



State of Hinesville Address by Mayor James Thomas, Jr.

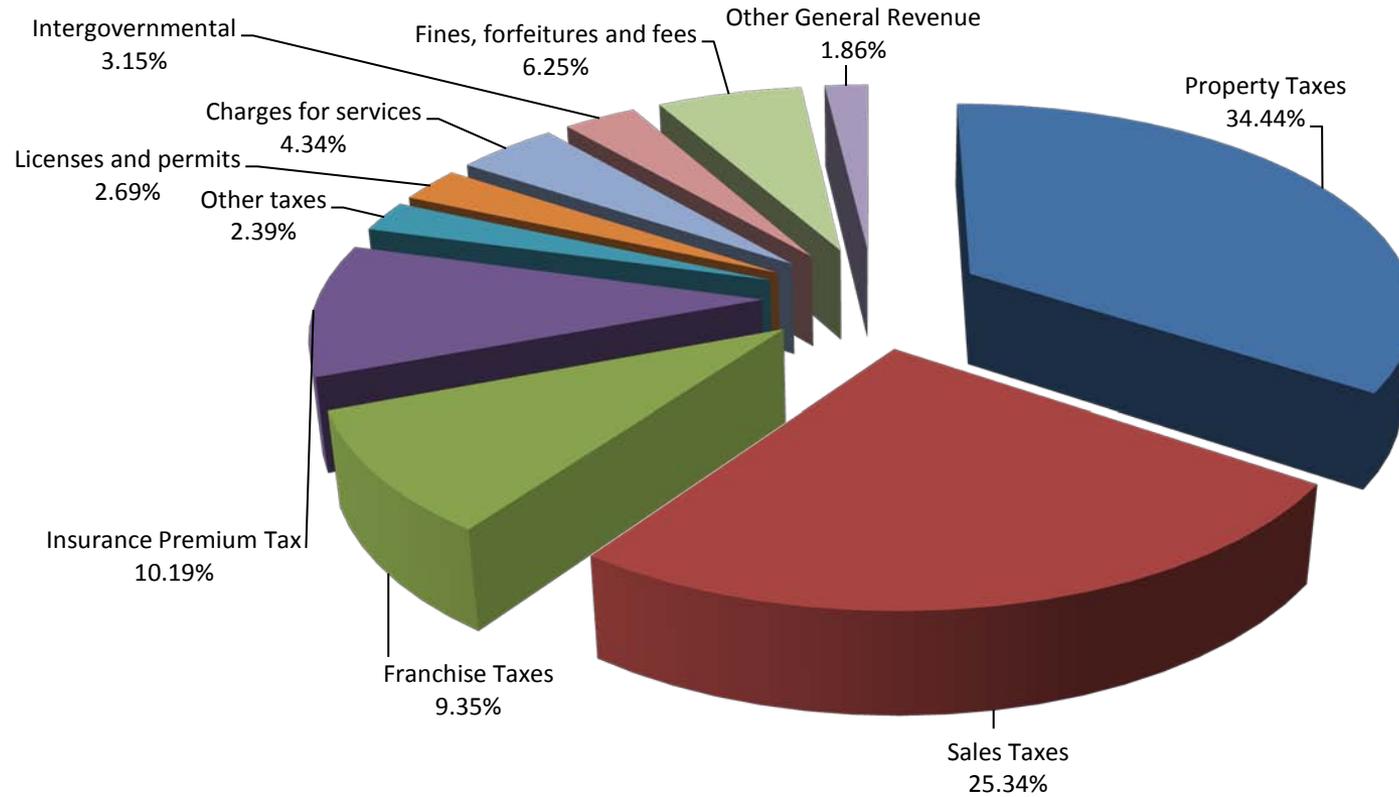
Liberty County Chamber of Commerce
Progress Through People Luncheon
April 21, 2011

OVERVIEW OF THE CITY OF HINESVILLE:

- **GOOD financial and economic condition**
- **CONSERVATIVE budget**
- **Deferred capital purchases this fiscal year**
- **A portion of operational reserves used to balance FY 2011**

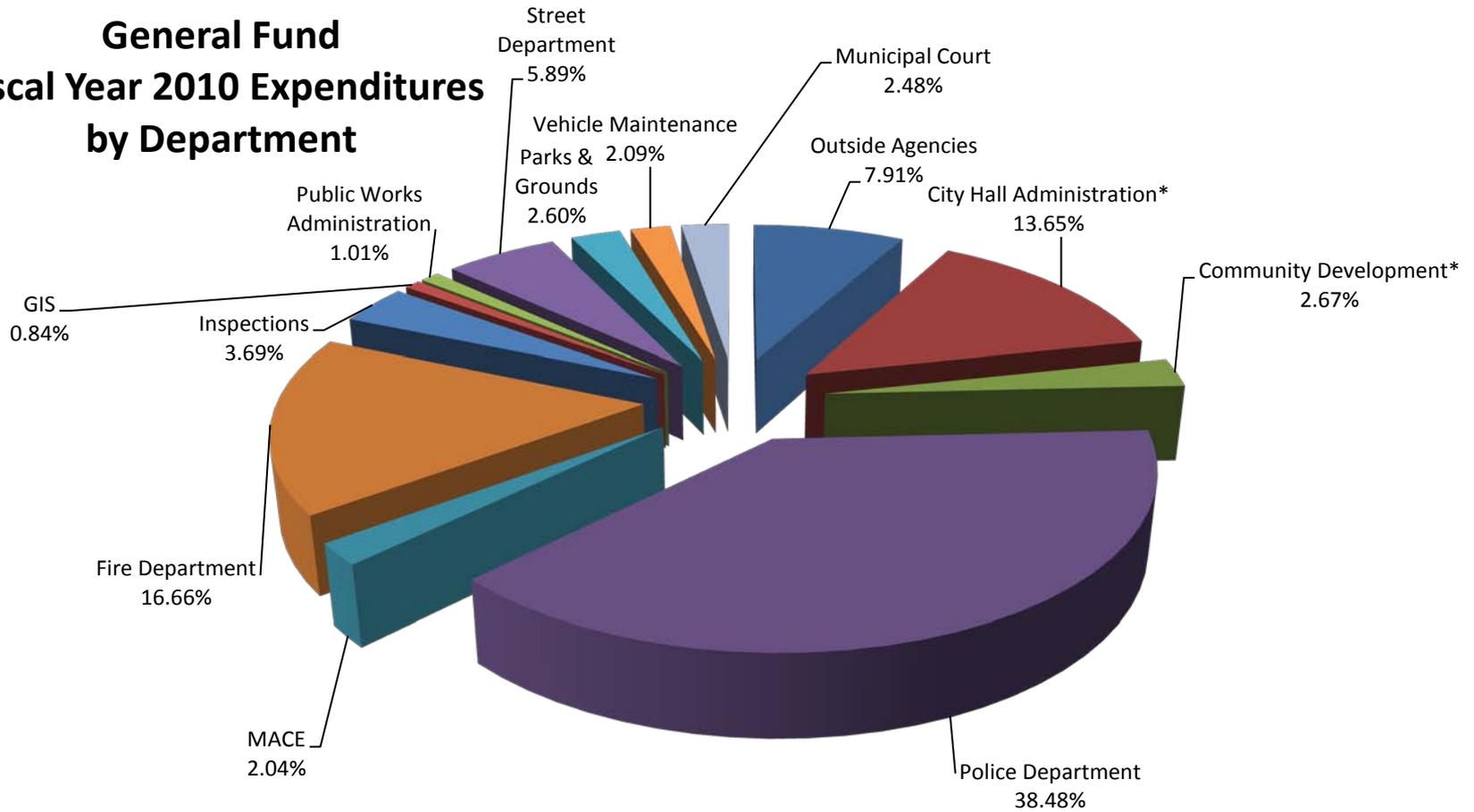
REVENUES:

General Fund Fiscal Year 2010 Revenues



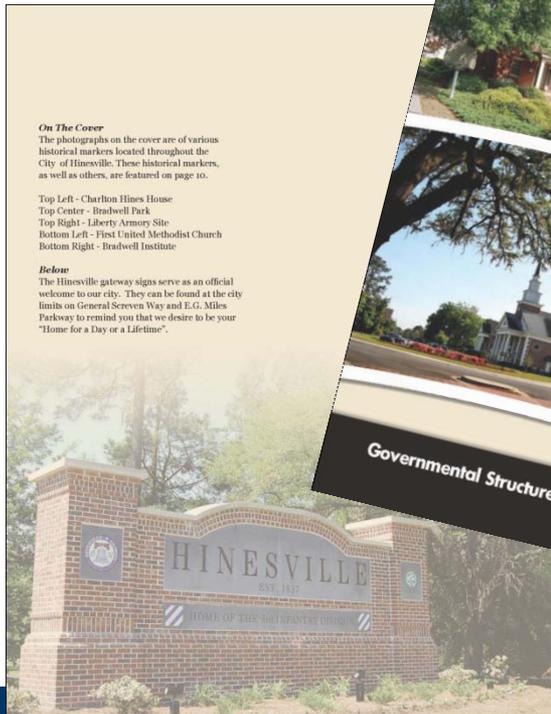
EXPENDITURES:

General Fund Fiscal Year 2010 Expenditures by Department



FY 2011 ANNUAL REPORT TO CITIZENS:

- Provides financial information and program overviews for each department
- FY 2009 copies now available at City Hall
- FY 2010 copies mailed and available for pickup May 2011



On The Cover

The photographs on the cover are of various historical markers located throughout the City of Hinesville. These historical markers, as well as others, are featured on page 10.

Top Left - Charlton Hines House
Top Center - Bradwell Park
Top Right - Liberty Armory Site
Bottom Left - First United Methodist Church
Bottom Right - Bradwell Institute

Below

The Hinesville gateway signs serve as an official welcome to our city. They can be found at the city limits on General Seaven Way and E.C. Miles Parkway to remind you that we desire to be your "Home for a Day or a Lifetime".

2011 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN:

- Identify specific projects and activities the City will undertake to address the priority needs as identified in its 5-year Consolidated Plan
- Community Development is seeking community input until April 25. Contact Donita Gaulden at 876-3564 or email dgaulden@cityofhinesville.org
- Information used to develop 2011 Annual Action Plan required by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

Operations and Services



PUBLIC SAFETY: HPD

Received grant funding from THE COPS PROGRAM (COMMUNITY ORIENTED POLICING) for additional officers



PUBLIC SAFETY: HFD

Purchasing a new FIRE LADDER TRUCK that can fight fires in larger buildings and tall structures to replace a 20 year old fire truck



DISASTER PREPAREDNESS:

HPD and HFD are well prepared and will work in conjunction with EMA, GEMA, and Ft. Stewart in the event of an emergency or disaster



Projects



PUBLIC WORKS: CH2M Hill

- Currently constructing facility at current location to meet OSHA standards
- Showing continued improvement providing service to the City of Hinesville and completing community involvement projects



CITY GROWTH:

- New City Hall under construction
- Will be completed later this year
- Due to the economic conditions at the time we let the contract, the City saved approximately 30% of the cost of construction on the new City Hall
- City received favorable financing using “BUILD AMERICA BONDS”



CITY IMPROVEMENTS:

- Liberty Transit system began operation October 2010
- Ridership currently averages 2,000 riders per month
- We need approximately 4,000 riders per month to meet our objective
- Will begin ridership survey to collect data so we can modify routes as needed
- Support the system through ridership and information sharing



MEMORIAL DRIVE WIDENING:

Awaiting notification from DOT to see if we will receive funding for the last phases of the Memorial Drive widening



CHINESE SISTER CITY (YICHUN):

- **Traveled to China last year to continue economic development initiatives as well as our cultural and civic initiatives**
- **Chinese will send a delegation to visit our city later this year to view our industrial parks and Savannah Technical College**
- **Exchange program initiatives being discussed**

VA MEDICAL FACILITIES:

- We will get a new 20,000 Square Feet VA Clinic
- Date is uncertain
- An interim clinic is being designed for the Patriot Center



EDUCATIONAL FACILITIES:

- **Commissioned a study by Mr. David Morgan to determine the need for a four-year college in our city**
- **Will meet with the Board of Regents and solicit its support in establishing a four-year college in Hinesville after the full report is provided**

RECREATIONAL FACILITIES:

- **Planning new park at Bryant Commons**
- **Received \$500K from the State of Georgia to help in constructing an amphitheatre in Bryant Commons**



Challenges and Opportunities



ROADS AND STREETS:

- **Please support HB 277 Resolution that will provide funding for roads in our area**

- **Roads in need of improvements:**
 - **Frank Cochran at 196 to Fort Stewart**
 - **15th street from Fort Stewart to 196**
 - **Airport Road from Highway 84 to 196**
 - **Road support to MidCoast Regional Airport**

2010 CENSUS:

- **33,000 population does not reflect total population**
- **Nearly 15,000 Soldiers from Fort Stewart deployed to Iraq when Census data was collected**
- **County and City are working with our federal legislators to correct this issue**

NEW DEVELOPMENTS:

- **US Defense Secretary Robert Gates announced last week that the Army is reducing the number of brigades in Europe by 2015**
- **Senators Chambliss and Isakson along with Congressman Kingston sent a letter to the Department of the Army asking that our city is given first priority if this brigade is brought back to the United States**
- **Will continue trips to Atlanta and Washington to lobby for our city**

WHAT CAN YOU DO TO HELP THE CITY :

Promote our city by providing accurate facts to those that come here looking to do business, live or visit

- In 2010, FORBES BUSINESS.COM listed Hinesville #122 BEST SMALL PLACES FOR BUSINESS AND CAREERS
- MILLIKEN INSTITUTE lists our city (Hinesville-Fort Stewart MSA) as the 5th BEST PERFORMING SMALL METROPOLITAN AREAS IN THE NATION



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STAY INFORMED:

- Contact us at (912) 876-3564
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Smart growth is working together with our residents, county, other cities, Ft. Stewart- HAAF, the state, and the federal government.

PROGNOSIS:
THE CITY'S
FUTURE LOOKS
GOOD.

