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CITY OF ANOKA, MINNESOTA

Popular Annual Financial Report

To The Community

FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31 2024

Dear Anoka Resident,

We are pleased to present the City of Anoka’s Popular Annual Financial Report (PAFR). This report provides a summary of the City’s financial information in a simplified, easy to read format. We trust this report gives you a better understanding of city government and our financial condition.

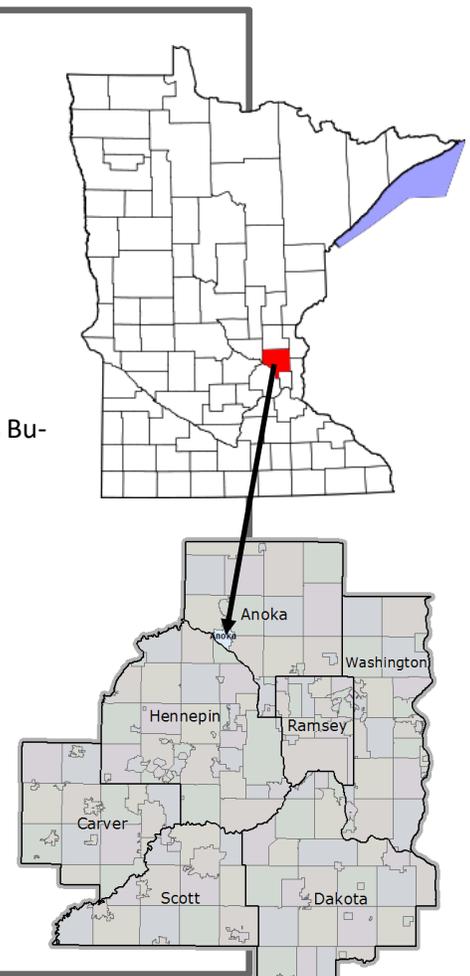
Information in this report comes from Anoka’s 2024 Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR or Annual Report). The report was prepared in conformity with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP), was audited by Abdo Solutions, and received an unmodified opinion, which is the best audit opinion possible.

If you’d like a copy of the Annual Report, visit the City’s website at www.anokaminnesota.com/223/Annual-Comprehensive-Financial-Reports .

Or call the Finance Department at 763-576-2770.

City of Anoka fast facts:

- Date of incorporation: March 2, 1878
- Population: 18,178 (2023 Met Council estimate)
- Average age: 37.7 (2020 US Census)
- Median December home sale price \$335,000 (Realtor.com)
- Median gross rent: \$1,200 (2019-2023 US Census Bureau)
- Registered voters: 12,137 (2024 election)
- Voter participation: 79% (2024 election)
- Unemployment rate: 2.5% (December 2024 Department of Employment and Economic Development)
- Per capita income: \$72,280 (December 2024 Department of Employment and Economic Development)



Your Tax Dollars In Use

Residents in the City of Anoka receive a variety of City services for an affordable price. When budgeting for 2024 the average home was estimated to have a market value of \$306,000. This translated to \$1,084 in city property taxes for 2024, or about \$90 per month. This tax covers city services after grants, fees, and all other revenues are received.

Public Safety includes police, security, fire and inspections. General Government includes council, administration, finance, legal, planning and development. Parks and Recreation includes special events, aquatic center, senior center, and park maintenance. Public Works includes streets, engineering, and building maintenance.

Your property tax dollars are also collected by other taxing districts. The average home paid about \$759 to Anoka County, \$1,036 to Anoka-Hennepin ISD #11, \$57 to the Met Council and \$44 to other taxing entities, including the City of Anoka Housing and Redevelopment Authority.



Public Safety, \$45.61 per month



General Government, \$13.22 per month



Parks and Rec, \$13.94 per month



Public Works \$5.36 per month



Debt Service, \$12.24 per month



HRA, \$3.65 per month

Dividing Up Your Property Tax Dollar

Your tax dollar is divided up into several governmental entities. The average household paid 38% of their property taxes to the City of Anoka in 2024.

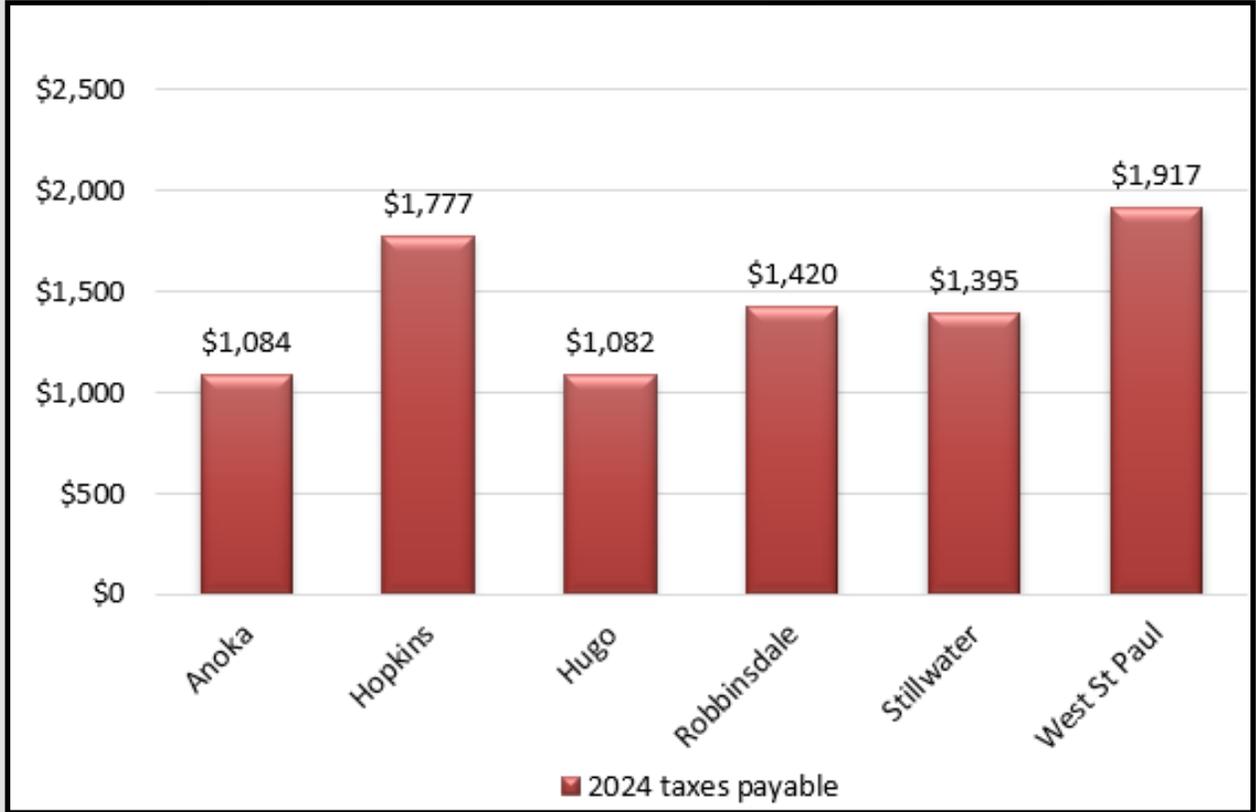


Although the financial numbers in this Annual Financial Report come from an audited source, they are presented in this report in a condensed, unaudited, non-GAAP format.

Please note that Fiduciary Funds are not recognized in this report, but are included in the annual financial report.

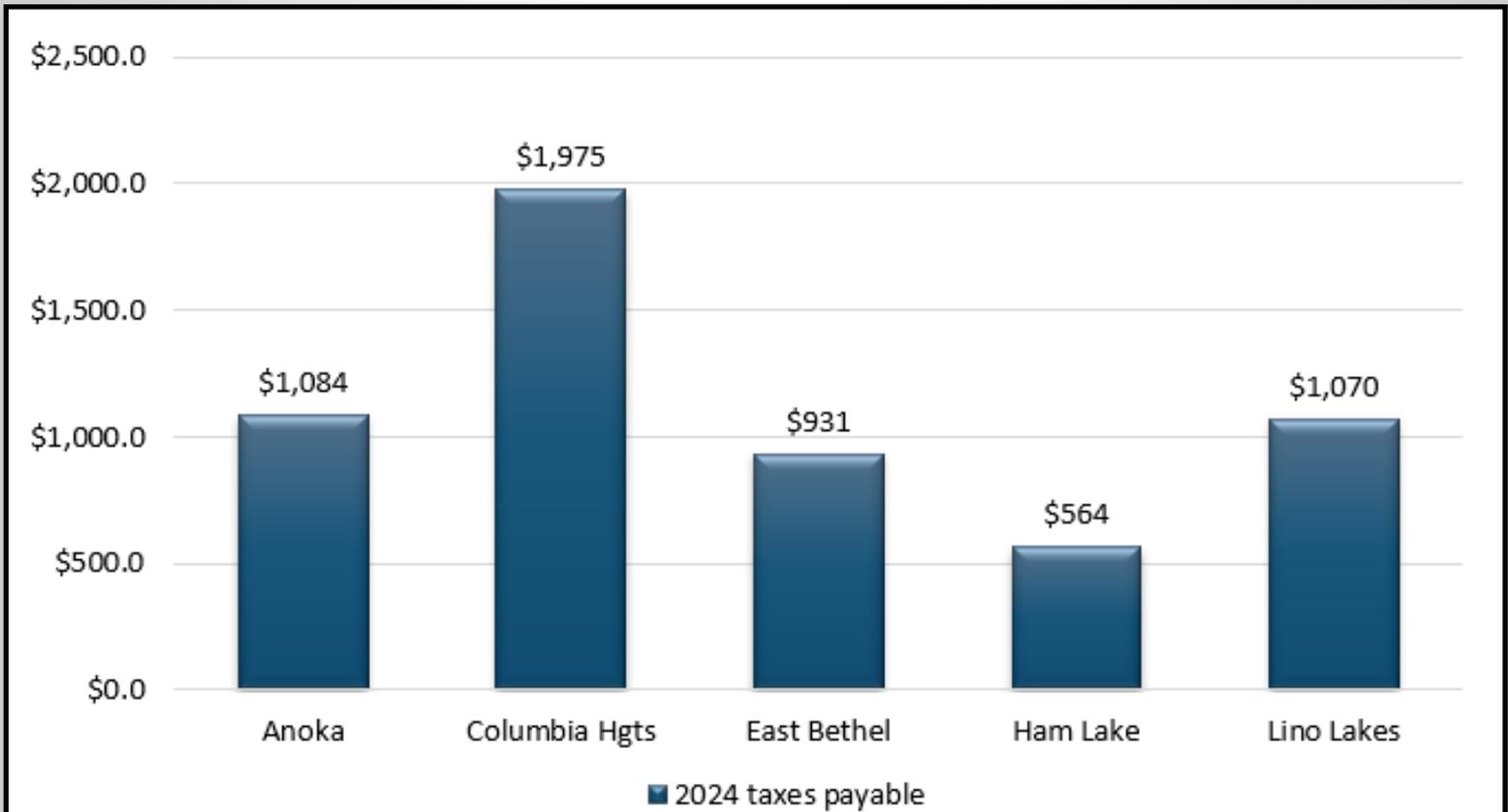
How does the City of Anoka compare with other suburban cities across the Metro Area with populations around 18,200?

The chart on the right shows City tax for homes with market values of \$306,000 for other suburban cities in the Metro area.



How does the City of Anoka compare with cities in Anoka County with similar adjusted tax capacity values of around \$29 million?

The chart below compares City tax for homes with a market value of \$306,000 among other cities in Anoka County with similar tax capacity values.



General Fund

The City’s General Fund is the largest governmental fund and also one of the most vital to the City’s operation. The General Fund is the primary fund that accounts for everyday general expenditures like street and park maintenance and police and fire protection, while at the same time supplementing portions of the other funds.

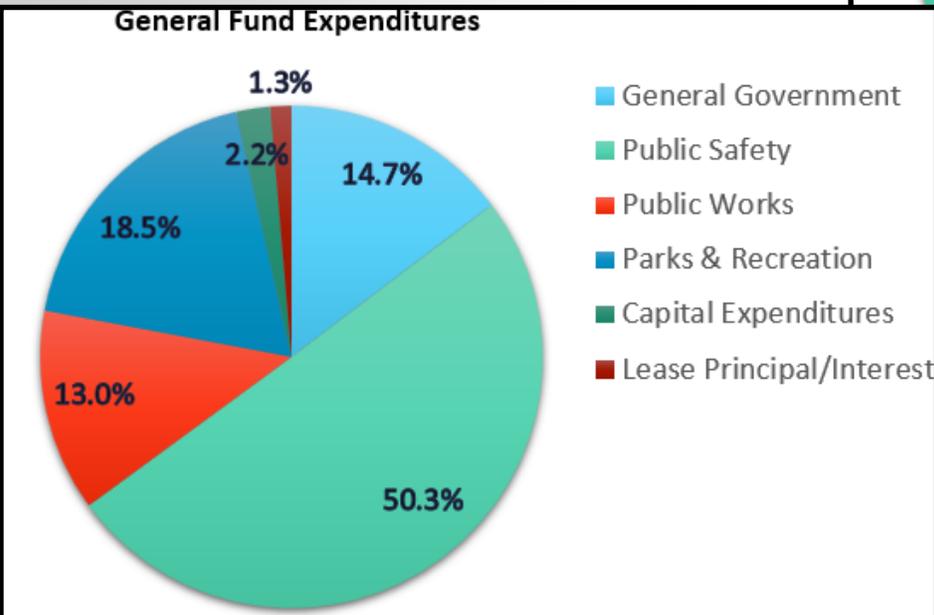
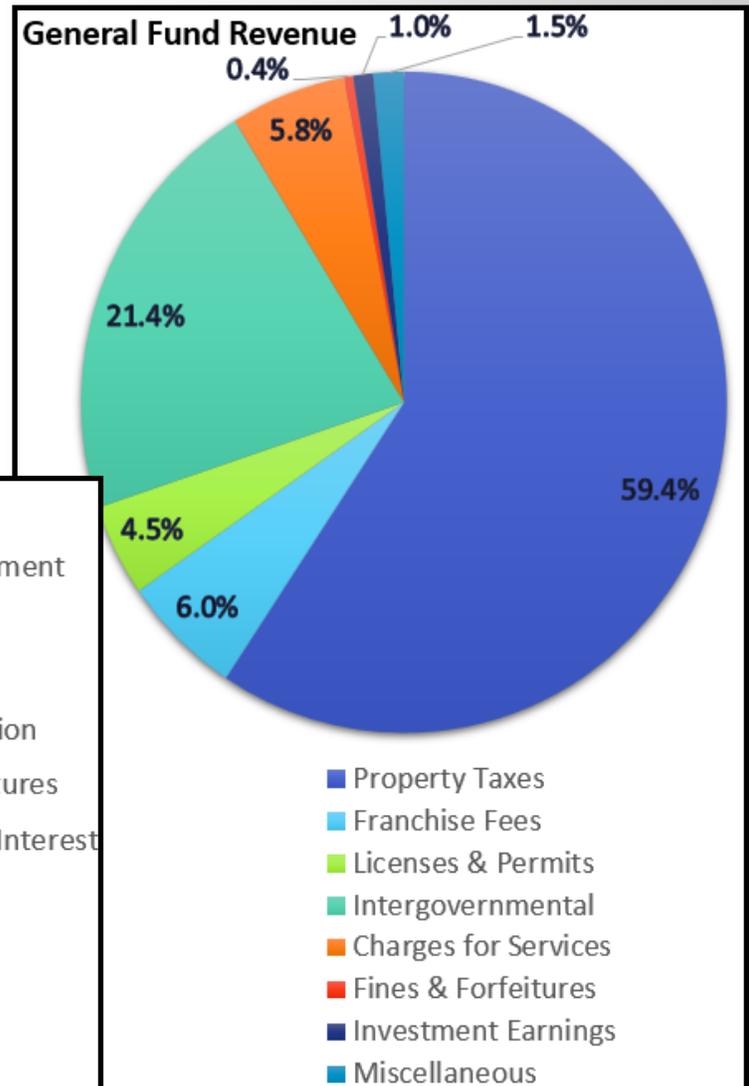
Like most funds, the General Fund relies on the inflow of cash, shown as revenues and subsequently the outflow of cash shown as expenditures. The primary revenue source for the General Fund is property taxes. Intergovernmental revenues are items such as state or county aid and grants.

At 2024 year-end the City’s revenue total was \$14,748,087 which was a \$676,776 or 4.81% increase compared the previous year. The increase is the result of the levy increase for 2024, and a small increase to intergovernmental funds received for Emerald Ash Borer mitigation. The largest decrease in revenue was in licenses and permits, due to a decrease in building permits compared to 2023.

Total General Fund expenditures for 2024 were \$15,454,325 which is \$593,409 or 3.7% lower than the previous year. The largest decrease was in capital expenditures. 2023 had an abnormally large capital project for emergency street repairs. Public Safety expenditures include Building Inspections. Public Safety expenditures as a whole decreased by \$517,742 due to a decreased need for building inspection services in 2024.

Revenues	2024	2023	2022
Property Taxes	8,735,060	7,542,274	7,408,785
Franchise Fees	891,102	934,830	974,245
Licenses & Permits	664,684	913,560	568,094
Intergovernmental	3,160,054	2,939,114	2,696,707
Charges for Services	858,229	1,194,342	978,166
Fines & Forfeitures	65,440	63,963	82,891
Investment Earnings	146,449	234,805	(94,833)
Miscellaneous	227,069	248,423	241,879
Total Revenues	14,748,087	14,071,311	12,855,934

Expenditures	2024	2023	2022
General Government	2,267,114	1,997,827	1,832,257
Public Safety	7,762,197	8,279,939	7,208,815
Public Works	2,016,049	1,631,568	1,760,318
Parks & Recreation	2,862,874	2,728,257	2,714,330
Capital Expenditures	338,171	1,229,803	788,116
Lease Principal/Interest	207,920	180,340	204,654
Total Expenditures	15,454,325	16,047,734	14,508,490



City Departments

Administration: This department provides the overall direction for the City as determined by the City Council. It is responsible for maintaining City records; issuing licenses; administering Council policies; and election procedures.

Finance: This department conducts the financial affairs of the City of Anoka in accordance with the Government Accounting Standards Board (GASB) and Generally Accepted Accounting Principals (GAAP). The activities in this department are part of general government.

Planning & Community Development: This department is responsible for ensuring that laws, ordinances, and zoning codes are enforced. It is also responsible for Economic Development within the City. The activities in this department are part of general government.

Public Safety: This department is responsible for maintaining the peace and the protection of the community through diligent enforcement of laws and effective response to calls for service.

Public Works: This department maintains the City's infrastructure as it relates to roadways and buildings, including snow removal.

Parks & Recreation: This department is responsible for providing recreation activities in the City and maintaining the City's parks and trails.



Shown above are employees at the tree lighting event, attended by thousands annually

Special Revenue Funds

Special Revenue Funds are used to account for general government financial resources that are restricted by law, contractual agreement, or Council designation to specific purposes other than debt service or major capital projects.

Round Up: This fund administers Round Up donations from utility billing customers to local charitable organizations.

Cemetery Maintenance: This fund is used for upkeep and maintenance of the City's public cemeteries; Forest Hill and Oakwood

Urban Redevelopment: This fund manages Met Council sewer access fees, and loans for water and sewer access charges. Funds are used to promote development within the City

Parking: Two ramps and several parking lots are located in the downtown area. Revenue from parking enforcement pays for the maintenance and monitoring.

Lodging Tax: The State of Minnesota charges Hotels and Lodging facilities tax of 3% on short-term lodging. This fund supports tourism in Anoka.



Culvers with Cops—featuring Chief Youngquist

Police forfeiture and police aid are not recognized in this report, but are included in the Annual Report.

Long-Term Debt



The City of Anoka uses debt service funds to track revenues and expenses related to the repayment of long term debt.

Anoka holds a “AA+” rating from Standard and Poor’s Global. This is the second highest possible rating you can receive. A high bond rating translates into lower future borrowing costs.

The City retired \$1,650,000 of bonded debt in 2024.

The City issued no new debt in 2024.

New bonding in 2025 may be issued to complete various projects throughout the city, including a relocation of the municipal liquor store.

A summary of debt service requirements for principal and interest is shown on the right for the years 2025-2043.

Year	Total	
	Principal	Interest
2025	\$ 2,080,000	\$ 1,550,129
2026	12,850,000	1,206,613
2027	2,005,000	866,771
2028	2,190,000	797,221
2029	2,080,000	724,671
2030	2,035,000	656,553
2031	2,115,000	592,794
2032	2,175,000	529,959
2033	2,240,000	467,204
2034	1,735,000	413,461
2035	1,785,000	369,879
2036	1,820,000	323,455
2037	1,755,000	275,559
2038	1,795,000	225,916
2039	1,855,000	171,946
2040	1,405,000	121,443
2041	1,340,000	80,398
2042	1,005,000	43,550
2043	675,000	13,500
	<u>\$ 44,940,000</u>	<u>\$ 9,431,022</u>

Capital Project Funds

Capital Project Funds collect revenue from special assessments, state and county aids and allots them toward construction or major capital expenses.

Building Capital:

Capital improvements to governmental buildings in 2024 included paint and carpet in the administrative wing of City Hall, new flooring and window treatments at the Senior Center, and exterior work at the Greenhaven Event Center. Total building capital costs for 2024 were \$186,148 supported by transfers from the Electric fund.

State Aid Construction:

The Highway 10 project reached completion in 2024, with minor checklist items in the fall of 2024 into the beginning of 2025. The City is acting as a project manager for this project, since Highway 10 is not a city owned road. Anoka is the first city to take on a project such as this. The expenditures related to roadways that belong to the County and State are reimbursed by federal, state, and local grants. Project costs in 2024 totaled \$3,969,286. Reimbursement grants for 2023 and 2024 work totaled \$4,617,642 in 2024.

Street Renewal:

The City continued an aggressive policy on street renewal in 2024. The Franklin Area neighborhood project was split into two years, with the second 4,600 linear feet reconstructed in 2024. Finishing work on the 2022 and 2023 reconstruction projects was also completed in 2024. Total capital costs in 2024 were \$1,310,642 supported by franchise fees and special assessments.

Park Dedication and Park Capital:

Several parks and recreation projects were underway in 2024 including Phase I of the Riverwalk project, additional riverbank stabilization of the Rum River, and regional trail extensions. The Riverfront Memorial Park added a cedar stage shelter, and new play equipment was installed at Highland Park. Total capital park expenditures in 2024 was \$875,702 using park dedication fees, remaining American Rescue Plan Act funds, and transfers from liquor operations.

Please note that Enterprise TIF District (decertified 12/31/16), South Ferry TIF District, Commuter Rail Transit Village, Greens of Anoka, and the Historic Rum River TIF District are not recognized in this report, but are included in the Annual Report

Enterprise Funds

The Enterprise Funds account for the City’s utilities, liquor store, golf course and recycling funds. These funds are run like businesses, in that they rely on fees and charges for revenue to cover expenses.



Above—Anoka Main Street in the early morning

Utilities: Electric, Water, Sewer and Storm Drains

Anoka Municipal Utility (AMU) has been a community-owned, not-for-profit, electric supplier serving the City of Anoka and portions of the cities of Ramsey, Coon Rapids, Champlin and Dayton since 1909. The citizen’s of Anoka chose to create AMU over a century ago to provide economical, reliable electric power and have local control over an essential service. In 1992, AMU and seven other cities jointed together to form MMPA. Today, MMPA has 12 member cities.

AMU serves 11,646 residential, 1,336 commercial, and 22 industrial customers including several national accounts such as Hoffman and Federal Cartridge . Annual total operating revenues topped \$34 million in 2024. The Electric Fund contributed close to \$1.7 million in 2024 through fund transfers and franchise agreements with the City. This provides funding for capital improvements throughout the city. The cost to purchase power decreased due to lower consumption, continuing a trend starting in 2023. The utility conducted a rate study in 2024 that will take effect in 2025.

2024 Operating Revenue:
\$34,113,403

2024 Operating Expenses:
\$29,521,633

Monthly Average Home:
\$86.58

Positions— FTE
22.20

Water

The water utility accounts for the operation of the city-owned water system and maintenance and improvements to the water infrastructure. The water department completed work on a new water treatment plant that was begun in 2022. Rate studies on water, sewer and storm rates were completed in 2024 and will be effective in 2025.

2024 Operating Revenue:
\$2,519,092

2024 Operating Expenses:
\$2,061,523

Monthly Average Home: \$19.84

Positions—FTE 3.70

Sewer

The City of Anoka has approximately 66 miles of sanitary sewer mains. Each year about one-fourth of the city’s sanitary sewer mains are inspected and cleaned. This routine maintenance helps to prevent blockages and sewer backups. The City has identified a lift station that will need to be replaced within 5 years which will require bonding.

2024 Operating Revenue:
\$3,083,205

2024 Operating Expenses:
\$2,948,837

Monthly Average Home:
\$22.32

Positions—FTE 2.70

Storm Drains

The storm water utility accounts for the operation and improvement of the storm water drainage system. Each year the City inspects, cleans and repairs about 50 catch basins. The City continues to add storm drain infrastructure during street renewal projects.

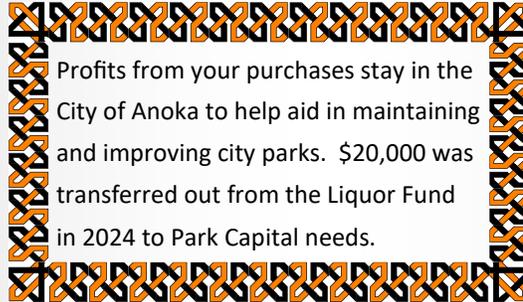
2024 Operating Revenue:
\$1,146,992

2024 Operating Expenses:
\$689,874

Monthly Average Home:
\$5.20

Liquor Stores

The City owns and operates one municipal liquor store. The east store is located at 847 East River Road, Anoka, west of Mercy Hospital. The City is currently reviewing several options for a relocated flagship store after the 2023 closure and 2024 sale of the Highway 10 location. Weekly specials can be found on the stores website www.anokaminnesota.com/155/Better-Values-Liquor



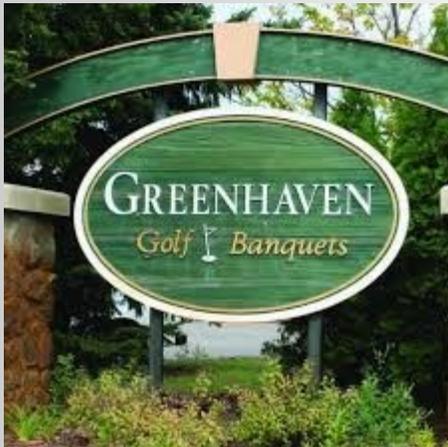
Profits from your purchases stay in the City of Anoka to help aid in maintaining and improving city parks. \$20,000 was transferred out from the Liquor Fund in 2024 to Park Capital needs.

2024 Operating Revenue: \$2,229,039

2024 Operating Expenses: \$2,472,887

Positions— FTE 7.3

Golf Course



Green Haven Golf Course & Event Center

is located in the heart of beautiful and historic Anoka. This course features:

- 18 Championship Holes
- A park-like setting within easy driving distance to all major metro areas
- First class banquet facility
- Restaurant and full bar service
- All carts GPS equipped
- Playable for the high handicap player while providing a solid test for the single digit handicap player

2024 Operating Revenue: \$1,762,639

2024 Operating Expenses: \$1,694,965

Positions—FTE 4

Recycling

The Recycling Division is responsible for organizing the residential recycling program by providing proper collection, handling, and disposal of recyclables to maintain a safe, healthy, and clean environment for residents of the city. The City of Anoka contracts with Ace Solid Waste for single-sort recycling services - no sorting or separating! Simply put all of your recycling items in the cart and Ace will take care of the rest.

In 2024:

Residential recycling hauled off 1,453 tons

Drop Off Events collected 66 tons of recycling

Organics recycling participants dropped off 7 tons of compostable waste



Get the ACE MYTrashMN for Apple and Android devices today!

View your recycling schedule, receive collection notifications, and use the Recycle Wizard to determine if your item should be recycling or waste.

Government Wide Financial

The net position of the City of Anoka increased by \$5,661,146 in 2024. The primary elements for the increase in net position were a combination of decreased expenditures in Highway 10 and the new water treatment facility due to substantial completion of those projects, the sale of one liquor store building, and decreased purchased power costs due to lower electrical consumption. A small portion of the City of Anoka's net position, 4.9% represents resources that are subject to external restrictions on how they may be used. The remaining balance of unrestricted net position of \$14,068,753 may be used to meet the City's ongoing obligations to citizens and creditors.

City of Anoka Changes in Net Position

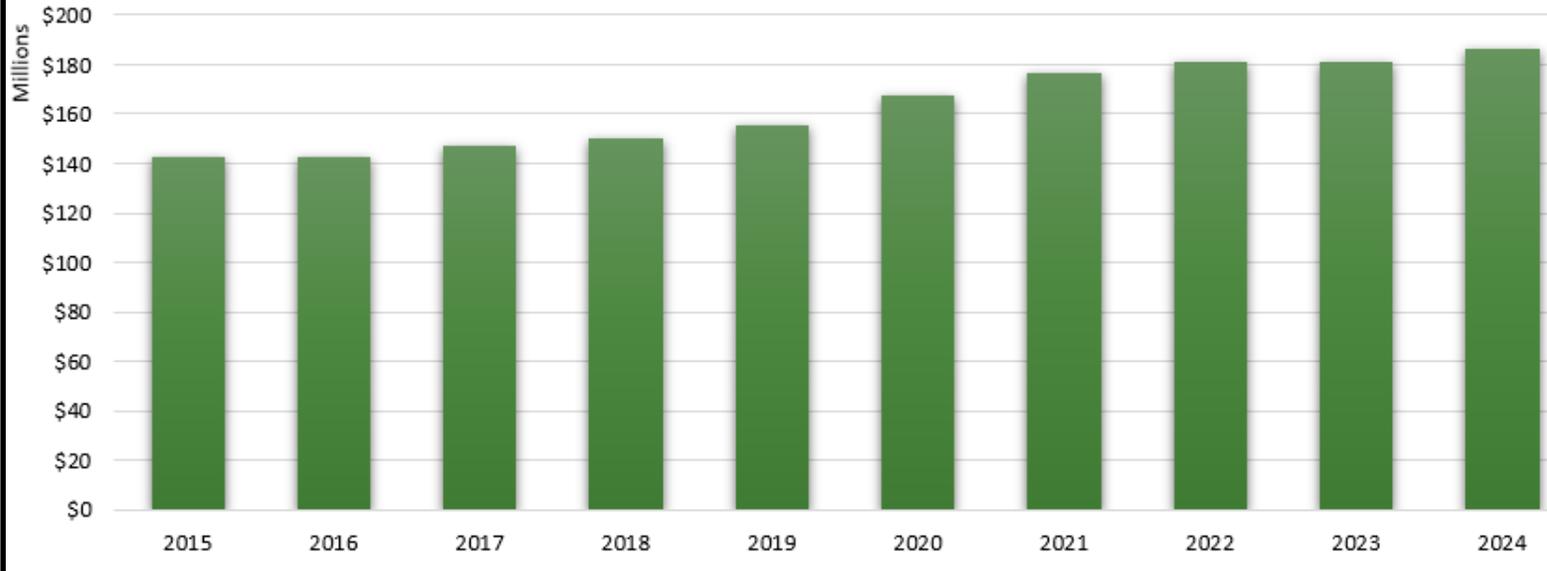
	2024	2023
Revenues:		
Program revenues		
Charges for service	\$ 47,369,152	\$ 49,333,145
Operating grants and contributions	1,757,807	1,735,176
Capital grants and contributions	4,617,642	20,378,171
General revenues		
Property taxes	11,184,426	8,928,519
Franchise taxes	1,309,551	1,355,763
Unrestricted grants and contribution	2,758,189	2,664,318
Investment income (loss), net	1,317,705	1,336,205
Other	879,366	1,190,166
Gain on disposal of capital assets	620,101	40,992
Total revenues	71,813,939	86,962,455
Expenses:		
General government	2,984,705	3,209,025
Public safety	9,099,977	9,651,002
Public works	8,293,052	27,426,808
Parks and recreation	3,956,500	3,833,783
Interest on debt	1,378,733	1,033,174
Electric	29,628,422	31,838,384
Water	2,317,314	2,010,751
Sewer	3,010,775	2,858,291
Storm drainage	806,046	588,550
Liquor	2,502,982	2,810,873
Golf	1,709,585	1,586,308
Recycling	464,702	448,576
Total expenses	66,152,793	87,295,525
Change in net position	5,661,146	(333,070)

City of Anoka Net Position

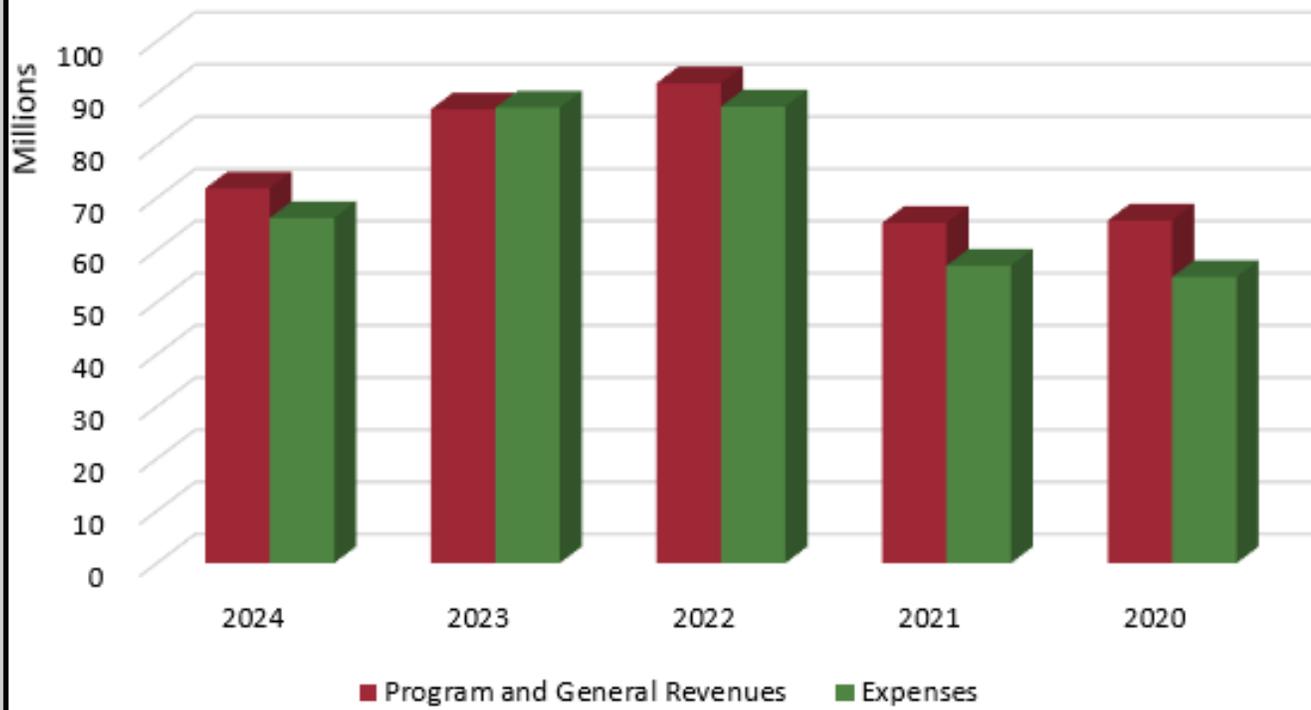
	Total	
	2024	2023
Current assets	51,709,159	56,866,828
Noncurrent assets	5,211,989	4,583,529
Capital assets	200,397,009	193,893,240
Total assets	257,318,157	255,343,597
Deferred outflows of resources	6,251,522	8,376,306
Current liabilities	10,168,837	11,988,567
Long-term liabilities	54,894,958	59,919,426
Total liabilities	65,063,795	71,907,993
Deferred inflows of resources	11,876,340	10,843,512
Net position	\$ 186,629,544	\$ 180,968,398
Net investment in capital assets	\$ 163,458,827	\$ 158,410,132
Restricted		
Tax increment	6,408,006	6,324,530
Debt	1,831,578	2,241,184
Other	862,380	1,609,165
Unrestricted	14,068,753	12,383,387
Total net position	\$ 186,629,544	\$ 180,968,398

- Capital grants and contributions decreased \$15,760,529, or 77.3%, as a result of Highway 10 reimbursement grant funding for 2024. The project reached completion in 2024, and only minor costs are expected in 2025.
- Property tax collection increased by \$2,255,907, or 25.3%, which is due to the tax levy increase of 22.3% for 2024.
- Charges for service decreased \$1,963,993, or 4%. Charges for electric service were \$1,335,607 of this total due to decreased electrical consumption.
- Public works expenses decreased \$19,133,756 due to the completion of the Highway 10 project. These expenses are not capital, since the majority of the project was on County and State owned roads. The City acted as project manager.

City of Anoka Total Net Postion, Last 10 years



5 Year Revenue and Expense



Anoka, and What It's Known For!

Credit to **Anoka Halloween Inc**

Anoka, Minnesota is believed to be the first city in the United States to put on a Halloween celebration to divert its youngsters from Halloween pranks. When Anokans awoke to find their cows roaming Main Street, windows soaped and outhouses tipped over, they decided something had to be done. But *what?*

In 1920, George Green and other Anoka civic leaders suggested the idea of a giant celebration. The idea was adopted by the Anoka Commercial Club and the Anoka Kiwanis Club; both giving their full support. In September of that year, a Halloween committee was organized.

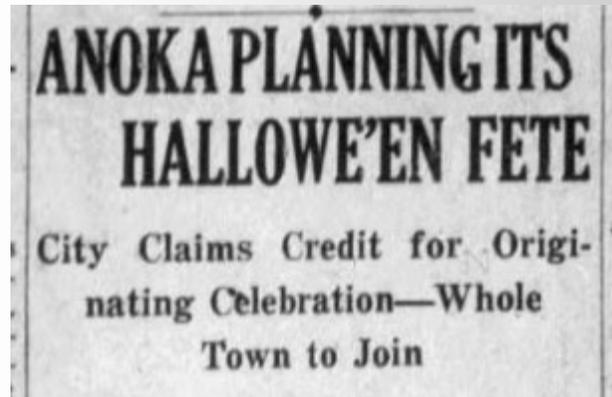
Working hand in hand were businessmen, teachers from the Anoka public and parochial schools, parents, and students. For weeks before the big event, more than a thousand Anoka school children made plans and costumes for the big event.

A parade was scheduled for the evening. Participants included local and neighboring bands, drum corps, the Anoka police, and fire departments, the Kiwanis Club, the Commercial Club, and the Anoka National Guard; all working together to make the evening a success. Afterward, hundreds of bags of popcorn, candy, peanuts, and other treats were given away to the children who marched in the parade. And, everyone was invited to a large bonfire that was staged at Bridge Square. Celebrations have been held every year since 1920 with the exception of 1942 and 1943 when the festivities were canceled because of World War II.

By the 1930s, the festivities had expanded as had the attendance at the parades. There were over 2,000 costumed children marching down Main Street. It was estimated that 20,000 spectators lined the streets to watch this night-time spectacle. In 1937, 12-year-old, Harold Blair, donning a sweater embellished with a Halloween Capital insignia, carried with him to Washington, D.C. a proclamation naming Anoka Halloween Capital of the World™.



Above is a photo of an Anoka Halloween celebration from around 1925, photo from Minnesota Historical Society



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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 Anoka for its report for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2023. This is a prestigious national award recognizing conformance with the highest standard for preparation of state and local government reports. This was the 8th year the City submitted the report and received the award from the GFOA.

In order to receive an Award for Outstanding Achievement in Popular Annual Financial Reporting, a government entity must publish a 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 standards, and we are submitting it to GFOA.

In 2024 The City of Anoka also received the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting from the Government Finance Officers Association for the City's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report and the Distinguished Budget Award. This is the 44th year the City has received the Excellence in Financial Reporting Award, and the 18th year receiving the Distinguished Budget Award.