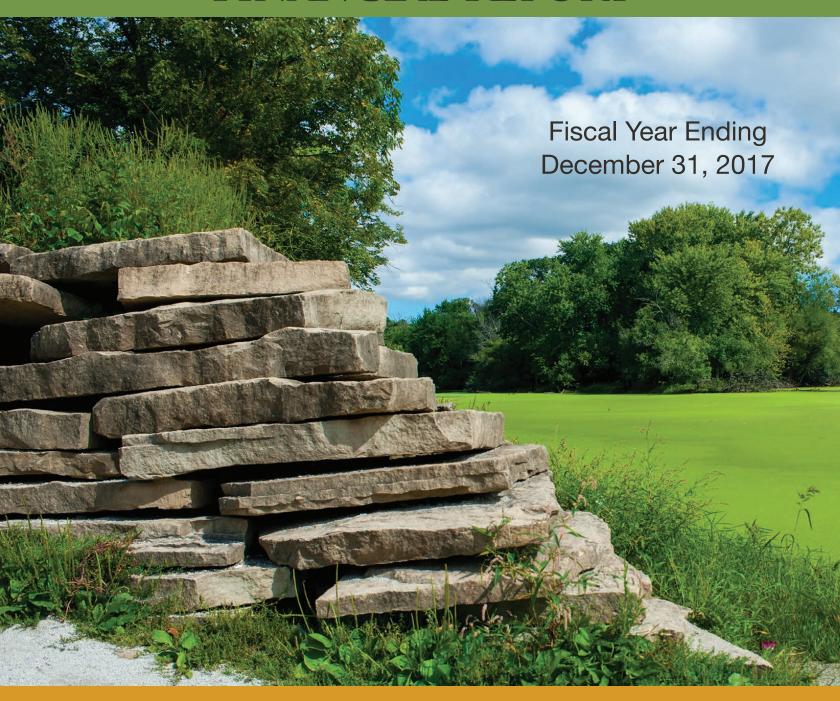


2017 POPULAR ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT





Popular Annual Financial Report

Popular Annual Financial Report For the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2017

Dear Residents:

As City Officials, we strongly believe that maintaining good communication with our residents is vital in order to have a successful and responsive government. We are pleased to present the 2017 Popular Annual Financial Report (PAFR) for the sixth consecutive year.

The PAFR is a summary of the financial activities of the City and is drawn from information found in the 2017 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR). The Des Plaines Library is a component unit of the City and is included in the CAFR, however, the Library will not be discussed in this report since it is governed by a separate board.

It is important to note that the information contained in this report is unaudited and presented on a non-GAAP (Generally Accepted Accounting Principles) basis.

Therefore, it is not intended to replace the full financial statements and note disclosures contained in the CAFR. A reference to the CAFR is provided on page 20 of this report.

We thank you for taking an active role in your City and community. We hope the information in this report will provide you with an easy to understand overview of the City's economic and financial outlook.

Sincerely,

Michael G. Bartholomew City Manager Dorothy Wisniewski

Assistant City Manager / Director of Finance

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City of Des Plaines Receives National Recognition



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December 31, 2016

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Executive Director/CEO

The Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA) has given an Award for Outstanding Achievement in Popular Annual Financial Reporting to the City of Des Plaines for its Popular Annual Financial Report for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2016. The Award for Outstanding Achievement in Popular Annual Financial Reporting is a prestigious national award recognizing conformance with the highest standards for preparation of state and local government popular reports.

The Popular Annual Financial Reporting Awards Program is specifically designed to encourage state and local governments to prepare and issue a high quality popular annual financial report in order to make financial information accessible to ordinary citizens and other interested parties.

In order to receive an Award for Outstanding Achievement in Popular Annual Financial Reporting, a government unit must publish a Popular Annual Financial Report, whose contents conform to program standards of creativity, presentation, understandability and reader appeal.

An Award for Outstanding Achievement in Popular Annual Financial Reporting is valid for a period of one year only. We believe our current report continues to conform to the Popular Annual Financial Reporting requirements, and we are submitting it to the GFOA.

In addition to receiving its fifth award for Outstanding Achievement in Popular Annual Financial Reporting, the City received the following awards this year from the Government Finance Officers Association:

- Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting for the period ended December 31, 2016 (the City has received this recognition for 37 consecutive years).
- Distinguished Budget Presentation Award for the Fiscal Year 2017 Budget (received for the past 9 consecutive years).

The 2017 CAFR and 2018 Budget have both been submitted to the respective award programs, and we believe the documents continue to meet GFOA requirements.

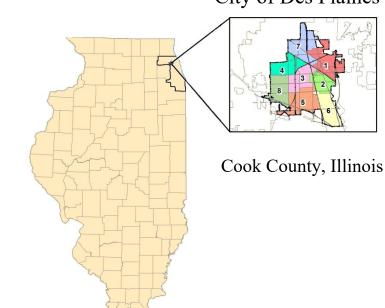
About the City of Des Plaines

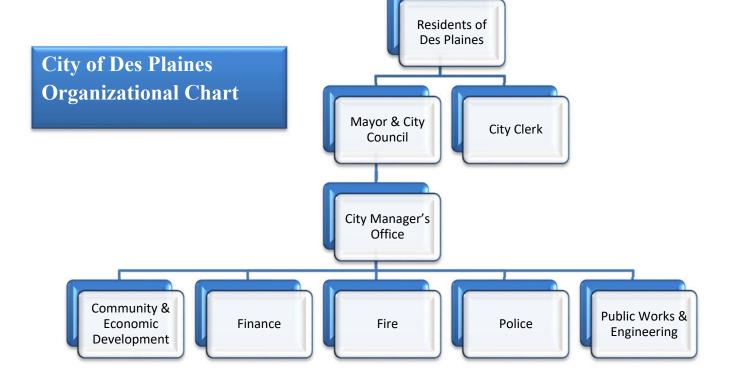
The City of Des Plaines is located approximately 17 miles northwest of downtown Chicago, near O'Hare International Airport. It is a vibrant, diverse collection of residential, commercial, and industrial land uses, encompassing roughly 15 square miles of land area. The City of Des Plaines was incorporated in 1857 and operates under the statutory City Manager form of government. The City Manager serves as the City's Chief Administrative Officer and is responsible to the Mayor and City Council for the efficient management and operation of all of the affairs of the City and its departments.

City of Des Plaines

| Table 1 | |
|-------------------|-----------------|
| Quick Fa | cts |
| Population | 58,364 |
| City Employees | 357 |
| Median Income | \$60,057 |
| Median Home Value | \$279,442 |
| 2016 Tax Year EAV | \$1,915,029,885 |

| Land Use | | | |
|----------------------------|-------|--|--|
| Residential | 41.5% | | |
| Manufacturing | 14.8% | | |
| Commercial & Retail | 7.3% | | |
| Institutional | 5.9% | | |
| Streets, Alleys & Roadways | 20.3% | | |
| Vacant & Open Space | 7.8% | | |
| Water | 2.4% | | |





City of Des Plaines Officials

The City Council is comprised of the Mayor and eight Aldermen. All residents of the City elect the Mayor. The City is divided into eight wards, with the residents of each ward electing an Alderman to represent the ward. The Council is the legislative body of the City, setting policy direction and enacting legislation affecting the City. The City Clerk is also elected by all residents. The Council meetings are open to the public and are usually held on the 1st and 3rd Monday of each month. Meetings are held at the Des Plaines City Hall and start at 7 p.m.



Matthew J. Bogusz, Mayor



Jennifer Tsalapatanis, City Clerk



Mark Lysakowski Alderman – Ward 1



John Robinson Alderman – Ward 2



Denise Rodd Alderman – Ward 3



Dick Sayad Alderman – Ward 4



Carla Brookman Alderman – Ward 5



Malcolm Chester Alderman – Ward 6



Don Smith Alderman – Ward 7



Michael Charewicz Alderman – Ward 8

Major Initiatives

The City Council identified five goals and several strategies to achieve those goals that were formalized into the 2013 Strategic Plan adopted by the City Council on August 5, 2013 via Resolution R-124-13. During 2017 some of the City's accomplishments related to these goals included the following:



Local Economy and Financial Highlights

Des Plaines is home to 2,536 commercial establishments of which 452 are retail. Des Plaines is comprised of 39,504 jobs; of them, 13.2 percent are in the manufacturing sector, 10.6 percent are in the wholesale sector, 9.3 percent are in the transportation and warehousing sector, 6.8 percent are in retail trade and 13.5 percent are in the healthcare and social assistance (2016, IDES, "Where Workers Work"). Many of Des Plaines major employers have committed to hiring Des Plaines residents, which contribute to maintaining a low unemployment rate (4.3 percent for December 2017, down from December 2016's rate of 4.9 percent according to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics). Building permit issuance slightly decreased, with 2,994 permits issued in 2017 compared to 3,105 issued in 2016. However, this total is still well above the 2,766 permits issued in 2015. The declared valuation of building projects in 2017 totaled \$141,923,310, representing a 54.9 percent increase over the \$91,643,460 in building permit valuations during 2016. This increase signals a strong local economy and validation that the economic development programs and incentives offered by the City of Des Plaines are working.

| Ta | ble 2: Principal Employers | |
|------------------------------|--|-----------|
| Business | Industry | Employees |
| Universal Oil Products, Inc. | Chemical Engineering Services | 1,500 |
| Rivers Casino | Entertainment and Gaming | 1,460 |
| Holy Family Medical Center | Medical Center | 1,040 |
| LSG SkyChefs | Airline Catering | 1000 |
| Oakton Community College | Public Community College | 990 |
| Juno Lighting | Light Fixture Manufacturer | 700 |
| Wheels, Inc. | Passenger Car and Truck Leasing | 700 |
| Sysco Food Services | Food Wholesalers | 650 |
| Abbot Molecular | Medical Laboratories | 500 |
| W Diamond Group Corporation | Manufacturing of Men's Tailored Clothing | 350 |

Financial Highlights

- The City's General Fund ended the year with total revenues exceeding total expenditures by \$6.7 million. Combined with other financing net uses of \$3.3 million, the December 31, 2017 fund balance increased by \$3.4 million.
- Local government state shared revenues, i.e. state income, municipal sales and personal property replacement tax increased by \$1.4 million over the prior year.
- The City received \$24.7 million in taxes generated from the revenues at Rivers Casino, \$3.1 million in admission tax (\$1 per admission), and \$21.6 million in wagering tax (5% of all wagering activities). Pursuant to the contractual agreement with Midwest Gaming, the City is required and has distributed \$10 million of the total gaming tax revenue to the State of Illinois with an additional \$5.9 million (40% of the total revenue over \$10 million) amongst the 10 benefiting communities named in the agreement. The remaining amount of \$8.9 million in gaming tax revenue will be discussed by the City Council as part of the 2019 Budget process and allocated towards expenditures approved in the gaming tax revenue and expenditure policy such as capital infrastructure projects and early debt payoff.

City of Des Plaines Form of Government



Des Plaines is a full-service City and its operations are concentrated within seven departments. While most of these operations are recorded in the General Fund, the City maintains 4 additional major governmental funds and 2 major business-type activities funds. Fund accounting demonstrates legal compliance and aids financial management by segregating transactions related to certain government functions or activities. The City's fund structure is presented below:

General Fund (major)

Debt Service Fund

Capital Project Funds:

Capital Projects (major)

Information Technology (IT) Replacement

Equipment Replacement

Fiduciary Funds:

Fire & Police Pension

Agency

| Special Revenu | e Funds: | |
|----------------------------|-----------------|--|
| Tax Increment 1 | Financing(TIF): | |
| TIF #1 | TIF #6 (major) | |
| TIF #3 | TIF #7 | |
| TIF #5 | | |
| Motor Fuel Tax | (MFT) | |
| Community Dev | elopment Block | |
| Grant (CDBG) | | |
| Grant Projects (major) | | |
| Gaming Tax (major) | | |
| Asset Seizure | | |
| Foreign Fire Insurance Tax | | |

Internal Service Funds: Risk Management Health Benefits

Enterprise Funds: Water/Sewer (major) Parking System: (major) City Owned Parking & Metra Leased Parking

Fund financial statements provide additional detail about the City's financial position and activities. Some information presented in the fund financial statements differs from the government-wide statements due to the perspective and basis of accounting used. Funds are presented on the fund-level statements as major and non-major based on criteria set by the Government Accounting Standards Board (GASB).

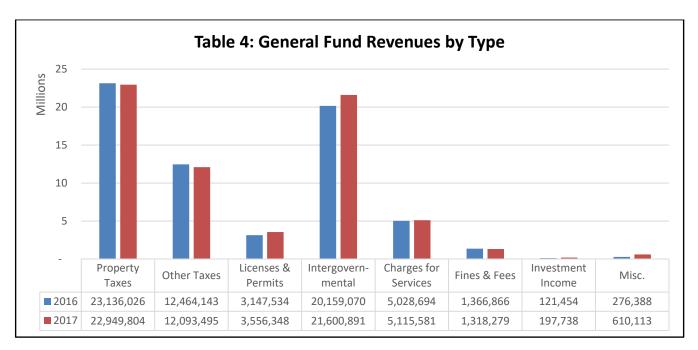
A fund is a separate accounting entity with a self-balancing set of accounts. The City uses funds to keep track of sources of funding and spending related to specific activities. All of the City's funds are divided into three categories: *governmental funds, proprietary funds, and fiduciary funds*.

General Fund Revenues

The City must raise funds to pay for the services it provides to citizens and businesses. These sources of funds, referred to as revenue, are raised through taxes, charges for services, fees and fines as well as grants.

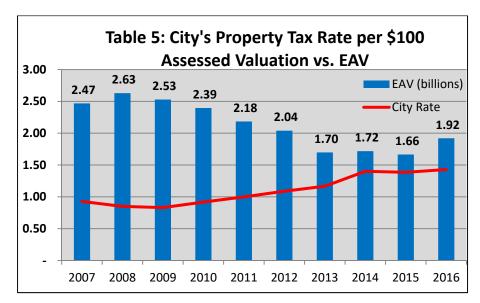
| Table 3: 2017 Budget to Actual Revenues and Expenditures Including the inter-fund transfers | | | | | | |
|--|-----------|-----------|------|-----------|-----------|------|
| By Fund Type in thous ands (\$) 2017 2017 2017 3017 3017 3017 4017 800 8017 | | | | | | |
| General Fund | 61,496 | 67,662 | 110% | 67,589 | 64,276 | 95% |
| Special Revenue Funds | 69,922 | 47,155 | 67% | 75,869 | 49,087 | 65% |
| Debt Service Fund | 103 | 100 | 97% | 493 | 494 | 100% |
| Capital Projects Funds | 17,887 | 17,856 | 100% | 19,501 | 15,935 | 82% |
| Enterprise Funds | 19,830 | 14,497 | 73% | 18,322 | 14,873 | 81% |
| Internal Service Funds | 11,546 | 10,971 | 95% | 11,947 | 11,660 | 98% |
| Total | \$180,784 | \$158,241 | 88% | \$193,721 | \$156,325 | 81% |

When assessing the financial results of the City, it is important to focus on the City's **General Fund**. The General Fund is the primary operating fund of the City and supports the regular day-to-day operations. It is used to account for all revenues and expenditures of the City, except those required to be accounted for in other funds. The revenues of the General Fund come from a variety of sources. Revenues received in 2016 and 2017 are as follows:



2017 General Fund Revenues were at \$67.4M, including property taxes of \$22.9M and other taxes of \$12.1M.

General Fund Revenues – Property Tax



The Equalized Assessed Value (EAV) has experienced fluctuations over the last 10 years which have directly impacted the City's property tax rate.

The City's Tax Rate has an inverse relationship with the City's total EAV (Table 5). In other words, when EAVs decline, the effect is usually an increase to the tax rate.

Since 2010, the City Council has remained committed to keeping the property tax levy at the same level while continuing to provide high quality services to residents.

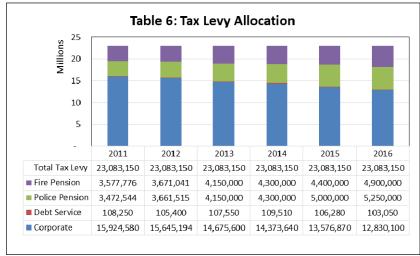


Table 7: Property Tax Allocation

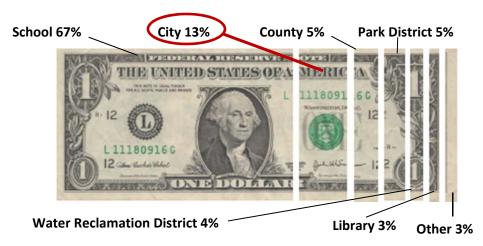


Table 7 shows that the City of Des Plaines only receives 13 cents for every dollar of property tax that is collected. This tax is used to support the day-to-day operations of the City as well as our public safety pension funds and previously committed debt payments.

General Fund Revenues – Other Taxes

Sales Tax is the second largest source of revenue for the City and comprises about 20.1% of total receipts in the General Fund. Approximately \$13.6 million was received in both Municipal and Home Rule sales taxes in FY 2017. A brief summary of other taxes is listed below:

| Table 8: Selected Tax Information | | | | |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------------|--|---|--------|
| Utility Taxes | | | Sales Tax Rates - as of 12/31/201 | 7 |
| Utility Tax: Electricity | varies based on kilowatt | | State Sales Tax Rate | 5.00% |
| Utility Tax: Natural Gas | 3.09% of gross receipts | | State Municipal Tax Rate | 1.00% |
| Use Tax: Natural Gas | \$0.025 per therm | | State Regional Transportation Authority | 0.25% |
| | | | Local Home Rule | 1.00% |
| Other | | | County Home Rule | 1.75% |
| Hotel/Motel Tax | 7% | | Regional Transportation Authority | 1.00% |
| Food and Beverage Tax | 1% | | Total | 10.00% |
| Real Estate Transfer Tax | \$2 per \$1,000 value | | | |
| Telecommunication Tax | 6% | | | |

As noted above in **Table 8**, the total sales tax rate was 10.00% in 2017 of which the City receives 2%. Of the 2% the City receives, 1% is a Municipal Tax on all sales while the other 1% is from sales subject to the Home Rule sales tax. 75% of Home Rule Sales Tax revenue is devoted to capital projects while 25% is used for general operations.

Table 9 below summarizes revenues received from the local taxes including Home Rule Sales Tax.

| Table 9: Local Taxes Revenue | | | | |
|------------------------------|----------|----------|--|--|
| (in thousands) | 2017 | 2016 | | |
| Utility Taxes | \$3,007 | \$3,069 | | |
| Gas & Use Tax | 363 | 357 | | |
| Franchise Tax | 835 | 852 | | |
| Food & Beverage Tax | 1,330 | 1,269 | | |
| Telecommunication Tax | 2,053 | 2,392 | | |
| Hotel/Motel Tax | 1,909 | 2,070 | | |
| Auto Rental Tax | 108 | 85 | | |
| Parking Tax | 2 | 2 | | |
| Real Estate Transfer Tax | 883 | 842 | | |
| Home Rule Sales Tax | 1,603 | 1,526 | | |
| | \$12,093 | \$12,464 | | |

| Table 10: Intergovernmental Revenue | | | |
|-------------------------------------|----------|----------|--|
| (in thousands) | 2017 | 2016 | |
| State Income Tax | \$6,446 | \$5,681 | |
| Local Use Tax | 1,508 | 1,393 | |
| Personal Property Replacement | 1,258 | 1,286 | |
| Municipal Sales Tax | 12,063 | 11,388 | |
| Road and Bridge Tax | 224 | 225 | |
| Federal, State, and Local Grants | 102 | 186 | |
| · | \$21,601 | \$20,159 | |

Table 10 presents Intergovernmental Revenue received from the Local Government Shared Revenues as well as state and federal grants.

Where Your Money Goes

Once the City collects taxes and other revenues, the money must be spent efficiently to provide services to the citizens and businesses of the City. As this section will further detail, the City provides a variety of services to its residents and businesses.

The **General Fund** finances the regular day-to-day operations of the City. The expenditures of the General Fund are dispersed amount departments, made up of five major functions. As you can see from the table below, public safety (Police and Fire) expenditures account for the majority (68%) of the General Fund operations. Total actual expenditures were \$64,275,563 including \$60,731,332 in operating expenditures and \$3,544,231 in transfers to other funds.

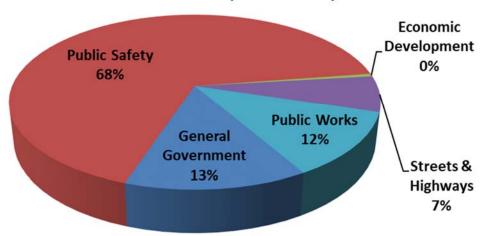


Table 11: General Fund Expenditures by Function

The General Fund expenditures increased by \$4.06 million compared to 2016 primarily due to an increase in transfers to other funds.

| Table 12: General Fund Expenditures by Department | | | | |
|---|-----------|----------|-------------|---------|
| | Aggregate | | Per Capita* | |
| in thousands (\$) | 2017 | 2016 | 2017 | 2016 |
| Elected Office | \$ 665 | \$ 592 | \$ 11 | \$ 10 |
| City Administration | 3,489 | 3,234 | 60 | 55 |
| Finance | 1,187 | 1,173 | 20 | 20 |
| Community Development | 2,412 | 2,206 | 41 | 38 |
| Public Works & Engineering | 11,498 | 10,444 | 197 | 179 |
| Police Department | 22,341 | 21,284 | 383 | 365 |
| Emergency Management Agency (EMA) | 138 | 125 | 2 | 2 |
| Fire Department | 20,270 | 19,866 | 347 | 340 |
| Fire & Police Commission | 53 | 95 | 1 | 2 |
| Overhead (including transfers to other funds) | 2,222 | 1,211 | 38 | 21 |
| Total General Fund Expenditures | \$64,276 | \$60,230 | \$1,101 | \$1,032 |

^{*}Expenditures per capita represent aggregate expenditures divided by 2010 population (58,364) and are in dollars, not thousands.

General Fund Expenditures by Department

General Fund departments are classified by the type of service they provide and include the Police, Fire, Public Works and Engineering, Community and Economic Development, Administrative, and Financial Support.

Public Safety is a major responsibility of local government. The City of Des Plaines Police and Fire Departments together with the Emergency Management Agency, comprise about 68% of all General Fund expenditures. Presented below are the operating indicators supplied by each department and a summary of their accomplishments:

| Police Services | FY 2017 |
|---------------------------------|------------|
| Physical Arrests | 753 |
| Compliance & Parking Violations | 10,212 |
| Traffic Violations | 1,046 |

- ➤ The renovation / relocation of the detective bureau is complete, including two state of the art interview rooms.
- ➤ Increased the size of our K9 unit by one additional dog / handler team.
- Added an additional Task Force Officer who is detached to work with the FBI.





| Fire Services | FY 2017 |
|-------------------------|------------|
| Emergency Medical Calls | 6,129 |
| Fires/Reports of Fires | 1,008 |
| Other Emergency Calls | 929 |
| Inspections | 3,803 |

- ➤ The City's Insurance Services Office (ISO) rating for fire insurance was upgraded to Class 2.
- A new state-of-the-art computer-aided-dispatch (CAD) software was implemented.
- ➤ A new Swiftwater Rescue Team was implemented in conjunction with the Illinois Mutual Aid Box Alarm System (MABAS).

General Fund Expenditures by Department

The Board of Fire and Police Commissioners provides the citizens of Des Plaines with professional Fire & Police personnel through fair and impartial hiring, promotional, and disciplinary processes.

The Homeland Security and Emergency Management Agency (EMA) saves lives, prevents injuries, and protects property and the environment in the event a natural or man-made disaster occurs, both during incidents and during recovery. Additionally, EMA provides daily assistance to the Police and Fire Departments in many ways through the use of citizen volunteers.





The public works and streets/highways functions are performed by the **Public Works and Engineering Department** and reflect the operating costs of the streets, sewers, forestry, building maintenance, street maintenance and street lighting as well as infrastructure design, construction, operation and maintenance within one consolidated City department. In 2017 the Public Works & Engineering Department achieved the following:

| Public Works and Engineering | FY |
|--|---------|
| Services | 2017 |
| Street resurfacing (square yards) | 107,860 |
| Sidewalks removed & replaced (sq. ft.) | 164,542 |
| Snow and ice control (tons of salt) | 2,436 |



- > Started sidewalk grinding program to reduce trip and falls.
- Retrofitted Parking Garage lighting to LED for efficiency.
- Continued water meter replacements to ensure accurate billing.



General Fund Expenditures by Department

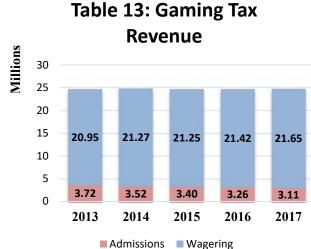
General Government expenditures reflect the cost for the legislative, administrative and financial functions of the City. Following are a brief descriptions of each department:

- ❖ Elected Office consists of the Legislative and City Clerk Divisions and is composed of the Mayor and eight Aldermen. The Department is responsible for establishing goals and policies to address community needs.
- **❖ The City Manager's Office** is responsible for the overall management of the City's departments and provides administrative services.
- ❖ The Finance Department manages all the City's programs related to general finance, accounting and revenue collection functions.
- * The Community & Economic Development Department is responsible for current and long-range planning, enforcement of the Building Code, and administration of the federally funded CDBG.

Gaming Tax Fund

In July 2011, Rivers Casino opened in Des Plaines. 2017 was the fifth full year that the City was able to utilize casino revenue, which has greatly impacted the City's financial position. The City receives two types of **Gaming Taxes** related to the casino. The first is a \$1 admissions tax that is received for every person entering the casino while the second is a 5% tax on all wagering activities. In 2017 Des Plaines received about \$24.7 million from operations at the Rivers Casino making it the City's second largest source of revenue behind property taxes. This amount has remained consistent since the first full year of operations in 2012 which provided \$24.8 million in revenues.





Based on the current agreement with Midwest Gaming, the State of Illinois receives \$10 million every year from the City's gaming proceeds. Additionally, 40% of any revenues over \$10 million are shared amongst 10 benefitting communities. This leaves 60% of all revenues over \$10 million to be utilized by the City. After these contractual obligations were fulfilled, the City's portion of the gaming tax revenue was approximately \$8.8 million. The 2017 gaming tax revenue allocation will be approved during the 2019 Budget process.

Table 14: 2015-2018 Infrastructure Improvement Projects Funded Mostly by Casino Revenues

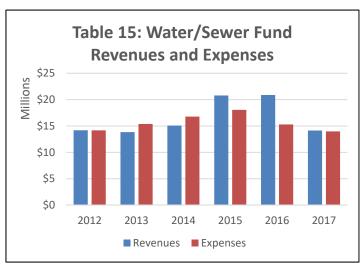
| 2015 - \$9.8M | 2017 - \$10.15M |
|---|--|
| Street & Drainage System \$4.3M | Street & Drainage System \$3.85M |
| Alternate Water Source \$3.2M | Debt Payoff \$1.7M |
| River Rd Water Main \$2.3M | River Rd Water Main \$2.0M |
| | Water System \$2.6M |
| 2016 - \$9.0M | 2018 - \$10.4M |
| Street & Drainage System \$3.5M | Street & Drainage System \$5.0M |
| Alternate Water Source \$5.3M | Water System Improvements \$2.9M |
| River Rd Water Main \$168K | Facilities Fund Transfer \$500K |
| | River Rd Water Main (Carryover) \$2.0M |

Enterprise Funds

The significant attribute of **Enterprise Funds** is that they are financed primarily by charges to consumers and that the accounting for them makes it possible to show whether they are operated at a profit or loss similar to comparable private enterprises. The City has three Enterprise Funds: Water/Sewer Fund and two Parking Systems Funds.

The Water/Sewer Fund is the City's largest enterprise fund and it accounts for the revenues and expenses associated with the transmission, treatment, storage, and sale of water to residential, commercial and industrial customers within the City. There are currently more than 17,000 customers in the system. The water distribution network has a total of 221 miles of water mains and the average daily water consumption is over 7M gallons. As noted in Table 15, expenses exceeded revenues for several years but have begun to turn positive as improvements are funded from other funds and the cost of water decreases.





| Utility Billing Rates (Per 100 cubic feet of water used) | | | |
|---|--------|--|--|
| | | | |
| Water Rate – Inside City Limits | \$5.05 | | |
| Sanitary Sewer Rate | \$0.91 | | |
| Storm Sewer Rate | \$0.57 | | |

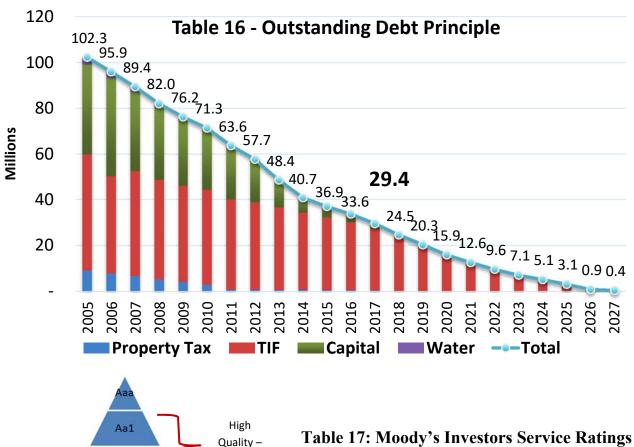
The water rate has 2 components: the purchase rate (the amount Des Plaines pays Chicago and Northwest Water Commission for treated Lake Michigan water, or the product cost), and the City of Des Plaines O&M rate (operation and maintenance, or the delivery cost). These

two components are used to calculate the rate Des Plaines charges its customers. In addition, the Water/Sewer Fund is responsible for the maintenance of the City's sanitary sewer mains.

City Owned and Metra Leased Parking Funds account for the revenue and expenses associated with the maintenance of the City's two parking facilities (Metropolitan Square and Prairie Avenue Parking Garages) and parking lots leased from the Union Pacific Railroad. The revenue is generated through daily charges. The payment machines allow commuters to pay for parking by cash or credit cards at the machines as well as utilizing a smart phone application.

City's Debt

General Obligation Debt: All general obligation notes and bonds payable are backed by the full faith and credit of the City. The City had \$29.4 million in principal outstanding general obligation debt at the end of 2017. The majority of the City's debt burden is supported by Tax Increment Financing (TIF) revenues, sales and utility taxes, sewer fees and other fees. The City does not have any property tax supported debt. **Table 16** below shows the relative pace with which the City has been paying its outstanding debt, as well as early pay-off of callable debt.



Very Low

Credit Risk

Table 17: Moody's Investors Service Ratings

Moody's Investors Service has assigned an Aa2 rating to the City's outstanding municipal bond issues. The City has taken advantage of this rating to refinance its outstanding debt for better interest rates and pay off debt early to save on future interest costs.

During 2017 approximately \$5.9 million in bonded debt was retired. The City's net direct debt ratio to equalized assessed value (EAV) continues to be less than 1%.

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Financial Stability

One of the most important questions asked about the City's finances is, "Is the City as a whole better off or worse off as a result of the year's activities?" **The Statement of Net Position** (**Table 18**) reports information about the City as a whole in a way that helps answer this question. The focus of the Statement of Net Position (the "Total Net Position") is designed to be similar to bottom line results for the City and its governmental and business-type activities. The statement distinguishes governmental activities (general government, public safety, highways & streets, sanitation, and economic development) from business-type activities (water & sewer, parking). Total assets of the City as of December 31, 2017, were \$402.6 million, an increase of \$11.3 million or 2.9 percent. Total liabilities as of December 31, 2017, were \$205.1 million, a decrease of \$17.9 million or 8.0 percent.

| | Governmental Activities | | Business-type Activities | | Total Primary Government | |
|----------------------------------|-------------------------|----------------|--------------------------|---------------|---------------------------------|---------------|
| | 2017 | 2016 | 2017 | 2016 | 2017 | 2016 |
| ASSETS | | | | | | |
| Current & Other Assets | \$ 142,859,964 | \$ 139,154,684 | \$ (884,656) | \$ (528,234) | \$ 141,975,308 | \$ 138,626,45 |
| Capital Assets | 220,208,895 | 212,544,265 | 40,412,151 | 40,123,012 | 260,621,046 | 252,667,27 |
| Total Assets | 363,068,859 | 351,698,949 | 39,527,495 | 39,594,778 | 402,596,354 | 391,293,72 |
| DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES | 13,821,225 | 18,108,357 | 76,401 | 1,110,042 | 13,897,626 | 19,218,39 |
| LIABILITIES | | | | | | |
| Current Liabilities | 25,048,533 | 27,145,322 | 1,278,411 | 1,244,257 | 26,326,944 | 28,389,57 |
| Noncurrent Liabilities | 178,337,042 | 192,165,970 | 457,534 | 2,513,046 | 178,794,576 | 194,679,01 |
| Total Liabilities | 203,385,575 | 219,311,292 | 1,735,945 | 3,757,303 | 205,121,520 | 223,068,59 |
| DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES | 41,072,717 | 31,568,489 | 1,762,286 | 373,000 | 42,835,003 | 31,941,48 |
| NET POSITION | | | | | | |
| Net Investment in Capital Assets | 196,250,010 | 182,246,337 | 40,412,151 | 40,123,012 | 236,662,161 | 222,369,34 |
| Restricted | 9,570,315 | 8,933,922 | - | - | 9,570,315 | 8,933,92 |
| Unrestricted | (73,388,533) | (72,252,734) | (4,306,486) | (3,548,495) | (77,695,019) | (75,801,22 |
| Total Net Position | \$ 132,431,792 | \$ 118,927,525 | \$36,105,665 | \$ 36,574,517 | \$ 168,537,457 | \$ 155,502,04 |

Net position was \$168.5 million in fiscal 2017, an increase of \$13 million. Of the City's net position, \$236.7 million was net investment in capital assets, while \$9.6 million was restricted by the City or other legal requirements and was not available to finance day-to-day operations of the City. Unrestricted net position was a negative \$77.7 million primarily due to decreased deferred pension outflows and increased deferred pension inflows.

Financial Stability

Similar to the Unrestricted Net Position, the **Unassigned General Fund** balance is an indicator of the city's day to day financial security. The Unassigned General Fund balance has increased over recent years from a dangerously low level of \$1.1 million in 2007 to a more stable \$22.1 million in 2017. The ratio of the unassigned fund balance to General Fund expenditures in 2017 is 36.4%. This is significant because it demonstrates that the City can maintain general operations for a sustained period of time without additional revenues.

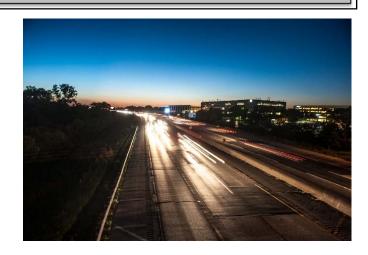
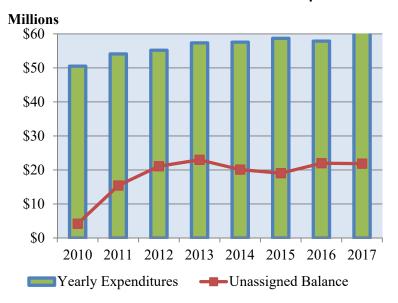


Table 19: General Fund Unassigned Fund Balances

| Year | Unassigned Fund Balance | % of Expenditures |
|------|----------------------------|----------------------|
| 2010 | \$15,413,074 | 30.5% |
| 2011 | \$21,080,549 | 39.0% |
| 2012 | \$27,128,060 | 41.7% |
| 2013 | \$20,107,209 | 35.1% |
| 2014 | \$19,047,354 | 33.1% |
| 2015 | \$21,989,485 | 37.5% |
| 2016 | \$21,833,793 | 37.7% |
| 2017 | \$22,135,880 | 36.4% |

The total fund balance for the general fund as of December 31, 2017 was \$53.2 million, an increase of \$3.4 million from fiscal 2016, mostly due to higher than anticipated state shared revenues.

Table 20: General Fund Balance vs. Expenditures



Net Investment in Capital Assets – Consists of capital assets including restricted capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation and reduced by the outstanding balances (excluding unspent bond proceeds) of any bonds, mortgages, notes, or other borrowings that are attributable to the acquisition, construction, or improvement of those assets.

Restricted – Net position with constraints placed on their use either by 1) external groups such as creditors, grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments or, 2) law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.

Unassigned – Net position that is not "restricted" or "net invested in capital assets."

Contact Information

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