

**CITY OF NORTH PORT, FLORIDA  
POLICE OFFICERS' PENSION-  
LOCAL OPTION TRUST FUND**

**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED  
SEPTEMBER 30, 2017**

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## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

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Board of Trustees  
City of North Port, Florida  
Police Officers' Pension—Local Option Trust Fund  
North Port, Florida

### **Report on the Financial Statements**

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the City of North Port, Florida, Police Officers' Pension—Local Option Trust Fund (the "Fund"), as of and for year ended September 30, 2017, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Fund's basic financial statements, as listed in the table of contents.

### ***Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements***

Management of the Fund 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 audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit 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 financial position of the Fund as of September 30, 2017, and the changes in financial position for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

### ***Emphasis of Matter***

As discussed in Note 1, the financial statements present only the City of North Port, Florida Police Officers' Pension—Local Option Trust Fund and do not purport to, and do not present fairly, the financial position of the City of North Port, Florida, as of September 30, 2017, and the changes in its financial position for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Our opinion is not modified with respect to this matter.

### ***Other Matters***

#### ***Required Supplementary Information***

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the Schedule of Changes in the City's Net Pension Liability and Related Ratios, Schedule of Contributions, and Schedule of Investment Returns on pages 15-17 be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Government 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 assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

Management has not presented the management's discussion and analysis that accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require to be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such missing 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. Our opinion on the basic financial statements is not affected by this missing information.

### *Other Information*

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Fund's basic financial statements. The other supplementary information listed in the table of contents is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements.

The other supplementary information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the other supplementary information is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

### **Other Reporting Required by *Government Auditing Standards***

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated March 2, 2018, on our consideration of the Fund's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements, and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the Fund's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

*Mauldin & Jenkins, LLC*

Bradenton, Florida  
March 2, 2018

**CITY OF NORTH PORT, FLORIDA**  
**POLICE OFFICERS' PENSION – LOCAL OPTION TRUST FUND**

**STATEMENT OF FIDUCIARY NET POSITION**  
**SEPTEMBER 30, 2017**

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**Assets**

Cash and equivalents	<u>\$ 735,644</u>
Receivables	
Contributions	863,663
Interest and dividends	<u>38,547</u>
Total receivables	<u>902,210</u>
Investments, at fair market value	
U.S. Government and agency securities	5,376,157
Mortgage/Asset-backed securities	736,159
Corporate obligations	775,928
Fixed income mutual funds	3,989,161
Equity securities	25,927,289
International equity securities	54,256
Commingled real estate funds	<u>2,538,280</u>
Total investments	<u>39,397,230</u>
Total assets	<u>41,035,084</u>
<b>Liabilities</b>	
Accounts payable	<u>21,022</u>
Total liabilities	<u>21,022</u>
Net position restricted for pension benefits	<u><u>\$ 41,014,062</u></u>

The notes to financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN FIDUCIARY NET POSITION  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2017**

**Additions**

Contributions	
Plan members	\$ 557,859
State of Florida	405,720
City of North Port	1,831,771
Total contributions	2,795,350
Investment income	
Net change in fair value of investments	3,868,117
Interest and dividends	841,239
Investment income	4,709,356
Less investment expenses	148,387
Net investment income	4,560,969
Total additions	7,356,319

**Deductions**

Benefits to participants	1,770,218
Refunds of participant contributions	57,642
Administrative expenses	70,413
Total deductions	1,898,273

**Change in net position** 5,458,046

Net position restricted for pension benefits	
Beginning of year	35,556,016
End of year	\$ 41,014,062

The notes to financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

**CITY OF NORTH PORT, FLORIDA,  
POLICE OFFICERS' PENSION-LOCAL OPTION TRUST FUND**

**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

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**NOTE 1 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

Reporting Entity: The City of North Port, Florida, Police Officers' Pension-Local Option Trust Fund (the "Fund"), was established to account for the financial activity of the City of North Port, Florida, Police Officers' Pension Fund. The Fund is managed by a five member Board of Trustees comprised of two members appointed by the Commission of the City of North Port, Florida (the "City"), two police officers elected by the plan membership and one member elected by the other four members and subsequently appointed, as a ministerial duty, by the City Commission. The financial statements are only for the Fund and are not intended to present the basic financial statements of the City. The Fund is reported in the fiduciary funds (pension trust) of the City's basic financial statements.

Basis of Accounting: The Fund's financial statements are prepared using the accrual basis of accounting. Contributions from the Fund's members are recognized as additions in the period in which the contributions are due. Contributions from the City are recognized as additions when due and the City has made a formal commitment to provide the contributions. State contributions are recognized when received. Expenses are recognized in the accounting period incurred, if measurable. Benefits and refunds are recognized when due and payable in accordance with the terms of the plan.

Cash and Cash Equivalents: The Fund recognizes mutual funds that are invested in money market funds as cash equivalents for financial reporting purposes.

Method Used to Value Investments: Investments are reported at fair value. Securities traded on national or international exchanges are valued at the last reported sales price at current exchange rates. Real estate assets are reported at fair value utilizing an income approach to valuation. By contract, an independent appraisal is obtained once every year to determine the fair market value of the real estate assets. Interest and dividend income is recognized on the accrual basis when earned. Purchases and sales of investments are recorded on a trade date basis.

Estimates: The preparation of financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect certain reported amounts and disclosures. Accordingly, actual results may differ from those estimates.

**NOTE 2 – PLAN DESCRIPTION AND CONTRIBUTION INFORMATION**

Plan Description: Full-time police officers of the City of North Port Police Department participate in either the Florida Retirement System (FRS) or the Fund. Per Resolution passed by the City, effective July 1, 2016, Police officers hired on or after this date participate solely in the FRS. Members active on July 1, 2016, had the option of participating prospectively in the FRS. The Fund is a single employer defined benefit pension plan that was established December 14, 1979, pursuant to Florida Statutes, Chapter 185 and City Ordinance. Benefit provisions are established and may be amended by the City Commission.



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NOTE 2 – PLAN DESCRIPTION AND CONTRIBUTION INFORMATION (CONTINUED)

The plan provides retirement, death and disability benefits for its members. A member may retire with normal benefits after the earlier of age 55 with 10 years of credited service, or completion of 25 years of credited service, regardless of age. Normal retirement benefits for members hired prior to May 27, 2014, are 3.5% of the member's average final compensation times credited service years, plus a \$165 monthly benefit supplement. For members hired after May 27, 2014, the normal retirement benefit is 3.15% of average final compensation times credited service years, plus a \$165 monthly benefit supplement. Early retirement benefits are available for members who are age 45 and have ten years of credited service. For members hired prior to May 27, 2014, the monthly pension benefit calculated as of the date of early retirement is reduced 3% per year for each year prior to normal retirement and the member has less than 15 years of credited service, 2% per year for members with at least 15 years of service but less than 20 years of service, and 1% per year for members with more than 20 years of service. For members hired after May 27, 2014, the monthly pension benefit calculated as of the date of early retirement is reduced 3% per year which the commencement of benefits proceeds the normal retirement date. Average final compensation for purposes of calculating benefits is the average annual salary for the highest 5 years of the last 10 years of credited service. Salary means the total compensation for services rendered to the City as a police officer reportable on the member's W-2 form plus all tax- deferred or tax-sheltered items of income derived from elective employee payroll deduction or salary reduction.

Any member who is eligible for normal retirement may elect to participate in a deferred retirement option plan (DROP) while continuing his or her active employment as a police officer. Upon participation in the DROP, the member becomes a retiree for all plan purposes so that he or she ceases to accrue any further benefits under the plan. Normal retirement payments that would have been payable to the member as a result are accumulated and invested in the DROP plan to be distributed to the member upon his or her termination of employment. Participation in the DROP plan ceases for a member at termination of employment or 3 years of participation, whichever comes first. There were no members in the DROP at September 30, 2017.

Eligibility for disability benefits begins from the member's date of hire, if the disability is service connected, or after 10 years of credited service if non-service incurred. Disability benefits are 2% of the member's average final compensation multiplied by total years of credited service with a minimum amount of 60% of their salary at the time of disablement. Additionally, if determined by the board that the duty-related disability was caused by an intended act of violence towards an officer, then the minimum compensation is 80% of their salary at the time of disablement. The monthly pension benefit of an off duty-related disability, with ten years of credited service, is 2% of the average final compensation multiplied by the total years of credited service with a minimum amount of 50% of their salary at the time of disbursement.

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NOTE 2 – PLAN DESCRIPTION AND CONTRIBUTION INFORMATION (CONTINUED)

The Fund provides death benefits for both duty-related and off duty-related deaths. The monthly benefit of a duty-related death is 60% of the member's monthly salary at the time of death. The monthly pension benefit of an off-duty related death, with five years of credited service, is 50% of the member's salary at the time of death. Both duty-related and off-duty related deaths are paid to the spouse for life or until remarriage for off-duty related deaths. If there is no surviving spouse, benefit is paid in equal shares to the surviving children who are under 18, or who are under 23 and pursuing a full-time education.

Termination benefits for unvested members are the return of the member's contributions. For members who are vested when they terminate, their vested accrued pension benefit is payable at the early or normal retirement date. Full vesting occurs at the completion of 10 years of credited service.

At October 1, 2017, the date of the latest actuarial valuation, membership consisted of:

Retirees and beneficiaries receiving benefits	35
Terminated employees entitled to benefits, but not yet receiving them	22
Active members	<u>87</u>
Total	<u><u>144</u></u>

Contributions: Contribution requirements are established and may be amended by the City Commission and are based on the benefit structure established by the City. Members are required to contribute 8% of their annual covered salary. Pursuant to Chapter 185 Florida Statutes, a premium tax on certain casualty insurance contracts written on North Port properties is collected by the state and remitted to the Fund for the state's annual contribution amount.

The City makes quarterly contributions to the Fund based on the greater of an actuarially determined employer contribution based on a percentage of covered payroll or the minimum percentage of 18% as specified by City Ordinance. Administrative costs of the Fund are financed through investment

The City may use up to \$280,000 in state monies annually, if received, to offset its funding obligation. Annual state monies in excess of \$280,000 are allocated to the Share Plan.

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NOTE 3 – CASH AND INVESTMENTS

Authorized Investments: Florida Statutes and the Fund's investment policy limit investments to annuity and life insurance contracts; time or savings accounts; obligations issued by the United States Government or by an agency of the United States Government; bonds issued by the State of Israel; corporate stocks and bonds; and pooled funds, including mutual funds, commingled funds, exchange-traded funds, limited partnerships, and private equity. Investments in illiquid investments, as described by Florida Statutes, are prohibited. Investments in companies identified as scrutinized companies by the Florida State Board of Administration (SBA) are prohibited, with the exception of investments in scrutinized companies that are held within commingled funds (if the commingled fund sponsor does not offer a similar fund that does not hold investments in scrutinized companies).

At September 30, 2017, the Fund had the following investments:

Investment Type	Credit Rating		Fair Value	Investment Maturity (in Years)			
	(Moody's)	(S & P)		Less Than 1	1 - 5	6 - 10	More Than 10
U.S. Government and agency securities	Aaa	AA+	\$ 5,376,157	\$ 1,416,112	\$ 1,634,956	\$ 2,325,089	\$ -
Mortgage/Asset-backed securities	Not rated	Not rated	736,159	-	8,141	113,827	614,191
Corporate obligations	Aa1...Baa1	AA+...BBB+	775,928	-	351,715	424,213	-
			<u>6,888,244</u>	<u>\$ 1,416,112</u>	<u>\$ 1,994,812</u>	<u>\$ 2,863,129</u>	<u>\$ 614,191</u>
Fixed income mutual funds	Not rated	Not rated	3,989,161				
Equity securities	Not rated	Not rated	25,981,545				
Commingled real estate funds	Not rated	Not rated	2,538,280				
Total investments			<u>\$39,397,230</u>				

Custodial Credit Risk: This is the risk that in the event of the failure of the counterparty, the Fund will not be able to recover the value of its investments that are held by the counterparty. The Fund's policy is to maintain investments in custodial accounts that identify securities held as assets of the Fund by registering securities in the name of the Fund.

Interest Rate Risk: This is the risk that changes in interest rates will adversely affect the fair value of an investment. Generally, the longer the maturity of an investment the greater the sensitivity of its fair value to changes in market interest rates. Although the Fund's investment policy does not provide limitations as to maturities, the Fund minimizes risk of fair value losses in its fixed income portfolio due to rising interest rates by structuring its investment portfolio so that securities mature to meet ongoing cash requirements, thereby avoiding the need to sell securities in the open market prior to maturity; and by investing operating funds primarily in shorter-term securities or by cash flow projections.

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NOTE 3 – CASH AND INVESTMENTS (CONTINUED)

Credit Risk: This is the risk that a security or a portfolio will lose some or all of its value due to a real or perceived change in the ability of the issuer to repay its debt. This risk is generally measured by the assignment of a rating by a nationally recognized statistical rating organization such as Moody's or Standard & Poor's. The Fund's investment policy states that the Fund's fixed income portfolio must have a weighted average quality of AA or better as measured by Standard & Poor's or Moody's and all bonds shall hold a rating in one of the three highest classifications by a major rating service. Equity investments must be traded on one or more of the recognized national exchanges. Money market deposits must have a rating of A1/P1 or its equivalent by a major credit rating service.

Foreign Currency Risk: At September 30, 2017, the Plan's total assets had no exposure of foreign currency risk through investments in foreign companies.

Rate of return: For the year ended September 30, 2017, the annual money-weighted rate of return on pension plan investments, net of pension plan investment expense, was 12.74%. The money-weighted rate of return expresses investment performance, net of investment expense, adjusted for the changing amounts actually invested.

Concentration of Credit Risk: This is the risk of loss attributable to the quantity of the Fund's investment in a single issuer. The Fund's investment policy limits investments in the stock of any one issuing company to 5% of the Fund's assets and to 5% of the outstanding capital stock of any issuing company. The Fund's investment policy limits investments in the bonds of any one issuing company to 3% of the Fund's assets. Furthermore, investments in corporate common stock and convertible bonds shall not exceed 60% of the Fund's investments at cost or 70% of the Fund's investments at market value; foreign securities shall not exceed 25% of the market value of the Fund's assets; and real estate investments shall not exceed 10% of the market value of the Fund's assets.

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**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

NOTE 3 – CASH AND INVESTMENTS (CONTINUED)

Fair Value Measurements: The Fund has the following recurring fair value measurements, broken into the fair value hierarchy, as of September 30, 2017:

Investment	Fair Value	Fair Value Hierarchy		
		Level 1	Level 2	Level 3
Fixed income securities:				
U.S. Gov't Obligations	\$ 5,376,157	5,376,157	-	-
Mortgage/Asset backed sec	736,159	-	736,159	-
Corporate Bonds	775,928	-	775,928	-
Mutual Funds - fixed income	3,989,161	3,989,161	-	-
Total fixed income securities	10,877,405	9,365,318	1,512,087	-
Commingled real estate funds	2,538,280	-	-	2,538,280
Equity investments:				
Common Stock	9,689,506	9,324,396	365,110	-
Foreign Stock	54,256	54,256	-	-
Mutual Funds - equity	16,237,783	16,237,783	-	-
Total equity investments	25,981,545	25,616,435	365,110	-
Total investments at fair value level	<u>\$39,397,230</u>	<u>\$34,981,753</u>	<u>\$1,877,197</u>	<u>\$2,538,280</u>

Fixed income securities and equity securities classified in Level 1 of the fair value hierarchy are valued using prices quoted in active markets for those securities. Fixed income and equity securities classified in Level 2 of the fair value hierarchy are valued using a matrix pricing technique. Matrix pricing is used to value securities based on the securities' relationship to benchmark quoted prices. The real estate funds classified in Level 3 are valued using discounted cash flow techniques.

NOTE 4 – PLAN DISCLOSURES

Effective October 1, 2013, the Plan implemented the provisions of GASB Statement No. 67, *Financial Reporting for Pension Plans – an amendment of GASB Statement No. 25*, which significantly changed the disclosures required related to the Plan. The information disclosed below is presented in accordance with this standard.

**CITY OF NORTH PORT, FLORIDA,  
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**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

NOTE 4 – PLAN DISCLOSURES (CONTINUED)

Net Pension Liability of the City: The components of the net pension liability of the City at September 30, 2017, were as follows:

Total pension liability	\$ 43,361,909
Plan fiduciary net position	(41,014,062)
City's net pension liability	\$ 2,347,847
 Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability	94.66%

The required schedule of changes in the City's net pension liability and related ratios immediately following the notes to the financial statements presents multi-year trend information about whether the value of plan assets is increasing or decreasing over time relative to the total pension liability.

*Actuarial assumptions.* The total pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of October 1, 2015, updated to September 30, 2017, using the following actuarial assumptions applied to all measurement periods:

Inflation	2.50%
Salary increases	2% to 17%
Investment rate of return	7.65%

*Mortality Rate Healthy Active Lives:*

Female: RP2000 Generational, 100% Combined Healthy White Collar, Scale BB.

Male: RP2000 Generational, 10% Combined Healthy White Collar/90% Combined Healthy Blue Collar, Scale BB.

*Mortality Rate Healthy Inactive Lives:*

Female: RP2000 Generational, 100% Annuitant White Collar, Scale BB.

Male: RP2000 Generational, 10% Annuitant White Collar/90% Annuitant Blue Collar, Scale BB.

*Mortality Rate Disabled Lives:*

Female: 60% RP2000 Disabled Female set forward two years/40% Annuitant White Collar with no setback, no projection scale.

Male: 60% RP2000 Disabled Male setback four years/40% Annuitant White Collar with no setback, no projection scale.

The most recent actuarial experience study used to review the other significant assumptions was dated September 5, 2013.

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NOTE 4 – PLAN DISCLOSURES (CONTINUED)

The long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was determined using a building block method in which best-estimate ranges of expected future real rates of return (expected returns, net of pension plan investment expenses and inflation) are developed for each major asset class. These ranges are combined to produce long term expected rate of return by weighting the expected future real rates of return by the target asset allocation percentage and by adding expected inflation. Best estimates of arithmetic real rates of return for each major asset class included in the pension plan's target asset allocation as of September 30, 2017, are summarized in the following table:

Asset Class	Target Allocation	Long Term Expected Real Rate of Return
Domestic Equity	50%	7.5%
International Equity	10%	8.5%
Intermediate Fixed Income	20%	2.5%
Global Bond	5%	3.5%
Real Estate	10%	4.5%
GTAA	5%	3.5%
Total	100%	

*Discount rate.* The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability was 7.65%. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed that plan member contributions will be made at the current contribution rate and that sponsor contributions will be made at rates equal to the difference between actuarially determined contribution rates and the member rate. Based on those assumptions, the pension plan's fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make all projected future benefit payments of current plan members. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was applied to all periods of projected benefit payments to determine the total pension liability.

*Sensitivity of the net pension liability to changes in the discount rate.* The following presents the net pension liability of the City, calculated using the discount rate of 7.65%, as well as what the City's net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1-percentage-point lower (6.65%) or 1-percentage-point higher (8.65%) than the current rate:

	1% Decrease 6.65%	Current Discount Rate 7.65%	1% Increase 8.65%
City's net pension (asset) liability	\$ 7,800,205	\$ 2,347,847	\$ (2,240,412)

**CITY OF NORTH PORT, FLORIDA,  
POLICE OFFICERS' PENSION-LOCAL OPTION TRUST FUND**

**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

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NOTE 4 – PLAN DISCLOSURES (CONTINUED)

Actuarial valuations involve estimates of the value of reported amounts and assumptions about the probability of events far into the future, and actuarially determined amounts are subject to continual revision as results are compared to past expectations and new estimates are made about the future. Actuarial calculations reflect a long-term perspective. Calculations are based on the substantive plan in effect as of September 30, 2017, and the current sharing pattern of costs between employer and employee.

NOTE 5 – SUBSEQUENT EVENT

The Fund has evaluated all subsequent events through March 2, 2018, the date the financial statements were available to be issued.



**REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**

**CITY OF NORTH PORT, FLORIDA,  
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SCHEDULE OF CHANGES IN THE CITY'S NET PENSION LIABILITY  
AND RELATED RATIOS**

	2017	2016	2015	2014
<b>Total pension liability</b>				
Service cost	\$ 1,882,560	\$ 1,693,377	\$ 1,991,280	\$ 1,967,848
Interest on total pension liability	3,103,881	2,867,478	2,731,953	2,485,396
Change in excess state money	-	(688,670)	162,203	127,413
Share plan allocation	125,720	159,765	-	-
Changes of benefit terms	-	4,812	-	-
Differences between expected and actual experience	472,241	(860,314)	(1,104,588)	-
Changes of assumptions	569,256	782,433	-	-
Contributions - buy back	53,000	71,560	24,568	-
Benefit payments, including refunds of employee contributions	(1,827,860)	(1,878,394)	(1,323,724)	(1,267,557)
<b>Net change in total pension liability</b>	<u>4,378,798</u>	<u>2,152,047</u>	<u>2,481,692</u>	<u>3,313,100</u>
<b>Total pension liability, beginning</b>	<u>38,983,111</u>	<u>36,831,064</u>	<u>34,349,372</u>	<u>31,036,272</u>
<b>Total pension liability, ending (a)</b>	<u>\$ 43,361,909</u>	<u>\$ 38,983,111</u>	<u>\$ 36,831,064</u>	<u>\$ 34,349,372</u>
<b>Plan fiduciary net position</b>				
Contributions, employer	\$ 1,831,771	\$ 2,270,516	\$ 2,374,183	\$ 2,254,752
Contributions, state	405,720	378,333	341,432	306,642
Contributions, employee	557,859	500,840	517,932	528,422
Net investment income (loss)	4,560,969	2,445,510	(212,104)	2,200,982
Benefit payments, including refunds of employee contributions	(1,827,860)	(1,880,377)	(1,323,724)	(1,267,557)
Administrative expenses	(70,413)	(78,881)	(68,912)	(70,301)
<b>Net change in plan fiduciary net position</b>	<u>5,458,046</u>	<u>3,635,941</u>	<u>1,628,807</u>	<u>3,952,940</u>
<b>Plan fiduciary net position, beginning</b>	<u>35,556,016</u>	<u>31,920,075</u>	<u>30,291,268</u>	<u>26,338,328</u>
<b>Plan fiduciary net position, ending (b)</b>	<u>\$ 41,014,062</u>	<u>\$ 35,556,016</u>	<u>\$ 31,920,075</u>	<u>\$ 30,291,268</u>
<b>Net pension liability, ending (a) - (b)</b>	<u>\$ 2,347,847</u>	<u>\$ 3,427,095</u>	<u>\$ 4,910,989</u>	<u>\$ 4,058,104</u>
<b>Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability</b>	94.59%	91.21%	86.67%	88.19%
<b>Covered employee payroll</b>	\$ 6,310,736	\$ 6,260,499	\$ 6,550,454	\$ 6,605,273
<b>City's net pension liability as a percentage of covered employee payroll</b>	37.20%	54.74%	74.97%	61.44%

**Notes to the Schedule**

The schedule will present 10 years of information once it is accumulated.

**CITY OF NORTH PORT, FLORIDA,  
POLICE OFFICERS' PENSION-LOCAL OPTION TRUST FUND  
SCHEDULE OF CONTRIBUTIONS**

	2017	2016	2015	2014
Actuarially determined contribution	\$ 2,111,771	\$ 2,449,745	\$ 2,553,412	\$ 2,429,885
From excess state monies reserve	-	528,906	-	-
Contributions in relation to the actuarially determined contributions	2,111,771	2,550,516	2,553,412	2,429,885
Contribution excess	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ (629,677)</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
Covered employee payroll	\$ 6,310,736	\$ 6,260,499	\$ 6,550,454	\$ 6,605,273
Contributions as a percentage of covered employee payroll	33.46%	40.74%	38.98%	36.79%

Valuation Date 10/1/2015 (AIS 6/2/2016)  
Actuarially determined contribution rates are calculated as of October 1, two years prior to the end of the fiscal year in which contributions are reported.

Methods and assumptions used to determine contribution rates:

Funding Method	Entry age normal actuarial cost method	
Amortization Method	Level percentage of pay, closed	
Remaining amortization period	30 years (as of 10/01/2015)	
Mortality Rate:	RP 2000 Combined Healthy-sex distinct with no projection. Disabled lives are set forward 5 years. Based on a study of over 650 public safety funds, this table reflects a 10% margin for future mortality improvements. Additionally, 75% of active member deaths are assumed to be service related.	
Interest Rate:	7.75% per year compounded annually, net of investment related expenses.	
Normal Retirement:	Years Eligible	Percent
	<u>for Normal Ret.</u>	<u>Retiring</u>
	0	66.70%
	1	50%
	2 or more	100%
Early Retirement:	Commencing with attainment of Early Retirement Status (age 45 with 10 years of service). Members are assumed to retire with an immediate subsidized benefit at the rate of 10% per year.	
Salary increases	<u>Credited Service</u>	<u>Assumption</u>
	First 2 years	17%
	2 - 10 years	8.5%
	11 - 20 years	6.0%
	More than 20 years	2.0%
Inflation	2.5% per year.	
Payroll growth	5.0% per year	
Final Year Salary Load:	Projected salary at retirement is increased 20% to account for non-regular compensation (no load for Members hired after January 1, 2012).	
Termination Rates:	<u>Credited Service</u>	<u>Assumption</u>
	First year	24%
	1 -4 years	6.0%
	5 - 19 years	3.0%
	20 or more years	0.0%

**CITY OF NORTH PORT, FLORIDA,  
POLICE OFFICERS' PENSION-LOCAL OPTION TRUST FUND  
SCHEDULE OF PENSION INVESTMENT RETURNS**

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	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
Annual money-weighted rate of return, net of investment expenses for the City's pension plan	12.74%	7.41%	-0.62%	8.12%

**OTHER SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**

**CITY OF NORTH PORT, FLORIDA  
POLICE OFFICERS' PENSION – LOCAL OPTION TRUST FUND**

**SCHEDULE OF ADMINISTRATIVE AND INVESTMENT EXPENSES  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2017**

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**Administrative Expenses**

Accounting services	\$ 9,200
Actuarial services	26,418
Administrative services	20,875
Legal services	9,975
Miscellaneous expenses	3,945
Total administrative expenses	<u>\$ 70,413</u>

**Investment Expenses**

Custodial fees	\$ 21,271
Investment management fees	111,561
Performance monitoring fees	15,500
ADR fees	55
Total investment expenses	<u>\$ 148,387</u>

**OTHER AUDITOR'S REPORT**



**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR’S REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER  
FINANCIAL REPORTING AND ON COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS BASED  
ON AN AUDIT OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE  
WITH *GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS***

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Board of Trustees  
City of North Port, Florida  
Police Officers’ Pension–Local Option Trust Fund  
North Port, Florida

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of the City of North Port, Florida, Police Officers’ Pension–Local Option Trust Fund (the “Fund”) as of and for the year ended September 30, 2017, and the related notes to the financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated March 2, 2018.

**Internal Control Over Financial Reporting**

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the Fund’s internal control over financial reporting (internal control) to determine the audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Fund’s internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Fund’s internal control.

*A deficiency in internal control* exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, misstatements on a timely basis. A *material weakness* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control, such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the entity’s financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected on a timely basis. A *significant deficiency* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or, significant deficiencies. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses may exist that have not been identified.



## **Compliance and Other Matters**

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Fund's financial statements are free from material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit, and accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

## **Purpose of this Report**

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the entity's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mauldin & Jenkins, LLC". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Bradenton, Florida  
March 2, 2018