	\$ 520,331	\$ 336,730
Employer contributions	1,568,554	6,906,371
Total additions	2,088,885	7,243,101
General and administrative expenses	6,816	2,713
Net increase in net position held in trust	2,082,069	7,240,388
Net position held in trust for OPEB benefits Beginning of Year	7,240,388	-
End of Year	\$ 9,322,457	\$ 7,240,388

Overall Fund Structure and Objectives

The OPEB Trust Fund is a single-employer defined benefit other post-employment benefit plan. The City provides medical and dental insurance benefits to eligible retirees and their spouses. Active members earn service credit that entitles them to receive benefits in the future. The City employees are expected to contribute 0.5% of their annual covered payroll. The City contributes such amounts, as necessary, based on actuarial determinations, to provide assets sufficient to pay for member benefits.

The City was required to make Annual Required Contributions (ARC) of \$14,115,049 for 2014 and \$14,648,903 for 2013. The excess of benefits over contributions is funded through investment income. The OPEB Trust Fund is authorized by the State's Pension Investment Act, as amended, to invest in common stocks, real estate, and various other obligations, subject to certain limitations.

Each 2 years, an actuarial valuation of the OPEB Trust Fund is completed. As of the December 31, 2013, actuarial report, the valuation of assets represented 3.6 percent of accrued liabilities. As of the December 31, 2011, actuarial report, the valuation of assets represented 0 percent of accrued liabilities.

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MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

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Asset Allocation

It is the responsibility of the Trustee of the OPEB Trust Fund to adopt investment policies and strategies, and to select advisors, actuaries and other fiduciaries utilized by the OPEB Trust Fund.

The OPEB Trust Fund's purpose is to provide long-term benefit payments to its members through long-term investing. This is accomplished by investing OPEB assets in a "group trust" with Pension assets, to access the best long-term gains with the lowest cost. This commingled approach leverages the Pension's Retirement Investment Committee's (the RIC) 30 year history of positive investment returns for the Pension System, which has positioned the Pension System's portfolio to realize stable long-term objectives. The City hopes to achieve stability for its OPEB Trust Fund assets as well through the same level of applied wisdom, prudence, skill, and discipline.

To maximize investment returns and preserve fund assets, the RIC carefully monitors the performance of each of its investment managers and takes the necessary corrective action to ensure acceptable investment results. To this end, the RIC voluntarily complies with the guidelines put forth by the Employee Retirement Income System Act (ERISA), which is designed to protect the interests of members and beneficiaries of pension systems. The RIC has established the following asset allocation for the Pension System, which due to the commingling of Pension and OPEB investments in the group trust, is effectively the asset allocation for the OPEB Trust Fund as well:

<u>Asset Class</u>	<u>Target</u>
Micro Capitalization Domestic Equity	5.00%
Small Capitalization Domestic Equity	10.00%
Small Capitalization Value International Equity	10.00%
S&P Index Funds	30.00%
Large Capitalization Domestic Equity	5.00%
Emerging Markets Equity	10.00%
Intermediate Fixed Income	12.50%
Long Fixed Income	12.50%
Real Estate Securities	2.50%
Real Estate	2.50%

This asset allocation policy offers the optimal mix for meeting longer term goals at an acceptable level of risk. The asset classes stated above shall be further diversified (where possible) as to style and manager type to reduce risk further, while providing the opportunity for enhanced return. The OPEB Trust Fund's investments are held in 10 portfolios administered by six investment managers.

Economic Factors, Investment Returns, and Other Important Matters

In 2014, the global economy experienced a slowdown, although systemic risk factors (such as sovereign debt, the evolving Greek crisis, global tension regarding Russian relations with its neighbors and with the G-8 nations, and the continuing destabilization of the Middle East and North Africa) failed to manifest any major damage to the global economy or broad-based equity values. Large-cap equity and equity index funds roared ahead with double-digit gains, while small cap stalled in low single digits, and international and emerging market funds faltered with modest losses. Fixed income outgained equities with nearly 7 percent gains, and real estate investments also gained over 20 percent. Equities as a group, fixed incomes, and real estate each gained ground.

In 2014, the City completed its study of "Legacy" costs (OPEB) and implemented a two prong approach to manage and contain this substantial liability. First, at the close of 2014, the City Commission authorized the City Administration to issue \$90 million of fixed interest rate bonds to assist in covering a significant portion of the retiree healthcare liability, which was executed in January of 2015. Second, the City has begun working collaboratively with its employee groups and retirees in developing health care cost containment strategies to help manage and contain the ongoing liability.

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Contacting the OPEB Trust Fund's Financial Management

This financial report is designed to provide the public, citizens, and other interested parties with a general overview of the OPEB Trust Fund's financial position. If you have questions about this report or need additional financial information, contact Thomas C. Skrobola, Director of Management Services, City of Kalamazoo, 241 W. South Street, Kalamazoo, MI 49007, (269) 337-8468.

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STATEMENT OF PLAN NET POSITION

December 31, 2014 and 2013

	2014	2013
ASSETS		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 191,431	\$ 105,165
Receivables		
Interest and dividends	14,447	17,676
Due from Metro Transit System	-	310,130
Total receivables	14,447	327,806
Investments, at fair value		
U.S. Treasuries	922,711	752,079
U.S. Agencies	90,361	74,881
Corporate bonds	757,699	412,787
Collateralized mortgage obligations	341,639	336,537
Equity mutual funds	6,512,070	4,883,595
Real estate mutual funds	492,711	348,622
Total investments	9,117,191	6,808,501
Total assets	9,323,069	7,241,472
LIABILITIES		
Accounts payable	612	1,084
NET POSITION		
Held in trust for other post-employment benefits	\$ 9,322,457	\$ 7,240,388

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN PLAN NET POSITION

Year Ended December 31, 2014 and 2013

	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>
ADDITIONS TO NET POSITION		
Investment income		
Change in fair value of investments	\$ 333,010	\$ 229,107
Interest	48,014	10,982
Dividends	<u>162,656</u>	<u>102,647</u>
Total investment income	543,680	342,736
Less: investment expense	<u>(23,349)</u>	<u>(6,006)</u>
Net investment income	520,331	336,730
Employer contributions	<u>1,568,554</u>	<u>6,906,371</u>
Total additions to net position	2,088,885	7,243,101
DEDUCTIONS FROM NET POSITION		
Administrative expenses	<u>6,816</u>	<u>2,713</u>
CHANGE IN PLAN NET POSITION	2,082,069	7,240,388
Net position - beginning of year	<u>7,240,388</u>	<u>-</u>
Net position - end of year	<u><u>\$ 9,322,457</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 7,240,388</u></u>

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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NOTE A: PLAN DESCRIPTION

The City of Kalamazoo Other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEB) Trust Fund (herein after referred to as the “Plan” or “OPEB Trust Fund”) is a single-employer defined benefit other post-employment benefits plan administered by the City of Kalamazoo (the City). The City provides medical and dental insurance benefits to eligible retirees and their spouses. The City purchases Medicare supplemental insurance for retirees eligible for Medicare. In addition to the healthcare benefits described above, the Plan provides a death benefit of \$1,000 to all eligible retirees.

Membership in the Plan at December 31, 2013, (latest actuarial report) is as follows:

Retirees and beneficiaries receiving benefits	968
Active plan members	<u>442</u>
	<u><u>1,410</u></u>

Plan members are expected to contribute 0.5% of their annual covered payroll to the Plan. The City is required to contribute such additional amounts, as necessary, based on actuarial determinations, to provide assets sufficient to pay for member benefits. In 2014 and 2013, the annual required contributions for the City were \$14,115,049 and \$14,648,903, respectively.

The OPEB Trust Fund is administered by the City of Kalamazoo Other Post-Employment Benefits Trust Fund Trustee. Plan benefit provisions were established and may be amended under the authority of City Ordinances. Employee contribution requirements were established and may be amended subject to collective bargaining agreements and approval by the City Commission of the City of Kalamazoo.

NOTE B: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The Plan’s more significant accounting policies are described below:

Reporting Entity - The accompanying financial statements are exclusive presentations of the financial condition and results of operations of the City of Kalamazoo Other Post-Employment Benefits Trust Fund. The City of Kalamazoo is the plan sponsor of the OPEB Trust Fund. As a result, industry standards require the City to include the financial activities of the OPEB Trust Fund in the City’s Annual Financial Report. The Annual Financial Report of the City of Kalamazoo is available for public inspection at the Kalamazoo City Hall.

Basis of Accounting - The Plan’s financial statements are prepared using the accrual basis of accounting. Plan member contributions are recognized in the period in which the contributions are due. The City’s contributions are recognized when due and the employer has made a formal commitment to provide them. Benefits and refunds are recognized when due and payable in accordance with the terms of the plan.

Valuation of Investments - Investments are reported at fair value. Short-term investments are reported at cost, which approximates fair value. Securities traded on a national or international exchange are valued at the last reported sales price at current exchange rates. Mortgages are valued on the basis of future principal and interest payments, and are discounted at prevailing interest rates for similar instruments. The fair value of real estate investments is based on independent appraisals. Investments for which market quotations are not readily available are valued at their fair value as determined by the custodian under the direction of the Trustee with the assistance of a valuation service.

Beginning in 2013, the investments of the Plan have been pooled with those of the Employees’ Retirement System. The purchases, maturities, and investment performance are allocated between the Plan and the Employees’ Retirement System based on the fair value of their respective investments. As of December 31, 2014 and 2013, the Plan’s investments represented approximately 1.5 percent and 1.1 percent of the portfolio, respectively.

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NOTE B: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - CONTINUED

Administration - Administrative costs are financed through the Plan's investment earnings.

Use of Estimates - The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make significant estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosures of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenue and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Reclassifications - Certain prior year information has been reclassified for the comparative presentation.

NOTE C: DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS

Deposits

The Plan does not maintain any checking or other demand/time deposit accounts. Amounts reported as cash and cash equivalents in the statement of plan net position include cash and short-term investments in money market accounts held by the Plan's investment managers. These accounts are insured by the Securities Investors Protection Corporation for up to \$500,000 each. The balance of these accounts as of December 31, 2014 and 2013, were \$191,431 and \$105,165, respectively. These amounts were fully insured during 2014 and 2013.

Investments

The Michigan Public Employees Retirement System Investment Act, Public Act 314 of 1965, as amended, authorizes the Plan to invest in stocks, government and corporate securities, mortgages, real estate, and various other investment instruments, subject to certain limitations. The Plan's Trustee is responsible for recommending to the City Commission the investment policies and strategies, and retaining/monitoring the various investment managers, trustees, advisors, actuaries and other fiduciaries utilized by the Plan. The City Commission is responsible for approving the recommendations of the Plan's Trustee. All investment decisions are subject to Michigan law and the investment policy established by the City Commission. As OPEB Trust Fund and Employees' Retirement System assets are commingled for investment purposes, the Plan's Trustee has adopted the policies, strategies, and approaches used by the Employees' Retirement System's Investment Committee.

The adopted asset allocation policy as of December 31, 2014, is as follows:

<u>Asset Class</u>	<u>Target</u>
Micro Capitalization Domestic Equity	5.00%
Small Capitalization Domestic Equity	10.00%
Small Capitalization Value International Equity	10.00%
S&P Index Funds	30.00%
Large Capitalization Domestic Equity	5.00%
Emerging Markets Equity	10.00%
Intermediate Fixed Income	12.50%
Long Fixed Income	12.50%
Real Estate Securities	2.50%
Real Estate	2.50%

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NOTE C: DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS - CONTINUED

Investments - Continued

The Plan's investments are held in ten (10) portfolios administered by six (6) investment managers. Following is a summary of the Plan's investments as of December 31:

	2014	2013
U.S. Treasuries	\$ 922,711	\$ 752,079
U.S. Agencies	90,361	74,881
Corporate bonds	757,699	412,787
Collateralized mortgage obligations	341,639	336,537
Equity mutual funds	6,512,070	4,883,595
Real estate mutual funds	492,711	348,622
Total investments	\$ 9,117,191	\$ 6,808,501

Custodial Credit Risk

For investments, custodial credit risk is the risk that, in the event of the failure of the counterparty to a transaction, the Plan will not be able to recover the value of its investments or collateral securities that are in the possession of an outside party. The Plan's investment policy does not address custodial credit risk. Although uninsured and unregistered, the Plan's investments are not exposed to custodial credit risk since the securities are held by the counterparty's trust department in the Plan's name. Short-term investments in money market funds and investments in mutual funds are not subject to custodial credit risk because their existence is not evidenced by securities that exist in physical or book form.

Credit Risk

The Plan's investment policy provides that its investments in bonds must be rated in the top four (4) major investment grades as determined by two (2) nationally recognized statistical rating organizations. As of December 31, 2014 and 2013, the Plan's investments in fixed income securities were rated by Standard & Poor's and Moody's as follows:

Standard & Poor's	2014			2013		
	U.S. Agencies	Corporate Bonds	CMO	U.S. Agencies	Corporate Bonds	CMO
AAA	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 62,371	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 63,468
AA	-	135,913	3,021	-	61,980	2,517
A	-	383,217	-	-	208,477	-
BBB	-	238,569	-	-	133,122	-
Not rated	90,361	-	276,247	74,881	9,208	270,552
	\$ 90,361	\$ 757,699	\$ 341,639	\$ 74,881	\$ 412,787	\$ 336,537

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NOTE C: DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS - CONTINUED

Credit Risk - Continued

Moody's	2014			2013		
	U.S. Agencies	Corporate Bonds	CMO	U.S. Agencies	Corporate Bonds	CMO
AAA	\$ -	\$ 7,957	\$ 34,489	\$ -	\$ 5,991	\$ 47,358
AA	-	86,900	-	-	45,592	-
A	-	320,820	-	-	152,258	-
BAA	-	332,897	-	-	199,738	-
Not rated	90,361	9,125	307,150	74,881	9,208	289,179
	<u>\$ 90,361</u>	<u>\$ 757,699</u>	<u>\$ 341,639</u>	<u>\$ 74,881</u>	<u>\$ 412,787</u>	<u>\$ 336,537</u>

Concentration of Credit Risk

The Plan's investment policy requires that the securities of any one company or government agency should not exceed 5% of the total fund. At December 31, 2014 and 2013, the Plan's investments were within that range.

The Plan's investment policy and State statutes provide that no more than 70% of the total investments may be in equity holdings and no more than 5% in real estate. As of December 31, 2014 and 2013, the Plan's equity holdings accounted for 70% and 70%, respectively, of the total investment portfolio; the Plan's holdings in real estate were 5% and 5% at December 31, 2014 and 2013.

Interest Rate Risk

For investments, the risk that changes in interest rates will adversely affect the fair value of the investment is known as interest rate risk. The Plan's investment policy does not address interest rate risk. As of December 31, 2014 and 2013, maturities of the Plan's debt securities were as follows:

2014	Fair Value	Investment Maturities (fair value by years)			
		Less than 1	1-5	6-10	More than 10
U.S. Treasuries	\$ 922,711	\$ -	\$ 573,794	\$ 7,928	\$ 340,989
U.S. Agencies	90,361	-	67,483	-	22,878
Corporate Bonds	757,699	2,072	225,367	335,437	194,823
Collateralized Mortgage Obligations	341,639	-	57,453	3,020	281,166
	<u>\$ 2,112,410</u>	<u>\$ 2,072</u>	<u>\$ 924,097</u>	<u>\$ 346,385</u>	<u>\$ 839,856</u>

2013	Fair Value	Investment Maturities (fair value by years)			
		Less than 1	1-5	6-10	More than 10
U.S. Treasuries	\$ 752,079	\$ 90,382	\$ 99,585	\$ 129,030	\$ 433,082
U.S. Agencies	74,881	-	65,527	9,354	-
Corporate Bonds	412,787	-	147,290	166,610	98,887
Collateralized Mortgage Obligations	336,537	-	64,914	16,359	255,264
	<u>\$ 1,576,284</u>	<u>\$ 90,382</u>	<u>\$ 377,316</u>	<u>\$ 321,353</u>	<u>\$ 787,233</u>

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NOTE C: DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS - CONTINUED

Derivatives

The Plan's investment policy permits the prudent use of derivatives to reduce portfolio risk and enhance investment return. Under the terms of the investment agreements, portfolio managers are required to report all derivative holdings on a quarterly basis. The Plan's Trustee, in conjunction with the Employees' Retirement System's Investment Committee, monitors these reports to evaluate the Plan's exposure to credit, market and legal risk.

The portfolios managed by Jennison Associates have utilized U.S. currency futures contracts, a type of derivative, to reduce overall portfolio volatility caused by interest rate risk. At December 31, 2014 and 2013, the portfolio had no U.S. currency futures contracts.

NOTE D: INVESTMENT EXPENSE

The following provides additional details related to investment expenses for the years ended December 31, 2014 and 2013:

	2014		2013	
	Amount	Percent of Net Position	Amount	Percent of Net Position
Investment advisor fees	\$ 23,349	0.250%	\$ 6,006	0.083%
Administrative expenses	6,816	0.073%	2,713	0.037%
	\$ 30,165		\$ 8,719	

NOTE E: RISK MANAGEMENT

The Plan is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts, errors and omissions. The Plan participates in the City of Kalamazoo's risk management program for all of these exposures. The City's risk management program is primarily a self-insured program with reinsurance amounts in excess of aggregate loss funds. The City estimates the liability for unpaid claims (including claims incurred but not reported) and allocates the cost to all appropriate entities and funds. There is no further exposure to the Plan that would require a liability to be recorded in the financial statements.

NOTE F: FUNDED STATUS AND FUNDING PROGRESS

The Plan's funding policy provides for periodic contributions by the City at actuarially determined rates expressed as a percentage of annual covered payroll. The City is required to contribute at a rate of 41.7% of annual covered payroll. The annual required contribution (ARC) represents a level of funding that, if paid on an ongoing basis, is projected to cover the normal cost each year and to amortize any unfunded actuarial liabilities (or funding excess) over a period not to exceed thirty (30) years.

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NOTE F: FUNDED STATUS AND FUNDING PROGRESS - CONTINUED

The funded status of the Plan as of December 31, 2013, the date of the most recent actuarial valuation, was as follows:

Actuarial value of assets	\$ 6,931,353
Actuarial accrued liability (AAL)	<u>194,792,158</u>
Underfunded AAL (UAAL)	<u>\$ (187,860,805)</u>
Funded ratio	<u>3.6%</u>
Covered payroll	<u>\$ 37,509,463</u>
UAAL as % of covered payroll	<u>500.8%</u>

Actuarial Methods and Assumptions

Actuarial valuations of an ongoing plan involve estimates of the value of reported amounts and assumptions about the probability of occurrence of events far into the future. Examples include assumptions about future employment, mortality, and the healthcare cost trend. Amounts determined regarding the funded status of the plan and the annual required contributions of the employer are subject to continual revision as actual results are compared to past expectations and new estimates are made about the future. The schedule of funding progress, presented below, presents multi-year trend information that shows whether the actuarial value of plan assets is increasing or decreasing over time relative to the actuarial accrued liabilities or benefits.

Projections of benefits for financial reporting purposes are based on the substantive plan (the plan as understood by the employer and plan members) and include the types of benefits provided at the time of each valuation and the historical pattern of sharing benefit costs between the employer and plan members to that point. The actuarial methods and assumptions used include techniques that are designed to reduce the effects of short-term volatility in actuarial accrued liabilities and the actuarial value of assets, consistent with the long-term perspective of the calculations.

For the years ended December 31, 2014 and 2013, the City's annual OPEB costs were \$12,998,338 and \$13,512,520, respectively. The estimated annual required contribution was determined as part of an actuarial valuation at December 31, 2013 and December 31, 2011, respectively, using the individual entry age method. Actual required contributions are based on actual reported monthly payroll. Significant actuarial assumptions used include (a) a 4.0 percent investment rate of return (b) projected salary increases of 4.0% per year compounded annually, attributable to inflation (c) additional salary increases ranging from 0.0% to 12.0% per year depending on age, seniority and merit, (d) the healthcare cost trend rate of 4.0% to 9.0%, and (e) assumption benefits will not increase after retirement. The actuarial value of assets was determined using techniques that smooth the effects of short-term volatility over a five (5) year period. The unfunded actuarial liability is being amortized as a level percentage of payroll over a period of thirty years on a closed basis.

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NOTE F: FUNDED STATUS AND FUNDING PROGRESS - CONTINUED

The City's computed contribution and actual funding are summarized as follows:

	Year Ended December 31,	
	2014	2013
Annual required contribution (ARC)	\$ 14,115,049	\$ 14,648,903
Interest on net OPEB obligation	2,505,227	2,549,314
Adjustment to annual required contribution	(3,621,938)	(3,685,677)
Annual OPEB cost	12,998,338	13,512,540
Contributions made	10,244,983	14,614,728
Increase (decrease) in net OPEB obligation	2,753,355	(1,102,188)
Net OPEB obligation - beginning of year	62,630,665	63,732,853
Net OPEB obligation - end of year	\$ 65,384,020	\$ 62,630,665

The annual OPEB cost, the percentage contributed to the plan, and the net OPEB obligation for the years ended December 31, were as follows:

	2012	2013	2014
Annual OPEB cost	\$ 13,777,124	\$ 13,512,540	\$ 12,998,338
Percentage contributed	49.6%	108.2%	78.8%
Net OPEB obligation	\$ 63,732,853	\$ 62,630,665	\$ 65,384,020

NOTE G: UPCOMING ACCOUNTING PRONOUNCEMENTS

In March 2015, the GASB issued Statement No. 72, *Fair Value Measurement and Application*. This statement addresses accounting and financial reporting issues related to fair value measurements. The definition of fair value is the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. This statement also provides guidance for applying fair value to certain investments and disclosures related to all fair value measurements. The Plan is currently evaluating the impact this standard will have on the financial statements when adopted for the Plan's 2016 year.

In June 2015, the GASB issued Statement No. 74, *Financial Reporting for Postemployment Benefit Plans Other Than Pension Plans*. The statement will establish accounting and financial reporting requirements related to other postemployment benefit plans and specify the required approach to measuring the OPEB liability of employers. The statement also enhances accountability and transparency through revised note disclosures and required supplementary information (RSI). The Plan is currently evaluating the impact this standard will have on the financial statements when adopted for the Plan's 2017 year.

REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

City of Kalamazoo, Michigan
Other Post-Employment Benefits Trust Fund

SCHEDULE OF FUNDING PROGRESS

Actuarial Valuation Date	Actuarial Value of Assets (a)	Actuarial Accrued Liability (AAL) Entry Age (b)	Underfunded AAL (UAAL) (b-a)	Funded Ratio (a/b)	Covered Payroll (c)	UAAL as a Percentage of Covered Payroll [(b-a)/c]
12/31/2013	\$ 6,931,353	\$ 194,792,158	\$ 187,860,805	3.6%	\$ 37,509,463	500.8%
12/31/2011	-	190,631,174	190,631,174	0.0%	44,227,533	431.0%
12/31/2009	-	263,181,931	263,181,931	0.0%	44,060,796	597.3%
12/31/2007	-	206,854,739	206,854,739	0.0%	45,214,897	457.5%

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SCHEDULE OF EMPLOYER CONTRIBUTIONS

<u>Year Ended December 31,</u>	<u>Annual OPEB Cost</u>	<u>Percentage Contribution</u>
2014	\$ 12,998,338	79%
2013	13,512,540	108%
2012	13,777,124	50%
2011	23,417,368	29%
2010	22,717,456	32%
2009	18,959,646	34%
2008	18,129,246	34%